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ND to award eight honorary degrees

Recipients who 'made significant contributions to our nation' to be honored at Commencement

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Notre Dame will award seven honorary degrees in addition to the honorary doctor of laws degree that will be given to President Barack Obama, the University announced Monday.

The recipients are "distinguished figures in academia, business, athletics, engineering, law and philanthropy," according to a press release.

The eight degrees will be awarded at the May 17 graduation ceremony.

"We seek to honor people who have made significant contributions to our nation," University spokesman Dennis Brown said of the recipients.

Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court Randall T. Shepard will receive a doctor of laws. Shepard has served as chief justice since 1987, and his leadership has led to "dramatic improvements, including successfully breaking down the language barriers in the courts, creating an

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Clockwise from top left, Steve Beering, Myles Brand, Fritz Duda, Patrick Finneran, President Barack Obama, Cindy Parseghian, Don Michael Randel and Randall T. Shepard.

Jewelry sold to benefit local charity

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Seven local artisans gathered in the Student Center Atrium Tuesday to sell their handcrafted jewelry for Rebuilding Together, a project to rebuild area homes.

"Just Jewelry for a Just Cause" was a fundraising campaign put on by Saint Mary's Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE). The money raised will be put towards a project that OCSE has sponsored for the past four years.

"The event is being held to raise money for our sponsorship of a house during the Rebuilding Together project," Carrie Call, director of OCSE, said.

Rebuilding Together brings members of the South Bend community together to help rehabilitate local homes, Call said.

"Rebuilding Together is an annual event during which a selection of homes in a South Bend neighborhood are rehabilitated. Homes are chosen through an application process and the homeowners must be elderly and/or disabled and/or low income," she said. "Saint Mary's has sponsored a house for the past four years. The volunteer work day is this coming Saturday, April 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m."

According to the Rebuilding Together Web site the program takes place two Saturdays each year and repairs about 25 homes.

According to the Web site,

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Panel: Recession presents opportunity

Professors discuss impact of economic troubles on international community



Professor Alexandra Guisinger addresses students during a panel entitled 'Facing the Obama Administration: Economic Policy' Tuesday.

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Professors Alexandra Guisinger, Nelson Mark and Mike Pries discussed the challenges and the opportunities that the economic crisis has placed before President Obama during "Facing the Obama Administration: Economic Policy," the fourth installment in a lecture series sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honors society.

The talk centered on what aspects of the economic crisis the new administration have any control over changing, and the portions of the recovery process are out of the president's hands.

"In dealing with the economy,

the Obama administration has taken on the approach that this crisis is a challenge that they can turn into an opportunity," Pries, a professor of economics, said. "In a time like this, the government can do things that they would not normally do if times were good."

Pries said, in the current recession, two tools the government uses are spending and lowering taxes because both actions should stimulate demand. Pries voiced his concerns over the recent stimulus package of \$800 billion, half of which was tax cuts. "I'm not too optimistic that this policy is going to turn out the way we want them to. Temporary tax cuts are not

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Senior seeking funds for internship in India

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Next year, current Notre Dame senior Katie Dunn hopes to work in India as part of a prosecution team that fights cases of child forced prostitution.

Dunn first became acquainted with human trafficking during a Summer Service Learning Project in Memphis, Tenn. and then worked within the subject again during an International Summer Service Learning Project (ISSLP) in Thailand.

While she was doing follow-up work on her ISSLP, she was

asked to sit on the Notre Dame Law School's Human Trafficking Panel. She also researched human trafficking during her semester abroad in Uganda.

Dunn hopes to turn her research into action by working as an intern for the International Justice Mission (IJM), which investigates and prosecutes those who deal in child forced prostitution, as well as protects the victims.

Dunn would spend half of her time working as an administrative assistant for the director of the IJM office and the other half

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Team sends three to Nationals

ND/SMC equestrians leave for major competition today

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

After accumulating points throughout the year, three members of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College equestrian team qualified for the National Competition which will begin today.

Notre Dame senior Alexandra Minnis, Notre Dame junior Jennifer Gilardi and Saint Mary's sophomore Celina Tolson placed high enough at



From left, Allie Minnis, Jenn Gilardi, Celina Tolson, and Laura Tiche competed at regionals in March.

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INSIDE COLUMN

God and football

I don't communicate well. I know what you're thinking: "As an avid reader of her inside columns and softball wraps, I've concluded that Laura Myers is intelligent, funny and probably very pretty." **Laura Myers**

Well, sorry to disappoint. *Assistant Sports Editor*

In person, I am usually none of those things. While my thoughts are both logical and entertaining, I cannot express them to other people in any sort of cohesive manner.

The one person I talk well with is my best friend Michelle. It all started senior year when we played euchre during study hall. We could literally just make eye contact and know what cards the other person had. It was eerie.

I was on the phone with Michelle over Easter break, and I said something about my New Testament class or my theology major.

She said, "Do you feel like the more you learn about Christianity, the more it seems ..."

I finished her sentence: "ridiculous?"

We couldn't talk for very long but we decided that we'd be able to have a good conversation when I got back to Ohio.

When I thought about that, I realized something about Notre Dame, or maybe humans in general.

It is impossible to have a real ebb-and-flow conversation about religion or any other loaded topic.

If you ask any student, he or she came to ND for two reasons: God and football. Sure, academics might be a reason, but we all gave up on that a long time ago.

And we talk about football constantly. But when, other than in your theology classes, have you really talked about God?

I bet not very often, because you can't. People here each have their own experiences and beliefs. If someone says anything that goes against those beliefs, the other person is immediately too offended to continue the conversation. He or she gets defensive and stops listening to a word the other person has to say.

So, we keep our conversations light. We talk about the weather, "American Idol," or the Indians creaming the Yankees 22-4.

Here's a challenge. There are tons of intelligent people here with strong convictions on all sorts of topics. Pick a friend and have a conversation on something real that you disagree about. Listen to them, and if you must disagree, make sure to attack the argument, not the person.

For example, I have e-mailed Christie Pesavento and hope to have a conversation about her enlightened views of torture that were in yesterday's paper. It will be a challenge for me to attack the argument instead of pushing her against the wall (all in good fun, right Christie?), but I'll try.

Here's another challenge. If you know how to play euchre, shoot me an e-mail. I'll blow off my papers to play the greatest game known to man. While we play, we can discuss the merits and limitations of Christianity.

Or the merits and limitations of the defensive switch back to the 4-3. I'm pretty sure I have some solid thoughts on both.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD BE ANY CARTOON CHARACTER, WHO WOULD YOU BE AND WHY?



Alex Robinson
freshman
Stanford

"Speedy Gonzalez because that's my childhood."



Barry Campion
freshman
Stanford

"Jerry the mouse because he's old school."



Brian Tully
freshman
Stanford

"Tom Pickles because he is gangster."



Nate Lee
freshman
Stanford

"Spongebob Squarepants because he likes crabby patties and a starfish named Patrick."



Katie Taylor
freshman
LeMans

"Twister from Rocket Power because he is sexy."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Junior Danny McRae, left, hands a yearbook to senior Jane Gayou in the Sorin Room Annex at the LaFortune Student Center on Tuesday, April 21. Yearbooks are being

IN BRIEF

A lecture called "Obama Invitation & Religious Freedom" will be presented by professor Rick Garnett in the Sorin Room of LaFortune today at 8 p.m. Curious about your role as a student at our Lady's University in the upcoming months? About the role of a Catholic in America today? Join in discussions led by several of Notre Dame's distinguished faculty.

An Indoor Soccer and Ping Pong RecNight will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Roll's RecSports Center tonight. It is open to student and prizes will be given to first and second place winners.

Professor Christine Stansell, a leading historian of American Women will give a lecture titled "Matrophobia and the Women's Movement: General Tensions in Feminism, 1968-2008" on Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Hesburg Center Auditorium. A Reception will precede the event at 3 p.m.

Harmonia, Notre Dame's only all female a cappella group will host their Spring Concert on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

There will be a Tag-Team Poetry Reading Extravaganza Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hammes Bookstore. The public is invited to enjoy the diversity of poetry from six different members of the creative writing program's faculty, emeriti and MFA students.

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

OFFBEAT

Judge orders defendant's mouth taped shut

POCATELLO, Idaho — A state judge who said he lost patience with an unruly defendant ordered court officials to cover the man's mouth with duct tape. The unusual move was ordered Monday by 6th District Judge Peter D. McDermott during a probation violation hearing for Nicklas Frasure. The 23-year-old Frasure was convicted of felony theft in 2008 and recently released from prison.

During the hearing, Frasure made repeated outbursts and ignored the judge's orders to refrain from interrupting the court. The judge then ordered bailiffs to silence Frasure.

Inmates on hunger strike over cricket match

KOLKATA, India — Hundreds of prisoners in an eastern Indian jail went on a hunger strike after authorities refused to allow inmates to watch one of India's biggest cricket tournaments on cable television, officials said on Monday.

About 500 prisoners in the eastern city of Kolkata had requested cable television to watch the Indian Premier League (IPL), a Twenty20 cricket tournament being played in South Africa at the weekend.

Cricket is followed by millions of people across the country.

Leaders cover from 'shoe-cide' attacks

NEW DELHI — India's politicians contesting in the general election, fearful of shoes hurled at them by disgruntled voters, have asked for more security and are erecting metal nets at rallies.

Lal Krishna Advani, the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) prime ministerial candidate was the latest politician to be at the receiving end Thursday, as an angry party worker threw a slipper at him during an election meeting in a central state.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 55 LOW 37	HIGH 47 LOW 37	HIGH 73 LOW 55	HIGH 80 LOW 57	HIGH 82 LOW 53	HIGH 78 LOW 50

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Council approves new student leaders

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) approved a number of new students to varied positions at its meeting Tuesday night.

The first confirmation was Alan Ho, as the Student Business Board's general manager. Ho is a junior accounting manager in Duncan. He was unanimously approved in a vote 16-0-0.

The next student to be approved by the council was Adam Steinbach. He was also approved unanimously as the Executive Controller.

The judicial council then had two confirmations, both of which were unanimously

approved.

Jean Namkung was confirmed as the Judicial Council vice president for peer advocacy, while Marcelo Perez was confirmed as the Judicial Council vice president for elections.

After these four confirmations, COR members delved into their main topic of discussion, which dealt with budgetary matters. The discussion was closed to the public.

Upcoming topics of discussion for COR's last meeting next Tuesday include the possibility for a spring concert in the future as well as the dates for 2011's Spring Break, which is tentatively scheduled to fall over Ash Wednesday.

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going to stimulate spending; the American people are going to take that extra money and save it," Pries said.

Pries said he did not think the government expenditures were going to produce the results they are intended for.

"This big spending by government is really just a transfer to different organizations. It's just like the taxes in the sense that the government is just giving people more money that they won't end up spending in a way that will stimulate recovery," Pries said.

Mark, a professor of economics, agreed with Pries that the stimulus package has many faults.

"A good portion of this stimulus package is not going to be spent until 2010. My personal feeling is that recovery is going to begin in the fourth quarter of this year so this spending will come at a time when we don't even need it," Mark said.

Mark said his main cause for concern was the precarious situation of the banking system.

"The banks that are in trouble now are the same banks that were in trouble six months ago under the Bush administration," he said. "If we're not careful, we can end up having no growth for a while if we do not clean up our

banking systems."

The problem with the current Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP) is the program is too small and Congress will not allocate enough money to adequately fix the problem, Mark said.

"Because Congress has not been forthright in dealing with this problem, the Federal Reserve has been pushed into fiscal action," he said.

Mark said the main issue with the banking situation is the problem of the insolvent banks. The banks owe more than what their assets are worth.

"What I feel we should be doing is closing the insolvent banks and selling their assets to the healthy banks. The taxpayers will have to pay for some of the action but the whole process is very fast and this is an action that can lead to robust recovery," Mark said.

The problem with this solution is that many of these banks have reached sizes that make them virtually impossible to close, despite how much financial trouble they might be in, Mark said.

"In reality, a lot of these banks are too expensive and too entwined with the international community to close," he said.

Guisinger discussed the international community and the implications of the crisis.

"Some of our recovery efforts are best done with other developed countries, such as the European countries. The problem in the long term is that the United States and Europe have different

views of what [the] situation should be," she said.

Guisinger said while the economic problems were mainly caused by the United States, other countries are feeling the ramifications much worse than Americans are.

"Americans are much more concerned right now with domestic measures but not with measures that would help the international community at large, such as strengthening the IMF," she said.

Guisinger said many of the problems and issues on the international level are ones that the Obama administration has no control over and in effect can do very little about them.

"The U.S. dollar is still in every bank in the world," she said. "If countries decide to switch to a different reserve currency, Obama can't do anything about it."

One thing that can be controlled is deciding what group is going to have to pay for the difference in the short term that could provide long-term effects and bring the economy back up.

"Somebody's going to take a hit," Pries said. "A whole bunch of money we thought we had is gone. How quickly we resolve this depends on how quickly we see who is going to end up paying. As soon as we do that, real recovery can begin."

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Nationals

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the qualifying competition to make it to Nationals.

"The Zone Championships were really great. We had four riders going into the day, and three ended up making it on to Nationals with two first places and one second place. Our fourth rider just missed Nationals with a third place," Minnis said.

According to Minnis, each year, riders compete in 10 competitions. Tolson added that throughout these competitions riders must earn 35 points to qualify for Regionals.

At Regionals, competitors must place in the top two of their riding class to qualify for Zones. In order to qualify for Nationals, the competitors

needed to place in the top two in their class at the Zones competition. There are nine Zones that compete in the National Competition with two riders from each class.

Minnis and Tolson placed first in their classes. Gilardi placed second in hers.

Minnis has been a member of the team for four years, and is currently captain of her class.

"I am competing in Open Fences," Minnis said. "There are three jumping divisions based on a rider's experience: Novice, Intermediate and Open, in

increasing level of experience."

This is the first year Tolson has been a member of the team, although she previously competed with the University of Cincinnati's team. Tolson will compete in Walk-Trot-Canter at Nationals.

"I'm excited," Tolson said. "I don't know if it's actually hit me yet. I was really excited when I won my class at Zones, and that was really exciting because my family was all there and everything. It won't really hit me I don't think until we're actually in Tennessee on Wednesday. I'm really excited to go. I think it will be a lot of fun."

Gilardi will be competing in the Intermediate Flat division. As a three-year member, Gilardi enjoys competing with the team.

"My favorite part about being on the team is the friendship and camaraderie between team members. We have so much fun at horse shows riding, and cheering each other on. We all want to do well and win, obviously, but it's all really laid back and fun instead of being pressure-filled and stressful," she said.

There are only 18 riders in the county attending Nationals, Gilardi said.


"I'm really excited to be going to Nationals. It's a goal that so many intercollegiate riders have as they compete throughout the year, so to accomplish it and be one of the 18 riders throughout the country to qualify in my division and compete at Nationals is a huge honor," Gilardi said.

The riders will be leaving today. The National competition will be held in Murfreesboro, Tenn. April 23 to 26.

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HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY Erin K. Dolan (ND 2010)

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Kevin & Annie (ND '04)

Brian (ND '08) & Carrie

Dunn

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working with prosecution teams, ranging from making sure the investigation procedures will hold up in court to doing research for the team.

IJM interns need to raise their own funds to cover visas, living expenses and airfare for the year they spend interning. The cost of one year of living in India is \$13,000. She said that one of the most difficult parts of the experience has been finding a way to fundraise that is both tactful and informative.

"The hardest thing, so far, has been trying to make human trafficking relevant to Notre Dame students without sounding flippant," she said. "Also, doing it without making the victims into stereotypes and exploiting them for money."

Dunn is looking forward to working with children, and plans to continue work in the field of human trafficking after her year-long internship ends.

"I look forward to working with kids who have been through a lot, but hopefully this approach will improve their lives," she said. "And hopefully [it will] prosecute enough people so that human trafficking is slowly eradicat-

ed." She said the hardest part of her experience will be trying to find a balance between seeking justice for the victims and avoiding traumatizing them further.

"I think it's going to be hard working with victims that have been through such awful, horrendous situations, especially since they're kids," Dunn said. "Working with them in a legal setting will feel very formal and maybe out of touch with the pain they're experiencing. They may be pushed beyond their comfort zone, but hopefully it will help them in the end."

So far, Dunn has raised approximately half of the funds she needs to live in India and complete her internship. She has even received help from Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, President Emeritus of Notre Dame. He wrote a letter on her behalf and sent it to Notre Dame alumni in hopes of obtaining donations.

"Katie brings intelligence, passion and commitment to the problem of human trafficking to the Notre Dame community," Hesburgh wrote in the letter. "Notre Dame alumni have the potential to change the world when they work together; now is one of those times."

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"I look forward to working with kids who have been through a lot, but hopefully this approach will improve their lives."

Katie Dunn
senior

Jewelry

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"Rebuilding Together is a non-profit, community-based partnership of volunteers from local government, businesses and other nonprofits, that rehabilitate the homes of low-income homeowners and improve neighborhoods."

Sponsorship of a house costs \$3,500, and Call said that although she didn't expect to raise a great deal of money, every little bit counts.

The event was given its name because jewelry was the only type of item sold. "Instead of having a big craft fair with people selling lots of different kinds of crafts, we decided to focus on 'just jewelry.' Since it raises money for Rebuilding Together, we see that as a 'just cause,'" Call said.

Each artisan donated at least 20 percent to the Rebuilding Together fund.

"At least 20 percent of each vendors' profits will go toward Rebuilding Together. Some are donating more than 20 percent," she said.

Vendors sold all types of jewelry. There were a variety of earrings, bracelets and necklaces. Some were sterling silver while others were beaded.

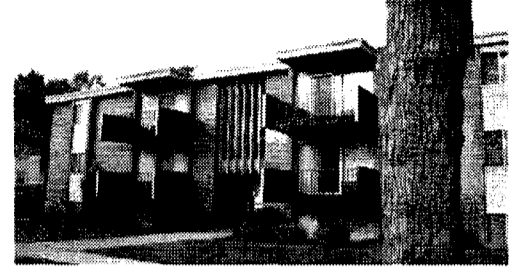
For more information about how to become involved with the Rebuilding Together project, visit the Web site at <http://www.rtsjc.org> or visit the OCSE office, room 220 in the Student Center.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexico names U.S. Ambassador

MEXICO CITY — Mexico has approved a Cuban-American with expertise in conflict management as the new U.S. ambassador, the Foreign Relations Department said Monday.

Foreign Secretary Patricia Espinosa told reporters Mexico approved the new U.S. ambassador several days ago, though she did not say who it was. Foreign Relations Department spokesman Victor Aviles later told The Associated Press it was Carlos Pascual.

Pascual replaces Tony Garza.

President Barack Obama's administration has yet to formally announce its choice for ambassador to Mexico, which the Senate must approve.

Second Holocaust will not happen

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pledged Monday not to allow Holocaust deniers the chance to carry out a second Holocaust against the Jewish people.

He spoke at the ceremony marking Israel's annual memorial day for the 6 million Jews killed by Nazis and their collaborators during World War II, but the event fell under the shadow of a U.N. anti-racism conference in Geneva perceived in Israel as anti-Semitic.

Netanyahu criticized the president of Switzerland for meeting Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at the conference. Netanyahu said the Iranian leader, who has called for Israel to be wiped off the map, has denied the existence of the Holocaust.

NATIONAL NEWS

Craigslist killer apprehended

BOSTON — A Boston University medical student was arrested Monday in the shooting death in a hotel of a masseuse and the robbery of another woman who both advertised their services on Craigslist.

Phil Markoff, 22, was arrested during a traffic stop Monday afternoon on Interstate 95 in Walpole, south of Boston, Police Commissioner Ed Davis said at a news conference to announce the arrest. He is also suspected of being connected to an assault on a Las Vegas exotic dancer in Rhode Island last week.

Mysterious donor strikes again

NEW YORK — The mystery college donor has struck again — this time at Binghamton University in New York, whose financial aid office phone started ringing off the hook as word of an anonymous \$6 million contribution spread across campus.

Binghamton is the latest of at least a dozen universities to receive donations totaling more than \$60 million in recent weeks. The gifts have arrived with the same, highly unusual stipulation: not only must the donor remain anonymous, but not even the college can know who it is or try to find out.

The recipient colleges seem to have almost nothing in common except this: so far, all are led by women.

Binghamton announced the gift Monday, though it said the check came to its foundation office several weeks ago.

LOCAL NEWS

Modified yeast in production

INDIANAPOLIS — An Indiana biotechnology company announced Tuesday that it has begun producing a genetically modified yeast that promises to make it easier and faster to turn corn cobs, wood chips and a host of agricultural wastes into ethanol.

Green Tech America Inc. of West Lafayette said its modified yeast ferments both major forms of sugar — glucose and xylose — involved in creating cellulosic ethanol from plant matter.

The yeast, which arose from research at Purdue University dating back three decades, is a modified form of common baker's yeast that its creators made using recombinant DNA techniques.

PAKISTAN

Taliban invites Osama to Swat Valley

Valley becomes haven for anti-U.S. militants after Islamic law imposed

Associated Press

MINGORA — Pakistan was trying to end bloodshed when it let the idyllic Swat Valley fall under Islamic law last week. Instead, it has emboldened the Taliban and prompted an invitation — however improbable — for Osama bin Laden.

The local spokesman for the Taliban, which control the valley, told The Associated Press he'd welcome militants bent on battling U.S. troops and their Arab allies if they want to settle there.

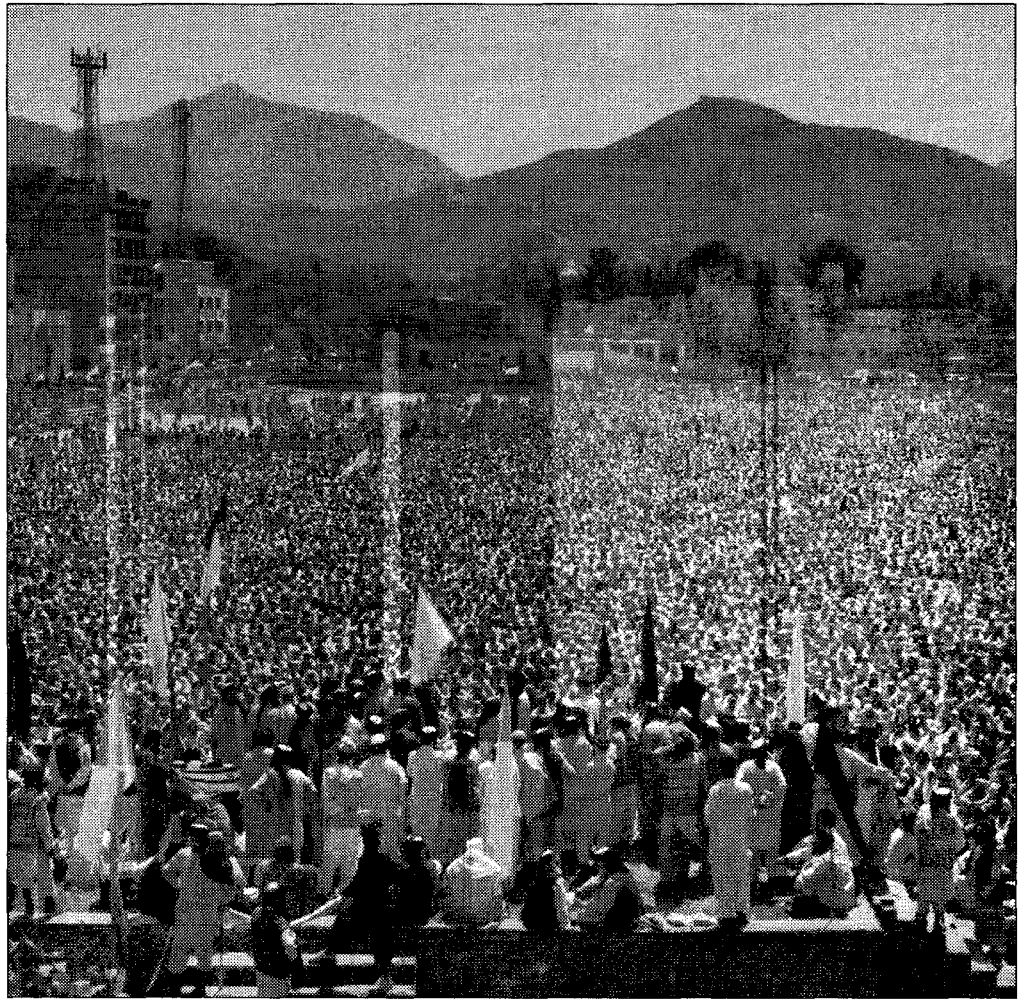
"Osama can come here. Sure, like a brother they can stay anywhere they want," Muslim Khan said in a two-hour interview Friday, his first with a foreign journalist since Islamic law was imposed. "Yes, we will help them and protect them."

Khan spoke in halting English he learned during four years painting houses in the U.S. before returning to Swat in 2002. He averted his eyes as he spoke to a female journalist, in line with his strict understanding of Islam.

Pakistan reacted with alarm to his comments, saying it would never let him shelter the likes of bin Laden.

"We would have to go for the military operation. We would have to apply force again," said Information Minister Qamar Zaman Kaira. "We simply condemn this. We are fighting this war against al-Qaida and the Taliban."

But it is far from clear that the government has the means to do much of anything in the Swat Valley. It agreed to Islamic law in the region — drawing international condemnation — after trying and failing to defeat the Taliban in fighting marked by brutal beheadings that killed more than 850 people over two



Pro-Taliban cleric Sufi Muhammad, who mediated a peace agreement between Pakistan and the Taliban, addresses his supporters in Pakistan's Swat Valley, Friday April 19.

years.

"We lost the war. We negotiated from a position of weakness," said Afrasiab Khattak, a leader of the Awami National Party, which governs the province that includes Swat. He said the region's police force is too underpaid, undertrained and under-equipped to take on the militants.

At the behest of the National Assembly, President Asif Ali Zardari last week signed off on a regulation establishing Islamic law throughout the Malakand Division, a strategic territory bordering Afghanistan, and Pakistan's tribal belt where bin Laden has long been rumored to be hiding. The Swat Valley, where tourists

once flocked to enjoy Alpine-like scenery, is part of the area.

Whether Swat someday proves an alluring haven for bin Laden could depend on how threatened he feels in his current location, and how successful the Taliban militants are in keeping state forces at bay there.

U.S. officials said they would work with Pakistan to make sure militants aren't safe anywhere.

"With regard to Mullah Omar and Osama bin Laden, this is not a place where they should be welcome. We believe ... that violent extremists need to be confronted," State Department spokesman Robert Wood said Monday.

In an interview with Pakistan's Geo TV, Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani was asked about U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke's concerns over the Swat deal.

"He doesn't need to worry about that," Gilani said. "This is our country. We know the ground realities better than he does. We will continue supporting this deal if peace comes there. I'm seeing peace is coming there."

On Friday, Taliban fighters in pickup trucks with black flags rumbled through the rutted streets of the valley's main city of Mingora, demanding over loudspeakers that shops shutter their windows and prepare for prayers.

Attorneys: Whistleblower faked warning

Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Attorneys for one of the nation's largest sugar producers accused a whistleblower Monday of faking a report that he says he sent to company executives warning them of the dust hazard at a Georgia refinery days before a blast there killed 14 workers.

Lawyers defending Imperial Sugar in more than 30 lawsuits filed a motion in Chatham County State Court asking a judge to throw out the report and all testimony by Graham H. Graham because he "knowingly provided false testimony." Graham was vice president of operations at the Texas company at the time of the explosion.

Company attorneys said computer forensics experts hired by Imperial Sugar determined the report, which Graham says he forwarded to top company executives after he wrote it the week of Jan. 20, 2008 — 17 days before the explosion — was actually generated three days after the blast. They say Graham never sent the document to anyone other than his wife.

"They've made a mistake," Graham said Monday. "The allegations are wrong."

Investigators determined the Feb. 7, 2008, explosion at Imperial Sugar's refinery in Port Wentworth, a few miles west of Savannah, was caused by airborne particles of sugar dust that ignited like gunpowder. Dozens of workers were injured

along with the 14 who died.

Graham, who lives in Houston, referred further questions to his attorney, Philip Hilder, who called the accusation a "maneuver by Imperial Sugar to continuously smear Graham Harris Graham."

However, Hilder declined to answer questions about when Graham wrote the report and whether he sent it to company executives.

Mark Tate, a Savannah lawyer who represents the families of 11 victims suing Imperial Sugar, defended Graham as "the hero of this case."

Tate said Graham testified at an Oct. 14 deposition that several e-mails from before the explosion had vanished from his company laptop.

Degrees

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atmosphere of accountability for judges, and educating the public about the judiciary's role in society," the release said. Shepard was recently appointed to the U.S. Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules by United States Chief Justice John Roberts.

Myles Brand, president of the NCAA, will receive a doctor of laws. He served as president of the University of Oregon and Indiana University and as chair of the Association of American Universities. Brand is a philosopher and has focused his studies on "the nature of human action," the release said.

A doctor of humane letters degree will be awarded to Cindy Parseghian, a Notre Dame graduate who founded the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation along with her husband. The Foundation works to find a cure for Niemann-Pick Type C disease, a fatal genetic disorder that affected three out of Parseghian's four children and has raised more than \$33 million to help scientists find the gene responsible for the disease and develop a cure, according to the release.

President Emeritus of Purdue University Steven Beering will receive a doctor of laws degree. Beering served as president of Purdue from 1983 to 2000 and is currently the chair of the National Science Board. Beering has also served as chair of the Association of the Medical Colleges and Association of American Universities. He spent 10 years as dean of medicine and director of the Indiana University Medical Center and currently holds appointments as professor of medicine at Indiana University and professor of pharmacology at Purdue University.

A doctor of engineering degree will be awarded to Patrick Finneran, vice president of program management and business excellence for Boeing Integrated Defense Systems. Finneran, a Notre Dame graduate, has "led every military aircraft program at Boeing's St. Louis site," the release said. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 20 years and has combat service in the Vietnam War. Finneran retired as a lieutenant colonel.

Fritz L. Duda, a member of

the University's Board of Trustees, will receive a doctor of laws degree. Duda is the chief executive officer of a Dallas-based investment company, and he owns a real estate and investment firm. Before his election to the Board of Trustees in 1997, Duda served on the Advisory Council for the School of Architecture, helping to develop

a "long-term plan for the Notre Dame campus" and influencing a return to the gothic theme for new campus buildings, according to the release.

President of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Don Michael Randel will receive a doctor of laws degree, as he is "a prolific and internationally prominent historian of music," the release said. Randel taught at Cornell University for 32 years and served as the dean of the university's college of arts and letters. He was appointed president of the University of Chicago in 2000 and led the largest fund-raising campaign in the university's history.

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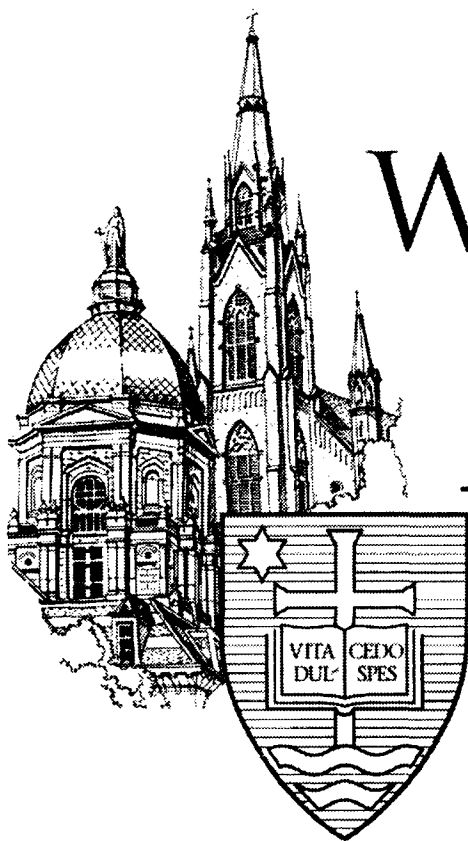
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Furnace issues could cause layoffs

GARY, Ind. — United Steelworkers representatives are concerned about possible job losses in the wake of blast furnaces being taken off line at U.S. Steel Corp.'s Gary Works and ArcelorMittal's Indiana Harbor West plant in East Chicago.

U.S. Steel has taken down one blast furnace to investigate a problem and make any necessary repairs, company spokeswoman Erin DiPietro said.

"We are assessing the situation to determine the best course of action for repairs," she said.

Jerry Littles, president of United Steelworkers Local 1014, said he expected the shutdown of the blast furnace would mean layoffs.

As the company works through the outages and restarts at Gary Works it plans to adjust production at its Mon Valley Works near Pittsburgh and its Fairfield Works near Birmingham, Ala., she said.

Pharmacies translate instructions

ALBANY, N.Y. — Five major pharmacy chains agreed Tuesday to print drug instructions at their New York stores in five languages other than English and indicated that they plan to expand the option to other states.

The companies are Target, Wal-Mart, Costco, Duane Reade and A&P. The agreements will also require the companies to provide oral assistance in more than 150 languages.

The companies, which together have 700 stores in New York state, agreed with state Attorney General Andrew Cuomo to counsel and provide written translations in Spanish, Chinese, Italian, Russian and French.

The companies didn't agree to Polish translations, although other pharmacies agreed to that in previous deals with the attorney general.

Pharmacists in New York must personally provide information about prescription drugs to all patients, orally and in writing, and pharmacies are prohibited from conducting business in a way that discriminates against non-English speakers.

According to census data, more than a million New Yorkers do not speak English.

More General Motors workers laid off

Company cuts positions in order to meet goal of 3,400 announced in February

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. started firing 1,600 white-collar workers Monday, continuing its effort to slash costs and qualify for more government loans on the same day it revealed it spent \$2.8 million in the first three months of this year to lobby federal lawmakers.

Meanwhile, Fiat's CEO left Italy to resume critical talks on an alliance with Chrysler LLC, as deadlines draw closer for GM and Chrysler to finish their restructuring plans.

Both automakers are living on a combined \$17.4 billion in government loans and have said they'll need more money to survive. Chrysler must cut its debt and its labor costs and forge an alliance with Fiat Group SpA by April 30, or President Barack Obama says Chrysler won't get any more help.

If GM can swap much of its debt for stock and get concessions from the UAW and Canadian Auto Workers by June 1, the government says it will provide more loans to keep the company going. Bankruptcy financing also is possible if the company determines Chapter 11 is its best bet to achieve the cuts it needs.

GM's layoffs this week bring the automaker close to its goal announced in February to cut 3,400 U.S. salaried positions, spokesman Tom Wilkinson said. GM has about 29,000 salaried workers in the U.S.

"In these unprecedented times, GM is reinventing every aspect of our business, including our organizational size and structure, to create a lean and agile company," GM North America President Troy Clarke said Monday in an e-mail to employees



General Motors world headquarters is shown in Detroit, Tuesday, April 21, 2009. General Motors Corp. could get \$5 billion more in federal loans after firings.

obtained by The Associated Press.

Meanwhile, GM said in a government filing that it spent \$2.8 million in the first quarter lobbying the U.S. government on a range of issues, including the economic stimulus package, and environmental, consumer safety and health issues.

"We're a part of arguably one of the most regulated industries and we provide a voice in complex policy discussions," GM spokesman Greg Martin said.

GM's lobbying costs fell 15 percent from the \$3.3 million it spent in the

fourth quarter of 2008, but they rose from the \$2.7 million GM spent in the third quarter.

Chrysler LLC, which got a \$4 billion loan, and parent company Cerberus Capital Management LP together spent \$1.1 million lobbying during the first three months of this year, according to filings. That's down about 50 percent from what the two spent during the last three months of 2008.

GM has said it will eliminate 47,000 jobs worldwide by the end of 2009, but the cuts may go even deeper as the company moves toward its

deadline. CEO Fritz Henderson has said the automaker will close more factories beyond five announced in February. The factories to be closed have not yet been identified.

"There is no question, as we look at our revised plan to go deeper and go faster in our operational restructuring, there will be further reductions in manpower, people, that are going to affect communities, affect plants and people, both on hourly and the salaried side of the business," Henderson told reporters Friday.

Bright Automotive unveils hybrid

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It sounds like a bright idea.

Anderson, Ind.-based startup Bright Automotive on Tuesday unveiled the IDEA, a 100-mpg plug-in hybrid electric van that it is looking to sell to fleet customers such as businesses and government agencies.

The automaker's goal is to produce 50,000 vehicles a year starting in 2013. The ultimate outcome, it hopes, will be millions of dollars in savings in gasoline and drastically reduced emissions for fleet users.

"We are ready to provide the necessary automotive leadership our nation is calling for," Chief Executive John Waters said in a conference call with reporters.

Waters, who developed the battery pack for General Motors Corp.'s first electric vehicle, the EV1, unveiled the IDEA on Capitol Hill in Washington. He said the company has applied for a \$450 million loan from a Department of Energy program designed to help automakers develop fuel-efficient technology.

Waters hopes to begin production of the vehicle by 2012 and begin supplying to fleet customers the following year. He said the company is targeting fleet, rather than retail, customers, because fleet customers buy vehicles "on spreadsheets" in large quantities, which helps bring down the cost and eliminates the emotion present in car-buying.

"We feel there would be a rapid adaptation and adoption of vehicles in the fleet sector," Waters said. He

declined to offer an estimated price of the vehicle.

Waters said the IDEA will run on battery power alone for 30 miles. At that point, it will function like a conventional hybrid, drawing on a combination of gasoline and an electric battery to generate power. He said the 100 mpg figure is an estimate that assumes a fleet driver averages 50 miles per day.

Bright Automotive is the latest entrant in a growing field of high-tech automotive startups, many of which have placed their bets on pricey, high-end vehicles. Tesla Motors, based in Silicon Valley, sells the \$109,000 Roadster electric car and recently unveiled a much cheaper sedan, the Model S. EV Innovations unveiled two new electric sports cars at the New York International Auto Show earlier this month.

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Surviving pirate in custody in NY

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The sole surviving Somali pirate from the hostage-taking of an American ship captain arrived in New York on Monday, smiling for a gaggle of cameras and reporters as federal agents led him into custody to face charges in the attack.

Abduhl Wali-i-Musi (AHB'-dul wahl-ih-MOO'-sih) was handcuffed and had a chain wrapped around his waist. His left hand was heavily bandaged from the wound he suffered during the skirmish on the ship two weeks ago.

The smiling teenager seemed poised as he entered a federal building in a rainstorm, but he didn't say anything in response to reporters' shouted questions about whether he had any comment about the pirate episode.

Wali-i-Musi is the first person to be tried in the United States on piracy charges in more than a century. He was flown from Africa to a New York airport and taken into custody ahead of a court hearing Tuesday.

A law enforcement official familiar with the case said that the teenager was being charged under two obscure federal laws that deal with piracy and hostage-taking. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the charges had not been announced.

The teenager's arrival came on the same day that his mother

appealed to President Barack Obama for his release. She says her son was coaxed into piracy by "gangsters with money."

"I appeal to President Obama to pardon my teenager; I request him to release my son or at least allow me to see him and be with him during the trial," Adar Abdirahman Hassan said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from her home in Galka'yo town in Somalia.

The age and real name of the young pirate remained unclear. The mother said he is only 16 years old and is named Abdi Wali Abdulqadir Muse. The law enforcement official says he is at least 18, meaning prosecutors will not have to take extra legal steps to put him on trial in a U.S. court.

The suspect was taken aboard a U.S. Navy ship shortly before Navy SEAL snipers killed three of his colleagues who had held Capt. Richard Phillips hostage.

The U.S. officials said the teenager was brought to New York to face trial in part because the FBI office here has a history of handling cases in Africa involving major crimes against Americans, such as the al-Qaida bombings of two U.S. embassies in East Africa in 1998.

Ron Kuby, a New York-based civil rights lawyer, said he has been in discussions about forming a legal team to represent the Somali.

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Family hit by murder-suicide 'seemed ideal'

Associated Press

TOWSON, Md. — They seemed like an ideal Long Island family: William Parente was a lawyer, his wife Betty a stay-at-home mom active in the community. Their daughters were well-liked by teachers and classmates.

Friends and neighbors said they never suspected anything was amiss and were dumbfounded to learn the Parentes had died Monday in an apparent murder-suicide in a suburban Baltimore hotel room.

Experts say that's typical of family killings. Several similar high-profile cases in recent months have been tied to families' economic woes, though there's no indication that was the case with the Parentes.

They lived in a neighborhood of million-dollar homes in Garden City, N.Y., next to a golf course. William, 59, was

a tax and estate planning attorney who commuted to his Manhattan office. Betty, 58, volunteered.

They were in Maryland to visit older daughter Stephanie, 19, a sophomore at Loyola College in Baltimore. With them was her sister, Catherine, 11, a sixth-grader at Garden City Middle School.

"I can't tell you how heart-sick I am," next-door neighbor Mary Opulente Krener said. "This is the most wonderful family, the most kind and loving family. I'm astounded."

The Parentes ate breakfast together Sunday morning and an employee of the Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel in Towson saw them together Sunday afternoon.

On Monday, after they failed to check out of their room on time, a housekeeper found their bodies.

Deaths of polo horses probed

Associated Press

WELLINGTON, Fla. — Organ by organ, veterinarians are taking apart 21 prized polo horses to uncover what killed them mysteriously over the weekend during preparations for a match in one of the sport's top championships. Simultaneously, state authorities have opened a criminal probe to determine whether the deaths were intentional, a result of negligence or simply a terrible accident.

With careful cuts to their muscular bodies, the investigators look for lesions, fluids, bruises and hemorrhages, any obvious signs of sickness. They're removing the hearts, lungs, livers, kidneys and spleens, and cutting small samples to be tested for toxins. The process unfolds much as it would for a dead person.

State officials believe the horses died from an adverse drug reaction, toxins in their food or supplements, or a combination of the two. Two days after the horses' deaths, authorities say they have not uncovered any crime but continue to investigate.

"We want to make sure from a law enforcement standpoint that there was no impropriety ... no purposeful harm or laws violated in Florida," said Terence McElroy, spokesman for the state Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, which is handling the case with help from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

The horses from the Venezuelan-owned team began collapsing Sunday as they were unloaded from trailers at the International Polo Club Palm Beach, with some dying at the scene and others hours later. They were set to compete in the sport's U.S. Open tournament ahead of the finals this coming Sunday, and were seen as top contenders.

While veterinarians work with their scalpels, investigators are interviewing everyone who encountered the horses the day of the game and gathering evidence such as feed and supplements from the stables where the horses were kept.

"Should criminal activity surface, we don't want to be so far behind the eight-ball that we're playing catch-up," said sheriff's Capt. Greg Richter.

The exhaustive process included more evidence collecting Tuesday at the stables used by the Lechuza Polo team, said Dr. Michael Short, the state's equine programs manager who is helping coordinate the case.

The investigation hinges on a combination of interviews with players and groomers, tests of feed and a history of the horses' training regimens, Short said. Information gathered there and during the necropsies will help investigators refine their approach to the toxicologies.

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A few thoughts on a special day

Even though I am far from campus, I have been listening to the spirited disagreement over President Obama's participation in Notre Dame's 2009 Commencement. I consider myself a friend and admirer of Notre Dame's, and the criticism and controversy have prompted me to share some thoughts with you.

Jeff Immelt

Guest
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Two years ago I was deeply honored to be asked to give the Commencement address to Notre Dame's class of 2007. I told all those gathered there that day that Notre Dame represented everything that is good about this country. I am even more certain of that today.

As I think of the University's commitment to excellence, scholarship and values, I understand the challenge of being one of the nation's preeminent academic institutions while holding firm to its Catholic character. I know the tug between those goals invariably. I know the tug between those goals in higher education and a valuable voice in the national consciousness.

I was back on campus last fall as a panelist for the forum on sustainable energy, environmental health and the strategies needed to ensure that the human race thrives well into the future. Other places might argue the science and technology, the economics and the practical measures for preserving our natural environment. But at Notre Dame — everyone knows — the ethical and the moral, even the spiritual will be central to any complex and difficult discussion.

So why would the CEO of GE, which has its own challenges in a tough economy, stick his nose into this issue? There are two reasons. First, Notre Dame and GE have a long and beneficial relationship. We love recruiting at Notre Dame — we employ 400 Notre Dame graduates, including our chief financial officer, Keith Sherin — and our television network, NBC, has a great relationship with Notre Dame football. Second, I consider your president, Fr. John Jenkins, to be one of the finest people I have ever met. So I offer these thoughts from those perspectives and with great humility.

The first is to congratulate those graduating May 17. This is your day. Your family's day. It represents the culmination of a family's love and support, sacrifice and pride. Don't let others, and these other issues —

however important they may seem to be — take the day's celebration away from you.

The second thing I think about is what a profound moment this is in the life of your University. America's first African-American president has selected Notre Dame as one of three universities he'll visit for graduation ceremonies during his first year in office. That's an honor, and a deserving one. Where better to go than the home of Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, the man who shepherded the U.S. Civil Rights Movement into law 45 years ago? What a great moment in the life of this nation. And how fitting that Notre Dame graduates will be witness to this.

Here's something else you might consider as you think about those who criticize the selection of the president as your speaker — the opportunities and burdens of leadership, the importance of an organization's core values, and the absolute need to listen carefully to diverse opinion in order to move that organization forward, for it to adapt, to change, be innovative and so continue to lead.

I manage a company that supplies 25 percent of the world's electricity. We operate television networks and craft companies. We manufacture aircraft engines, locomotives, health care equipment, appliances and light bulbs. And I can assure you that the bigger you are, the bigger the target you wear. Like many CEOs recently, I have been criticized by the best of them, from The Wall Street Journal to "Fortune" magazine.

But I also know that leading — by definition — means to be out front, where your actions are more visible, more scrutinized. Not many colleges or universities in America are more visible, more scrutinized than Notre Dame. Much of the reason this current controversy is so very public is simply because of Notre Dame's stature in the minds of Americans, and not just Catholic Americans.

Another reason for this debate is that Notre Dame stands for something. And people know it. It's a compliment that those who hold an institution in such high esteem call it into account when they don't think it has lived up to the standards they ascribe to it. Arguments naturally arise when competing values come into conflict. Faith traditions and the institution's moral compass can sometimes seem at odds with academic freedom, scientific inquiry and societal or cultural movements. Being different isn't

easy. And Notre Dame, in striving to be a truly great Catholic university, is trying to achieve something few other institutions in the world have even attempted.

Part of growing as a leader is to open the doors to divergent opinions, to let critics into the boardroom, and to engage diverse viewpoints and perceptions. Institutions cannot be insular or static. Both Notre Dame and GE have matured and thrived because of a willingness to try things, to explore and to change.

I know that Notre Dame is a force for good in the world. But sustaining that reputation requires a real and earnest engagement with that world, a certain level of give-and-take. Notre Dame is an international enterprise. You cannot bring about positive change in so diverse a world without working cooperatively with those who are different, who may disagree with you, but whose perspectives should be welcomed and seriously considered.

At the same time, we must adhere to core values — core values that ground each institution at all times. And it's those enduring values that persist over time, that give an institution the confidence to engage in dialogue and cope with challenges without feeling threatened by different points of view. I believe Notre Dame to be an institution that knows itself well enough to welcome diverse voices and to embrace a lively exchange of ideas without sacrificing its fundamental nature and sense of good.

I encourage you to find and celebrate common ground where it exists. And where there are differences, remember that goodwill and respect are the best ways to foster understanding and that meaningful relationships are necessary to bring about the changes we desire.

In fact, I encourage you to see commencement as an opportunity to open and pursue conversations and strengthen mutual beliefs in order to build broader appreciation for who you are and what you believe. More than anything else, congratulations to the class of 2009 and their families. It's your day to savor — individually and collectively — accomplishments dreamed about long ago.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush."

Doug Larson
U.S. Journalist

My regrets

It's now time for us as seniors to start thinking about what we could have or should have done differently over the course of our undergraduate years at Notre Dame. For instance, a close friend of mine jokingly told me he has nothing but regrets. Yet my biggest regret involves the columns I didn't write. So instead of talking about all the things I have loved about Notre Dame, I'm going to make this column a collection of the failed columns I tried to write this year but could never finish.



Andrew Miller

The Roads Scholar

First: "Raise High the Stock Portfolios, Investors."

I wanted to write an elegy to the financial industry last fall and started to do so in a parody of John Milton's "Lycidas." This was as far as I got:

... Yet once more, O ye bankers, and once more you executives proud, with paychecks never dwindling, I come to ask of you: How could such things happen? Where have gone the glory days of our youth, the days of the tech bubble booming

with rises economic and complete? Where has gone the security of our economic future? Bitter times and financial constraints have brought me to this point. The dollar is dead, dead before it had time to fully flourish. Yet what currencies would not mourn with me as I bemoan the demise of such an entity?

Not all is bad, say some. The optimist comes to a new point in his analysis: "Weep no more, oh guardians of our wallets and purses! For the dollar is not dead though it be sinking to its lower limits. Time will come again when we will rejoice in its power." Thus the golden swan takes leave in better straights than us. He looks out on fresh industries and markets new ...

Second: "The Redness of the Ginger." I wanted to write about people with red hair because I have red hair and I feel that ever since the "South Park" episode "Ginger Kids" premiered, us redheads have been inordinately mocked. The title of the column is an allusion to a chapter in "Moby-Dick" and initially the whole column was going to be a parody of Ishmael's lengthy yet meaningful cetological discourses in that novel. But again, this is as far as I got:

... What the red-haired child is to the general non-redheaded community has been exhaustively discussed: in an episode of "South Park," in the predominating cul-

ture of British society, in whispered rumors that red hair is the proverbial mark of Cain. What the red-haired child is to me has yet remained unsaid.

Reasons abound as to why the topic of red hair is perennially intriguing. For me, a currently balding redhead, I have reduced the answers I have given in the past to this single idea: It is the redness of the hair which above all things appalls most people. But how can I try to explain what this means; and yet, in some inconceivable, indiscernible way, explain myself I must, otherwise this entire column is for naught.

There is fear of the redhead in our social environment. He is a person that walks among brown and blonde haired peoples different and definitively in the minority. He is a person that stands out in any racial crowd. He is a person that cannot help but make himself aware of his inherent superficial inferiority. But there must be reasons for these truths; there must be a determinable answer as to why ...

Third: "The Family Band." I've always wanted a family band and I wanted to write a column about how best to form one. I planned to talk about how a family band would go through the full range of rock and roll experiences from booming early success to utter destruction through a lifestyle of sex and drugs. But I was never able to achieve the right tone

and I was only ever satisfied with the first line ("So lately I've decided to form a family band") and the last line ("You know, I just can't handle this right now. I'm never going to form a family band"). Anyone who wants to try to figure out what goes in between these two lines please send me an e-mail.

So there they are: the three columns I could never write. There was a column I finished about Notre Dame indignation; but it was mean and I only wanted to publish it because of one joke ("What use is dialogue when both sides of the aisle are riding the Loud Bus to Crazy Town?"). I almost wrote columns about excessive hugging, eating dinner in the DH alone and facial hair in college.

But I didn't. And now I realize that my biggest regret in college is not applying to be an Observer Columnist until the fall of my senior year.

I would like to thank any readers I may or may not have, my friends, The Observer for publishing me and particularly Brad Blomstrom and Alex Duffy who always, always got the joke.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Redefine torture

Ms. Pesavento,

Thank you for showing the problem with America's view of torture ("Torture is in the eye of the beholder," April 21). Currently the Justice Department defines torture as "physical suffering and lasting mental anguish." This definition invites convoluted definitions of "lasting anguish" and ultimately permits some torture. This comes in spite of the fact that U.S. officials prosecuted Japanese interrogators for water boarding post-World War II. Former National Intelligence Director Mike McConnell is quoted as stating that the legal test for torture should be "pretty simple": "Is it excruciatingly painful to the point of forcing someone to say something because of the pain?"

The policy should be re-worked to state that if a practice causes enough mental or physical harm so as to induce lying for the purpose of stopping the procedure, the practice is torture. This would, however, require an element of cultural sensitivity. Stripping detainees naked, as explained in CIA documents, was employed to clash with cultural/religious teachings against expressed sexuality and evoke shame. Further, the practice of confining a detainee with caterpillars (which interrogators told the detainee were stinging insects) could arguably be considered tor-

ture as it was only done because the interrogators found he had a paralyzing fear of insects.

In addition, much of the intelligence received from "enhanced interrogation" has been bad intelligence (including information received from one Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi that formed the backbone of claims of an Al Qaeda-Iraq link which we now know to be false). On the subject of torture even CIA reports note, "It is difficult to determine conclusively whether interrogations have provided information critical to interdicting specific imminent attacks." Perhaps they ought to do away with torture as a practice on purely practical grounds.

Lastly, I would like to respond to your evocation of 9/11 as proof of torture being necessary. As enumerated by the 9/11 commission, the problem with US intelligence gathering has never been a lack of information, but rather a coordinated system for sharing and distributing that information in addition to a lack of adequate resources to pursue all leads.

Torture is real, objective and wrong. I applaud Obama for aiding in its exposure.

Michael Lucien
 junior
 Siegfried Hall
 April 21

If it was you...

To Christie Pesavento ("Torture is in the eye of the beholder," April 21):

In your most recent column, you presume that the United States should not torture to acquire intelligence, then argue that the interrogation methods specified in the newly released memos written by Bush's Justice Department "are hardly the equivalent of torture." Your argument, however, is flawed in that it is an argument as to what constitutes torture, but fails to define torture. Since you seem to have trouble defining what torture is, as most people do, I offer you a chance at redemption.

I will give you the chance to decide if the interrogation methods the CIA has been using for years constitute torture, only if you undergo the methods yourself. By your description of these interrogation techniques, this should be just like walking down the halls of your high school and/or

going for a swim. First, the CIA operatives must deprive you of sleep for the maximum number of days the memos specify is allowed (11). That shouldn't be a problem since most college students regularly pull multiple all-nighters, right? Then you must undergo slapping to your face and stomach by CIA operatives, then stand in a cold room for hours while you are periodically doused with even colder water. Finally, you will be waterboarded, but don't worry, the memos say that a doctor will be present in case you need an emergency tracheotomy.

Only after you undergo these "enhanced interrogation techniques," will I lend your argument any credence whatsoever.

Marc Jiorle
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 April 21

Core values gone?

Thank you to Edward Cox for his letter "Pick speakers instead" (April 21). I agree it was a totally stupid decision on the part of Fr. Jenkins and the Board to chose a commencement speaker who would totally tear apart the Notre Dame Family. I recognize more and more that Notre Dame is much different then when I graduated in June of 1970.

As an owner of a condo purchased to be closer to my beloved Notre Dame, I witness the off campus students of today tearing up our complex with no respect or regard for others living around them. The letters to the editor show many current students have lost the core Catholic values which made Notre Dame the premier Catholic university in the nation and quite possibly the world.

I wish to thank Fr. Jenkins for providing the proverbial straw that broke this alum's back. I will be leaving behind a very important part of my life. I hope it costs Notre Dame millions in donations and ultimately Fr. Jenkins his job for this totally unnecessary choice. Yes, students at Notre Dame today are very different from in my day. However, past alumni have always been an important part of the Notre Dame family, and it saddens me that the administration has chosen to cut their legs out from beneath them.

Ken Koehler
 alumnus
 Class of 1970
 April 21

Walk-out absurd

I have a question for Edward Cox ("Pick speakers instead," April 21) that he might find familiar: What were you thinking? Your letter has proved to be ill-informed, disrespectful and disturbingly cavalier in its suggestion of a walk-out at Commencement. Apparently the 14 years you've been absent as a member of the student body have allowed you to forget the pride that we share in our identity as Notre Dame students. Don't get me wrong, I wouldn't want to hear a "stump speech" from a politician at my Commencement either. However, I suggest to you that the President of the United States is no everyday political figure, and that we can expect something more than a cookie-cutter speech from the campaign trail come May 17 (in case you were not aware, campaigning traditionally ends when the election is won, and that occurred in November).

Secondly, your accusation that Fr. Jenkins planned to "alienate our graduates" by choosing "a speaker who repulses half the student body" is completely off base. In fact, an overwhelming number of students, primarily our senior class members, are in support of President Obama's upcoming Commencement speech, regardless of their individual political bias. Believe it or not,

most students here understand and appreciate the honor of having the President deliver the closing words of their college careers.

Which brings me to your suggestion of a walk-out during Mr. Obama's speech. For someone who accused Fr. Jenkins of turning "a dignified ceremony into a political circus" mere sentences before, it is difficult for me to wade through your hypocrisy. By supporting walking out on both President Obama and our graduating seniors (for whom this ceremony is intended, in case you weren't aware), you suggest a statement that would be a slap in the face to our Commander in Chief and the Class of 2009, as well as a shameful embarrassment to the University that you somehow call your own.

If you don't mind, Mr. Cox, I will be joining my fellow students at Commencement and giving all involved the respect that they deserve. Why don't you skip the walk-out and cut to the chase, joining the extremist activists and protesters where they belong: out of sight, and out of mind.

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 April 21

UMPHREY'S MCGEE

returns to motherland

By PATRICK GRIFFIN and JOEY KUHN
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While you were taking off your mustard-yellow "The Shirt" after the Blue and Gold game, music enthusiasts across South Bend were breaking out their tie-dye shirts. Among the many prominent alumni who returned for this weekend were the members of home-grown band Umphrey's McGee. The jam band performed to a packed Morris Performing Arts Center last Saturday evening as part of their summer tour promoting their most recent album "Mantis."

It became evident once Umphrey's McGee took the stage that their technical and intense music style was highly appreciated by Saturday night's patrons. Fans at the concert, perhaps influenced by a little more than adrenaline and enthusiasm, provided for an energetic and rowdy atmosphere. Many in the boisterous crowd spastically danced, jumped around, and sang along for the entire concert. Umphrey's front man Brendan Bayliss returned the love, remarking "It's good to be home," in reference to the band's motherland.

The three-hour long concert featured epic improvisational odysseys, with each song averaging about nine minutes long. Umphrey's style of live play has been compared to jam bands such as the Grateful Dead and Phish, although the band members cite much more wide-ranging musical influences.

It was very easy to discern, from the show's opening notes, that every member of

Umphrey's percussion section included both a full drum set, played by Kris Myers, as well as a second ensemble including bongos, djembes, cowbells and chimes, played by Andy Farag. The two combined for a unique fusion of hard rock drumming and exotic beats. Often, the band's numbers featured helter-skelter rhythms and unusual time signatures. Myers's drum set included a double bass pedal, which allowed him to use both feet for the set's bass drum and truly lived up to the rock-and-roll cliché "gut-busting."

Lead singer Bayliss' vocals were satisfactory but bland on many of songs, and they were sometimes hard to hear over the playing of the band. Umphrey's main focus has always been their instrumental prowess, not their lyrics. There was a noticeable lack of singing for much of the concert, but the band spoke loud enough through their impassioned playing. Still, a few more proper songs could have enhanced crowd participation and broken up the endless stream of solos.

One of the greatest possible complaints against this concert is one that is really a complaint against the jam band genre itself.

Umphrey's McGee's style is often described as "progressive improvisation," so naturally, their concert, so naturally, they are going to lack the structure of traditional, three-minute songs with little to no variation from the studio versions. Instead, their songs flow smoothly into one another with almost no breaks and are heavily dominated by solos. These characteristics, however, can be either positive or negative, depending on personal preference.

It is impossible to discuss the full aesthetics of the concert without mentioning the spectacular light displays. The crew employed all forms of neon spotlights, fog machines and multi-color stage lights, as well as swirling pattern lights on the backdrop. These were synchronized with the music for an all-encompassing psychedelic experience. The effect was probably the closest thing one can find today (without actually being on acid) to the famous "acid tests" of the 1960s. The visual display further amplified the energy and excitement of the crowd.

While the band members refrained from talking very much between songs, at one point Bayliss started talking about how his dad had met U2's Bono at the Master's Tournament the week before. He said that

they had gotten to talking about Umphrey's McGee, and then he announced that U2's guitarist The Edge was present and wanted to play with the band. Apparently, though, "The Edge" wanted to play drums, not guitar. The confused crowd cheered as an Edge looka-



like, Steve Krojnowski of Ali Baba's Tahini, took the stage and played drums for one song. Although he was not really a U2 member, Krojnowski played a mean drum set. With him, the band proceeded to cover The Beatles' "Birthday" in honor of one of the band members' friends, showing their sense of humor and versatility of musical styles.

Although the crowd was energetic and the band played a lively show, the atmosphere was kept somewhat subdued by the security staff at the Morris. The assigned seating prohibited fans from moving around much, but everybody still managed to have a good time where they were standing. If you're bummed that you missed Saturday night's righteous jam session, though, keep your eyes out for future shows. Umphrey's McGee performs in the Bend often, including regular fall shows in St. Patrick's Park.

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Umphrey's McGee is an incredibly skilled musician. In the concert's opening number, "Glory," guitarist Jake Cinninger set the tone with a searing guitar solo. Although guitar solos were most frequent, every member of the band took solos at various points in the concert. Guitarists Bayliss and Cinninger sent the rambunctious crowd into a frenzy with their two part, harmonic guitar solos. The band's dual guitar parts allowed for these synchronized jams as well as solo "conversations," where the guitarists traded riffs back and forth.





CAMPUS RANT

CAMPUS
CONSTRUCTION!

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Editor

Dear Campus Construction:
Have you ever had the perfect Saturday morning? Let me set the scene. Morning sunlight is softly gleaming in through the open window. Outside, birds are happily chirping to each other in the distance. You roll over and realize that you don't have to wake and hectically rush to class because it's only 8:30. Instead, you get to pleasantly drift in and out of sleep for the rest of the morning, or even the rest of the day if you want to, because you have nothing to do. You are free to just lounge cozily in your blankets and pillows, enjoying the luxury of a morning spent in bed.

But alas! As you begin to fade back into sweet weekend dreaming, a lurking menace strikes. Suddenly, the birds are no longer chirping. Instead their sweet melodies have been replaced by a ruckus of drilling, pounding and clamoring, a cacophony of construction.

That dull drilling sound with the irregular pounding and clanging of hammers is infinitely worse than any alarm clock. You cannot push a button and make it stop. Nor can you toss it against the wall in a fit of hostility. You can shut your windows to the beautiful spring dawn, but still that relentless thudding can be heard, driving you restlessly out of your dreamy state. It has the power to turn the perfect morning into an irritating start to your day. Soon the soft morning light is an obnoxiously bright burden, and the sweet little birds are annoying nuisances. The start of morning con-

struction marks the end of the most poetically blissful moments.

Situations like these make me wonder and question. Why, oh campus construction, must you toy with my emotions? Yes, I admit, I do like new, shiny things. Of course, I'm all for progress. Nicer facilities, like new bathrooms and new buildings that permit natural light, are duly appreciated. But so is some peace and quiet. So, campus construction, you often leave me torn and confused.

Not long ago, my clouds of confused emotions parted, and I saw clearly. No matter how much I like new, shiny things, I value two things more: my sleep and Notre Dame tradition. Being woken up by construction equipment that sounds strangely akin to my alarm clock is never fun. And if less sleep is not enough to leave me distracted and wary during my day, the drilling inside school buildings like O'Shag only makes things worse. There are some things that a good cup of coffee just can't fix, and the pounding of power tools in your head is one of them. This is a college campus. If construction is so necessary, could we not at least hold off until after 9 a.m. so that we can all enjoy the one time of day (namely 6-8 a.m.) when almost all of the Notre Dame campus population is enjoying some well-deserved rest and relaxation?

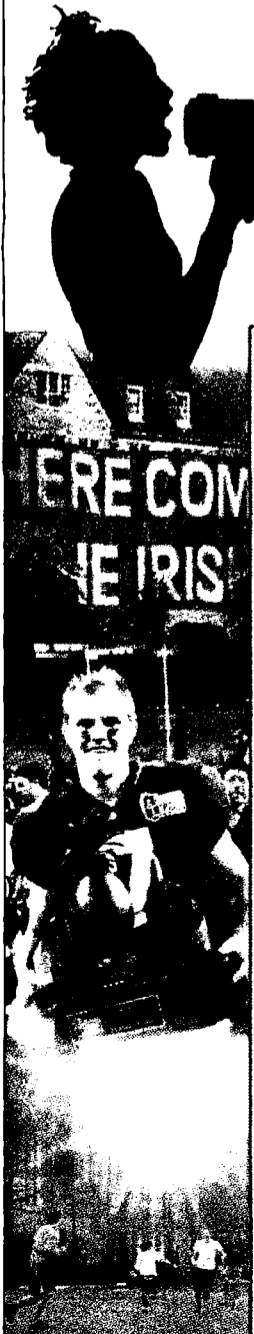
Finally, what was so wrong with my beloved Notre Dame campus in the first place? We cannot continue to exponentially expand unless we want to take over South Bend and, eventually, the world. Last time I checked, though, world domination was not in our mission statement.

Is nothing holy to you, construction? Every quad, every corner has fallen prey to your beguiling promise of a better future. But it is a future that we will never see. Not only will we all graduate before we can truly appreciate the new additions to campus, it seems like the additions and improvements are never-ending. Is enjoying our campus as it is, wonderful in its traditional form, too much to ask for? When I got my acceptance letter to Notre Dame, the picture of campus had no hard hats or cranes in it. False advertising, I find now.

These attacks on my sleep and my charming old campus have left me rather angry. You might think that I am merely projecting frustration from other areas of my life onto construction, or you might think that I am suffering from general teenage angst or pre-exam stress. But you'd be thinking wrong. Campus construction offends every one of my senses. It's an eyesore. The ceaseless drilling makes me long for the earmuffs of winter. Breathing in the fumes coming off newly constructed buildings is none too pleasant. How does that make me feel? Well, along with the unending headache, it makes me feel rather bad and clearly irritable. And, as we all know, these types of things tend to leave a bitter taste in one's mouth.

What I'm trying to say is that it's you, construction, not me. And I just don't know how much longer this self-destructive relationship can continue. It's better if we just be friends. Preferably from a distance. Thanks!

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CAMPUS RAVE

GIRLS'
RAINBOOTS!

By JESS SHAFFER and GENNA McCABE
Scene Writers

Though the return of dreary weather to campus has put some people in a rut, it has brought out the best in footwear for the Notre Dame women. While we may be the fairer sex, there is no doubt that our fashion sense is steps ahead of our male counterparts who have been trudging through puddles in flip flops, not quite sure what hit them. Domer Dames may not do everything right, but we sure know how to wear a rain boot!

From brightly colored solids to patterns of plaid and polka dot, the rain boots on campus do much in the way of brightening up even the most dreadful Notre Dame weather. We might not have many opportunities to wear Jimmy Choos or Manolo Blahniks, but opportunities abound to wear flashy wellies. Sadly they are not appropriate for the runway, the workplace or even life post-Dome, but rain boots are the perfect solution to the

drenching cross-campus commute.

Scenesters have spotted several campus standouts particularly deserving of praise in this Campus Rave. One such misty maven (definition: female who definitely knows how to handle South Bend weather while still looking fabulous) was spotted rocking a pair of fish print rain boots. With an enlarged graphic of a Japanese Koi fish, these rain boots were not only cute, but expressed a dry sense of humor in a particularly damp situation.

(By the way, if you happen to be the owner of these boot-ilicious boots, please refer to the contact information below, so that we might become equally fashionable.)

Another spectacular pattern spotted on campus? The flashy flower. Even though the weather is bi-polar, its good to know an air of spring is still in our step with these sassy shoes. For the preppy princess, its good to know that a love of JCrew and Vera Bradley can extend to practical things like rain boots.

Even yummy food

groups are acceptable, most notably prints of cherries, citrus and even cupcakes. Also deserving an honorable mention is plaid. Plaid makes peace between the prep and the punk in us all. What makes it so popular is its versatility. Domer dames don such a variety of plaid that it is impossible to ignore the diversity often hidden on this campus.

Notre Dame may not be the place where trends start, but when it comes to rainwear, we are definitely in the know. When we need a boost, it may help to remember that even with

the thickest permacloud, we can find a silver lining in self expression. And while it can often be difficult to remember the "I" in "We are ND" when you're surrounded by people in matching T-shirts, it helps to know that your rain wear is one place individual style can be shown.

Snaps again to the many rain boot-wearers. With the downpour of rain also comes the outpouring of distinctive Notre Dame style, born out of necessity coupled with a bit of daring from the inner fashion diva. Thank God the bookstore doesn't sell Notre Dame rain boots, because look how we do when left to our own devices.

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MLB

Nationals defeat Braves for second straight win

Yankees beat Athletics in first night game at new stadium; Pirates' pitchers lead team to success over Marlins

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thanks to a suddenly stout bullpen, the Washington Nationals finally have their first winning streak of 2009.

Adam Dunn homered, Washington's beleaguered relievers tossed three scoreless innings for the second day in a row and the Nationals beat the Atlanta Braves 4-3 Tuesday night for their second consecutive victory.

After opening the season 0-7, then dropping to 1-10, Washington is 3-10. Atlanta has lost five of six games.

Played following a 61-minute rain delay, this game was filled with all sorts of miscues: three errors, other misplays in the field, a few running mistakes, failed sacrifice bunt attempts and more.

Shaion Martis (2-0) went six innings and gave up three runs - two earned.

Then came the procession of Nationals relievers: Mike Hinckley went 1 2-3 innings, Julian Tavarez got one out, and closer Joel Hanrahan had an adventurous ninth. But after a walk and double put two runners on with none out, Hanrahan got the next three batters. He has converted his last two save chances after blowing his first two of the season.

The Nationals gave away ninth-inning leads Friday, Saturday and Sunday against the Marlins, precipitating a revamping of Washington's relief corps. And while Hinckley, Tavarez and Hanrahan were not part of the roster moves, they appear to have gotten the message.

Martis worked his way in and out of trouble — his lone 1-2-3 inning was the second — but he only allowed runs in the first. He got himself in a tight spot with two outs by walking Chipper Jones and Brian McCann, who was fitted for a new contact lens Tuesday after being bothered by blurred vision in his left eye.

Casey Kotchman delivered an RBI double to right-center. Jeff Francoeur then hit a sharp groundball that shortstop Alberto Gonzalez grabbed at the edge of the outfield grass. Gonzalez's throw got past first baseman Nick Johnson, and two runs scored on the play. Francoeur was credited with an RBI single; Gonzalez was charged with a throwing error that allowed the second run, and Atlanta led 3-0.

The Nationals, meanwhile, figured out a way to take two doubles, a single and a walk in the second inning and turn it all into only one run. It didn't help that after Elijah Dukes led off with a double, he was thrown out trying to steal third. Jesus Flores' RBI double made it 3-1.

Atlanta starter Kenshin Kawakami (1-2) left after failing to record an out in the sixth. Dunn led off with his fourth homer, a shot to straightaway center off a 90 mph pitch that cut Washington's deficit to 3-2.

Dukes reached on third baseman Jones' fielding error, and Austin Kearns followed with a sinking liner that skipped past left fielder Matt Diaz for an RBI triple that tied things 3-3.

Reliever Jeff Bennett entered and got two outs, before giving up the go-ahead run on pinch-hitter Josh Willingham's single to left.

Dukes was hardly the only player who encountered problems on the basepaths.

In the fifth, Washington's Johnson slid about 10 feet too early when he was running from first to second on what turned into a 6-4-3 double play. In the sixth, Atlanta's Jordan Schafer doubled to left-center, rounding second and heading toward third as Dukes slid when he arrived at the ball. Schafer tried to get back to second base, but Dukes threw a strike to Gonzalez, who relayed to second baseman Anderson Hernandez for the tag on an 8-6-4 putout.

And Atlanta's seventh ended when Martin Prado was thrown out at third by catcher Jesus Flores after trying to advance on a pitch in the dirt with Jones at bat.

Yankees 5, Athletics 3

All of a sudden, home runs were hard to come by at Yankee Stadium.

Andy Pettitte and Mariano Rivera had a lot to do with that.

Johnny Damon hit the only homer in the first night game at the fancy new ballpark and Pettitte pitched New York to a 5-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday.

"Everybody was talking about balls flying. If you make your pitches, balls don't fly out," Derek Jeter said. "I think everybody was overexaggerating after four games."

Brett Gardner came through with a sensational catch and a two-run single, helping the Yankees beat punchless Oakland in their latest home game with

empty rows of premium blue seats wrapped around the infield.

The first four games at the \$1.5 billion palace between New York and Cleveland featured a record 20 homers, leading some to start calling the place Coors Field East and criticize it for being a handbox.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said the team probably will commission more tests to try to determine why balls had been sailing out at such an incredible pace.

"There wasn't much wind tunnel. I hit a couple balls that were pretty good and actually they went nowhere," said ex-Yankee Jason Giambi, now back with Oakland. "It played the same to me. I mean, there were some balls crushed, myself and Robby Cano. I didn't see anything out of the ordinary. It was a night game and really heavy mist."

Damon hit the lone long ball Tuesday night, a no-doubter into the second deck in right field that would have left almost any park on any night.

The sixth-inning shot off Andrew Bailey gave the Yankees a 5-2 lead, and they held on behind Brian Bruney and Rivera before a crowd of 42,065.

It was the 57th time Rivera has saved a win for Pettitte, tying Oakland Hall of Famer Dennis Eckersley and starter Bob Welch for the highest total in major league history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"I really didn't know about it," Pettitte said. "It's awesome."

Rivera offered the game ball to his longtime teammate, but Pettitte told him to keep it. He'd like the record-breaker instead.

"Definitely special," Rivera said. "The most important thing is that we won the game."

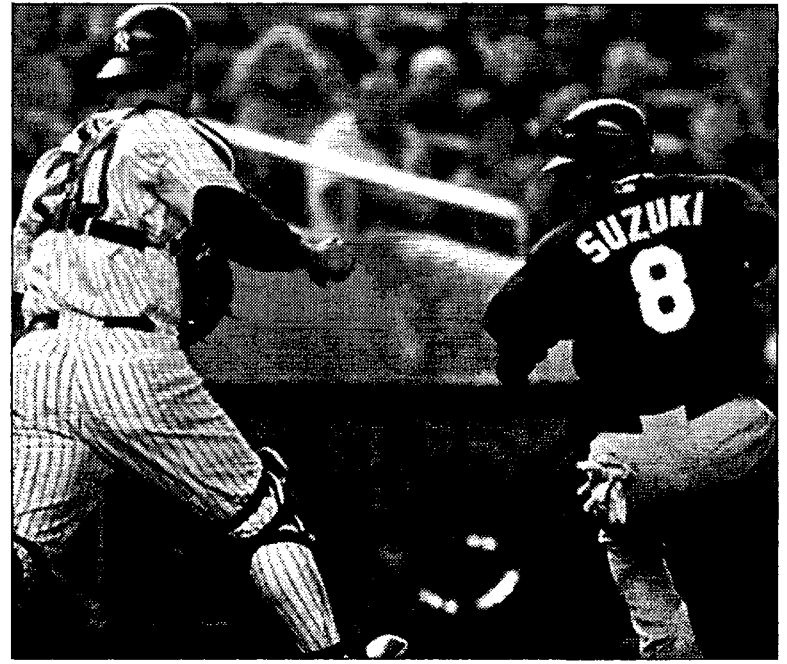
Kurt Suzuki went 4-for-4 for the A's, who fell to 5-8 - their worst 13-game start since opening 3-10 in 2001. Their offense might have had something to do with the power outage, too.

Oakland's .304 slugging percentage coming in was 33 points lower than any other big league team. The A's have a major league-low three homers, and they've gone six straight games without one.

Still, the 21 combined homers broke a record for the first five games at a big league stadium. There were 20 hit at Cincinnati's Great American Ball Park in 2003, according to Elias.

Fifteen of the 21 here have been hit to right field.

"A lot was made out of the first



Yankees catcher Jorge Posada, left, chases Athletics' Kurt Suzuki, to tag him out between home plate and third base Tuesday.

few games we played here. But the last two games it's played like the old Yankee Stadium," manager Joe Girardi said.

Pettitte (2-0) allowed two runs and nine hits in seven innings, with no walks or strikeouts. He has gone at least seven innings in each of his three starts.

A chance to pitch in the new park was a big reason Pettitte returned this season for a \$5.5 million, one-year contract. He was 95-42 at the original Yankee Stadium, winning the finale against Baltimore in September.

Bruney retired 22 batters in a row before Jack Cust singled with two outs in the eighth and scored on Mark Ellis' double, trimming it to 5-3. Eric Chavez lined out to second, ending the inning.

Rivera worked around Suzuki's leadoff single in the ninth for his fourth save.

There was a nip in the soup-thick air on a 54-degree night, which felt more like a Cape Cod fog than spring in the Bronx.

A leadoff walk to Nick Swisher started New York's four-run second inning.

Swisher advanced to third on Hideki Matsui's double off Dana Eveland (0-1), and with one out Gardner grounded a two-run single through a drawn-in infield, under the glove of a diving Ellis at second base.

Jeter lined a single off Ellis' glove — a ball that probably should have been caught. Damon added an RBI single but was thrown out trying to stretch it into a double. Mark Teixeira's broken-bat single made it 4-0.

"It felt like every time I missed they either squared up or broke a bat or almost took my head off," Eveland said.

Gardner also made an outstanding grab in deep center to rob Giambi of a run-scoring extra-base hit in the first.

"He should have listened to the ovation and let it drop," Giambi joked.

After spending the past seven seasons in New York, Giambi received a warm ovation his first time up. He couldn't hold back a big smile as he stepped into the batter's box and greeted catcher Jorge Posada.

Pirates 3, Marlins 2

Jeff Karstens picked up where Ross Ohlendorf left off.

Pittsburgh's pitchers are feeding off each other's success these days.

Karstens pitched six sharp innings, Freddy Sanchez homered and the surging Pirates beat the Florida Marlins 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Karstens allowed one run and three hits for the Pirates, who lead the league in ERA and have won four of their last five games. Sanchez finished with three hits.

"A lot of people doubted us, but we all believe in ourselves and we all believe in each other," Karstens said of the staff that has a 3.00 ERA so far this season after finishing with an NL-worst 5.10 ERA last year. "That's all that matters right now. Enough can't be said for (new pitching coach Joe Kerrigan); we're more prepared than any team in the league."

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NCAA Baseball

USA TODAY/ESPN Top 25

team	points	record
1 Georgia (8)	718	31-8
2 Arizona State (13)	708	28-8
3 North Carolina (4)	703	31-10
4 Texas (2)	638	29-8
5 Rice (1)	633	27-10
6 UC Irvine (1)	322	26-10
7 Georgia Tech (1)	600	26-8-1
8 LSU (1)	580	28-12
9 Arkansas	456	26-11
10 CS Fullerton	441	24-11
11 Miami (Fla.)	403	26-13
12 Baylor	402	25-12
13 Oklahoma	373	29-11
14 Virginia	372	30-8-1
15 Mississippi	369	28-11
16 Florida State	286	25-12
17 Texas A&M	221	25-14
18 Cal Poly	215	27-9
19 Coastal Carolina	184	30-9
20 Clemson	181	26-14
20 Oregon State	181	23-9
22 TCU	151	23-11
23 Florida	98	28-14
24 East Carolina	96	28-12
25 Ohio State	72	29-8

NCAA Men's Lacrosse

Nike/Inside Lacrosse Poll

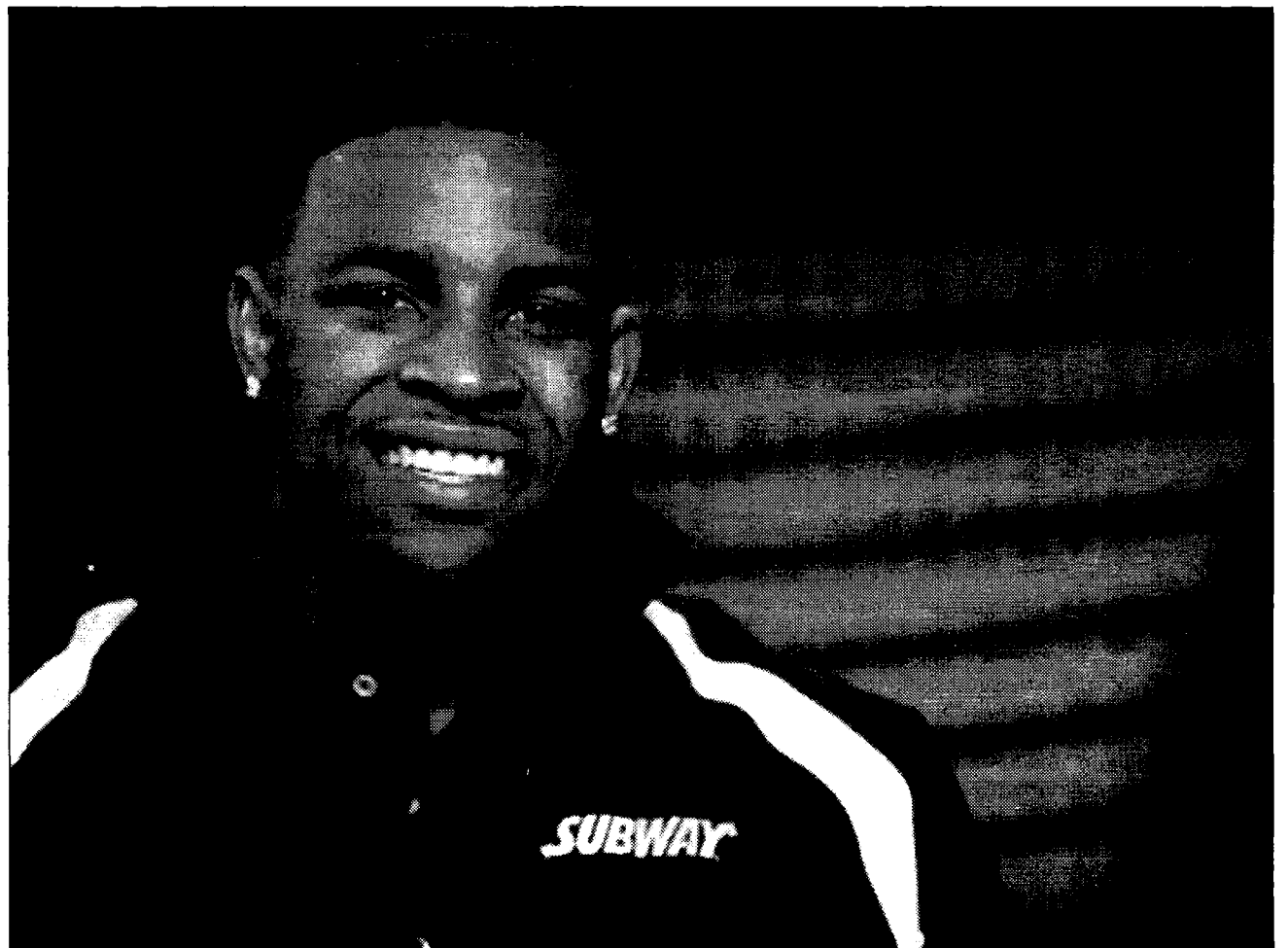
team	point	record
1 Virginia (15)	295	13-1
2 Syracuse	276	10-2
3 NOTRE DAME (5)	271	12-0
4 Cornell	263	9-2
5 Princeton	244	10-2
6 Duke	224	10-3
7 Johns Hopkins	206	6-4
8 North Carolina	198	10-4
9 Hofstra	180	9-2
10 UMBC	150	9-2
11 Maryland	140	8-5
12 Loyola (Md.)	124	8-4
13 Navy	120	9-4
13 Brown	120	11-2
15 Massachusetts	87	7-4
16 Bucknell	73	8-6
17 Colgate	65	9-4
18 Georgetown	35	6-6
19 Penn State	33	7-5
20 Harvard	24	6-5

NCAA Men's Golf

Golf World/Nike Golf Poll

team	points
1 Georgia (21)	572
2 USC (2)	540
3 Oklahoma State	530
4 Clemson	455
5 Stanford	446
6 Illinois	435
7 Florida	418
8 Alabama	406
9 Arizona State	397
10 Indiana	346
11 Georgia Tech	287
12 Washington	282
13 Texas Tech	276
14 South Carolina	260
15 Texas	241

NFL



NFL draft prospect receiver Michael Crabtree, above, talks in an interview on Tuesday about the condition of his left foot. At the NFL scouting combine in February, it was revealed that Crabtree had a stress fracture in his foot.

Draft prospect Crabtree: Foot is fine

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michael Crabtree ditched the boot about two weeks ago.

"I buried it," he said with a sly smile.

Crabtree's surgically repaired left foot was mostly confined to a protective boot for five weeks, but Tuesday he had black sneakers on both feet as he strolled around a Manhattan office building, no limp in sight.

"The recovery is going real good," the All-American receiver from Texas Tech said. "My foot is doing well. I feel like I'm taking it one step at a time."

Crabtree arrived in New York on Monday night and spent Tuesday running around town to promote his first national endorsement deal. He recently became the latest star athlete to sign a deal with the sandwich shop Subway, joining Michael Strahan, Michael Phelps and Ryan Howard.

But the big day is Saturday, when he is expected to be among the first players selected in the NFL draft at Radio City Music Hall.

The 21-year-old receiver from Dallas spent two seasons in college, dominating defensive backs and averaging more than a

touchdown per game. From the moment he declared for the draft in January, the 6-foot-1, 215-pound Crabtree seemed a lock to be the first receiver drafted and a top-10 pick.

Not so fast. At the scouting combine in February, a routine medical exam revealed Crabtree had a stress fracture in his left foot. No one was more surprised than Crabtree. He thought he was simply sore.

Suddenly the sure-thing had a huge question mark hanging over him.

"Tell you the truth I always face those kind of challenges. When I was

going to college I had a minor setback and I had to sit out a year," he said, referring to his redshirt freshman season brought on because the NCAA was slow to declare him academically eligible.

"I feel like when things are going too smooth, there's something wrong. [The injury] was nothing but a challenge to me. Everybody made it a big deal. It wasn't a big deal."

After the fracture was revealed, Crabtree's first move was to cancel his 40-yard dash at the combine. The next day he said he'd run at pro day in Lubbock, Texas, and put off having surgery.

IN BRIEF

Villanova guard Reynolds declares for NBA draft

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Scottie Reynolds knows no matter where his basketball career takes him, he'll always be a Villanova Wildcat.

He might just be one in his heart next season, instead of in uniform.

Reynolds, the Wildcats 6-foot-2 dynamo point guard, declared for the NBA draft on Tuesday, but said he will not hire an agent and could decide to return to the Wildcats for his senior season.

"If I really wanted to, I could be like, 'Oh, I'm coming back next week,' and I'd feel really good about that," Reynolds said. "Right now, I think the best choice, the best decision I can make for myself, is to go out there and do what I've been doing throughout my career."

Reynolds has never shied away from the tough decision. He came to Villanova only weeks after backing out of his commitment to Oklahoma.

Tiger Woods and members of the White Sox visit Obama

WASHINGTON — On a day when he met with his Cabinet and visited CIA headquarters, President Barack Obama made room for a favorite pastime: talking sports with top professionals.

Members of the Chicago White Sox dropped by the White House on Monday, as did golf star Tiger Woods.

Obama chatted with players from his favorite baseball team who were in the Washington area to play the Baltimore Orioles.

Presidential staffers say Obama, an occasional golfer, greeted Woods in the Oval Office.

Woods got a tour of the White House from Marvin Nicholson, an Obama aide who once caddied at the Augusta golf course, where Woods tied for sixth place in this year's Masters tournament.

White House aides said Woods happened to be in Washington and was invited to stop by.

Magic's Howard named NBA defensive player of the year

ORLANDO, Fla. — It's a question Dwight Howard will never forget.

Early this season, the Orlando Magic center was talking to Patrick Ewing and Dikembe Mutombo. The once great big men were giving Howard some tips, and Mutombo asked him a simple question.

"He said, 'What do you want to be remembered as, the great dunker who won the slam dunk contest with a Superman outfit on, or do you want to do something better than that?'" Howard recalled Tuesday. "I said, 'I want to be one of the greatest players.' And he said it starts with defense."

Mission accomplished.

The 23-year-old Howard became the youngest player to win the NBA's defensive player of the year award Tuesday. Howard was only the fifth player to lead the league in blocks and rebounds in the same season, a goal he set in training camp.

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Miami at Atlanta (ATL leads 1-0)
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NHL Playoffs

Washington at NY Rangers (NY leads 2-1)
7 p.m., Versus

NHL

Red Wings take down Blue Jackets

Crosby starts Penguins' victory over Flyers to strengthen series lead

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Henrik Zetterberg scored two goals and the Detroit Red Wings dominated from start to finish Tuesday night to beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 4-1 and grab a 3-0 lead in their first-round series.

The first NHL playoff game at Nationwide Arena — in the Blue Jackets' 659th game — was a mammoth letdown for a franchise-record crowd of 19,219.

Dan Cleary had a goal and two assists, Tomas Holmstrom scored 1:07 in and Johan Franzen added two assists. The Red Wings can advance to the conference semifinals with a win Thursday night.

Chris Osgood's shutout streak of 144 minutes, 27 seconds ended with 3:53 left when R.J. Umberger scored on a backhand off a rebound of Rick Nash's drive. The goal was almost identical to the only other score the Blue Jackets have in the series, when Umberger scored late in the second period of Game 1.

Osgood, who finished with 31 saves, stopped Kristian Huselius on two prime scoring chances within a minute in the first period, each of which would have tied it. He also gloved a Raffi Torres shot from close range early in the third period as Torres waded in all alone.

Since an embarrassing 8-2 home loss — with Osgood in goal — on March 7, the Red Wings have won the last four meetings with the Blue Jackets by a combined score of 16-2.

Rookie goaltender Steve Mason had 22 saves for Columbus.

The last four times the Red Wings hit the road leading a first-round series 2-0, they had lost. Not this time. Not even close.

A standing-room only crowd roared at the start but the Red Wings got on the board quickly. Holmstrom skated down the left wing and fired a 50-foot shot that Mason deflected. The puck went to Marian Hossa at the right dot, who gained control of it before backhanding a high shot that skipped past Mason off the crossbar and along the goal line. Holmstrom was there to jam in the rebound.

After Detroit took eight of the first 11 shots with Columbus looking hesitant and jittery, the Blue Jackets had the next eight

shots on Osgood.

But with less than a minute left in the first period, Franzen's shot from the right wing smacked into defenseman Mike Commodore and Cleary in the crease. Cleary collected the puck, spun and whipped a shot past Mason.

A weird sequence led to the Red Wings' third goal. Commodore tried to check Daniel Cleary but missed, flipping over the short boards and onto the Detroit bench. Moments later, he made contact with Franzen, decking him behind the Columbus goal. But then he added another shot and was whistled for a delayed penalty. The Wings didn't stop skating, however, and Cleary tossed a centering pass to Zetterberg between the circles and his hard shot made it 3-0.

After Umberger ended the shutout, Zetterberg added an empty-netter.

The disparity between the two teams' histories was striking. The Blue Jackets were the only NHL team to not make the playoffs until this, their eighth season.

Columbus has an all-time record of 247-328-43. Detroit, meanwhile, is 288-254-1 — just in playoff games.

Penguins 3, Flyers 1

PHILADELPHIA — Sidney Crosby and the Penguins can finish off the Flyers back on home ice.

A sliding Crosby scored a goal that ricocheted off his skate, his midsection and into the back of the net to spark Pittsburgh to a 3-1 win over Philadelphia on Tuesday night.

Marc-Andre Fleury was sensational with 45 saves and the Penguins grabbed a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference first-round playoff series.

Tyler Kennedy and Maxime Talbot also scored for the Penguins, who can eliminate the Flyers in five games just like they did in last year's Eastern Conference finals. Game 5 is Thursday in Pittsburgh.

Crosby had one goal in the first three games and the Flyers defense was doing a solid job of keeping the Penguins captain in check until early in the second.

He was right where he needed to be on a smart and sensational set-up. Chris Kunitz controlled the puck in the circle when Flyers defenseman Kimmo

Timonen slid on his belly in front of the winger to try and block a shot. Kunitz simply flicked the puck up toward the net over a sprawled Timonen and Crosby came sliding in from the right side to knock in the goal.

The puck appeared to knock off the inside of his stick, then bounced off his body and into the net with Flyers forward Simon Gagne trailing right him.

The red light went on and the goal was announced, but the play was reviewed to make sure the goal wasn't scored off Crosby's glove. Crosby stared at the video board like the rest of the 19,883 orange-clad fans, only he was the one smiling when it was announced the goal stood for a 1-0 lead.

That goal could almost have been enough the way Fleury snagged every flying puck and smothered each one near the goalmouth. Fleury, who stopped 15 shots in the second period, made perhaps his finest save midway through the third when the Flyers were pounding the net with pucks. Jeff Carter, the NHL's second-leading goal scorer, fired a close shot that bounced off the post on Fleury's glove side onto the goalmouth and was quickly pounced on by the goalie to snuff the rally.

The red light came on, but the refs instantly waved off the goal.

That would prove to be a clutch stop only minutes later when Daniel Carcillo scored his first goal for the Flyers with 8:16 left that sliced the lead to 2-1. At that point, the Flyers had outshot the Penguins 41-22.

The usual sold-out crowd erupted and roared for every check that sent a Penguins player into the boards the rest of the way.

It was another electric atmosphere that simply didn't matter much for the Flyers once the final horn sounded. Now, the Penguins have to hope they can protect the home-ice advantage in Game 5 and keep the series from heading back to Philly.

Fleury made his first save of the game, then his second, jumping out to a much better start than in Game 3 when he allowed goals on the first two shots of the game. He got some insurance in the second period Kennedy avoided the check, broke free in the middle, and backhanded the puck past Biron for a 2-0 lead.

MLB

Little League offers to pay Dukes' fine

Nationals' OF makes appearance at Little League opener; fined by team for lateness

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When outfielder Elijah Dukes made a personal appearance at a Virginia Little League's season-opening gathering for a little extra cash a few hours before a Washington Nationals game, he turned up late at his day job and was fined.

Now the Great Falls, Va., Little League — already out the \$500 Dukes was promised so he'd show up over the weekend — says it will raise another \$500 to cover Dukes' penalty for failing to arrive at Nationals Park on time. He also was dropped from the starting lineup that day.

Dukes' 2009 salary with the Nationals is \$415,500. He declined to comment about the matter before Washington's game against Atlanta on Tuesday night.

"We felt terrible, because he was doing work for us that made him late," Great Falls Little League president Jim Mraz said Tuesday in a telephone interview.

The Washington Post first reported on his league's plans to cover Dukes' fine.

"We're raising the money. We're going to pay the fine. It's not a question of whether he can afford it or not. That's none of our business," Mraz said. "If he was put in a bad light because of us, we should at least pay the

\$500 for him."

The league planned to have collection jugs at its games starting Tuesday night. Any extra money raised will be donated to a little league based near the Nationals' stadium.

Mraz said another pro athlete who attended Saturday's festivities for the league's 54 teams, Redskins cornerback Justin Tryon, did not receive an appearance fee — nor, Mraz thinks, have other players who participated in the past, such as former Redskins quarterback Mark Brunell.

Dukes had various off-field troubles, including arrests for assault and marijuana possession, before the Nationals acquired him in a trade with the Tampa Bay Rays before the 2008 season. By all accounts, he has not had such problems since joining the Nationals. In January, a judge did threaten Dukes with 90 days in jail if he didn't meet a deadline for paying more than \$40,000 in court-ordered child support and alimony to his estranged wife. At the time, a lawyer for Dukes said the player probably would borrow the money to satisfy the court order.

On Saturday, at the Great Falls Little League's opening day, Dukes gave high-fives to children and spoke to the crowd before leaving.

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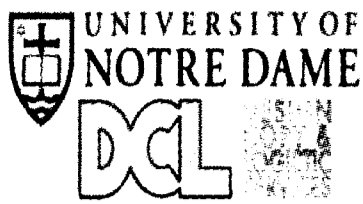
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NHL

Hurricanes even out series with Devils

Canucks finish first round of playoffs with a 3-2 win over Blues in overtime

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Jussi Jokinen deflected in Dennis Seidenberg's slap shot with 0.2 seconds remaining and the Carolina Hurricanes evened their series with New Jersey at two games apiece by beating the Devils 4-3 Tuesday night.

Eric Staal, Ryan Bayda and Chad LaRose also scored and Seidenberg finished with two assists for the Hurricanes, who blew a 3-0 lead but regrouped just in time to avoid a third straight overtime game.

Jokinen started the dramatic sequence when he tried to stuff a backhander past Martin Brodeur with about 7 seconds remaining. The puck circled around to Joni Pitkanen near the blue line and he passed off to Seidenberg, who unloaded a hard blast from the point that clicked off the Finn's left skate and past Brodeur's low left side as time expired.

After a review of about 2 minutes, officials determined that the puck crossed the goal line with 0.2 seconds left. An incensed Brodeur, who had been bumped outside the crease by Jokinen seconds before the goal, smashed his stick into the boards.

David Clarkson scored the tying goal with 11:14 left for New Jersey. Brian Gionta added a goal and an assist, Brendan Shanahan scored his 60th career playoff goal and Brodeur stopped 42 shots for the Devils.

But when this tightly played series resumes with Game 5 on Thursday night in New Jersey, the Hurricanes will have a momentum boost, after a game they controlled for nearly two full periods nearly slipped away before Jokinen's buzzer-beater.

Meanwhile, this one had to deflate the Devils, who trailed by three goals in the final seconds of the second period only to rally within a split second of forcing OT.

Gionta got the improbable comeback started when he scored on a breakaway with 27.8 seconds left in the second, giving him a goal for the second straight game. Shanahan kept it going into the third, beating a screened Cam Ward with a wrist shot with 15:39 left, and Clarkson tied it roughly 4 minutes later when he took advantage of a defensive breakdown and snapped a rebound past a sprawled-out Ward.

Ward finished with 26 saves for the Hurricanes, who dominated the first two periods with their best 40 minutes of the postseason.

Of course, that wasn't necessarily saying much. Through three games, the only time the scoreboard showed them ahead was after Tim Gleason's slap shot in overtime won Game 2.

They were getting next to nothing out of their No. 1 line and there were lingering worries that they were destined to

slide into a 3-1 series hole.

But they scored twice during a 1:03 stretch and put forth their best 20-minute stretch of the postseason — and their top line of Staal, Tuomo Ruutu and Erik Cole got it all started with its first goal of the series.

Staal put Carolina up 1-0 when he stuffed a rebound past Brodeur for his second goal of the series, and moments later, Bayda came away with a goal when he took advantage of a rare misplay by the NHL's winningest goaltender. Brodeur stopped a shot, dropped the puck and could only watch as Scott Walker simply took it away from him before setting up Bayda in the slot. LaRose made it 3-0 with 13 1/2 minutes left in the second when he backhanded his rebound past Brodeur, giving him a goal in two straight games.

Canucks 3, Blues 2

Alex Burrows scored his second goal of the game with 18.9 seconds to go in overtime and Roberto Luongo made 47 saves to help the Vancouver Canucks complete a first-round sweep of St. Louis with a 3-2 victory over the Blues Tuesday night.

Kyle Wellwood also scored for the Canucks, who swept a four-game series for the first time in franchise history. Vancouver won a series before the seventh game for the first time in 12 tries since 1994.

Brad Boyes and David Perron scored for the Blues, who rallied from a two-goal, second-period deficit thanks to increased traffic around Luongo. But more power play woes doomed St. Louis, which was 0-for-7 with the man advantage and 1-for-23 in the series including a four-minute double-minor midway through overtime.

The Canucks were outshot 10-1 the first half of overtime. Burrows, whose goal put Vancouver ahead 2-0 in the second period, broke in alone on the right side and squeezed a wrist shot past Chris Mason.

Ryan Kesler's four-minute penalty for high sticking when he drew blood near Blues defenseman Mike Weaver's eye midway through the period gave the Blues, making their first playoff appearance in five years, a chance to extend the series. But St. Louis managed only four shots.

Vancouver's power play also could have ended it before Burrows' shot silenced a standing room crowd of 19,250 and put the third seed in the Western Conference into the second round. The Canucks won two of their last three overtime games in the regular season, both on goals by Henrik Sedin.

The Blues dramatically increased traffic in front of the net throughout Game 4, and that pressure plus a sudden increase in urgency helped them rally from a two-goal deficit to tie it in the second period.

NFL

Teams asking about Boldin

Upset Cardinals' WR sought after by other teams as draft approaches

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals have received inquiries from "quite a few teams" about disgruntled wide receiver Anquan Boldin, and more conversations are anticipated as draft day approaches.

But general manager Rod Graves and coach Ken Whisenhunt repeatedly emphasized at the team's pre-draft news conference Tuesday that they would be happy to keep Boldin and eventually try to sign him to a new contract.

"Quite a few teams have called but we have no offers from those teams," Graves said. "Anything can evolve from this point through draft day so that's where it is right now."

Speaking to reporters at his charity event in Florida last week, Boldin appeared open to staying with the Cardinals, a departure from earlier requests to be traded.

"I didn't say a trade was necessary," Boldin said. "I just want something to get resolved. It's something that's gone on long enough."

Boldin expressed his extreme displeasure in last season's training camp, accusing Cardinals management of failing to follow through on a promise of a new contract and vowing never to re-sign with Arizona.

Still, he went on to have his third Pro Bowl season in six years in the NFL as the Cardinals advanced to the Super Bowl.

"We never said we were trying to trade Anquan," Whisenhunt said. "See, that's been the perception that's out there. All we've said was that we were willing to listen to offers."

Any offer would be weighed against the option of attempting to extend Boldin's contract, Graves said.

"The ultimate goal is to do what's in the best interest of the team," Graves said. "It's just something that we decided to take a look at, but we feel very highly about him as a player and what he means to our football team. I think that if there were to be consideration of doing anything, it would certainly have to be for commensurate value."

Asked if it would be unlikely to get equal value for a player of Boldin's talent, Graves said, "That remains to be seen."

"If not, he's an outstanding player that's a member of our football team and we're happy to continue with him," Graves said.

Arizona would be expected to want at least what Detroit got from Dallas for wide receiver Roy Williams — a first-, third- and sixth-round round pick. Dallas also got Detroit's seventh-round pick as part of that deal.

Boldin has two years remaining on a four-year, \$22.25 million contract. He earned \$4 million last season. By comparison, teammate Larry Fitzgerald is in the second season of a four-year, \$40 million deal, with \$30 million guaranteed. Fitzgerald and quarterback Kurt Warner have said they would be open to altering their contracts in order to keep Boldin.

Graves repeated that contract talks with representatives of linebacker Karlos Dansby and safety Adrian Wilson must be resolved before attention would turn to Boldin. That might not be until 2010.

Whisenhunt brushed aside any possible concerns that Boldin's attitude would be a problem if he is not traded and does not get a new contract.

"We've gone through a year, gone through a successful season with Anquan, he's gone to the Pro Bowl," Whisenhunt said. "He's played well for us and I have no expectations of not having the same thing."

Meanwhile, Edgerrin James' status with the Cardinals rests on what the team does in this weekend's draft. If Arizona gets a running back with its No. 31 pick, or maybe even one in the second round, expect James to be released next week, something he wanted to happen long ago.

NBA

Sixers to make use of veterans off the bench

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Seldom-used Donyell Marshall's new nickname is "secret weapon," his Philadelphia 76ers teammates greet with a laugh.

"If that's what you call playing once in 10 games," fellow Sixers reserve Kareem Rush joked.

For a team built around youth, Philadelphia leaned on aging veterans like Marshall to win the playoff opener against the Orlando Magic. The Sixers will likely need another strong performance from their bench if they have any chance for a repeat in Game 2 on Wednesday night.

A 15-year NBA veteran who has played sparingly this season, Marshall was perhaps the most important — and surprising — player during the Sixers' rally from 18 points down to win Game 1. Marshall's 11 points all came in the fourth quarter, including the tying 3-pointer in the final minute.

"Hey, I'm always going in with us down 15 points or whatever," Marshall said. "It's easy. I have no conscience."

Philadelphia coach Tony DiLeo used 11 players against Orlando. The Sixers bench outscored the Magic's reserves 42-13, a major reason why

they now have home-court advantage.

Louis Williams had 18 points off the bench, and then there was 36-year-old Theo Ratliff banging with Dwight Howard to keep him from getting a few crucial rebounds late. Despite getting dunked on a few times by Howard, Ratliff's box-out ability was enough to earn him a nickname, too.

"Superbooty beats Superman," teammates teased him after the win.

"Dwight gets the ball down low it's usually two points," Ratliff said. "You got to do whatever you can."

The Magic simply want a better defensive effort.

Once heavy favorites to beat the Sixers, they now find themselves in a pressure-packed game on their home floor before the best-of-seven series shifts to Philadelphia. Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy said his team is still angry at the outcome but it's no time to panic.

"People are a little more upset than usual," Van Gundy said. "If you're not, there's something wrong with you. We didn't do our job and we lost home-court advantage. My overriding sense in the locker room is that it's a confident group who thinks we're a good team. They're determined to

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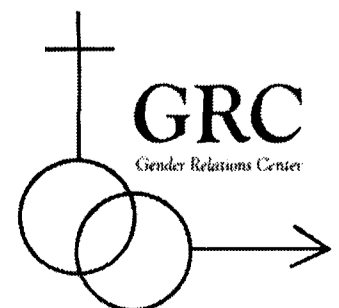
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MLB

Pirates' head catcher out with injury

Doumit suffering from broken wrist; operation scheduled for Thursday

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh catcher Ryan Doumit needs an operation to repair a broken bone in his right wrist and will be out for at least 8 to 10 weeks, an injury that significantly weakens the Pirates at their thinnest position.

Doumit's operation is scheduled for Thursday, when pins will be inserted into his broken scaphoid bone to fuse it.

Doumit, who led NL catchers with a .318 average last season, fractured the wrist bone while batting in Sunday's 11-1 loss to Atlanta. He initially stayed in the game and did not believe the injury was serious, but he began experiencing pain later that night.

Doumit had an MRI exam on Monday and a CT scan on Tuesday that revealed the frac-

ture. He will be re-examined in about a month to determine when he can start rehabilitation, which cannot begin until the bone starts to heal.

"This is something I didn't see coming," Doumit said. "You do everything you can in the off-season to prepare. ... To have something like this, it's devastating. No one wants to be told they can't play for eight to 10 weeks."

The injury happened less than a week after Pirates manager John Russell said he hoped Doumit would catch 140 games this season. The Pirates are left with two rookie catchers Jason Jaramillo and Robinson Diaz, who have a combined 14 major league at-bats.

The Pirates' improved pitching staff has lowered its ERA from an NL-worst 5.10 last season to 3.06 going into Tuesday's

game against Florida and had four shutouts in seven games, but now must work with two inexperienced catchers.

Jaramillo, 26, was added in an off-season trade with Philadelphia for Ronny Paulino, Pittsburgh's starting catcher in 2006 and most of 2007. Paulino lost his Pirates' starting job partly because of training issues and defensive lapses and now plays for Florida.

Jaramillo has made only two career starts, including one Monday night against Florida, and is 3-for-8 this season.

Diaz, 25, was recalled from Triple-A Indianapolis on Tuesday to replace Doumit on the 25-man roster. Diaz, acquired from the Blue Jays in a trade for infielder Jose Bautista on Aug. 25, was 3-for-6 in two games for Pittsburgh last season.

NCAA FOOTBALL

McElroy shows his skill in spring game

Former Alabama backup QB impresses coaches, teammates and fans Saturday

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama coach Nick Saban wouldn't say who will be the starting quarterback in the fall, but he left no doubt after Saturday's spring game that Greg McElroy is the clear leader.

"He has shown he's far and away our best quarterback right now. He knows that somebody's going to have to beat him out," Saban said after watching McElroy outplay two other contenders in Saturday's spring game.

McElroy, last year's backup, is seeking to replace three-year starter John Parker Wilson, who led the Crimson Tide to a 12-2 record and Southeastern Conference Western Division championship last season.

McElroy completed 16 of 30 passes for 189 yards and two touchdowns to lead the crimson team to a 14-7 win over the white team in the A-Day game. McElroy threw two interceptions.

The game was played before a near-packed Bryant-Denny Stadium crowd estimated by university officials at 84,050.

McElroy's completions included a 52-yard touchdown toss to a wide open Julio Jones over the middle in the first quarter and a 10-yard scoring pass to Mike McCoy in the second.

The touchdown pass to Jones excited the large crowd.

"He got open and made a play. I knew exactly where he was going to be and I guess that's what all the execution over the spring led to and I was excited we got the points out of it," McElroy said.

While Saturday's game didn't count in any record books, McElroy said the large crowd made it feel like a

midseason game against a conference rival.

"I mean, it wasn't a relaxed atmosphere. The fans were going wild," he said.

Defensive lineman Terrence Cody agreed that the crowd influenced the players.

"It was crazy," Cody said. "The stadium was almost fully packed and it got loud like a real game."

The only score for the white team came late in the third quarter on a 5-yard run by Ivan Matchett.

Quarterbacks Star Jackson and Thomas Darrah had their moments but could not move the ball consistently against the stiff Crimson Tide defense. Darrah completed 8-of-22 passes for 113 yards and Jackson was 4-for-13 for 52 yards and threw two interceptions.

Saban said there's not a clear choice for backup quarterback between Jackson and Darrah.

"Those guys are still competing," Saban said. He said Jackson and Darrah have both been inconsistent, but he believes they will improve.

"They are both young guys and I feel both guys who have a good attitude," Saban said.

Alabama played the spring game without two of its most experienced running backs out with injuries — Mark Ingram (hamstring) and Roy Upchurch (neck). One-time starter Terry Grant rushed 10 times for 27 yards and collectively the crimson and white squads ran for less than 100 yards. The longest running play from scrimmage was a 33-yard end around by receiver Marquis Maze, who also had five catches for 87 yards.

"We need to improve our ability to run the football. It will help when we get two of our backs back," Saban said.



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SMC TENNIS

Belles face first place Hope in MIAA match

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Belles will face a stiff challenge today, facing off against conference leader Hope on the road in a key MIAA battle.

The Saint Mary's tennis team will travel to Hope (13-5, 5-0) for one of its final conference matches before the conference tournament in Kalamazoo next weekend.

"This season has been great thus far," sophomore Jessica Kosinski said. "Our team has developed a relationship like none other. We are so unified and together we have what it takes to win."

The Belles (7-8, 2-3) are coming off a dominant 9-0 win over Trine on Monday, rebounding after losing three straight conference matches.

While the Belles were able to win convincingly over the Thunder, they will have a tougher time with Hope, who is currently undefeated in the conference.

"Hope is really tough and they will be ready for us," head coach Dale Campbell said. "They have been on a role as of late. Hopefully we can bring our best game and give them a close match. We look forward to the challenge."

Campbell made a few changes to his lineup against Trine to get more aggressiveness at doubles.

"Primarily, we have improved our singles play," Campbell said. "We are also maturing as a team and competing better mentally although we need

more improvement in that area. We are learning where we need to improve our games."

Junior Camille Gebert has been a force at No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles for Saint Mary's.

Gebert is 11-2 at No. 2 singles this far this season including 5-0 in MIAA competition.

"She is a fighter and willing to run all day to win a match," Campbell said.

"Her fitness level gives her a great amount of confidence."

After traveling to Hope today, the Belles will travel to Adrian on Saturday before wrapping up their regular season schedule against Olivet on Monday.

"We are trying to take one match at a time," Campbell said. "We are trying not to look too far ahead. We are trying to get better in the next two weeks to compete well at the conference tournament."

After their match against Hope, Saint Mary's should have an easier road leading up to the conference tournament as Olivet and Adrian have combined for only two league wins this season.

"Our number one team goal is to win conference," Kosinski said. "We will do whatever it takes to succeed and we are all in this together."

The Belles will be looking to improve on their fourth place finish in the conference from last season.

The match against Hope will begin at 4 p.m. today.

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NFL

Goodell: Vick has paid price

Commissioner wants to see 'genuine remorse' before reinstating QB

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Va. — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell says Michael Vick has paid a significant price for doing an "egregious thing" and will have to show genuine remorse and that the experience has changed him in order to get a chance at resuming his career in the league.

Goodell appeared Tuesday night at Washington & Lee University, engaging in a panel discussion about leadership in sports and taking questions from the audience.

Afterward, Goodell said he has not kept up with Vick's legal issues since suspending him from the league after his conviction in a federal dogfighting case. Vick is serving a 23-month prison term and has a team of lawyers trying to settle his finances in bankruptcy court.

A major component of the bankruptcy lawyers' efforts to find a way for Vick to satisfy his creditors is based on his ability to again earn millions in pro football.

"I don't stay in touch with them," Goodell said after the panel discussion, reiterating that he'll consider Vick's case only after all his legal issues have been resolved.

"At that point in time, I will want to meet with Michael, I will want to meet with his people, I will want to meet with other professionals to understand: does he understand the mistakes he made and is he genuine and have remorse for those actions and is he prepared to handle himself differently going forward. That will ultimately be my decision," he said.

Many have speculated that Vick would become a light-

ning rod for animal rights groups and others if he is reinstated and added to a team's roster, but Goodell said he thinks the public will apply the same standard he'll use when determining whether to allow him to return.

"Our issue is trying to do the right thing and represent the NFL in the best possible way," said the commissioner, whose institution and enforcement of a personal conduct policy has seen him send Vick and numerous other stars to the sidelines for off-the-field trouble.

"Michael did an egregious thing. He has paid a very significant price for that. If he's learned from that and is prepared to live a different life, I think the general public is

forgiving on that when people are genuine and they show remorse and are prepared to live a different life," he said. "That's something he has to prove to myself and the general public."

"Hopefully," Goodell said later, "he's learned from that."

Vick, 28 and once the NFL's highest paid player with a seven-year contract for \$130 million, is scheduled to be released from the federal penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kan., on July 20, but could be transferred to home confinement in Hampton as early as May 21.

Goodell laughed at the suggestion that his no-nonsense approach to discipline has earned him a reputation as the sheriff of the NFL, and said it's his least favorite role. But he said he's also learned that taking the game away from misbehaving players is usually effective.

"Players love to play the game, coaches love to coach the game. You don't want to

do that," he said. "Our efforts here are to try to have people avoid making mistakes, not having to discipline them. I'm not trying to reinforce failures; we're trying to create success."

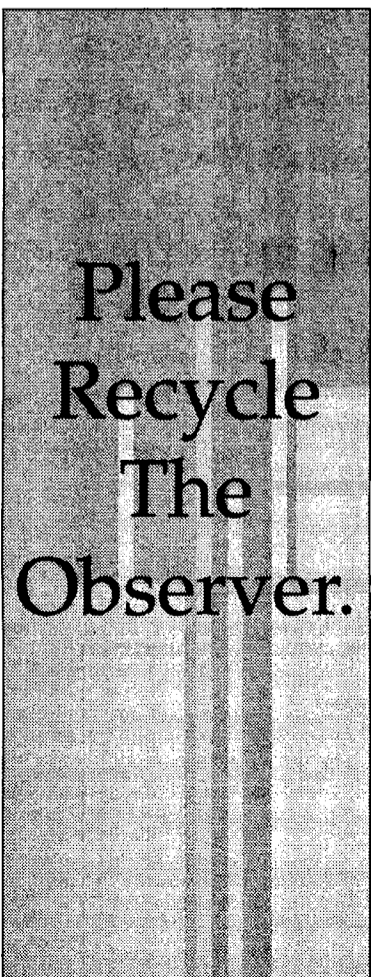
It's frustrating, he told the audience of about 250, when one player's misdeeds draw a lot of attention and leave people feeling the league is filled with out-of-control athletes.

"The thing that I get most frustrated about with our player conduct is that our players are, virtually all of them, are wonderful young men. They do great things in their community and when you have a couple that don't behave responsibly, it reflects poorly on all of them and people make assumptions about them and stereotype them. ... They have to recognize that it's a privilege to play in this league, but that it comes with a responsibility and that responsibility is something to be held accountable for because it reflects on all of us."

"That shield is something I talk about. Do not reflect poorly on that shield," he said.

Goodell also said that he thinks the proposal to do away with two preseason games and expand the regular season schedule to 18 games makes sense, especially with the economic downturn, because the preseason games don't live up to the standard of NFL quality.

"We're potentially taking two games that are meaningless and making them meaningful," he said, noting that teams will play the same number of games overall. "We have to create more value for our fans. They're paying for those games right now. They don't like them. They don't reflect well on the NFL. They're not up to the NFL standard. We want to give them a better-quality product, and that's one way of doing that, and it's all within that 20-game format."



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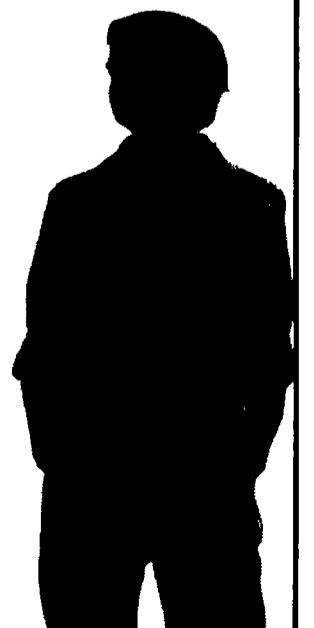
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MLB

Kinsler, Rangers edge Blue Jays on the road

Associated Press

TORONTO — The Texas Rangers don't really enjoy facing Roy Halladay but they sure don't shy away from him, either.

Nelson Cruz and Ian Kinsler each hit two-run homers and the Rangers again roughed up the Toronto ace, beating the Blue Jays 5-4 on Tuesday night.

"He's a great pitcher," Cruz said. "We really don't want to face him too much but when we have to, we'll get prepared."

The game was delayed for 10 minutes in the top of the sixth when home plate umpire Kerwin Danley was hit on the head by a broken bat and had to leave the field on a stretcher.

Danley was taken to a hospital with a possible concussion but did not lose consciousness, crew chief Dana DeMuth said.

"He was in a lot of head pain and didn't want to talk," DeMuth said. "But he knew where he was and he said he had feeling in everything."

The Rangers won on the road for the first time in four tries and have won back-to-back games after losing seven of their previous eight.

Halladay (3-1) gave up five runs and eight hits in eight innings, walking none and striking out a season-high nine. Five of the eight hits he allowed were

for extra bases.

"The couple of mistakes he made, we made him pay," outfielder Marlon Byrd said. "That guy battles out there. If you're not ready mentally, he'll just eat you alive."

In 20 games against Texas, Halladay is 7-7 with a 5.36 ERA, his highest against any AL opponent. He lost his only start against the Rangers in 2008, giving up four runs and 11 hits in nine innings.

"There's obviously some good hitters in their lineup," Halladay said. "The tough part is a couple bloop and you can make a mistake and all of a sudden you're down two or three runs. That's the tough part, they have the ability to hit home runs, especially when you don't make quality pitches."

Texas opened the scoring in the second with just that mix. Byrd's bloop to right fell for a double and Cruz followed with a two-run shot to left, his sixth.

Chris Davis drove in the third run with a fourth-inning, two-strike single just beyond short-stop Marco Scutaro and Kinsler added a two-strike homer in the seventh.

The homer made a winner of right-hander Brandon McCarthy (2-0), who gave up three runs and six hits in six innings. He walked two and struck out two.

NBA

James leads Cavs past Pistons

Associated Press

CLEVELAND —The Detroit Pistons couldn't contain LeBron James again. And time, they didn't stop his teammates until it was too late.

James, showing no regard for a defensive plan Detroit spent three days preparing for him, scored 29 points and Mo Williams added 21 as the Cleveland withstood a stirring comeback for a 94-82 win on Tuesday night to open a 2-0 lead over the Pistons in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

James added 13 rebounds, six assists and an unforgettable, wind-mill dunk before pulling on his warmups and sitting the first 4:45 of the fourth quarter.

But as Cleveland's star was resting up for Game 3 on Friday night at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich., the Pistons, showing more fight than they had in two games, closed within 14 and forced Cavs coach Mike Brown to put James and Cleveland's other starters back in.

Detroit eventually closed within seven on Antonio McDyess' jumper with 3:51 left, but James restored order down the stretch.

Despite the win, the Cavs, who took 43 free throws to 16 for Detroit, aren't so good.

"We're getting out of here with a sour taste in our

mouths," Williams said.

Holding a steady 15-point lead in the third, the Cavs pushed it to 64-46 on a 3-pointer by Williams.

James, who scored 38 points in the opener, then got behind Detroit's defense for a break-away dunk. As he approached the basket, James rose in the lane and circled the ball in front of him before rocking it through the rim. He strutted back on defense as 20,562 fans began to celebrate what appeared to be another Quicken Loans Arena rout.

But down 79-50 in the first minute of the fourth, the Pistons reserves got Detroit back in it.

They beat Cleveland's backups to loose balls, and before long, a seemingly insurmountable lead by the Cavaliers was gone in a 27-5 run.

After McDyess' basket made it 84-77, James, West and Williams each made two free throws apiece to put Cleveland ahead 90-77.

James then grabbed a rebound, and in one motion fired a pass down the floor to Williams, whose layup officially ended the Pistons' rally.

Detroit coach Michael Curry wanted his team to be more aggressive with James. The plan was to run defenders at him on the perimeter to keep Cleveland's star from getting into the foul lane, where he

destroyed Detroit in Game 1 with short jumpers, layups and easy baskets.

It worked, but only a little.

James took only two shots inside the paint in the first half, but he was able to draw fouls and finished with 16 points — 6 on free throws — as the Cavs opened a 46-32 lead following a ragged 24 minutes, which included pushing, shoving and three technical fouls.

The Pistons double teamed James the moment he touched the ball as Hamilton and McDyess pinned him into the left corner. But James was able to pass over the top of Detroit's defense to West on the opposite side. The Cavs swung the ball around to Williams, who knocked down his first jumper and the Cavs started 6-of-7 from the floor to take a quick 12-2 lead.

Cleveland cooled off, and with James sitting, the Pistons were able to pull within 30-21.

Sticking to his routine before big games at home, James was the first player arrive and was on the floor more than three hours before tip-off.

In front of only a few TV production crew members and a handful of arena workers, James worked with assistant coach Chris Jent and practiced an assortment of shots, moves and free throws he planned to use to counter whatever Detroit had in store.



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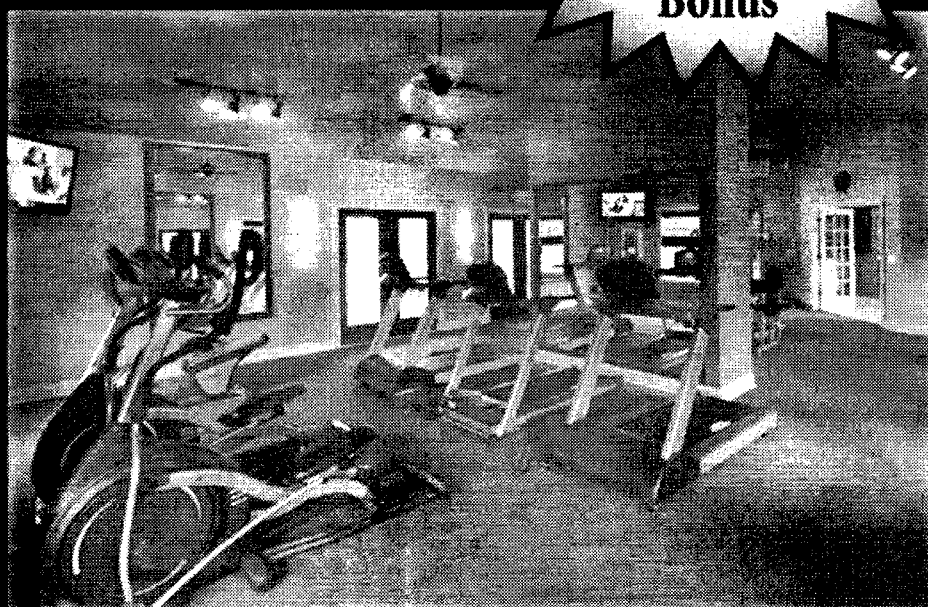


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ing presence of 6-foot-7 Joe Fauria. A rising sophomore tight end, Fauria, the tournament MVP, was the leading scorer for Holla Back, despite being double and even triple teamed most times that he touched the ball.

"We started pounding the boards more in the second half than in the first half, and it became our game," Fauria said.

Main St. Pub, who has been known for their incredible fast break scoring and accurate shooting, looked to have the game in hand, leading by five

with only four points left to score, but a tightly packed zone and aggressive defense from Holla Back's Jonas Gray forced Main St. Pub to shoot from the outside, and they went cold.

"The weather kind of affected our shots," Main St. Pub senior captain Alex Klupchak said. "We played really well. We had the lead, and then we just couldn't buy a bucket late. They were huge, and there's only so much we could do."

After tying the game, Holla Back allowed reigning Mr. Bookstore Carl Andersen, who finished with a game-high seven points, to score the next two, giving Main St. Pub a 19-17 lead, and it looked as though Andersen was going to carry his team to victory.

But then Gray capitalized on a fast break, and Griffin Nayler hit a jumper that brought the game back to even. Holla Back's other big man, 6-foot-4 Dayne Crist, posted up and scored to give them a one-point lead, and the Fauria put in a lay-up for the victory.

"We all play together as a team," Fauria said. "There's no MVP, there's no one exceptional player. It's all us playing as a team."

When asked if his team would return next year to defend their title, Fauria had only three words to say.

"Hallelujah Holla Back," he said.

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Fortner's round of 66 was tied for the third lowest in Notre Dame program history, and did not include any bogeys. The six-under round also tied the program record for the lowest score in a Big East Championship.

Fortner was followed by freshman Max Scodro, who shot better than Fortner in the first two rounds and shot even par on day three, good enough for a tie for seventh place overall.

Also scoring for the Irish on the third day were sophomores Jeff Chen and Connor Alan-Lee, who scored a 73 and a 75, respectively.

Notre Dame finished behind Big East Champion Louisville, who led the tournament from wire to wire, Marquette, who solidified their second-place finish with a 15-under par third round, and Seton Hall, who finished just three strokes ahead of the fourth-place Irish.

The Irish now set their sights on the NCAA Regionals, which will start on May 14.

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4 Girls

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"Growing up with an older brother you kind of have to acquire those shots in order to survive," Smith said. "So I'm going to attribute it to him."

But the game's most dominant influence came in the form of 4 Girls captain Anna Kammrath, who carried the team on her back from the opening tip to the final bucket. Grabbing boards, blocking shots, and scoring at will, Kammrath made her presence felt on both sides of the ball.

"We had a lot of fun, it was good teamwork, everyone played well despite the slipping and the sliding," Kammrath said. "We really took advan-

tage."

4 Girls came out fired up from the opening whistle, putting together a 3-0 run to start the game and giving them a lead they would not relinquish. SBPS employed a (wo)man defense to combat the aggressive style of 4 Girls, but the speed and tenacity of Smith and Kammrath proved to be too much in the first half.

But SBPS went on a run to close the half, putting together a string of buckets to bring them within 3 at the break. Captain Tiz Shadley drained a series of perimeter buckets, while Anne McDonnell was effective inside despite double teams.

But any momentum SBPS carried into the break quickly evaporated in the second half, as the the weather become a

factor. 4 Girls took advantage of their flat opponent, outscoring SBPS 11-5 in the second.

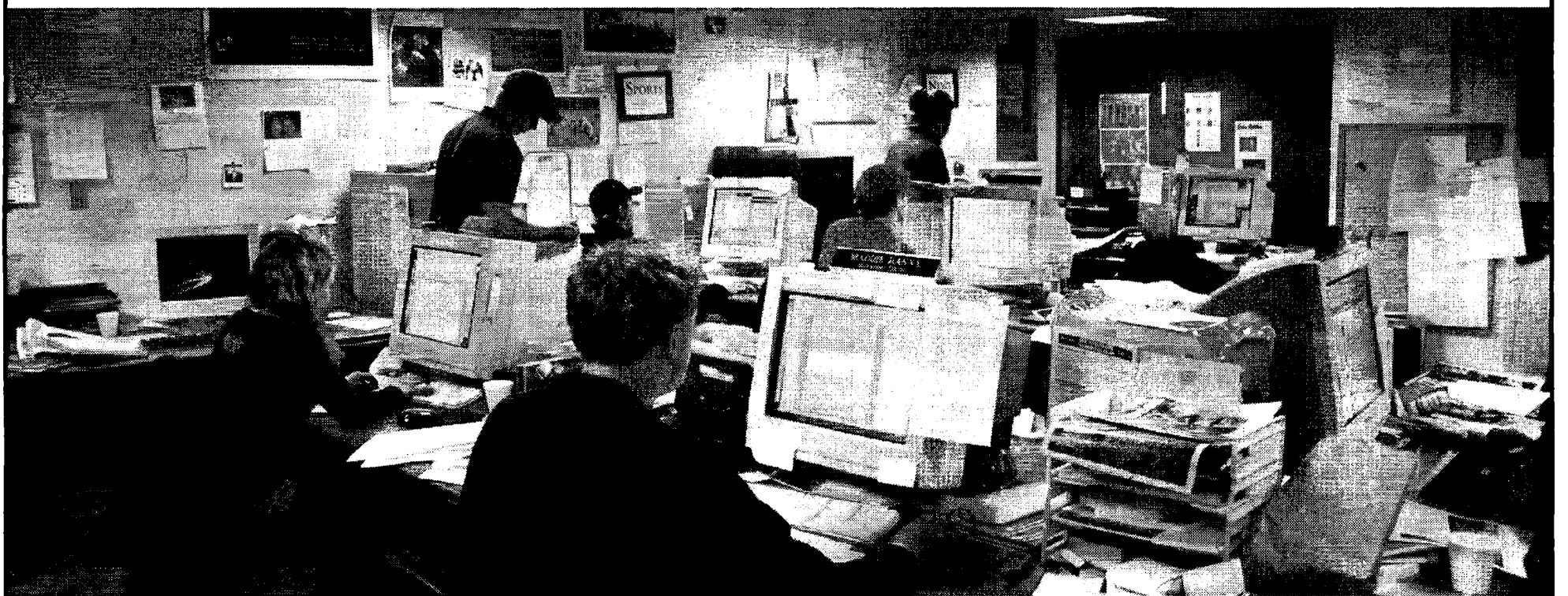
But the real story of the half came on the opposite side of the ball, where 4 Girls bucked up and exhibited the fundamentals of team defense. Led by the relentless play of forward Jane Fleming and point guard Molly McCarthy, 4 Girls prevented SBPS from putting together any sort of rhythm on offense.

McCarthy's activity on the defensive side of the ball and unselfishness on offense typify the 4 Girls' champion attitude to basketball. The extra pass, the hustle on fastbreaks, the commitment to fundamentals — all characterize this year's Bookstore Basketball champs.

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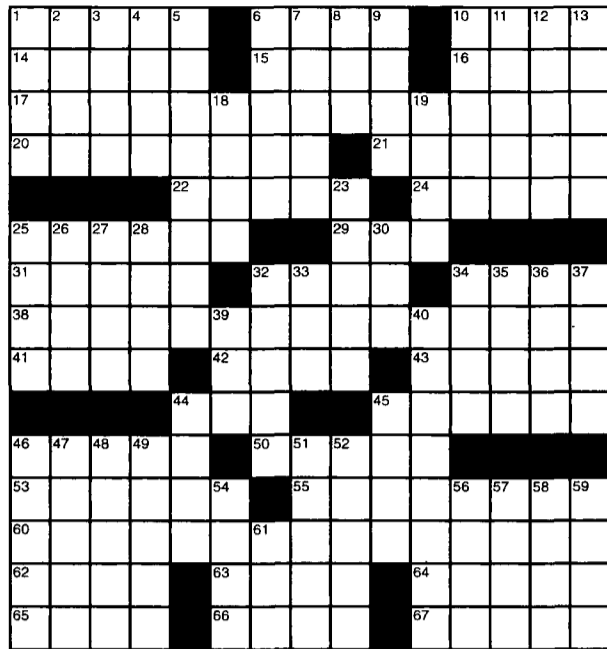
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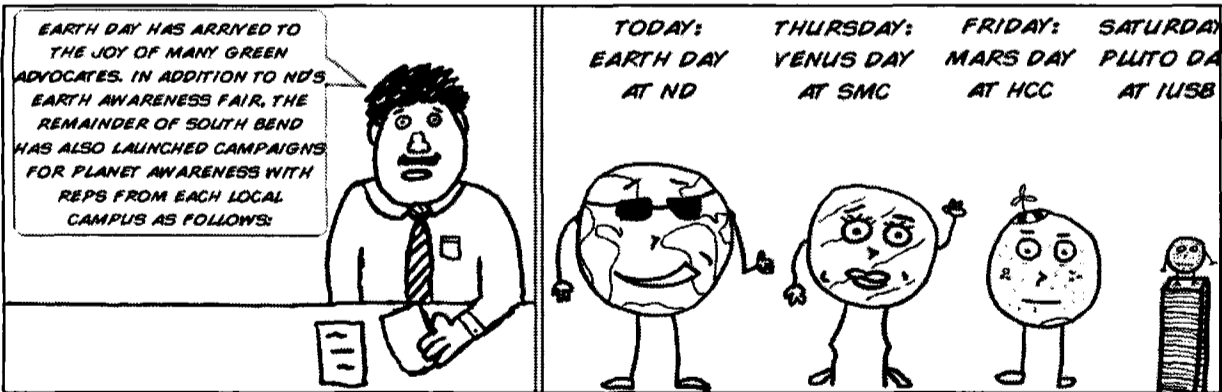
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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Maunu wins Big East individual; team places second

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Senior Lisa Maunu finished off her conference career with a bang Tuesday, winning the Big East individual championship and leading the Irish to a second place finish in the conference championship.

Notre Dame shot a 23-over round of 294 in the third round for its best team score of the tournament, but still finished well behind Louisville's 12-over mark. Overall, the Irish shot a

three-round total of 887, finishing 11 strokes behind the champion Cardinals' 876.

Louisville and Notre Dame separated from the rest of the field, with both over 20 strokes ahead of Cincinnati and Georgetown, who tied for third.

Maunu ended the tournament at one under after shooting a two-under final round of 70, including an impressive performance on the back nine. She bogeyed on the 10th hole to put her at three-over, but rebounded with birdies on the 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and 17th holes.

"Six birdies was the best birthday present ever," Maunu, who celebrated her birthday Tuesday, said. "The finish was amazing and I couldn't ask for a better finish in my last round of the Big East."

Maunu's performance was one of only two under-par rounds of the day, finishing three shots ahead of Louisville's Sara-Maude Juneau.

Maunu's three-round total for the tournament was 215, highlighted by her 70 in the final round and 71 in the second. Irish sophomore So-Hyun Park

and junior Annie Brophy each also earned All-Big East honors for finishing in the top-10. The pair tied for ninth with eight-over marks of 224.

This was Park's second consecutive All-Big East honor, and Brophy's third. The duo's top ten performance was still not as successful as last year, when Brophy was the medalist and won by two strokes over Park.

"Although we didn't win, we definitely showed some improvement and things should be in full swing come regionals," Maunu said.

Freshman Becca Huffer finished tied for 11th after a four-over 76 final round for a final score of 225, and junior Kristin Wetzel finished 23rd with a third round of 79, giving her a total of 235.

All the Irish can do now is wait for the NCAA selections to be announced on Monday, April 27. NCAA Regional play will commence May 7 at sites in Gainesville, Fla., Tempe, Ariz., and Columbus, Ohio.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Crowning the Champs

Fauria, Gray lead Holla Back comeback over Main St. Pub

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

In an improbable upset of the defending bookstore champions, the all-freshman roster of Hallelujah Holla Back defeated top-ranked Main St. Pub 21-19.

"From day one we decided we were going to be a bookstore team," Hallelujah Holla Back captain Jonas Gray said. "We didn't care about sponsorship, we didn't care about who our opponent was, we just came out and played our game."

After trailing 11-9 at the break and 17-12 at one point in the second half, Hallelujah Holla Back went on a 5-0 run which tied the game, led by the impos-

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Main Street Pub senior Carl Andersen dribbles upcourt against Hallelujah Holla Back in the Bookstore Basketball finals Tuesday night. Holla Back upset the defending champions 21-19.

4 Girls and A Guy win 21-13 over South Bend Police Squad in finals

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Four Girls and a Guy outthusted and outlasted South Bend Police Squad (SBPS) to cruise to a 21-13 victory in the Bookstore Basketball Women's Championship. Buckets were few and far between, as harsh winds and freezing temperatures forced each team to adapt to the elements.

"Playing in the rain is our game so we were glad when it started, especially in the second half," 4 Girls guard Sierra Smith said. Smith, who finished with 8 points to go along with her tournament MVP honors, hit the game-winning shot, a turnaround jumper in the face of an SBPS defender.

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MEN'S GOLF

Golfers take 4th at Big East

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

The Irish shot a two-under 286 on the final day of the Big East Championships, ending at nine-over par on the tournament, good enough for a fourth-place finish.

After two overall disappointing rounds the first two days of the tournament, Notre Dame was able to shoot under par for the first time in the third round and move up from fifth place, where they had finished after each of the first two rounds.

The Irish were led on the third day by junior Doug Fortner, whose six-under 66 was the second-best individual round of the tournament and helped him finish second overall individually. His 66 came after a solid one-over



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Notre Dame junior Doug Fortner follows through a shot at the Irish Invitational on April 5, 2008.

73 on day one and a one-under par 71 in the second round, enough for him to win all-Big East honors for the second straight year.

Louisville's Adam Hadwin

was the individual champion of the event, defeating Fortner by three strokes with a three-day total of 207 (9-

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ND SOFTBALL & BASEBALL

Rain postpones Irish baseball, softball games

Observer Staff Report

Rain and travel considerations caused the Irish baseball team to postpone the first of a two game series with rival Michigan in Ann Arbor on Tuesday.

The weather also postponed Notre Dame's scheduled softball game against Northwestern. The game will not be rescheduled.

The Irish baseball team will make up the game today as a doubleheader at Frank Eck Stadium, with first pitch set for 4:30 p.m. Both games in the non-conference matchup are scheduled for seven innings.

The Wolverines (21-16, 5-7 Big Ten) will lose a home game as a result of the rescheduling, and be ventur-

ing into unfamiliar territory in South Bend — Michigan has played 12 of its last 14 games at home.

Ryan LaMarre leads the Wolverines in batting average (.364) and on-base percentage (.473). He also has hit 10 home runs and has 45 RBIs. The team as a whole hits .296.

Notre Dame has momentum heading into the doubleheader after taking two of three games at home against conference leader West Virginia last weekend.

After a 19-3 Mountaineers thrashing in the first game of the series, the Irish won both games of Saturday's doubleheader, using back-to-back-complete games from sophomore Brian Dupra and junior Eric Maust in wins over West Virginia 8-6 and 3-0.