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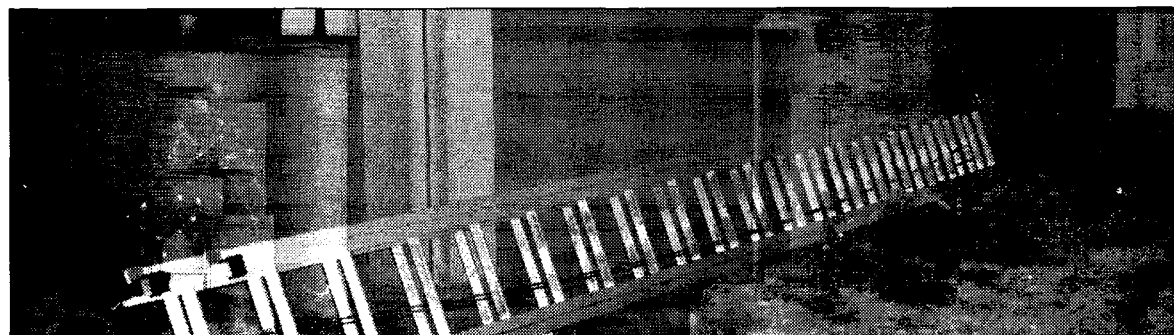
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## Slow security response raises questions



*Regina Hall's trespasser's escape creates doubts about efficiency of campus safety measures*

By LIZ HARTER  
Saint Mary's Editor

*This is the first article in a two-part series examining student concerns of security policies at Saint Mary's College. Part two will run next Thursday.*

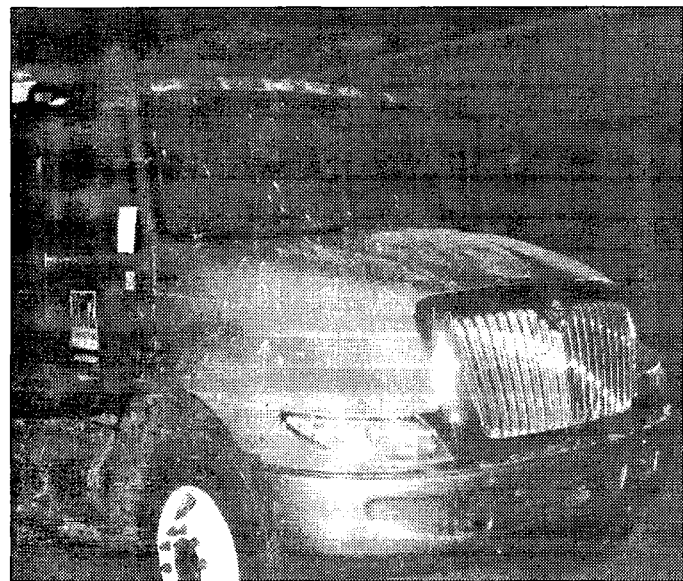
book says that "members of the Department of Safety and Security will act in the best interests of public safety, respecting the rights of all members of this community and its guests" and director of Security Dave Gariepy said all members of the staff are fully trained.

There are 28 security personnel employed by the College, he said, with three officers per shift and a fourth who drives the escort vehicle, Blinkie, at night.

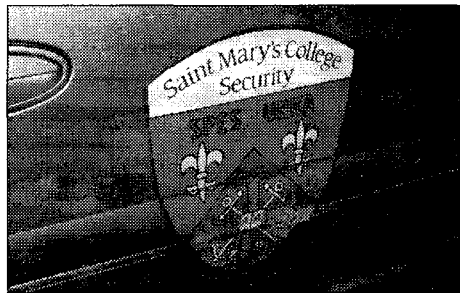
But even with these assurances of a secure campus, there are many students who think the security department isn't operating to its fullest potential, including a student who said Security "brushed off" her and the safety of Regina Hall residents with their reaction to a security alert raised on April 5.

She said it took two phone calls to Saint Mary's Security for Security respond to her claims that a "suspicious ... white man

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**Clockwise from top: Ladders left by construction workers are left propped against Regina overnight; A red truck like the one the trespasser used to gain access to Regina's roof is parked near the building; The Saint Mary's Security emblem on the side of its security cars.**



## Conference to connect disciplines with Faustian themes

*Scholars from Cambridge, Columbia, UPenn, ND will explore Faustian influences in literature, science, film, philosophy*

By CLAIRE REISING  
News Writer

Scholars will connect disciplines ranging from literature to physics at an academic conference Friday and Saturday, as one of "Faust at Notre Dame's" concluding events.

German and Russian professor Robert Norton, who

will speak at the conference, said that visiting and Notre Dame professors will show how Faustian themes relate to their academic fields and in some presentations, how these themes remain relevant in today's society.

"One of the [best] things of the Faust [theme] is it's not confined to a single culture or a single theme," Norton said.

Mathematics professor Alex Hahn, who organized the conference, said a group of Notre Dame faculty members began searching in November 2006 for a variety of academics with a background in Faust. The conference will feature six presenters, including Norton, and guest speakers will come from the University of Cambridge, the University of Chicago,

Columbia University, Northeastern University and the University of Pennsylvania.

"We were looking for powerful scholars who had published substantial treatises on these themes, [such as] literature, history, science, philosophy and film," Hahn said.

According to Norton, his presentation will cover the influence that German intel-

lectual Johann Gottfried Herder had on Johann Wolfgang Goethe, who would eventually go on to write Faust. Norton said that Goethe was a law student when he met Herder, but Herder helped convince him to choose poetry and writing as his vocation.

"He had a great influence

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## 'Entourage' analyzed in women's issues debate

By THERESA CIVANTOS  
News Writer

Men Against Violence (MAV) teamed up with several different campus organizations and departments Wednesday to present "The (Un)Holy Trinity: Entourage, Media, and Men," an event that examined the portrayal of relationships between men and women by the media by taking a look at the popular television series "Entourage."

The event opened with a screening of the "Entourage" episode "Three's Company", followed by a question-and-answer session with a panel of faculty and students.

Matt Storin, former editor of

the Boston Globe and adjunct professor of American Studies and Journalism, Ethics, and Democracy served as moderator. The panel included Dr. Eileen Botting, director of the Gender Studies program; Dr. Agustin Fuentes, associate professor of Anthropology; Dr. Cathy Kaveny, law and theology professor; and Father Mark Poorman, theology professor and vice president of Student Affairs. The panel also included two students: freshman Maggie Molitor and senior Michael Redding, a political science and philosophy major and president of MAV.

Storin opened the conference

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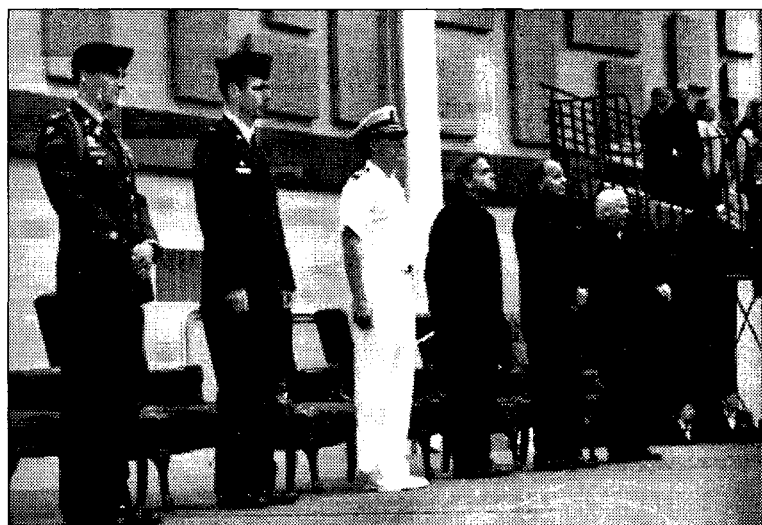
## ROTC holds Pass in Review

*Student cadets, midshipmen receive awards, salute Jenkins at ceremony*

By ELIZABETH KUHN  
News Writer

University President Father John Jenkins watched more than 300 members of the ROTC program march and salute him and other commanding officers during the annual Pass in Review ceremony at the Joyce Center Wednesday.

A staple of the program's tradition at Notre Dame, the ceremony provides members of the Navy, Army and Air Force ROTC branches with an opportunity to demonstrate their precision and discipline. The regiments' reviewing officer,



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The commanding officers of the ROTC branches stand to watch the units march and salute at the Pass in Review ceremony Wednesday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

# English and wet

LONDON — It took three months and a bucket's worth of water, but yesterday I developed a stiff upper lip.

Since January I have been living in London, but I think my American citizenship has been obvious, at times painfully so. However, I wanted to immerse myself in the culture, so I've changed some of my behavior and habits so I don't stick out quite so badly.

**Kaitlynn Riely**  
Assistant  
News Editor

Now, I only wear tennis shoes — trainers — when I'm exercising, and not when I'm just walking around the city. I don't say soccer; I say football. I go to google.co.uk, not google.com.

But as soon as I open my mouth and reveal my accent, the game is up. And I'll never get used to the unspoken rule that no one talks on the Tube. Also, try as I might, I just don't enjoy drinking tea.

Since I am doing an internship here, two days a week I am the sole American in a building full of mostly Brits. On those days, I am far more aware of my obvious American-ness than on the days when I am in the classroom building with 130 other Notre Dame students.

Yesterday, one of my co-workers ducked into the office where I was working to take me to lunch. I grabbed my coat, and we headed out the building toward the restaurant to meet up with a man who frequently does work for the organization. We were planning on spending the lunch talking about a project I had been doing for them.

Liz and I were walking down the street toward the restaurant, when all of a sudden, seemingly from out of a cloudless sky, I was completely drenched by a downpour of water. Dripping, I looked up, and saw that water had poured out of a spout in the building, all over my head. Liz had doubled over laughing, and three girls sitting on the bench across the street were laughing as well. As soon as I was sure I hadn't just been doused by sewage, I laughed, too.

I've found Notre Dame's Career Center very helpful in the past, but if they give advice about what to do when, on your way to a business lunch, you find your hair and coat soaking wet because you've walked under a drain, I haven't seen it. I did what I could to dry off, and then Liz and I continued on to our lunch meeting with Jim, where we mentioned what had happened, to explain my drenched appearance.

Later, on our way back from lunch, with my hair dry, we passed by the same building where I had showered earlier. I made sure to steer clear of the water spout. Liz mentioned she was impressed by the way I had taken it in stride, and then, Jim, who is Scottish, threw in his two pence.

"How very English of you," he told me.

A quick recovery from a sudden, unexpected downpour and my immersion into British society is complete.

*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*  
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: If you could be any kind of dining hall fries, what would you be and why?



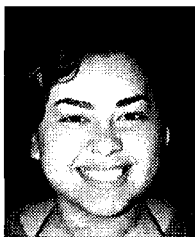
**Josh Bartrom**  
junior  
Dillon

"Sweet potato fries 'cause no one would want to eat me."



**Christina Zoccoli**  
junior  
McGlinn

"Curly, so I could spring into the ketchup."



**Desiree Zamora**  
senior  
Walsh

"Seasoned, because I've been here for four years."



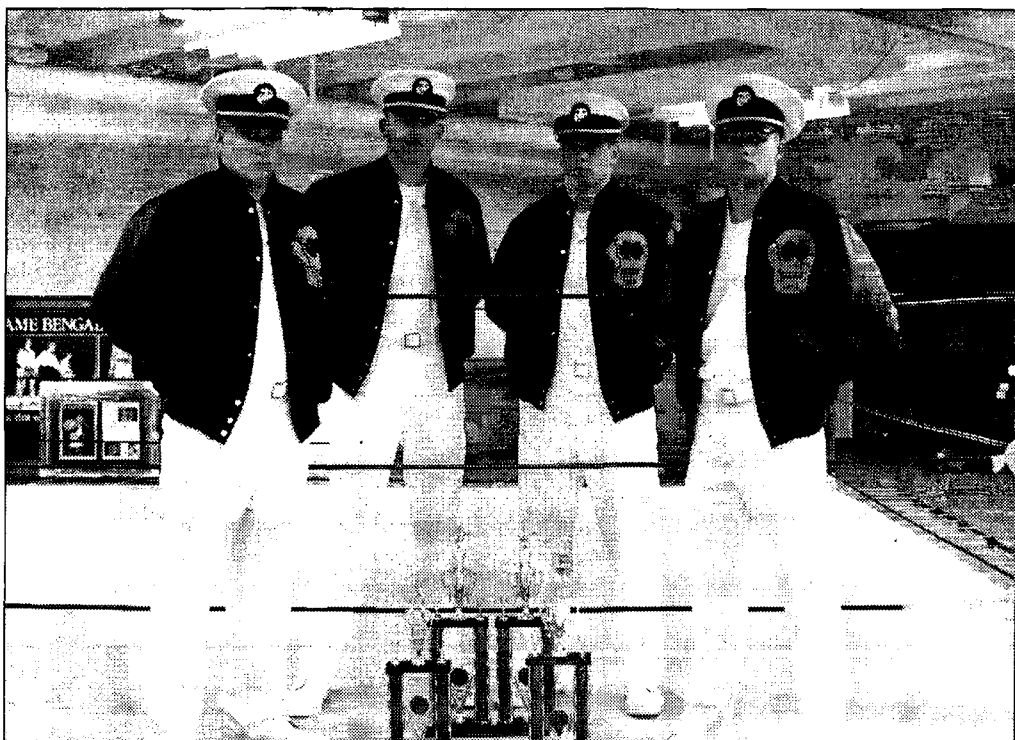
**Colin Reimer**  
junior  
Dillon

"Krinkle Cut, 'cause they're like regular fries only different."



**John Haravan III**  
junior  
Dillon

"Seasoned, 'cuz I'm hot and loved by everyone."



HY PHAM/The Observer

Current Bengel Bout champions Andrew Lorenz, Bernardo Garcia, Alex Lough and former champion Lawrence Sullivan, pose with their trophies in the Joyce center Wednesday.

OFFBEAT

Man raises lion in back yard until neighbors complain

BUCHAREST, Romania — Romanian media say a man was rearing a lion in his back garden until neighbors decided they had heard enough roaring and called police.

Rompres state news agency said police found a caged 3-year-old lioness, as well as two deer, a stag and two peacocks roaming the garden of the man's home in the southern village of Pietrosita.

The agency's report Wednesday said the 28-year-old man is being

charged with illegal possession of wild animals and could be sentenced to up to a year in jail.

Gas company's customers have smelly problem

ERIE, Pa. — National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp. crews have been busy with a smelly problem in about 850 Erie-area homes. The gas company says too much mercaptan was added to natural gas, prompting hundreds of calls from residents concerned about gas leaks.

Mercaptan is a substance added so people can "smell" natural gas, which is actual-

ly odorless and colorless in its natural state.

The utility started getting calls Monday night and through Tuesday had logged some 850 complaints. By law, the company had to send crews to each home to make sure the problem was just too much mercaptan and not an actual gas leak.

NFG officials say crews did find small leaks at a few homes but, in most cases, the extra mercaptan was to blame for the smell.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The play "The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus", a Christopher Marlowe play about a professor who sells his soul to the devil, will be performed April 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theater at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Author Barbara Fiend will deliver the 24th annual Madeleva Lecture entitled "Awe-filled Wonder: The Interface of Science and Spirituality" on tonight at 7 in the Little Theater in Moreau Center for the Arts on Saint Mary's Campus.

The Class of 2008 is hosting a Beer Tasting event at Legends tonight from 5-7:30. 8 different beers will be sampled and food will be served. The seniors only event costs \$10 at the door.

"The Shirt" will be unveiled Friday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Co-host of Mike and Mike in the Morning Mike Golic will be the guest speaker. Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. and "The Shirt" itself will be revealed at 6 p.m.

Flipside is hosting "The Office" trivia night Friday at 10 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Teams of five can sign up 9:30 p.m.

Community Alliance Serving Hispanics (C.A.S.H.) is hosting "A Night in Latin America" in the La Fortune Ballroom from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 20 to benefit St. Adalberts and No More Deaths (Donation of \$ 6).

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to

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## STUDENT SENATE

## Off-campus Domer Dollars discussed

By CLAIRE REISING  
News Writer

The Student Senate discussed the possibility of using Domer Dollars at off-campus locations at its meeting Wednesday. Student body vice president Grant Schmidt said he wanted the Senate's input before contacting potential restaurants and stores.

Schmidt introduced four options for the Senate to discuss: using Domer Dollars off campus, receiving a discount from stores or restaurants for using Domer Dollars, using Domer Dollars for food delivery and receiving student discounts off campus without using Domer Dollars. He said that Domer Dollars would be limited to stores that do not sell alcohol or tobacco products.

"Some of the advantages are to get students immersed in the community ... the convenience of being able to use your ID [and] the flexibility of food options," Schmidt said.

It would also benefit off-campus students or those without easy access to ATM machines, he said.

Despite the advantages, Schmidt mentioned some possible drawbacks to the off-campus use of Domer Dollars, such as taking students away from campus life. And students who have debit cards may not view off-campus Domer Dollars as a necessity, he said.

Campus Technology chair Devin Fee stressed the need to

consider how much this initiative would cost.

"The infrastructure to build the system is going to cost the University a lot of money," he said. "It's going to cost the businesses a lot of money to go out there and do it."

Some senators said that student discounts may be more helpful than using Domer Dollars. O'Neill senator Kevin Kimberly said that at his Hall Council meeting, the majority of people favored discounts.

"Last night I brought this up at the Hall Council... and it was an overwhelming response that they would rather have student discounts than Domer Dollars, either for delivery or for [purchase]," he said.

Rather than use Domer Dollars at restaurants and stores, Carroll senator Nick Ruof suggested using them to pay for taxis and spare students the inconvenience of carrying dollar bills.

Lewis senator Robin Brown, however, said this may cause students to favor cab companies that accept Domer Dollars, allowing those companies to increase their prices.

"It could almost put a monopoly on taxi companies," she said. "Then, only taxi companies that are willing to go through this process... would be in charge of it."

The Senate also elected liaisons to other student organizations during the meeting. Austin Holler, Patrick Kane, Michael Sayles and Katie Weber,

from Morrissey, Dillon, Sorin and McGlinn Halls, respectively, will serve as Senate liaisons to the Council of Representatives, with Brown as an alternate.

Welsh Family senator Kaitlyn Maloney, Lyons senator Catherine Flynn and Keenan senator Gus Gari were elected to the Campus Life Council, with Cavanaugh senator Robin Link as an alternate.

Howard senator Stephanie Mulhern was elected as liaison to the Judicial Council, which regulates student government elections. Knott senator Greg Salter and Pasquerilla West Senator Megan Sennett will work with the Financial Management Board, which allocates funds to student groups.

## In other Senate news:

♦ The Senate passed a resolution proposing an amendment to the Student Body Constitution to "reorganize the structure of The Shirt Project." One aspect of the amendment would make the president of "The Shirt" an enumerated position. A student can only hold one enumerated position, to prevent over-commitment and conflicts between different jobs' responsibilities.

♦ Professor Thomas Noble, Faculty Senate liaison, an online Teacher Course Evaluation system will be implemented next fall.

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## Interface of science, faith to be analyzed

By NIKKI TAYLOR  
News Writer

Internationally known author and lecturer, Barbara Fiand, S.N.D.deN, Ph.D., will speak tonight in Little Theater at Saint Mary's College at the 23rd annual Madeleva Lecture. Her talk will be an abridged version of her lecture entitled "Awe-filled Wonder: The Interface of Science and Spirituality."

Fiand will address concerns about how recent discoveries in physics affect traditional and often-treasured spiritual beliefs, said Dr. Kathleen Dolphin, director of the Center for Spirituality.

The lecture will also deal with the idea of an expanding consciousness as discoveries in quantum physics and cosmology are made and how that relates to the idea of God.

"Barbara Fiand claims that we are faced today with a collapsing world view," Dolphin said. "Her primary work is to help people make a transition from the old and familiar to the new and sometimes frightening. She sees our time as an exciting opportunity of profound love and freedom."

The topic of the lecture is especially timely as Saint Mary's recently received a grant of \$100,000 from the John Templeton Foundation to explore the religion/science interface, Dolphin said. Both the grant and the Madeleva Lecture are run through the Center for

## Spirituality.

"This is an exciting year for Saint Mary's College," said Dolphin. "Dr. Fiand is one of today's key thinkers exploring issues in science and religion. She has a great deal of experience in philosophy of science, theology, and spirituality. This year's nominating committee made an excellent choice in selecting Barbara Fiand."

The Madeleva Lecture series is sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Each year a speaker is chosen by a committee consisting of the Center for Spirituality director, faculty members, a committee of sisters, and past Madeleva lecturers, Dolphin said.

The lecture series was created in 1985 to honor former SMC president Sister Madeleva Wolff who began a pioneering program in theology.

Fiand is a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, and she teaches at the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University in Chicago. She is the author of eight books and numerous articles. The full version of her lecture will be available for purchase following the talk, Dolphin said.

The three-day New Voices Seminar will also run in conjunction with the Madeleva Lecture. This project is aimed at gathering women scholars to add depth and reflection to furthering the Catholic tradition.

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*"The privilege to carry God forth into His own world,  
and worship Him in the beauty and joy of holiness"*

Scholastic Magazine, June 1, 1975

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# EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

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# Security

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with a shiny, bald head" was walking on the road behind Regina at 11 p.m. on April 5.

The Saint Mary's student, who is a resident of Regina Hall, requested anonymity for fear of her safety from the man whom she saw on the roof.

The Observer respected her request for anonymity in order to give a more detailed account of Saint Mary's Security's response to this incident. Another Regina Hall resident who corroborated the student's account also asked to remain anonymous for fear of her safety and for fear of disciplinary actions from Saint Mary's Security.

"Whenever a car would drive down [Augusta Drive] he would move up against the building, so I knew he didn't belong," said the student who placed the calls to Security.

The student then said the man tried climbing onto a construction truck parked near the hall. At about 10:50 p.m., she placed a call to Security and spoke with a dispatcher. However, according to the student, this first call was not answered promptly.

The man then climbed onto the construction vehicle and the onto an awning and used the awning to propel himself onto the lower roof of Regina Hall. The student called Security again at 11:04 p.m.

"I was told something to the effect of 'Well, I know they are doing some work on the roof, so he is probably just a worker, but we will send somebody out to do a spot check shortly' [by the security dispatcher]," the student said.

According to a security alert issued to Saint Mary's about the event on April 7, the initial responding officer saw a male

who fit the description the student had given Security and called for backup, which arrived shortly thereafter.

Garipey said Security responded quickly to the student's call.

The student said she saw a Saint Mary's Security guard arrive at approximately 11:10 p.m. when she parked her car on the south side of the building and walked north while looking at the roof. The student said the man saw the security guard and ran toward the south side of the roof, away from the officer and looked back toward the Security car.

"I'm guessing he saw that it was a Security car because he literally ran to the front of the building," she said. The student lost sight of the man. Saint Mary's Security said they don't know who the man is and there has been no additional information indicating the man is still on Saint Mary's campus.

The student then left her room on the second floor and informed the residents on her floor of the situation. She then told the

Regina front-desk worker what was occurring and asked that she call the Security Department as well.

The student said she saw the Security Department physically check the roof though the man had escaped sometime between the time she went to the front desk and when the security guards climbed to the roof.

"[The front desk worker] said the situation had been cleared," she said. "[I] told her that they definitely did not catch the man so she called [Security] again and they said they were 'in the middle of something' and would call her back later."

The alert said "there should not be anybody working on the roof of buildings during nighttime hours unless Security has been made aware of it."

The student did not think the man was a construction worker because he was not wearing workman's attire.

"He had no tools, no flashlight and was wearing normal clothes," she said.

The student said she was disappointed with Saint Mary's Security's reaction time to her first phone call placed at 10:50 p.m.

"If [Security] hears of a suspicious man near a residence hall ... they need to make that their first priority and rush everyone available to the scene," the stu-

dent said. "Security should not have brushed off my first call and should have arrived within that 5-10 minutes it took from the time I called until the time [the man] got on the roof."

When asked about the student's allegations of a slow response to the first phone call placed about 10:50 p.m., Garipey said he did not know if they were accurate or not.

"The student did not come forward to speak to me and our records indicate that only one call was received with officers responding quickly," he said. Garipey did not specify whether Saint Mary's Security received a call about 10:50 p.m. or at 11:04 p.m.

While the student said she doesn't know why the man climbed onto the roof she said she is worried he may have been trying to enter the building.

"I feel that if I wouldn't have called [Security] he could have entered through unlocked or even broken into locked windows and entered into the secured part of Regina, where residents live," she said, referring to the fact that a Saint Mary's I.D. card must be used to access the area where students live.

Garipey said the roof and campus were patrolled after and the suspect was not located.

"There was no additional suspicious activity reports to indicate [the man] was still here," he said.

Garipey said the security alert was not distributed on campus until the Monday following the event because there was no immediate threat to students.

"The alert was sent as a precaution to inform the campus of the suspicious activity from the weekend and to request community members to call when activity such as this is spotted," he said. "The alert was not sent sooner as no immediate or continuing threat was identified to warrant such an alert."

Garipey said he is willing to investigate the student's claims that the situation was handled incorrectly and the security report filed is inaccurate but to do so the student must step forward to make the accusations herself.

"If our reporting of the incident is not accurate I am happy to investigate further," he said. "I would need the testimony from the complainant to properly conduct a thorough investigation of her accusations."

Senior Jeney Anderson said she thinks Security needs to change their attitude towards students when they call for assistance.

"I think Security needs to be a bit more diligent and courteous to the students of Saint Mary's," Anderson said. "I know a lot of girls who won't call [Security] when they should because they do not feel like 'putting up' with them."

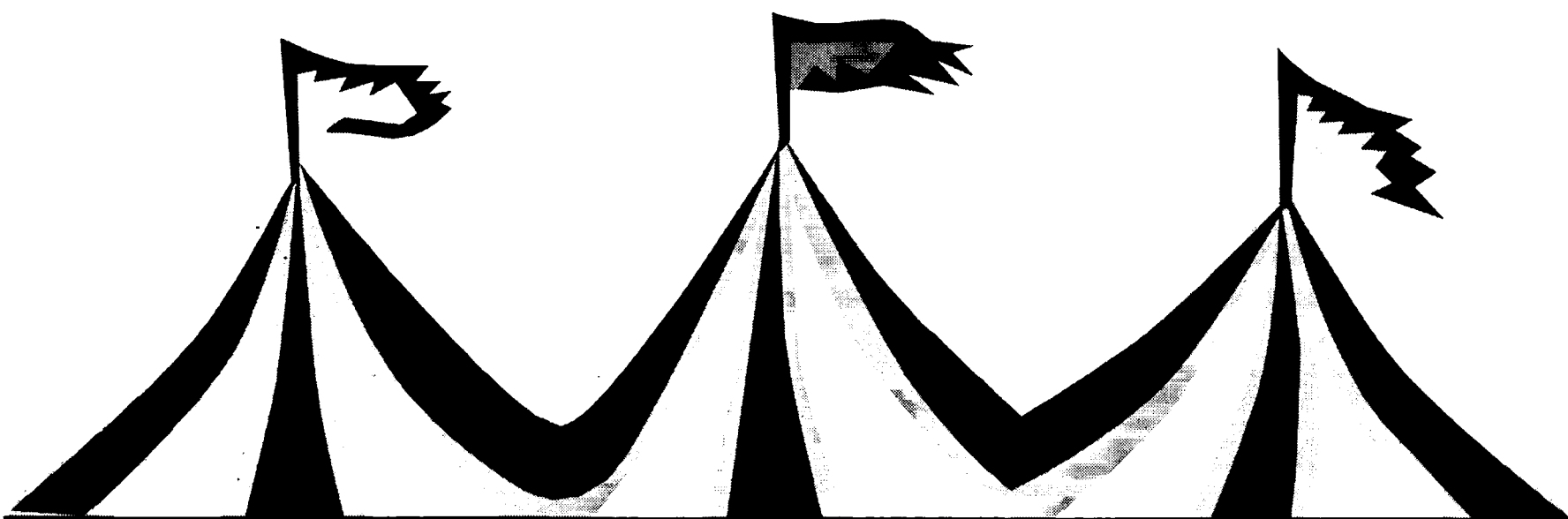
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### India prepares for Olympic protests

NEW DELHI — Thousands of police patrolled central New Delhi, guarding against anti-China protests for the Olympic torch relay Thursday in India, the heart of the world's Tibetan exile community.

About 100 Tibetan exiles tried to breach the security cordon Wednesday around the Chinese Embassy, and police dragged away about 50 of them, loading them into police vans—but not before they manage to spray paint "No Olympics in China" on a street near the embassy.

After decades of frosty relations, New Delhi is trying to forge closer ties with China, and Indian officials are desperate to avoid the chaos during torch runs in London, Paris and San Francisco.

### Admitted Nazi hit man faces charges

BERLIN — A German prosecutor has filed new murder charges against an admitted Nazi hit man who has avoided jail for nearly six decades despite being convicted in the Netherlands of killing civilians in reprisal for resistance attacks during World War II.

Dortmund prosecutor Ulrich Maass told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the charges involve the 1944 murders of three Dutch men while Heinrich Boere was a member of a Waffen SS death squad. AP was first to report last month that Maass had quietly reopened the case by beginning his own investigation of the 86-year-old Boere.

Boere has acknowledged involvement in the killings.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Bush announces climate change plan

WASHINGTON — President Bush called for a halt Wednesday in the growth of greenhouse gases by 2025, acknowledging the needed to head off serious climate change.

The plan came under fire immediately from environmentalists and congressional Democrats who favor mandatory emission cuts, a position also held by all three presidential contenders.

Bush in a Rose Garden address for the first time set a specific target date for U.S. climate pollution reductions and said he was ready to commit to a binding international agreement on long-term reductions as long as other countries such as China do the same.

### Supreme Court approves lethal injection

WASHINGTON — U.S. executions are all but sure to resume soon after a nationwide halt, cleared Wednesday by a splintered Supreme Court that approved the most widely used method of lethal injection.

Virginia immediately lifted its moratorium; Oklahoma and Mississippi said they would seek execution dates for convicted murderers, and other states were ready to follow after nearly seven months without an execution in the United States.

Voting 7-2, the conservative court led by Chief Justice John Roberts rebuffed the latest assault on capital punishment, this time by foes focusing on methods.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Michelle Obama defends husband

INDIANAPOLIS — Michelle Obama fought back Wednesday against criticism that her husband is elitist, painting the presidential candidate as an ordinary man whose family once lived on food stamps and saying they both understand the plight of working America.

"He reached out to regular folks," she told a crowd of about 700 people at a westside Indianapolis middle school, the second stop of a three-city Indiana campaign swing ahead of the state's May 6 primary.

"His view of fundraising was \$23 is just as important as \$2,300. ... The grass roots support for Barack looks like every segment of society," she said.

Her husband has drawn fire from Democratic rival Hillary Clinton since he told donors at a private San Francisco fundraiser that blue-collar voters "cling to guns or religion" because of bitterness about their economic lot.

## Pope Benedict addresses bishops

*Pontiff discusses clergy sex abuse scandal and importance of religion in Washington*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pope Benedict XVI moved Wednesday from a jubilant White House visit where he defended religion in the public square to a contemplative prayer service at a national Roman Catholic shrine, where he was expected to tell bishops that they must heal the suffering caused by clergy sex abuse.

Benedict arrived at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to deliver remarks to hundreds of U.S. prelates during a vespers service.

It was the end of a heady day for Benedict, who drew an enthralled crowd of 13,500 people to a South Lawn arrival ceremony at the White House earlier in the day. The event turned into an 81st birthday party for the pontiff, complete with singing and a cake prepared by the White House pastry chef.

But the warm feelings didn't stop the pope from gently nudging the U.S. in a White House speech to use diplomacy to resolve international disputes. And differences on other issues also were apparent.

"America has traditionally shown herself generous in meeting immediate human needs, fostering development and offering relief to the victims of natural catastrophes," the pope said. "I am confident that this concern for the greater human family will continue to find expression in support for the patient efforts of international diplomacy to resolve conflicts and promote progress."

Benedict and President Bush spoke alone in the Oval Office for 45 minutes after the ceremony, and a joint statement said the two "reaffirmed their total rejection of terrorism as



Pope Benedict XVI, right, waves as he arrives at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Wednesday in Washington.

well as the manipulation of religion to justify immoral and violent acts against innocents."

It also said the leaders "touched on the need to confront terrorism with appropriate means that respect the human person and his or her rights," a reference White House press secretary Dana Perino could not explain.

Benedict has been critical of harsh interrogation methods, telling a meeting of the Vatican's office for social justice last September that, while a country has an obligation to keep its citizens safe, prisoners must never be demeaned or tortured.

On Iraq, the discussion

steered away from the war itself to focus primarily on worries for the Christian minority in the Muslim-majority country, Perino said. Other topics included human rights, religious freedom, fighting poverty and disease in Africa, the Israeli-Palestinian dispute, Lebanon and terrorism.

Wednesday's session marked the 25th meeting between a Roman Catholic pope and a U.S. president, conferences that have spanned 89 years, five pontiffs and 11 American leaders.

Benedict told the appreciative crowd that religion belongs in the public square.

"The preservation of freedom calls for the cultivation of virtue, self-discipline, sacrifice for the common good and a sense of responsibility towards the less fortunate," he said. "It also demands the courage to engage in civic life and to bring one's deepest beliefs and values to reasoned public debate."

In brief remarks on the South Lawn, Bush showed off America, ticking off what he said are its best virtues, calling it a nation of prayer and compassion and one that is the most "innovative, creative and dynamic country on Earth" but also among the most religious.

## GAZA

## Fighting leaves over 20 Palestinians dead

Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza — Israel struck hard against targets in Gaza on Wednesday, killing at least 20 Palestinians in a day of heavy fighting that also saw three Israeli soldiers die in a Hamas ambush.

Among the Palestinian dead was a news cameraman.

The surge in violence came after a relatively quiet month and threatened to unravel an Egyptian effort to mediate a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas.

Wednesday's death toll was the highest since an Israeli military offensive in early March that killed more than 120 Gazans, including dozens of civilians. Since then, Israel and Hamas

appeared to be honoring an informal truce, though punctuated with Palestinian rocket attacks, some Israeli airstrikes and border skirmishes.

That changed dramatically Wednesday with no apparent trigger, indicating the relative calm was more coincidence than plan.

In the day's deadliest attack, an Israeli helicopter fired four missiles at targets near the Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza, witnesses said. At least 12 Palestinians, including five children aged 12-15, were killed, said Dr. Moaiya Hassanain of the Palestinian Health Ministry.

Reuters cameraman Fadel Shana was killed while filming Israeli tank movements, apparently in an airstrike

in the same area. Two bystanders also died.

Other cameramen who rushed to the scene said they saw the Reuters jeep on fire, and Shana's body lying next to it. They said that his jeep was marked "press" and that the cameraman was wearing an identifying flak jacket.

As colleagues rushed toward Shana, another missile was fired, said Wissam Nassar, a photographer with the Maan news agency. "There was an airstrike. We were thrown back, myself and another person."

Dozens of Palestinian journalists converged on the hospital where Shana was pronounced dead. Shocked, many still carrying their cameras, they wept and leaned on each other for support.

# ROTC

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Jenkins, then thanks them for their service and confers several awards — consisting of officers' sabers — on the top cadets from each unit.

"We are proud to have you here at Notre Dame," Jenkins told the units. "This is a day of celebration for all of your hard

work and accomplishments. While only some receive awards today, you are all deserving."

Besides the 13 individual awards that were handed out (mostly to senior students who served in leadership positions during the 2007-08 year), Jenkins also awarded the Tri-Military Commander's Cup to the Navy branch.

A year-long competition between the program's three branches, the Commander's Cup aims to develop cadets and midshipmen physically, mentally and morally, according to the ROTC Web site.

Individuals GPAs, participation in community service and performance at inter-branch games and fitness drills determine each branch's cumulative score.

By encouraging healthy athletic competition, camaraderie among the units and leadership in the community, the Cup is preparing the program's cadets and midshipmen to assume high responsibilities in both the military, their workplace, the community and the government, the Web site said.

Jenkins touched on this mission during his address by commissioning the units to protect the nation and urging them to

remember that their ultimate goal should be to promote a world with "peace rooted in justice."

"It is critical that you become people of high competence and expertise, but also moral depth," he said.

The Navy band Great Lakes began the ceremony, playing

John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" in anticipation of Jenkins' and the other commanders' appraisal of the corps.

Upon a brief but powerful bugle call, each block of cadets and midshipmen snapped to attention showing the

discipline it acquired throughout their year.

Notre Dame is one of few universities to have students participating in all three branches of ROTC and the Marine Corps, a division of the Naval Corps.

Each division has its own student commanders and specialized instructors, and they all share director of Campus Ministry Father Richard Warner as chaplain.

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*"It is critical that you become people of high competence and expertise, but also moral depth."*

Father John Jenkins  
University president

# Faust

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on Goethe in terms of awakening Goethe to the importance of German speaking, cultures art and German history," he said.

Moreover, Norton said he will discuss how Herder contributed to Germany's distinct "Faustian" culture, which is "not compatible with some of the fundamental ideals of the European Enlightenment," such as ideas of equality, democracy and governmental organization.

To connect Faust with today's world, Norton said that two presentations will encompass modern themes: Cambridge Professor Nicholas Boyle's "Wagering on Modernity: Goethe's Eighteenth Century Faust" and University of Pennsylvania Professor Gino Sergre's "Faust in Copenhagen."

Boyle will discuss "the Faustian wager and relation to questions on modernity," Norton said, and according to an abstract of the discussion, will explain how Goethe's Faust is a "modern, post-Christian" figure.

Norton added that Sergre's presentation will center on physicists in Copenhagen who performed a parody of Faust that addressed developments in physics and science's moral bounds.

"The question is whether they should pursue what's scientifically possible, as a scientist ought, or not [pursue it] for moral and ethical reasons because they realized the disturbing potential of nuclear fission," he said.

Hahn said that one can connect the risks one takes when pursuing nuclear physics to Faust's story. "Nuclear physics is, in a way, a bargain with the devil," he said.

The conference will take place throughout the day on Friday and Saturday in

room 210 in McKenna Hall, and Friday's agenda will also include a presentation on performing the opera Faust 1859 at Notre Dame by director Mark Beudert and Professor Scott Pratt of the University of Oregon.

The schedule can be found online, at <http://www.nd.edu/~faust>.

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*"One of the [best] things of the Faust [theme] is it's not confined to a single culture or a single theme."*

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## IN BRIEF

### Drug company cuts more than 500 jobs

INDIANAPOLIS — Drug maker Eli Lilly and Co. plans to cut up to 500 jobs to streamline the manufacturing of some insulin products and the osteoporosis drug Forteo.

The Indianapolis-based company offered a "voluntary exit program" to about 2,000 employees in central Indiana on Wednesday with a goal of trimming its work force by up to 500 people, spokesman Phil Belt said. All the cuts will be made through the voluntary program, he said.

"There's no plan right now to supplement it with a layoff or anything like that," he said.

The voluntary program includes a severance package based on the employees' length of service. Belt declined to offer more details.

The actions come a month after the company ended its development program for inhaled insulin. But Belt said productivity improvements drove the cuts.

### Proposal benefits bumped fliers

WASHINGTON — Like almost everything else related to air travel in recent weeks, government proposals unveiled Wednesday rankled airlines and could be bittersweet for an already sour traveling public.

Under one new rule, passengers who get bumped off overbooked flights will be eligible to receive twice as much compensation from U.S. airlines. But ticket prices are expected to spike as a result of another rule designed to ease congestion tied to the New York-area's clogged airports.

The latest government action comes on the heels of maintenance-related investigations that unveiled a cozy relationship between carriers and regulators, and led to the grounding of hundreds of planes and the grumbling of thousands of upended passengers.

The industry has its own bittersweet scenario to stomach. Although there's never been a safer period in history to travel on domestic airlines, they are buckling under record fuel prices and have fewer options available to ease financial losses.

# Wall Street rallies after credit crisis

Quarterly results from JP Morgan Chase and other industrials encourage investors

Associated Press

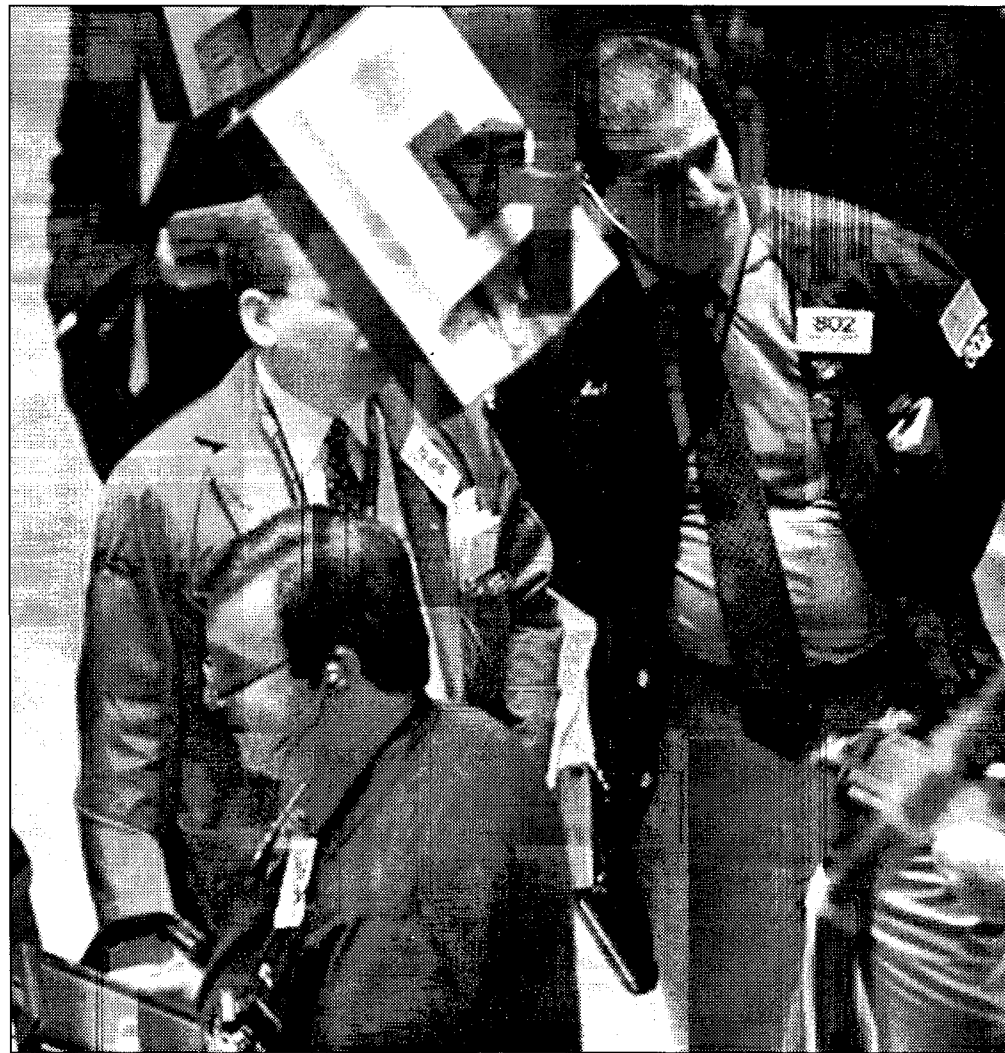
NEW YORK — Wall Street rallied Wednesday after better-than-expected quarterly results from JPMorgan Chase and two other Dow Jones industrials raised investors' hopes that companies and the economy are indeed recovering from the protracted global credit crisis. The Dow rose more than 250 points as investors shrugged off any concerns about oil passing \$115 a barrel for the first time.

A market anxious about corporate earnings and their effect on the economy was relieved after JPMorgan Chase & Co., Coca-Cola Co. and Intel Corp. all topped first-quarter projections. The three companies are among dozens posting quarterly results Wednesday.

The battered financial sector advanced after JPMorgan beat analysts' expectations despite a 50 percent drop in quarterly profit. The nation's third-biggest bank, which is in the process of acquiring ailing Bear Stearns Cos., reported \$2.6 billion of write-downs tied to its loan portfolio.

"You have a combination of JPMorgan and all these other strong earnings out there from a broad range sectors, and that's helping the buying we're seeing," said Todd Salamone, director of trading and vice president of research at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "There's an unwinding of all the negativity that we saw ahead of the earnings season."

Salamone and other analysts have been hoping that strength in corporate earnings would act as a catalyst for a significant rally; the market has managed a choppy ascent since hitting lows in early March.



Wall Street rallied Wednesday after better-than-expected quarterly results from JPMorgan Chase & Co. and two other Dow Jones industrials.

Investors have been growing more confident in recent weeks that the Federal Reserve's efforts to boost the economy and the troubled credit markets are working. Wednesday's earnings reports bolstered that sentiment.

Along with earnings results, Wall Street weighed sluggish economic reports on inflation and housing that were mostly within expectations. The Federal Reserve also released its Beige Book report, an outline of regional economic activity that

pointed to widespread weakening amid a softening labor market.

But neither those factors nor a new trading high of \$115.07 for a barrel of oil on the New York Mercantile Exchange damped the market rally.

Oil prices rose after a government report showed crude inventories fell unexpectedly last week, the second straight weekly decline. Light, sweet crude settled up \$1.14 at a record \$114.93 a barrel on the Nymex.

Bond prices fell as stocks

looked more attractive. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.71 percent from 3.57 percent late Tuesday.

Gold prices rose, and the dollar was mostly lower against other major currencies.

"The market has been worried about the U.S. consumer being flat on his back for some time and the high price of oil feeds into that," said Kevin Gaughan, portfolio manager and equity strategist at Wells Capital Management in Milwaukee.

# Coca-Cola defends support of Olympics

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Coca-Cola gave investors Wednesday good news on the profit front, then stood by its support of the Summer Olympics in Beijing as vocal shareholders inside and protesters outside the company's annual meeting questioned the beverage maker's business practices.

The company believes the torch relay as part of the run-up to the Olympics should continue, Chief Executive Neville Isdell said.

Atlanta-based Coca-Cola is a corporate sponsor of the torch relay.

The relay has been disrupted in Greece, Istanbul, London, Paris and San Francisco by protesters opposed to China's policies in Tibet and overall human rights record. There has been no trouble at recent stops in Argentina, Tanzania, Oman and Pakistan.

At Coca-Cola's annual meeting in Wilmington, Del., a shareholder asked

Isdell how Coca-Cola planned to address the concerns raised.

"I don't believe that stopping the torch run is in any way over the long-run going to be the right thing to do," Isdell said.

Pressed to agree to use the company's influence to put pressure on the Chinese government and Olympic officials, Isdell said flatly, "We are not a political organization."

China was cited in Coke's earnings report as a growing market for the company.

The IOC has said it will review plans for the remainder of the Beijing Olympic torch relay and consider scrapping the international portion of the event for future games.

International Olympic Committee officials have expressed concern about the disruption caused by anti-Chinese protests during the relay.

The IOC has said there are no plans for canceling the rest of the relay, which has been a magnet for protests

since the flame embarked March 24 on its 85,000-mile journey from Ancient Olympia in Greece as part of its 21-stop, six-continent tour.

The torch relay is expected to end in mainland China on May 4. The Beijing Olympics start Aug. 8.

Earlier Wednesday, Coca-Cola reported that its first-quarter profit rose 19 percent due to acquisitions and overseas growth, offsetting unimpressive results in its home North America unit that were affected by fewer people going out to eat because of fuel prices and the slowing U.S. economy.

The results beat Wall Street expectations.

The world's biggest beverage company said its profit was \$1.50 billion, or 64 cents a share, in the three-month period ending March 28. That compared to a profit of \$1.26 billion, or 54 cents a share, a year earlier.

Excluding one-time items, Coca-Cola said it earned \$1.58 billion.





TRAVIS ALLEN/The Observer

Vice president of Student Affairs, Father Mark Poorman, center, speaks about the media portrayal of attitudes toward women.

## Entourage

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with a few words regarding his time at Notre Dame. He attended Notre Dame before it became co-educational.

"I went to Notre Dame at a time when it had no gender relations. There was only one gender. Since then, I've been making up for lost time," joked Storin.

After the episode screening, the panel members fielded questions from audience members and expressed their own views on "Entourage" and men.

"This show is about a very real phenomenon of male bonding; they like to travel in packs that are very male-centered, with women on the margin," Botting said.

Botting also compared the four central characters and their agent to a family, with each playing different familial roles.

"In this show, as in Hollywood, females are pretty much eye candy, they're peripheral. It automatically relegates all females to a lesser role," Fuentes said.

His words directly applied to the episode shown, in which

two women propose having mutual sex in a "threesome" with a central character.

"There aren't any strong female characters," Molitor agreed.

"I have to give thanks to this project for introducing me to a show I would probably not have sought out on my own," said Poorman to audience laughter.

Kaveny commented on the immaturity of the four central characters, asking, "What comes after this for these characters?"

She asked audience members to compare their adolescent relationships to the relationship between Abigail and John Adams as seen on the show "John Adams."

"What would need to be true for these guys for them to have that kind of relationship?" she asked, expressing doubts that any of them could have such a relationship.

"We're hoping to have students think more about gender issues, give them some food for thought," said Molitor of her involvement in the project. "It's interesting to see the interactions between men and women."

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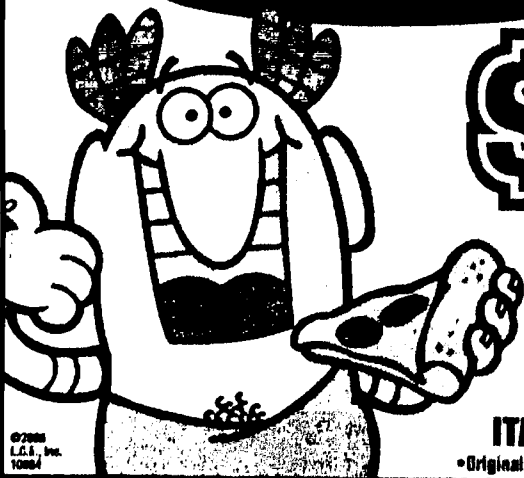
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# Images show police armed for raid on polygamist retreat

Associated Press

SAN ANGELO, Texas — Police wore body armor, toted automatic weapons and were backed by an armored personnel carrier for a raid on a West Texas polygamist retreat, photos and video released Tuesday show.

Four still photos and a slice of video were released to The Associated Press by Rod Parker, spokesman for the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which owns the raided Yearning for Zion Ranch near San Angelo in Eldorado.

Sect members took the photos and video during the first few days of a seven-day raid that involved police agencies from six counties, the Texas Rangers, the state highway patrol and wildlife officers. Authorities were looking for a teenage girl who had reported being abused by her 50-year-old husband.

A sect member whose wife shot the video said sect members got the impression that state officials "were doing something more than they said they were going to do." The man declined to give his name for fear that speaking out would cause problems for his children, who are in state custody.

Tela Mange, a state Department of Public Safety spokeswoman, said officers are trained to protect themselves.

"Whenever we serve a search warrant, no matter where or when, we are always as prepared as possible so we can ensure the operational safety of the officers serving the warrant, as well as the safety of those who are on the property in question," Mange said.

The armored car was precautionary and designed to remove

someone from the property, not to force entry onto the ranch, she said.

Parker said rumors have circulated since the 1950s that the FLDS would respond with violence to threats on their way of life. "It's never been substantiated at all. Nobody who knows these people could possibly believe that," he said.

"It's not in their nature," he said.

Parker said that if there was any suggestion that the FLDS would respond to police with violence, there would have been a cache of firearms found during the raid. "Instead they responded by singing and praying," he said.

While there were hunting rifles at the ranch, search warrants filed in district court in Tom Green County don't show that police seized any weapons.

Eldorado is about 200 miles southeast of Waco, where federal authorities tried to arrest Branch Davidian leader David Koresh for stockpiling guns and explosives in 1993. Four federal agents and six members of Koresh's sect died in the shootout that ensued. After a 51-day standoff, Koresh and nearly 80 followers died in an inferno that the government says was set by the Davidians but that survivors say started when authorities fired tear gas rounds into their compound. Law enforcement surrounded

the FLDS ranch April 3, carrying a warrant seeking a 16-year-old girl who claimed she was trapped inside the church retreat and had been beaten and raped by her husband. The search also revealed that a soaring white limestone temple at the ranch held a bed where officials believe underage girls were required to consummate their spiritual marriages to much older men.

More than 400 children — all of whom lived in the large, dormitory-style log homes — were seized in the raid on suspicion they were being sexually and physically abused. They are being held in the San Angelo Coliseum and are awaiting a massive court hearing Thursday that will begin to determine their fate.

FLDS members carefully documented the raid in notes, video and still pictures of police and child protection workers talking with families, but much of that material was seized when police executed one of two search warrants on the ranch, Parker said.

"We've known from a little bit of experience to document it and prepare to have that presented in court or wherever it's to our benefit," said the FLDS member who declined to give his name. Law enforcement in Arizona and Utah raided FLDS sites in 1935, 1944

and 1953.

The 416 children held by Texas authorities had been accompanied by 139 women until Monday, when officials ordered all the women away except for those whose children are under 5.

The mothers have complained the state deceived them, revealing the plan only after they and their children boarded buses from historic Fort Concho, where they had been staying, to the larger San Angelo Coliseum. State officials defended that decision Tuesday.

Texas Children's Protective Services spokeswoman Marleigh Meisner said officials decided that children are more truthful in interviews about possible abuse if their parents are not around.

"I can tell you we believe the children who are victims of abuse or neglect, and particularly victims at the hands of their own parents, certainly are going to feel safer to tell their story when they don't have a parent there that's coaching them with how to respond," Meisner said.

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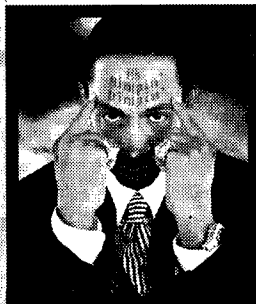
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## Stressing out with God

It was at the Dillon Hall Mass at 10:30 Sunday night when I first saw it. I opened the Eucharist with the Sign of the Cross, and as I looked up in greeting — "The Lord be with you" — it was staring back at me. Late-semester fatigue. And stress. You mumbled "And also with you" with an energy and interest that reminded me of my last PLS Seminar before Senior Week — not a good time to assign The Brothers Karamazov. So, I mentally cut my homily in half, and doubled my volume, but the message was clear — "Father, we love Jesus, but unless He's writing my papers this week, please keep it short!"

I've always found it hard to know what to pray for during stressful days — and the last weeks of the semester are almost inevitably stressful — some of the most difficult days of the year. I often find myself, on days when the heat is on and I'm behind, sending up prayers of desperation — prayers that ultimately only feed my stress, and of course produce no paper-completing miracles. Days of performance-induced stress offer a particular spiritual challenge, and the way to meet that challenge is never clear.

Why is it so hard to pray confidently during stressful times? Perhaps because, though Jesus does offer us a way of peace, it is not a simplistic way. On the one hand, Jesus continually offers us words of comfort, like "Come to me all you who are burdened, and I will give you rest. For my burden is light." And many other consoling words and images — Jesus calms the storm or "Do not let your hearts be troubled" and the like.

But this is only part of his message. Pop spirituality books take snippets like these and offer whole "Guides to a Peaceful Life" from them — ignoring the Gospels' equally prevalent refer-

ences to Jesus' sleepless nights, arduous itinerant preaching, and the daily self-sacrifice he asks of us: "If you wish to follow me, be prepared to take up your daily cross."

So, how to pray during stressful days? How to take Christ's words of consolation seriously ("Take courage, for I have conquered the world"), allowing Him to calm our hearts ... While also hearing his call to the work and self-sacrifice that He invites, even needs, us to engage ("The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few"), allowing our hearts to embrace the challenges of our daily lives?

Perhaps one answer, which is not nearly as simple as it sounds, is to try not to allow either of these two realities — Christ's consolation and Christ's call — to eclipse the other. The overemphasis of Christ's consolation, without any nod to his call to work on His behalf, leads to escapism — and often procrastination. And this, of course, just leads to more stress, rather than breaking us out of the stress cycle. On the other hand, the overemphasis of Christ's encouragement to sacrifice, without any experience of Christ's constant and unconditional love for us, can lead to an overblown sense of the work before us, a distorted view of why this work is important, inner anxiety, and even eventual burn-out. So, neither emphasis on its own seems to bring true peace.

We need to search for prayer that both reassures and provokes. That both calms and inspires. Relieves and strengthens. Puts our work into a proper perspective, and also awakens our desire, and galvanizes our energy, to engage the work. This is not easy or straightforward prayer.

As always in prayer, our primary image of God is extremely determinative here. If we see God primarily as the Great Escape, someone to whom we run to make our troubles disappear, we set up the near-certain result

of disappointment and increase of stress. Jesus constantly searches in prayer for the presence and consolation of his Father, and we can see the peace and boldness with which this Presence fills Him, especially at stressful moments. Yet, in these prayers, Jesus rarely asks His Father to do things that make his life easier. Rather, He asks for the reassurance of God's presence and clarification of God's will, or often asks the Father for the ability to complete works that relieve other people's sufferings. This understanding of his work as fitting into the plan of God, and as ultimately benefiting others besides himself, brings Jesus peace.

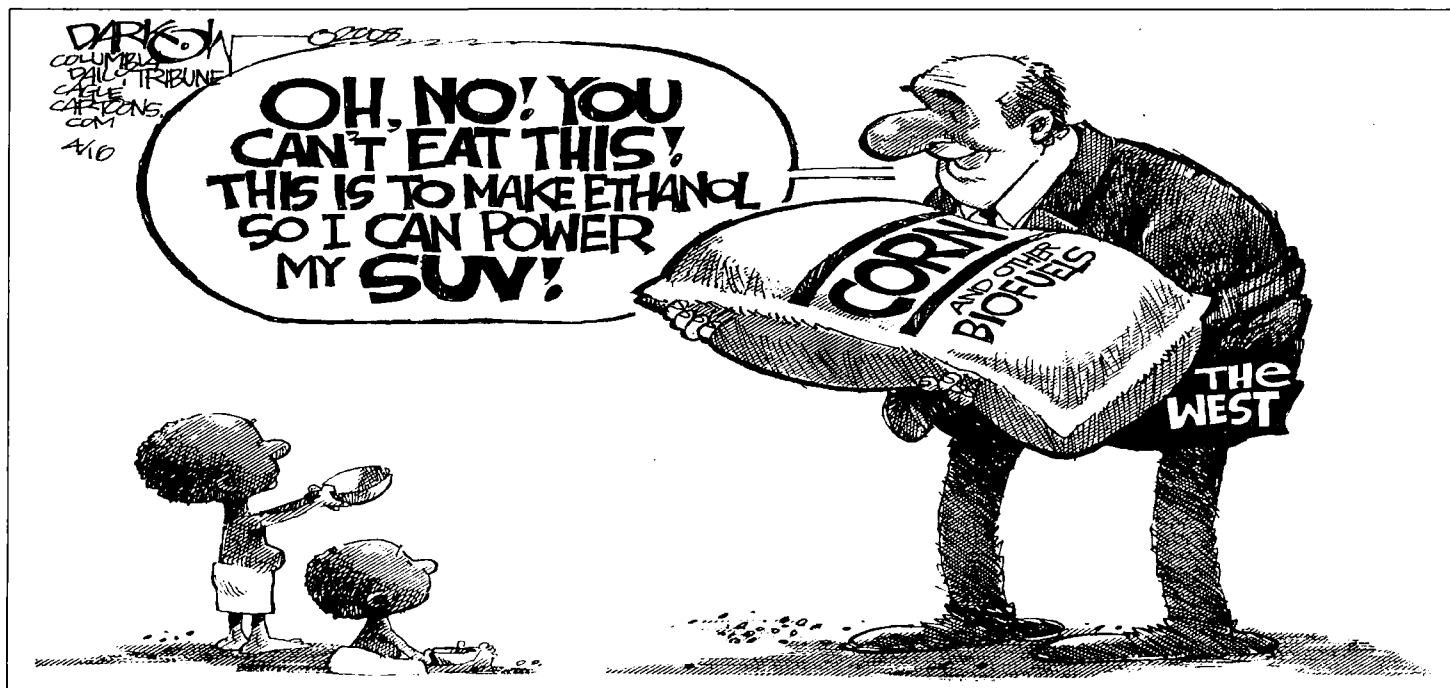
If, on the other hand, our primary image of God is a Divine Taskmaster, who demands and accepts only our continual excellent performance while contributing little to the endeavor — and for my fellow perfectionists, this is always a temptation — we run the risk of praying to a God who is merely a projection of our own ambitions, or other authority figures in our life. That our stress is not relieved by such prayer is hardly surprising. But this God too is not to be found in the prayers of Jesus.

Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane is a beautiful example for our purposes. For it seeks peace without escapism — "Father, if this cup can be taken from me." Yet, it also asks for the perspective and hope that makes his work meaningful: "But reassure me of your will, and knowing that this work is in your plan, and will serve others, will be enough to give me peace and strength to carry it out."

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Political correctness is tyranny with manners."

Charlton Heston  
actor

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The pragmatically pro-life party

Instead of spewing propaganda and mean-spirited attacks, let's have a concrete discussion on how to make abortion really stop. That is, I implore fanatical pro-lifers to stop calling pro-choicers murderers or perpetrators of a modern holocaust. At the same time, fanatical pro-choicers should stop calling pro-lifers misogynistic or doctrinaire.

Instead, we can all coalesce around a goal of trying to prevent people from ever wanting or thinking they need an abortion. This is not difficult, but does not begin with a simple law. Before explaining this, let's begin with why a simple law will not work. Suppose John McCain wins in November, various Supreme Court justices retire, staunch pro-lifers take their places and *Roe v. Wade* is overturned so that all forms of abortion are now illegal. All is good right? Well, we must also take into account that during his first 4 years in office McCain has also kept us in Iraq and maintained a top-down fiscal policy. This in turn has further deteriorated our public school system, and made healthcare less available to children and the poor.

Indeed, McCain was given the lowest rating of any senator by the Children's Defense Fund before becoming a presidential candidate. So in a grand irony, children are being sharply neglected after birth now instead of before. What's worse though is that their mothers, who have been denied a good education or any perceivable way to achieve success, are ten times more likely to want an abortion. Is there any evidence to back up this

kind of picture?

The 1990's marked a huge decline in abortion rate by every possible measure (see Center for Disease Control statistics: [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5212a1.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5212a1.htm)). This was due to a coincident drop in teenage pregnancy. Tracing back further the decline we find at the same time public education was being heavily funded and student loan interest rates were at big time lows. These contributed to less hopelessness among teenage girls who dropped out of school less. On the other side, abortions by non-teens also dropped as people became more hopeful for their and their children's futures. So it would seem that supporting basic rights like education and healthcare leads to a more holistic solution.

I conclude by pointing out a little parallel. We would all agree that stopping terrorists from crashing airplanes into our buildings would be a good thing. However, trying to go around the world shooting every potential terrorist is not the way to achieve this. Instead we should think about what American policies tend to build up the infrastructure of the world's poorest countries so that people are not desperate enough to join a radical terrorist group. Republican policies, at least recently, tend to be short-sighted.

Andrew Dreyfuss  
graduate student  
off campus  
April 16

### Electoral College needs to go

As the primary season drags on and the election is upon us, I can't help but think of who our next president will be. It will bound to be a close election. If it is going to be so close, what if the worst happens again — we elect a president who did not win the popular vote. We are electing the "Leader of the Free World," but yet he or she could possibly not be elected democratically, that is, by a majority. Isn't this a bit hypocritical? A majority of Americans did not get who they voted for. They were essentially cheated.

Voting is our most important right as we are participating in our governmental process. Shouldn't it be fair? Shouldn't my vote count if I am a Republican in New York or California? Should I even bother voting if I am a Democrat in Texas? Why should the election be decided by the few lucky swing states? I believe the candidates running for president should appeal to all Americans, in every state, not just those states that are undecided.

The Founders created the Electoral College for two reasons: one, because they did not trust the citizens to make an informed decision and two, because they thought since the U.S. was such a big country too many candidates would be nominated from each state and there would not be a majority candidate. I think this system is completely outdated.

First, we as citizens are intelligent and can make an informed decision as to who our President should be. We have evolved as a people to put greater trust in the masses, not the elite.

Secondly, we are a unified nation and have a party system, both of which can produce a majority nominee. All the Electoral College is doing now is infringing on our rights as Americans; it is violating our right to have a government run by the people. George W. Bush from 2001-2004 did not technically represent the will of the people since he was elected by the minority. Some argue that the Electoral College keeps campaign spending down since candidates only have to go to certain states. I believe our rights are more important.

If you want to continue with this discussion, go to the Pi Sigma Alpha Academic forum: "Should the Electoral College Be Abolished?" on Monday, April 21st at 5 p.m. in the Sorin Room in LaFortune. Four political science professors will be on the panel, including Dr. Peri Arnold, Dr. Louis Ayala, Patrick Flavin and Dr. Josh Kaplan.

Maggie O'Connor  
junior  
Pangborn Hall  
April 16

### Thank you, student athletes

Dear ND Student Athletes,

I want to personally thank all of those student athletes that participated in the "Fit for Fun with the Irish" at the Michiana Family YMCA. Those Athletes who were at this special event showed their enthusiasm, spirit and caring to each of the young people who came through the doors of the YMCA on Saturday, April 12.

Special thanks to Harold Swanagan for all of his help in securing all of the athletes and his special help with the event. Notre Dame Athletes represented the four character values of the YMCA, Caring, Respect, Honesty and Responsibility, in the way that they handled themselves at this special Michiana Community Event.

The Notre Dame Family should be very proud in the way that these athletes represented the University. Thank you all for being such great role models for our young people. Go Irish.

Thomas J. Coxey  
Executive Director  
Michiana Family YMCA  
April 16

### Swinging for the Lord

As we enjoy spring at Our Lady's University, we feel that there is something missing here, and it's something that really needs to be addressed. You've probably already realized it on your own. If not, let us enlighten you: Notre Dame needs a swing set. Take a moment and consider the vital role that a swing set plays at a Catholic university.

Part of what many of us value about Notre Dame is the strong sense of community on our campus. But look at what is happening around you. People spend less time outside in God's creation, and more time tucked away in stinky dorm rooms. "Weee" is being replaced with "Wii." A swing set (or two or three) could help stem this tide of inactive, isolationist behavior.

All you need to do is look at how perfectly having a swing set aligns with Catholic Social Teaching. 1. The Principle of Human Dignity — Each person has a claim on membership in a community (a.k.a. the Notre Dame family, a.k.a. the new civilization of love). In the same way, each person at Notre Dame has a claim on the use of a campus swing set. 2. The Principle of Association — Every person is not only sacred but also social. A swing set with three swings is the perfect symbol of community, reminding us of the eternal loving community of the Holy Trinity. 3. The Principle of Participation — The swing set will transcend every barrier of language, race, and culture. John Paul II said so, and he is infallible. 4. The Principle of Preferential Protection for the Poor and Vulnerable — It's free, and it's fun. 5. The Principle of Solidarity — We are one human family gathered around a swing set; you push my back, I'll push yours. 6. The Principle of Stewardship — Not only does swinging protect God's creation (what greener form of recreation is there?), but each upswing brings you closer to the Lord. 7. The Principle of Human Equality — We're transcending barriers ... one size fits all people. 8. The Principle of the Common Good — As a sense of community is eroded, concern for the common good declines.

It's only a few weeks until graduation, but we think this cause is worth investing in without any further delay. Let us commit as a campus community to the procurement of a swing set. How about it Class of 2008? Notre Dame ... Fighting for a Swing Set. What would you fight for?

Jessica Brock and Joni Michaud  
law students  
off campus  
April 15

### Frozen Four congratulations

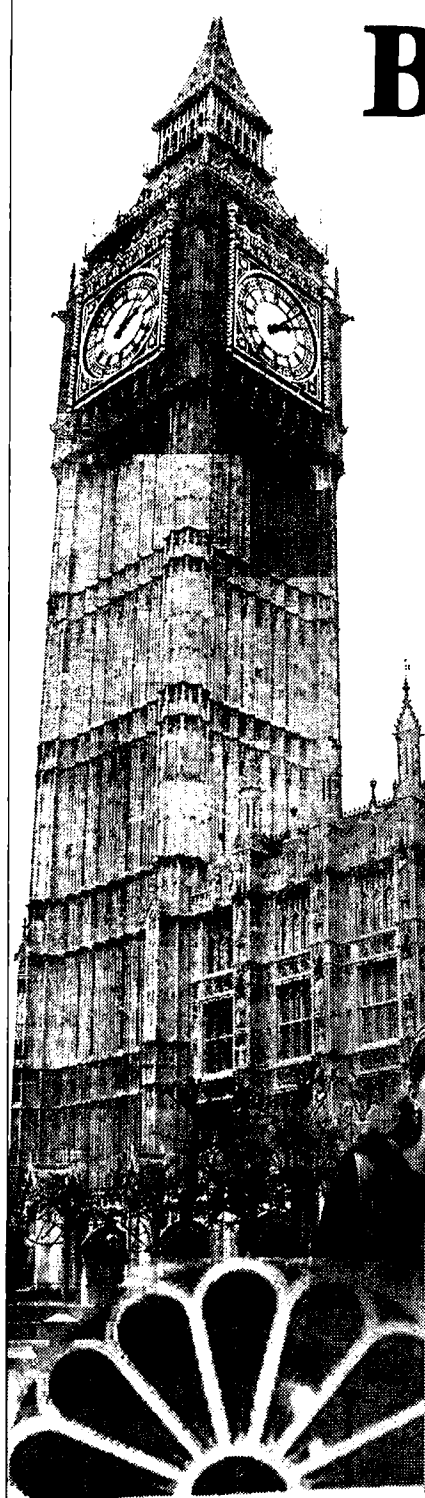
I would like to offer a hearty congratulations to Coach Jeff Jackson and the entire hockey program on a phenomenal season. I was lucky enough to attend the Frozen Four matches in Denver, and I wish I could properly convey the emotion of these thrilling contests.

This team embodies the fighting spirit for which Notre Dame is so famous. How great it was to see our Irish so strongly supported, and that includes the terrific support from the "other" ND — North Dakota. Kudos, also, to easily the best pep band of the Frozen Four teams.

A sleeping giant has been brought out of his slumber, and Notre Dame hockey has arrived. I cannot wait to attend future Frozen Fours and cheer on our Irish. Go Irish!

Patrick Reymann  
alumnus  
Class of 1987  
April 16





# British politics continue to fascinate ND Parliamentary interns



## STUDENTS LOOK BEYOND AMERICAN POLITICS

By BOB COSTA  
Scene Writer

Politics is a hot topic on the Notre Dame campus in 2008. Yet, not all of the discussions are about Senators Clinton, Obama and McCain. For a small group of Notre Dame juniors and seniors, many political conversations are spent debating the legacy of Tony Blair or the political influence of Oasis on British culture.

Beyond campus activities, Notre Dame students are involved in a myriad of political experiences around the globe. What may be surprising to some is that eight to 10 Notre Dame juniors each semester are interning in the House of Commons in London as part of Notre Dame's London Program.

Don't know what the House of Commons is? It's that British legislative body shown every week on C-SPAN — chock full of green-upholstered leather chairs — where politicians are funnier and louder than the sometimes tame C-SPAN drama of the U.S. House and Senate. In Britain, politicians boo and jeer each other publicly when they're angry. It's more like a pantomime and less like "The West Wing."

### Meeting the Prime Minister

Junior Natassia Kwan spent last semester as an intern for Labour MP (Member of Parliament) Claire Curtis-Thomas in London. Kwan wasn't making coffee and copies during her London experience; she was meeting with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown to talk public policy.

Kwan spent much of last semester working on a project involving the group "Engineers Without Borders," spearheaded by Curtis-Thomas, an engineer herself. Prime Minister Brown was interested in learning more and invited Kwan and her boss to his private parliamentary office in the House of Commons.

Brown spoke briefly to Kwan about her studies at Notre Dame before delving into

details of her project. Kwan said she was not expecting Brown to shake her hand, out of protocol, but the Prime Minister, clad in a dark-suit with specks of grey in his hair, smiled and extended his hand warmly.

"Gordon Brown was so nice," recalled Kwan. "I would like to think it is because I looked very professional with my business suit and designer scarf, clutching a large stack of papers and cradling a laptop in my arms," she said, laughing.

Experiences like Kwan's are not out-of-the-ordinary in Notre Dame's Parliamentary internship program.

### Gaining appreciation

Patrick Kaiser, a senior majoring in political science and economics, worked for Alan Michael, a Labour MP.

"My favorite days were spent discussing politics and British life with office staff and friends in Parliament," said Kaiser.

Kaiser had the special opportunity to attend a reception at 10 Downing Street when Tony Blair was Prime Minister last year. "I was able to hear Blair speak and watch him interact with his friends in a social setting, a side of politics the public rarely sees," said Kaiser.

Senior Dorea Jackson, who interned for Ian Cawsey MP, said the internship gave her a greater appreciation for both the British and American political systems.

*"I was not simply a visiting student and tourist, but I also had an inside perspective on the policies that affected every day life for British citizens."*

Dorea Jackson  
Senior

*"The interaction with British politicians, staff workers and voters on a continual basis allowed me to fully witness and experience British culture and worldview from new lenses."*

Stephanie Yoshida  
Senior

students "don't get to interact with ordinary Londoners unless they have internships."

Shewakramani was able to have lengthy discussions with Kidney and ministers, including Hilary Benn MP, Minister for International Development at the time.

"I was fascinated by the fact that as a senior minister [Kidney] was traveling in coach class, without any security," recounted Shewakramani. "People gave him a lot of privacy. It really changed my perception of ministers and democracy — I'm from India where all ministers have an entourage of 20-30 people wherever they go, without a private moment on public transport."

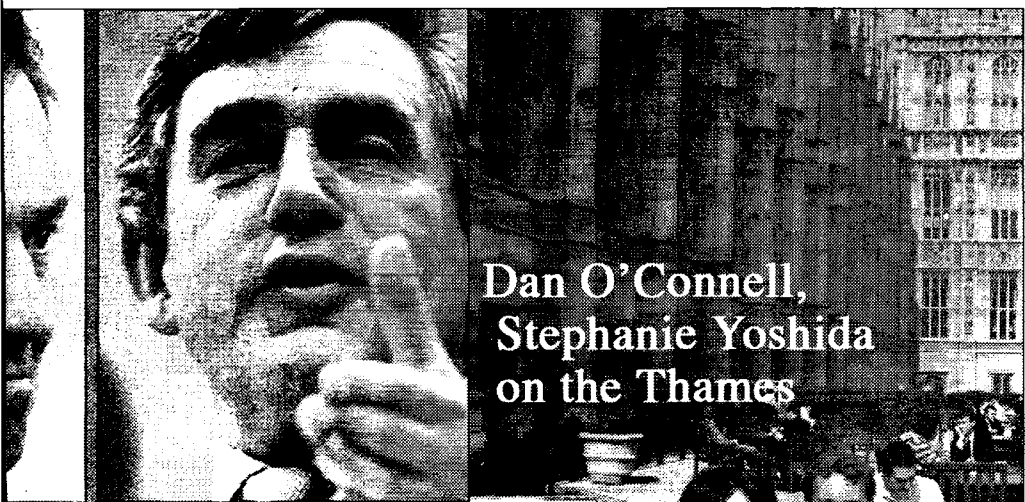
### Exploring international politics

Dr. Cornelius O'Boyle serves as Assistant



Patrick Kaiser in front of 10 Downing Street





**Dan O'Connell,  
Stephanie Yoshida  
on the Thames**

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Director of Notre Dame's London Program and has mentored many classes of Parliamentary interns.

"This internship program is part of the internationalization of Notre Dame," said O'Boyle. "It gives an international perspective to students' political imaginations."

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internships are not just meant for political science majors, but have gone to English, Program of Liberal Studies, economics and pre-med majors, too.

Suzanne Fox, a junior majoring in theology and pre-med,

interned in fall 2007 for David Mundell, the lone Conservative MP from Scotland. Scotland began a process of separation from England after the 1997 general election, often called "devolution." Fox was able to observe the often complicated relationship between England and Scotland up-close.

"I got first-hand experience with devolved politics," said Fox. "To put it lightly, I was thrown in head-first. By the end, I felt as though I had a very deep experiential grasp for what 'devolved' politics really looks like and what Scottish independence would mean for both England and Scotland."

"[MP Mundell] and I would often swap views on the upcoming American election, favorite restaurants, plays, and films," said Fox.

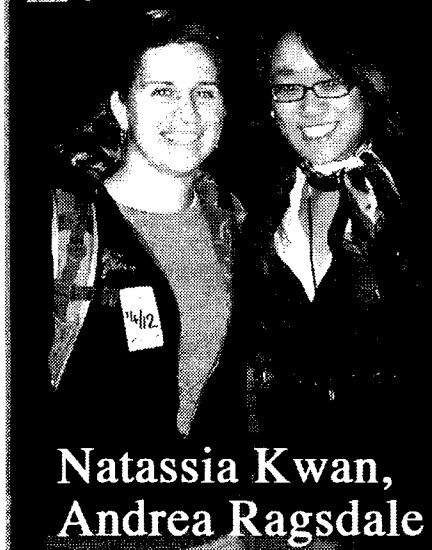
#### A "special relationship"

Winston Churchill, the former British Prime Minister during World War II, once famously said that the friendship between Britain and America was a "special relationship."

For Notre Dame's many classes of parliamentary interns, that "special relationship" is redefined each year, said O'Boyle.

"Brits have an enduring fascination with America," said O'Boyle, a Brit himself who previously spent many years on campus teaching at Notre Dame. "That fascination takes different forms and shapes. It's gone from 'real politik' to cultural symbiosis."

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**Natassia Kwan,  
Andrea Ragsdale**



## Loneliness kills Adams' 'Foggy' blog



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So I know I've written a lot about Ryan Adams over the past few months, from CD reviews to an entire article dedicated to reviewing his now-defunct YouTube account called "Horion74." While Ryan hasn't released any new records lately and has remained largely out of the eye of the press, he has created a blog. It's complete with home videos recorded on his digital camera, numerous photographs of himself at home and wandering around New York City and even a few video productions with new music playing in the background.

**James Costa**

*Scene & Heard*

Unfortunately, Adams has already decided to end the blog. However, unlike the time when he disabled his YouTube account, he has not deleted the blog address and almost all the information and media is still accessible.

*Access Ryan Adams' blog at  
[www.dradamfilms.com](http://www.dradamfilms.com)*

He cites the reason for disabling the account as: "The sad truth is this blog, it's what happens when one day you don't have that person you talk to everyday anymore. They leave. And you get desperate. And pathetic. And you don't know who to talk to. Life goes on without you. That is what this is. This is a horrible loneliness. I hate it. I hate it so much I do it every day. So I quit."

In case you're curious, the person that he doesn't have anymore is ex-girlfriend Jessica Joffe, a model for Banana Republic and a New York City writer. The couple split in January.

While the ending to the blog has a decidedly melancholy spirit to it, there were plenty of light and happy moments that can still be seen. For example, Ryan called the blog "Foggy" and seemed to truly feel affectionately towards it. He even dedicated one of his new song videos called "Crossed Out Name" to Foggy. The

video itself is quite typical of the style for the blog. It begins with little puppets named Wilson and Barnabus talking to each other on the screen, then it pans to Ryan seated in a chair as he flips through a notebook of new lyrics. Settling on the page he likes, he sings a stirring simple and beautiful tune about lost love and the sad possibility of having to face life with a perspective rooted more in sorrow than joy.

He sings, "All these streets I walk / they go / I live alone and in to bed I go again / I wish I could tell you just how I felt / I don't pray / I shower and say goodnight to myself / And when I close my eyes / I feel like a page with a crossed out name."

It's vintage Adams, recalling the "Heartbreaker" and "29" records that so masterfully documented a sense of misfortune set to beautiful music.

Just before ending the blog, Adams also included a list of facts about himself. A few were aimed at correcting long-mistaken

public misconceptions about himself, including that he dated Alanis Morissette and Winona Ryder and kicked someone out of a concert for yelling a request for the Bryan Adams song "Summer of '69." Furthermore, Adams writes that he has only dated five women in his life, has been sober for two years and is going deaf. The little bits of information are rare glimpses into the life of an artist who has become more and more private over the past few years.

Hopefully he leaves the blog up forever. It provides a nice break from the day to have the chance to witness creativity in action from one of music's most prolific and genuine artists. So visit his blog. It's worth the time.

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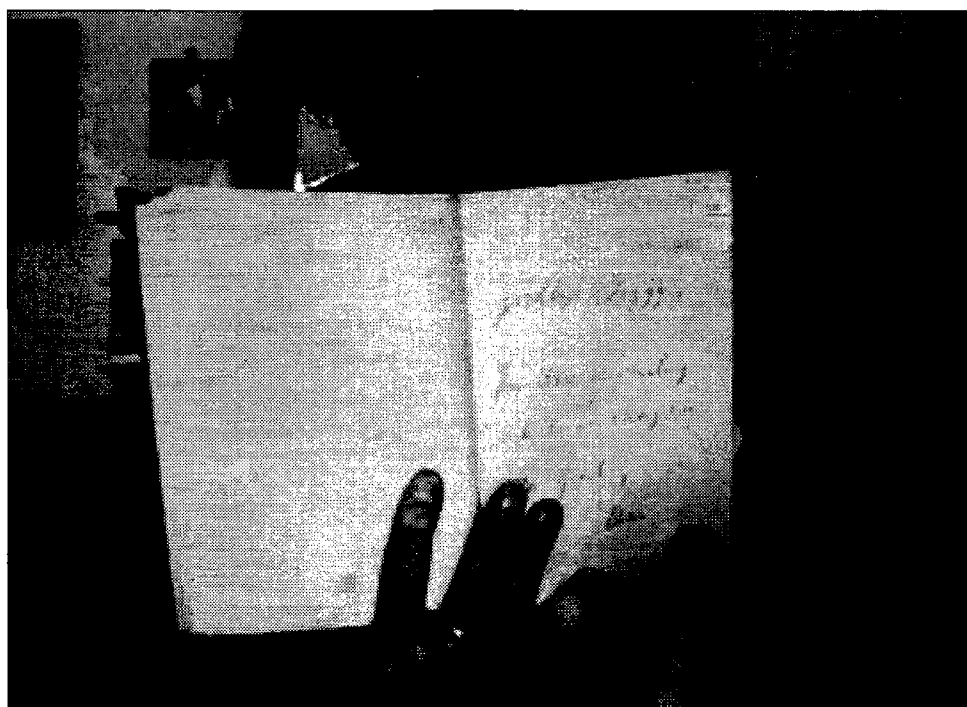


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Ryan Adams says goodbye to his blog. He writes, "Goodbye Foggy, You were very healing and I am okay now. Be good, Bear."



## MLB

# Webb stifles Giants, D-backs score easy win

*Bourn's homer lifts Astros to narrow win over the Phillies; Braves lose to Marlins, drop third consecutive game*

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The way he was going and getting quick outs, Brandon Webb thought for sure he would finish the game.

Webb pitched another gem and, for the first time, has begun a season by winning his first four starts. Barry Zito on the other hand has lost his opening four starts for the first time.

Webb and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat Zito's San Francisco Giants 4-1 on Wednesday in a matchup featuring a pair of former Cy Young award winners who seem to be headed in different directions.

"That's a good start," Webb said. "It makes you feel confident."

Webb hit an early two-run single and made it stand up. The 2006 NL Cy Young winner gave up three hits over eight innings and won his sixth straight outing since last September.

The sinkerballer struck out the side in the first inning, throwing 10 of his 11 pitches for strikes. He got through both the fifth and sixth innings on only five pitches each time, and wound up with five strikeouts.

"With 62 pitches through six innings, I felt I was going to finish this thing, but I kind of got out of sync," Webb said. "A couple really quick innings, I was able to make pitches when they were swinging early."

Brandon Lyon finished for his third save in five chances.

Webb put Arizona ahead with his single in the second. Eric Byrnes had an RBI double in the fifth that extended his hitting streak to 12 games, and Orlando Hudson followed with a run-scoring bloop single as Arizona improved to 11-4.

"We've done a little bit of everything. To not just do it in one fashion makes you feel that on any day you have a chance to win," Diamondbacks manager Bob Melvin said. "It's taken everybody we have offensively to get us to the point we are, including Brandon Webb today."

Zito, the Giants' \$126 million left-hander who went a career-worst 11-13 last year, is still searching for consistency. After Webb's two-out, two-run single, he recorded seven straight outs before a leadoff single by

Stephen Drew in the fifth.

"It's just a fine line," Zito said. "I feel good about the way I'm throwing and have to stick with that."

Zito worked around Chris Young's leadoff single in the first, then walked the first three batters of the second to load the bases and draw boos. The 2002 AL Cy Young winner with Oakland had only four total walks in his first three starts.

After Chris Snyder struck out, Drew hit a shallow fly ball that kept the runner at third. Webb followed with his first hit of 2008 on a 2-0 pitch. Zito threw 38 of his 105 pitches in the inning.

"It was a big inning for us, no outs, bases loaded," Webb said. "Being up there with two outs, I had to try to do something."

Zito allowed three earned runs, five hits and five walks in six innings — and he has yet to go more than six innings. Zito's 21 career April defeats are his most of any month and it's still his only losing month.

## Astros 2, Phillies 1

Roy Oswalt was back to his old self, mixing in nasty off-speed pitches with a sharp fastball.

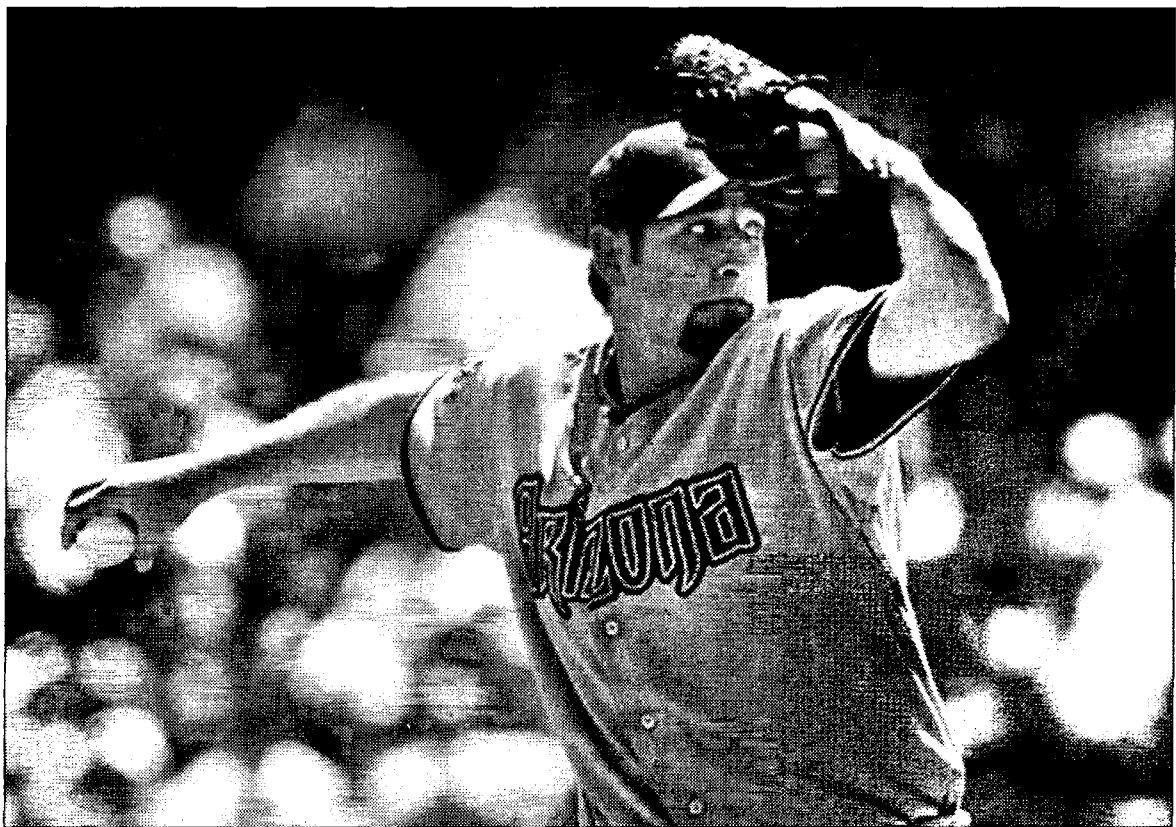
Oswalt snapped out of an early funk with seven strong innings, Michael Bourn hit a tiebreaking solo homer and the Houston Astros beat the Philadelphia Phillies Wednesday night.

"He was vintage Roy," Astros manager Cecil Cooper said. "He kept the ball down, had a nice breaking ball and his fastball was crisp. He pitched real well."

Bourn connected off Kyle Kendrick (1-2) in the fifth inning to help beat his former teammates a night after the Phillies scored four runs off closer Jose Valverde to win in the bottom of the ninth.

Oswalt (1-3) finally looked like a three-time All-Star instead of the worst pitcher in the NL. The right-hander gave up one run and five hits to snap a three-game skid and beat the Phillies for the sixth straight time. Oswalt came in first or tied for first in the league in losses, runs and hits allowed.

"Hopefully I turned it around," Oswalt said. "I felt better. I wasn't overthrowing. I feel when I have my curveball, I should be able to get to the eighth or ninth inning."



Arizona pitcher Brandon Webb throws a pitch in a game against San Francisco Wednesday afternoon. The Diamondbacks won 4-1.

Wesley Wright struck out the side in the eighth and Doug Brocail finished for his first save since earning one with Texas in 2005. Valverde couldn't protect a 3-0 lead Tuesday night. He allowed two homers and a game-winning RBI double while recording just one out.

Valverde had a bullpen session before the game, so Cooper held him out until the next save situation.

"He's our closer no question about it," Cooper said.

The Phillies sorely missed 2007 NL MVP Jimmy Rollins, who was out of the starting lineup for the seventh straight game because of a sprained left ankle. Rollins won't return until Saturday at the earliest because he's heading to Oakland, Calif., to attend a funeral for an uncle.

Rollins ripped a two-out single as a pinch hitter in the ninth inning. He hobbled to first base and was replaced by pinch-runner So Taguchi. Brocail then struck out pinch-hitter Greg Dobbs to end it.

## Marlins 6, Braves 5

Tim Hudson threw as hard as he could, and for the Atlanta Braves, the result was doubly

troublesome.

Hudson's fastball hit only 85 mph. And Mike Jacobs hit it over the wall.

With Hudson unable to generate his normal velocity, the Florida Marlins took advantage and beat the struggling Atlanta Braves Wednesday night.

Hudson departed after only three innings trailing 4-1.

"I felt all right physically," he said. "I just couldn't get anything behind the ball. It was a weird feeling. My heater's usually a lot better than that."

Hudson (2-1) endured his first poor start of the season, allowing six hits. Manager Bobby Cox pulled the right-hander after only 58 pitches.

"It was just one of those nights when his arm was kind of dead," Cox said. "I thought it might be a good time to give him a break."

The Braves lost their third in a row and fell to 0-7 in one-run games. They're 2-7 on the road.

"How does the saying go? 'You can't win the division in April, but you can lose it,'" left fielder Matt Diaz said. "We have to make sure we don't do that."

Mark Hendrickson (3-1) won his third start in a row for sur-

prising Florida. Jacobs hit his sixth home run, and Luis Gonzalez added a two-run pinch-hit homer, his first since 1992.

The Marlins are last in the NL in ERA but 9-0 when scoring at least four runs. They lead the NL East despite the lowest payroll in the majors.

"It's a good win for us," Gonzalez said. "It keeps us rolling. We beat a pretty good pitcher tonight."

Hudson usually throws in the low 90s, but his fastball stayed in the 84- to 86-mph range. Cox and his staff, already dealing with a wave of injuries, kept asking Hudson if something was wrong.

"I didn't know what to tell them," Hudson said. "Nothing was hurting. ... Next time I'll throw harder."

Hudson said his problem may have been a recent bout with the flu. He lost for the first time in seven career starts in Miami, where he had been 4-0. His ERA rose from 2.14 to 3.38.

Jacobs, who came into the game tied for the NL lead in home runs, hit a two-out homer off Hudson in the third inning. It was only the second homer allowed by a Braves starter this year.

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rank	team	record	previous
1	Arizona State	46-3	2
2	Alabama	41-2	3
3	Florida	46-2	4
4	UCLA	36-5	1
5	Michigan	38-4	5
6	Texas A&M	39-6	6
7	Arizona	29-12	7
8	Stanford	37-7	8
9	Tennessee	40-7	10
10	Houston	37-5	11
11	Oklahoma	35-11	9
12	Fresno State	39-8	12
13	Northwestern	23-10	14
14	Long Beach State	31-11	15
15	Hawaii	31-11	16
16	LSU	32-12	13
17	North Carolina	40-8-1	17
18	UL Lafayette	31-10	21
19	Virginia Tech	32-11	20
20	Washington	25-14-1	23
21	California	34-16	22
22	San Diego State	30-13	18
23	Georgia	35-16	19
24	Mississippi State	35-15	24
25	DePaul	27-12	25

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2	Florida State	31-3	2
3	Arizona State	30-4	3
4	North Carolina	29-7	4
5	UC Irvine	23-6	7
6	Wichita State	27-5	5
7	Rice	27-10	9
8	Texas A&M	30-6	11
9	Nebraska	25-6-1	6
10	South Carolina	25-10	14
11	Missouri	25-9	12
12	California	23-9-2	8
13	Georgia	23-12	23
14	Vanderbilt	24-10	17
15	Texas	23-12	10
16	Stanford	17-11-1	15
17	Ole Miss	24-12	18
18	Oklahoma State	23-10	25
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21	San Diego	27-11	NR
22	Cal State Fullerton	20-12	20
23	Kentucky	26-8	13
24	Florida	24-12	21
25	Long Beach State	19-14	16

## MIAA Women's Softball Conference Standings

team	conference	overall
Alma	8-1	18-6
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Olivet	4-5	9-16
Albion	3-9	12-13
Calvin	3-9	9-20
Kalamazoo	1-7	2-16

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### NHL PLAYOFFS

Washington vs. Philadelphia  
7 p.m., Versus

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10 p.m., Versus

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Columbus Crew vs. D.C. United  
7 p.m., ESPN2

## PGA



Tiger Woods reacts after a bogey putt on the 14th hole of the final round of The Masters tournament Sunday. Woods had arthroscopic knee surgery Tuesday, but should return in time for the U.S. Open.

## Knee surgery sidelines Tiger Woods

Associated Press

The U.S. Open figured to be the closest to a sure thing for Tiger Woods in the majors this year, but maybe not anymore.

Two days after his quest for a Grand Slam fizzled at the Masters, Woods had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee for the second time in five years and will miss at least four weeks while he recovers.

The announcement, which Woods made Tuesday night on his Web site, was a surprise to everyone except those around him.

"He's been having a lot of trouble," swing coach Hank Haney said. "He doesn't talk

about stuff like that. He doesn't want to use excuses, you know? I don't think it affected his play. It affected his practice a little bit."

Tuesday's surgery was performed in Park City, Utah, by Thomas Rosenberg, who also operated on Woods' left knee in December 2002. Woods also had surgery in 1994 on his left knee to remove a benign tumor.

"I made the decision to deal with the pain and schedule the surgery for after the Masters," Woods said on his Web site. "The upside is that I have been through this process before and know how to handle it. I look forward to working through the rehabilitation

process and getting back to action as quickly as I can."

But he will not be able to defend his title in two weeks at the Wachovia Championship. And he most likely will miss The Players Championship the week after, one of only three non-majors he has never missed since turning pro. Provided rehab goes as expected, Woods hopes to return at the Memorial on May 29.

The U.S. Open begins June 12 at Torrey Pines, where Woods has won six times in the Buick Invitational. Such is his dominance on the cliff-side course north of San Diego that when he opened with a 67 on the South Course this year, a caddie

standing behind the 18th green remarked, "He just won two tournaments with one round."

Indeed, Woods went on to an eight-shot victory in his 2008 debut, the first of four straight victories this year.

But it was not necessarily a pain-free affair.

"Tiger has been experiencing pain in his knee since the middle of last year, and when he had it looked at by his doctors, arthroscopic surgery was recommended," said Mark Steinberg, Woods' agent at IMG. "Tiger has played through the pain in the past, but knew it would be better for him to have the procedure done as early as possible."

## IN BRIEF

### Massu defeats Querrey in Clay Court Championship

HOUSTON — Nicolas Massu rallied to beat fourth-seeded Sam Querrey 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 Wednesday and advance to the second round of the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship.

The Chilean and Querrey traded breaks early in the third set but Massu, who is ranked No. 108, broke the American in the ninth game to serve for the match at 5-4. Massu won four straight points to claim the win.

Querrey, ranked No. 50, hit a return of serve long to end the match.

"It could have gone either way there," said Querrey, who got only 44 percent of his first serves in. "I didn't serve my best. Other than that it was pretty good. I'm not too disappointed."

Top-seeded James Blake was scheduled to play Japan's Kei Nishikori, a wild card entry, in a first-round match Wednesday night.

### USADA to launch body chemistry tests

CHICAGO — The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency has launched the opening phase of a voluntary pilot program it hopes will improve the accuracy of doping tests.

The anti-doping agency will profile the body chemistry of 12 participating athletes using a series of blood and urine tests, and those measurements will be used as a baseline for subsequent tests.

The program was described to The Associated Press by two people familiar with it, but who did not want to be identified because final details are still being worked out.

At a news conference Wednesday, track athletes Bryan Clay and Allyson Felix each announced they were part of the project, called "Project Believe."

Cyclist Kristin Armstrong had previously told AP she was asked to join a USADA pilot program.

### Pats' Wilfork raising money for diabetes research

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Vince Wilfork's father was so weak from diabetes that he couldn't walk. So the boy who would grow into a 325-pound nose tackle would carry him to the bathroom.

Then, just before his sophomore year in college, his father died of complications of the disease. David Wilfork Sr. was 48.

Vince has seen the devastation — physical and emotional — that diabetes can bring. So the New England Patriots nose tackle will spend the first day of the NFL draft at his annual bowling party and fundraiser for research into it.

"I'm very blessed. I'm pretty healthy, my wife's pretty healthy, my kids are healthy," Wilfork said. "Seeing a kid go through what I've seen my father go through for 12 or so years, that's very touching to me. I've made it my point to do something about it."

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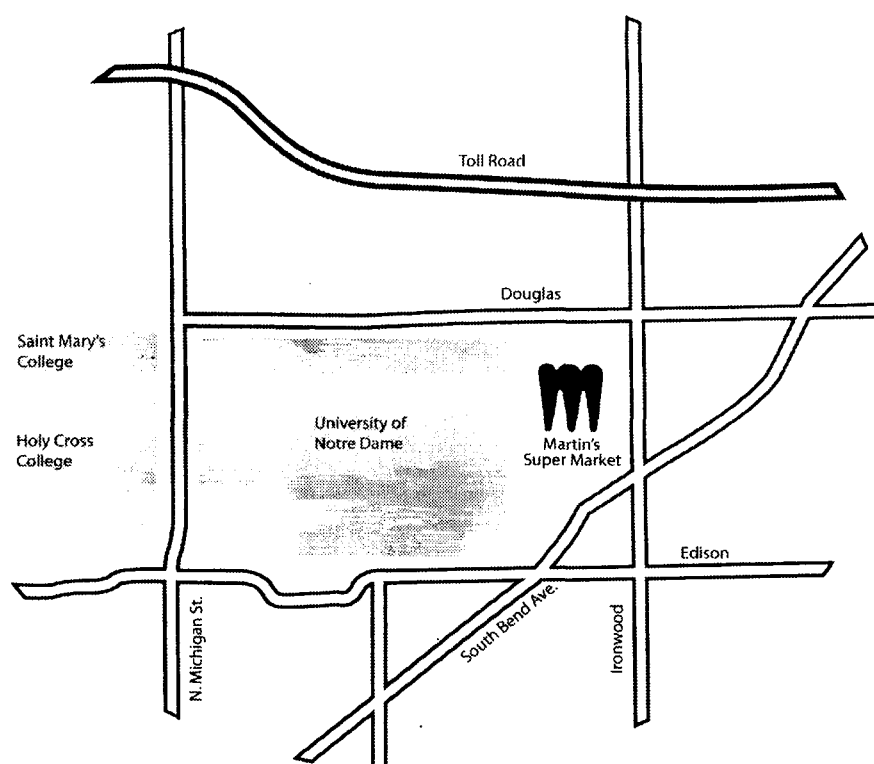
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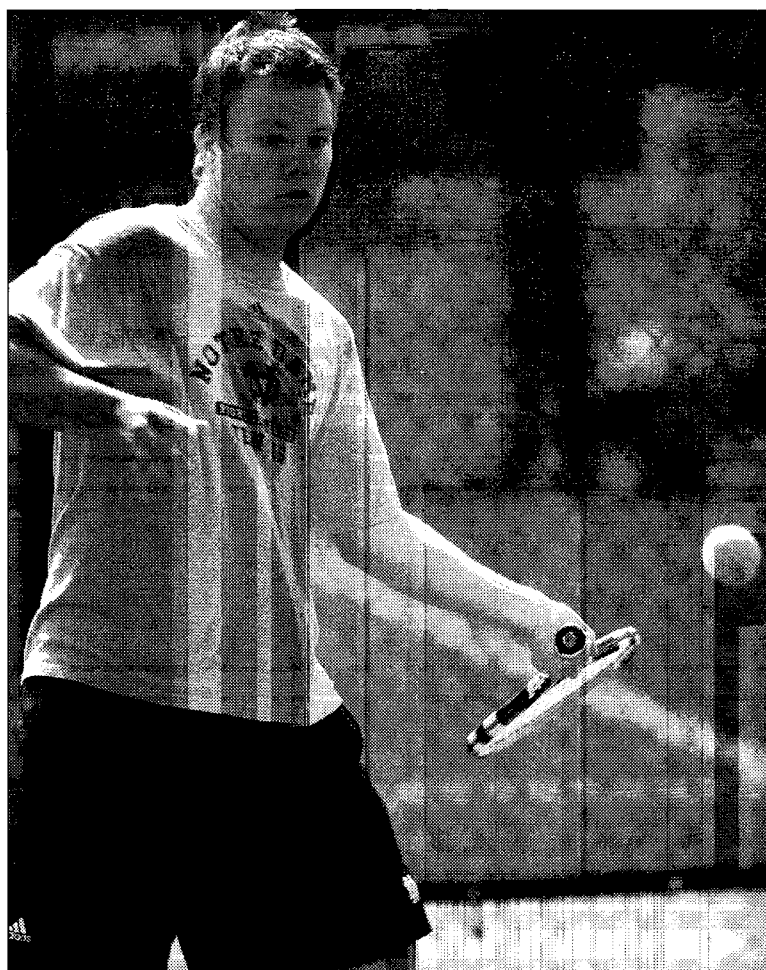
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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Irish begin Big East title defense



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Senior Andrew Roth winds up for a return during Notre Dame's 4-3 loss against William and Mary on April 6.

By KATE GRABAREK  
Sports Writer

The No. 33 Irish will look to retain last year's Big East title as they open the tournament in Tampa, Fla. today.

The Irish earned a hard fought victory over conference rival Louisville on Sunday by a score of 4-3. The match featured the top two teams in the Big East. While the Irish clinched the match early, they lost a couple of close three-setters.

"I am optimistic that we can play consistent and aggressive doubles," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Couple that with a strong middle lineup presence, and if we achieve this we will be tough to beat."

Freshman Dan Stahl came up with two big wins this past weekend, and will continue to be relied on to help even out the balance in the lineup Bayliss said.

"The talent level of the freshman is pretty good," Bayliss said. "They remind me a lot of last year's seniors at this stage."

Early in the year the Irish won many close matches but lately struggled in several matches down the stretch. Bayliss noted that the squad beat a number of quality teams early in the season and now the close matches have added losses to its record. He also noted that the team has regained some confidence now heading into the tournament.

Because of the unpredictable South Bend weather, the Irish have not had much experience playing outdoors this season. This weekend's tournament will be played in Tampa where the Irish players are not accustomed to the

weather.

"When you throw in the wild card of 85-90 degree heat, it is difficult to predict how many of the teams will do," Bayliss said. "Naturally, South Florida will be tough at home."

With the exception of Louisville, the Irish have yet to face any Big East opponents this season. Bayliss noted that South Florida is tough team with many experienced players and Louisville is talented and capable of winning the tournament. He also feels the Irish are in a position to recapture the title.

The Irish lost to Michigan this past weekend, who had been ranked in the top 10 nationally throughout the season.

"I believe we responded to the loss to Michigan very well," Bayliss said. "They are a veteran squad with good balance top to bottom. We played a strong match but lost all the three setters."

Overall Bayliss is pleased with this year's team and the way the season has played out. Bayliss noted that the freshman came in and formed a very strong bond with the rest of the team.

While the Irish will look for the freshman to pull out some close matches and show some maturity this weekend, they also have some reliable veterans to help pull through.

"We are counting on our veterans to lead the way," Bayliss said. "Sheeva [Parbhul] is playing at a consistent level, and Brett [Helgeson] has made some great strides. On top of them Andrew [Roth] played as well against Louisville as he has all year."

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## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Former UK guard to take over at OSU

*Cowboys name UMass' Travis Ford next coach*

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma State will turn to another coach with Kentucky ties to restore postseason success to its basketball program.

Massachusetts coach Travis Ford, a former Wildcats guard, agreed Wednesday to coach the Cowboys. Oklahoma State confirmed the hiring and planned a Thursday news conference to formally introduce him.

Ford will replace Sean Sutton, who resigned under pressure April 1 after leading the Cowboys to first-round NIT losses in his only two full seasons as head coach.

The 38-year-old Ford led UMass to a 25-11 record this season and an appearance in the NIT championship game, where it lost to Ohio State. He directed the Minutemen to a 62-35 mark in three seasons, including NIT bids the past two seasons.

But his roots run back to Kentucky.

He grew up in Madisonville, Ky., and started his college career at Missouri before transferring to Kentucky after Eddie Sutton left the school — and eventually returned to Oklahoma State, his alma mater.

Ford then got his first major head coaching position at Eastern Kentucky and guided the losing program to its first NCAA tournament appearance in 26 years. He parlayed that first-round loss to Kentucky in 2005 into the Massachusetts job, and it appeared as recently as last week that he would remain with the Minutemen.

Ford turned down a job offer

from Big East school Providence, and UMass athletic director John McCutcheon announced that Ford had agreed to a new contract. Six days later, Ford was preparing to move on.

Oklahoma State's last major coaching search also ended with a Kentucky connection, with Eddie Sutton returning home to his alma mater and proclaiming himself clean after running into trouble with NCAA violations and alcoholism.

The Cowboys went to the NCAA tournament in 13 of the next 16 seasons — including Final Four appearances in 1995 and 2004 — before the elder Sutton stepped aside following a drunk-driving accident in 2006.

The Cowboys ended that season with a first-round loss in the NIT under Sean Sutton, who had played for his father at Kentucky and Oklahoma State before becoming an assistant on his coaching staff. That season and the next two all ended with first-round exits in the NIT.

Upon announcing Sean Sutton's resignation, athletic director Mike Holder called him a victim of the expectations set by his father.

Ford, though, also has struggled to get into the NCAA tournament on a regular basis. As a coach, his only appearance in the NAAs came in his final year at Eastern Kentucky in 2005.

Oklahoma State originally pursued Kansas coach Bill Self for the position, but he turned down his alma mater last week and instead signed an extension to remain with the national champion Jayhawks.

## NBA

# Detroit ends season with victory

*Orlando starters rest during blowout victory over Washington*

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Chauncey Billups looked up from his chair in Detroit's crowded locker room and addressed the days ahead.

"The real season," he said, "is about to start."

Playoff time. For the Pistons, that's all that matters.

With its reserves playing most of the minutes, Detroit closed the regular-season Wednesday night with an 84-74 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers, the team that beat the Pistons four straight times last season and denied them a trip to the NBA finals.

One year earlier, the Pistons didn't reach their goal of a title when they were eliminated by Miami.

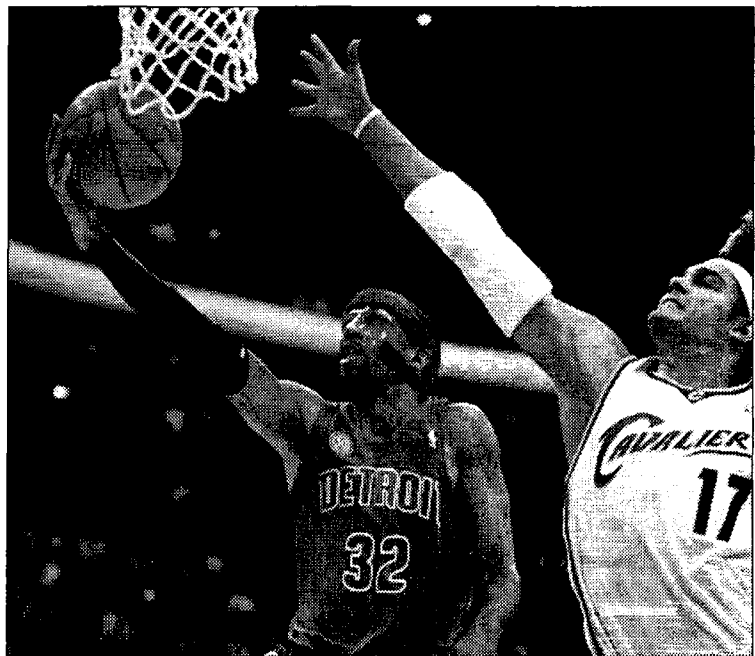
Billups can't imagine coming up short again.

"We know what it's like to lose, and how we've lost the last two seasons," he said. "Hopefully we won't have that feeling again."

For the finale, LeBron James rested his back — and sat on his scoring title. Cleveland's All-Star forward spent the game in street clothes, resting up for a first-round matchup with Washington.

Rookie Aaron Afflalo scored 15 points, Jason Maxiell had 13 and Rodney Stuckey 12 for the Pistons, who will meet the Philadelphia 76ers in the first round starting Sunday.

Wally Szczerbiak, who has struggled to find his shooting touch since coming to Cleveland in a trade, scored 18 points to pace the Cavaliers. Delonte West, another of the newer Cavaliers, added 11 points and Dwayne Jones had 10 rebounds.



Pistons' guard Richard Hamilton, left, goes up for a layup during Detroit's 84-74 win over Cleveland Wednesday.

Not wanting to risk injury to James or center Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Cavaliers coach Mike Brown didn't activate his two best players so they'd be ready for the Wizards.

Although he didn't play, James finished the season as the league's scoring champion — a first for a Cavaliers player. The 23-year-old averaged 30.0 points, 7.9 rebounds and 7.2 assists, becoming the first player to average those stats since Michael Jordan in 1988-89.

James, Jordan and Oscar Robertson are the only players to average 30-7-7 in a season.

All those stats will be meaningless beginning this weekend, when the Cavaliers attempt a second run at the Eastern Conference championship.

"We're ready," Cavs guard

Daniel Gibson said. "We know what it takes and we can't wait to get it started."

## Magic 103, Wizards 83

The Orlando Magic paid more attention to the guy trying to make a half-court shot for \$100,000 than their coach during a third-quarter timeout Wednesday night.

They couldn't be blamed. The game didn't matter to them or the Washington Wizards, anyway.

J.J. Redick scored a career-high 18 points and Marcin Gortat had a career-high 12 points and 11 rebounds, leading the Magic to a victory in a meaningless regular-season finale for two playoff-bound teams.

Both teams rested their stars. Gilbert Arenas, Caron Butler and Antawn Jamison didn't play at all for the Wizards, and Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy pulled Dwight Howard after the first quarter, then Rashard Lewis and Hedo Turkoglu at halftime.

"We wanted to obviously limit the minutes on some of our main guys and get a lot of minutes for some of the other guys," Van Gundy said. "And they played real well on top of it."

Andray Blatche led Washington with 20 points and 11 rebounds, while Nick Young scored 14. Darius Songaila, Roger Mason and Oleksiy Pecherov each scored 10 points for the Wizards, and Pecherov had a career-high 10 rebounds.

Lewis had 15 points in 17 minutes. Redick, a Magic fan favorite who rarely gets off the bench, was 0-for-5 from the field to start, but finished 7-for-14. Turkoglu scored 11 points and Keith Bogans added 10.

The Magic, the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference, will host the No. 6 Toronto Raptors in the first round of the playoffs, while No. 5 Washington will play at No. 4 Cleveland.

"Our young guys had a chance to play a little bit, and now it's time for the big dogs to start hunting," Washington coach Eddie Jordan said. "The playoffs start and our top eight or nine guys seem to be ready and healthy."



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### NHL

## Staal's goal pushes Rangers past Devils

*Crosby, Malkin lead Penguins to series sweep*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Marc Staal scored his second straight game-winner. This time he did it into the right net.

The rookie defenseman pushed the New York Rangers within a win of the second round with a good old slap shot. The timing couldn't have been better.

Just three days after a puck clipped his skate and went in for New Jersey's winning goal in overtime of Game 3, Staal snapped a tie with 3:13 left to give the Rangers a 5-3 victory over the Devils and a 3-1 series lead Wednesday night.

"You couldn't get much lower than last game. To silence 20,000 people is not a good feeling," Staal said of New York's 4-3 home loss in Game 3. "This is unbelievable to get them back on their feet."

No tricks or funky screens were needed to beat Martin Brodeur and the Devils this time. Staal's official first NHL playoff goal was the result of simply putting the puck on net.

"I was thinking shoot right away," Staal said. "I tried to shoot it to the far post and it just went in."

The 21-year-old Staal bounced back quickly. He had help in the form of text messages from his NHL-playing brothers — Eric of the Carolina Hurricanes, and Jordan of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

"They said don't worry about it," Staal recalled. "All the guys were understanding about what happened and what kind of goal it was."

Scott Gomez had two goals and, Martin Straka and Chris Drury also scored for the Rangers, who could end the series Friday with a win at New Jersey. New York took the first two games there before splitting two at home.

Straka also made the pass to Staal to set up the winning shot. The play resulted from a miscommunication between Devils forward Patrik Elias and defenseman Colin White.

"I don't know what happened," Elias said. "I had time, I had the puck on my stick. It's the second time that's happened in the series. A bad mistake at a bad time."

### Penguins 3, Senators 1

The Pittsburgh Penguins were on the happy side of the traditional handshake line at the end of this year's playoff series with the Ottawa Senators.

Evgeni Malkin and Jarko Ruutu scored second-period goals, leading Pittsburgh to a win over Ottawa on Wednesday night to complete a four-game sweep of their first-round series.

Sidney Crosby scored into an empty net with 7.5 seconds remaining and had an assist, and Marc-Andre Fleury made 21 saves for the Penguins, who got their first sweep in 16 years and their first playoff series win since 2001.

"It feels great," Crosby said. "Obviously it was a different situation last year and we definitely went through some learning experiences there, but we responded well here in the first round."

The young Penguins were knocked out of last year's playoffs in five games by the Senators. Ottawa went on to make its first Stanley Cup finals appearance in modern franchise history, losing in five to Anaheim.

"They handled us pretty well last year," Crosby said. "They were physical and they were hard on us and to be able to come back this year and learn from our mistakes and be better for it and get a win here feels good for sure."

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## NIU

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"The moment of silence was very special. That's when it really hit me that I'm glad we're here doing this."

The game got off to a rough start for the Irish and freshman starter Ryan Sharpley, who struggled with his control early. After Notre Dame went down its order in the top of the first, the Huskies loaded the bases with none out in the bottom of the inning.

Northern Illinois designated hitter Jason Behm then laced a single up the middle to put the Huskies on the board 1-0. Sharpley managed to retire the next three hitters, but not before allowing another run to score on a sacrifice fly.

Northern Illinois lefty Matt Jernstad was effective early, holding the Irish scoreless through three innings and taking the 2-0 lead. Notre Dame broke through in the fourth, however, beginning with a double from junior second baseman Jeremy Barnes. Senior outfielder Ross Brezovsky followed with a deep double to the right field wall, but Barnes could only advance to third on the play. Senior catcher Sean Gaston blasted a single up the middle to drive home both runners and tie the game at two.

The Huskies were able to regain the lead in the bottom of the inning, using smart base-running to capitalize on Irish mistakes. NIU outfielder Danny Reed singled with one out, stole second, and advanced to third on a fielder's choice. Reed then came home to score on a wild pitch by Sharpley to give the Huskies a one-run edge.

Notre Dame rallied back in the top of the fifth. Sophomore center fielder A.J. Pollock drove in senior shortstop Brett Lilley on a sac fly after Lilley had led off the inning with a double.

Barnes then decimated a two-out pitch over the right field wall, giving the Irish a 4-3 lead on a solo shot estimated at 368-feet.

"I wanted to go out there and stick with a good approach," Barnes said. "I was lucky enough to hit [a

home run] in a big league ballpark, it's a dream come true."

Freshman Evan Danieli relieved Sharpley in the bottom of the fifth, and like Sharpley, struggled to maintain his control. Danieli walked the first batter he faced and then hit two more Huskies batsmen to load the

bases. Northern Illinois then tied the game at 4 on a sacrifice fly.

The score remained 4-4 until the top of the eighth, when Barnes led off with a deep fly to the warning track in right-center.

Huskies center fielder Pat Minogue was able to make a long run under the ball but could not make the catch, allowing Barnes to advance all the way to third on the error. Barnes then came home to score the winning run on a Brezovsky ground-out.

Sophomore reliever Stephen Mazur picked up the win, pitching scoreless innings in the sixth and seventh with two strikeouts. Senior pitcher Tony Langford pitched a 1-2-3 eighth inning and junior Kyle Weiland

secured the win in the ninth to pick up his sixth save of the season.

Barnes led the Irish offensively, going 3-for-4 with an RBI and three runs scored, including the winning run.

"It seems like a different guy steps up every night, tonight it was Barnes,"

Schrage said. "It's a sign of a good team when many players can lead the team each night."

Weiland said the team's winning streak provides

motivation heading into every game.

"It's definitely something we take pride in. Every time you hit the field, you know a target is on your back," said Weiland.

The Irish will put their winning streak on the line again this weekend with a three-game series against Big East foe West Virginia in Morgantown.

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**Dave Schrage**  
Irish coach

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## NBA

# Bulls, Thomas dominate Raptors

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Long after the final buzzer sounded, Ben Gordon was waiting for reality to hit.

He expects it to smack him now that this dismal season is over and the Chicago Bulls are playoff spectators instead of contenders.

"It's very bitter," he said. "It's just tough to swallow."

While the Bulls entered what figures to be a busy offseason, the Toronto Raptors turned their focus toward the playoffs after finishing the regular season with a 107-97 loss at Chicago on Wednesday night. If they get more performances like this from T.J. Ford, they'll be in good shape.

Ford finished with 18 points in 18 minutes, but Tyrus Thomas scored a season-high 26 to lead Chicago in what might have been interim coach Jim Boylan's last game with the Bulls.

With the sixth seed in the Eastern Conference and a first-round playoff matchup with Orlando locked up, the Raptors used their starters sparingly.

Ford made the most of his time, shooting 7-for-9 — and 6-for-8 while scoring 16 in the first quarter. Chris Bosh finished with eight points in 15 minutes.

Andrea Bargnani came off the bench and scored 13, while Kris Humphries added 14 points for the Raptors (41-41).

"I just wanted to come out and be aggressive," Ford said. "Try to get my mind-set ready for the playoffs."

Toronto kept all but one of its starters — Jamarion Moon — on the bench the second quarter,



**Bulls guard Thabo Sefolosha goes up for a shot during Chicago's 107-97 win over Toronto Wednesday.**

but all five were back when the third quarter began. They were on the sideline late in the period when Chicago rallied from six down to grab a 76-75 lead, and the Bulls pulled away from Toronto's reserves in the fourth.

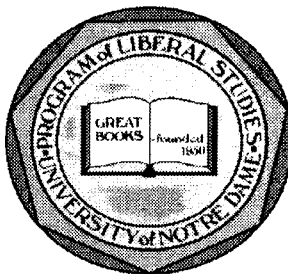
While Thomas finished one shy of his career scoring high, rookie Aaron Gray set career-highs with 19 points and 22 rebounds. But Chicago's core players — Luol Deng, Kirk

Hinrich and Gordon — did little as a woeful season came to a merciful end.

Now, the makeover starts.

The Bulls' first move could be dismissing Boylan, who's scheduled to meet with general manager John Paxson on Thursday. He went 24-32 after taking over for the fired Scott Skiles in late December, and Chicago finished 33-49 following three straight playoff appearances.

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## Badgers

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homerun was her only hit of the day.

Sophomore outfielder Ashley Ellis had two hits and two runs and junior DH Beth Northway had two hits and one RBI.

The first three innings appeared to be a pitching duel between junior starting pitcher Brittney Bargar and Wisconsin pitchers junior Leah Vanevehoven (4-19) and sophomore Letty Olivarez.

Things started off bleak for the Irish. Bargar (21-8), who allowed five runs (12-33; 2-10 Big Ten) in the top of the fourth, created a 5-0 deficit for the Irish, reminiscent of their shutout loss just a day before. Only two of those runs were earned, as Bargar went the distance, striking out six in the win.

The Irish had no problem responding, however, coming up with six runs on six hits in the bottom of the inning, sparked by Kohan's lead-off home-run and followed up by the homeruns from Lux and

Fleury.

Freshman Erin Marrone started at catcher for the Irish for the first time this season, adding another RBI in the inning with her single to center.

Lux's sacrifice fly added a run to the Irish tally, allowing junior pinch-runner Christine Farrell to score. Another Irish run immediately followed resulting from Northway's two-out RBI double.

Kohan put the game away for the Irish in the sixth with her three-run back-breaking homer, allowing Fleury and senior outfielder Sarah Smith to score.

The Irish will re-enter Big East conference play on the road on Saturday and Sunday against Louisville (23-15; 9-3 Big East) and South Florida (36-13; 11-1 Big East), the number one and two teams in the Big East. The double-header against Louisville will be televised nationally on CSTV at noon, and the games against South Florida can be seen regionally on Catch 47 Sports TV.

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## SMC WOMEN'S TENNIS

### Belles host Bulldogs for conference match

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's continues conference play this afternoon as the Belles host the Adrian (5-11, 2-5) for their third consecutive home match. Saint Mary's (8-9, 2-3 MIAA) defeated conference foe Tri-State 8-1 this past weekend, and beat cross town rival Bethel Tuesday 7-2.

With each match, Saint Mary's has shown improvement in both the doubles and singles divisions. On Saturday against Tri-State, Saint Mary's won two of the three doubles, and swept the singles play. The Belles followed up Tuesday by winning all three doubles matches, and going 4-2 in singles play.

The No. 1 doubles duo of sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley won their 8th match as a pair with their 8-2 triumph over Bethel juniors Bree Oles and Jade Walus. Gebert and Hurley moved to 8-8, 4-1 MIAA as Saint Mary's top doubles team. The No. 2 doubles pair of sophomore co-captain Lisa Rubino and freshmen Betsy Reed beat Sherra Milender and Lindsey Dixon 8-3, while freshmen Jessica Camp and Franca Peluso stepped up for the Belles in the No. 3 doubles spot for their second match as a pair. Camp and Peluso won 8-5 over Carrie Edison and Serena Frey.

Saint Mary's singles maintained the momentum they gained in the victory over Tri-State as they defeated Bethel 4-2 to win the division. No. 1

singles Gebert beat Oles 6-0 in one set before Oles removed herself from the match due to shoulder problems. At No. 2 singles, Hurley won her 14th match of the season, defeating the Walus 6-0, 6-2. No. 3 and No. 4 singles for Saint Mary's weren't as successful. No. 3 Reed lost 6-1, 6-2 to Edison, while No. 4 freshman Jessica Kosinski was defeated 8-6, 6-1 by Milender. No. 5 singles Rubino kept up her consistency as she defeated Julia Horn 6-4, 6-2 in her seventh singles win of the season.

Freshman Laura Arnold made her fifth appearance at No. 6 singles for Saint Mary's, defeating Frey in a tie-breaker third match 10-8 after losing her first match 2-6, and winning her second 6-2.

"We played strong doubles Tuesday, so hopefully we can start the match off again by getting three wins in doubles."

**Lisa Rubino**  
Belles co-captain

"We played strong doubles Tuesday, so hopefully we can start the match off again by getting three wins in doubles," Rubino said. "Then we have to keep the momentum going for our singles matches."

Keeping up momentum has been Saint Mary's top priority in their recent competitions, and will be especially important in today's match. The Belles face conference rivals Kalamazoo (10-7, 4-2 MIAA) and Alma (11-6, 3-3 MIAA) this Saturday and Sunday.

"We hope to keep our momentum going for our next few matches, and then for the conference tournament," Rubino. "We have to keep playing the way we have been to get a few more wins this season."

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## BASEBALL

# Ten spot

*ND plays for charity at U.S. Cellular Field*

By MICHAEL BRYAN  
Sports Writer

CHICAGO — After playing a level above their opponents over the past month, it was only fitting that the Irish extended their winning streak at a venue usually reserved for the next level — U.S. Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox.

Notre Dame won their tenth straight game Wednesday, defeating Northern Illinois 5-4 Wednesday in a special matchup organized by Huskies coach Ed Mathey and Irish coach Dave Schrage, who spent four years coaching at Northern Illinois.

4,600 were in attendance at U.S. Cellular to see the Irish battle the Huskies, with proceeds from the game benefiting the Northern Illinois February 14 Scholarship Fund. The money raised will be used to establish scholarships in memory of the victims of the tragic shooting this year on Northern Illinois' campus that injured 22 students and killed six.

Schrage said the game was especially emotional for him given his years coaching the Huskies and the events that occurred this February.

"It hit me hardest standing there at home plate with both teams," Schrage said.

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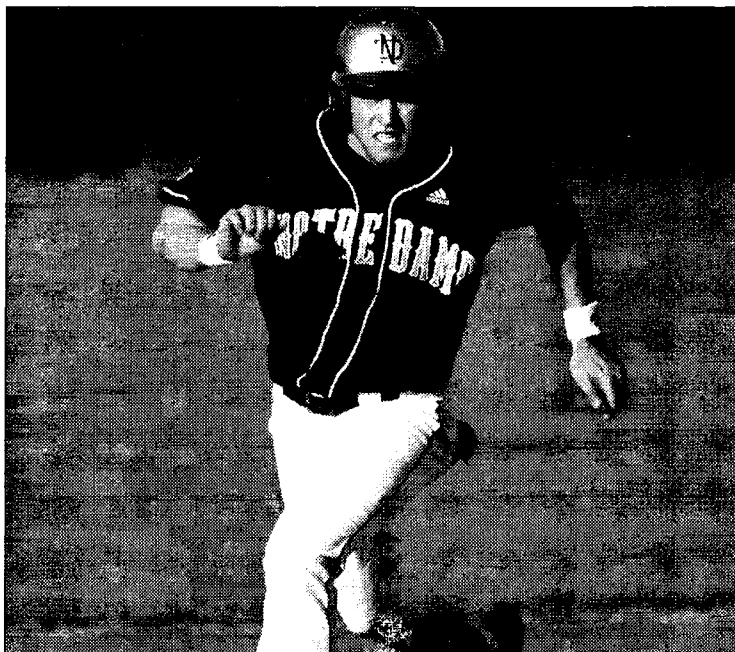


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At top, Wally Atkenson, right, of Palos Park, Ill., bows his head during a moment of silence before a charity baseball game between Northern Illinois and Notre Dame on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 in Chicago.

The Irish defeated the Huskies 5-4 and raised money for NIU charities on the anniversary of the Virginia Tech shootings.

At right, senior outfielder Ross Brezovsky rounds the bases during Notre Dame's 6-1 win over Toledo Tuesday.



## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Podgajny finishes final year

By ELLYN MICHALAK  
Sports Writer

Senior Michael Podgajny wasn't always aware of his innate lacrosse abilities.

"I grew up in a baseball family, with my father as the coach and older brother as the star player," Podgajny said. "I followed those footsteps."

The Ridley Park, Pa. native now serves as a crucial member to the No. 11 nationally ranked Irish squad. Appearing in 37 games and starting since his freshman year, Podgajny earned All-America accolades his junior season and has compiled 70 points for his team (43 goals and 27 assists).

After lacrosse became popular in the Philadelphia area, Podgajny decided to give the sport a shot.

"My father suggested that I play, and I instantly fell in love with the game," he said. "So I began playing lacrosse during 5th grade."

Podgajny went on to attend Ridley High School where he led his team to three consecutive Pennsylvania state championships, became an All-American lacrosse player his senior year, and was named MVP during the 2003 season.

"One of my best memories from high school was playing against [my] current teammate and roommate Ross Zimmerman at the Boy's Latin School tournament," he said. "That was the first time

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Squad travels to Florida, begins Big East tourney

By DAN MASTERTON  
Sports Writer

The No. 17 Irish travel to the Tampa this weekend, looking to reclaim the Big East Tournament Championship as they take on the University of South Florida.

The Irish won the tournament in 2005 and 2006, but host South Florida took the title in 2007.

Notre Dame (18-8) went 5-0 in Big East play this year and received a first-round bye as the tournament's No. 1 seed. The Irish await the winner of today's 9 a.m. match-up between No. 8 Rutgers (13-8) and No. 9 Pitt (11-7).

Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback recognizes that No. 1 seeds have nowhere to hide.

"I'm sure they are all gunning for us. We're the highest ranked team nationally [in the

Big East], so everyone is going to be excited to get a chance to play us," Louderback said.

The Irish have yet to face either team so Louderback and his players will be scouting the match.

"They play in the morning [today], so we'll get a chance to see them. We don't know much yet about either one of them," said Louderback.

Rutgers brings a three-game winning streak into the tournament and went 7-4 in conference play this year. The Scarlet Knights will try to knock off Pittsburgh who earned the highest conference tournament seed in school history this year.

The Irish have faced and steamrolled the best the Big East has to offer this year. The five conference opponents that Notre Dame has faced and beat are the No. 2

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## ND SOFTBALL

# Irish clobber Wisconsin

By JARED JEDICK  
Sports Writer

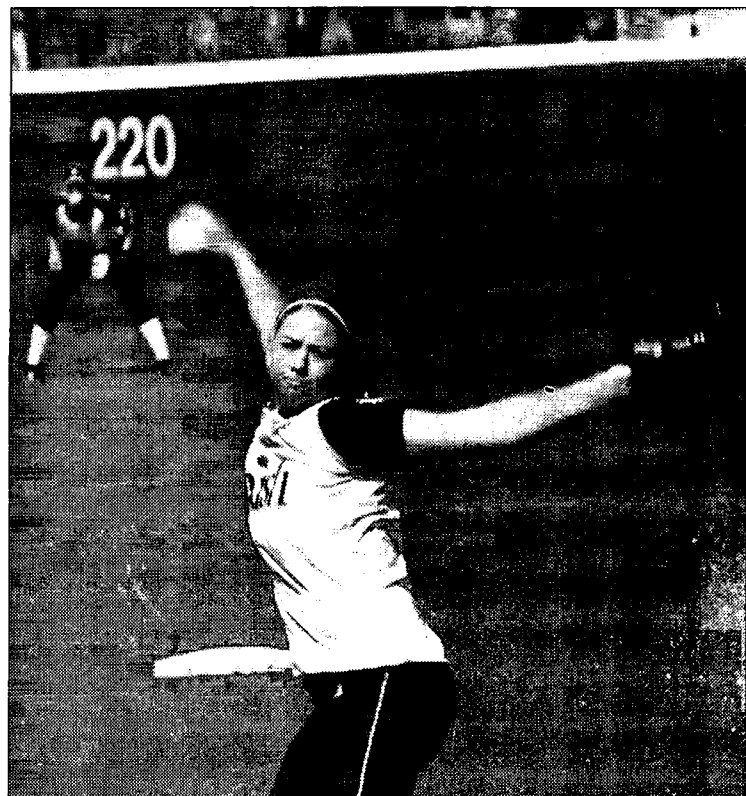
The Irish blasted their way out of a slump with a one-hitter 11-5 win over Wisconsin Tuesday. The stellar performance at Melissa Cook Stadium included 13 strikeouts and four home runs.

The three home runs in the fourth inning were the most ever by the Irish (27-13; 7-3 Big East) in a single inning, and the four in the game is the most for the Irish this year.

Junior third baseman Linda Kohan hit two dingers in the game, one in the fourth and the other in the sixth. Kohan came in with three hits and four RBIs on the night.

Also going the distance for the Irish were freshman short-stop Katie Fleury and sophomore utility player Christine Lux. Fleury finished the day two-for-two with two runs and two RBIs, and Lux's two-run

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Junior Brittney Bargar pitches during Notre Dame's 11-5 win over Wisconsin Tuesday.