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Eck gives \$20 million to disease center

Gift will benefit CGHID, multi-disciplinary research on global health crisis, biomedical sciences

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Notre Dame alumnus Frank Eck has given the University a \$20 million gift to support the Center for Global Health and Infectious Diseases (CGHID), which will be renamed the Eck Family Center for Global Health and Infectious Diseases.

"This endowment is going to put the Center on a much more formal footing. It... will allow for more formal planning which we haven't had in the past," said Fred Collins,

director of the CGHID.

According to its Web site, the CGHID brings together faculty and students from several different colleges and departments at Notre Dame, focusing its research and teaching on human pathogens, diseases caused by these organisms and the impact of these diseases on human society. Members of the CGHID are concerned with a broad range of research topics, from biomedical science to human rights issues, such as the impact of infectious diseases in developing countries.

Eck's gift will give the Center "a number of opportunities we haven't had before. While there are a number of faculty who are affiliated with the Center, all of their funding is for very specific research programs," Collins said. "One of the things we have not had is the ability to generate money used for general educational activities."

Collins said the Center plans to use the money, in part, to send graduate and undergraduate students overseas to participate in research projects.

"We want to give students the opportunity to do research and work in disease-endemic field settings," Collins said.

Additionally, Collins said the gift will help cover some administrative costs, centralize all the related research currently underway at Notre Dame and enable the Center to invite researchers to give seminars.

Assistant director for the Center, Jeff Schorey, said the gift will also allow the Center to give special attention to

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Law school dean to step down

O'Hara to leave post in 2009 after 10 years

By PUJA PARIKH
News Writer

After a decade as dean of the Law School, Patricia O'Hara will leave her position at the University in June next year because "10 years is the optimal length of time to serve as dean," she said in a statement on March 26.

O'Hara joined the law school faculty in 1981 and nine years she later became vice president of Student Affairs. After another nine years, she left the post to become the dean of the Law School in 1999.

O'Hara said in her statement that a part of being a dean is "[knowing] when the responsibilities of leadership should be handed off to others."

She said 10 years in office is long enough to get good work done but at the same time "it is not so long as to threaten the possibility of either a lack of freshness and optimism, or to compromise the sense of joy that must be



O'Hara

Forum debates immigration, just policies

Panelists generally agree on mistreatment, contributions of undocumented workers to economy

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

Student government hosted a student forum on immigration Tuesday, which moderator Don Wycliff, the University's associate vice president for News and Information, said was meant to produce "more light than heat." But no heat was produced at all by a panel of students that tended to agree on most questions regarding the nationally debated issue.

The four panelists — seniors Stephanie Brauer and Michael McKenna, junior Elizabeth Ferruffino and graduate student Victor Carmona — generally agreed on the importance of immigrants to the American economy and what the role the United States should be regard-

ing immigrants.

But for the vast majority of American citizens, Carmona said, disagreements on the issue of immigration hinge on the belief that "to be American means to be a white Anglo-Saxon Protestant."

McKenna echoed this sentiment.

"Many [citizens] complain about a change of their lifestyle as a result of immigration," he said, citing the economic impact of a larger labor force.

McKenna said immigration is an issue that affects everyone, not just the Americans that may be competing for jobs with immigrants.

"All Americans are stakeholders in this debate," McKenna said. "That includes [cities

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From left, students Victor Carmona, Stephanie Brauer and Mike McKenna discuss immigration at LaFortune Tuesday.

ND explores Faustian themes with events

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

The themes of salvation, faith and knowledge will be examined on campus during the next two weeks as this year's academic theme "Faust at Notre Dame" is explored through an opera, a play and a conference.

According to Arts and Letters Associate Dean Stuart Greene, German Professor Jan Hagens suggested making Faust this year's academic theme because 2008 is the 200th anniversary of Part I of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's play of the same name.

Faustian themes can transcend academic disciplines, such as literature, science and religion Greene said.

"The issues of our day are increasingly complex, and it

makes sense to cross boundaries," he said. "The issues are complex and rich enough that we should be looking at a play like this from multiple perspectives."

In addition to performances of Goethe's play, events of the "Faust at Notre Dame" initiative center on Christopher Marlowe's play, "Doctor Faustus."

In both Goethe's and Marlowe's versions of the Faust story, the title character desires to rise above human knowledge, and, after turning to magic, forfeits his soul to the Devil in exchange for the Devil's service during his life.

Arts and Letters Dean Mark Roche said this plot uses themes relevant to the Notre Dame

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Program to reach out to freshmen

Student gov't to recruit first-years who lose bid for Class Council to FLEX

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Assistant News Editor

Concerned with the lack of freshman input in student government, student body president Bob Reish unveiled the new Freshman Leadership Experience (FLEX) program at the Council of Representatives (COR) meeting Tuesday.

Freshman Blair Carlin, who will help run the program next year and has conducted research at other schools looking at similar programs, explained the purpose of FLEX to the Council.

"The primary goal is to inte-

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

From left, student body president Bob Reish and vice president Grant Schmidt hear reactions to the FLEX program at Tuesday's meeting.

INSIDE COLUMN

Mama, I'm a big girl now

In about a month I will be both officially a college graduate and officially unemployed.

But my panic about the latter is the topic for another column.

Today I want to focus on the good, on my progress toward becoming a real grown up.

I came to this university almost four years not a girl, but not yet a woman. All I needed was time, a moment that was mine while I was in between.

And of course I got everything but that.

During my freshman year I got really fat, I got hooked on Facebook, I got bombarded with Cs in most of my engineering classes and I got excited about dorm parties.

Sophomore year I got some divine inspiration and transferred to business, I got on a diet and I got a fake. And so the age of Fever began.

Junior year I got addicted to working at The Observer, I got a little bored of Fever and I got a boyfriend. The best one ever.

Senior year I got bangs and totally bored of Fever.

So yes, I would say that my time in college has been marked by some very dramatic events, and that the complexity and richness of my moral and psychological evolution is paralleled only by that of maybe Saint Paul or Justin Timberlake.

I really am proud of the person I've turned out to be and just to fill up some space, here are a few of the reasons for that:

♦ I can now go have a meal at the dining hall by myself. This would've never happened freshman year because I was young and weak. Today, I proudly announce that I am an independent woman, capable of eating by herself — even at South — without worrying whether people will think I'm a loner or not. If that isn't inner strength then I don't know what is.

♦ I know more big words because I've had a chance over the last four years to watch almost every "West Wing" episode at least twice. If anyone deserves to meet Martin Sheen at Commencement, it should be me.

♦ I've discovered that the best way to lose weight is to drink lots and lots of coffee. If it doesn't make you lose your appetite entirely, it will at least speed up your digestion. And no one can say you have an eating disorder because in college it's OK to drink four cups of coffee before noon.

♦ I've learned that if you ever need extra change to do your laundry, you can always find some in that fountain in CoMo.

And I've got plenty more life lessons for all you younglings out there, but I'm running out of space and time.

So my last words to you, dear readers, will be these:

Get a fake because getting through four years in South Bend is a little bit easier that way, drink lots of coffee, find friends that will take care of you if you're drunk and may God bless you every day.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD YOU RATHER LOSE, YOUR CELL PHONE OR YOUR KEYS?



Sarah Galgano
senior
off-campus

"I drive too much to lose my keys, so probably my phone."



Diego Silva
sophomore
off-campus

"I'd lose my keys — then I'd have a good excuse not to go to class."



Christine Lynch
sophomore
Pasquerilla West

"I'd rather lose my phone, because 'best roomie of my life' will come to my rescue."



Frank Vento
sophomore
Stanford

"I'd rather lose my cell phone because then I can still go to Taco Bell."



Matt Gibson
senior
Off-campus

"I'd rather lose my cell phone — I've lost it four times already this year, so I'm used to it."



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Football head coach Charlie Weis eats breakfast with students at North Dining Hall Tuesday. He will also be eating breakfast in the dining hall from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. next Tuesday and Wednesday. Students can sign up to eat with him online.

OFFBEAT

Vodka company apologizes for offensive ads

MEXICO CITY — The Absolut vodka company apologized Saturday for an ad campaign depicting the southwestern U.S. as part of Mexico amid angry calls for a boycott by U.S. consumers.

The campaign, which promotes ideal scenarios under the slogan "In an Absolut World," showed a 1830s-era map when Mexico included California, Texas and other southwestern states. Mexico still resents losing that territory in the 1848 Mexican-American War and the fight for Texas independence.

But the ads, which ran only in Mexico and have since ended, were less than ideal for Americans undergoing a border buildup and embroiled in an emotional debate over illegal immigration from their southern neighbor.

Postal workers attacked by wild turkeys

MADISON, Wis. — Rather than rain or snow, or even dogs, postal workers in a West Side neighborhood near Owen Conservation Park are being pestered by wild turkeys this spring. Mara Wilhite, manager of the

Hilldale Station Post Office, said she expected to deal with all manner of issues when she went to work for the U.S. Post Office. But that was not one of them.

About five to 10 of the birds have been pecking at the postal workers as they make their rounds, and some of the birds have attacked the letter carriers with the sharp spurs on their legs. One of the birds went through the open door of a mail truck and scratched the driver.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Rev. Robert Dowd will give a lecture today entitled "The Religious Factor in African Politics: Christians, Muslims and Political Culture in Nigeria, Uganda and Senegal" at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Dr. Brandon Zabukovic of Memorial Hospital and Charlie Comosy, professor of theology, will host a discussion entitled "Caring for the Least of Us Healthcare and how it affects the most vulnerable groups in the U.S." tonight at 6 in the Montgomery Room of LaFortune.

The play "The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus", a Christopher Marlow play about a professor who sells his soul to the devil, will be performed April 8-13, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theater at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Donna Smith, from Michael Moore's movie "Sicko," will speak about her experience in the documentary and the current state of healthcare Thursday at 6 p.m. in DeBartolo room 126.

Anne Thompson, Chief Environmental Correspondent at NBC News, will give a lecture called "Green is the new black," but will it stay in style?" Friday at 10:40 a.m. in Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business.

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

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Candlelight service to remember VT victims

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) discussed the upcoming one-year anniversary of the Virginia Tech shootings at the first meeting Mickey Gruscinski and Sarah Falvey led as the Saint Mary's student body president and vice president Tuesday.

The anniversary, which is April 16, will be marked by a candlelight memorial service after the 9 p.m. Mass in Holy Spirit Chapel in LeMans Hall, chief of staff Laura Theiss said.

BOG will also be handing out ribbons in the Student Center during lunch and dinner hours to commemorate the event, Theiss said.

The group also discussed their sponsorship of a woman living in Kosovo through the Women for Women International program.

Program sponsors provide \$27 per month to support a woman in war-torn regions of the world for one year, missions commissioner

Sarah King said.

King said the Division for Mission is sponsoring this woman in accordance with the theme of justice they have chosen to focus on for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Division for Mission is encouraging clubs around campus as well as groups of students to sponsor their own woman, King said.

In Other BOG news:

◆Next week is Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week, King said. E-mails will be sent to the student body announcing activities for the week.

◆The junior class will host a Kentucky Derby themed dance April 17 from 9-11:30 p.m. at Dalloways Coffee House, Class of 2009 President Jenny Antonelli said.

"It's just a fun themed dance on a weeknight," she said.

Tickets will go on sale Monday at \$5 per person.

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where there is] industrial competition, the U.S. government, the Church and the education system."

Ferrufino added the immigrants' countries of origin to McKenna's list of role players.

"Countries where immigrants are from also have a stake [on the immigration debate]," she said. "Low-income families do as well. And many companies are taking their businesses to other countries, hurting Americans and immigrants."

But rather than from a business angle, Carmona said he views the immigration debate "through the eyes of faith."

"We have to examine the way Catholics interpret the issue," he said, emphasizing the need for immigration policies that are in line with Christian principles.

"The issue here is to protect the common good. Causing deaths at the border is immoral," Carmona said.

McKenna agreed with him, saying the United States has an obligation to protect human rights both at home, at the borders and beyond.

The panel also discussed the challenges immigrants must

cope with, as they are often unfamiliar with the English language and exploited by their employers in jobs that were already low-paying to begin with.

Ferrufino lamented the treatment undocumented workers receive in the United States.

"Corporations

target migrants because they are vulnerable," Ferrufino said. "It is wrong that we are exploiting immigrants in this way."

Wycliff introduced the portion of the debate that focused on the benefits of migrant workers to the American economy by asking if immigrants are good for Social Security.

Brauer commented that the notion does hold some truth because while many undocumented workers pay taxes, they can't claim many of the benefits.

"[Undocumented immigrants] are not getting the benefits from Social Security or reaping the benefits from social welfare programs," she said.

McKenna complemented Brauer's argument.

"Immigrants cannot get the [preventive] care provided to legal citizens, so there is crowding in emergency rooms, as well as crowding in schools," McKenna said.

The panel agreed that solutions to these problems are not simple.

"Any decision we make must be comprehensive," Carmona said. "I think the situation will get much better."

McKenna said the need to address both the government's actions and the citizens' attitudes was part of the solution.

"We have to look at the public policy as well as the language we use to describe immigrants, which is insulting," McKenna said.

The forum, which was open to anyone, was meant to continue the debate that started in September's Notre Dame Forum on immigration.

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Victor Carmona
graduate student



International Festival Week

**April 9th
Wednesday**

Locating and Preparing for Jobs and Internships Abroad - Career Center
- Flanner Hall, Room 114
- 3:00pm

SIBC Presents:
"Doing Business in Asia"
Sir Deryck Maughan
Managing Director & Chairman of
Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. (Asia)
- DeBartolo Hall 155
- 5:00pm-6:00pm

Cricket Session
Everyone is welcome to play!
- South Quad
- 5:00pm

Drop-In Tai-Chi
- Rockne Memorial, Room B20
- 8:00pm

Multilingual Rosary
- Dillon Hall Chapel
- 9:00pm

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the areas of genomics and bioinformatics, which are the studies of chromosomes and computer science in biology, respectively.

"This [gift] will go a long way in providing ... resources for people who have a component of genomics and bioinformatics in their research. We are getting thousands of organisms sequenced, and understanding pathogens and what they code for is going to be key in understanding how disease is manifested," Schorey said.

According to Schorey, the money donated will allow the CGHID to focus on long-term research efforts.

"The problem with granting agencies is that you have to get results and papers published so you can obtain grants. With the endowment we will be able to circumvent this process," Schorey said.

Collins said the Center has been conducting research on infectious and tropical diseases for the past 40 years but that the University has only recently taken interest in the CGHID.

"There has been a 40-plus year tradition of research on this campus. The actual name of these activities has changed over time, but there has been a long-term continuum in spite of the name changes."

Collins said that the late biologist George Craig Jr. and the late Paul Weinstein, who was a professor of biological sciences at the University, were first to spearhead research efforts in these fields at Notre Dame.

"Those two people were really instrumental in putting together a very active program of research and training in the areas of tropical disease and global health at Notre Dame," he said.

Collins and Schorey emphasized that the study of infectious and tropical diseases continues to be extremely important today — especially in developing nations where five million people die from HIV, malaria and tuberculosis each year.

"Only about one percent of deaths in the U.S. are caused by infectious diseases, but more than 45 percent of deaths that occur in underdeveloped countries in the world are caused by infectious disease that are preventable or curable in the U.S.," Collins said.

He said the Center plans to foster the study of global health and diseases from different perspectives and disciplines.

"Part of what we will try to do is reach out and make it clear to the larger community the importance of research on infectious and tropical disease."

Eck graduated from Notre Dame in 1944 with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. He served as chair-

man of Advanced Drainage Systems (ADS) of Columbus, Ohio, and also served on the College of Engineering Advisory Board from 1984 until his death last December.

His contributions to the University total over \$55 million. In 2005, Eck contributed \$21 million to the University for the construction of the Eck Hall of Law.

Eck had previously underwritten the construction of the Eck Center in 1999, the Frank Eck Baseball Stadium in 1994 and the Eck Tennis Pavilion in 1987. He also contributed a library collection in chemical engineering.

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CGHID

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community.

"The works ask questions that are a superb fit for a university that seeks to explore religious and ultimate questions, such as, is God forgiving, and is salvation possible for a sinner?" he said.

This year is not the University's first endeavor to incorporate a variety of academic subjects into a yearlong event, mathematics professor and co-chair of "Faust at Notre Dame" Alex Hahn said.

"The idea was to bring many academic components together under one event that would have interdisciplinary themes," Hahn said.

In conjunction with "Faust at Notre Dame," Mark Beudert, the director of the opera "Faust 1859," has worked for the past year on reconstructing this Opera Notre Dame production, which will be shown April 18-20.

He said that this opera will contain elements from Charles Gounod's original version and has not been heard since it was produced in 1859.

Beudert chose to use components of this version to more

accurately represent Gounod's original idea and to include the dialogue Gounod wrote.

"Performances of the original Faust were said to be more intimate in scale than the grand opera version, with dialogue that enhanced the 'human' dimensions of the story, a more complete development of the plot and an alternate and, we think, more compelling sequence of scenes," he said.

According to Beudert, the company had to reconstruct the dialogue in English and edit the score to create Opera Notre Dame's version.

Only two of the 56 cast members are professional actors. Beudert said it was a challenge to cast undergraduates in an opera that professionals usually perform.

The Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) department is also celebrating the Faust theme with a rendition of Marlowe's "The Tragical History of Dr. Faustus."

Although Marlowe wrote this play more than 400 years ago, this production strives to make Faust relevant to a modern audience, Christine Sopczynski, FTT outreach specialist said. This process includes projecting modern images on a screen after acts

end to reinforce the plot and the themes, she said.

Junior Kathleen Hession, the assistant director of the play, said the production relies only on costumes and technological effects to modernize the play and uses a combination of the two versions of Marlowe's text. She added the performance will feature Faust during different time periods.

"We travel through the various ages that Faust has been popular in literature and come at the end to the twenty-first century," she said.

Toward the end of the play, this version will connect Faust to today's world by portraying the "Second Life" Internet virtual world, which allows participants to "do all the things they're not able to do in reality," she said.

In addition to opera and theater performances, FTT professors Anton Juan and Mark Pilkinton, and English professor Jesse Lander will host a seminar entitled "Doctor Faustus: Selling One's Soul to the Devil," discussing issues in the text and performance of the play today at 9:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Haitians storm presidential palace

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Hungry Haitians stormed the presidential palace Tuesday to demand the resignation of President Rene Preval over soaring food prices, and U.N. peacekeepers chased them away with rubber bullets and tear gas.

Food prices, which have risen 40 percent on average since mid-2007, are causing unrest around the world. But nowhere do they pose a greater threat to democracy than in Haiti, one of the world's poorest countries where in the best of times most people struggle to fill their bellies.

"I think we have made progress in stabilizing the country, but that progress is extremely fragile, highly reversible, and made even more fragile by the current socio-economic environment," U.N. envoy Hedi Annabi said Tuesday after briefing the Security Council.

Parisian students protest teacher cuts

PARIS — Police sprayed tear gas Tuesday at high-school students lobbing bottles and stones during a protest over teacher job cuts.

Thousands of students marched from Paris' Luxembourg Gardens in a rally that descended into violence for the second time in a week.

Police rounded up some of the several hundred protesters Tuesday. The exact number was not immediately clear. Many wore hoods or scarves to hide their faces from police.

Police put the number of demonstrators at 8,500, while organizers said 20,000 people took part.

While most demonstrators marched peacefully, dancing to music and carrying signs like "Teachers, an endangered species," a small group clashed with police.

NATIONAL NEWS

Judge restricts newspaper protesters

SANTA ANA, Ca. — A judge placed limits Tuesday on the activities of protesters who have been picketing a Vietnamese-language newspaper because they believe it has communist leanings.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Derek Hunt granted a preliminary injunction against three of the protesters, saying they may not threaten The Nguoi Viet Daily News' employees, trespass, vandalize property or interfere with customers.

Hunt said he was unmoved by arguments that restricting some of the protesters' more aggressive tactics would violate their freedom of speech.

"The case appears to be far less about these things than about trespassing and allegations of intimidation," Hunt said, adding that the protesters may still demonstrate if they don't violate his conditions.

Officials release polygamy case details

ELDORADO, Texas — A polygamist compound with hundreds of children was rife with sexual abuse, child welfare officials allege in court documents, with girls spiritually married to much older men as soon as they reached puberty and boys groomed to perpetuate the cycle.

The documents released Tuesday also gave details about the hushed phone calls that broke open the case, by a 16-year-old girl at the West Texas ranch who said her 50-year-old husband beat and raped her.

LOCAL NEWS

Schellinger reveals health care plan

INDIANAPOLIS — The state would provide incentives for small businesses to provide health coverage and increase preventive screenings at schools under a proposal Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jim Schellinger announced Tuesday.

Schellinger said he also would push for federal expansion of a program that helps states provide health insurance to children from lower-income families, and look for ways to get more eligible children enrolled in the program in Indiana.

"As I have visited all across this state ... I have consistently heard from countless Hoosier families who have struggled to gain access to affordable health care," said Schellinger, president of an Indianapolis architecture firm, who faces former U.S. Rep. Jill Long Thompson in the May 6 primary.

IRAN

Iran pushes for nuclear power

President Ahmadinejad announces installation and testing of uranium centrifuges

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced major progress in Iran's push for nuclear power, saying Tuesday that his nation was installing thousands of new uranium-enriching centrifuges and testing a much faster version of the device.

Ahmadinejad said scientists were putting 6,000 new centrifuges into place, about twice the current number, and testing a new type that works five times faster.

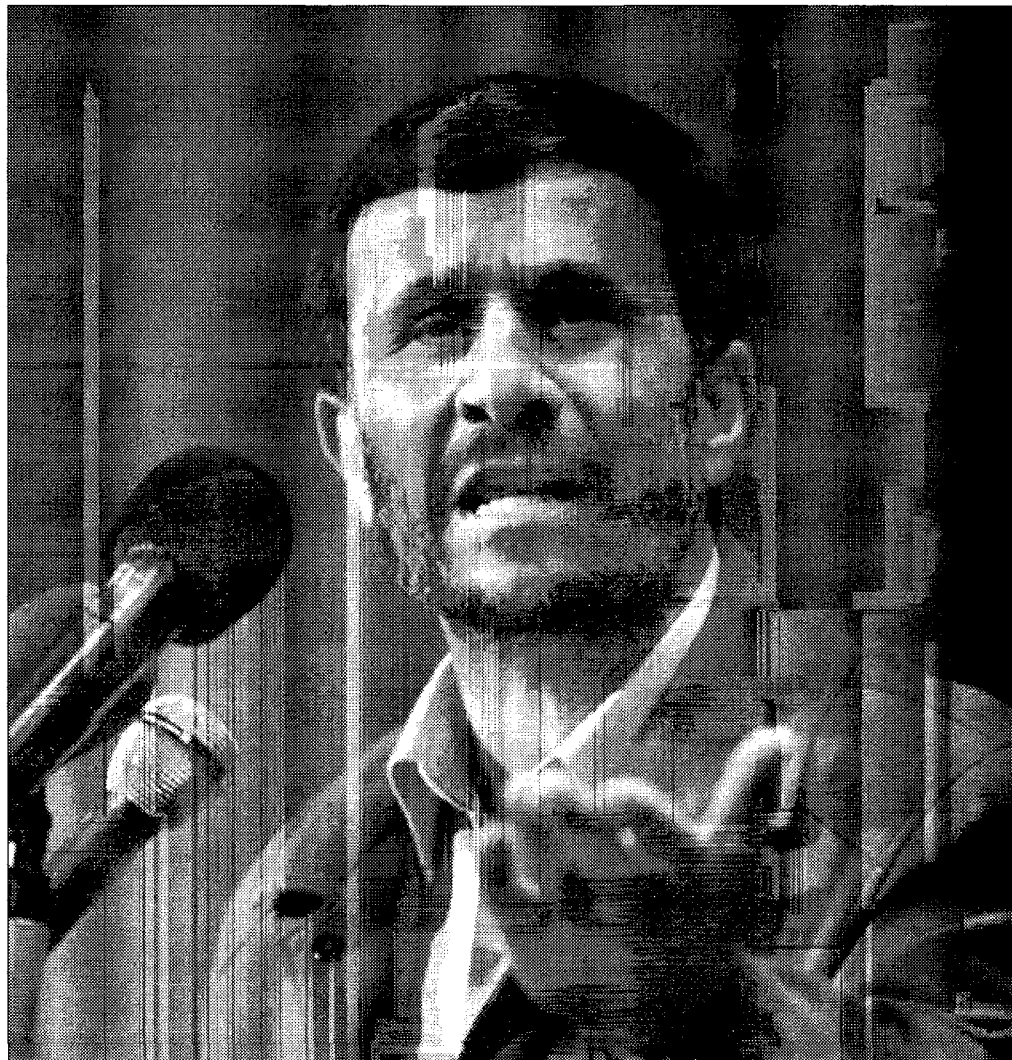
That would represent a major expansion of uranium enrichment — a process that can produce either fuel for a nuclear reactor or material for a warhead. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice cautioned, however, that the claim could not be immediately substantiated.

Diplomats close to the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency say Iran has exaggerated its progress and seen problems operating the 3,000 centrifuges already in place. One diplomat said Ahmadinejad's claims of a more advanced centrifuge appeared to allude to a type known as the IR-2, which the agency and Iran said months ago that Iran had begun testing.

While expressing concern that Iran continued to defy a U.N. Security Council ban on enrichment, a diplomat said that Ahmadinejad's announcement "seems to be little more than a publicity stunt." He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to comment publicly.

The IR-2 is believed to be two to three times faster than the centrifuges currently in use, and his claim that the new machine was five times as quick added to the skepticism of the diplomats.

Permanent members of the Security Council, which has already imposed three



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad delivers a speech in Tehran, Iran on March 8. Ahmadinejad announced major progress in Iran's push for nuclear power Tuesday.

sets of sanctions against Iran for its refusal to suspend uranium enrichment, were divided in their response to the announcement.

The United States and Britain quickly condemned it, and France warned that Iran could face more sanctions. But Russia, an ally of Iran, dismissed the need for that, saying negotiators were preparing a new package of incentives aimed at persuading Iran to freeze uranium enrichment.

Iran rejected a standing package of incentives endorsed by the five Security Council members plus Germany last week. Tehran says its nuclear program is intended only to

produce energy, not develop weapons as the U.S. and many of its allies fear.

Iran has about 3,000 centrifuges operating at its underground nuclear facility in Natanz. That is the commonly accepted figure for a nuclear enrichment program that is past the experimental stage and can be used as a platform for a full industrial-scale program that could churn out enough enriched material for dozens of nuclear weapons over time.

During a tour of the Natanz facility in ceremonies marking the second anniversary of Iran's first enrichment of uranium, Ahmadinejad announced the start of work on

installing the 6,000 new centrifuges. Later in a nationally televised speech, he announced the testing of the new, more effective device.

Ahmadinejad said a "new machine was put to test" that is smaller but five times more efficient than the P-1 centrifuges that are currently in operation at Natanz.

He called the development a "breakthrough" and the "beginning of a speedy trend to eliminate the big powers' dominance in nuclear energy."

The U.N. has passed three sets of sanctions against Iran for its refusal to suspend uranium enrichment.

Olympic torch enters U.S. amidst protest

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The Olympic torch arrived for its only North American stop amid heavy security Tuesday, a day after its visit to Paris descended into chaos and activists here scaled the Golden Gate Bridge to protest China's human rights record.

Meanwhile, International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said the body's executive board would discuss Friday whether to end the international leg of the Beijing Olympic torch relay because of widespread protests.

The torch's global journey was supposed to highlight China's growing economic and political power. But

activists opposing China's human rights policies and a recent crackdown on Tibet have been protesting along the torch's 85,000-mile route since the start of the flame's odyssey from Ancient Olympia in Greece to Beijing, host of the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Rogge told The Associated Press he was "deeply saddened" by violent protests in London and Paris and concerned about Wednesday's six-mile relay in San Francisco, where activists expressed fears that the torch's planned route through Tibet would lead to arrests and violent measures by Chinese officials trying to stifle dissent.

The flame arrived in San Francisco shortly before 4 a.m. and was immediately

put in a vehicle to be whisked away to a secret location, San Francisco Olympic Torch Relay Committee spokesman David Perry said. Security was heightened because several protests were planned before the relay.

"We treated it like a head of state visit," airport spokesman Mike McCarron said.

No protesters greeted the flame at the airport, but hours later hundreds gathered in United Nations Plaza, a pedestrian area near City Hall, to call on China to cease its heavy-handed rule of Tibet. They also expressed fears that the torch's planned route through Tibet would lead to arrests and violent measures by Chinese officials trying to stifle dissent.

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grate freshmen into student government at Notre Dame," Carlin said. "We want to pull in 25 to 30 members for a very diverse group. It should be a privilege to be a part of this."

Carlin said FLEX will target freshmen who are interested in student government but lost their bid for Freshman Class Council. The idea is similar to a program at Virginia Tech.

"It would give [those not involved with Freshman Class Council] an opportunity to get involved in student government," Carlin said.

FLEX will also allow freshmen to help in different aspects of student government, such as helping plan community service projects and learning about policymaking in the Student Senate.

"The goal is to educate freshmen about student government," Carlin said.

Several COR members were wary of the new ideas for FLEX, and several expressed concerns over possible overlap with the Freshman Class Council.

"You don't want to step on the toes of the Class Council," Student Union Board (SUB) co-director of external affairs Jeff Lakusta said.

Class of 2011 President Cynthia Weber echoed Lakusta's sentiments, and said FLEX should include several Class Council members because it would allow them to diversify their experience in student government.

"It's almost a good idea to have people on Freshman Class Council also on FLEX because it is good to have people with both policy and programming experience," she said.

Some COR members supported the original idea of not allowing Class Council members on FLEX.

"I think a major part of this is pulling in people who weren't successful in their run for Freshman Class Council," SUB treasurer Kadeja Gaines said.

COR members were also divided over the prospect of making FLEX something exclusive to the dorms. While some members thought this would allow more people to get involved, others believed it would hurt students in larger dorms.

"I would hate to penalize a student for being in an enthusiastic dorm," Class of 2008 President Bridget Keating said.

In other COR news:

♦ COR unanimously approved freshman Nicole O'Connor as the Student Union parliamentarian and junior Dennise Bayona as the SUB co-director of programming.

Bayona's nomination was originally delayed due to a rule that says no person can hold two different positions in student government. Bayona decided to step down as vice president of Walsh Hall.

"It was a really tough call and I had trouble sleeping that night," Bayona said. "But ultimately, I decided on which position would best help me strengthen my relationship with people."

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Dean

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experienced for good work to flourish," O'Hara said.

Executive associate dean and law professor John Robinson praised O'Hara's leadership and commitment during the last decade.

"Like her predecessor, Dean O'Hara has been fully committed to this law school's being recognized as both a top flight law school nationally and as one that, in the Catholic tradition, invites serious and sustained consideration of the normative dimensions of the law. She has invested an enormous amount of time and an equal amount of intelligence and imagination in achieving that objective."

O'Hara's contributions to Notre Dame, however, were questioned in 2007, when the Law School dropped from No. 22 to No. 28 in the U.S. News and World Report Law School rankings. This was the program's largest drop since 2000.

"The rankings are notori-

ously controversial, and several leading legal academics and law schools have pointed out the lack of consistency in the computation of these rankings," said Katherine Kirkpatrick, second year law student and secretary of the Student Bar Association.

She said it's natural for schools' rankings to shift from year to year. This year, U.S. News and World Report ranked the Law School again at No. 22.

"I was confident that [the Law School] would rebound, and we did, back to a very solid No. 22. I think that reaffirms the notion that no one person or dean was responsible for a temporary slump."

O'Hara said she is not currently prepared to comment on her tenure because she still has a full year as dean ahead.

"There are 15 more months before I step down as dean, and much to do during that time. Thus, I am not ready to reflect back on my tenure as dean just yet," O'Hara said.

But in her statement she

did reflect on the ways the University's Catholic identity influenced her leadership.

"I can assure you that there has not been a day since I became dean that I have not thought about what needed to be done from the viewpoint of preserving and enhancing that [Catholic] legacy, not only for the students and faculty of the present time and for the current staff and alumni, but also for the future generations of students, faculty, staff, and alumni we cannot know, but to whom we owe as great an obligation as that we owe to those who came before us," O'Hara said.

Her decision to step down was announced more than a full year before the completion of her tenure so University Provost Thomas Burish has enough time to assemble a committee to look for a replacement, O'Hara said. After taking a sabbatical she said she expects to return to teaching and continue being a part of the Law School.

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IN BRIEF

WellPoint customer info exposed

INDIANAPOLIS — Personal information that may have included Social Security numbers and pharmacy or medical data for about 128,000 WellPoint Inc. customers in several states was exposed online over the past year, the health insurer said Tuesday.

WellPoint, which has had other data security issues in the past, recently learned about the problem, fixed it and is notifying customers, spokeswoman Shannon Troughton said. The nation's largest health insurer by membership is offering free credit-monitoring services for those customers, but has received no reports of identity theft or credit fraud.

The latest security lapse stems from two servers maintained by an outside vendor that Troughton declined to identify. The vendor specializes in data management.

WellPoint had learned early last year that a server was improperly secured, and that information on about 1,350 customers may have been exposed online and was vulnerable to Internet search engines. The insurer fixed that breach quickly, Troughton said.

FDA triples heparin death count

WASHINGTON — Sixty-two deaths now are associated with contaminated batches of the blood thinner heparin, triple the previous estimate, the Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday.

That doesn't mean people still are dying — the latest deaths the FDA knows of occurred in February, the month Baxter International recalled contaminated batches.

But dozens of deaths weren't reported to the agency when they happened, only later after the tainted blood thinner made headlines.

On Tuesday, the FDA posted a month-by-month mortality count on its Web site, showing that a sudden jump in allergic-style fatal reactions actually began last November — possibly signaling the time when the contamination began.

The FDA's investigation found a compound derived from animal cartilage sneaked into supplies of raw heparin coming from China. Although scientists haven't yet proved the compound triggered the reactions, it is the chief suspect.

House Dems debate housing crisis

Party split over response to homeowners while Senate focuses on businesses

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Democrats are split over how to respond to the housing debacle, with House leaders focusing on helping homeowners facing foreclosure while the Senate moves to take care of businesses impacted by the subprime crisis.

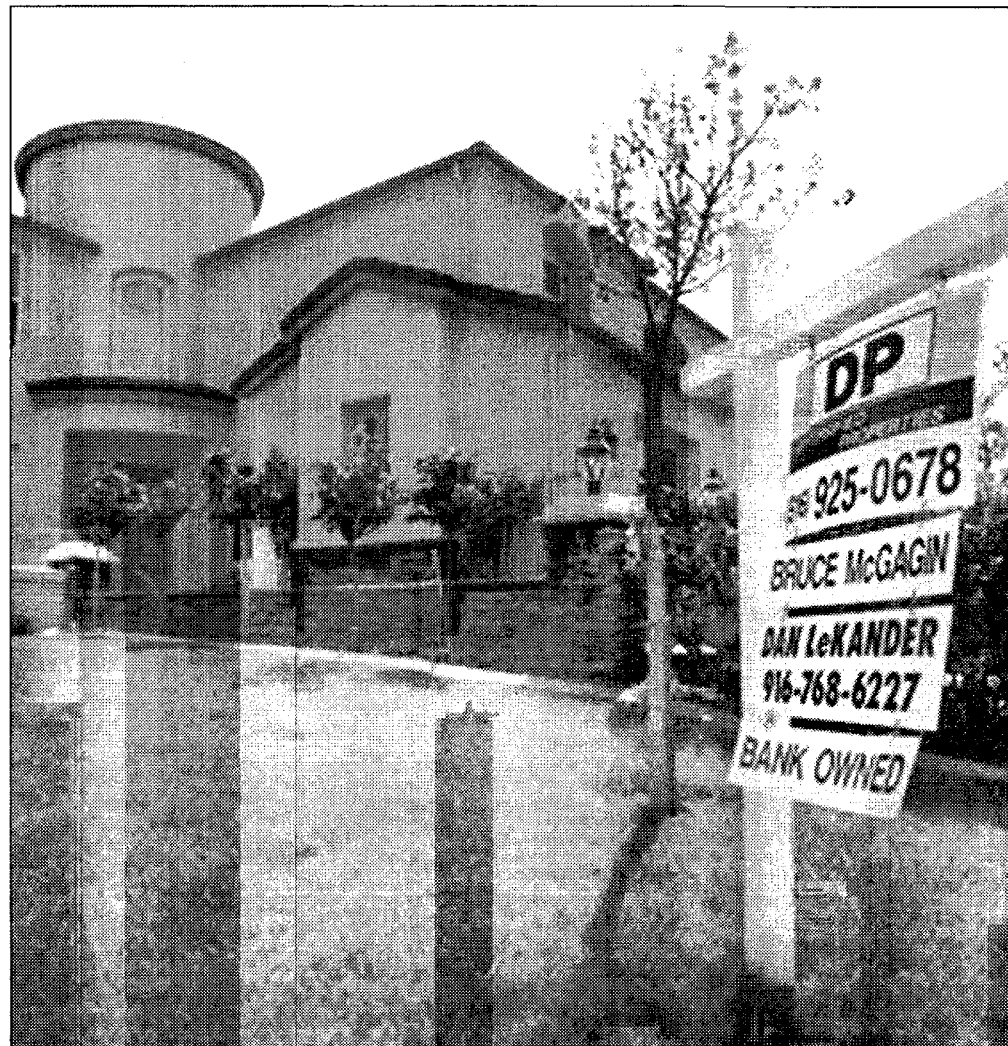
The Senate could pass its bipartisan, business-friendly measure, which showers some \$25 billion in tax breaks on home builders and banks, as early as Wednesday. That's also when a key House panel is to consider a rival Democratic plan that instead steers tax breaks toward first-time home buyers and investors in low-income rental housing.

The emerging rift clouds the prospects for a broader housing rescue plan that would have the government step in and insure \$300 billion in restructured loans for homeowners starting at foreclosure. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the Banking Committee chairman, begins hearings on that measure Wednesday.

The housing debate is unfolding as Democratic leaders are considering using an upcoming war spending bill as a vehicle for additional economic aid, such as an extension of jobless benefits and food aid for the poor.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. are calling for the rescue package President Bush signed in February, including \$300-\$1,200 rebates for most wage earners, to be followed up with another so-called "stimulus" plan.

"We're going to look at the supplemental not only for the war funding, which



A bank-owned home is seen for sale in Elk Grove, Calif., Tuesday. House leaders spent Tuesday focusing on plans that would help homeowners facing foreclosures.

is about \$109 billion, but also what we can do ... for summer jobs programs, extending unemployment benefits, some things that would be stimulative to the economy," Reid told reporters Tuesday.

On housing, Pelosi has made little secret of her distaste for the Senate's approach. "Hopefully, the balance will swing to being more in favor of the families who are in danger of losing their homes," she told reporters last week.

The House plan would give first-time home buyers

a 10 percent credit — up to \$7,500 — on the purchase of a new home. It is targeted toward lower earners, with those making \$70,000 (or \$110,000 for a couple) receiving smaller credits.

"We need to provide relief to the buyers and families themselves, not just the banks and builders," Rep. Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y., the Ways and Means Committee chairman, said Tuesday. "The House bill puts families first — offering a refundable tax credit to first-time home buyers,

essentially a zero-interest loan to help defray the cost of purchasing a house."

Rangel's panel is scheduled to consider the measure Wednesday, and House leaders plan to add it to the broader housing overhaul expected to come to a vote in May.

The Senate measure — which easily cleared a procedural hurdle Tuesday afternoon by a 92-6 vote — instead proposes awarding a \$7,000 tax credit to people who buy foreclosed homes or homes on which foreclosure has been filed.

Energy Dept. predicts gas price increase

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Retail gas prices could climb as high as \$4 a gallon this summer, but prices at such lofty levels will make many Americans think twice about hitting the road this summer, the Energy Department said Tuesday.

High prices and a weak economy are expected to cut demand for gasoline by about 0.4 percent during the peak summer driving season, the department's Energy Information Administration said in a monthly report on petroleum supplies and demand. Overall consumption of petroleum products will drop by 90,000 barrels a day this year. Previously, the EIA had projected petroleum consumption would rise by 40,000 barrels a day.

Average monthly gas prices will peak around \$3.60 a gallon in June, the EIA said. However, prices could rise much higher than that at times.

"It is important to note ... that even if the national average monthly gasoline

price peaks around \$3.60 per gallon this summer, it is possible that prices at some point will cross the \$4 per gallon threshold," the EIA said.

The government had previously estimated that average monthly prices would peak near \$3.50 a gallon. Many analysts predict prices will peak close to \$4 a gallon.

On Tuesday, gas prices slipped slightly to a national average of \$3.331 a gallon from Monday's record of \$3.339, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. Prices are 55 cents higher than a year ago.

Diesel prices, which are already averaging more than \$4 a gallon nationwide, will average \$3.62 a gallon this year, up 74 cents from 2007, the EIA said. Diesel fuel is used to transport the vast majority of the world's food, consumer and industrial products. High diesel prices are one of the reasons food prices are soaring.

Crude oil prices are the biggest reason gas and diesel prices are rising, the EIA said. Oil is now expected to average

\$101 a barrel this year, up from the EIA's previous projection of \$94. Next year, the EIA expects oil to average \$92.50 a barrel, up from a previous projection of \$86.

On Tuesday, light, sweet crude for May delivery fell 13 cents to \$108.96 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. But prices fluctuated as investors kept an eye on the dollar and on Iran, which announced plans to expand its uranium enrichment program. Prices rose to a trading record of \$111.80 a barrel last month.

While high prices are damping demand in the U.S., petroleum consumption remains strong in China, India, Russia and the Middle East, the EIA said.

"The combination of rising world oil consumption and low surplus production capacity is putting upward pressure on oil prices," the EIA report said. "The flow of investment money into commodities has contributed to crude oil price volatility."

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Respect without admiration

As I write this, the Kansas Jayhawks are battling the Memphis Tigers for the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship. I'm an enthusiastic fan of college basketball, and as I watch these two exceptional basketball teams compete for this most precious and improbable of Tournament victories, and despite this dazzling display of quickness and skill, I am filled with great sense of regret. For I know that this is not really college basketball that I am watching and that these exceedingly talented basketball players are not really student-athletes.

In fact, though they represent their Universities so well in this great competition, few (perhaps NONE) of these players that I am now watching will actually earn degrees from their schools. According to the NCAA website, in the 2000-2001 school year, of those Memphis Men's Basketball players who had exhausted their eligibility, only 33 percent graduated. On average, the Memphis basketball team has graduation rate of 30 percent.

Kansas graduation a paltry 40 percent of its basketball players, on average. And perhaps saddest of all, none of the African-American basketball players at the University of Memphis graduated in 2000-2001. None. Only one-third did so at Kansas in the same year.

I mention this not to shame the players or diminish their accomplishment on the basketball court, and certainly not to make ill-conceived pronouncements regarding the role of money in college athletics, race, exploitation, or to compare Notre Dame athletes to those at other schools. I merely would like to suggest that all of us take this time to contemplate how miserably these Universities, indeed all of us, are failing these players. And I call on all of you to demand better. We should rise up and be awed by this abominable waste of potential. Consider how we are all complicit in

their failure. Consider how we watch silently as these players fail as students and scholars. And consider the vast resources that surround these students, the time and money invested in these enterprises, and their failure to achieve is almost unfathomable.

What a loss for these wonderful human beings, these marvelously talented young men, who might have become our fellow professionals and colleagues, as well as more informed and articulate citizens! What a shame! Opportunities for empowerment, squandered. The chance to transform families and future generations with education, frittered away. The prospect of a new mind, an original voice, a poet, an artist to be discovered, fostered, and opened up by the pursuit of academic excellence, p***** away.

College athletes undergo a truly grueling schedule. For those who take their roles as both students and athletes seriously, the physical and intellectual rigors are formidable. For these blessed and talented young men and women to come together each day to train for many hours, all the while keeping up with the demands of family and faith, while still managing to master English Literature, History, and Physics — this is indeed a great and noble accomplishment and worthy of our admiration.

Indeed, we are proud of these students because at their best they represent the best in all of us. They show us what is possible. In recognition of their example, Universities offer them scholarships because despite the fact that some of these great athletes may not be truly the best minds among us, to nonetheless succeed in both arenas is exceedingly rare and requires a type of scholarly aptitude and dedication that is laudable and worthy of high regard. A great scholar OR a great athlete is to be respected. A great scholar AND great athlete is to be honored, admired.

On that note, I'd like to say thank you to all those NCAA student athletes here at

Notre Dame and elsewhere who have managed to rise to this dual challenge and succeed; you make us proud! But it is with great sadness that I have to contemplate that so many of these great athletes, from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds and from colleges across the nation, are not REALLY college students at all, and that it is not REALLY "college" basketball that I am watching. Perhaps I am watching two fine D-league NBA teams, or some variation thereof, masquerading as college basketball teams. I'm not sure, but I do know that they are interloping because they are hardly college teams and the vast majority of these players can only be described as barely students. This is profoundly disappointing.

But much worse, throughout the television coverage, the interviews, the color commentary, not one word of this sad status quo was heard. This is appalling! I suggest that we start to remedy this situation by saying to anyone who will listen, "THIS IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH." To the Board of Regents, the NCAA, the U.S. Congress — It simply is not good enough. The seconds are ticking away ... Well done, Kansas! Your players performed brilliantly, and you overcame great odds and a fierce and talented Memphis team to win a stunning overtime victory. You are victorious and I congratulate you. You have my respect, but not my admiration.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is better to be making the news than taking it; to be an actor rather than a critic."

Winston Churchill
British statesman

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Speaker ignores students' wishes

Unlike Joanna Cornwell ("Appreciate your speaker," Apr. 7), we actually are upset that neither Bono (nor Stephen, nor Benedict, nor George W.) were selected as our commencement speaker.

Since the only large gatherings on campus must be pre-approved by the University (and thus a Continental Congress is out of the question) it would seem that the most effective way of expressing our grievances is through a Viewpoint article. You may call us snotty, you may call us arrogant, but you can't call us wrong.

This isn't a matter of whether or not a speaker is "good enough," his credibility, or his credentials. Instead, this is a complaint about what we see as one of a long list of instances in which University administration ignores student opinions and desires in its decisions and operations.

We are not complaining that Cardinal McCarrick has nothing to say to our graduating class — in fact, he probably has a lot to tell us. In choosing Cardinal McCarrick, though, it is clear that the University made no authentic attempt to consider student wishes, even though the administration asked for our input. It seems unrealistic to expect that the University will select the exact candidate that we request. Sure, it would have been nice to see Stephen Colbert wishing us well, but we're not complaining because the fine DFA wasn't selected.

Rather, we are frustrated that the University asked for our opinion and then took no consideration of it whatsoever. It stands to reason that if there was a genuine concern for our desires then our speaker would at least be similar to one of the speakers we requested. This demonstrated lack of regard for students characterizes the administration's request for student "input" as nothing more than indulgent patronization. While we can't say that the administration never had any intention of listening to us it does not take a high school diploma to figure out that the end result is far from ideal from the view of the class of 2008.

So, while this woeful attempt at a semblance of democracy may be initially commendable, the administration's cavalier attitude toward our requests screams of tyranny. At this point it seems far too late to change anything for our commencement (though throwing a "Boston Tea Party" on the quad during Senior Week may heal our wounded hearts), but we hope that by voicing our concern, the administration will take heed of student desires in future issues, including, but not limited to commencement.

In the meantime we resign ourselves to simply this message (unless of course they attempt to put a stamp tax on our diplomas, in which case we would fear a confrontation leading to the North Quad Massacre), and we call upon the fervent undergraduate patriots who will succeed us to take up our rallying cry: No tuition without representation! Sic Semper Tyrannis!

Andrew Hayes
Conor Kelly
Camille Gabriel
seniors
on campus
April 7

Shredding boxes woefully unsecure

OIT: Please remove or replace your sensitive document shredding boxes from the residents halls. The current version of these boxes has an inexpensive lock that can be picked open with little training. An unscrupulous student can very easily open these boxes and have access to supposedly secure private data.

While I commend your dedication to student privacy concerns, your current attempt was woefully inadequate.

Andrew Carter
senior
Fisher Hall
April 6

GOP not pro-life

I'm tired of the hypocrisy of so many so-called Catholic pro-lifers that feel they must vote Republican in order to preserve the sanctity of life. What about capital punishment? Torture? Unjust treatment of homosexuals? Of women? Of the poor and disadvantaged? The lack of contraceptives in Africa? The ongoing destruction of our only Earth?

Do these not also affect the sanctity of life? I hope people will rethink their decisions to assume that the GOP is the beacon of truth and light in the political arena.

Francisco Zarama
freshman
Stanford Hall
Apr. 7

'V' word usage

I'm only a guy and thus know less than nothing about such things. Also, I'd always hoped my first Viewpoint could be about something a little more pleasant than this. But alas, in reading Michayla Sullivan's letter ("Absurder was being satirical," Apr. 7), I wondered why she was "bewildered" to find that a girl found the front page of the Absurder somewhat offensive.

Don't worry, I won't resuscitate the Monologues debate; I'm only chiming in regarding that Absurder disagreement — namely, the other half of the play's title. And yes, I'm afraid I'm among the ranks of those "several people" who minimize naming in public what seemed to be the protagonist of said play.

Doubtless this will seem overly Catholic to many students, and overly Puritan to many Catholics. Maybe it is. Give me a chance.

Michayla applauds The Observer for satirizing a certain "embarrassment" and "fear" on campus about using the word. Well, satire is satire, I do know that, but I also know that many who support the article find this "embarrassment" not only laughable, but wrong. It seems they feel that such "embarrassment" has been responsible for past oppression of women and for continued violence against them, and that encouraging more people consistently to use those three syllables in everyday conversation will help to end both those trends.

That women shouldn't be made to feel ashamed of their anatomy, I agree. Of course I agree. My prudish silence is actually not meant to make

my female friends ashamed of themselves or to "put them in their place," unless that place is the station of respect that's theirs as women. Reluctance to name "it" is simply reluctance to make the word something common, casual, worthless, dime-a-dozen, because it's not, and neither is any girl.

What next? Does our culture's insistence on clothing likewise imply that women have something to be "ashamed of?" If people want so much to make the body part common parlance, simply because hiding something results in unhealthy shame, then the next step might as well be a petition for nudity.

Somehow I'm guessing this would stop neither objectification nor sexual violence. As it is, the one-track attempt to get people to say the word more often can only damage what still remains of respect for girls as human beings. Having now maddened Michayla by my stubborn exclusion of the term as much as she maddened me by her use of it, we're probably about even. It seems that what some would call an unhealthy embarrassment, I call a healthy respect. Most will probably say they don't need my stinking respect. They're right; they don't. It ain't worth much. But you know what? Too bad. They have my respect anyway.

Will Erickson
sophomore
Morrissey Hall
April 7

Alcohol the cause of numerous social ills

I am writing to honor Kelsey Robertson on her deep and courageous commentary ("Consumption thought out," Apr. 8) on the problem of alcohol consumption that has ravaged the campuses (or is it campi?) of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

While I agree completely with Robertson, I firmly believe that she should have taken it further. It is not just often I find myself disgusted at the behavior of good people under the influence; it is always.

People should respect themselves as humans and intellectuals for I am sure that no intellectual has ever had a drink. No one should willingly surrender body and mind to a liquid or video game or even an animal. Like Ms. Robertson, the "recreational consumption of alcohol is something I will never understand." Unlike Ms. Robertson, my problem is not with being awakened by "drunk girls shrieking in the hallways at 4 a.m." or even vomit on the sidewalks.

My problem is when people talk about things like philosophy or politics or life when they're drunk. Or when people give me hugs and tell me they love me. The worst is when people think they can actually dance. It's terrible. Shouldn't they know better? As for those "inconsiderate pigs" that compromise the safety and comfort of you and me, I have a suggestion. They should be forced to listen to you read your Viewpoint letter aloud every single day of the academic year. That will teach them to remember that the "world does not revolve around [them] and [their] drunken escapades!"

In the words of the great Duffman, "Duffman can never die. Only the actors who play him. OOOO YEAH!!"

Tae Kang
senior
Keenan Hall
Apr. 8

Write a column for Viewpoint
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Thursday Favorites Ret

Scene & Heard by Cassie Belek

'30 Rock,' 8:30 P.M.

So far this season: The "TGS" crew returns to work after the summer off, but Liz still hasn't gotten over her break-up with boyfriend Floyd. In a moment of panic and desperation, she buys a wedding dress she doesn't need and hits rock bottom.

Jenna comes back with some extra weight after having to eat 32 slices of pizza a week starring in "Mystic Pizza: The Musical!" She loses the weight and a good storyline. Tracy's wife kicks him out of the house, but Kenneth helps the couple get back together. Jack starts dating a democratic congresswoman named C.C., but the star-crossed lovers struggle to stay together as C.C. is committed to her duties in Washington and Jack faces pressure at work and a possible promotion. Jack chooses work over love and reminds Liz that she did the same thing.

Jack has to give up his collection of cookie jars. Kenneth competes in a page-off, the "TGS" crew goes wild at Kenneth's annual house party, Liz tips off her Middle Eastern neighbor to Homeland Security only to discover that he was just auditioning for "The Amazing Race." Liz dates a much younger man, and all hell breaks loose when Jack's mother decides to ruin the holiday spirits of the Lemon family.

Stand-out episode: "Rosemary's Baby." It's hard to pick just one stand-out episode, but a brilliant guest appearance by Carrie Fischer (complete with a "Star Wars" reference) makes this one of the funniest episodes of an almost flawless second season. Fischer portrays Liz's idol, Rosemary Howard, a comedy writer from the

sex and drug-ridden days of comedy sketch shows who just doesn't belong in today's writing rooms. Meanwhile, Jack helps Tracy through therapy, and Alec Baldwin guarantees himself the Emmy after his one-man role play of Tracy's family.

Stand-out character: Jenna. Jenna doesn't always have the greatest storylines. Heck, sometimes she's even missing in episodes. But the "Jenna comes back fat" storyline was perfect for the vain character obsessed with her image. It's a storyline that could have come across as cruel, but instead it was just funny. Jenna increased her celebrity for accepting the fat and she even got her own T-shirt modeled after a truly stupid "Me want food!" idea.

Tomorrow's episode: "MILF Island." While the "TGS" writing staff is obsessing over the season finale of reality hit "MILF Island" (25 super hot moms, 50 eighth grade boys, no rules), the Page Six column leaks that a staffer on the show called Jack a "Class A Moron." An inquisition led by Jack's assistant Jonathan ensues.

End of the season predictions: Jack loses the Chairman position to Devin Banks (after all, we can't have Jack Donaghy running so far away from "TGS") which would certainly guarantee more appearances by guest star Will Arnett. The Floydster leaves Cleveland and lunch at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with Little Richard to return to Liz. Kenneth the Page gets promoted because the page program technically only lasts two years, but he will refuse to surrender his page jacket. Jenna reunites with ex-fiancé David Blaine.

'THE OFFICE,' 9 P.M.

So far this season: Jim and Pam are finally together — and they are instantly boring. But while their young love blossoms, Angela and Dwight fall apart. It doesn't help that Dwight mercy-kills Angela's cat, Sprinkles, and tries to replace it with new cat Garbage. Andy's speakerphone-barbershop quartet rendition of ABBA's "Take a Chance on Me" for Angela couldn't come at a better time.

Meanwhile, Kelly moves past Ryan and hooks her claws into Darryl, who helps her to be less crazy. A jobless Jan moves in with Michael and quickly starts spending all the money he doesn't have. Ryan, who is now working at corporate, launches Dunder Mifflin Infinity in order to bring Dunder Mifflin into the digital age and increase sales.

Michael hosts a Fun Run for rabies, Jim and Pam spend a night at Schrute Farms, Dunder-Mifflin Scranton bands together to make a local ad that is ultimately rejected by corporate, Michael drives his car into a lake, and Jan and Michael's relationship becomes even more twisted during a company deposition.

Stand-out episode: "Local Ad." It marked a refreshing return to the half-hour format after four tedious, hour-long episodes in a row and it gave us insight into Dwight's "Second Life." We also see Pam shine doing graphics and Jim get a tad jealous. "The Office" works best when it focuses on the ensemble as a whole and in "Local Ad," we see the gang come together to make a commercial that really isn't all

bad. The episode is worth watching just to see Andy struggle with the lyrics to the "Kit Kat."

Stand-out character: Andy. Ever since the Nard Dog returned from anger management last season, his character has become more and more adorable. In season four, Andy becomes sweet. His pursuit of Angela is quite adorable, though Angela and Dwight are the true soul mates of "The Office." Let's just hope he compares Stanley to Uncle Remus ever again.

Tomorrow's episode: "The Party." Jim and Pam run on excuses and finally have to leave Michael's condo for a dinner party. Andy and Angela are invited, making Dwight extremely jealous.

End of the season predictions: Jim and Pam are headed for some sort of rough patch, since we found out that "Second Life" Jim is a sports writer who plays the guitar, we've known that he isn't completely happy even with Pam by his side. His relationship is excelling and growing as a person while Jim remains stagnant. The pair won't break up but they certainly won't end the season on good terms. Michael and Angela's relationship will last long. Dwight will find a way to make things up to Jan and the two will maybe even make their relationship public. Ryan will become jealous of Kelly and Darryl's relationship but it will be too late for him to do anything about it. Michael will try to break up with Jan but will instead propose to her.



Turn After Long Strike

'SCRUBS,' 9:30 P.M.

So far this season: Elliot and J.D. don't hook up in the season premiere, but Elliot realizes she doesn't want to marry Keith, and J.D. realizes that he needs to stop sabotaging his life. Kim gives birth to Sam, but J.D. doesn't love Kim so they end their relationship as a couple and begin their relationship as parents.

Nurse Shirley appears during Kim's labor, looking remarkably like Laverne, who passed away last season. J.D. struggles with growing up now that he is a father, but Turk encourages him to keep some of his inner child.

Dr. Kelso's real age of 65 is revealed and a board member tells him that he must step down as Chief of Medicine since 65 is the standard retirement age. Dr. Kelso wants the search for a replacement kept secret, Janitor gets a girlfriend, but we still don't know Janitor's name, J.D.'s brother is no longer a loser, and Dr. Cox is still Dr. Cox.

Stand-out episode: "My Growing Pains." It's a standard "Scrubs" episode — goofy with a dash of sentimental drama. We see Turk and J.D. use their babies as puppets in the park and we find out about the existence of a third college friend — Caramel Bear — who disappeared after a prank gone wrong. After Dr. Cox chastises J.D. for not growing up, J.D. resists the temptations of Turk's many pranks. J.D. eventually gives in and we are treated to another appearance by "World's Most Giant Black Doctor." The episode ends on a low note — Dr. Kelso must retire.

Stand-out character: Dr. Kelso. Every once in a while an episode

hones in on the life of Dr. Kelso — a character who at first seemed cold and heartless, but over the seasons has become increasingly multidimensional. He's the last person one would think would accept a gay son and even though he appears to hate his job, he really loves it. That's why it is so heart-breaking in this season to realize that Dr. Kelso is mortal — his time at the hospital is running out because he is being forced to retire. Can Sacred Heart survive without him? Maybe, but it sure won't be the same.

Tomorrow's episode: "My Bad Too." Turk tries to learn Spanish to surprise Carla for the anniversary of their first date. Meanwhile, J.D. treats a burn victim and has to decide whether or not to allow the patient to attend his graduation.

End of the season predictions: This could be the last season for "Scrubs." NBC didn't put the series on its fall lineup, but there's still a strong possibility that it will move to ABC since it is produced by ABC's Touchtone Television. But just in case this is the last season, here's what will happen. J.D. and Elliot will not get together. These two have never made a relationship with each other work and they are better together as friends. Elliot will reunite with Keith, but put marriage off. J.D. will either realize he loves Kim or he'll end up alone because he's too whiney. Dr. Kelso will retire but will be appointed to the hospital's board of directors. Dr. Cox will finally tell J.D. that he's like a son to him. It will be weird. Turk and Carla will forever be both funny and adorable. J.D. and Turk's guy love will live for all eternity.



MLB

Phillies beat Mets in last Shea Stadium opener

Boston celebrates World Series win with Hall of Famers Orr and Russell; defeats Detroit 5-0 in home opener

Associated Press

Carlos Delgado and the New York Mets botched the final Shea Stadium opener the same way they squandered that big lead in the NL East last year.

April or September, doesn't seem to matter. The Mets can't find a way to hold off Philadelphia.

Jamie Moyer pitched six effective innings, Jayson Werth hit a tiebreaking single and the Phillies rallied past New York 5-2 Tuesday with the help of Delgado's key error in the seventh.

"Definitely not the start we wanted to get off to," Mets star David Wright said.

It was another late comeback by Philadelphia, which took advantage of the Mets' epic collapse last September to win the division title. New York led by seven games with 17 to play, but went 5-12 down the stretch and missed the playoffs.

The Phillies had a lot to do with that meltdown, beating the Mets in their final eight meetings last year and winning the season series 12-6.

Make it nine in a row now.

"There's none of us in here going, geez, the Phillies are coming to town, we're probably going to lose," Mets closer Billy Wagner said. "I think all of us are tired of hearing the Phils have our number. The Phils don't have our number. We shoot ourselves in the foot every time we go out there."

"When they come here, they bring it. They show up and they play great. That's what we have to do."

Chase Utley tied a major league record by getting hit by a pitch three times for the Phillies, who won despite stranding 13 runners on a chilly, 50-degree afternoon.



Boston's David Ortiz, left, walks with Johnny Pesky, right, to reveal the World Championship banner before playing the Tigers Tuesday.

The Mets lost their third straight, wasting Delgado's first homer and a solid outing by Oliver Perez as they got off to a disappointing start in the final season at Shea Stadium, which opened in 1964. The team is set to move into an intimate new park next year — Citi Field is rising in the parking lot.

New York dropped to 30-17 in home openers and 7-1 in Shea Stadium openers against Philadelphia.

"If we're in their head, we're in their head. It's not for me to say," Philadelphia's Shane Victorino said. "We're not going out there saying, 'We own the Mets.'"

NL MVP Jimmy Rollins was booed loudly, as usual. Mets reliever Scott Schoeneweis (0-1) also heard it from the crowd of 56,350 after he and Delgado let the Phillies come back from a 2-0 deficit in the seventh.

Rollins and Victorino singled with one out before Utley was hit by a pitch for the third time, the first two by Perez. That loaded the bases for Ryan Howard, who hit a grounder to Delgado at first base.

Delgado tried for a double play, but his throw to second deflected off Utley and rolled toward center field for an error that allowed the tying run to score.

"I thought I had a lane. He also had a good slide to the outside part of the bag," Delgado said. "Maybe I could have thrown it a little more to the outside."

Werth put Philadelphia in front with a two-out RBI single off Jorge Sosa.

Aaron Heilman walked the leadoff batter in the eighth, and the Phillies capitalized with Rollins' run-scoring single and Utley's RBI double.

"We got a break and we ran

with it," Rollins said.

"Especially here, it feels good." Rollins departed in the eighth with a sprained left ankle and is day to day.

Born 17 months before Shea Stadium opened, the 45-year-old Moyer (1-0) held New York to four hits.

Chad Durbin and J.C. Romero each worked a scoreless inning before Tom Gordon got three outs for his first save.

"What happened last year is done," Moyer insisted. "The pitch to Delgado was right down the middle, but I pitched pretty well."

Perez pitched three-hit ball for 5 2-3 innings. He hasn't allowed an extra-base hit in 11 2-3 shutout innings this season.

Delgado led off the second with his 432nd home run, breaking a tie with Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. for 37th place. Delgado is 30-for-68 (.441) with eight homers against Moyer.

Ryan Church added an RBI groundout in the fourth for New York.

"That's one straight loss in 2008," Wright said of the rivalry. "That's all we're concerned about — 2007 is over, done with," Wright said.

Red Sox 5, Tigers 0

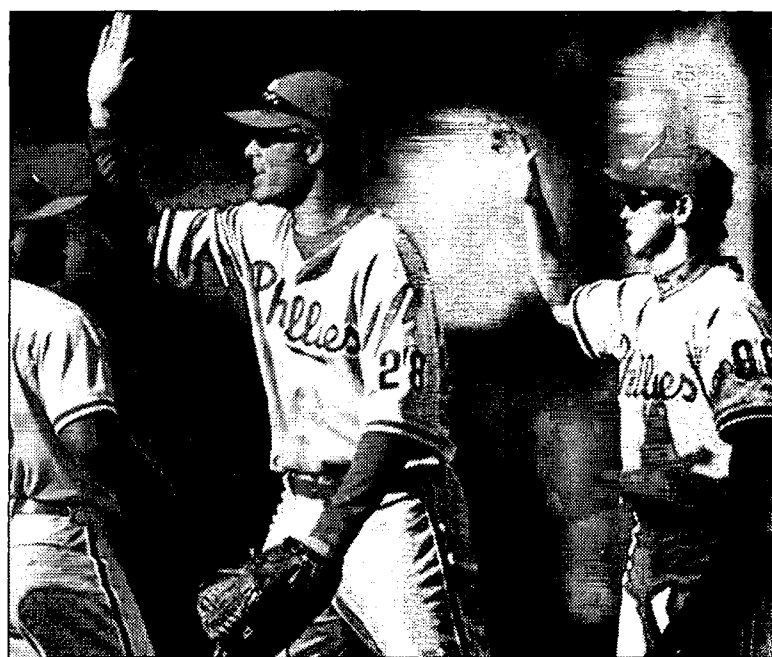
The Red Sox trotted out the champions of Boston's past to celebrate their latest World Series win, with Hall of Famers Bobby Orr and Bill Russell among those carrying their sports' trophies onto the Fenway field to join the two won by the Red Sox.

Daisuke Matsuzaka was too busy warming up to see much.

"I did feel a little jealous," Matsuzaka said after the Red Sox ended their three-country, 16,000-mile odyssey with a victory over the winless Detroit Tigers in their home opener Tuesday. "The ring had been put in my locker at some point during the game. I tried it on, and I must say it looked pretty good."

In an hourlong pregame ceremony that turned emotional when once-scorned first baseman Bill Buckner was given an enthusiastic welcome, the Red Sox received their World Series rings and raised a championship banner above center field. Then, they began to focus on the work of repeating.

"We needed to get through this day," said Boston manager Terry Francona, who took his team to Japan, California and



Philadelphia's Jayson Werth, center, and So Taguchi, right, exchange high-fives with teammates after a 5-2 win over the Mets Tuesday.

Canada before opening up at home. "Now we can go about the business of playing baseball and seeing how good we can be."

Buckner, a goat of the 1986 World Series collapse that helped extend the team's title drought until 2004, received a standing ovation when he threw out the ceremonial first pitch to former teammate Dwight Evans. Current Red Sox first baseman Kevin Youkilis went over to meet him.

"I've probably never almost been in tears for somebody else on a baseball field. I think that was just the most unbelievable thing," Youkilis said. "I wanted to shake his hand, because that's a true man in life."

There was red-white-and-blue bunting hanging from the stands, a Green Monster-sized American flag on the left-field wall — covering a World Series banner — and an Air National Guard flyover punctuating "The Star-Spangled Banner."

And, in the good ol' U.S. of A., the Red Sox haven't been beaten.

Youkilis had three hits and two RBIs for the Red Sox, who began the day last in the AL East following a trip to Tokyo (where they went 1-1), Oakland (2-0) and Toronto (0-3). But they responded well in their return to Fenway, where they were 51-30 during the regular season last year and 6-1 in the postseason.

Matsuzaka (2-0) allowed four hits in 6 2-3 innings with seven strikeouts and four walks. Detroit, the only winless team

in the majors despite the big leagues' second-highest payroll, is 0-7 for the first time since dropping its first nine games in 2003 en route to an AL record 119 losses.

"You get angry if people are going through the motions and if they're not trying," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "But that's not what's happening."

Kenny Rogers (0-2) allowed three runs — two earned — eight hits and three walks in 4 2-3 innings. The Tigers are batting just .235 and have scored 15 runs this year, ahead of only Colorado (12) entering play Tuesday night.

The Tigers didn't hit, managing just five singles. They didn't field well, committing two errors after making three in their previous game. They didn't pitch well, allowing 12 hits, six walks and a balk.

"It's frustrating. Right now, we're the worst team in baseball because of the way we are playing, in all areas of the game," Rogers said. "I wanted to be the guy to turn things around. Every player in the locker room wants to be that guy."

J.D. Drew singled and scored in the second innings, and Manny Ramirez tripled and scored — on a rare throwing error by second baseman Placido Polanco — in the third. Julio Lugo singled and scored in the fourth, moving up on another error by the Tigers infield.

Boston added two more in the sixth to make it 5-0 when Jason Grilli gave up two hits and three walks.

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Gurl dis ain't no dance flo'
Dis a candy sto'
And I'm really geeked up
And I got mo' dro
I pop, I roll
It's soft I know
It's da summer time
But yo laffy taffy got me froze (oh)
Gone get loose (oh)

I kno' you wanna ride
You a star and it shows
(What's happening? What's up?
What's up? Let's go, let's go, let's go)

AROUND THE NATION

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NBA Standings

Eastern Conference

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	61-15	.803	8-2	-
Detroit	55-21	.724	7-3	6
Orlando	48-29	.623	5-5	13.5
Cleveland	42-35	.545	4-6	19.5
Washington	40-37	.519	6-4	21.5
Philadelphia	39-38	.506	6-4	22.5
Toronto	38-39	.494	4-6	23.5
Atlanta	36-41	.468	7-3	25.5
Indiana	33-44	.429	7-3	28.5
New Jersey	32-45	.416	4-6	29.5
Chicago	30-46	.395	4-6	31
Charlotte	29-48	.377	5-5	32.5
Milwaukee	26-50	.342	3-7	35
New York	21-56	.273	2-8	40.5
Miami	13-64	.169	1-9	48.5

Western Conference

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Orleans	54-22	.711	9-1	-
San Antonio	53-24	.688	9-1	1.5
LA Lakers	53-24	.688	7-3	1.5
Utah	51-26	.662	7-3	3.5
Houston	52-25	.675	6-4	2.5
Phoenix	51-26	.662	6-4	3.5
Dallas	48-29	.623	4-6	6.5
Denver	46-31	.597	6-4	8.5
Golden State	46-31	.597	4-6	8.5
Portland	38-39	.494	3-7	16.5
Sacramento	36-41	.468	5-5	18.5
LA Clippers	23-54	.299	2-8	31.5
Memphis	21-56	.273	5-5	33.5
Minnesota	19-57	.250	3-7	35
Seattle	18-59	.234	2-8	36.5

NCAA Men's Baseball Baseball America Rankings

rank	team	overall
1	Arizona State	25-1
2	Miami	21-2
3	North Carolina	21-5
4	Missouri	20-5
5	UC Irvine	19-3
6	Florida State	23-3
7	Cal	18-5
8	Vanderbilt	18-6
9	South Carolina	18-7
10	Long Beach State	17-7
11	Nebraska	21-4
12	Wichita State	20-3
13	Stanford	12-7
14	Virginia	23-5
15	Rice	19-9
16	Texas	18-8
17	San Diego	19-10
18	Arizona	14-9
19	Florida	20-6
20	UNC Wilmington	21-4
21	Kentucky	22-4
22	Michigan	14-6
23	UCLA	12-10
24	Coastal Carolina	21-6
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NFL



Ravens place-kicker Matt Stover celebrates after kicking a field goal against St. Louis on Oct. 14. Stover said he wants to replace Gene Upshaw as executive director of the NFLPA.

Veteran kicker challenges Upshaw

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Matt Stover, the Baltimore Ravens' veteran kicker, has begun a campaign to replace Gene Upshaw as executive director of the NFL Players Association by next March.

Stover's action comes at a time when the union could be heading for critical negotiations with the league on the collective bargaining agreement.

"I feel that the board must begin to prepare for a change in leadership immediately," Stover said in an e-mail to the union's executive board and player representa-

tives that was obtained Tuesday by ESPN. "I believe we have the proper environment with our teammates and leadership within the board to execute the process of this selection."

Union president Kevin Mawae of the Tennessee Titans said that Stover's opinion does not reflect the opinion of the players.

Upshaw, whose contract runs through 2010, has said he will not leave until the union gets through its latest negotiations with the owners, who are expected to opt out of their March 2006 agreement with the union next November. That

would trigger a new round of negotiations.

March 2009, the beginning of the last year with a salary cap if the contract is voided, could be a critical time in those talks.

The 40-year-old Stover, entering his 19th NFL season, said in a statement issued by the Ravens that it was not his intention for his e-mail to be made public.

"I'm going to respect the process of our union leadership, executive committee and player reps. I choose to handle this matter privately," he said in a statement issued by the Ravens.

Mawae, elected last

month as the union's new president, dismissed Stover's letter.

"Matt Stover's letter does not reflect the view of the entire executive committee or the board of player representatives," he said in a statement issued by the union. "The board is in the process of preparing for the possibility of a work stoppage and understands the importance of having Gene, with his experience and history, lead the direction of the NFLPA."

Added former NFLPA president Troy Vincent: "It's absolutely ridiculous."

IN BRIEF

Drugmaker to donate \$10 per strikeout

NEW YORK — Major league pitchers will soon have added incentive to strike out batters.

Drugmaker Bayer AG will announce plans Wednesday to donate \$10 to prostate cancer research for every strikeout during the regular season this year.

Major League Baseball estimates the four-year partnership could add up to a little more than \$300,000 per year. There were 32,189 strikeouts during the regular season in 2007, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Bayer, based in Leverkusen, Germany, will give an additional \$1 million to the Prostate Cancer Foundation if a pitcher sets a new record by striking out 21 batters in a game.

Bayer's One-A-Day vitamins for men are marketed as a way to maintain prostate health.

James to miss practice for second day in a row

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — LeBron James didn't practice for the second straight day in order to rest his troublesome back before the Cleveland Cavaliers begin their final push heading into the NBA playoffs.

James, who has been dealing with back spasms for a few weeks, received treatment while his teammates prepared for Wednesday night's game against the New Jersey Nets. Cavs coach Mike Brown said Tuesday it's possible James could sit out.

James was not available for interviews. He was still on the massage table when the club wrapped up its post-practice media session.

"We want him healthy in the playoffs," Brown said. "Yes, we want the fourth seed, but to get the fourth seed and have an unhealthy LeBron throughout the playoff run wouldn't do us any good. We've got to make sure that he's healthy and he's able to help us."

Penn State wide receiver thrown off team

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Suspended Penn State receiver Chris Bell was kicked off the team Tuesday after university police charged him with threatening another player with a knife.

The 21-year-old from Norfolk, Va., faces charges including terroristic threats and simple assault, both misdemeanors, after the encounter Monday night at a team dining facility. No one was hurt.

"Chris Bell, who had been previously suspended from team activities, is permanently removed from the team and will not be reconsidered to be a part of the team in the future," said a one-line statement released by Penn State athletics.

Defensive end Devon Still told police he had spoken with Bell earlier Monday and suspected that the backup receiver had taken a cell phone case from his locker, according to the criminal complaint. Bell denied the accusations.

NBA

Okur scores 22 points in Jazz's 77-66 win over Hornets

Stoudimere leads Suns in 127-113 win over Grizzlies; Powell scores career high 18 in Heat's 95-88 win over Bulls

Associated Press

Mehmet Okur had 22 points and 17 rebounds to help the Utah Jazz clinch the Northwest Division and snap the New Orleans Hornets' 11-game home winning streak, 77-66 on Tuesday night.

Deron Williams had 16 assists and outplayed Chris Paul as the Jazz took a 20-point lead early in the fourth quarter and cruised from there, holding New Orleans to its lowest point total of the season.

Peja Stojakovic scored 15 points for New Orleans, which shot a woeful 3-of-14 on 3-pointers and 37 percent overall as its five-game winning streak came to an end. David West had 14 points.

Paul had a rare off night, finishing with nine assists and only four points on 2-of-11 shooting.

Utah has won four straight games and seven of its last eight. Okur has led the Jazz in scoring in the last three. He scored all but two of his points in the first three quarters on 8-of-16 shooting, with a pair of 3-pointers.

Carlos Boozer, Andrei Kirilenko and Paul Millsap each scored 10 points for Utah, which shot 44 percent and outrebounded New Orleans 47-36.

Paul missed his first seven shots and did not score until he hit a driving floater with 7:50 left in the third quarter. That

started a 6-0 run that pulled the Hornets as close as 49-46.

Okur then hit a pair of free throws and later made a 3 during a 19-4 run to close the third quarter.

When Millsap muscled his way in for a tough putback as he was fouled early in the fourth, the Jazz led 70-50.

New Orleans held a 35-34 lead in a seesaw first half after Jannero Pargo's jumper midway through the second quarter. The Hornets failed to score for the rest of the period, however, missing their last 16 shots, and Utah took advantage with a 9-0 run.

Okur, who had 15 points in the first half, scored four during the run and capping it with a 19-foot jumper, giving Utah a 43-35 lead at halftime.

Suns 127, Grizzlies 113

Amare Stoudemire had 28 points and 11 rebounds, and the Phoenix Suns beat the Memphis Grizzlies 127-113 on Tuesday night despite playing without an injured Shaquille O'Neal.

Stoudemire shot 10-of-13 from the field as the Suns won their eighth straight over the Grizzlies and moved a half-game behind the idle Houston Rockets for the fifth spot in the Western Conference playoffs.

Raja Bell scored 18 points for Phoenix, while Grant Hill had 17. Steve Nash and Leandro

Barbosa finished with 16 points apiece, with Nash handing out eight assists. Gordan Giricek added 14 points and Boris Diaw scored 12.

The Suns were without center Shaquille O'Neal, who sat out with a right hip contusion. O'Neal, who was injured in Sunday's loss to Dallas, was dressed in street clothes on the Phoenix bench.

Rudy Gay matched his career high with 36 points for Memphis. Mike Conley finished with 19 points and five assists before fouling out in the closing minute, and Kyle Lowry had 13 points off the Memphis bench.

That didn't matter because

Stoudemire dominated the inside against the Grizzlies. In the second half, the Suns added the outside shooting of Bell with help from Barbosa and Giricek, and Memphis never really threatened after Phoenix built the lead to double digits in the third period.

Gay made it a bit interesting with 16 points in the fourth quarter, hitting a 3-pointer with 2:34 left to pull Memphis within 114-106. But a 3-pointer by Nash put Phoenix back ahead by double digits.

Heat 95, Bulls 88

Back in the NBA, Kasib Powell gave the Miami Heat the type of

effort they've lacked most of the season.

Powell scored a career-high 18 points, leading the Heat to a 95-88 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night that snapped a seven-game losing streak.

Ricky Davis and Chris Quinn each added 16 points as five players scored in double figures for the Heat, the day after coach Pat Riley was elected to the Hall of Fame.

"We got in such a habit of playing with talent only and thinking that talent was going to take care of the lack of effort," Riley said. "These guys are just unadulterated. Effort is a big part of what our culture is."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Kansas worried about coach leaving for OSU

Associated Press

Kansas coach Bill Self slept for less than an hour after the Jayhawks stunned Memphis in one of the more memorable finals in NCAA tournament history, wrapping up their first national title in 20 years.

The details of the Jayhawks' 75-68 overtime victory will soon be etched in Kansas lore. After Memphis missed a series of free throws, Kansas guard Mario Chalmers hit a 3-pointer with 2.1 seconds left to send the game to overtime, where the Jayhawks overwhelmed the Tigers.

Now Kansas fans may begin losing sleep over whether their coach is headed for Oklahoma State. Less than 12 hours after cutting down the nets, a bleary-eyed Self returned to the Alamodome on Tuesday morning and faced questions about whether he's interested in the job at his alma mater, which parted ways with Sean Sutton on April 1.

As he has for a week, Self said he plans to meet with Kansas officials soon about a contract extension.

"What I'd like to have is like everybody'd like to have," Self said. "I'd like to have some security. I don't know what even Kansas would remotely be talking (about). We haven't even

talked about that. When I say security, I mean years, so hopefully that'll happen."

Citing factors such as Kansas' rich hoops tradition, Self said, "I'm not looking for more than what Kansas provides on a daily basis."

The school gave Self a five-year contract extension last season, increasing his annual compensation to more than \$1.3 million with a chance to make another \$350,000 each year if he meets incentives.

But Self could likely command far more money from Oklahoma State, whose billionaire alumnus Boone Pickens, gave \$165 million to the school's athletic department.

Self said he hasn't met Pickens and wasn't familiar with details about Oklahoma State's program. But he drew a chuckle from reporters when he said, "From the outside looking in, it appears that they have great resources."

Kansas fans have become accustomed to a certain amount of anxiety over losing a talent coach. Roy Williams flirted with, and eventually left for, his alma mater, North Carolina.

Kansas followers exulted when their team defeated Williams and the Tar Heels in the national semifinals, but Williams turned up at the final wearing a Jayhawks sticker on his shirt.

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SOFTBALL

Weather cancels game against Illinois-Chicago

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's game against Illinois-Chicago Tuesday afternoon was cancelled due to rain in the Chicago area.

The game was originally scheduled for March 27th at Flames Field, but the game will not be rescheduled again.

The Irish (22-10, 5-1) will be back in action against Eastern Michigan Wednesday in a double-header at Ivy Field beginning at 4 p.m.

The Irish will need to have good pitching against a potent Eagles' offense. EMU senior Ashley Strauss is hitting .800 in her last two games, including going 4-for-5 with a double, a homerun, an RBI, and three runs scored against Central Michigan.

Also hitting well for the Eagles is sophomore outfielder Jenny Scherer. Scherer has been monstrous for the Eagle's at times this season, especially in her efforts during EMU's 12-game tour of California where she was named MAC Player of the week for the period ending March 3. It was the second time in her career that she has won the weekly honor. In addition to hitting for the cycle against San Diego, Scherer hit .353 with a .647 slugging percentage for the week,

totaling 12 hits, eight RBIs, seven runs and two home runs. Scherer also had three multi-hit games during the Eagles' swing through California.

Taking the mound for the Irish against this impressive duo will be the one-two punch of junior Brittney Bargar (17-6) and freshman Jody Valdivia.

Bargar won Big East pitcher of the week honors with a 5-0 record and a perfect 0.00 ERA while striking out 27 over 27.1 innings of work.

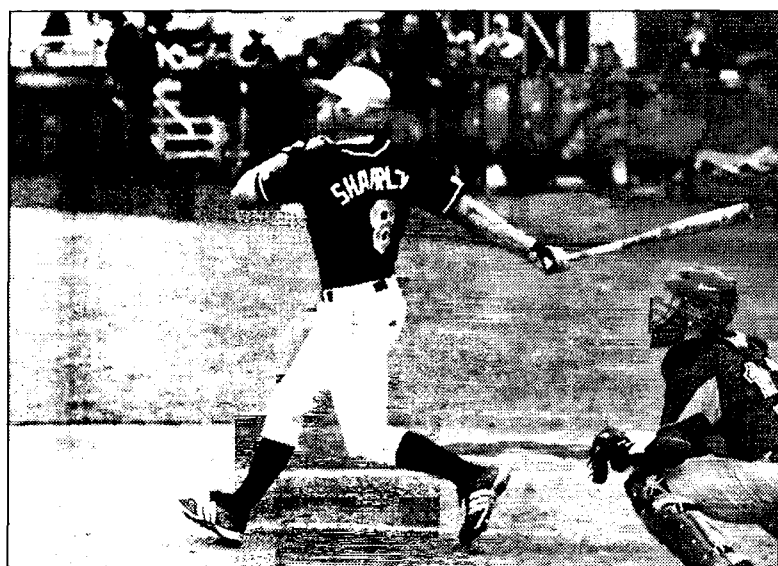
Valdivia has come down somewhat from her strong start of the season, but the Irish offense and Bargar have lifted her, allowing the freshman to learn some valuable lessons and work her way out of jams.

Senior second basemen Katie Laing took Big East Player of the year honors for the second time this season this week.

Laing went 10 for 19 on the week with 13 RBIs, five runs, four home runs and one double for a .526 batting average and a 1.211 slugging percentage. Laing also stole two bases.

The Irish will then begin their new era in newly constructed Melissa Cook Stadium against Rutgers and Villanova Saturday and Sunday.

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Junior Evan Sharpley follows through his swing and watches his home run in an 8-6 Irish win over Valparaiso Monday.

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Snelton stayed out of trouble until the bottom of the fourth, when junior first baseman Evan Sharpley belted a two-run homer just over the left-field fence.

Sharpley's long drive carried just over the fence, aided by a strong wind blowing out towards left. Scoring on the bomb was sophomore designated hitter David Mills, who had reached on a bunt single.

The 5-2 Valparaiso lead evaporated in the sixth, as the Irish offense broke through for four runs on five hits. Pollock and Sharpley each singled to start of the inning, and Pollock made his way home on a fielder's choice to cut the lead to 5-3.

Senior Sean Gaston pinch-hit for freshman Cameron McConnell, and delivered with a two-run double that knotted the game up at 5. Freshman third baseman Greg Sherry then drove home Gaston with a double of his own to give the Irish a 6-5 lead.

The Notre Dame lead was short-lived, as the Crusaders answered with a run on three hits in the top of the seventh to tie the game.

Pollock took the lead back for the Irish in the bottom of the inning, crushing a 3-2 pitch just inside the foul pole in left for a solo home run. Sharpley followed with a double, his third hit of the day, and was driven home by junior Jeremy Barnes single to give Notre Dame an 8-6 lead.

The junior closer Weiland pitched a perfect ninth to pick up the record-breaking save, the 21st of his career. "It's a great thing for [Weiland]. He's such a great guy to have at the end of a game."

The Irish bullpen combined to pitch 7.1 innings, giving up just one run. Notre Dame used seven pitchers in the game, with senior Tony Langford getting the win.

The Irish next face Manchester today at Eck Stadium, with freshman Ryan Sharpley slated to start. First pitch against the Spartans is scheduled for 6:05 p.m.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles to face Hope after week-long break

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

After a week off from competition, Saint Mary's is looking for its second conference win when it takes on Hope in Holland, Mich., Wednesday.

The Belles (5-8, 1-2 MIAA) are currently in sixth — just behind the sixth-place Flying Dutch (8-5, 1-1 MIAA) — in the MIAA.

"Hope is a very good team,"

Saint Mary's head coach Chuck Rubino said. "They lost to Albion 5-4, and we lost 6-3 so that tells you where they are in relation to us. I feel like if we can win two of the doubles we have a great chance to beat them in 3-4 singles matches."

Before its break from competing, Saint Mary's swept Olivet 9-0 for its first conference win of the season on April 1. The Belles won both the singles and doubles divisions, which they had previously done only in

non-conference competition. Sophomore co-captain No. 1 singles Camille Gebert led Saint Mary's in the singles wins, defeating Olivet's Jaclyn Mummaw 6-1, 6-2.

Freshman No. 2 singles Jillian Hurley won her 11th match of the season, beating Abbie Utberg 6-3, 6-1, putting her personal record at 11-2. No. 3 freshman Betsy Reed defeated Celeste Gruber 6-0, 6-0; No. 4 freshman Jessica Kosinski beat Katie Griffs 6-3, 6-2; No. 5

sophomore co-captain Lisa Rubino defeated Leanne Schudder 6-1, 6-1; and No. 6 freshman Laura Arnold finished off singles for Saint Mary's with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Kristen Wolfolk.

The Belles continued to dominate Olivet in doubles as they swept the division 3-0. The No. 1 pair of Gebert and Hurley won 8-1 over Mummaw and Utberg for their sixth win as a team, putting them at 6-7 this season. The No. 2 duo of Rubino and Reed continued Saint Mary's streak with an 8-1 win over Gruber and Schudder. The No. 3 team of Kosinski and freshman Franca Peluso completed the sweep with an 8-1 win over Griffs and Wolfolk.

"It is a pivotal match for us this season, we're on par with them, and I think we can beat them," Rubino said. "It will be a close match either way with possibly some tie breakers and third matches that we're going to have to win."

Saint Mary's will try to carry its domination in both divisions today, but may have some competition from junior Sammi Stille, senior Christine Garcia, and sophomore Danielle Werley, Hope's No. 1, 2, and 3

in singles, respectively. Stille went 2-1 this past weekend at the GLCA tournament at Oberlin, Ohio, putting her at 8-6 for the season. Garcia is only at 3-10 for the 2008 season, but holds an 18-23 record for her career at Hope so far. Werley also went 2-1 over the weekend, putting her at 6-7 for this year.

"A lot of the matches will probably be close, we have to work to get over the hump and win those matches," Lisa Rubino said. "I think we are ready to compete again, after having some time off. It was nice to get a break, but we are excited for the challenges ahead."

Coach Rubino outlined the Belles goals for today's match, recognizing what his team needs to improve to win.

"Our goal is to improve our consistency, and staying in the match mentally. It's going to be a close match and we're going to have to win enough matches to beat them," he said. "Hopefully we have enough mental consistency to beat them at this point."

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SMC GOLF

Squad to compete in first MIAA qualifier

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will compete in the first MIAA qualifier of the spring season Wednesday.

The Belles have their eyes set on getting off to good start and putting themselves into position to qualify for the NCAA tournament.

After the qualifiers are over, the top team in the standings will represent the MIAA in the national championship event in Iowa

May 14-16.

The Belles finished third in the MIAA during the fall season but will try to use the momentum from their spring season success to push them to the top of the standings.

In their last tournament, the Tri-State Invitational, the Belles finished well, placing third out of ten teams.

Tri-State, who finished second in the MIAA in the fall, finished 11 strokes behind Saint Mary's in fifth place.

In the fall, the Belles had to count on senior Katie O'Brien to single-handedly lead the team.

Now, others have begun to step up and place well individually.

Freshman sensation Rosie O'Connor has used the spring to show-off her improvements from the fall season. O'Connor has shot near or better than O'Brien in the Belles' last two tournaments.

Freshmen Emily Gore and Junior Perri Hamma have also been playing much better taking 11th and 25th respectively in the Tri-State Invitational.

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Miami

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onship for 14 years. I certainly feel at home there. It's a great course and I think it set up well for us."

After shooting a 1-under 71 in the first round, Park rebounded from a second-round 76 to shoot a team-low 69 in the third round.

Conway tallied a second-round 74 in addition to her first and third round 74s.

Sophomore Kristin Wetzel

bounced back from a first-round 78 to card a 10-over 226, good enough for 30th overall. Fellow sophomore Annie Brophy also rebounded in later rounds, responding with second and third-round 74s after shooting an 80 Monday. She finished tied for 37th with a 12-over 226. Junior captain Lisa Maunu contributed a 14-over 228 to end up 47th overall.

Notre Dame hits the links again on April 20 at the Big East Championship in Batavia, Ohio.

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Wildcats

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Byers now has 161 goals in just 48 career games, and she has scored 52 times this season, good for second in the nation.

"We're in such a focused team mentality that there hasn't really been any discussion about the record," Coyne said. "There will be at the end of the season because it's a great accomplishment and Jill's worked hard for it, but I think right now our sole focus is to get ourselves into the NCAA Tournament and win the Big East."

Byers will have some help

when the Irish take on the Wildcats. Senior captain Caitlin McKinney has scored a point in 51 consecutive games, a streak that dates back to her freshman year and is the second longest in the country. Her 144 career goals rank her third in Irish history.

Freshman midfielder/attack Shaylyn Blaney has been solid with 28 goals, including four against Duke, while sophomore attack Gina Scioscia leads the Irish with 21 assists.

Notre Dame's road trip concludes Saturday, when it travels to Washington, D.C., to take on a Big East foe in

No. 6 Georgetown (8-3, 2-1 Big East).

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expects it to have a special atmosphere.

"It definitely will have a post-season feel. They're in the same spot we were in at this point last year," Louderback said.

On April 9, 2007, the Irish were 20-1, in the midst of a 15-game winning streak, and had already defeated Northwestern, 4-3. Later, in their second meeting of the season, the Wildcats got their revenge with a 5-2 win.

"It should be a great match and our kids are really excited," Louderback said. "They did a great job the last couple matches not looking ahead to Northwestern. They've talked a little bit the last few days, and they are definitely ready for it."

Louderback is fully aware of the elite competition coming into town but knows few teams are perfect. "They're really good at the top — their top three are all ranked nationally, and they're deep," he said. "They have been switching their doubles around, so I think winning the doubles point will be the key for us because our doubles [teams] have been really good the last half of the season."

Northwestern's top three singles players are nationally-ranked No. 3 Maria Mosolova, a freshman from Moscow, No.

5 junior Georgia Rose, and No. 25 sophomore Samantha Murray.

In addition, the Wildcats have sophomore Lauren Lui who, at No. 42, is their fourth best singles player. For comparison, Notre Dame's singles attack, which is strong and has consistently been winning five or six points a match, boasts just two ranked players — No. 41 junior Kelcy Tefft and No. 122 sophomore Cosmina Ciobanu.

The Irish lineup shifted around for the 6-1 win over Syracuse on Sunday because Louderback opted to have Tefft sit-out per NCAA rules for

playing too many matches in the fall.

The lineup shift moved sophomore Kali Krisik up to No. 1 doubles alongside senior captain Brook Buck and put freshman Denise Ellison on the court for the first time this dual season alongside junior Katie Potts.

Sophomore Colleen Rielley and Ciobanu stayed together in the No. 2 slot, and all three pairs triumphed. Ellison also made her singles debut in the No. 6 hole, losing in three sets, 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (7-10), 1-0 (11-9).

Louderback was pleased with Ellison's performance.

"It was great for her to get her first match in. She played really well in doubles and just lost a close one in singles," he said. "I think a lot of that was just it being her first singles

match, but it was great for her to see what it's like playing out there."

The shuffling also pushed Buck into No. 1 singles, and she triumphed easily 6-0, 6-1. The team is deep and even, but the prominent senior leadership of Buck is undeniable.

"She played well in singles and did great in doubles, too. She and Kali [Krisik] had not played together besides one match in the fall, but [Brook] did great in both," Louderback said.

The team's momentum has led to clinching matches early, but Louderback said the competition has been anything but weak and likes that his players keep the pressure on all match long.

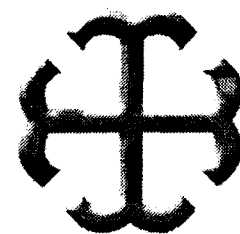
"We've had a couple of matches recently that we've won 6-1 and 7-0 that were still good matches — Indiana, Iowa, and Syracuse. Especially in the Iowa match, we just played really well," Louderback said.

The growing momentum has also coincided with the matches starting to move outdoors. The Irish success outside serves as good preparation for the outdoor venues of post-season play.

"All our singles players have looked good, and we've played so well in the doubles, too. The opportunity to get outside and play some outdoors matches has been good and will really help us," Louderback said.

Wednesday at 3:30 at Courtney Tennis Center, the Irish will try to notch their first win in school history over the No. 1 team in the country.

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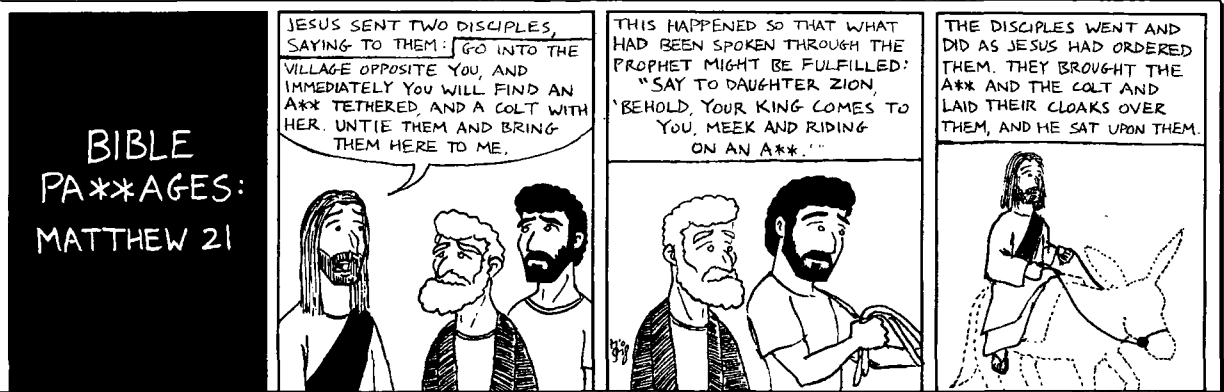
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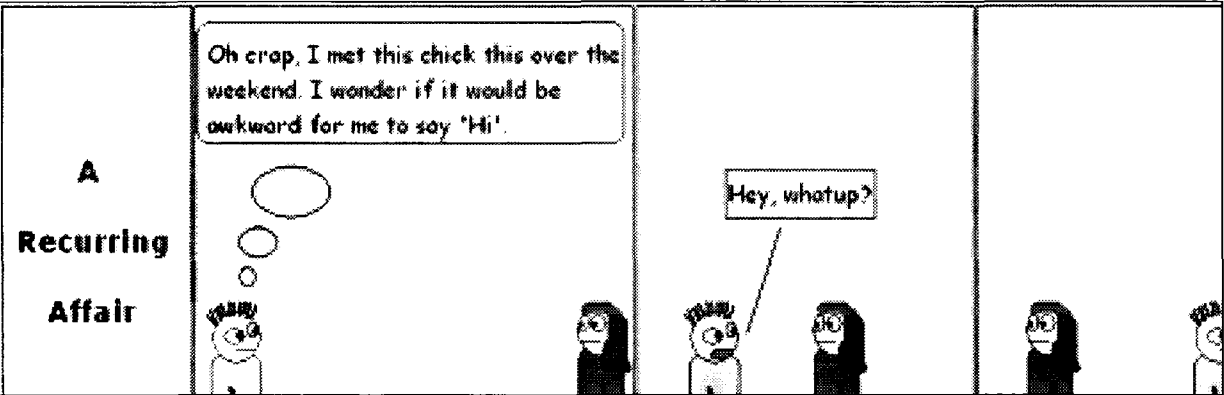
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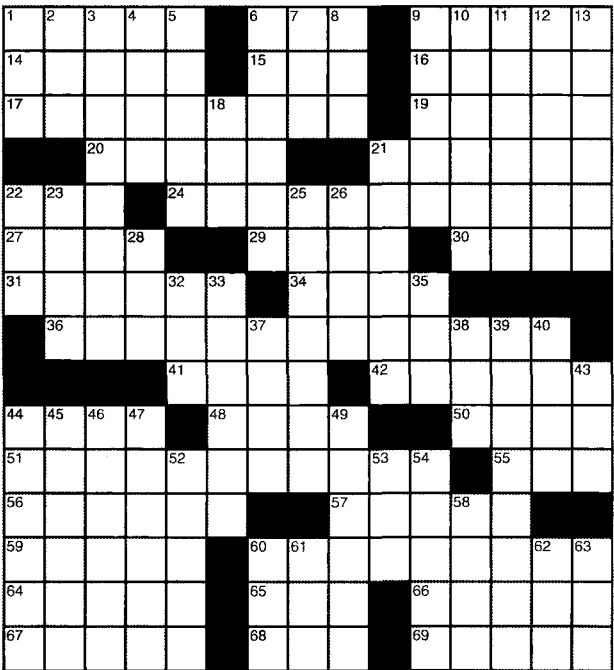
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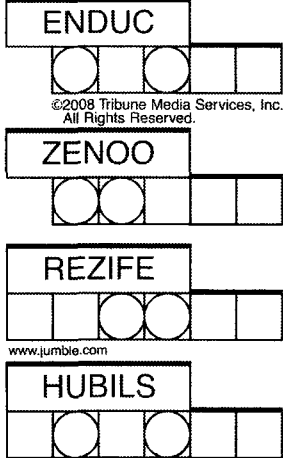
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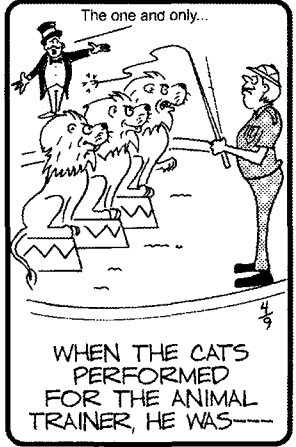
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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Yesterday's Jumbles: BATCH PRONE CHERUB MEASLY
Answer: What the teen-agers turned into after a dip in the ocean — BEACH COMBERS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Kneure



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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EUGENIA LIST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kirsten Storms, 24; Patricia Arquette, 40; Julian Lennon, 45; Kofi Annan, 70

Happy Birthday: Opportunity will strike when you least expect it and you have to be ready. Don't underestimate your competition. Strive to be a little unique in all that you do and you will stand a better chance of coming out on top. Don't be afraid to think outside the box. Your numbers are 2, 10, 23, 26, 38, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you have emotional or financial issues to resolve, talk about them now and you will find solutions. Action, not anger should be taken. Change may be required but it will be a step in the right direction and the means to an end. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotions will be running high so hit while the iron's hot. Take care of the things that are bothering you at work and with people you have to deal with. You can gain ground if you put your networking skills to work for you. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Being sentimental about a situation you face or someone you care about will add to your charm and help you promote love and passion. Don't hold back. Be honest about the changes you want in your personal life. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you are aggressive in your actions, you are likely to get someone's back up. Take an easygoing attitude to problems and complaints. A love problem handled poorly could lead to results that are not redeemable. Think before you take action. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't waste time pondering what might be. Instead, turn your option into something memorable — you will prosper emotionally and financially. Love is on the rise and commitments can be made. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Cutting corners will backfire but giving your all and adding a little extra detail will pay off. Networking, traveling or talking seriously about your plans and intentions will lead to life-altering results. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Curl up with a good book, movie or the one you love. Have fun and enjoy your time with people who contribute positively to your life. Your state of mind will affect how you react to situations that will have a major impact on your future. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put on the pressure and you will get people motivated to get their end of things completed. Stay in control and follow through with your ultimatums. A strong presence will bring you the respect you deserve. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make changes to your home and start new friendships with people in your community. Your friendly nature and generosity will enable you to build allies quickly. Charm will be the key to winning favors. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep things simple and stick close to home. You will accomplish far more than if you have to deal with outsiders. Don't argue about trivial matters; they will pass if you just leave them alone. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't dwell on emotional issues that probably don't really concern you. Stay away from neighbors, relatives and peers who bother you and, whatever you do, avoid gossip. You are the one who will be blamed if you meddle in other people's affairs. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your time and effort into financial gains, professional moves or starting your own small business. You can get ahead if you focus on your talents and seek people who can contribute to your plans. Keep the upper hand and use your charm. 4 stars

Birthday Baby: You are steadfast and stubborn. You are charming and have a powerful presence. You are hard-working, diligent and proud and strive to be the best.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Squad cards round-low 289 to finish fourth in Miami

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame concluded its regular season this week with a fourth-place finish at the Canes and Cardinal Classic at the 6210-yard, par-72 Don Shula Golf Club in Miami, marking the final tournament for the No. 25 Irish before the Big East and NCAA tournaments at the end of the month.

Notre Dame freshman So-lyun Park scored an even-par 216 for the event to finish tied for second overall, while the Irish carded a round-low 289 on Tuesday to slide into the top five. Notre Dame coach Susan Holt liked her team's effort.

"[The course] gave us an opportunity to shoot some good scores," Holt said. "It's important to get our confidence up heading into the Big East tournament."

No. 27 Louisville, which opened the tournament Monday with a week-low 284, cruised to a comfortable first-place finish, its 7-over 871 was 13 strokes ahead of the pack.

Furman University and Georgia State tied for second with 884, 20-over, while the Irish placed fourth with a 22-over 886. Tulsa rounded out the top-five with a 24-over 888.

Louisville junior Cindy Lacrosse earned medalist hon-

ors with a 4-under 212, four strokes ahead of Park and two others who tied for second. The top-two finish was the fifth of Park's young career, who has led the Irish in scoring six teams this season and has finished first overall twice.

Fellow Irish freshman Katie Conway finished tied for 11th overall, shooting a personal season-best 4-over 220. Holt attributed the team's success to both preparation — in spite of the

South Bend weather — and familiarity with the course.

"We've been able to get outside a bit here at home and it's the most we've been out this year and the team is putting up good scores," Holt said. "I am very familiar with the course there because when I was head coach at South Florida we'd play there every year for the Florida state collegiate champi-

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BASEBALL

Crushing the crusade

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Kyle Weiland became the all-time saves leader at Notre Dame Tuesday after sealing the Irish's 8-6 comeback win over Valparaiso at Eck Stadium.

Sophomore center fielder A.J. Pollock starred for the Irish in the win, going 3-for-4 at the plate with a crucial solo homer as well as making several spectacular plays in the field.

With the Irish down 5-2 in the fifth inning and the Crusaders threatening with two men on, Pollock chased down a long drive into the left field gap to make an incredible catch. The center fielder then gunned down a Valparaiso base runner retreating back to first base for a crucial double play.

"We're seeing a lot of his talents on display," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "He's phenomenal, and his double play might have been the most important play of the game."

Freshman Brian Dupra made

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the start for the Irish, and lasted just 1.2 innings against the Crusaders. The right-hander struggled out of the gate, working into a bases loaded jam with none out in the first.

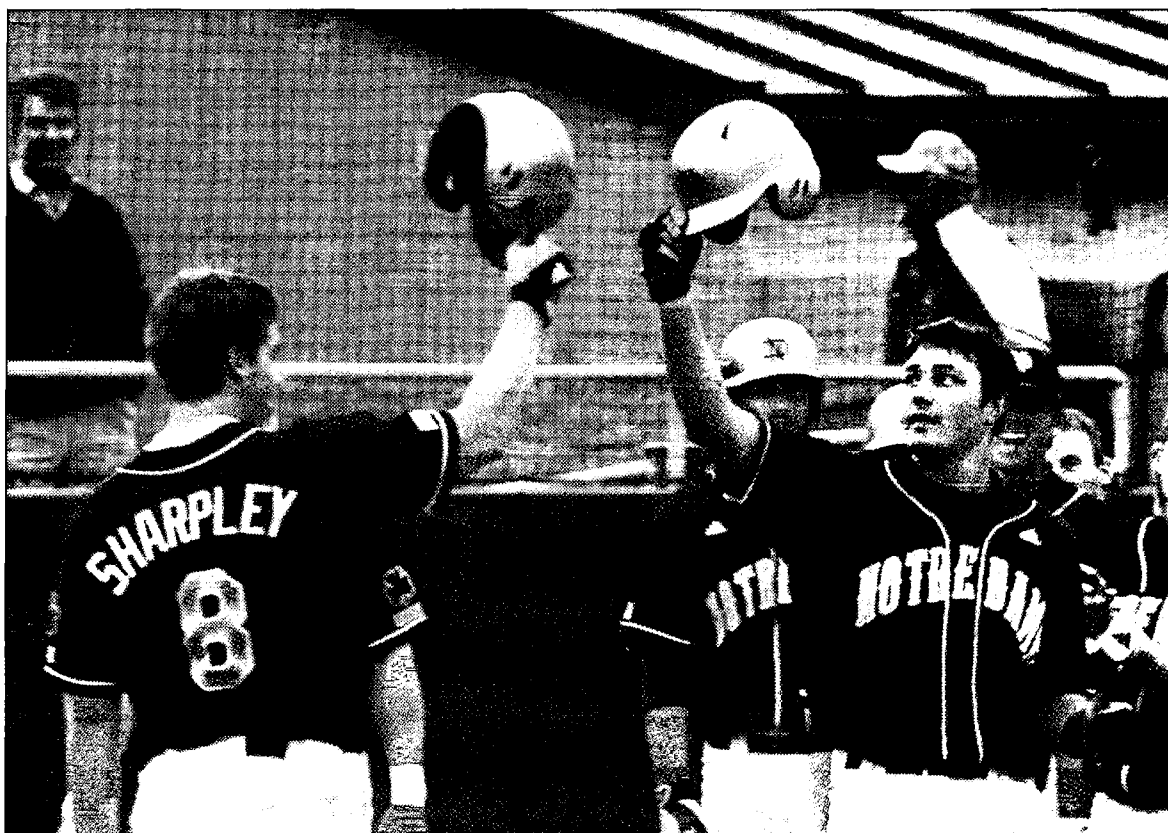
A passed ball and a single by Crusader sophomore Josh Wallace gave Valparaiso an early two run lead. Dupra then settled down somewhat, inducing a double play that allowed a run and a pop out to third to escape the inning down 3-0.

The Crusaders continued to rough up Dupra in the second, getting three hits and two more runs to chase the freshman from the game. Freshman reliever Todd Miller worked out of the inning after replacing Dupra, who gave up four earned runs on six hits.

Despite being down 5-0 early, Schrage said the team was still confident.

"They feel like they can win any game," Schrage said. "They always believe they can win and never panicked."

Valparaiso junior John Snelton entered the game against the Irish with a 12.60 ERA but turned in a solid start for the Crusaders.



Junior Evan Sharpley (left) and sophomore A.J. Pollock (right) celebrate after a home run in Notre Dame's comeback 8-6 victory over Valparaiso Monday at Frank Eck Stadium.

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 1 team comes into town

Top-ranked Northwestern puts 13-game winning streak on the line

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

Something is going to have to give this afternoon as the No. 1 Northwestern bring its 13-game win streak to Notre Dame to face the No. 20 Irish (16-7) and their nine-game win streak.

Northwestern's only loss of the season came at the hands of No. 2 Georgia Tech in the finals of the National Team Indoors in early February. The Wildcats (19-1) have been ranked No. 1 in six straight national polls dating back to Feb. 20 when Georgia Tech was ranked first.

Irish coach Jay Louderback recognizes this is the biggest game of the year so far and



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Senior Brook Buck returns a shot in Notre Dame's 6-1 win over Syracuse Sunday.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Undefeated Wildcats host streaking laxers

Northwestern looking for 33rd straight win

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

The road swing continues for No. 8 Notre Dame, and it won't get any easier tomorrow with a match-up at No. 1 Northwestern.

The Irish (9-3, 2-1 Big East) have won the first three games of a five-game road swing, including a 12-8 upset of No. 7 Duke last Thursday. The Wildcats (11-0) boast a slightly more impressive streak, though, as the three-time defending national champions have now won 32 straight.

"We feel confident with our game plan and we've been

working on it the last couple of days," coach Tracy Coyne said. "I feel like we're in a position right now obviously playing to win, and in order to have that happen ... we're not going to completely shut them down, but we need to contain some of their best offensive threats."

The Irish do have the top scorer in program history on their side, though. Junior attack Jillian Byers scored three goals against Duke to become the most prolific goalscorer in Notre Dame history, passing 2006 graduate Crysti Foote's 161 career goals.

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