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State College Dems convene at ND

Students and elected representatives look ahead to policy formation and 2010 elections

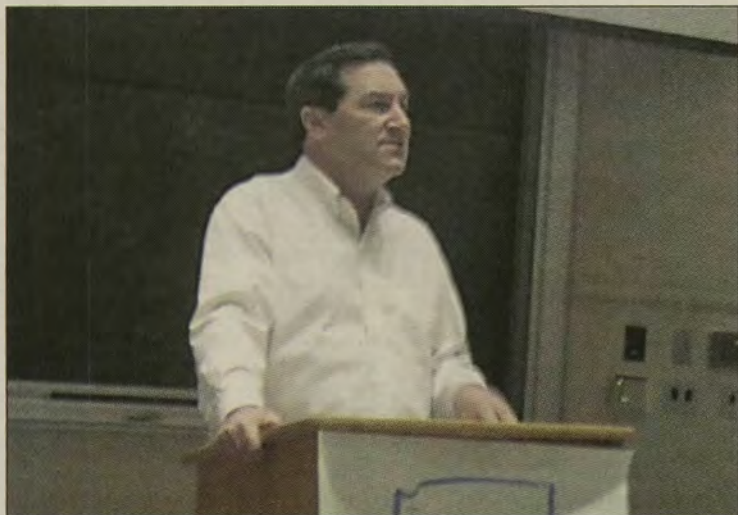


Photo courtesy of Spencer Howard
Congressman Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., spoke Saturday in DeBartolo Hall to College Democrats from across Indiana.

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

Five months after helping to turn Indiana "blue" for the first time in 44 years and with their sights set on further change, College Democrats from across the state met Saturday in DeBartolo Hall for the 2009 Annual College Democrats of Indiana Convention to elect statewide officers and instruct members on fundraising tactics.

Congressman Joe Donnelly, a Democrat who represents Indiana's 2nd District, opened the convention by crediting campaign volunteers from last fall's election for helping to

shift national electoral trends — and for re-electing him.

"In our congressional district President Obama won by 25,000 votes and his margin in the state was approximately 25,000 votes," he said. "This district is a Republican-leaning district. All of you worked hard across the state and here in our district in particular."

"I'm incredibly grateful to you," Donnelly added.

The conference attendees looked ahead to strategy, as local party leaders kept an eye on the future, emphasizing the importance of revitalizing the economy and the consequences of the 2010 midterm

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Campus turns off lights for Earth Hour

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Notre Dame participated in the global World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Earth Hour 2009 this weekend as an effort to show the community, and world, the importance of slowing down global climate change.

"The simple act of flipping the switch multiplied across the world was designed to show that we care about, want solutions to, and can make a difference to slow global climate change," said Lisa Bunn, a Notre Dame junior and member of GreEND who participated in the event.

Most of the major cities in the world took part in Earth Hour, which took place from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday evening.

From coast to coast, buildings went dim as major cities in the United States observed the hour of darkness.

"The [WWF] organized the event globally, and cities in 88 countries participated by turning off non-essential lighting," Bunn said.

Notre Dame's contribution to the effort included turning the lights off on both the Golden Dome and Touchdown Jesus. In addition, students

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Hundreds run 13.1 miles in wintry mix

Annual Holy Half Marathon raises thousands for charity as runners wind through grounds



DAN JACOBS/The Observer
Holy Half Marathon participants begin the two-loop course around campus at South Dining Hall Sunday morning.

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

Battling the rain, sleet and snow that doused Notre Dame Sunday morning, 534 runners navigated a 13.1-mile course that started and ended at South Dining Hall for the annual Holy Half Marathon.

The turnout was a surprise for event coordinators Gabby Tate and Sean Kickham, both sophomores.

"It was absolutely amazing especially for a snowy, rainy, sleeting, freezing day," Tate said.

"We had 159 more runners than last year. ... Wow. We made \$4,580 more than last year for registration fees," Kickham said.

The event began Saturday with Mass in Alumni Hall's chapel and a pasta dinner in the Coleman-Morse Lounge, and ended with an awards ceremony on Sunday at 12:30 p.m., when senior Kieran O'Connor was recognized for being the first male to finish at 1:12:46 and senior Casey Robertson was recognized as the first woman, with a time of

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Duncan holds Highlander Games

Scottish-themed festivities might become dorm's signature event

By CASEY KENNY
News Writer

Anyone walking near South Quad Saturday likely heard the sounds of Scottish music and the enthusiastic cries of those participating in and watching the modern-day Highland Games sponsored by Duncan Hall.

The event was an adaptation of the traditional Scottish Highland Games and featured food, music and games of skill, strength and endurance, which included spear-throwing, catapulting water balloons through rings, dodgeball and a variety of other Scottish-inspired activities.

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer
Students participate in the Scottish-themed Highlander Games Saturday on South Quad.

Mothers visit Saint Mary's junior class

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Members of Saint Mary's class of 2010 had the chance to spend some quality time with their mothers this weekend during Junior Mom's Weekend.

Mothers were invited to come to campus Friday at 3 p.m. Approximately 240 mothers were on campus last weekend to obtain some quality time with their daughters while experiencing Saint Mary's.

"It has become a tradition at Saint Mary's that each year a Sophomore Parents' Weekend, Junior Moms' Weekend and Senior Dads' Weekend takes

place," said Megan Beckman, president of the class of 2010. "It is a great weekend to have in order to show your parents, mom or dad around Saint Mary's and let them see what you do throughout the year."

The Junior Board, which consists of Megan Carroll, Emily Cook, Sarah Ryniak, Kelley Jeske, Karlee Jeske, Amy Leicht, Kristen Hesano and Beckman, planned and hosted the event.

Saint Mary's junior Katie Ineich's mother and aunt participated in the event.

"My mom and my aunt attended," Ineich said. "I had a

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INSIDE COLUMN

War on Walsh begins

It has been over a year since the victory celebrated across campus on V-W Day. Those heinous Amazons were stopped, their encroachment upon the rights of Otters and those who call Otters friends halted. Our war was just, our fighting superior, our valor unassailable, and our tum-mies furry and full of shellfish.

Matt Gamber

Sports Editor

But since that victory, we free Domers have been guilty of a grave error. We have been content to rest on our laurels; frolicking, swimming and grooming without a care in the world. We Sorinites, the vanguard of liberty and fashion sense, have had the wool pulled over our eyes.

Darkness has descended over the land. A darkness that knows no boundaries, no respect. A darkness that treads upon the sacrosanct grass of God Quad, and uses the front stairs of the Dome, even though it won't be graduating for few years. A darkness that doesn't smell bad, per se, but that has an odor that makes us uncomfortable.

It began small, with protestation of the terms of the Treaty of Bond Quad. We Otters are a fair breed. The agreement was just: their leaders were tried in an intramural court and assigned responsibility for the fighting, and we Otters maintained control over their arms caches (no more than two per person) as well as exclusive use of the dumpster behind their building.

But the terms set forth, 14 in total, were apparently too much. After allying with and eventually annexing the Knights of Columbus building (their small yet culturally rich neighbor to the south), these women have now threatened an invasion of St. Ed's, (a historically neutral dorm) to facilitate a game of Assassins with Keenan, a game denounced in a Hall Presidents' Council meeting as "totally lame."

This unacceptable breach of the morality of this University is something for which we cannot stand! For too long have we lain idly by, cracking clams on our stomachs while floating in the lake. The threat is real, and the horror of war is upon us once again. Though the path will be difficult and the carnage unspeakable, we must act. We must fight with every fiber of our beings. And though we will lose good men, probably around the beginning of May, the price of inaction would be far greater.

So we will fight. We will fight for honor. We will fight for our children, which we hope to have in 10 years or so, depending on the economy. We will fight for justice, for truth and for the Irish. Prepare yourselves W.I.L.D. Women of Walsh. The sleeping Otter has been awoken. And he is tired of all your B.S.

With this in mind, we, the Screaming Otters of Sorin College, officially declare war upon Walsh Hall. Without immediate and unconditional surrender by Prime Minister McCarthy, we will initiate our campaign, code named Operation D.D.D.W.C.S. Without cooperation, Quad War II will begin, not by our paws but by the actions of their own tyrannical and greedy regime.

Our victory will be absolute.
Signed,
The Men of Sorin College

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Gamber at mgamber@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

A staff editorial in the Friday, Mar. 26 print edition of The Observer incorrectly stated the percentage of alumni-submitted letters that supported the University's decision to invite President Obama to Commencement. Of the 313 submitted by alumni as of Thursday, 30 percent were supportive of the decision and 70 percent were against. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD YOU RATHER PLAY BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL IN: RAIN OR SNOW?



Anna Nanigian
sophomore Lyons

"Hail, preferably."



Chelsea Clark
sophomore Walsh

"Snow. It's more fun."



Natalie Dehen
junior McGlinn

"Snow."



Neva Lundy
sophomore Lyons

"Wintry mix."



Steve Kubik
sophomore O'Neill

"Rolfs."



Steve Santay
sophomore Alumni

"Definitely snow."



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Sophomore James Sollitto carries senior Bill Columbus, both of Keough Hall, during the 'Storming of the Castle' event of the first annual Highlander Games Saturday.

OFFBEAT

Company to launch kosher Mexican tequila

NEW YORK — A New York businessman is launching a new kosher tequila in time for Cinco de Mayo. Martin Silver says Agave 99 will be on the market in time for the holiday that celebrates Mexico's defeat of French forces on May 5, 1862. Silver, president of Long Island-based Star Industries, says he wants to satisfy the craze for high-end tequila with one that observant Jews can drink.

Silver says a half million cases of the 99-proof kosher tequila are being produced at a Mexican plant using meth-

ods certified by a rabbi. It will retail for \$41.95 a bottle.

The product launch — with Mexican songs sung in both Yiddish and Spanish — is set for May 5, but it will also be sold earlier for Passover, which starts at sundown on April 8 this year.

Man gets index finger caught in gas tank

SAGINAW, Michigan — A Michigan man has learned not to stick his fingers in certain places. Victor Harris, of Saginaw, Michigan, was pouring a fuel additive into his Lincoln Navigator sport utility vehicle Thursday

when a piece of paper fell into the gas tank. Harris tried to fish the paper out, but his index finger became stuck in the gas tank.

WJRT-TV reported Harris tried to extract his digit for two hours before friends called the fire department. It took another two hours before emergency responders cut the gas tank tube out of the vehicle.

Doctors later removed Harris' finger from the tube. He received two stitches.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A lecture hosted by the Higgins Labor Studies Program called "Working for Social Justice: From the Fields of Immokalee, Florida to the Fields of Sinaloa, Mexico" will take place today at 7:30 p.m. in 131 DeBartolo Hall. Fair Food Across Borders national campaign coordinator Melody Gonzalez, ND '05, will give the lecture.

A lecture titled "To Cry or Not to Cry: Heritage, Genetic Identity, and the Ambivalence of Belonging in Argentina" will be given Tuesday by Dr. Graciela Cabana of University of Tennessee at 3 p.m. in 117 DeBartolo Hall.

The Center for Asian Studies will host a symposium called "The Church in Asia, Part I: East Asia" Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium and Great Hall. The symposium aims to explore the past, present, and future of Catholicism in Asia, and will feature three scholars focusing on the Church in Japan, China and South Korea.

The play "Our Town," by Thornton Wilder will be shown Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Decio Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play was first published and produced in 1938, and depicts life in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, transforming the simple events of everyday existence into universal truths. Regular ticket prices: \$15 general public; \$12 senior/ND faculty/staff; \$10 students.

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

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GE to receive Hesburgh award

Special to The Observer

The General Electric Co., a multinational technology and services conglomerate, is the 2009 recipient of the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Award for Exemplary Ethical, Environmental, Social and Governance Practices given by the University of Notre Dame.

Keith Sherin, chief financial officer for GE, will accept the award on behalf of the company during a ceremony at 5:15 p.m. on April 1 in the Jordan Auditorium of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business.

Chosen from a list of 20 companies, GE was nominated by Notre Dame MBA students for its record of ethics and corporate responsibility, said Patrick E. Murphy, marketing professor and co-director of the Institute

for Ethical Business Worldwide.

"GE has a long-standing reputation for its strong code of ethics and its training programs in ethics," Murphy said. "The company also established its well-regarded ecomagination sustainability initiative and recently became a signatory of the United Nations Global Compact."

Launched in 2000, the compact is an initiative intended to encourage businesses worldwide to adopt sustainable and socially responsible policies, and to report on their implementation.

This is the first year that a company rather than an individual has received the award, which formerly was known as the Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Award for Ethics in Business. Previous winners include Starbucks Chairman Howard Schultz, and Ronald

Grzywinski and Mary Houghton of ShoreBank Corp. The award is sponsored by the Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide, the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, and the Notre Dame chapter of Net Impact.

Preceding the Hesburgh Award ceremony, the Frank Cahill Lecture will take place at 4:15 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium. The lecture will feature a panel of four current MBA candidates — representing finance, marketing, accountancy and management — speaking on the topic of "Ethical Issues Faced by Young Managers." The candidates will discuss an instance of facing an ethical dilemma earlier in their careers and how they solved it. The panel includes Kerry Doyle, Shanin Dorfueille, Chris Owens and Nicole Phillips.

Volcano spews, ash falls on city

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaska's Mount Redoubt continued to erupt Saturday, sending plumes of ash tens of thousands of feet into the air that rained down on at least one Alaska town.

Also, for the first time, the volcano spewed a thin layer of ash on Anchorage — enough to force the shutdown of the state's largest airport.

The volcano got started early Saturday by sending an ash plume 50,000 feet into the air.

A second eruption occurred shortly after 2 p.m. and sent ash 25,000 feet. Another occurred about an hour and a half later and sent ash 35,000 feet into the air.

Some of it came down on Nikiski, a community across Cook Inlet about 50 miles from the volcano. A thinner layer fell on Anchorage, Alaska's largest city about 100 miles northeast of the volcano.

"The volcano is very mad at us for something. It is kind of grouchy," said Chris Waythomas, a geologist at the Alaska Volcano Observatory in Anchorage.

Linda Superman, owner of the Hunger Hut Bar in Nikiski, said the town received about one-eighth of an inch of ash. She said she was taking buckets of hot water and throwing them on the windshields of customers' cars so that the ash wouldn't scratch the glass when they turned their wipers on.

"It is all over," she said. "You can actually see the ash blowing through the air."

Another large explosion occurred at 7:23 p.m. Radar showed an ash plume 45,000 feet high.

After the first eruption, the observatory detected strong seismic activity lasting 20 minutes or more followed by an hours-long low-level tremor.

Alaska Airlines, the state's largest carrier, canceled all flights in and out of Anchorage on Saturday afternoon after Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport shut down because of the ash.

Since the volcano began erupting last Sunday, Alaska Airlines has canceled about 185 flights. Ash can cause engines to stall.

The Observer wins 3rd place at ICPA

The Juggler wins 'Best Literary Magazine'; Scholastic wins second place for 'News Magazine'

Observer Staff Report

The Observer won third place in the Division I "Newspaper of the Year" category at the Indiana Collegiate Press Association (ICPA) awards ceremony, held at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Other University publications represented at ICPA were: The Juggler, which won "Best Literary Magazine," Scholastic, which won second place in the "News Magazine of the Year" and The Dome, which won second place in Division I "Yearbook of the Year."

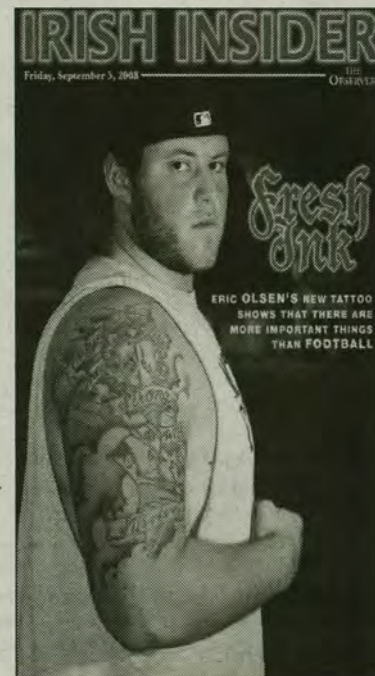
Aside from its overall award, The Observer staff won an additional eight awards, including three first places.

Former Associate News Editor Kaitlynn Riely won first place in the "Best News Feature Story" category for her article profiling identical twins Donna and Diana Defino who supported, and worked for, two opposing Democratic presidential candidates on Capitol Hill.

Photo Editor Ian Gavlick took home two individual ICPA awards: first place in the "Best Feature Photo" category for his photo of Irish guard Eric Olsen, used on the Sept. 3 Irish Insider cover, and second place in the "Best Sports Photo" category for an action shot from the women's soccer National Championship final.

Former Graphics Editor and current Ad Design Manager Mary Jesse won first place in the "Best Informational Graphic" category for the two-page spread containing electoral votes map and graphs she designed for The Observer's post-election Insider.

Former Sports Editor Dan Murphy won second place in



Observer File Photo

Photo Editor Ian Gavlick won first place at ICPA for his photo of Irish guard Eric Olsen.

the "Best Sports Column" category for his article titled "Irish look like horror flick," in which he sustains a horror movie metaphor throughout his post-football analysis after Notre Dame's loss to Pittsburgh.

Former and current Saint Mary's editors Liz Harter and Ashley Charnley won third in the "Best In-Depth Story" category for their coverage on the Executive Board stipend controversy in Board of Governance.

Former Scene writer and 2006 graduate Cassie Belek took home third place in the "Best Entertainment Column."

The staff won third place in the "Best Single Issue" category for its Nov. 5 edition and post-election coverage.

Book published on gender and faith

Special to The Observer

Kathleen Sprows Cummings, assistant professor of American studies and associate director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame, is the author of "New Women of the Old Faith," an examination of female roles in the Catholic church in the Progressive Era, recently released by the University of North Carolina Press.

In the book, Cummings places Catholic women at the forefront of two defining developments of the Progressive Era: the emergence of the "New Woman" and Catholics' struggle to define their places in American culture.

Cummings highlights four women: Chicago-based journalist Margaret Buchanan Sullivan; Sister Julia McGroarty, S.N.D., founder of Trinity College; Philadelphia educator Sister Assisium McEvoy, S.S.J.; and Katherine Eleanor Conway,

a Boston editor, public figure and anti-suffragist. Each story emphasizes that women who were faithful members of a patriarchal church were capable of trailblazing work on behalf of women, but regarded themselves as marginalized Catholics.

Although many opportunities were presented to women in the 20th century as a result of the battle for equality, Cummings' subjects said they pursued goals not as "New Women" but as daughters of the "Old Faith." Cummings presents a strong argument for the need to devote more attention to religious identity as a factor in interpreting women's lives and building their character.

Cummings' research and teaching interests center on the study of American religion, with a particular focus in the history of gender and Catholicism. She is a regular contributor to Commonweal, America and American Catholic Studies.

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NOW LEASING

Dems

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election.

Incoming Notre Dame College Democrats co-president Chris Rhodenbaugh said improved coordination between local politicians and campus groups will be a goal for next year.

Next year the College Democrats will advocate change on issues of education, the environment, health care and labor policy, Rhodenbaugh said.

"I feel that students at Notre Dame don't have a thorough understanding of the labor community," he said.

The 2010 elections will have serious implications for health care funding in Indiana, Rhodenbaugh said. Democrats currently control the Indiana House of Representatives with a 52-48 majority. But if that changes, Republicans will likely be able to control legislation.

"A big deal with health care is that state legislators can control how much money is spent," he said. "If Republicans gain control, they would set income levels lower for the [State Children's Health Insurance Program]."

Lowering the minimum income for eligibility in this program would deprive children of needed health services, Rhodenbaugh said.

Congressman Ryan Dvorak, who represents Indiana's 8th District, talked about the challenges of putting federal stimulus money to the best use when leaders at the state and local levels see different priorities.

"A lot of these programs were set up for the first time in this stimulus bill. While we know where the basic transportation dollars are going to

go, there are still a lot of multimillion pots of money," he said. "It's a little bit of a fight between us and the governor to make sure they don't blow all the money in stupid places."

The focus did not stay on state politics.

During the luncheon, Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives Patrick Bauer reminded conference attendees of the implications of the 2010 election for long term Democratic Party success in Indiana.

"The next election is the most important in decades, because if we win, we can redistrict," he said. "If we don't, the other party redistricts."

Bauer stressed that maintaining a strong Democratic presence in the state legislature will be key to meeting education needs, while arguing that the commitment of Indiana Democrats to education funding helped Notre Dame form a partnership with Purdue University for a nanotechnology research center.

"And it's also important for education in Indiana that we have a Democratic House," he said. "The budget in Indiana helps every school in Indiana. Notre Dame is beginning to get money and that's unheard of. We are getting it through the research way by partnering with other universities."

Congressman Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, taped a message for the convention, urging members of the College Democrats to consider running for office.

"We have to be ready in our youth to challenge the underlying assumption about what our capabilities and possibilities are," he said.

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DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Senior Kieran O'Connor was the first place finisher in the Holy Half Marathon Sunday, with a time of 1:12:46.

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1:30:06.

Junior Catherine Casey, president of the Women's Running Club, finished second for women, and senior Megan Flynn was third.

Senior Richard Chapman was behind O'Connor, followed by junior Matthew Bartindale.

Bartindale, who had been training for the race since Christmas break, said he was expecting to be in the top 10 but was surprised to finish third place and to set a personal record, despite the harsh racing conditions.

"It was a great feeling finishing the race ...," he said. "I was definitely freezing."

The sophomore coordinators also reported that the Holy Half received sponsorships from Pangborn Hall, Cavanaugh Hall, NDTV, the Women's Running Club, Circle K, the Council of Representatives, the Morris Inn and the class of 2011.

Tate and Kickham were responsible for contacting these sponsors, as well as designating the course, advertising the race and organizing food and music. They were extremely grateful to their committee who helped them.

"Sean and I did do a lot, but we couldn't have done it without our committee,"

Tate said. "They were so fun and so positive that it made the hard work bearable."

Tate said it was exciting to watch the runners, which included students, professors and members of the South Bend community.

"I don't think I could explain to you just how amazing it felt," Tate said.

The energetic atmosphere continued as the runners ran around the stadium, past the library, along the perimeter of campus adjacent to Edison Road, to the Main Building, and around the lakes to South Quad — and then repeated the entire course.

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Moms

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lot of fun. It was especially fun and exciting for me because I'm from Dallas and I only see my immediate family during the summer and at Christmas. It was special to be able to see my mom during the semester. We just had fun hanging out, and introducing them to my friends and their moms."

Beckman said her mom attended as well.

"It was a great chance for my friends and their moms to meet and have a good time," she said. "My mom really enjoyed the opportunity to just spend some time with me and to be able to meet all my friends."

Overall, Beckman said she believed that students enjoyed the event.

"I think that overall most enjoyed the event," she said. "With this type of event there are always a few glitches, but overall it was a fun time."

Juniors and their moms were offered a variety of activities to participate in throughout the

weekend. Moms were able to take a tour of campus, as well as many other planned events. On Friday, mothers and daughters were invited to a wine and cheese tasting event. Later Friday night, students and their moms could go bowling.

Saturday's events included yoga and pilates, so mothers could experience a class in Angela Athletic Facility. They also had the opportunity to experience the College's history by taking a tour of the Heritage Room.

After the daytime events, Mass was held at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto. Then a special dinner was held for the mothers and daughters at the Windsor Park Conference Center.

Junior Moms' Weekend is the prelude to Senior Dads' Weekend.

"I like that Saint Mary's has a weekend for just moms and dads because the dynamic is a little different when you're with just one parent, as opposed to both at the same time," Ineich said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Stampede disrupts World Cup match

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — A stampede at a World Cup qualifying soccer match in the Ivory Coast killed at least 22 people and wounded 132 Sunday, authorities said.

Fans at the Felix Houphouët-Boigny arena pushed against each other shortly before the game between Ivory Coast and Malawi, setting off a panic that led to the stampede, Interior Minister Desire Tagro said on state television.

"They started pushing to get in because the match was about to start and each and every one of them wanted to get in," Tagro said.

An Associated Press photographer said people began shoving and pushing 40 minutes before the beginning of the game. Police fired tear gas into one section of the crowd.

Spies hack government computers

TORONTO — A cyber spy network based mainly in China hacked into classified documents from government and private organizations in 103 countries, including the computers of the Dalai Lama and Tibetan exiles, Canadian researchers said Saturday.

The work of the Information Warfare Monitor initially focused on allegations of Chinese cyber espionage against the Tibetan community in exile, and eventually led to a much wider network of compromised machines, the Internet-based research group said.

"We uncovered real-time evidence of malware that had penetrated Tibetan computer systems, extracting sensitive documents from the private office of the Dalai Lama," investigator Greg Walton said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Few flood victims have insurance

MOORHEAD, Minn. — As the Red River crept within view of their backyard this past week, Denette and Billy Narum had an extra incentive to pray their sandbags held. Like most people in the path of potential floods, they have no flood insurance.

Fewer than 800 homeowners in the North Dakota and Minnesota communities most threatened by the swollen river hold insurance policies covering flood damage despite a decade-long push by state and federal officials to get people signed up, according to federal records obtained by The Associated Press.

Suburban coyote encounters on the rise

DENVER — A coyote ambling into a Chicago sandwich shop or taking up residence in New York's Central Park understandably creates a stir. But even here on the high plains of Colorado, where the animals are part of the landscape and figure prominently in Western lore, people are being taken aback by rising coyote encounters.

Thanks to suburban sprawl and a growth in numbers of both people and animals, a rash of coyote encounters has alarmed residents.

Wildlife officials are working to educate the public: Coyotes have always been here, they've adapted to urban landscapes and they prefer to avoid humans.

LOCAL NEWS

State unemployment rate increases

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's unemployment rate grew slightly in February to 9.4 percent, keeping the state's jobless rate at the highest level since the recession of the early 1980s.

State figures released Friday show a slight decline in unemployment in northern Indiana's hard-hit Elkhart County, where the jobless rate is nearly 20 percent. But one economist said those numbers aren't the good news they appear to be.

February's jobless report shows 324,000 Indiana residents looking for work — about 4,000 more than in January. That pushed the state's jobless rate up slightly from January's 9.3 percent.

Eight dead in nursing home shootings

Gunman opened fire on residents and nurses Sunday in North Carolina

Associated Press

CARTHAGE, N.C. — A lone gunman burst into a North Carolina nursing home Sunday morning and started "shooting everything," barging into the rooms of terrified patients, sparing some from his rampage without explanation while killing seven residents and a nurse caring for them.

Authorities said Robert Stewart also wounded three others, including the Carthage police officer who confronted him in a hallway of Pinelake Health and Rehab and stopped the brutal attack.

"He acted in nothing short of a heroic way today, and but for his actions, we certainly could have had a worse tragedy," said Moore County District Attorney Maureen Krueger. "We had an officer, a well-trained officer, who performed his job the way he was supposed to and prevented this from getting even worse than it is now."

By late Sunday afternoon, Krueger had charged Stewart, 45, of Moore County, with eight counts of first-degree murder and a single charge of felony assault of a law enforcement officer. Authorities offered few other details, allowing only that Stewart was not a patient or an employee at the nursing home and isn't believed to be related to any of the victims.

"I don't know if the emotion entirely has set in," said Police Chief Chris McKenzie, a Carthage native who said nothing in his nearly 20-year law enforcement career compared to Sunday's slaughter. "It's a small community built on faith, and faith will get us through."

While authorities declined to comment on a possible motive, Stewart's ex-wife said he had been reaching out recently to family members, telling them he had cancer and was preparing



An investigator carries a weapon outside the nursing home where a gunman killed eight people and injured several others Sunday morning in Carthage, N.C.

for a long trip and to "go away." Sue Griffin said she was married to Stewart for 15 years, and while they hadn't spoken since divorcing in 2001, he had been trying to call her during the past week through her son, mother, sister and grandmother.

"He did have some violent tendencies from time to time," Griffin said. "I wouldn't put it past him. I hate to say it, but it is true."

Authorities said Stewart began his rampage around 10 a.m. at Pinelake Health and Rehab in the North Carolina Sandhills about 60 miles southwest of Raleigh, firing shots inside and outside the home. It ended when 25-year-old Officer Justin Garner traded gunfire with Stewart in a hallway, wounding the suspect.

"He just comes in and just starts shooting everything around," said Sen. Harris Blake, of Moore County, relating the story told by sheriff's officials.

Garner was wounded in his leg, and police said Stewart wounded two others. One person remained hospitalized Sunday night at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in nearby Pinehurst, and police would only say Stewart was in the custody of the Moore County Sheriff.

Krueger said the victims were Pinelake residents Tessie Garner, 88; Lillian Dunn, 89; Jessie Musser, 88; Bessie Hendrick, 78; John Goldston, 78; Margaret Johnson, 89; Louise Decker, 98; and nurse Jerry Avent, whose age wasn't immediately available.

Krueger declined to say where authorities had taken the surviving residents, including patients with Alzheimer's disease, saying only, "They're safe, which is the primary thing."

Beverly McNeill said her mother, Pinelake resident Ellery Chishole, called moments after the gunman stormed into her room and pointed his "deer gun" at her roommate. "They're up here shooting," she frantically told her 14-year-old granddaughter, Tavia, over the phone.

Chishole told her daughter she hid her face in her shirt so she couldn't see the man or what she expected him to do, McNeill said. He didn't shoot, but left the room and began shooting down the hallway.

NORTH KOREA

U.N. warns against rocket launch plan

Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea's plans to launch a rocket as early as this week in defiance of warnings threatens to undo years of fitful negotiations toward dismantling the regime's nuclear program.

The U.S., South Korea and Japan have told the North that any rocket launch — whether it's a satellite or a long-range missile — would violate a 2006 U.N. Security Council Resolution prohibiting Pyongyang from any ballistic activity, and could draw sanctions.

North Korea said sanctions would violate the spirit of disarmament agreements, and said it would treat the pacts

as null and void if punished for exercising its sovereign right to send a satellite into space.

"Even a single word critical of the launch" from the Security Council will be regarded as a "blatant hostile act," a spokesman with North Korea's foreign ministry said Thursday, according to the North's state-run Korean Central News Agency. "All the processes for the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, which have been pushed forward so far, will be brought back to what used to be before their start and necessary strong measures will be taken."

That would be a sharp reversal from June 2008 when the North made a

promising move toward disarmament, dramatically blowing up a cooling reactor at its main Yongbyon nuclear complex.

But the regime routinely backtracks on agreements, refuses to abide by international rules and wields its nuclear program like a weapon when it needs to win concessions from Washington or Seoul, analysts say.

"History has shown them that the more provocative they are, the more attention they get. The more attention they get, the more they're offered," Peter M. Beck, a Korean affairs expert who teaches at American University in Washington and Yonsei University in Seoul, said Sunday.

Lights

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were encouraged to turn off their lights for the hour. "Some students watched movies in the dark or only used the light of the television to do homework," Bunn said. This is the third year of the event, and Notre Dame's second year of participation. Membership in the event is growing at a rapid pace, with the number of cities partaking in the hour increasing almost tenfold this year. In 2007, the first year of the event, Sydney, Australia was the lone city to switch the lights off. Last year, over 50 million participated in about 400 cities, including Notre Dame. "This year a whopping 3,900 cities participated," said Bunn. "I am proud to say that Notre Dame was one of them." The event was highly focused on the task of unifying the world in the fight against climate change, Bunn said. She said she hoped the University's participation will show Notre Dame's concern over the issue. "Notre Dame's participation in this event reflects the University's mission to have a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good, Bunn said. "Notre Dame united with the world to show that we care about the state of the climate and that we want solutions to address climate change issues," she said. The event was sponsored on campus by the Notre Dame Energy Center and GreeND, which had the task of seeing

that certain actions were taken on campus to ensure its success. "Our job was to No.1, turn off the lights on the monuments of Notre Dame, the things that symbolize our school and would declare our participation," Bunn said. "Also, No. 2, to spread publicity to get the word out to students and staff that no matter where they were at 8:30 Saturday night to turn off the lights." Bunn said the movement to turn off the lights was inspiring and empowering. "Yes, sometimes I wonder if it really makes a difference if I switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs, recycle or ride my bike instead of driving," Bunn said. "Every person can make a difference because this is something we can only do together." With the data collected from this year's Earth Hour, the WWF will go to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen in December to push for legislation on dealing with the climate change situation. "I think it already has made a statement to local and global leaders," Bunn said. "The WWF is going to share the stats from Earth Hour 2009 in December at the Copenhagen convention when world leaders are meeting to figure out the next policy to take the place of the Kyoto Protocol, which hopefully will accurately and effectively deal with the causes and effects and find global support especially from the United States."

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Games

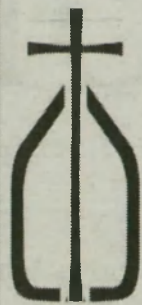
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Other dorm teams participated in events and were awarded with points for their accomplishments. "As a dorm, we really wanted to choose an event that involved the Scottish heritage of the Hall's sponsor, the Duncan family," Duncan Hall president Tom Bacsik said. "The event was chosen to raise money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a charitable organization devoted to childhood cancer research. ... We wanted to show our support for a fellow resident of Duncan Hall who was diagnosed with cancer this past fall semester, and this was his charity of choice." Duncan Hall raised \$400 for

St. Baldrick's, and the dorms who competed in the games raised over \$300 in donations, Bacsik said. "These donations were all collected in the last month and really show the great support that has been generated for this event and for the St. Baldrick's Foundation," he said. Despite the cold weather, Bacsik said the event had a good turnout. As a result of the positive response and success of the Highlander Games in this inaugural year, he said, the residents of Duncan Hall look forward to making the Games their annual signature event, and to expanding next year's participation across campus and increasing the charitable contributions.

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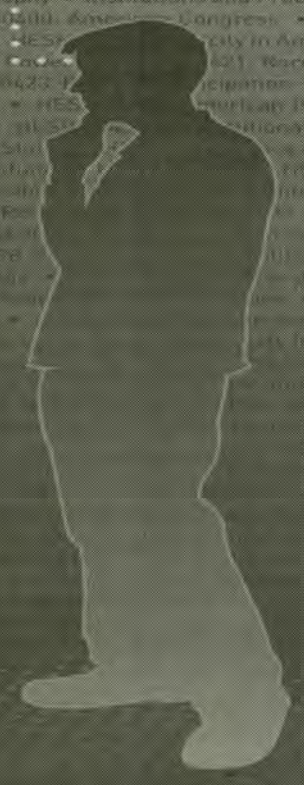
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IN BRIEF

Geithner defends bailout approach

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner defended his approach to fixing the country's economic mess Sunday, saying "the market will not solve this" while disclosing a bailout fund for battered banks has \$135 billion left and might need more.

Geithner used his first Sunday talk show appearances to promote President Barack Obama's massive government spending plan to ease credit, help borrowers and inject billions of dollars into the financial sector. Long kept behind the scenes, the treasury secretary has emerged as the administration's champion of a plan that fueled an uptick in Wall Street markets.

"We came through a period where people borrowed too much and we let our financial system take on much too much risk," Geithner said. "And the consequences of those choices, made over years, were a huge boom. And that boom, the air is now coming out of that and that's causing enormous damage."

Obama and his administration last week announced a program to help banks free themselves of so-called "toxic assets." These investments have tied up capital and kept them from resuming more normal lending to consumers and businesses.

Obama wants to focus on economy

WASHINGTON — Getting the economy up and running again. That's job No. 1, President Barack Obama says.

Yes, he agrees with the outrage over big bonuses at bailed-out companies and says his administration always intended to do all it could to get some money back.

But the president says it's important to focus on the big picture — reviving the economy and getting credit flowing again so businesses can hire people.

He tells CBS' "Face the Nation" in an interview airing Sunday that he doesn't want his long-term focus threatened by what he calls the legitimate, but short-term frustrations over some of Wall Street's actions.

He says executives need to show some restraint, show they understand there is a crisis in this country and that everyone must make sacrifices.

Automakers await new bailout plan

To receive federal aid, Obama says Chrysler and GM must make sacrifices

Associated Press

WASHINGTON— President Barack Obama says General Motors Corp., Chrysler LLC and all those with a stake in their survival need to take more hard steps to help the struggling automakers restructure for the future.

Obama, in an interview with CBS' "Face the Nation" broadcast Sunday, said the companies must do more to receive additional financial aid from the government.

"They're not there yet," Obama said.

The president was set to announce a plan Monday for the government to provide more money in exchange for tough concessions from union workers, bondholders and others.

"We think we can have a successful U.S. auto industry. But it's got to be one that's realistically designed to weather this storm and to emerge — at the other end — much more lean, mean, and competitive than it currently is," Obama said.

GM and Chrysler are surviving on \$17.4 billion in government loans. They have been hard hit by the economic downturn and the worst decline in auto sales in 27 years. GM is seeking \$16.6 billion more; Chrysler wants \$5 billion more.

Obama said the government would require a "set of sacrifices from all parties involved, management, labor, shareholders, creditors, suppliers, dealers. Everybody's gonna have to come to the table and say it's important for us to take serious restructuring steps now in order to preserve a brighter future down the road."

Both companies are trying to reduce their debt by two-thirds and persuade the United Auto Workers union to accept several cost-cutting measures.

Under the terms of a loan agreement reached during the Bush administration, GM



Members of President Obama's auto task force arrive at a Chrysler Plant earlier this month. President Obama is expected to announce plan for the auto industry on Monday.

and Chrysler are pushing the UAW to accept shares of stock in exchange for half of the payments into a union-run trust fund for retiree health care. They also want labor costs from the union to be competitive with Japanese automakers with U.S. operations.

Neither GM nor Chrysler have deals with the union on the trust funding or concessions from their debtholders and the administration has been trying to accelerate those efforts.

GM and Chrysler employ about 140,000 workers in the U.S.

Members of the president's auto industry task force have said bankruptcy could be an option for GM and Chrysler if their management, workers, creditors and shareholders

failed to make sacrifices. The conditions could be more stringent than the loan terms set by the outgoing Bush administration in December, officials have said.

GM and Chrysler face a Tuesday deadline to submit completed restructuring plans, but neither company is expected to finish their work. The administration's plan would be designed to accelerate those efforts.

GM owes roughly \$28 billion to bondholders. Chrysler owes about \$7 billion in first- and second-term debt, mainly to banks. GM owes about \$20 billion to its retiree health care trust, while Chrysler owes \$10.6 billion.

In February, GM said it intended to cut 47,000 jobs around the globe, or nearly

20 percent of its work force, close hundreds of dealerships and focus on four core brands — Chevrolet, Cadillac, GMC and Buick.

Chrysler issued two scenarios in its February plan: one, as a distinct company, and the second, in an alliance with Italian automaker Fiat SpA. Fiat executives have talked to the task force about a proposal to acquire a 35 percent stake in Chrysler in exchange for small car technology, transmissions and other items that Chrysler has valued at \$8 billion to \$10 billion.

Chrysler said in its February report that it would cut 3,000 workers and eliminate three vehicle models, the Dodge Aspen, Dodge Durango and Chrysler PT Cruiser.

Federal tobacco tax set to increase

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — However they satisfy their nicotine cravings, tobacco users are facing a big hit as the single largest federal tobacco tax increase ever takes effect Wednesday.

Tobacco companies and public health advocates, longtime foes in the nicotine battles, are trying to turn the situation to their advantage. The major cigarette makers raised prices a couple of weeks ago, partly to offset any drop in profits once the per-pack tax climbs from 39 cents to \$1.01.

Medical groups see a tax increase right in the middle of a recession as a great incentive to help persuade smokers to quit.

Tobacco taxes are soaring to finance a major expansion of health insurance for children. President Barack Obama signed that health ini-

tiative soon after taking office.

Other tobacco products, from cigars to pipes and smokeless, will see similarly large tax increases, too. For example, the tax on chewing tobacco will go up from 19.5 cents per pound to 50 cents. The total expected to be raised over the 4 1/2 year-long health insurance expansion is nearly \$33 billion.

Smokers are mulling their options. Standing outside an office building in downtown Washington last week, 29-year-old Sam Sarkhosh puffed on a Marlboro Light. His 8-year-old daughter has been pleading with him to quit, he explained, and he has set a goal to give up smoking by his 30th birthday.

"I'm trying to quit smoking, and it could help," said Sarkhosh, an information systems specialist. "I don't think it will stop me from buying cig-

arettes every now and then, but definitely not as often." A friend who smokes Camels went out and bought four cartons in advance, he said.

The tax increase is only the first move in a recharged anti-smoking campaign. Congress also is considering legislation to empower the Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco. That could lead to reformulated cigarettes. Obama, who has agonized over his own cigarette habit, said he would sign such a bill.

Prospects for reducing the harm from smoking are better than they have been in years, said Dr. Timothy Gardner, president of the American Heart Association. The tax increase "is a terrific public health move by the federal government," he said. "Every time that the tax on tobacco goes up, the use of cigarettes goes down."

Special election seen as first test to Obama

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Two months ago, it would have been hard for the most ardent political wonk to find the state’s 20th Congressional District on a map. On Tuesday, it will be the center of the American political landscape, with Republicans hoping desperately a win there will knock President Barack Obama off stride and Democrats looking to build on the momentum of the past two years.

Republican Jim Tedisco, a state legislator for 27 years, faces Democrat Scott Murphy, a businessman who has the backing of the president and influential unions. The special election is to replace Kirsten Gillibrand, who was named to the U.S. Senate in January after former Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton became secretary of state.

The contest quickly became about issues far beyond the sprawling, mostly rural district, which stretches along the Hudson River valley from just north of the New York City suburbs to just below the Canadian border. Voters will flip levers for Murphy and Tedisco, but national leaders will see a judgment on a president, his plan to save the economy and the strength of the country’s two dominant political parties.

For Obama, who sent an e-mail urging supporters to help Murphy and appeared in a television ad bought by the Democratic National Committee, this is the first electoral test since he took office. Getting a Democrat elected would show his popularity even as his stimulus package is criticized for a loophole allowing the bailed-out American International Group Inc. insurance company to award millions of dollars in bonuses to its executives. It also would add muscle

to his efforts to pass a budget despite tax increases that worry even some Democrats.

Murphy, 39, said when he decided to run he never anticipated an endorsement from the president.

“I’m humbled,” said Murphy, who lives in Glens Falls.

Both campaigns turned up get-out-the-vote efforts in the final days of the campaign.

Tedisco, 58, said he was campaigning 24 hours a day, with a goal of hitting every diner in the district by Tuesday. On Saturday and Sunday he knocked on 400 doors to talk to voters, and he planned to hit all 10 counties in the district in the final three days of the campaign. By Sunday, he’d been in six.

Tedisco lives outside the district, in Glenville, an issue Democrats brought up often, so he can’t vote for himself.

Murphy, a Columbia, Mo., native, also was traversing the district over the weekend and got help Sunday from Gillibrand and the state’s powerful senior Sen. Charles Schumer, No. 3 in the Senate Democrats’ command structure and the architect of Democratic election victories in 2006 and 2008.

A win for Tedisco, the Assembly’s minority leader, could calm critics of Republican National Committee Chair Michael Steele’s uneven attempts to lead the party out of a slump that began with dismal federal elections in 2006 and continued in 2008. Steele focused on the 20th district as one of the national Republican party’s top priorities for 2009. He’s made two appearances supporting Tedisco and put \$200,000 into the race.

A win would be “a step forward in our fight back to the majority,” said Paul Lindsay, a spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee.

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MALAWI

Madonna adopts, refuses to comment

Associated Press

LILONGWE — Madonna toured an impoverished village and discussed plans Sunday for building a new school in Malawi, the central African nation where officials said she would begin proceedings this week to adopt a young girl.

Madonna, casually dressed with a white fedora, walked through the village of Chinkhota holding the hand of her 12-year-old daughter, Lourdes. Dozens of reporters looked on.

The 50-year-old pop star refused to answer questions about reports that she was in Malawi to adopt a four-year-old girl. She said it was "amazing" to be back in the country where she runs a charity organization and from where she adopted her son David, 3, last year.

Then she rushed away in a convoy of at least three sport utility vehicles, as crowds of shouting, waving children ran after her.

A security guard with the convoy said Madonna was speaking to villagers about building a school there, and she was seen looking at an artist's impression of the proposed building. Hours earlier, Madonna landed at the airport in the capital of Lilongwe.

Madonna was expected to appear Monday in court in Lilongwe to sign adoption papers.

A Malawian welfare official and another person involved in the adoption proceedings have said the girl Madonna is hoping to adopt is about 4 years old and her unmarried mother died soon after she was born. The girl's father is believed to be alive but no other details were available. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the case is considered sensitive.

A U.S. government official has also confirmed that an adoption bid by Madonna, an American, was under way.

Madonna has faced harsh criticism for years over David's adoption. Children's advocacy groups accused her of wielding her immense wealth and influence to circumvent Malawian law requiring an 18- to 24-month assessment period before adoption.

But locals were not so condemning. Wilson Kalibwanji, a resident of Chinkhota, said he would willingly place his own son in her care to ensure the boy a better life.

"We are poor people," he said Sunday. "If a child's mother dies, it is hard for the man to bring the child up."

Austin Msowoya, legal researcher with Malawi's Law Commission, played down concerns that a second adoption by Madonna would violate any laws. He said the best interests of the child would be taken into account — whether that was staying in an orphanage in Malawi or getting "an education with Madonna."

GERMANY

Envoy calls for action on climate change

Associated Press

BONN — Once booed at international climate talks, the United States won sustained applause Sunday when President Barack Obama's envoy pledged to "make up for lost time" in reaching a global agreement on climate change.

Todd Stern also praised efforts by countries like China to reign in their carbon emissions, but said global warming "requires a global response" and that rapidly developing economies like China "must join together" with the industrial world to solve the problem.

The debut of Obama's climate change team was widely anticipated after eight years of obdurate participation in U.N. climate talks by the previous

Bush administration.

"We are very glad to be back. We want to make up for lost time, and we are seized with the urgency of the task before us," Stern said to loud applause from the 2,600 delegates to the U.N. negotiations.

They clapped again when Stern said the U.S. recognized "our unique responsibility ... as the largest historic emitter of greenhouse gases," which has created a problem threatening the entire world.

The two-week meeting by 175 countries that began Sunday was the latest stage of talks aimed at forging a climate change agreement to replace the 1997 Kyoto Protocol on emissions targets for rich countries, which expires in 2012.

The United States was instrumental in negotiating Kyoto, but failed to win support at home. When George W. Bush took office, he renounced it, calling Kyoto a flawed agreement that would harm the U.S. economy and unfair because it demanded nothing from countries like China or India.

Stern said his team did not want a repeat of the Kyoto debacle. The latest agreement is due to be finalized in December in Copenhagen, Denmark.

"Ultimately, this is a political process," he said. "The way forward is steered by science and pragmatism."

Stern said no one on his team doubted that climate change is real. "The science is clear, the threat is real, the facts on the ground are outstripping the worst-case scenarios. The cost of inaction or inadequate action are unacceptable," he said — a total change of tone from his predecessors.


Scientists warned recently that climate change is happening more rapidly than previously calculated and said the Earth could be in danger of major climatic changes that would trigger widespread social disruption. U.N. scientists say rising sea levels caused by global warming threatens to swamp coastlines and entire island states, and predicted increasing drought for arid countries, especially in Africa.

Obama has set aside \$80 billion in his economic stimulus package for green energy, promised \$150 billion for research over 10 years, and was tightening regulations on auto emissions, Stern said.

"America itself cannot provide the solution, but there is no solution without America," he said.


"It sent chills up my spine seeing the U.S. applauded," Keya Chatterjee of the Worldwide Fund for Nature said after Stern's speech.

It was only 15 months ago at Bali, Indonesia, that U.S. negotiators were booed when they threatened to veto an accord laying down a two-year negotiating process to replace Kyoto. They backed off when the delegate from Papua New Guinea, Kevin Conrad, told them if "you are not willing to lead ... please get out of the way."



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THE OBSERVER VIEWPOINT

Neither spiritual nor inclusive

Today, student members of the Campaign for Human Dignity are meeting with Fr. Jenkins to discuss the treatment of, and official policy toward, Notre Dame's gay and lesbian students and employees.

Whenever the topic comes up, the Notre Dame administration invariably plays its trump card: The Spirit of Inclusion statement, issued in 1997, which states that the members of the Notre Dame community "prize the uniqueness of all persons," "value gay and lesbian members of this community," "condemn harassment of any kind" and "consciously create an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth." Alongside the statement, the University published an open letter to the Notre Dame community (which is no longer included in "DuLac" but which can be found on the Office of Institutional Equity's Web site). It argued first that a legally binding clause would prevent Notre Dame from carrying out Catholic teaching, and that because "neither federal nor state law mandates that sexual orientation be included in nondiscrimination clauses ... like a number of other institutions, our clause does not currently include sexual orientation."

Now, I'm no expert in the intersection of Catholic teaching and university policy, so others can debate whether adding "sexual orientation" would undermine Notre Dame's educational mission in the abstract; I leave that debate to others. But the Statement of Inclusion and open letter show that the Notre Dame administration has no measurable interest in

addressing the concerns of the gay and lesbian members of the Notre Dame family.

First, the "number of other institutions" that didn't include a sexual orientation clause in their non-discrimination clause has dwindled since 1997. Nearly 90 percent of Fortune 500 companies protect employees from discrimination based on sexual orientation, as does the State of Indiana, as of a 2004 governor's policy statement. Other colleges and universities now have a legally-binding statement in some form or another, including several of Notre Dame's peer institutions (Duke, Vanderbilt, Northwestern, Stanford, Brown) and athletic rivals (Michigan, Penn State, USC). Even other Catholic institutions have followed suit: Duquesne University added sexual orientation to its clause last year and Boston College released a Notice of Non-Discrimination in 2005 that prohibits "discrimination on the basis of a person's sexual orientation" after acknowledging that its previous policy was "not welcoming enough." Notre Dame, meanwhile, remains obstinate.

Equally indefensible is the platitudinous, pat-yourself-on-the-back language of the Statement and letter. We are invited to prize, value and welcome all people, to condemn harassment and create a welcoming environment, out of which "the spirit of inclusion ... flows from our character." We are urged, implicitly, to be a community "founded on justice and love" and to include "all persons of good will." In other words, we are supposed to think and feel very strongly and sincerely about the issue, but to never act on those warm fuzzy thoughts — yay, team, I know we can do it.

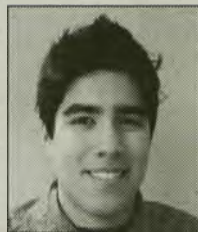
Underneath all this talk of principles is the University's worry about lawsuits. Although the Spirit of Inclusion does not mention it once, the open letter raises the specter of governmental and judicial

overreach. This litigious bugbear is why the University encourages us to see homosexual students for more than just their sexual orientation, which is just one particular aspect of their character, but does the opposite in its official stance. It is also why the University administration is afraid to affirm the dignity of some of its students and staff in its official policy. The real issue is not principles; if Notre Dame adds "sexual orientation" to its clause, and has to take its case to court, it would cost a lot of money even if the University won. So Notre Dame gives out what is essentially a non-response to the issue, leaving the treatment of homosexuals as a perennial, non-"Vagina Monologue" political hot potato that always seems to get passed off. In other words, gay and lesbian students are, literally, not worth the trouble.

And so the University continues to rely on this flawless piece of bureaucratic rhetoric. It appeals to our collective conscience on the one hand while committing to continued inaction on the other. It is designed to give the reader a sense of complacent well-being and to discourage critical thought about what it actually says and does. It insists that homosexuals are equally valued members in the community but refuses to give them the same legal protection that everyone else gets. It is, to quote George Orwell, a document designed "to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind." By continuing to fall back on the statement, Notre Dame is not saying that it has done all it can, only that it has done all it cares to do. Such is Notre Dame's "Spirit of Inclusion."

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Darryl Campbell

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The great tragedy of science — the slaying of a beautiful hypothesis by an ugly fact."

Thomas Henry Huxley
English biologist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bookstore censorship unequally applied

The Bookstore Basketball tournament is about to begin, and I, for one, cannot wait. It's my senior year and last chance to participate, so my friends and I plan to go all-out. It was a disappointment (and admittedly not a huge surprise) that our team name referencing our favorite brand of alcohol was censored. We all knew that was a distinct possibility, and while it sucks, I'm over it. When I heard the "Top 10 Team Names" announced at the captains' meeting, I became concerned. Overall, there are upwards of 15 names that make light of the Chris Brown/Rihanna domestic violence dispute — one that was honored on the top 10 list. So I have to ask: Why can we not joke about alcohol, but we can joke about a very deadly, very serious social issue?

Domestic violence affects roughly one in four women and one in nine men and the effects are long-lasting and severe. More importantly, 16- to 24-year-old women are the most likely to be a victim of domestic violence. That's us — the students who are participating in this very tournament. I agree the names are funny. Some are absolutely hilarious. The problem is that domestic vio-

lence is not — and never will be — funny. Why does the Bookstore Basketball Commission deem "We Will Beat you Down Like Chris Brown" and "Unlike Rihanna, We Get Our Hands Up on Defense" to be appropriate team names, when they take an active role in censoring names for other reasons?

I believe that laughing something off is the same as condoning it and domestic violence is not something that I can condone. Statistics show that four women die every day as a result of abuse. Unfortunately, there is not as much research on men who are abused, but it happens all too often. Domestic abuse is a very real problem in our society. It can (and does) happen to anyone, regardless of race, class, gender, religion or sexual orientation. The team names are funny, but I think it's time we stop laughing about such a serious issue.

Lori Hoetger
senior
off campus
March 27

Emulation not an insult

Dear Shawnika Giger ("Hip-Hop Night," March 27),
Over the course of my time at Notre Dame, I have heard many people say incredibly racist things which would certainly not fly at a school that was not 80 percent white Irish-Catholic. It is clear to me that racism is not dead in America, or even at Notre Dame. In a country where black people are incarcerated at rates many multiples of those for whites, where poverty levels are much higher for blacks than for whites and where discrimination in the workplace and the culture at large is still a powerful if less-seen force, only a fool or a liar could say that we have solved the problem of racism. I think we can both agree on this.

That said, we differ on the particular issue you spoke of in "Hip-Hop Night." I do not think these particular white people seek to perpetuate demeaning racist caricatures of black culture. Believe it or not, black rappers and hip-hop artists have a large amount of cultural cachet — the "cool factor" — even among people who are not black. The white people you see are not mocking black culture; they are emulating it. If there is any humor to be drawn from the scene, it is not from the sight of stereotypical hip-hop or gangster culture; it is from the spectacle of nerdy rich white kids with trust funds spending Mommy and Daddy's money on imitation street cred — trying as hard as possible to be something they are not and looking desperately uncool while doing so.

But there is a deeper issue at stake than your misinterpretation of white people's motives for dressing up like people who are cooler than they are. I think that you stand to lose much more than you gain by taking offense at such relatively minor complaints. The more thin-skinned you become and the more eagerly you take offense at incidents such as these, the more reluctant

you make all non-black people on this campus to discuss or take part in black culture, for fear of being tarred with the brush of racism. In a way, you make black culture taboo for non-blacks.

By making your culture taboo, you encourage white people to stay away from and be uncomfortable about it, because who knows what innocent remark might be taken as virulently offensive? But having white people skirt these subjects is not a solution to the long-term problems of racism and discrimination. In fact, it makes them worse: when informal discussion or emulation of your culture is made "off-limits" to other groups, it creates a separation between your culture and ours — even a sort of segregation between our cultures. Segregation foments ignorance, which in turn breeds the very misunderstanding, stereotyping and discrimination that your letter targets.

In the long run, taking minor incidents such as these less seriously — even being able to laugh at Whitey's shoddy imitations of your culture — will go a long way towards fostering the kind of inclusiveness, mutual understanding, and respect that our shared American culture so desperately needs right now. The ability to be at ease with each other's cultures — even to crack a (good-humored) joke now and then — is integral to our future amity and unity. We can spend our time finger-pointing and recriminating, or we can work together to solve the very real economic and social problems which face all races, minority and majority, in our country today. Let's move on together.

Brooks Smith
sophomore
Stanford Hall
March 28

Uphold Catholic pillars

Tonight, I signed a petition. I put my name down on a virtual piece of paper underneath 130,000 others wondering if it would make a difference, hoping it would make at least an impact and fearing that it would mean nothing in the end. Every day for the past seven years, I have stood up in front of my students and started my class with a prayer. It's a familiar prayer to all of us and after seven years of saying it every day, the words have almost become mechanical. No matter what, however, one line has always stuck out to me and it consistently wakes me from the repetition and causes me to look around the room at my students standing there: "Blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus."

Today, after reading the response of several student groups around Notre Dame's campus, those words stuck out to me even more and I envisioned Mary's choice to accept the life within her as the background for our unwavering fight for life in our faith. Yet still, I debated all day whether or not to sign this petition. In the past few years, I have interacted with so many people that question, comment, alter and adapt the Catholic faith and doctrine to their own convenience. They argue and defend their adaptations with such conviction that it has left me unable to speak up for my own beliefs on many an occasion. Every time I am

challenged, criticized or abased for my beliefs, I find myself sitting there quietly and saying nothing. Instead, I think back to the place I once felt so comfortable expressing myself, the place I've always thought of as my second home ... a place where it was okay to be truly Catholic. And then, I get an e-mail announcing the 2009 commencement speaker and I lose a bit of that comfort.

I have no commentary on President Obama as a political leader. He is my Commander in Chief for the next four years. I respect him for his office. However, that is government and this is a private, Catholic university and a place that should always stand firm in the pillars of our Catholic faith no matter what the opportunity. If President Obama does not respect the tenants of our faith, then how can we expect his words to inspire our future Catholic leaders? I look back again at the list of 130,000 names and growing, and I wonder if, at a place that has always put its students first, will we make a difference?

Gretchen Danysh
alum
Class of 2002
March 25

Respect for all majors

I am not in the habit of regularly reading the Classifieds in The Observer, but reading the new online PDF makes it inevitable that the eye will pass over this previously forgotten section as the page scrolls up. Curiosity got the better of me and I decided to see what could possibly fill the Personals section.

Now I am sorry I did. As a marketing major, imagine my surprise and dismay upon reading the following: "Get over yourselves, non-science/engineering majors ... your life is not that hard." I am well aware that this sentiment is widespread amongst those in other colleges; in fact, I have had science majors tell me (quite seriously) that because I am in the business school, I must not be as smart as they are. Maybe they feel a need to rationalize their choice of major by making it seem superior to others, or maybe they are just insecure about their own abilities. However, I can't imagine that someone could be that insecure that they would go to the time and expense of running a classified in The Observer to make themselves feel better. By the very fact that we are all enrolled at one of the most well-respected universities in the country, I think it is clear that we are all intelligent, hard-working students.

I respect science and engineering majors and the work they put in. I am glad that my fellow students want to be doctors, research chemists or civil engineers; someday, I will likely need their services and I will trust that they have been well-trained in their fields. However, I wish they would realize that hospitals and engineering firms do not run themselves. They will need us as well and it would be nice if they could understand that fact.

I respect the fact that students in other majors put a lot of time and effort into their school work, but so do we. We do not spend hours in lab every week, but we do spend hours working on group projects (just ask the senior marketing majors who were in the BIC well after it closed every night last week). We don't have to memorize chemical compounds, but we do have to understand and be able to apply laws, regulations and industry standards to everything we do.

Congratulations, science and engineering majors: You will leave Notre Dame with a great education and you will be poised to make a difference in whatever field you choose. But guess what — we will, too. Be proud of the work you do, but please don't feel that you have to justify yourselves by putting others down. It only makes you seem petty and childish, neither of which are attractive qualities in future Notre Dame alums.

Amanda Goyer
senior
off campus
March 27

Notre Dame not a static institution

Dear Dad,

In response to your Letter to the Editor that was published a few days ago entitled "Where do you draw the line?" (March 25), I would just have to say that your argument doesn't follow a certain logic. Is it acceptable for us to silence discussion because an issue or person is controversial? Should we just choose to live in a "golden bubble," pretending that views alternative to the Catholic Church do not exist? Should we just end all contact with those who have opposite views? I have had this argument with you many times and I believe that this should also be said to the many alumni who are writing in to The Observer, voicing their opinions. Notre Dame is not what it was when you attended. It never will be. The University has changed and evolved and it is the prerogative of the University administration and the current student body to decide how the University will be defined. When Notre Dame had a mock election this past fall, Obama won with 52.6 percent of the almost 2700 votes.

So alumni, you may be giving the University money and therefore think that you have a say in how things run around here but we are the students now and we are the ones who should get to decide. It's great to hear your opinions but "don't be so self-absorbed," as Barbara Volmert put it in her March 26 letter ("Take a stand"), as to think that your vote counts more than the students who are here.

Love,

Your adoring daughter and member of the class of 2010.

Ellen Rolfes
junior
off campus
March 26



By CAITLIN FERRARO
Assistant Scene Editor

The second round of season two of “Greek” returns tonight as we find our favorite Cyprus-Rhodes’ students returning from summer. Read on for a quick recap of the end of Rusty’s tumultuous freshman year, and to find out what to expect from the whole gang this semester.

For those new to ABC Family’s hit, the show follows a super social sister, Casey Cartwright (Spencer Grammer) and her awkward, nerdy brother Rusty (Jacob Zachar) as they both navigate college life and the Greek system. “Greek” also follows the Cartwright’s relationships and those of their friends, enemies and the occasional “freemy.”

In October, “Greek” left viewers with many things up in the air. The relationship between Casey and Max (Michael Rady) was in limbo. Faithful viewers will know that Casey has had her share of men over the course of the show. When we first met the blonde Zeta Beta Zeta (ZBZ) girl, she was dating yuppie, Omega Chi member Evan Chambers (Jake McDorman). Then she ricocheted back to ex-boyfriend (and possible soul mate), Kappa Tau president Cappie (Scott Michael Foster).

But just last season, Casey met Rusty’s geeky but actually hot R.A., Max. He ended up sweeping our girl off her feet with tales of a lost love and his passion for astronomy. But

with his acceptance into graduate school at CalTech and Casey’s D.C. summer internship, where does that leave their blossoming love? And what does Casey’s internship mean for her future?

In a startling twist, neither Casey nor evil Frannie (Tiffany Dupont) was elected ZBZ president. The honor instead went to Casey’s best friend Ashleigh (Amber Stevens), who was not even running. Will former social chair and goofy girl, Ash, be able to control the house? She can expect to meet difficulties along the way, especially after Frannie pulled a coup and decided to start her own house with a little help from the Chambers’ fortune.

Meanwhile, will Rebecca (Dilshad Vadsaria) choose to leave ZBZ and follow Frannie? Or will she stay true to her ZBZ roots? Oh, the drama.

And of course, what is our resident funnyman Cappie up to? Last season, he was burned by his failed relationship with Rebecca. And lately he seemed pretty upset about Max being Casey’s new beau. The last time viewers saw Cappie, he was being pretty harsh on Rusty during Hell Week, but will things lighten up now that Rusty is an official brother? Here’s to hoping that fun-loving Cappie will return in full form this season to deliver many more zingy one-liners and witty pop culture references to come.

SPOILERS: Last season’s storylines could play out in any which way, but fans can also expect new threads to develop. “Greek” has previously attacked the issue of homosexu-

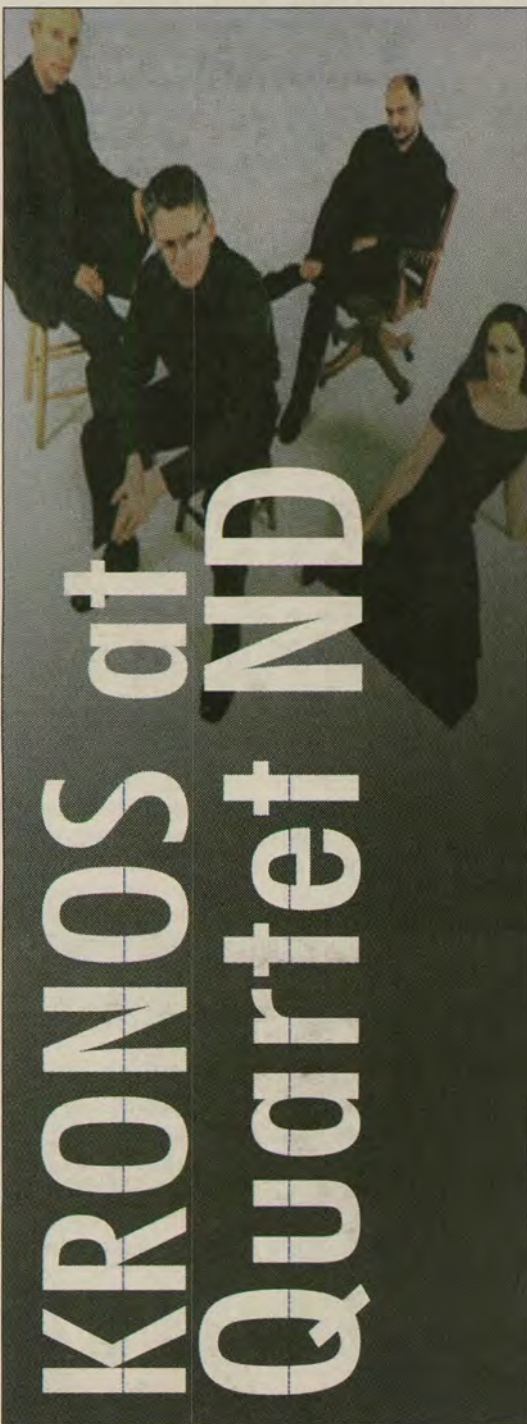
ality by presenting the difficulties associated with Calvin’s (Paul James) acceptance as a gay fraternity member. This time around, Grammer confirmed in an interview that one ZBZ girl will have a crisis of sexuality.

In other news, actor-singer Jesse McCartney has joined the cast as Andy, a high school pal of Calvin’s. As a highly coveted star football player, Andy causes conflict between Kappa Tau and Omega Chi. Of course Cappie and Evan always need new things to fight about. But surprisingly, McCartney’s character might also be bumping heads with our favorite engineer, Rusty, as they will be vying for the attention of the same girl. As for other romances, Ashleigh will get a new love interest played by Andrew West (“Privileged”). Grammer also revealed for those devoted Casey-Cappie shippers that their “will they or won’t they” relationship will come to a head in the season finale.

Ken Marino (“Veronica Mars,” “Role Models”) will guest star in tonight’s premiere as a fellow summer camp counselor of Rusty’s. Viewers can excitedly anticipate the return of other scene-stealers, including Rusty’s former roommate, the hilarious uber-conservative Dale (Clark Duke), and Kappa Tau’s ultimate frat boy, The Beaver (Aaron Hill).

Spend tonight and every Monday with your favorite fraternity brothers and sorority sisters by watching “Greek” on ABC Family at 8 p.m.

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Many young people’s experience with classical music is limited to Disney’s “Fantasia” and the opening bar of Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony. The Kronos Quartet shows that college students can enjoy contemporary classical music just as much as they enjoy rock or rap.

Lillian Civantos

Scene Writer

The Quartet consists of violinists David Harrington and John Sherba, violist Hank Dutt and cellist Jeffrey Zeigler. On Friday night the group performed a number of modern classical pieces from various contemporary composers.

They opened with J. G. Thirlwell’s “Nomatophobia,” or “The Fear of Naming Things.” “Nomatophobia” begins very fast paced yet ominous, like the soundtrack for a horror film where delicate strains interweave with deeper motifs. The piece gradually sinks into a slower but scarier sound fortified by a steady cello beat. Tremulous violins hover just above the beat slowly and steadily, but seem as though they are on a brink, ready to come crashing down. Instead of keeping the piece moving quickly, the Quartet take their time with each movement, heightening the tension as much as they can before moving into the next set of sounds and emotions. Gradually the instruments build into a grand, epic sound before morphing into a howling, whistling wind. They slowly faded into a soft whispering like a night wind passing through grass, as the blue lights slowly dimmed. It is incredible to realize that the Quartet achieved these magical sounds on such familiar instruments. This moment at the end of the first piece was one of the best of the entire concert.

The second piece, John Zorn’s “The Dead Man”, was less dramatic but just as entertaining and unique. It began with every musician rhythmically making grating, sawing noises on their instruments before exploding into frantically fast-

paced movements divided by periodic pauses where the musicians exhibited their showmanship by dramatically turning their sheets of music in sync, or rhythmically whipping their bows in the air. The sound of the swatted bows was surprisingly melodious. It illustrates the Kronos Quartet’s innovative twist on old-fashioned instruments. “The Dead Man” was a fast paced, entertaining and random piece full of surprising creaks, chaters, and slapstick swoops.

The Kronos Quartet showed their versatility in the next piece by exploring Ram Narayan’s “Raga Mishra Bhairavi”, an Indian piece of haunting beauty. Using authentic Indian instruments including the sarangi, the Quartet played a haunting, yet warm, work that invokes images of the hot Indian countryside. The “Raga” features a viola solo by Dutt that conjures up mysterious, exotic images that accompany a sense of familiarity as one imagines a simple Indian village going about its daily work in the hot, foreign countryside. It is difficult to verbally describe the melodious power of this evocative number.

The next piece was particularly striking. It was written specifically for the Kronos Quartet by Yugoslavian composer Aleksandra Vrebalov. Called “...hold me, neighbor, in this storm...”, it is a depiction of the strife that has accompanied daily village life in the Balkans. It opened with a fast pace, adding shouted vocal rhythms by Sherba and a drum beat. The quartet also stamped their feet to create a dynamic atmosphere. Crimson lighting intensified the mood. The lighting and the thundering drum brought thoughts of the ethnic war of the Balkans to the audience.

The piece moved to a slower pace, and carried listeners to a small European village, where time was kept by the tolling of the church tower bells. Recorded voices cried out in a foreign language.

The juxtaposition of the church bells, a Yugoslavian woman singing and the Arabic prayer song imitated the different cultures that collide in the Balkans.

Thunder sounded- the piece gained momentum — and finally finished in a spectacular crescendo. Listeners felt that they have traveled far through the song’s moving ethnic influences.

In the second half of the concert, the Kronos Quartet debuted a new piece that was commissioned for the University’s DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Written by Terry Riley, it is inspired by an old-fashioned instrument: the Stroh violin. These are violins with metal horns attached to amplify the sound. They were originally created for easier recording on radio, although modern technology has rendered them unnecessary.

The group’s own Stroh instruments were built especially for this piece, “Transylvanian Horn Courtship.” They deftly switched these horned instruments for their usual ones throughout the song. As the moved back and forth between the classic and amplified instruments, the group created a contrasting medley of sound. An almost conversational interaction linked the dialogue of the two sets of instruments.

The group made innovative use of their instruments throughout this piece, as well as the entire show. They plucked the strings of bow instruments, drummed on the instruments’ surfaces, stamped their feet, and incorporated recorded voices into the show. The audience gave the Kronos Quartet a much-deserved standing ovation at the end. A sweet moment occurred when the composer of “Transylvanian Horn Courtship” joined the group for a final bow. Young listeners probably left the concert awestruck. The Kronos Quartet proved that classical-style music will never be old-fashioned, particularly when it is enlivened by their talented innovation. It’s time to dig out your old VHS copy of “Fantasia.” Classical is definitely back, with a new twist.

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OUR TOWN



By EMILY LeSTRANGE
Scene Writer

Starting on Tuesday, the Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) will begin the six-performance series of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" at the Decio Mainstage Theatre. Jay Paul Skelton, an FTT assistant professor for the University and the producing artistic director for the Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival, directs the play.

"Our Town" was written by American playwright Thornton Wilder. Set in the early 20th century, "Our Town" tells the story of the fictional community of Grover's Corner in the rural area of New Hampshire. Primarily, the dialogue consists of exchanges between two families, the Webbs and the Gibbs. The story specifically puts focus on the marriage between the children of the two families, George Gibbs and Emily Webb.

Wilder isn't afraid to use his characters to interact with audience, as seen in the role of the Stage Manager. The Stage Manager frequently takes questions from the audience, gives further detail about the setting, and makes key observations that connect the seemingly simple plotline with greater human emotions. The Stage Manager also appears throughout the play in various small roles, including as an old woman and as a preacher.

Wilder was very specific in describing how "Our Town" must be performed, using methods that were quite revolutionary during his time. The play contains very little scenery, no set and only makes use of three types of props throughout the entire show: ladders, tables and chairs. Says Wilder, "Our claim, our hope, our despair are in the mind — not in things, not in 'scenery.'"

Part of the reason why "Our Town" has remained relevant to society since its 1903 beginning is because its central themes revolve around the daily routines

and activities of a family. The play is divided into three acts that are titled "Daily Life," "Love and Marriage" and "Death and Eternity," respectively. Wilder's play is a timeless classic because it depicts a familial lifestyle people can relate to still today.

"Our Town" uses its characters to show that everyday events can reveal universal truths about our human existence. Through charting the lives, loves and heartbreaks of the characters, "Our Town" celebrates the humanity in us all.

In 1938, "Our Town" received the Pulitzer Prize in the drama category. Since then, the play has earned awards for big-time showings, including two awards in 1989 — The Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Revival, and a Tony Award for Best Revival.

In addition to using student actors, Skelton has cast members from the South Bend community for the production. As quoted in the South Bend Tribune, Skelton said, "My philosophy since I got here has always been to bring different groups together toward a common goal ... 'Our Town' lends itself to community. I thought, 'What a great opportunity to bring more folks into the process.'"

Skelton introduces his own take on the production of "Our Town" by doing away with shoes for the actors and using lighting typically used for dance performances. "We are doing it in bare feet," he said. "We are using light that is considered more appropriate to the dance world. ... My hope is that this will create a more dynamic sense of movement in space, more presence on the part of the actors and an overall sense of being grounded."

"Our Town" begins Tuesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. and runs through Sunday, April 5. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students.

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Thornton Wilder's 'Our Town' originally premiered in 1938.

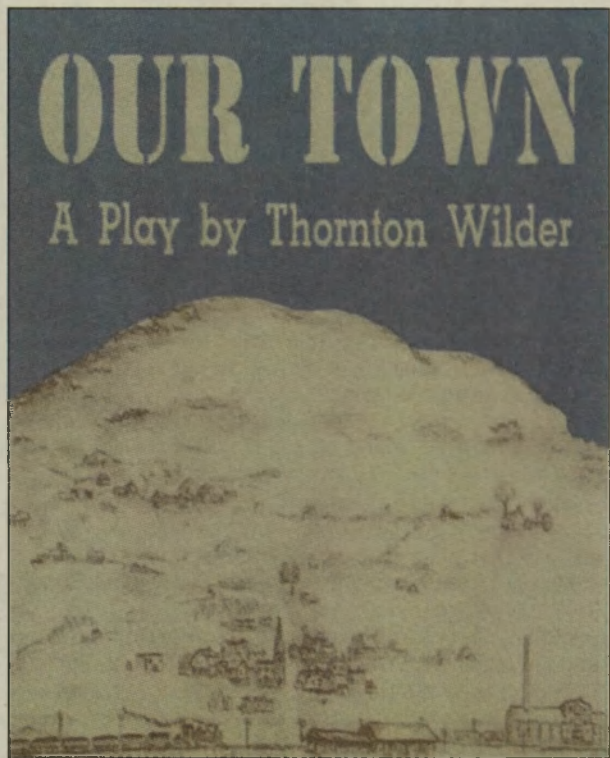


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'Our Town' earned a Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1938. It will be performed at Notre Dame's Decio Mainstage Theatre from March 31 to April 5.

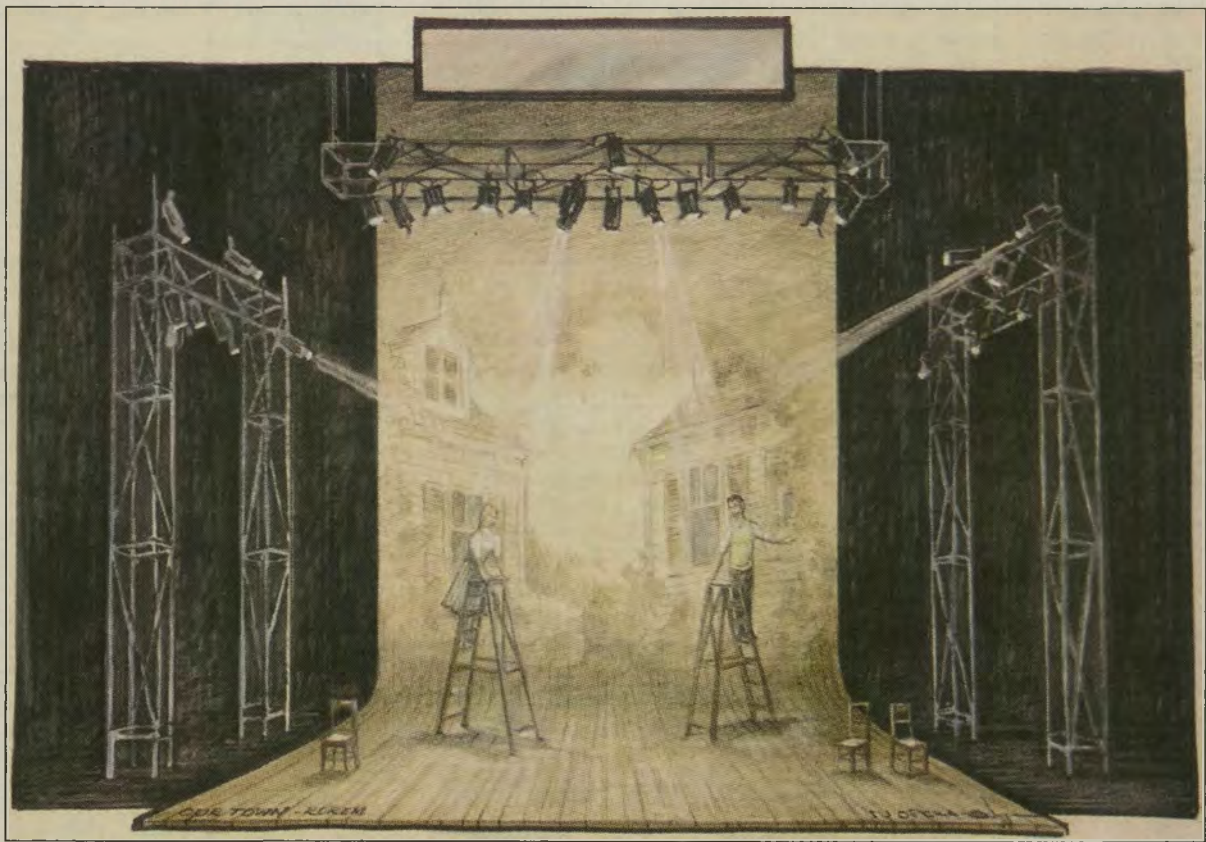
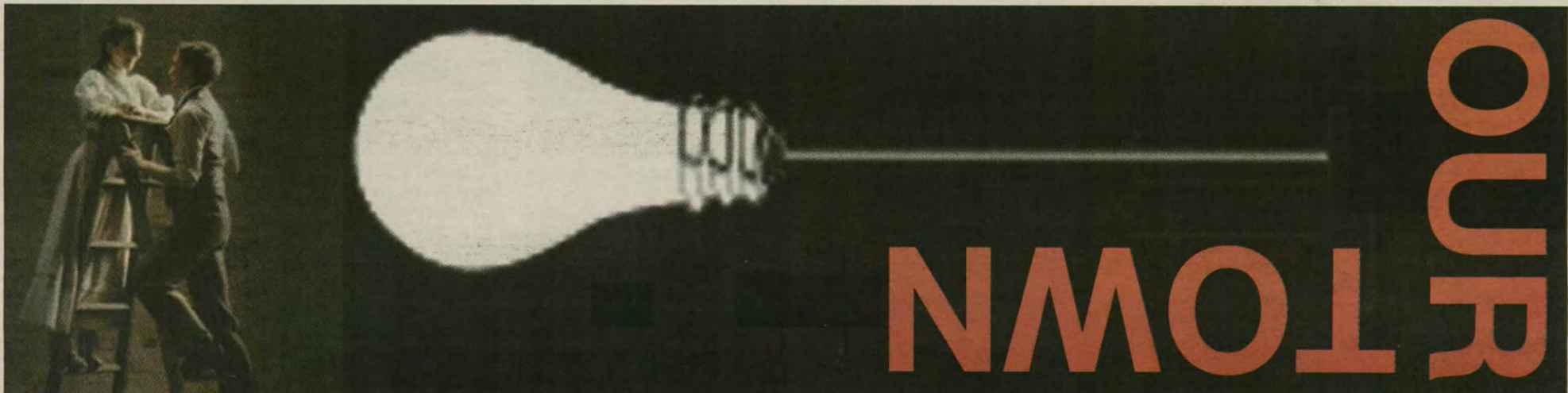


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'Our Town' is known for the simplicity of its set. Entire scenes can be performed with no more than ladders and chairs. A sample sketch of stage designs, above, shows the play's set.



NBA

Cleveland victorious in 12th straight game

James scores 24, takes out referee on way to victory; Bibby's 21 leads Hawks over unhealthy Bryant, Lakers

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James ran over an unsuspecting referee. The Cleveland Cavaliers flattened another record.

James scored 24 points with 12 assists while orchestrating Cleveland's show on and off the floor as the Cavs made more history with a 102-74 win over the Dallas Mavericks on Sunday, hitting the 60-win mark and extending their winning streak to a franchise record 12 straight.

The Cavs, who earlier this week surpassed the club mark for wins in a season, trailed 30-20 after the first quarter and 49-47 at halftime.

But Cleveland, flexing its defensive muscle, then outscored Dallas 30-11 in the third quarter, 55-25 in the second half and by an astounding 82-39 margin from the 10:13 mark of the second quarter on to improve to a league-best 35-1 at home.

"We just take care of business," James said.

On the way to Cleveland's largest margin of victory in 56 games over Dallas, James plowed over official Derek Richardson. He popped right up, but the collision knocked the wind out of the 6-foot-8, 260-pound superstar.

"Flagrant-2," James said with a laugh. "They should have kicked him out."

Cleveland is the 61st team to win 60 games in the regular season.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 20 for the Mavericks, who came in with a three-game lead over Phoenix for the No. 8 playoff spot in the West. Dallas was held to a season-low in points.

"Every game's tough," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle. "This [Cleveland] is a championship-caliber team. You can't have any letdowns at all. Our let-down in the third quarter really cost us. We don't have a lot of time to mope. We have a lot of important games coming up this week. We're going to have to regroup."

Mo Williams added 22 points, Zydrunas Ilgauskas 14

and Joe Smith had his best game since returning to the Cavs, adding 12 points with 13 rebounds and was Cleveland's only consistent player in the first half. Smith also made his first 3-pointer since re-signing with the Cavs.

"Joe has given us a lift since he's put on a Cavaliers uniform," James said.

Jason Kidd, who missed Dallas' previous game with a sore back, had nine points, eight assists and seven rebounds. Kidd also volunteered to guard James, his U.S. Olympic teammate, in the first half and later wondered if it was a bad idea.

"He almost had a triple-double in the first half, so I don't know how much that worked," Kidd said.

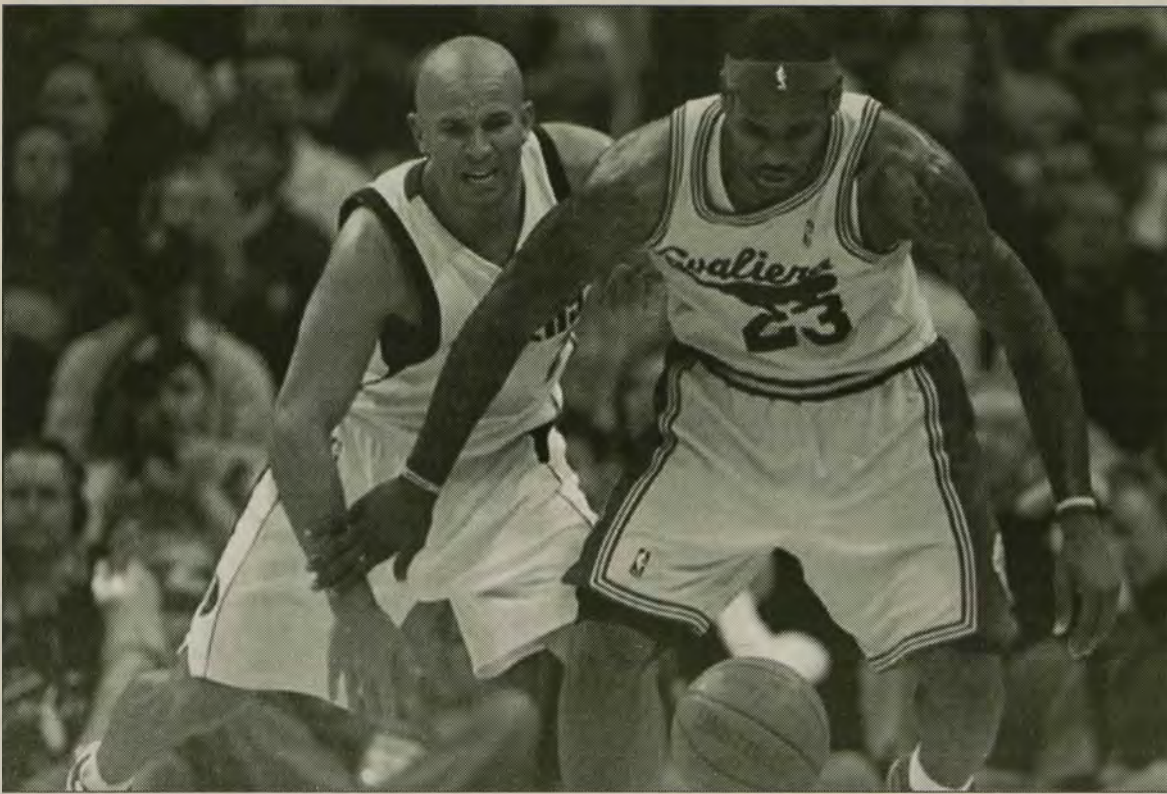
The Cavaliers, who trailed by 15 in the second quarter, didn't need long to turn things around and run their record to 25-4 against Western Conference teams.

James fed Ilgauskas for three straight jumpers as Cleveland outscored Dallas 10-1 in the opening minutes of the third quarter. The Mavericks couldn't get anything going against Cleveland's suffocating defense, and when James pulled up and knocked down a 3-pointer, the Cavs were ahead 71-56 and on their way to win No. 12 in a row.

On Cleveland's next trip, Williams pulled up for a 3-pointer that missed. But before the shot bounced off the rim, a retreating James didn't see Richardson and fell over him near midcourt. James crashed hard to the floor and laid there for several moments as Cleveland fans quieted and his teammates gathered around.

"I just lost my breath," he said. "It don't matter how big you are, if somebody catches you and you're running full speed like that ... I just stayed down and tried to catch my breath."

He soon popped to his feet, and it wasn't long before James was dancing on Cleveland's sideline during a timeout and mugging for the camera as the Cavs' reserves



Lebron James goes after a loose ball in Cleveland's March 29 game against Dallas. James scored 24 in the Cavaliers' 102-74 victory, their 12th straight.

finished off the Mavericks.

Hawks 86, Lakers 76

It was the kind of shot Kobe Bryant might make — a 3-pointer that bounces high off the rim, ricochets off the top of the backboard, then drops through.

Mike Bibby was the one who pulled it off Sunday.

Bibby scored 21 points and buried Los Angeles with his improbable 3, leading the Atlanta Hawks to an 86-76 victory in which they took advantage of an ailing Bryant and dropped the Lakers farther behind Cleveland in the race for the NBA's best overall record.

The playoff-bound Hawks led nearly the entire way, rebounding from consecutive home losses to two other elite teams, San Antonio and defending champion Boston. For Los Angeles, it was the lowest-scoring game of the season.

"We had just lost two very important games," said Atlanta star Joe Johnson, who

scored only 10 points but locked down Bryant at the defensive end. "We needed to get back on the winning side. This was probably one of our biggest games of the season."

The Lakers secured the top seed in the Western Conference with a five-game winning streak, but Bryant had just 17 points on 7-of-19 shooting. He missed the morning meal and film session because of an upset stomach, then had his second straight subpar game.

"My stomach's OK now," said Bryant, coming off a 14-point performance at New Jersey. "When my medicine wears off, it's going to be interesting."

Bryant picked up two quick fouls and had to sit out most of the first quarter. He might have been better off just staying there, except no one filled the void.

Pau Gasol was the only other Los Angeles player in double figures, leading with 21 points, as the Lakers made just 35 percent (28 of 80) from the field.

"I don't know exactly why we're so out of whack and why we were missing so much," Gasol said. "It was just a weird game, not recognizing how to attack them when they were switching."

With Atlanta mired in an offensive meltdown, the Lakers pulled to 76-68 approaching the midway point of the final period. But Bibby locked it up for the Hawks with two huge 3-pointers.

His second took the last bit of life out of the Lakers, dropping through the hoop after two high bounces to make it 82-70 with 5 1/2 minutes remaining.

"I thought it was going over the backboard," Bibby said. "I was like, 'Oh yeah, it went in.' I'll take that."

The Lakers suffered a setback in their bid for the best overall record — and guaranteed home-court advantage should they make it all the way to the finals. Cleveland extended its lead for the best record to two games with a 102-74 win over Dallas.

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I've just seen a face,
I can't forget the time or place
Where we just met.
She's just the girl for me
And I want all the world to see
We've met, mmm-mmm-mmm-
m'mmm-mmm.

Had it been another day
I might have looked the other way
But other girls were never quite
Like this, di-di-di-di'n'di
Falling, yes I am falling,
And she keeps calling
Me back again.

I have never known
The like of this, I've been alone
And I have missed things
And kept out of sight
But other girls were never quite
Like this, di-di-di-di'n'di
Falling, yes I am falling,
And she keeps calling
Me back again.

She's got a way about her
I don't know what it is
But I know that I can't live without her

She's got a way of pleasin'
I don't know why it is
But there doesn't have to be a reason
Anyway

She's got a smile that heals me
I don't know what it is
But I have to laugh when she reveals me

She's got a way of talkin'
I don't know what it is
But it lifts me up when we are walkin'
Anywhere

She comes to me when I'm feelin'
down
Inspires me without a sound
She touches me and I get turned around

Woa, oh, oh, oh
For the longest time
Woa, oh, oh, oh
For the longest

I'm that voice you're hearing in the hall
And the greatest miracle of all
Is how I need you
And how you needed me too
That hasn't happened for the longest time

Maybe this won't last very long
But you feel so right
And I could be wrong
Maybe I've been hoping too hard
But I've gone this far
And it's more than I hoped for

I don't care what consequence it brings
I have been a fool for lesser things
I want you so bad
I think you ought to know that
I intend to hold you for the longest time

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NCAA Men's Baseball Division I Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Georgia	19-2	705
2	Arizona St.	17-3	692
3	Cal St. Fullerton	16-3	663
4	Miami (Fla.)	18-4	662
5	LSU	17-5	629
6	North Carolina	17-4	616
7	Georgia Tech	16-2	576
8	Texas	14-6	499
9	Rice	14-6	474
10	Arkansas	16-4	449
11	Oklahoma	20-5	381
12	Baylor	14-5	359
13	UC Irvine	12-6	343
14	Texas A&M	14-9	333
15	Coastal Carolina	18-4	307
16	Mississippi	15-5	291
17	Oklahoma St.	15-7	277
18	Virginia	19-2	264
19	TCU	13-6	179
20	Clemson	14-6	162
21	Pepperdine	16-6	157
22	Cal Poly	14-4	127
23	East Carolina	16-4	111
24	UC Riverside	14-4	92
25	Ohio St.	17-2	87

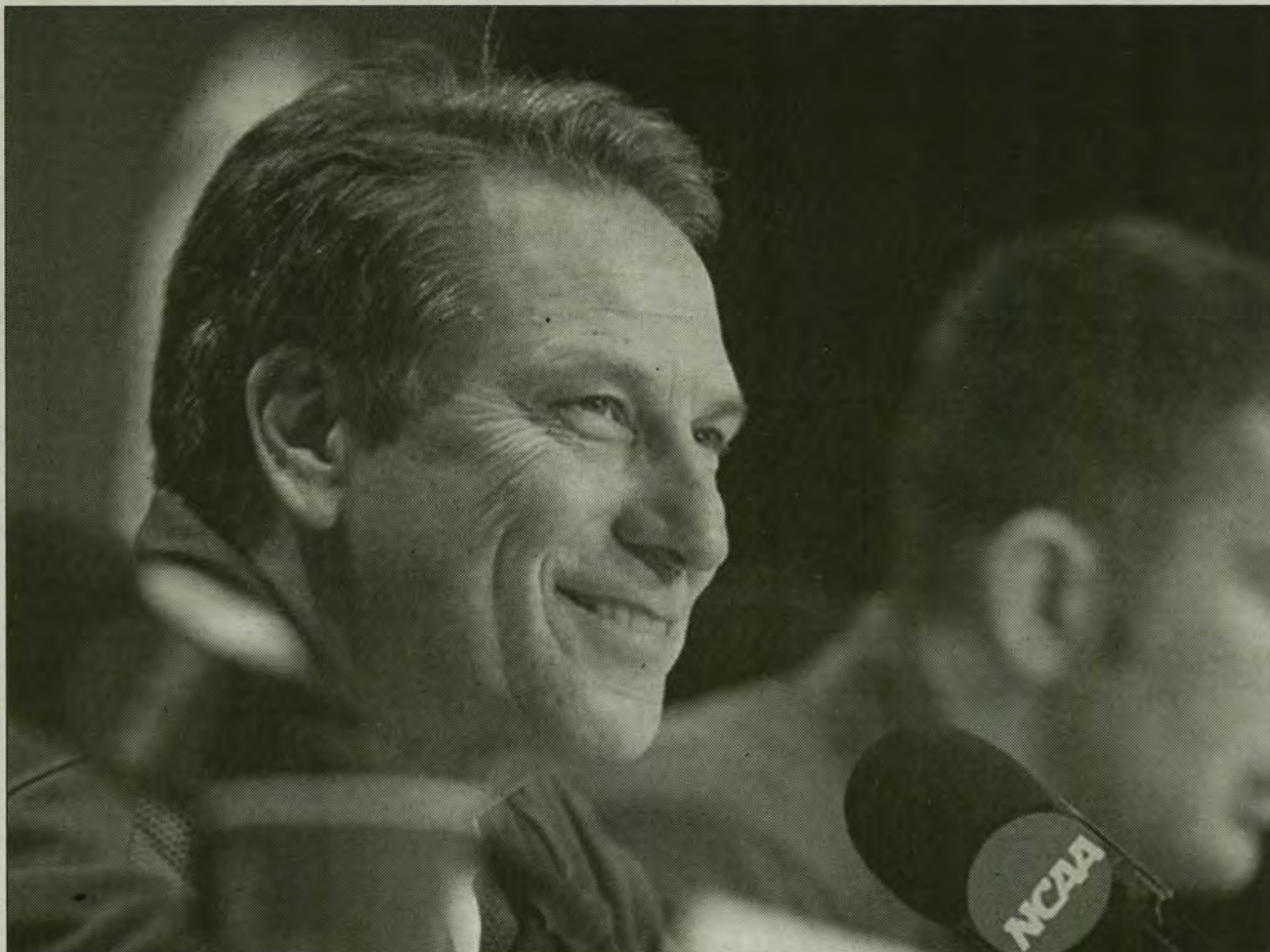
CRCA Women's Rowing Division I Top 20

	team	points
1	Yale	494
2	Brown	425
3	Washington	420
4	Stanford	423
5	California	400
6	Virginia	366
7	Michigan St.	327
8	Princeton	321
9	Harvard	314
10	Southern California	280
11	Washington St.	255
12	Ohio St.	221
12	Clemson	201
14	Wisconsin	174
15	Michigan	165
16	Tennessee	98
17	Boston U.	93
18	Oregon St.	70
19	Minnesota	66
20	Louisville	30

ITA Men's Tennis Division I Top 15

	team	points
1	Virginia	85
2	Mississippi	77
3	Georgia	75
4	Stanford	73
5	Tennessee	72
6	Ohio St.	70
7	Florida	64
8	Southern California	61
9	Illinois	58
10	Baylor	56
11	UCLA	53
12	Texas	53
13	Kentucky	50
14	Texas A&M	48
15	Florida St.	47

NCAA BASKETBALL



Michigan State coach Tom Izzo smiles at a news conference at the men's NCAA Midwest Regional college basketball tournament on Saturday in Indianapolis.

Spartans beat No. 1 seed Cardinals

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Even before Michigan State's first game of the season, coach Tom Izzo gathered his players and spelled out their goal.

"Ford Field," he wrote on a dry-erase board.

That part of the Motown mission is now complete.

The Spartans gave the Final Four a hometown feel, stopping overall No. 1 seed Louisville 64-52 Sunday to win the Midwest Regional.

Goran Suton had 19 points and 10 rebounds as the second-seeded Spartans (30-6) played the pace game to perfection

and reached their fifth Final Four in 11 years — the most trips of any team in the nation during that span.

Only 90 miles from their campus in East Lansing, the Spartans will play Connecticut on Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit. A crowd of 72,000, the largest ever for college basketball's signature event, is expected for each game.

"Detroit, here we come," said Izzo, a Michigan native. "I can't tell you how much I'm looking forward to that."

The Spartans made it 30 years after Magic Johnson led them to a national title over Larry Bird and

Indiana State.

"Detroit needs something, Michigan needs something to feel good about," said Johnson, who was at the game. "And right now, the whole state is feeling good about this Michigan State team."

Along with advancing, the Spartans prevented a Big East blitz in the Final Four — coach Rick Pitino and Louisville (31-6) were trying to become the third school from the power-packed conference to make it.

"They were the better team," Louisville's Terrence Williams said. "They were quicker than us, their defense was more physical

and we couldn't turn them over like we wanted to."

Next week's short trip will be a special treat for many Spartans — eight Michigan residents are on the roster.

Durrell Summers, who delivered 10 second-half points, grew up in Detroit. Kalin Lucas, the Big Ten player of the year, was raised 10 minutes from the giant stadium.

Michigan has one of the nation's highest unemployment rates and Detroit's economy, which is heavily reliant on the flailing automaking industry, has been reeling. The team is certainly aware of the state's plight.

IN BRIEF

Canucks goalie Luongo gets shutout in win

CHICAGO — Roberto Luongo made 26 saves to match his career high with seven shutouts, and Daniel Sedin had two goals and an assist in the Vancouver Canucks' 4-0 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Sunday night.

Alex Burrows had a goal and two assists, and Henrik Sedin had three assists to help the Canucks end Chicago's three-game winning streak and move into a fourth-place tie with the Blackhawks in the Western Conference.

Vancouver also closed within a point of first-place Calgary in the Northwest Division. The Canucks are 7-2-0 in their last nine and 11-3-1 in their last 15.

Luongo, who also had seven shutouts with Florida in 2003-04, made only a couple of tough saves en route to his 45th career shutout as the Canucks checked closely, neutralized the Blackhawks' speed and limited their chances.

Arenas sits game to let injured knee rest

INDIANAPOLIS — As expected, Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas was held out of Sunday night's game at Indiana to allow his surgically repaired left knee more time to rest.

Arenas had 15 points against Detroit on Saturday night in his first game in 11 months, but coach Ed Tapscott says Arenas will not play back-to-back games and his playing time will be limited to about 28 minutes when he does appear.

Tapscott says Arenas was "feeling fine" after playing against the Pistons. "No knee soreness at all, just the muscle soreness that comes with playing your first high-level game in a while."

The 98-96 loss to the Pistons was Arenas' first game since April 27, 2008. The three-time All-Star had missed 156 of his Wizards' previous 173 games and had three surgeries over an 18-month span amid two premature comeback attempts.

Retired NFL coach Lou Saban dies at age 87

He was a star football player in college, a champion pro football coach, a baseball president, a man with a short temper and very long resume, never averse to tackling something new.

Nobody has ever done it quite like Lou Saban, who died early Sunday at his home in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., at age 87. He had heart problems for years and recently suffered a fall that required hospitalization, his wife, Joyce, said.

"He was an original," she said. "He was one of a kind."

There was a reason Saban was dubbed "Much Traveled Lou." In the first 33 years of a career that spanned five decades, Saban held 18 jobs, an average of 1.83 years per stop. Among those jobs was president of the New York Yankees from 1981-82 for his longtime friend, team owner George Steinbrenner.

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PGA

Woods birdies 18th at Bay Hill for win

Last-hole heroics propel Tiger over Sean O'Hair for first victory since 2008 U.S. Open

Associated Press

ORLANDO — The clutch shots. The late charge. An electric birdie putt on the 18th hole at Bay Hill.

Yep, Tiger Woods is back.

With those familiar back-nine heroics and a putt most everyone knew he was going to make, Woods holed a 15-footer for birdie to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational for his first victory since returning from knee surgery.

Woods closed with a 3-under 67 for a one-shot victory over hard-luck Sean O'Hair, matching his largest comeback on the PGA Tour.

"It feels good to be back in contention, to feel the rush," Woods said. "It's been awhile, but God, it felt good."

Just like last year, when Woods made a 25-foot birdie on the final hole at Bay Hill for a one-shot victory, he delivered a high-charged celebration. Instead of slamming his cap to the ground, he turned and ran

into the arms of his caddie, who lifted him off his feet.

Then came the meeting with the tournament host.

"What was it I told you last year?" Palmer said with a wide grin.

Palmer has seen enough of Woods to know what to expect. Woods won at Bay Hill for the sixth time, the third PGA Tour event he has won at least that often.

This one was special.

Woods had not been atop the leaderboard since he won the U.S. Open in a 19-hole playoff last June. He had reconstructive surgery on his left knee a week later, and missed the next eight months.

With two indifferent results at World Golf Championships, there were questions whether he would be ready for the Masters in two weeks. Not anymore. He rallied from a five-shot deficit and delivered one crucial shot after another in fading sunlight.

It was the third time Woods

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tar Heels cruise to Final Four

North Carolina victorious despite Griffin's 23 points and 16 rebounds

Associated Press

MEMPHIS — Tyler Hansbrough deferred to his teammates — just as he'd hinted he might.

This was no one-on-one matchup down low. Instead, North Carolina rolled past Blake Griffin and Oklahoma with a total team effort.

Ty Lawson scored 19 points and top-seeded North Carolina overcame a quiet game from Hansbrough to beat the Sooners 72-60 Sunday in the South Regional final.

North Carolina (32-4) advanced to the Final Four for the second straight year and will play Villanova in the national semifinals.

"This is what we work for," the Tar Heels' Wayne Ellington said. "We put so much work in and sweat in the offseason to get not to this point, but past this point. It means a lot to be able to get to this point and have an opportunity to win the whole thing."

Danny Green scored 18 points for the Tar Heels and Deon Thompson added 10. Hansbrough was in foul trouble early and finished with only eight points, but he'd said the previous day he wasn't going to be caught up in a head-to-head battle with Griffin.

Griffin scored 23 points with 16 rebounds for second-seeded Oklahoma, but the Sooners (30-6) went 2-for-19 from 3-point range.

"One thing about Blake is I think he's tough down low to box out," Hansbrough said. "I think one thing about him is he's one of the best rebounders I've played against and so that was very tough. I think he gets a lot of stuff off offensive rebounds and his rebounding ability was something I think I'm not really used to seeing."

Still, it was Hansbrough who was standing on the court after the game, posing for pictures while the Tar Heels cut down the nets. That's a routine this program has down pat.

North Carolina reached a record 18th Final Four. UCLA has been to 18, but the Bruins' 1980 appearance was later vacated by the NCAA because of rules violations.

This will be the Tar Heels' second Final Four in a row and ninth in 19 seasons — and it will be played at Detroit's Ford Field, where they routed Michigan State 98-63 in December. Earlier Sunday, the Spartans also reached the Final Four.

North Carolina lost in the semifinals last season.

"This team has dealt with a great deal of adversity and a great deal of expectations from other people and they have us going to Detroit," coach Roy Williams said.

North Carolina led 61-40 before Oklahoma scored nine straight points, including its first 3-pointer after 15 misses to start the game. Lawson made a couple free throws with 4:12 to play to halt that run.

"We fully believed we were going to win this basketball game today, but this is how life is sometimes. It doesn't happen the way you want it," Oklahoma coach Jeff Capel said. "I thought the game would've been a lot more interesting if we could've made some shots, but I thought we had some really good looks."

Hansbrough was The Associated Press player of the year in 2008, and Griffin has made an impressive bid for this year's honor. It wasn't much of a contest on the stat sheet, but the Tar Heels set the tone by swarming Griffin early with double teams. He didn't score before making two free throws with 8:29 remaining in the first half.

"That's something we faced as a team all year," Griffin said. "Teams might not have as many guys like that."

NHL

Suter's late goal pushes Predators past Red Wings

Defenseman's seventh goal on the year, Rinne's 33 saves contribute to victory over Stanley Cup champs

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Nashville Predators capped a big week with a confidence-building victory over the Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings.

Ryan Suter broke a tie on a power play with 4:36 left, and Pekka Rinne made 33 saves to help Nashville win its third straight, 4-3 over Detroit on Sunday night.

Not only did the Predators defeat the defending Stanley Cup champs, who are also second in the Western Conference, they also beat the conference's top team, the San Jose Sharks, on Thursday night, and Los Angeles on Saturday night in overtime.

"This crew deserves a lot of credit for this week," coach Barry Trotz said.

It also was Nashville's fourth game in six days.

Steve Sullivan had a goal and an assist and Joel Ward, Jerred Smithson also scored for the Predators, seventh in the Western Conference playoff race with six games remaining.

"We're in the fight of our lives for the playoffs," Sullivan said. "We've still got a lot of work to do."

Henrik Zetterberg, Mikael Samuelsson and Johan Franzen scored for Detroit, which lost its second straight and third in four games. Pavel Datsyuk and Nicklas Lidstrom each had two assists, and Chris Osgood stopped 22 shots.

"The bottom line is we got to find ways to win games and we're in it together," Osgood said.

Suter beat him with a slap shot from the top of the left circle for his seventh goal, just 29 seconds after Chris Chelios took a cross-checking penalty.

Sullivan made the play as he took the puck off the left boards inside the blue line and headed into the middle of the ice, but he then passed it back to Suter at the left point, who moved in and blasted a shot high on the far side.

"Sully made a great play coming off the wall," Suter said. "I thought he was going to go to the other point. But he passed it back to me. I moved in and was looking for someone to pass to. I saw Bonkie [Radek Bonk] in front of the net and then I just tried to go far side."

Franzen tied it at 3 with 5:25 left with a wrist shot from the high slot for his 32nd goal.

Goals by Ward and Smithson

20 seconds apart gave Nashville a 3-2 lead.

Ward tied it at 2, putting in a rebound for his 17th goal with 8:25 left in the third period. Smithson took a pass from Cal O'Reilly and beat Osgood from the bottom of the left circle. It was Smithson's fourth goal.

"A point shot. I went to the net to try and create a traffic," Ward said. "And I was able to chip the rebound in."

Both goals were the result of Detroit turnovers. The first came when Jonathan Ericsson and Tomas Kopecky almost collided in the neutral zone.

"We actually checked our own guy in the neutral zone on the one," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "We found a way to lose the game. That drives you crazy, especially this time of year. It's the time of year you want to be ramping it up."

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NBA

Pierce's 24, Davis' 19 lead Celtics over Thunder

Rush contributes double-double in Pacers' victory; Bosh, Bargnani instrumental in Raptors overtime win

Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston Celtics spokesman Jeff Twiss scored it as the first, unofficial triple-double in Glen "Big Baby" Davis' career: 19 points, 10 rebounds — and 10 stitches.

The Celtics power forward left in the third quarter after being elbowed in the head and returned after getting stitched up to score 15 points in the final 10 minutes and lead Boston to a 103-84 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Sunday night.

"I'm going to have somebody knock some sense into him, like they did," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "Clearly, once they hit him he was a different person. So, either someone else on the other team, or I'm going to carry a hammer around."

Davis, who has been starting since Kevin Garnett went out with a strained right knee, had just two points in the first half and two more before Kevin Durant's elbow came down on his forehead with 5:47 left in the third quarter and Boston trailing by six. Davis returned to the bench at the end of the quarter and came back in with 9:42 to play and the Celtics up 77-72.

"Baby's a bleeder," said Paul Pierce, who scored 27 points. "I don't know what's going on

with him. I just know that if we ever get into it, I know where to hit him."

He then helped Boston score eight of the next 10 points and 13 of the next 18 to break the game open. Down the stretch, he scored 11 straight Celtics points.

"I got hit in the head and it sparked something in me for some reason," Davis said in the locker room afterward, his feet soaking in a bucket of ice and a square bandage covering the cut on his forehead. "I don't know how, but I'm glad it did."

Eddie House scored 14 of his 16 in the second half — nine of them during an 11-1 run in the third quarter when the Celtics took the lead for good. Reserve Mikki Moore scored 12 with 11 boards and Rajon Rondo had 12 assists to help the Celtics win their sixth out of seven despite missing Garnett for the 15th time in 19 games.

Davis doesn't have any real triple-doubles, but during the last five games he has had three of the top-scoring performances of his career and two of his three career double-doubles.

"You don't want Kevin to be hurt," Pierce said, "but the experience these guys are getting is going to be huge for us in the playoffs."

Russell Westbrook scored 23

points and Kevin Durant added 21 for the Thunder, which lost their third straight and fifth of six.

Pacers 124, Wizards 115

Brandon Rush is finally giving Indiana more than one consistent scoring option.

Starting his third straight game, the Pacers rookie continued his late-season tear with 29 points and 10 rebounds Sunday night in a victory over the Washington Wizards.

"It's being comfortable and just taking shots," Rush said. "I guess that's coming from the extra work I've been putting in. Me being in the starting role right now makes me more comfortable out there and the guys are looking for me all the time. The idea is to keep it going."

His 29 points matched the career-high he set just one day earlier at Chicago. Against the Wizards, he had 15 points in the first half and another 10 during the first seven minutes of the third quarter, when Indiana widened a 59-52 lead to 84-66. The Pacers led by 16 after the third quarter, built it to as many as 22 early in the final period and never led by fewer than nine the rest of the way. Danny Granger finished with 31 points for the Pacers.

"It definitely gives me more room because all the defenses

zone in on Danny all the time," Rush said. "Somebody else is going to have to step up."

Rush has averaged 19 points and 6.5 rebounds over the past five games. In just the past two, his 58 points have come on 26-of-44 shooting with no turnovers over 72 minutes.

"That's two good games for him," said Granger, who wants to see more from his rookie teammate. "That's what you have to expect from rookies — they are going to be up and down. But I think he's coming along very nicely."

Jarrett Jack added 19 points for the Pacers. Washington was led by Caron Butler with 31 points and 13 rebounds and Antawn Jamison with 29 points. Javaris Crittenton added a season-high 19 points for the Wizards.

"It's amazing what confidence will do," Pacers coach Jim O'Brien said of Rush's development. "He's playing pretty good basketball. He's our best athlete and ... can have an impact on the game."

Raptors 134, Bulls 129

Chris Bosh didn't panic after watching the Chicago Bulls erase Toronto's 17-point lead and send the game to overtime. He just helped the Raptors win in the extra period.

Bosh had 31 points and 15

rebounds. Andrea Bargnani scored 28 points and the Raptors beat the Bulls Sunday.

Chicago's Ben Gordon had 37 points, including a buzzer-beating jumper over Bosh that sent it to overtime.

"Sometimes you can be like 'Oh my God, woe is me, it went in,'" Bosh said. "You can't panic. We're going to overtime whether we like it or not so we might as well regroup and get it right."

Bosh made sure Toronto got it right, putting the Raptors ahead for good by converting a three-point play with 15 seconds left to play in overtime.

"They came back from an unlikely situation," Bosh said. "They had all the momentum in the world but we withstood it. I'm proud of our guys for showing composure."

Jose Calderon had 22 points and a career-high 19 assists. Shawn Marion scored 16 points and Pops Mensah-Bonsu added 13 as the Raptors set a franchise-high for points and extended their winning streak to a season-high four games. Toronto last won four straight between Dec. 9-14, 2007.

"I wish we'd been playing like this earlier [in the season] but you can't change the past," Bosh said. "All we can do is dictate what we do now. We've just got to keep it going."

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NHL

Ottawa's Elliott posts first career shutout in win

Berglund contributes goal and two assists against Jackets; Luongo shuts out Blackhawks in victory

Associated Press

TAMPA — Brian Elliott got that elusive first NHL shutout.

After six brushes with his first NHL shutout, Elliott made 20 saves in the Ottawa Senators' 3-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Sunday night.

"That's what you go for every night, so to finally get one, it feels pretty good," the rookie goalie said. "I think it's satisfying for the whole team. We come out — if we're ahead — a little sloppy in the third and teams have taken advantage of that. I just had to make a couple of saves, and [my teammates] put the puck in the net pretty well tonight."

Dany Heatley, Ryan Shannon and Jason Spezza scored to help Ottawa, 11th in the Eastern Conference, improve to 10-3-0 in its last 13 games. Tampa Bay has lost three straight and 10 of its last 12.

The win helps Ottawa's slim playoff hopes, though the Senators are 10 points behind the eighth spot occupied by the Montreal Canadiens with 86 points.

"We still aren't eliminated mathematically," Ottawa coach Cory Clouston said. "Obviously that's something that we would like to get, but our focus is one game at a time and whatever happens, happens."

Heatley scored his team-high 35th goal of the season on a power play 9:45 into the first period, though was more impressed by his goalie's performance.

"There was a shot here and a shot there that could've changed the game," Heatley said. "[Elliott] made some big saves when the game was still up for grabs."

Shannon scored at 13:44 on a deflection off a Lightning player.

The goal was originally credited to Nick Foligno. But as Shannon slide the puck through the five-hole of goalie Karri Ramo, Matt Lashoff's attempt to clear the puck hit Ramo's leg, sending it back into the net.

Shannon has a four-game goal streak and five-game point streak. He has four goals and two assists in that span.

"Overall it wasn't one of our better efforts," Lightning forward Steven Stamkos said. "We didn't play that poorly, we just didn't generate enough offense and when you don't score, you don't win."

Spezza scored his 30th goal of the season on a late power play in the third, firing a wrister past Ramo's right side. Daniel Alfredsson assisted on the score, giving him 33 assists in 47 career games against Tampa Bay.

Ottawa also took advantage of the Lightning's poor play at home, and Clouston will take the road win.

"When you're able to [shut out your opponent] in another team's barn, you've done something [good]," Clouston said. "It's nice for a goaltender to have that early lead."

With seven games remaining, the Senators will need every point to slip into the playoffs. A shutout from their young goalie will help those efforts.

"[Elliott is] going to have a long career in this league," Ottawa defenseman Chris

Phillips said. "It's nice to be a part of that, but we're going to keep fighting right to the end and then we'll see what happens."

Blues 5, Blue Jackets 2

The prize is just around the corner, yet the St. Louis Blues won't permit themselves to take a peek.

Patrik Berglund had a goal and two assists and the Blues moved a step closer to a playoff spot with a victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Sunday.

"We got another two points and we're getting closer and closer," Berglund said. "We want to be in the playoffs so bad. So we really haven't thought about how much we've been climbing, but obviously it's good. But we still have six games left."

T.J. Oshie and David Perron each had a goal and an assist, Brad Boyes and David Backes also scored, and Chris Mason gave up two shaky goals but stopped the other 26 shots he faced.

Columbus is sixth in the West with 86 points, two points ahead of Nashville and three in front of St. Louis. Edmonton, which began the day in a virtual tie with the Blues for the last of the eight playoff spots, is ninth — two points behind St. Louis.

The Blues have won five in a row and earned points in seven of eight, rising from the dregs of the West to a tenuous grip on one of those eight precious postseason spots.

"If we're there at the end of the year, then we'll be happy because every night it changes," Mason said. "We're trying to take care of business one [game] at a time. We were focused on today. We'll enjoy this one for a bit. Then we'll worry about our next game."

The Blues, who beat Columbus in a shootout at home on Saturday night, picked up four important points against one of the teams ahead of them

in the standings.

"I don't believe in momentum, because I don't know what it is," coach Andy Murray said. "I just know that every game and every sporting event stands on its own. You've got to go out and establish your own credibility. For us to win two games against them is gratifying because they're a really good team."

Rick Nash had a goal and an assist, and Fedor Tyutin added a goal for Columbus, which had taken points in its last five games and nine of the 10. Rookie goalie Steve Mason, no relation to his counterpart, made 22 saves.

But the Blue Jackets looked listless and uninspired for much of the game, something that coach Ken Hitchcock said could not and would not persist.

"We're going to have to earn our way in. Nobody's going to give us anything," said Hitchcock, whose club is the only one in the NHL never to have played in the postseason. "The disturbing part for us [the last two nights] is we've had people pushed out of the competition. That's something we have to address in the next 24 hours."

Oshie, vilified by the crowd for a running head start he took on a hit on Nash the night before, quieted the boo-birds with an early goal.

He said the Blues aren't taking time to savor how far they've come.

"It feels good to be where we're at, considering where we were," he said. "We all know we're not done yet. We've got games left. It's definitely not settled."

After each goalie gave up soft goals, Perron added some insurance when he skated in unimpeded from the right wing, faked defenseman Mike Commodore in the slot and then lifted a backhand over Steve Mason's right shoulder to make it 3-1 midway through the third period.

Sloppy defense led to three

goals — two by the Blues — in a span of 2:22 that put the game out of reach.

Much of the crowd of 17,095 was long gone by then.

"You've got to give St. Louis credit," Hitchcock said. "They pushed us hard — they pushed us into areas that we weren't comfortable. They're relentless and they work. We have too many people who did not respond."

Canucks 4, Blackhawks 0

Robert Luongo and the Vancouver Canucks sent the Chicago Blackhawks a loud playoff message Sunday night.

Luongo made 26 saves to match his career high with seven shutouts, and Daniel Sedin had two goals and an assist in Vancouver's victory over Blackhawks.

Alex Burrows had a goal and two assists, Ryan Kesler also scored, and Henrik Sedin had three assists to help the Canucks end Chicago's three-game winning streak and move into a fourth-place tie with the Blackhawks in the Western Conference.

If the Canucks and Blackhawks finish fourth and fifth in the West, they'll meet in the opening playoff round. The fourth-place team would have home-ice advantage.

The Canucks hit the ice on Sunday with that in mind.

Luongo, who also had seven shutouts with Florida in 2003-04, made only a couple of tough saves en route to his 45th career shutout as the Canucks checked closely, neutralized the Blackhawks' speed and limited their chances. Chicago's Patrick Sharp fanned on a penalty shot with 5:41 left in the third period.

"We came in as possible match-up in the playoffs and we wanted to show we could win in this building," Daniel Sedin said. "Our defense did a tremendous job."

"They have a bunch of really skilled guys. You're never going to shut them down, but you can

limit their chances. I think we did a good job of that."

Vancouver also closed within a point of first-place Calgary in the Northwest Division. The Canucks are 7-2-0 in their last nine and 11-3-1 in their last 15.

"We wanted to make sure we came in here with a goal in mind, and that was to get the win," Luongo said. "We didn't give them a lot of room to make plays. That was key, especially with the speed their forwards have."

Meanwhile, the Blackhawks couldn't contain the line Canucks' line of the Sedins and Burrows. Daniel Sedin has four goals and four assists in his last four games, and twin brother Henrik has three goals and six assists in the same span.

"That line was unbelievable on the ice," Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault said. "Obviously they were our best players and Roberto was on top of his game tonight."

"That said, it was a pretty solid team effort all around. When we did make a mistake, Roberto bailed us out. When they made a mistake, we were able to capitalize."

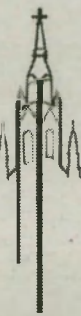
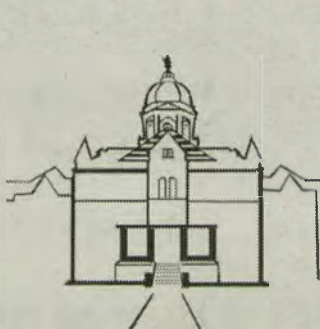
Chicago's Nikolai Khabibulin made 19 saves in his fifth straight start and seventh in the last eight games.

A series of fights broke out at 5:50 of the third. In one skirmish, the Canucks' Shane O'Brien reached over referee Paul Devorski as he grabbed at Chicago's Adam Burish. O'Brien received a misconduct in addition to a fighting major.

Chicago forward Troy Brouwer left the game at 8:19 of the first period and didn't return. As Brouwer tried to shoot from the left circle, he fell awkwardly as Vancouver's Darcy Hordichuk slid into him. He's out day-to-day.

"We couldn't have been pleased with how we played," Chicago coach Joel Quenneville said. "It was check, check, check and we didn't fight through it enough to generate anything."

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Belles to face struggling MIAA opponent Calvin

Win over Grizzlies would help Belles' chances at earning an MIAA playoff birth

By CHRISTOPHER MASOUD
Sports Writer

Eyeing a second MIAA playoff berth in as many years, the Belles will travel to Grand Rapids, Mich., to open league play against a struggling Calvin team today.

Saint Mary's (14-2) is coming off a convincing sweep of Franklin last week, where the Belles trounced the Grizzlies 13-

0 and 3-0 in the doubleheader. Fourth-year head coach Erin Sullivan believes it was her team's outstanding team chemistry that led to such a dominating performance.

"It wasn't just one standout player," Sullivan said. "Our pitchers did a great job, but if you look at the stats for the hitters, it wasn't the same person dominating all the time. It's not one person who wins the game for us."

Calvin (1-8) will try to begin the MIAA season with a win after losing eight consecutive games to start the 2009 campaign. The Knights have some momentum heading into today's game having picked up their first victory of the year by defeating St. Catherine of Minn. 7-4 their last time out.

But Coach Sullivan and the Belles couldn't care less about their opponent's record. Each game is an opportunity to get one step closer to the playoffs

and an MIAA title.

"Our conference is really competitive all across the board and it just depends which team decides to show up on their end and ours," Sullivan said. "We're playing them like they're the

best team in the conference, like we'll play every other team. They probably just had a slow start. Who knows?"

Freshman Monica Palicki is expected to start the first game, while fellow first-year Angela Gillis is expected

to start the second. Palicki and Gillis have a 1.32 and 0.79 ERA respectively, while combining for 15 complete games.

Shortstop Maureen Healy and clean-up hitter Ashley Fusaro will have to carry the Belles offensively, who will be missing All-American outfielder Ashley Peterson in the lineup. Healey went 5-for-7 against the Grizzlies last week, while Fusaro is batting close to .500.

"I believe that we've actually been getting stronger, which is good for us," Sullivan said. "In past years we've started really strong in Florida and then fizzled a little bit at the end. Our whole theme for this year is finishing the race."

For the Belles and the Knights, the regular season race to the playoffs begins today at 3:30 p.m. at Gainey Field.

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"We're playing them like they're the best team in the conference, like we'll play every other team."

Erin Sullivan
Belles coach

MEN'S TENNIS

ND sweeps final two home matches

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

No. 27 Notre Dame earned two important victories this weekend, defeating South Florida, 6-1, and upsetting No. 9 Illinois, 4-3, at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The wins put the Irish above the .500 mark at 11-9 on the season.

Against South Florida, the Irish claimed the doubles point as the No. 25 doubles team of senior Brett Helgeson and sophomore Tyler Davis picked up an 8-5 victory and the duo of sophomores Daniel Stahl and David Anderson won 8-1 in dominating fashion.

Stahl and Anderson capitalized on their momentum in singles play as both defeated their opponents in

straight sets. With the Irish up 3-0, sophomore Stephen Havens stumbled against his opponent, falling 5-7, 0-6.

Notre Dame claimed the decisive fourth point when Davis took down his opponent 6-0, 6-4 giving the Irish a convincing victory over their conference foe.

Sunday, the Irish moved on to face a tougher opponent in the Fighting Illini. In that match, the Irish got off to another hot start claiming the doubles point and the early 1-0 lead.

The Irish then got singles wins from No. 22 Helgeson and Stahl, before dropping the next three matches to fall into a 3-3 tie heading into the final match.

Anderson clinched the Irish's 4-3 upset with a masterful drop shot that caught the line and spun out of the

reach of his competitor.

The win is Notre Dame's first over a top-ten team since April 7, 2007 when they again took down No. 8 Illinois.

"This weekend was a great momentum builder for us," Havens said. "But we need to keep improving so that we can stay on top of our goal, which is to be playing our best at the end of the season."

The wins mark the conclusion of the home season for the Irish, where they achieved a 7-3 record. They will have a two-week break to prepare for their next Big East opponent, Louisville, followed by a match with Ball State.

"Louisville and Ball State are going to be two more tough matches and the next week of practice will be really important for us to work out any kinks in our games," Havens said.

The Louisville match is scheduled for April 11 at 1 p.m.

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NBA

Nets fall to shorthanded T-Wolves

Miller, Gomes add to Love's double-double in victory over New Jersey

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The New Jersey Nets certainly didn't look like a team fighting for its playoff life.

Facing one of the worst teams in the league that was missing its two best players, the Nets started flat on offense and appeared wholly uninterested on the defensive side of the ball in a loss that may have sunk them into too big a hole.

Playing more aggressively than he has in months, Mike Miller had 22 points, 10 rebounds and five assists to help the Minnesota Timberwolves snap a seven-game losing streak with a 108-99 victory over the fading Nets on Sunday.

Ryan Gomes scored 21 and Kevin Love added 16 points and 11 boards for the Timberwolves, who had lost 18 of their last 20 games.

"It's just unacceptable," said Nets guard Vince Carter, whose 36 points and eight rebounds

weren't enough to offset New Jersey's general malaise. "We feel like we're very capable of being in the playoffs and this was an opportunity to jump start us into accomplishing that and, you know, we took a step back."

Devin Harris had 19 points and five assists in his second game back from a shoulder injury for the Nets, who have lost four in a row. They fell to 11th in the Eastern Conference, 5 1/2 games behind Detroit and Chicago for the eighth and final playoff spot with just nine games to play.

Carter's three-point play off a dunk cut Minnesota's lead to 101-94 with just over a minute to play, but it was too late. The Nets allowed the worst shooting team in the league to shoot 51 percent from the field and 10-for-20 from 3-point range.

"It's just very, very disappointing, obviously knowing what's at stake, that we couldn't put forth a better defensive

effort than what we did," coach Lawrence Frank said.

The Timberwolves have been without leading scorer and rebounder Al Jefferson since he went down with a knee injury just before the All-Star break. Randy Foye emerged as the de facto leader, but he was out on Sunday with a hip injury that has nagged him for more than a month.

So Miller, who has been almost stubborn in his refusal to shoot the ball in his first season in Minnesota, essentially had no choice but to put it up. He scored nine points on 3-for-4 shooting in the first quarter to set an aggressive tone, and kept shooting all game.

His reverse layup at the start of the fourth quarter gave him 13 attempts for the first time since Dec. 1 at Charlotte. He finished 8-for-14 from the field, giving him his most shot attempts since he shot 17 times Nov. 28 at Oklahoma City.

"That's definitely what we need," coach Kevin McHale said. "When Mike does that, it just opens up things for everybody else."

Miller was unavailable for comment after the game.

The Timberwolves entered the game shooting a league-worst 44 percent from the field. But they put together one of their most impressive halves of offensive basketball in recent memory to jump out to an 18-point lead.

The Timberwolves shot 67 percent in the first 18 minutes and had 14 assists on their first 16 baskets. Minnesota hit six of its first seven 3-pointers, and Gomes made the eighth shot from long distance of the half to give the Wolves a 54-36 lead with 3:25 to play in the half.

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while fellow sophomores Kailene Abt, four goals and an assist, and Ansley Stewart, two goals, also contributed to Notre Dame's offensive effort.

Senior captain Shannon Burke improved to 24 ground balls and 18 forced turnovers on the season to lead the Irish defensively. Sophomore Jackie Doherty finished out the weekend with season totals of 27 ground balls and 10 forced turnovers.

Scioscia opened up Friday night's game with an unassisted goal less than a minute into play

to put the Irish in the lead, but the Hoyas answered quickly with a goal of their own.

Scioscia netted another goal, which the Hoyas answered once again, tying the score at two before Byers scored a pair or back-to-back goals to put the Irish back on top.

Georgetown once again matched the Irish attack by slotting two more goals to re-tie the game. The Irish went on a 4-1 scoring run shortly before half-time to go into the locker room with an 8-5 lead.

The Hoyas opened up the second half with a string of six unanswered goals before sophomore midfielder Kailene Abt scored for the Irish with 16:00 left to

play.

After Georgetown netted two more, Irish sophomore attack Shaylyn Blaney scored her second of the game with 6:00 minutes in the half, cutting the Hoyas' lead to 13-10.

The Hoyas scored their final goal with 3:27 to play to push the Irish deficit to four. Abt and Byers found the net again late in the game, but the Irish were unable to get any closer.

Senior goalkeeper Erin Goodman played all 60 minutes for Notre Dame, recording five saves.

The Irish bounced back from the loss to earn a victory over Loyola behind a 5-0 scoring run in the second half.

Abt put the Irish on the board under a minute into the game, but Loyola promptly answered with a goal of their own. Keena gave Notre Dame a 2-1 lead with 25:14 left in the first half.

Loyola tied the match at 2-2 with 20:50 left, which would jumpstart a Greyhound 5-0 scoring run. Blaney stopped the run with 12:56 left, pulling the Irish to within three. Notre Dame finished the half on a 4-2 scoring run to go into the half down 8-7.

Loyola wasted no time in the second half striking quickly to push the score to 9-7.

With 23:17 left to play, Blaney scored again, sparking a 5-0 Irish scoring run that gave them the 12-9 lead.

After the Greyhounds halted the run with a goal, Blaney, Scioscia and Abt each netted goals to give the Irish a commanding 15-10 lead with 7:47 to play.

Late goals from Loyola tightened the game, but they would come no closer as Notre Dame held on for a 16-13 victory.

Goodman recorded eleven saves in 60 minutes of play.

The Irish improve to 9-2 overall, 2-1 in the Big East after this weekend's split. Friday, they will travel to face another Big East opponent, Cincinnati, for a 4 p.m. game.

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MEN'S GOLF

ND struggles at FAU tourney

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's final round troubles dropped the Irish to 10th place with a 40-over par 892 (294-296-302) at the FAU Spring Break Championship in Delray Beach, Fla.

Freshman Tom Usher paced the Irish with a career-best eight-over par 221, good for 27th overall.

"[Usher] has really been striking it well," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "He's a player who has worked very, very hard the last few months, who brings an approach beyond his years. He does a great job of forming a game plan for the course to be played. I'd like him to rub off on our other guys in those ways."

Usher's three-over score on the final four holes reflected the team-wide struggle on Sunday.

The Irish, who entered the

final round of competition in eighth place, were only five-over par entering the last four holes, but managed to play those holes 13-over par, tumbling to 10th place in the field of 14.

No. 6 Illinois claimed first-place honors with a 5-under par 847, enjoying a fourteen-stroke lead over second-place Michigan.

Similar to Usher's struggles, junior Doug Fortner also ran into trouble, bogeying each of the final four holes to finish in 33rd place individually with a nine-over par 222.

Freshman Max Scodro contributed a 12-over par 225 to end up in 53rd place, while junior Carlos Santos-Ocampo added a 13-over par 226 to finish in 56th place.

Santos-Ocampo's Sunday round was going well at one-under through 16 holes, but a bogey on the 17th hole followed

by a quadruple bogey on the 18th brought his round to a disappointing finish.

"In the qualifier, [Santos-Ocampo] also had it one-under par through 16 before a couple bad swings knocked him out," Kubinski said. "All in all, though, it was a great experience and showed once again how capable he is of playing strong stretches of golf against top competition."

Sophomore Dustin Zhang rounded out the Irish lineup with a 15-over par 228.

After a grueling schedule, which saw the Irish play four tournaments in an 18-day period, Notre Dame will enjoy a short break before the 40th annual Robert Kepler Intercollegiate tournament kicks-off in Columbus, Ohio, April 11.

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BASEBALL

Irish drop two of three vs. Pitt

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Not again.

For the second straight weekend, Notre Dame used a quality outing from sophomore Cole Johnson to secure a Friday victory before dropping high-scoring decisions on Saturday and Sunday to lose two of three, this time at Pittsburgh.

The Irish (15-10, 2-4 Big East) took the series opener, 5-4, but lost slugfests in the next two contests, which the Panthers (15-7, 4-2) won 15-7 and 14-11, respectively. Irish coach Dave Schrage was unavailable from comment as the team traveled back to campus Sunday.

Johnson (3-0, 2.75 ERA) held the potent Pittsburgh bats — which entered the series averaging 8.5 runs per game and hitting .321 as a team — in check Friday, as the right-hander went the distance, scattering seven hits and allowing just two earned runs. The Panthers cut a 5-2 deficit to one run with two unearned tallies in the bottom of the seventh, but Johnson stranded the tying run at second base and went on to retire the home team in order in the eighth and ninth innings.

Four Irish players — sopho-

more Golden Tate, juniors Casey Martin and A.J. Pollock and senior Jeremy Barnes — had two hits, and Martin's first home run of the year, a solo shot in the second, put his team up 2-0. Pittsburgh would tie it with single runs in the second and fifth innings, but Notre Dame took the lead with two in the sixth and one more insurance run in the seventh.

Freshman lefty Dustin Ispas made his first career Big East start Saturday, but it didn't last as long as he would have liked. Ispas (0-1, 4.86) couldn't get out of the third inning, allowing five earned runs in 2 1/3 innings in picking up his first collegiate decision. Neither freshman Will Hudgins nor junior Steven Mazur fared much better, as each allowed four earned runs.

Junior Billy Boockford, a reserve outfielder for the Irish, made his first career appearance on the mound and retired the Panthers in order in the eighth inning to send the Irish into their last at-bat down 15-5. Sophomore Matt Scioscia ripped a pinch-hit, two-run homer in the ninth to finish the scoring, and classmate Greg Sherry led the Notre Dame offense with three hits and two runs scored.

Pittsburgh used a seven-run third inning off Irish junior

starter Eric Maust to take control of Sunday's rubber match, and Notre Dame never got within three runs after that despite four home runs in the game. Maust (2-2, 6.61) saw his record fall to .500 on the year, as he needed 104 pitches to finish four innings in which the Pirates racked up 12 runs, 11 earned, on 14 hits.

Notre Dame cut a 14-8 Pittsburgh lead in half in the final frame on a three-run shot from sophomore catcher Cameron McConnell — the first home run of his collegiate career. The Irish then brought the tying run to the plate with one out, but after Pollock popped out to center, Scioscia shelled a liner that Pirates shortstop Danny Lopez leapt for and snagged for the final out.

Pollock and Barnes homered in the loss, and junior Ryne Intlekofer blasted his first career round-tripper as well.

After a day off Monday, the Irish will return to action with a pair of nonconference home games — against Michigan State Tuesday at 6:05 p.m. and Toledo Wednesday at 5:05 p.m. — before hosting Big East rival Villanova for a three-game set over the weekend.

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"We're excited about moving in the next round," Holler added. "It feels good to finally get a Bookstore win under our belts."

Cleric in the Frontcourt 21, Biohazard, 1

Religion trumped science on the Sabbath as Cleric in the Front Court defeated Biohazard.

The five men of Cleric used their considerable size advantage to take a quick lead over Biohazard, which consisted of one freshman and four sophomore girls, all biology-related majors.

"The snowy conditions made it a rough game," Biohazard sophomore Katie Pietrucha said. "But at the end of the day there were certain biological differences between the teams."

At halftime, Cleric led 11-0.

Sophomore Grace Loppnow was able to put a point up for Biohazard in the second half, but the team never mounted a serious comeback.

Fr. Jim Gallagher of Cleric was quick to give the other team its due, however.

"I think faith is very important, but science is good too," Gallagher said.

His teammate, freshman captain Daniel "The Danimal" Duffey, was less reserved.

"This win conclusively proves that God created the earth in six days," he said.

Cleric in the Front Court will move on to the next round of the Father John Jenkins Sectional and will play Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

"I hope it's colder," freshman Matt "I own ya" Madonia said.

Not to be outdone, freshman Brendan "Big Dawg" Corsones also voiced a complaint about the weather.

"We couldn't wear our ice skates today," he said.

Benedunk's Army 21, Scott Milkenson has Diabetes 12

Sunday, Benedunk's Army defeated Scott Milkenson has Diabetes in a highly offensive game, allowing them to advance to the second round.

"Our opponents were pretty good at taking the outside shots," Army team member, Luke Kippenbrock said. "Their defense was also played well, making it diffi-

cult to dribble to the basket."

The center on Benedunk's Army had a major height advantage over the rest of the men and women on the court, which drastically helped out the team's offensive abilities.

"John Garro always stayed near the basket, collecting a lot of the loose balls that bounced out," Kippenbrock said.

The most challenging aspect of the game for both teams was dealing with the temperature and weather conditions that hindered effective offensive and defensive movements.

"The weather was horrible," Kippenbrock said. "The snow and the wind numbed my hands, and the standing water on the court made the ball difficult to dribble."

Able to rise above the weather con-

ditions, Benedunk's Army will be making an appearance in the second round beginning Tuesday.

Snow Bank 21, Bad News Bears 18

Snow Bank of Keenan Hall defeated the Bad News Bears who hail from Saint Mary's College, 21-18 in what initially seemed like a blowout, but ended up closer than Snow Bank had assumed.

"We got out to a commanding lead but the girls tied it up 15-15 in what seemed like an instant," junior Snow Bank captain Timothy Treat said. "We held them off thanks to a remarkable

defensive effort from Frank DiRocco down the stretch for a 21-18 victory."

Their comeback was likely due to the offensive success of Grace Sadowski.

Grace "da Ace" Sadowski made it rain from behind the arc," Bears teammate, Kristin Rhoads said. "Da Ace set the pace early by dropping three-pointers like LeBron James."

Towards the end of the game, team Snow Bank proceeded to adopt a new team strategy where they let

each of the girls score a basket, but were still able to win in the end and move on to round two of the tournament.

Team chemistry was comparatively high for both teams Snow Bank and the Bears. Maria Chipman of the Bears credited the chemistry to a single theme developed throughout their short-lived time as a team.

"The common goal of domination," Chipman said. "It's just what we do."

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"We're excited about moving in the next round. It feels good to finally get a Bookstore win under our belts."

Austin Holler
sophomore
Sorry We Party

"This win conclusively proves that God created the earth in six days."

Daniel Duffey
freshman
Cleric in the Frontcourt

"We couldn't wear our ice skates."

Brendan Corsones
freshman
Cleric in the Frontcourt

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Bemidji State?" Jackson said. "I think people know now."

The Beavers got on the board early, netting the first goal just 1:42 into the game. Notre Dame senior goalie Jordan Pearce was attempting to clear the puck behind the net, but it took an awkward ricochet, and Pearce fell down trying to get back in position. Meanwhile, the puck ended up in front of the net and Bemidji's Chris McKelvie was right there to punch it home.

"It just took a really funky bounce off the boards," Pearce said. "I was trying to get back to the net and just caught an edge and fell down."

Jackson said he thought the first goal might have had a lasting effect on Pearce, who made 14 saves on the night.

"That first goal threw him off," Jackson said. "It took a funny carom of the boards and it got caught between his stick and his pads."

The Beavers doubled their lead less than 10 minutes later, at

11:03 of the first period. On the powerplay, Bemidji State's Brad Hunt broke his stick on an apparent flubbed shot from the point, but the puck bounced off Beaver forward Tyler Scofield's skate and past Pearce.

The 2-0 deficit was a familiar place for the Irish, who trailed Michigan by the same score in last Saturday's CCHA Championship game. Last week, Notre Dame rallied to a 5-2 win. Jackson, though, said that he could tell that there was a difference in how his team was playing.

"I think last week when we were down 2-0, I didn't feel like we were down 2-0," he said. "Tonight I felt like we were down 2-0."

The Irish were able to threaten late in the first period, putting pressure on Beavers goalie Matt Dalton, but couldn't put the puck in the net, and went into the first

intermission down 2-0.

Despite some close Irish chances, the Beavers extended their lead to 3-0 13:19 into the second stanza, when a wrist shot from Bemidji State's Ben Kinne trickled through Jordan Pearce's legs.

"I thought the third one was a back-breaker," Jackson said. "That kid (Pearce) has been unbelievable for us this year, so in that situation it's no different than when anyone gets thrown off their routine first thing in the morning. It kind of rattles your day."

Down 3-0 heading into the second

intermission, things were already looking bleak for the Irish, and Bemidji's Matt Read almost sealed the deal when, shorthanded, he took a feed from Scofield, skated up the ice, and fired a shot past Pearce from the right circle.

Notre Dame appeared to gen-

erate some momentum when junior Dan Kissel beat Dalton on a feed from Ryan Guentzel. Any Irish momentum, however, was put to rest when the Beavers killed off a subsequent Irish powerplay. Bemidji State held Notre Dame's top-ranked man-advantage unit scoreless on the night.

"They had a great penalty kill and we just never got it going," senior captain Erik Condra said. "Our best players weren't our best players tonight, and that's what you need to win in NCAAAs."

From that point, it was just a matter of time. Scofield's empty-netter at 16:33 of the final period made the score 5-1, and ensured the Beavers a spot in last night's regional final where they knocked off Cornell 5-1 to advance to the Frozen Four.

"I couldn't be more proud of my players, our alumni and the people of Bemidji," Beavers coach Tom Serratore said. "It was a great win for our program ... A win like this was extremely gratifying."

In the other locker room, Notre Dame's seniors were forced to reflect on careers that started with a 13-19-4 campaign four years ago, but included two

Mason Cups and a trip to the national championship game last year.

"We did some special things here at Notre Dame, and you've got to be proud of that," Condra said. "Obviously we'd like to go a little bit farther, but it didn't happen this year."

Senior Christian Hanson said it took a while for him to realize that his career was actually over.

"To be honest, it didn't sink in for me until I was sitting in the locker room, looking around, and realized I was never going to put on this jersey again and never play with these guys again," he said.

Hanson and the other seniors, though, were confident that the steps they took over the past four years would ensure that hockey would have a bright future at Notre Dame.

"We've made some great strides for this program and I'm confident that the guys next year and the years to follow will definitely keep going and get that trophy that we couldn't get," Hanson said.

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Upset

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Notre Dame, Michigan and Denver — lost to No. 4 seeds in the first round of regional play, and each did so by at least two goals.

Unlike in basketball, where a No. 1 seed has never failed to play at least two games, college hockey's four best teams aren't handed a "Get out of the first round free" card with their top seed. Whether it's the nature of the game — a few fortunate bounces can change the game in a hurry — or the structure of the tournament — with only 16 teams, the entire field has a chance — No. 1 seeds are anything but invincible.

"It goes to show the parity in college, how close every team actually is," Beavers goaltender Matt Dalton said. "The bounces one night can determine the game, and I think tonight is a good example of that."

The Irish knew that heading in. Last year, Notre Dame advanced to the national title game as a No. 4 seed and the last at-large team selected for the dance. Two years ago, the top-seeded Irish needed two overtimes to escape a first-round upset before losing in the regional final.

All year, Notre Dame seemed destined for a return to the Frozen Four. Especially after the third-period magic against Michigan in last weekend's CCHA final, it seemed like a foregone conclusion that the Irish would be playing in Washington, D.C., on Easter weekend.

And they should have. Notre Dame was better than just about anybody all year, but Saturday, it wasn't close.

You could say the Irish played down to Bemidji State, but that wouldn't begin to tell the whole story. The Beavers have a proud hockey tradition, and while Saturday marked their first ever NCAA Tournament win, coach Tom Serratore's club deserved it.

The Beavers outthusted, out-muscled and otherwise out-classed an Irish squad that had done the same to nearly every other opponent since October.

More surprising than the loss itself was the way the Irish fell.

They lost because of shaky goaltending, but senior Jordan Pearce had been one of the nation's best and was perhaps the biggest key to his team's success over the past two seasons.

They lost because of a lifeless power play, but Notre Dame's man-up unit had been, statistically, tops in the country all year.

They lost because of sloppy defense, but the CCHA champions' blue-liners had, as Irish coach Jeff Jackson said, their

worst game all season.

Really, the Irish loss was a total team effort. Just as Notre Dame had used its depth to wear down less talented squads all year, all 19 players who took the ice with white jerseys on Saturday night played some role in the defeat.

It's hard to imagine a Jackson team being outcoached in an elimination game, but the Irish boss took the blame in the postgame news conference.

"I knew that they were going to be a very tough opponent, and I obviously didn't prepare our team well enough for them," Jackson said.

It appeared to be less an issue of Notre Dame overlooking Bemidji State and more one of the Beavers not wanting to roll over for the nation's No. 2 team.

"It can be a little bit intimidating," Beavers forward Tyler Scofield said of playing a team like Notre Dame. "But we looked at it as a game we could win."

And why not?

If this weekend proved anything, it's that in college hockey, there are no upsets — just winners and losers, and on Saturday, Notre Dame was the latter.

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You should never be dissatisfied with a walk-through period because a walk-through period is a teaching period," Weis said. "There were just too many people who weren't focused in on running the plays."

That issue stems directly from Notre Dame's maturity, which Weis said was one of his primary concerns entering camp.

"You know maturity was one of the main things I was worried about," Weis said. "That means you still have a number of players who haven't turned the corner yet. Because in a walk-through period, when your

whole point of emphasis is focused on mental sharpness and they come out there and have that many mistakes, that means we have a ways to go yet."

Also on the more negative side were the absences of two of Notre Dame's wide receivers from the scrimmage. Michael Floyd missed practice with a strained quadriceps, and Duval Kamara was sidelined by a strained hamstring — both minor injuries, Weis said.

"They both went through individual periods, but it was one of those ones where I wasn't going to go the last half-hour [of] Saturday practice and ruin all of next week," Weis said.

And would a press conference be complete without a "big picture question," as

Weis so often called them last season?

Asked how long it had taken him to "comprehend all that comes with" his job title, Weis said that task isn't, and won't soon be, complete.

"I don't think you are ever done evolving in that role," Weis said. "You do wear an awful lot of hats here, and it's a never-ending process, to be perfectly honest with you. I think one of the things that I have been able to do better as the years go on is to continue to evolve along with the job."

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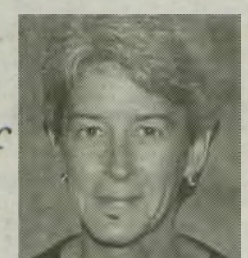
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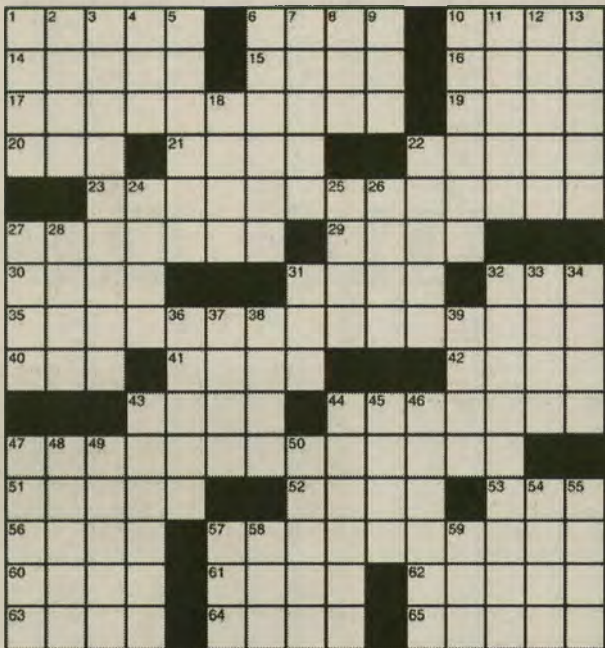
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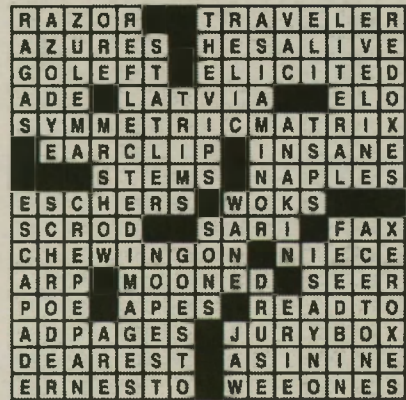
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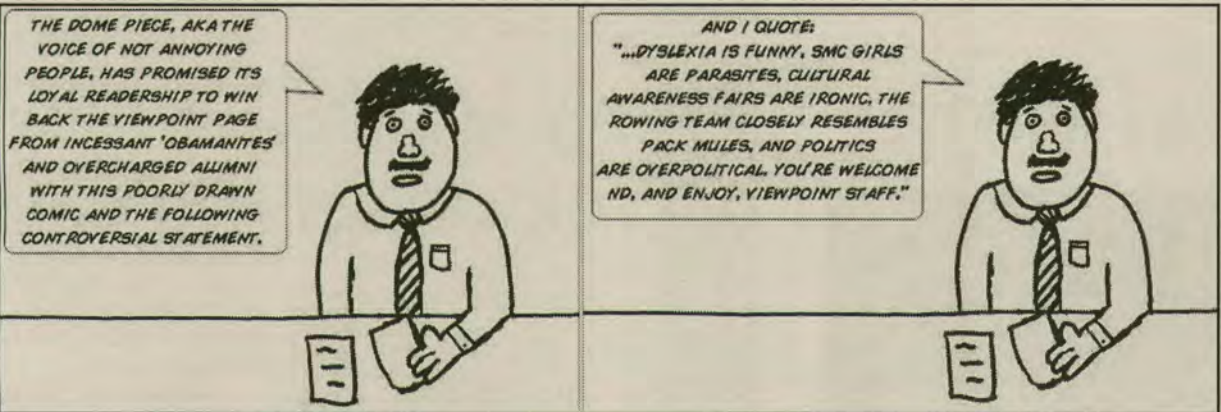
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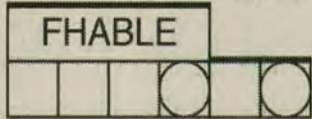
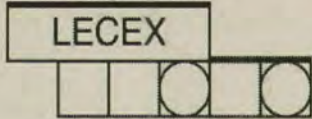
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HOCKEY

One and done

Irish suffer stunning upset in first round of NCAA tournament

By SAM WERNER
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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — If Notre Dame and Bemidji State played 10 times, it wouldn't be unreasonable to think that the Irish would win nine of the 10. Saturday night, though, was that one time when the Beavers came out on top.

"If this was a best-of-seven, I'd take it," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said after the game.

Bemidji State, the No. 16 overall seed in the NCAA tournament, scored the first four goals en route to a dominating 5-1 win over the No. 2 Irish.

"I don't know how many times I got asked this week 'Who is



Left: Junior Dan Kissel scores Notre Dame's lone goal against Bemidji State in the third period of their NCAA tournament first-round game. Right: Senior captain Erik Condra skates past a Bemidji defender Saturday night.

Tough postseason format possible culprit behind upsets

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — If President Barack Obama had filled out a bracket for this NCAA Tournament, it'd be ugly.

In a year when chalk has prevailed on the hardwood, there was plenty of March Madness on the ice during the opening weekend of the NCAA Tournament. Three of the four No. 1 seeds —



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FOOTBALL

Defensive unit impressing Weis in spring practice

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

In accordance with NCAA regulations that prohibit him from discussing fifth-year seniors by name at this point in the spring, Charlie Weis' lips are sealed about a certain player likely to return next fall — kind of.

"On the offensive side of the

ball, there is a left tackle that has been one of the more pleasant people for me to look at so far in camp," the Irish coach said at his Saturday post-practice press conference.

That left tackle would be Paul Duncan, who is likely to return to quarterback Jimmy Clausen's blind side, where he started the 2007 season, after missing all of last year

with a hip injury.

Duncan was one of many players with whom Weis was impressed after Saturday's practice, which was open to the public. The defense performed particularly well during a 17-play, near-full-speed scrimmage at the end of practice. Weis mentioned, among others, defensive backs Darrin Walls and Harrison Smith, linebackers

Brian Smith and Toryan Smith and defensive linemen Ethan Johnson and Kapron Lewis-Moore, all of whom are at or near the top of the current depth chart.

Rising sophomore defensive lineman Hafis Williams, however, stole the show — at least for a while, Weis said.

"Hafis isn't a big name around here, but he has been one of the guys in practice

for the last week that just keeps on showing up," Weis said. "Now all of a sudden you have a bigger guy out there — an athletic, big guy out there — that can really help us in base defenses."

It wasn't all positive for the Irish on Saturday, though.

"I was dissatisfied today with a walk-through period.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Team splits two at home

Hoyas prove too tough, but Irish bounce back with win over Loyola

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Opening up their string of five conference games, No. 9 Notre Dame fell 14-12 to Georgetown Friday, ending their seven game winning streak, but bounced back with a 5-0 scoring run to beat Loyola (Md.) 16-13 Sunday.

Junior Gina Scioscia paced the Irish with three goals and an assist against the Hoyas, and a career-high six goals versus Loyola. Senior captain Jillian Byers, Notre Dame's all-time points leader, scored four times with one assist in Friday's match and added three goals and an assist Sunday.

Sophomore Shaylyn Blaney had five goals over the weekend,

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Irish sophomore Shaylyn Blaney sprints down the field in Notre Dame's 16-13 victory over Loyola (Md.).

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Snowy conditions play big role on second day

Sorry We Party grabs win vs. Chris Brown Beatdown

By ALEX BARKER, LAURA MYERS, and MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writers

Bad weather? Big problem. The contest that featured the brave souls of Sorry We Party and Chris Brown Beatdown was far from pretty.

When all was said and done and the snow had settled, Sorry We Party came away with a sloppy 21-15 victory over Beatdown, advancing to the next round in the Daniel Kish sectional.

With puddles covering much of the blacktop sur-

face, neither team ever got into much of a rhythm.

"The puddles were terrible to dribble in," sophomore Dan Carter of Sorry We Party said. "It was nearly impossible to control the ball out there."

Long-range baskets were hard to come by in the windy conditions and each team struggled mightily on the offensive end.

"It was very tough to score," sophomore Austin Holler of Sorry We Party said. "The game was probably three times as long as it should have been."

Holler's size advantage was a clear factor in the game, which came down to who could get more inside looks in the paint. The 6-foot-5 center accounted for 12

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