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First four fall pep rallies planned

Soler, Bell seek new venues; guest speakers targeted to boost energy, create excitement

By CAITLYN KALSCHEUR
News Writer

Student body president Catherine Soler said student government is working with the University to make football pep rallies "shorter but more exciting" due to some student dissatisfaction with last year's rallies.

Student body vice president Andrew Bell said student government worked with Game Day Operations, the Athletic Department, football team representatives and Hall Presidents' Council co-chairs Alexa Doyle and Mike Oliver.

"Our discussion focused on the fact that while all alumni, prospective students and members of the Notre Dame community are welcome to the pep rallies, the students and the football team should be the heart of every rally," Bell said.

Soler added: "We hope everyone is excited for pep rally season. It's a collaborative process, so while the students and the players are the focus, everyone can have a good time."

Soler said first-year Irish football coach Brian Kelly told her he is also excited about improving the pep rallies. She said Kelly want students more involved in creating successful pep rallies.

"We hope that students will see that the pep rally format is



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Leprechaun Dan Collins rides a Trojan horse and fires up the student body with cheers during the Southern Cal football pep rally on Oct. 17, 2009.

different," Bell said. "Some people were disappointed with pep rallies last year but we hope that they will come to the rallies next year and feel engaged and want to be involved."

"The biggest changes Soler and Bell are introducing are new venues and new traditions to enhance the energy and overall experience of pep rallies.

"This is the first time that Notre Dame is actively seeking guest speakers for pep rallies," Soler said. "We want big, exciting people to come and be a part of the experience."

The first pep rally will be the Dillon Hall pep rally on South Quad.

"We're very excited to be back at Dillon, upholding the long-

standing tradition," Bell said, "Last year's reception and atmosphere were great, but there are ways that it can improve."

Bell said improvements for the Dillon pep rally would include better visibility, sound quality and a shorter length.

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Brian Kelly to build on community

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Irish head football coach Brian Kelly told students that the football team needs to "get back to a collegiate sense of community" at a meeting with student government Tuesday.

Speaking to members of the Hall Presidents' Council (HPC) and the Council of Representatives (COR) at the Guglielmino Athletics Complex, Kelly described the overhaul the football team recently underwent — and he wasn't talking in terms of offense and defense.

Instead, Kelly said he was expecting the football team to get rid of the attitude of "us" and "them" and become a part of the student body.

"My job is to reconnect some of the things that I believe haven't been emphasized in the proper manner," Kelly said to the students. "This is not a relationship



Kelly

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Graduate students seek policy change

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Graduate student families are suffering from a lack of adequate health care and need the University to rethink its policies to better encourage community around women who are considering or engaged in family life, graduate theology student Ricky Klee said.

Graduate students, their spouses, and many of their young children gathered around the Main Building Monday to demonstrate and petition the University to create for family-friendly policies for the graduate student community.

"We are not where we want to be in our support of graduate students," Graduate School dean Greg Sterling said. "But we are working to get there."

The petition states: "With sub-

stantial resources and a commitment as a Catholic university to recognize and support the inherent dignity of all human life Notre Dame must provide a comparable degree of support for student families."

According to Klee, the health care plan offered to students is unaffordable with the stipend provided.

Graduate theology student Kevin Haley said that while his plan as a student is reasonable and affordable, his wife Danielle has gone uninsured because of the shortcomings in the state health care plan that his family has chosen for her and their children in lieu of paying for the University's option.

"For a University that so values Catholic ideology, it is a problem for families, for spouses and for children that we are

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Volcano disrupts students abroad

By TONY RIVERA
News Writer

Notre Dame students on campus may not have felt the effects of the volcanic eruption in Iceland over the past week, but the same cannot be said for those abroad.

"Frustrating, confusing, spontaneous," junior Claire Brosnihan said when asked to describe her time in Europe since the eruption. "This is my spring break, so I was planning on going from Munich to Istanbul, then Athens, then Santorini, then Paris."

Yet with the eruption of Eyjafjallajökull those plans never worked out.

Currently studying in Notre Dame's Angers Program, Brosnihan is one of many Notre Dame students abroad who have found difficulty traveling over the past week due to the volcano.

"I've been stuck in Munich for three days," Brosnihan



AP

Passengers wait at the Finnair counter in JFK International Airport after being stranded by Iceland's volcanic eruption.

said.

After all flights in Munich Airport were cancelled, Brosnihan said she was unable to get a refund for two of her flights and spent

hours trying to find a way to make it to Istanbul without flying, though she realized it would be impossible. Now

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INSIDE COLUMN

Blogrollin' time

Ah, its that time of year again. AnTostal organizers are flinging free food left and right outside DeBart, the Blue-Gold Game is modestly mundane and procrastination reigns supreme in the heights of the Hesburgh Library.

My essay writing breaks consist of compulsively clicking on my extensive list of bookmarked blogs. These glorious little nuggets are shelved in the folder fittingly entitled "Trash," as if by labeling it that I can make myself not waste time.

1. Jezebel.com — Home to celebrity fashion analysis, Saturday Night Live recaps and a snarky, feminist take on the news, this blog is my continually-updated procrastination crack. The links to news sites can get me branching off into a web of time-wasting, but the photo galleries of red carpet fashion are the place to be when I need a truly mindless respite from American Studies essays.

2. ThingsNotreDameStudentsLike.com — Now up to No. 81 ("Talking About Being Godparents"), this blog by Notre Dame alum and Observer Viewpoint columnist Bob Kessler is great for those who like their distraction to be full of inside jokes. My favorites are "No. 2: Complaining About The Shirt and Then Wearing It" and "No. 29 Telling People When They Have an Organic Chemistry Exam." Kessler updates about every week or so, which is very considerate of him, since it keeps me from devoting too much time to the site.

3. HerLoyalSons.com — One of the better maintained and coherent Notre Dame football blogs, Her Loyal Sons is run by six Notre Dame football fanatics (at least one is a former Dillon resident). They dutifully criticize USC, Michigan and Urban Meyer. Sometimes they even take a time out to praise Luke Harangody. What I really appreciate about Her Loyal Sons is that they often support their claims with substantive evidence in the form of nifty stats graphics. Posts tend to thin out after football season, but with the arrival of Brian Kelly last year, the content has been pretty robust.

4. Movies in 15 Minutes (<http://community.livejournal.com/m15m/>) — Prolific blogger Cleolinda Jones cranks out these hilarious takes on popular movies. The spoofs of movies like "Harry Potter," "Phantom of the Opera" and "Clash of the Titans" come in script form, with Cleolinda parodying bad dialogue and shoddy plot holes. Sometimes the results are so hilarious I have to stifle laughter for fear of alarming other people on my floor of the Library.

5. GodHatesProtesters.blogspot.com — In the spirit of People of Walmart and FailBlog, this photo blog chronicles misspelled signs and the people who hold them. My favorites are the photobombs and parodies, especially one sign with the Canadian flag that reads "God hates America: 3-2," in reference to the American Olympic hockey team's defeat.



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CORRECTIONS

In the April 20 edition, a graphic depicting percentages of undergraduate student satisfaction taken from the ImproveND survey misidentified the percentages of student satisfaction. The graphic should have read: 91 percent of students were satisfied with extracurriculars, 88 percent were satisfied with sense of community, 78 percent were satisfied with support of students and 41 percent were satisfied with diversity on campus. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO HELP THE EARTH ON EARTH DAY?



Pavielle Goldman
sophomore
Lyons

"Make sure I unplug all electronics, turn off all of my lights and recycle everything."



Katie Washington
senior
off campus

"Write my valedictorian speech by hand instead of on the computer."



Kathleen Monahan
freshman
Farley

"Give up on homework to save paper."



Kelly McGauley
junior
Howard

"Use my re-usable coffee container instead of a paper one."



Maggie Wydysz
sophomore
Ryan

"Buy my mom a present because it's her birthday — but I won't wrap it to save paper!"

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



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Students get free ice cream from an ice cream truck on North Quad Tuesday. The free ice cream truck was a part of AnTostal, and a showing of the movie "Brink!" followed that evening. AnTostal activities continue through the week.

OFFBEAT

Black bear with head stuck in milk can rescued

READING, Vt. — A 120-pound Vermont black bear is back in the woods after getting its head stuck in a milk can. It took a state biologist, firefighters and police about 45 minutes to free the bear's head from the can after the animal was found late Sunday morning off Vermont Route 106 in the town of Reading.

The Rutland Herald said officials estimate the bear had its head stuck in the old fashioned milk can for at least six hours before it was found.

Fish and Wildlife Biologist Forrest Hammond said the

bear had been running and bumping into trees and boulders.

Hammond used soap to lubricate the bear's head so the can could be pulled off, but it didn't work. Firefighters helped him cut the can off.

Australian aerobics class postponed due to crocodile

SYDNEY — The biweekly water aerobics class at a holiday park in northern Australia was postponed Tuesday when an unwanted guest entered the pool — a 5-foot-long crocodile.

Workers at the Howard Springs Holiday Park on the outskirts of the tropical

northern city of Darwin went to the pool to scoop out leaves and otherwise prepare it for the class when they were surprised to find the croc, which had apparently crawled under a fence from a nearby swamp.

"We went down like normal to check the pool out because Tuesdays and Thursdays the local ladies of Howard Springs do their water aerobics," park manager Geoff Thompson was quoted as saying on the Australian Broadcasting Corp.'s Web site.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame Women's Liturgical Choir's final concert of the year will be tonight in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 7:30 p.m. The concert will last about an hour. It is free and open to the public.

The Best of Acousticafe will be held Thursday from 10 p.m. to midnight in Legends. The event will feature live student musical performances. The event is free.

The Shirt Unveiling Ceremony will be Friday at 5:45 p.m. at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. The event will feature remarks from Irish Coach Brian Kelly, and shirts will be available for purchase immediately after the ceremony.

The Notre Dame Bike Fest 2010 will be Friday from noon to 7 p.m. in front of the Rockne Memorial building. Bike registration, free tune ups, safety skills and bike clubs will all be available.

The Blue and Gold Game will be held Saturday at the Notre Dame Football Stadium starting at 1:35 p.m.

The 3rd Annual Father Ted Fun Run/Walk will be held Sunday starting and ending at South Dining Hall, with registration beginning at 1:15 p.m. and races beginning at 3:30 p.m. All proceeds go toward the Upward Bound program, helping low-income high school students become first-generation college graduates.

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

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group discusses Dollars

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the proposition of a new program that would allow Domer Dollars to be spent at certain locations off-campus at their meeting Tuesday night.

"If we pursued this initiative, it would be a lot of work and a lot of money," student body president Catherine Soler said. "What we need to ask is if this is necessary and would students really use a program like this."

She referenced a similar program at Villanova University that had proved beneficial to the students and the University because 5 percent of the sales went back to Villanova. Soler said that if Domer Dollars were to

expand, it would hopefully be constructed in the same manner so that money would be coming back to Notre Dame.

"Another reason to look into this now is that a lot of the places already have the technology it would take to make this happen," Soler said.

After saying the initiative was in the proposal stages and "by no means a sure thing," Soler requested feedback from COR members. Soler listed the concerns already expressed by administrators and University officials regarding the usage of Domer Dollars off-campus. One of the major issues was if the initiative was to become a reality, there are anxieties over whether the program would take business away from services on campus.

Soler said if the proposal were to become a reality, it would be tested for a few

months in a contained area of businesses, most likely Eddy Street Commons. If it proved to be successful, the service could be expanded to other businesses in the community but then there would be a question over where specifically it would expand.

COR members voiced their own questions, including whether or not the program would even change anything for students since Domer Dollars is from students' personal funds and not the University, and over who would get to decide which businesses in the community would be selected to accept Domer Dollars.

In response to the concerns voiced by members, student body vice president Andrew Bell suggested looking into a discount program at selected businesses either in conjunction or as a substitute for the expansion of Domer Dollars.

"If all the time that is going to be spent on the Domer Dollar program could be spent on developing a discount program, that might be more effective," he said.

The majority of COR members expressed more enthusiasm for an effective discount program as opposed to the expansion of Domer Dollars. However, Soler said she thought it was "harder to sell" a discount program.

"The main question we have to ask ourselves about both of these initiatives is whether or not they provide an advantage to the students," she said.

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Dual Degree students enjoy both campuses

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A small group of Saint Mary's students are getting the best of both worlds as they take Notre Dame and Saint Mary's courses through participating in the Dual Degree Program.

The Dual Degree Program is a five-year program in which the students attain a bachelor's degree in math or science at Saint Mary's and receive another bachelor's degree in engineering at Notre Dame.

"The program allows us to be an integral part of the Saint Mary's community while exploring the benefits of a degree at Notre Dame," Angela Willson, a sophomore in the Dual Degree Program, said. "There is nothing better than coming back to the Saint Mary's campus and feeling like you are home where you belong."

The first year of the program immerses students exclusively in Saint Mary's courses to help them acclimate to college life. Then students start taking classes at Notre Dame during their sophomore year.

"The transition from all Saint Mary's classes to hav-

ing classes over at Notre Dame was jarring because it was a big change from attending smaller classes to being in this huge lecture hall with 100 other people," said Taylor Chamberlain, a sophomore chemistry and chemical engineering double major.

The Dual Degree Program has students taking classes on both campuses throughout their sophomore, junior and senior years. The fifth year of the program has students solely dedicated to taking Notre Dame courses.

"I look forward to continuing more classes at Notre Dame," Willson said. "When you're a sophomore in the program, you really haven't begun to explore your actual intended engineering major."

All Dual Degree participants must submit an application to Notre Dame in order to finish their fifth year in the program.

"The possibility that I may not be accepted into the fifth year of the program is a constant concern," Chamberlain said. "But I don't dwell on it too much because I don't want to do anything else."

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College's teams place in global math contest

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
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Two teams of Saint Mary's women proved the College has a competitive math department when they were recognized at the "The Mathematical Contest in Modeling," held by the Consortium for Mathematics and its Applications (COMAP).

The teams competed from Feb. 18 through Feb. 22 on campus over and submitted their answers online.

The results of the international contest were recently announced, and both of the teams representing Saint Mary's received recognition.

The rankings for the competition are Outstanding Winner, Finalist, Meritorious Winner, Honorable Mention, Successful Participant and Unsuccessful Participant, respectively.

Senior Mary Zahm and juniors Emily Gore and Ashley Crish were each recognized as a "Meritorious Winner." Only about 19 percent of teams received this honor this year, Zahm said.

She said this was only the third time Saint Mary's students have been awarded this title since they began competing in this contest. The last time a team received this recognition was in 1998.

"Most participants receive a standing of either Successful Participant or Honorable Mention, so to receive the ranking of Meritorious is quite an honor," Zahm said.

Zahm said the contest began when COMAP posted two mathematical questions on its Web

site Friday evening, and the teams were given until 8 p.m. the following Monday to send in their answers.

"It was largely a team effort," Zahm said. "One of the main contributions I made was making a trip to the library to pick up some print sources and crunching some of the numbers using our mathematical model. We all helped contribute to the brain work and the writing of the report, and all of our work was done while we were together."

Juniors Meg Griffin and Grace McClurkin and senior Renee Wolbert were designated "Successful Participants."

The students spent the six weeks leading up to the weekend in a course taught by an advisor, Saint Mary's math professor Bogdan Vajiac.

"In this course our advisor, Bogdan Vajiac, reviewed with us various techniques and mathematical topics that might come up in the problems," Zahm said.


Vajiac said he was impressed by his students' accomplishments.

"This competition is international, with more than 2,500 teams participating from all over the world — more than 400 from the U.S.," Vajiac said. "We are very proud of our students."

Zahm said it was a large effort, but paid off in the end.

"It's a lot of time and effort over one weekend, but I think that I would definitely give it another shot," Zahm said. "It was certainly rewarding in the end."

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Kelly

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of separation. It should be all of us together.”

Kelly said he saw a divide between student-athletes and the rest of the student body when he arrived on campus this past winter. He said he believes football is the best way to “get the bridge between students and athletes back.”

“I want the players to reengage with something that is really unique to Notre Dame,” he said. “Part of that is the community and the love students have for what happens on this campus.”

In a personal attempt to have his players engage more with the student body, Kelly said he is looking for some different characteristics when it comes to recruiting.

“The kind of guys that I am recruiting here now are going to be hardworking and they better recognize the value of the Notre Dame education,” he said. “Not all of them will be on the same elite level as the students in this room, but they are going to work their butts off.”

Hoping to redefine what it means to be a football player at Notre Dame, Kelly gave a description of what he hopes people see when they look at the team.

“At the end of the day, I am looking for tough gentlemen — tough on the field and gentle-

men off,” he said.

Now that the players know what is demanded of them off the field, Kelly said they are more committed to their job, which, he said, is not being just a football player but being a Notre Dame football player.

“The number one thing I talk to my players about is whether or not they care,” he said. “If you aren’t excited to play for the University of Notre Dame then you are not going to play here.”

Kelly said he doesn’t want to have players who don’t understand the importance of the University they represent when they run out onto the field.

“My players should understand that if they’re going to come to Notre Dame, it’s going to be about being at a unique place,” he said. “There is a uniqueness to us that doesn’t make us better or worse, but it makes us different. The right kinds of guys understand that.”

Elaborating on what he thought was the right personality for his football team, Kelly told the students the players they will be seeing will bear little resemblance to some of recent years.

“We’re not going to be bringing in guys who want to hang out here while they wait for the NFL. Those days are over,” he said. “I want guys who want to play for Our Lady — I usually get what I want.”

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Expert discusses ‘food revolution’

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

Leadership on food issues in the White House has set a national standard for the food revolution, an expert said Tuesday evening.

Marion Nestle, professor of Nutrition, Food Studies and Public Health at New York University, delivered a lecture titled, “Sustainability: The Key to Today’s Food Revolution,” as a part of Notre Dame’s “Food for Thought” film and lecture series in the Hesburgh Center auditorium Tuesday.

“I really think that there is a food revolution going on in this country,” Nestle said.

According to Nestle, rates of obesity have risen dramatically in the past 30 years.

“This trend isn’t just a matter of personal choice, but also a part of the food environment in which we live,” she said.

There is strong evidence that people are eating more, and there hasn’t been a big decline in physical activity, Nestle said.

“We live in a country where we have a great deal of food and people are confused about what to eat,” she said. “There is definitely a gorge-yourself environment with too much food, too many choices and too much eating.”

Nestle said this type of a food



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Marion Nestle, New York University professor of Nutrition, Food Studies and Public Health, delivers a lecture Tuesday.

environment has arisen for a variety of reasons.

“Farmers were once paid not to grow food, and now they’re being paid to grow as much food as they can,” she said. “The number of women going back into the workforce and the way Wall Street now evaluates corporations are also a big reasons for why people are eating more.”

People not only tend to eat more food, but more of the wrong kinds of food, Nestle said.

“Even though a lot of companies are coming out with more and more ‘better-for-you’ products, they aren’t necessarily the best choice for you,” she said. “People don’t realize that the goals of business and the goals of public health are so different.”

Nestle said she believes a national food revolution has been set in motion to counteract these trends.

“The food revolution isn’t a social movement in the classic way,” she said. “It is very grassroots and is fragment along so many different issues, such as the organics movement or the school food movement.”

She said government programs, such as Michelle Obama’s push to end childhood obesity, make an integral contribution to the food revolution.

“We certainly have a new era in personal and social responsibility for sustainable food choices and one that I hope will continue to grow,” Nestle said.

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Rallies

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The second pep rally will be outdoors at Irish Green for the Michigan game. Students voiced concerns about the Irish Green pep rallies after disappointment from this past year.

“All of us, including the athletic department, acknowledge that it needs change, but the outdoor pep rally is conducive to a really great atmosphere, similar to the USC pep rally from last year,” Soler said.

She said because of the size of the game and expected crowd attending the pep rally, organizers want to emphasize the students and players.

“The pep rally will be focused around the players’ theme for the week to give the public a better glimpse at what the players are experiencing,” Soler said. “It’s time to start new traditions with the Kelly era.”

One such new tradition, Bell said, will be a student body entrance onto Irish Green.

“Each dorm will have its own walkover, but they will all meet somewhere like the flagpole on South Quad,” Bell said. “Then everyone will walk down to the pep rally together.”

For the Stanford game, the pep rally will take place for the first time in Purcell Pavilion, reminiscent of the Joyce Center rallies from two years ago.

“We all look back and love the old JACC pep rallies, but they weren’t perfect and students were upset about that,” Bell said.

While the exact details of how everyone will be situated for the Purcell Pavilion rally are not yet determined, Bell said, there won’t be players sitting in the

middle of an empty basketball court and students just sitting around it.

Just like last year, there will be a students-only pep rally at Stepan Center for the away game at Boston College.

“Next year, Coach Kelly and the entire football team will be there,” Soler said. “We’re excited

to have the full support of the team at the pep rally.”

Bell said the format for the Stepan rally wouldn’t change much from last year and will include a rowdy atmosphere, loud marching band and the football team.

“We expect that it will be packed,” Bell said. “Stepan did-

n’t fill up last year, but everyone that went had a great time.”

Soler and Bell have only planned the first four pep rallies to be able to take into account student feedback after each one before meeting with their group to plan the rest of the season.

“We’re students too, and we went to last year’s pep rallies and

see that they need to be improved,” Bell said. “We feel like we are getting the opportunity to discover the best location, length and format to figure out exactly how to get correct focus on the students and the team.”

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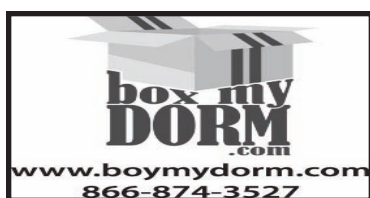
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Argentina's last dictator convicted

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina's last dictator was convicted and sentenced to 25 years in prison Tuesday for torture and illegal detentions committed during the nation's 1976-1983 military regime.

Reynaldo Bignone, 82, shared responsibility in 56 cases involving break-ins, robbery, illegal detentions and torture in one of Argentina's largest torture centers, the Campo de Mayo military base, the tribunal ruled.

"Today is a good day for Argentines," said Estela de Carlotto, president of the Grandmothers of the Plaza Mayo human rights group. "We are in agreement (with the ruling), but a lot remains to be done. There are hundreds more accused."

Consortium wins rights to build dam

BRASILIA, Brazil — A consortium of nine companies has won the rights to build one of the world's largest hydroelectric dams, Brazilian authorities said Tuesday.

Brazil's electricity regulator, Aneel, said the Norte Energia consortium won the bidding process for the huge Amazon project, which is heavily opposed by environmentalists, Indians and the director of the blockbuster movie "Avatar."

The consortium is led by state-controlled Companhia Hidro Eletrica do Sao Francisco, which offered a price of 77.97 reais (\$57.12) per megawatt produced. The other partners are all private. The consortium had only one competitor: the Belo Monte consortium, composed of six companies.

NATIONAL NEWS

Father accused of incest sentenced

HARRISONVILLE, Mo. — A 47-year-old man accused of impregnating his daughter four times and causing the death of one of the babies was convicted of second-degree murder and other charges on Tuesday.

Jurors took about 2½ hours to convict the western Missouri man, who is not being identified by The Associated Press to protect the identity of the daughter. He was also found guilty of six other counts, including incest, statutory rape, child endangerment and abandonment of a corpse.

The jury began deliberating his sentence later Tuesday. The defendant faces up to life in prison for the murder conviction.

Report says youth obesity a problem

WASHINGTON — Too fat to fight? Many American children are so overweight from being fed french fries, pizza and other unhealthy foods at school lunchrooms that they cannot handle the physical rigors of being in the military, a group of retired officers say in a new report.

National security is threatened by the sharp rise in obesity rates for young people over the last 15 years, the group Mission: Readiness contends. Weight problems are now the leading medical reason that recruits are rejected, the group says, and thus jeopardize the military's ability to fill its ranks.

In a report released Tuesday, the group says that 9 million young adults, or 27 percent of all Americans ages 17 to 24, are too fat to join the military. The retired officers were on Capitol Hill advocating for passage of a wide-ranging nutrition bill that aims to make the nation's school lunches healthier.

LOCAL NEWS

Medical state not cause of crash

LANCASTER, Ind. — Indiana State Police say an autopsy shows an 81-year-old pilot had no medical condition that could have caused him to crash his single-engine plane.

The autopsy on Dr. Henry Schirmer Riley was performed Tuesday, a day after his Piper Comanche 250 crashed in a southern Indiana field a few minutes after taking off from an airport in Madison.

State police say final autopsy results won't be available for several weeks.

BRAZIL

Priest arrested for sexual abuse

Network broadcasts tape of Monsignor Barbosa in bed with a 19-year-old

Associated Press

SAO PAULO — The detention of an 83-year-old priest in Brazil for allegedly abusing boys as young as 12 has added to the scandals hitting the Roman Catholic Church in Latin America, even as Chile's bishops asked pardon Tuesday for past cases.

The allegations against Monsignor Luiz Marques Barbosa — and two other Brazilian priests — have made headlines throughout the world's most populous Catholic nation and come amid accusations of sexual abuse by priests around the world.

The scandal erupted when Brazilian television network SBT last month broadcast a tape of Barbosa in bed with a 19-year-old that was widely distributed on the Internet.

The station said the video was secretly filmed in January 2009 and sent anonymously to the network. It was not clear if the 19-year-old, identified as a former altar boy who had worked with Barbosa for four years, had previous sexual relations with the priest.

SBT reporters went to Barbosa's house and confronted him. Asked if he ever abused boys, Barbosa said he could only answer such a question "in confession" and cut off the interview.

Brazil's legislature launched a sex abuse investigation, which produced allegations that Barbosa molested boys. The elderly priest was detained late Sunday. Prosecutors will now decide whether to file child abuse charges.

Barbosa's lawyer, Edson Maia, plans to seek his release from detention, citing the man's advanced age and arguing he has a fixed address and does not pose a flight risk, the newspaper O Estado de S. Paulo reported Tuesday.



AP

Monsignor Luiz Marques Barbosa listens at a Congressional investigative panel Monday. Barbosa faces allegations of sexually abusing boys as young as 12.

Congressional investigators said more than 20 witnesses were called and some testified Barbosa and two other priests in the same northeastern archdiocese had abused boys as young as 12, plying them with money, clothes and other gifts.

Bishop Valerio Breda of the Penedo archdiocese in the northeastern state of Alagoas said recently that all three priests had been suspended and that the church was conducting its own investigation. Breda could not be reached Tuesday.

The National Conference of Brazilian Bishops does not plan to comment on the case and all questions should be directed to the local diocese, spokesman

Geraldo Martins said.

Latin Americans priests have faced a cascade of accusations of abuse of minors.

A priest in Chile was charged recently with eight cases of sexually abusing minors, including a girl he had fathered.

Chile's bishops' conference issued a statement Tuesday apologizing for priestly sexual abuse and vowing a "total commitment" to prevent it in the future.

"There is no place in the priesthood for those who abuse minors and there are no pretexts whatever that can justify this crime," said Monsignor Alejandro Goic, president of the Episcopal Conference.

"To the people directly affected and to the communities in Chile that have found reason for scandal in some priest, we ask pardon and urge them to tell us of these events," he said.

On Tuesday, a Mexican citizen filed a civil lawsuit in U.S. federal court in California against former priest Nicolas Aguilar Rivera and the Roman Catholic cardinals of Mexico City and Los Angeles, claiming they moved the priest between the two nations to hide abuse allegations. An advocacy group, Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said the plaintiff alleges Aguilar Rivera molested him in the mid-1990s when he was 12.

N.Y.C. doormen threaten to go on strike

Associated Press

NEW YORK — They sign for deliveries, hail taxis, fix leaky faucets and, of course, open doors.

Nearly 1 million New York City apartment dwellers rely on doormen and other building workers to make life in a high-rise run smoothly. But 30,000 doormen, concierges, porters and handymen were threatening to go on strike at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, worrying many tenants.

"What do we do with the trash?" said Stafanie Howarth, who lives in a brick apartment tower in Greenwich Village. "Do we bring it outside? I don't know."

The union members work at luxury buildings with grand marble lobbies and at modest buildings for middle-class tenants. They mop the hallways, admit visitors and accept deliveries of groceries and Chinese food. Some will walk a tenant's dog or assemble Ikea furniture.

Doorman Hector Matias, who works at a luxury tower near the Hudson River, said he once helped a pregnant woman whose water broke.

"The lady went into labor, and I put her in the car and buckled her seat belt," he said with a broad grin as he recalled the story. "The baby was born minutes later."

The job more typically involves talk-

ing to people who are lonely in the big city. "On their way home, especially at night, they tell me everything," Matias said.

Tenants at Matias' building pay more than \$6,000 a month for two-bedroom furnished apartments with maid service. Residents include Ace Young, the former "American Idol" contestant who is appearing in "Hair" on Broadway, and New York Times best-selling author Suzanne Brockmann.

Speaking on his cell phone during an intermission, Young said, "Hector and the other guys make sure the right people get in — it's all about the right people, my friends."

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unable to find health care through the school,” Danielle said.

The stipend provided for graduate students is not compatible with the health care plan offered by the University, Haley said.

A 2008 review cited in the petition noted that the stipend levels at Notre Dame were relatively low, and graduate students then recommended that the program more consistently evaluate these levels and their suitability for the needs of these families.

In response to the petition, Sterling said the graduate school has increased standard stipends for all incoming and continuing students in addition to lowering the cost of insurance for students by 58 percent from 2008-09 to 2010-11.

“The University has incrementally improved student health care,” Klee said. “But nothing has been done for students’ spouses and children.”

Sterling said the greatest challenge for change is cost. An endowment of \$70 million would be required to cover 75 percent of the health care costs for grad-

uate student spouses and children, he said.

“For us to provide the same health insurance subsidy for spouses and children that we provide for students would be expensive,” Sterling said.

Julia Wickes has given birth to two daughters in the five years she has spent in South Bend while her husband pursues his graduate studies at Notre Dame.

“Sometimes it feels as if we are totally forgotten,” she said. “We feel that we are not even on the radar of the people making plans.”

The graduate students who signed the petition and participated in the demonstration hope to see more affordable health care for dependents, Wickes said, but other issues related to the graduate family community need to be addressed as well.

“The graduate family housing is removed from campus and separated from the improvements that we see when new buildings go up,” Wickes said. “For me, this is another symbol of how we feel overlooked.”

International students said they feel the strain of the University’s health care option as well.

Graduate student Andrew Klein, who is originally from Canada, and his wife Erica paid

for the offered plan because she is ineligible for any government services offered by the United States.

“We were a bit naïve when we came here,” Erica Klein said. “We understood that we would have this extra cost, but we were not really prepared.”

The Klein’s daughter Brynja is an American citizen and covered by state health care.

“I do not want my child to be on social services,” Andrew said. “We want to pay for her care.”

Additional concerns addressed in the petition mention the inadequate maternal and paternal leave.

Notre Dame’s policy does not allow any opportunity for paternal leave. Klee said the maternal leave offered is substandard.

The petition states: “Notre Dame should match the leaders among [Association of American Universities] institutions and enhance maternity leave, enact paternity leave and provide a part-time enrollment option with partial benefits and access to health insurance.”

The petition cites several universities, including Dayton, Princeton and the Catholic University of America, that provide more family-friendly policies for their graduate students.



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Graduate students and their families walk through God Quad before delivering their petition to the University Monday.

The petition also suggests Notre Dame build a family gathering space on campus, create more nursing rooms, expand graduate student child care and provide more organized resources for graduate student families.

“The petition has received over 300 signatures,” Klee said. “And we are receiving more support every day.”

Sterling said his office agrees

with the students and their families on the need for increased support, and he is working to make decisions that will create a meaningful and positive impact.

“I appreciate the spirit behind the petition and look forward to working with students and student representatives as we build our community,” Sterling said.

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she plans instead to make her way to Switzerland and then somehow be back in France by Sunday, though hotels along the way are almost all booked.

“This has been the strangest week of my life,” she said.

Junior Mike Rooney, studying in Dublin, also had plans to travel over the weekend, but found out moments before boarding his plane to Prague that all flights had been grounded due to ash in the air.

“It actually kind of disturbs me that Ryanair decided to cancel our flight at the last possible minute,” Rooney said. “We were seriously in line to get on the plane almost three hours after the eruption.”

Junior Sean Bennett was traveling with Rooney and said that on the bright side, they were able to get refunded for the round-trip flight.

“Ryanair was actually really helpful,” Bennett said, though also adding it is now doubtful whether his parents will be able to visit him this week, which he said was frustrating. “They’ve been planning this trip since December,” he said.

Katrina Corcoran, another junior in the Angers Program said she had hoped to travel to London.

“My fiancé ... had grown up in London,” she said. “[He] was going to show me around.”

With cancelled flights, however, Corcoran said she was stranded in Rome. Luckily, she said, she found a place to stay with her friend studying in Rome and was finally able to buy a train ticket to France after waiting in line for hours.

“After over 24 hours of travel by train I will return to Angers on Friday morning, and with a significantly smaller bank account,” Corcoran said.

With all the cancelled flights and booked bus or train tickets, students said they have

had to improvise as they work out their broken plans. Brosnihan said she planned on couch surfing — networking with people online for places to stay — rather than using a hostel or hotel.

“[This week] forced me to be more adventurous with my trip, seeing where I can go without any flights and while being broke,” she said.

Junior Justine Murnane, studying in France, said she also tried unconventional ways to make it back from being stranded in Prague.

“The only way I could get out of Prague was an overnight bus to London,” Murnane said. “I ended up hopping off just before we went into the channel and found my way to a nearby train station to get to Paris.”

Although her train to Paris

was operational, she mentioned that, while airports across Europe had closed down, the French train system also went on strike in the midst of it all.

Despite the difficulties, students nonetheless found a way to remain positive while abroad.

“I have a pretty ridiculous story for why I didn’t visit some of the cities,” Rooney

said in regard to the volcanic eruption. “If our flight hadn’t been cancelled then I would have been stuck in Prague ... wait ... I guess that would have

been a good thing.” Corcoran also said being stranded in Rome was not all bad, considering she was able to attend Mass in the chapel behind St. Peter’s grave.

“That was a once-in-a-life-

“I have a newfound appreciation for ground travel.”

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time and very moving experience,” she said.

Murnane said that despite missing out on meeting up with her mom in Paris, she managed to meet three other Notre Dame students and made some “lasting relation-

ships with a few middle-aged Brits.”

“I have a newfound appreciation for ground travel,” she said.

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IN BRIEF

Airlines in talks to join forces

DALLAS — United Airlines and Continental Airlines are in the early stages of exchanging financial information that could lead to a deal to combine and create the world's biggest airline, people briefed on the talks said Tuesday. United had been talking with US Airways about a combination, but speculation has increased that United is more interested in the larger Continental. The exchange of information between United and Continental was confirmed Tuesday by two people who were briefed on the talks. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the negotiations. One person said bankers for United and Continental are discussing how to value the companies in a stock-for-stock swap. That person said talks between United and US Airways have stopped for now with no firm date for starting again. However, the person stressed that United hasn't ruled out a combination with US Airways.

Mercantile Bank faces narrowed loss

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Mercantile Bank Corp. on Tuesday said its first-quarter loss narrowed, but bad loans continued to weigh on its results. After paying preferred dividends, the bank reported a loss of \$3 million, or 35 cents per share, compared with a loss of \$4.5 million, or 53 cents per share, in the year-ago period. Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters, on average, expected a loss of 65 cents per share. The better-than-expected results drove the bank's stock higher. Shares gained 79 cents, or 17 percent, to \$5.43 in Tuesday trading, on heavier than normal volume. Net interest income, or earnings from deposits, rose 22 percent to \$14.3 million, from \$11.8 million last year. The bank ended the quarter with \$1.42 billion in deposits, down 14 percent from the prior year. Non-interest income, or earnings from fees and charges, rose 30 percent to \$2.7 million, from \$2 million in the 2009 quarter. Net charge-offs, or loans written off as uncollectable, rose 9.4 percent to \$6.2 million, from \$5.6 million a year ago.

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Foreign markets boost Coca-Cola

Company sees 19 percent profit increase after overseas investments last quarter

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The billions Coca-Cola is investing overseas paid off in the first quarter as the world's largest soft drink maker reported its profit climbed 19 percent thanks to emerging markets like India and Brazil. That helped to offset persistent weakness in the U.S. and Europe, where shoppers skimped on soda, water, juices and teas for health or economic reasons. Analysts expected more improvement in the domestic market and results missed expectations, but shares remained relatively strong in trading Tuesday. Worldwide case volume rose 3 percent, with international case volume growing faster at 5 percent. The company, based in Atlanta, has courted shoppers in international markets as their economies improve, by pitching its drinks as an affordable luxury.

One way for Coca-Cola Co. to sell even more overseas is to add more plants and also the branded coolers that get products in front of potential consumers. CEO Muhtar Kent said the billions the company has spent in countries like China, Brazil, and India is paying off. In the first quarter, the company added 65,000 of its coolers in Indian retail locations and nearly 3,000 employees to sell its products. India's case unit volume grew 29 percent. Turkey's grew 18 percent. "We see a tremendous opportunity here in these markets," Kent said Tuesday. Consumers in Egypt, Africa, Tunisia and Morocco each drink less than 150 8-ounce servings of soft drinks per year. That's less than half what Americans drink. In countries with comparatively low levels of consumption,



AP

Soft drink giant Coca-Cola saw a first-quarter profit increase of 19 percent with rapid growth in its overseas market.

unit case volume rose 10 percent over the past three months. And Coca-Cola's growth now hinges on that overseas expansion. About three-fourths of Coca-Cola's revenue during the most recent quarter came from outside North America. The company has to beat chief rival PepsiCo Inc. and local competitors to these new markets, said Edward Jones analyst Jack Russo. As sales grow in untapped markets, weak sales in North America and Europe will be less relevant. "There's so much opportunity it's almost frightening to think of," Russo said. "And really, the U.S. and Europe just become sources of cash flow to

fund these investments." In the quarter ending April 2, Coca-Cola earned \$1.61 billion, or 69 cents per share, up from earnings of \$1.35 billion, or 58 cents a share, in the same period last year. Revenue rose 5 percent to \$7.53 billion. Analysts expected earnings of 75 cents per share on revenue of \$7.72 billion, according to Thomson Reuters. Shares fell 85 cents, or 1.5 percent, to close at \$54.47 Tuesday. In North America, total case volume — including soft drinks and juices — fell 2 percent in the quarter. Soft drink volume declined 1 percent, less steep than previous quarters. The company credited

its marketing campaigns for the Super Bowl and the Winter Olympics. Kent said the fountain business, which serves restaurants and other retail spots, improved in North America during the latter part of the quarter, showing people are spending money. But that doesn't mean they're returning to soft drinks. "It's too early to say whether the category is beginning to improve," he told investors on a conference call. Sales of uncarbonated drinks such as water, juices and teas fell 2 percent in North America, but grew 8 percent worldwide, driven by a 12 percent increase outside North America.

Volcano disrupts U.S. manufacturing

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The strategy of keeping inventories lean paid off for U.S. manufacturers during the recession. Just-in-time delivery of parts makes even more sense when budgets are tight. Now that a giant ash cloud from a volcano in Iceland is disrupting global air freight, some manufacturers are finding that this strategy is backfiring. Nissan suspended production at two Japanese auto assembly plants Tuesday and BMW was forced to idle three plants in Germany because of shortages of critical parts. Computer maker Dell is experiencing delays in getting notebook computers to European customers.

These kinds of production delays could lead to higher prices for a number of everyday items — from cell phones to seat covers, experts say. And some say the disruption from the volcanic ash cloud will lead companies to make changes in the way they do business. Bill Carreira, CEO of Carreira Consulting LLC, who works with companies to develop and implement lean inventory plans, expects some manufacturers will revert to less-efficient methods. He thinks that would be an overreaction to a once in a lifetime event. "If you have a volcano shutting you down, you're going to be in trouble no matter what you do," he said. A company should have "a bullet proof safety net," or emergency

inventory. "You've got to throw a little reality on top of the math." The concept of just-in-time manufacturing has been around for decades — dating back to the days of the Model T. Ford is credited with bringing one form of the concept to the U.S. in the early 1900s. The method allows manufacturers to use less warehouse space, streamline transportation and delivery processes and save money on raw materials. Today, nearly all major industrial producers in the U.S. use this method to keep supply in line with demand, according to Daniel J. Meckstroth, chief economist for the Manufacturers Alliance, a public policy and economics research organization in Arlington, Va.



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Ex-mayor's wife seeks intervention



Ex-Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, center, and his lawyer Michael Alan Schwartz stand during Kilpatrick's probation violation hearing in Detroit March 24.

Associated Press

DETROIT — The wife of ex-Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick plans to ask a federal judge to intervene in an ongoing restitution case between him and prosecutors, according to a draft of a document obtained by The Associated Press.

In the 13-page document, Carlita Kilpatrick seeks to separate assets belonging to her and the couple's three young sons from those of her husband. He is involved in a legal battle with prosecutors over the \$1 million in restitution he agreed to pay the city following pleas in 2008 to two criminal cases tied to a text-messaging sex scandal involv-

ing a former aide.

Carlita Kilpatrick's attorney, Bobbie Edmonds, said Monday night in an e-mail to the AP that the document will not be filed until Tuesday in Texas.

"It is not finalized nor signed by me yet. I will not comment until I have my official file-marked petition," Edmonds said.

The draft of a complaint and request for declaratory judgment and injunctive relief is addressed to the U.S. District Court in Forth Worth, Texas. The document has not been signed by a judge.

It names Wayne County and Prosecutor Kym Worthy as defendants.

The document asks a judge

to stop Wayne County and Worthy "from taking any further action to capture the assets of Plaintiffs to satisfy the restitution of Probationer, Kwame Kilpatrick."

"Plaintiffs also pray that the court issue a declaratory order holding that the assets of Plaintiffs cannot be used satisfy the restitution of Probationer," the draft reads.

Kwame Kilpatrick is due in Detroit on Tuesday afternoon before Wayne County Circuit Judge David Groner, who could make a ruling in Kilpatrick's probation violation case. Kilpatrick is charged with violating his probation by not making a full \$79,000 restitution payment by a February deadline.

Blagojevich: Feds are cowards, liars

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich described the federal prosecutors who have brought racketeering and fraud charges against him as "cowards and liars" Tuesday and challenged Chicago's U.S. attorney to meet him face to face in court if he is "man enough."

In an extraordinary outburst timed to go live on evening news shows, Blagojevich said prosecutors had treated his wife unfairly and were now "sneaking into court" in an effort to prevent jurors from hearing all of the tapes the FBI made of his telephone conversations.

"They are cowards and they are liars," Blagojevich said, raising his voice to a full throated shout as he stood before a battery of cameras in front of his lawyer's South Side office.

"They know when all those tapes will be played they will show I've done nothing wrong and will prove my innocence," the impeached former governor said. He and his attorneys left without taking questions.

Addressing U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald through the cameras, Blagojevich said: "I'll be in court tomorrow and I hope you are man enough to be there, too."

A spokesman for the U.S.

attorney's office, Randall Samborn, had no comment on Blagojevich's remarks.

U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel has scheduled a hearing for Wednesday to discuss motions being filed as preparations for the trial go into their final six weeks.

Blagojevich is charged with scheming to misuse his power as governor to fill a vacant U.S. Senate seat by selling or trading President Obama's former seat and illegally pressuring potential donors for campaign contributions.

His brother, businessman Robert Blagojevich, is charged with helping him.

Both brothers have pleaded not guilty to all charges and denied any wrongdoing.

Rod Blagojevich's attorneys, Sam Adam and Sheldon Sorosky, did not immediately respond to phone messages Tuesday evening seeking comment.

Their client called the news conference promising to make his strongest statement to date about the corruption case against him. During his two minute rant, Blagojevich ripped into prosecutors for saying in a court filing that his wife made thousands of dollars as an employee of convicted fixer Tony Rezko without working for it. He said she was a professional and a "devoted mother."

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The cold, harsh real world

Staring down the end of my college career can feel a little like staring down the barrel of a gun. In the years leading into my matriculation at this university, I heard dozens of relatives and friends older and wiser than I describe college as the best four years of their lives. The implication being, of course, that life only goes downhill from here. I've had all the fun I can have, drank all the beer I can drink and made all the friends I can make. That's where the gun thing comes in. It's the real world flying at me just faster than the speed of sound, and ending life as I know it. That is indubitably a cause for concern.

But as graduation gets closer every day, I've been considering what college has meant, and how a unique and assuredly peculiar place like Notre Dame can not only eliminate the notion that this is the best four years, but actually enables the next forty to be even better.

College, to begin, has certainly made me dumber. While it would be easy to attest this to the late nights, little sleep, pitchers of Finny's long island ice teas and half a semester of "Strategic Management," it just wouldn't be accurate. Instead, I've realized that the talented people I've befriended have shown me more about what I don't know, and likely will never know

than I possibly imagined as a freshman four years ago. I'm not even sure that this is a bad thing. On second thought, I probably only feel dumber, given the incredible body of knowledge I've been exposed to both inside and outside of the classroom. This new found amazement only makes setting forth into the brave new world an adventure.

I also feel like I've already learned a thing or two about the real world. First, McDonalds coupons are good as gold. Three dollars quarter pounder meals? Cha ching. Second, accountants, doctors and lawyers must like to party. After all, a lot of my graduating classmates are entering into those fields and they certainly like to party. This gives me great hope for the future that I won't be pinned down to an existence full of suited professionals and insipid dinner parties. Third, people in the real world are actually people, with feelings. This is something I've only discovered as older friends have graduated, and still managed to be fun. Being "college" may only be a state of mind.

Finally, I've been considering what an eclectic group of friends and acquaintances I have had the fortune of making in four years here. If I've learned one thing, it is to never underestimate a Notre Dame student. Whether it's the kid that mopes around class, and happens to be a concert pianist in his spare time, or the party animal that helps organize service events in her free time, its impossible to judge someone at first sight. If I can meet as equally impressive people out in the real world, I can't help but be

excited about future prospects.

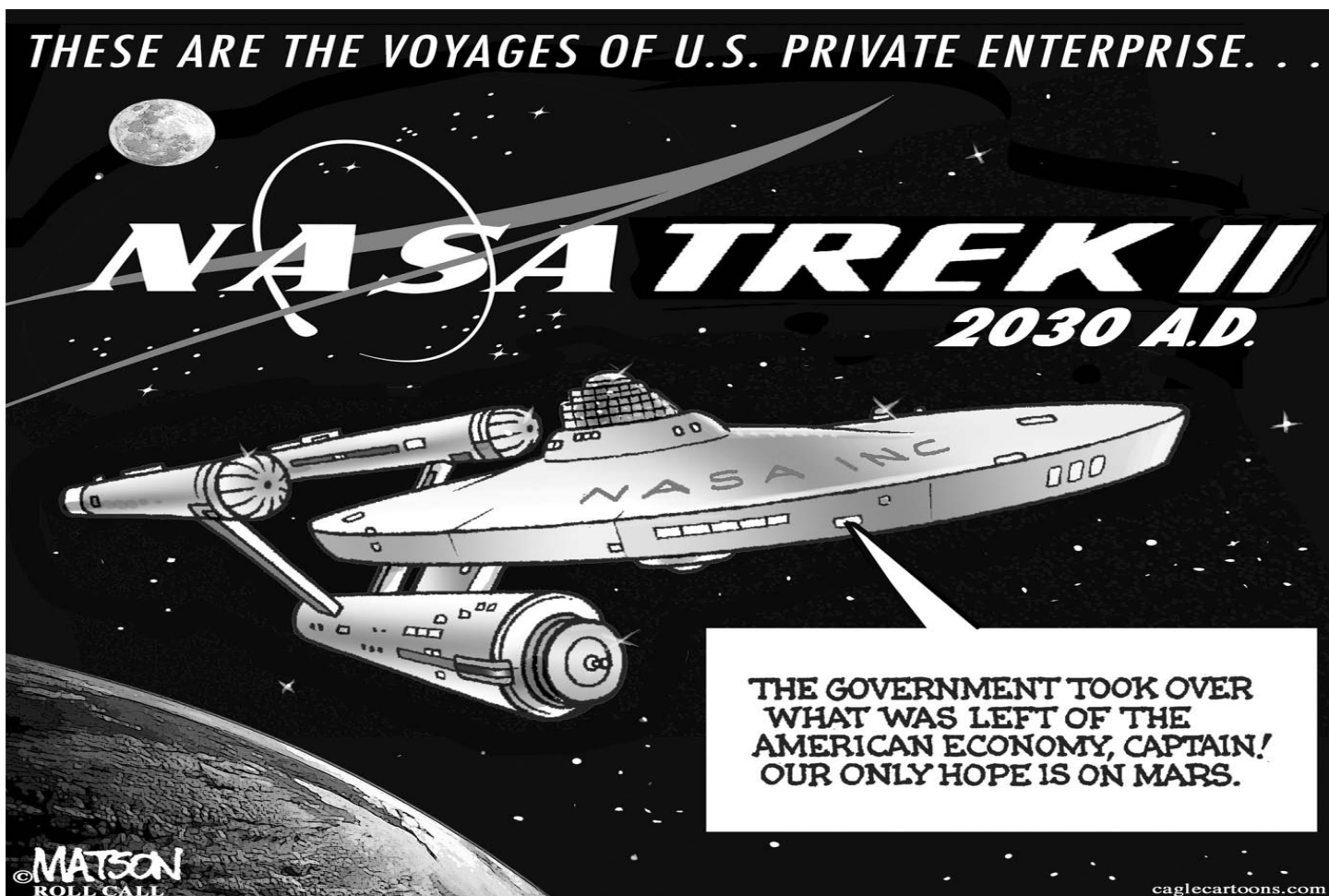
None of this is to say I wouldn't enjoy another year or two, but considering all of these together gives me great hope for the next step forward. In the end, college may be the best four years of my life, but they certainly won't be for lack of competition.

As my career as an Observer columnist winds down, I can't help but thank everybody that has helped get me this far. First I'd like to thank my two three-year roommates, Brad and Brian, my three other two-year roommates, Dan, Patrick and Timmy, my friends in the 130 St. Louis crowd, the Latin Compound, Tom Collins, Mitch and Andrew. They have always helped me out with ideas and controversy. Secondly, I'd like to thank my friends at Lafayette (Keep the Ride Alive), my friends and coworkers at North Dinning Hall and the other Observer columnists, copy editors and Viewpoint editors. I'd be remiss if I didn't thank my equally stunning and clever girlfriend, Lauren, for proofreading most of my columns. I also need to thank my mom and dad, as well as my grandma Jean and grandpa John for supporting me in all of my various endeavors over the past 22 years. And lastly, I'd like to thank you, all of the readers who have managed to stomach at least one of my columns over the past two years.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Imagination is more important than knowledge."

Albert Einstein
German physicist

Compulsory discrimination against ‘Homosexuals and Sex Perverts,’ 1935-1969

“Have American homosexuals ever experienced the types of legal discrimination facing women or racial minorities?” The answer is a resounding “Yes!” even if we ignore the issues of marriage and military service. Between 1935 and 1969, federal state and local governments went to previously unknown lengths to find, expose and rid the nation of what authorities called “sex perverts.”

Today, these policies are mostly forgotten. Yet if we forget them, we cannot understand why LGBT Americans began to organize for gay and lesbian civil rights in the 1950s and 1960s. This column discusses only four of the era’s many types of compulsory governmental discrimination against LGBT Americans.

1. Arrests for Disorderly Conduct, Loitering, Cross Dressing and Private Sexual Behavior. Until 1880, laws criminalizing voluntary sodomy were rarely enforced. Between 1880 and 1920 all states with large cities, except Texas, made oral sex a felony, too. Arrests increased. Across the nation, police began arresting visibly gay men and women for cross dressing, disorderly conduct or “loitering with lewd intent.” Between 1946 and 1967, hundreds of LGBT persons were arrested each year for sodomy or attempted sodomy, and thousands for lesser offences like “cruising,” propositioning an undercover policeman or woman, wearing sex-inappropriate clothing and being present in a

gay or lesbian bar during a raid. Newspapers routinely printed the names of those arrested, who frequently lost their jobs as a result.

2. Liquor Authorities Targeted Gay and Lesbian Bars. After Prohibition, control of alcohol was returned to the states. To regulate bars, saloons and restaurants, states and localities issued liquor licenses, revoking them for establishments considered disorderly. Bars that regularly served “prostitutes or homosexuals” were, by definition, “disorderly.” From California to New York, gay bars were regularly raided and closed.

These state and local laws remained in effect for decades. In 1967, the New York Court of Appeals overturned the state law, ruling that allowing gay persons to congregate, dance and or kiss did not render a bar intrinsically “disorderly.” In the same year, however, the Florida courts upheld Miami’s ordinance prohibiting liquor licensees to “knowingly sell to, serve to or allow consumption of alcoholic beverages by a homosexual person, lesbian or pervert ... or to knowingly allow two or more persons who are homosexuals, lesbians or perverts to remain in his place of business.” Continued raids on New York’s gay bars catalyzed the famous 1969 “Stonewall Riots,” widely recognized as the opening salvo of 1970s Gay Liberation.

3. Immigration, Deportation, Citizenship: Although immigration law had long excluded people convicted of “crimes of moral turpitude,” in 1917, the Public Health Service (PHS) began refusing entry to “sexual perverts” or people with “abnormal impulses.” In 1952, the Immigration and

Naturalization Act of 1952 explicitly forbade to those with “psychopathic personality” — which the PHS assured Congress included “homosexuality or sexual perversion” — from entering the country, or becoming citizens. In 1964, after the Supreme Court ruled the term “psychopathic personality” too vague, Congress passed a new law excluding “sexual deviants.” In 1967, the Supreme Court affirmed the deportation of an otherwise law-abiding Canadian bisexual man who, according to psychologists, showed no signs of psychopathology.

These policies were repealed only in response to the gay rights movement. In 1976, the INS announced that it would no longer deny citizenship to “practicing sexual deviates.” Yet, paradoxically, the INS continued to actively refuse gays and lesbians entry at the border until 1980, when it adopted a “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy. Finally, in 1990, Congress repealed the “sexual deviancy” exclusion.

4. U.S. Civil Service Fires All Homosexuals. Between 1947 and 1950, the Truman administration, responding to Republican accusations that the federal civil service was a hotbed of “sex perversion,” opened 192 investigations; most of the accused lost their posts. The investigations continued. In 1953, shortly after taking office, Eisenhower issued Executive Order 10450, requiring each federal department and agency to find and fire all current and potential employees who met listed criteria, including disloyalty, drug addiction and “sexual perversion.” Thousands of gay and lesbian civil servants

were fired or forced to resign, well into the 1960s.

Ex-civil servants fired or suspected to be gay were placed on a central list of “security risks” which precluded government employment and often also work in the private sector. The FBI acted as a clearinghouse, consolidating its own investigations with those of the armed forces and local police. The Bureau also investigated homosexuals in the private sector, their associates and — increasingly — the new “homophile” civil rights groups like the Mattachine Society of Washington, founded by Dr. Franklin Kameny, an astronomer fired from the Army Map Service for being gay.

Activists like Kameny founded the gay rights movements of the 1950s through 1960s in order to oppose this unprecedented campaign against America’s sexual minorities. Were these policies unjust? Perhaps only theologians and philosophers can answer such questions. Yet those claim that LGBT Americans have never faced widespread discrimination would do well to consider the years between 1935 through 1969, and learn a lesson from history.

Gail Bederman, an associate professor of history, Gender Studies, and American Studies, recommends the Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered History in America, available online through the Hesburgh Library, for more information on scholarship in this area.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not so friendly

The organizers of the so-called “Family-Friendly Petition” have presented rationales for their movement that rely on inadequate theological paradigms. Married graduate students, they seem to believe, represent adults who epitomize Catholic values. Thus Peter Campbell’s observation that students who come home to children are “a perfect symbol of the kind of values that the University wants to instill in its undergrads” (“Graduate students to file petition,” April 16). Really? Shouldn’t a Catholic university want its undergraduates to become adults who can creatively and critically challenge injustice and live compassionate and moral lives regardless of their marital status?

Jamie O’Hare says that “at a Catholic institution many [married graduate students] will be bearing children, or they’re not following Church teaching. I think it fits with Notre Dame’s Catholic mission to not make following Church teaching a burden.” In other words, it’s the responsibility of a Catholic school to take care of its good Catholics. This proposition, in itself, is frightening; for it is the responsibility of any institution to care for its employees and students without requiring them to meet any criteria other than the

specific criteria of their jobs. In the case of graduate students, that means meeting academic standards, not living according to Catholic teaching. Moreover, though, I find terribly insulting the implication that married students, by virtue of their marital and parental status, are superior Catholics. Campbell describes himself and his peers as “devout Catholics doing what the Catholicism tells them to do: Have children.” Let me assure Campbell that Catholic teaching exhorts so much more, such as ministering to the lonely, working for economic justice and respecting natural resources. Do we expect the University’s financial support in following all of these teachings, as well?

For recruiting reasons, Notre Dame should offer packages that make graduate student life viable for its students, both married and single. The petitioners, sadly, rely on insidious rhetoric that goes beyond simple pragmatic concerns and promotes a social hierarchy in which people with children are seen as holier and worthier of support than those without.

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graduate student
off-campus
April 20

Bookstore Officiating

First, I’d like to give major thanks to all who facilitate Bookstore Basketball, even to an extent those I’m expressing my concern about in this article. And while I’ll admit that it’s very hard to criticize volunteer officials in a charity basketball tournament, I’d like to make some observations. First, it’s obvious that officials are needed to have a final determination, otherwise games would become even more heated than they are. And while such tournaments should allow for more contact, there has to be a limit to what is allowed and a limit that remains consistent throughout the game.

My main concern is the disparity in officiating from ref to ref and court to court. While some officials make a conscience effort to follow the play up and down the court and be as consistent as possible, others lackadaisically try to officiate from the backcourt on a frontcourt possession and have an inconsistent call selection. As an example, I have seen minor hand checks called and hard contact to the basket not called. The biggest problem with this is that the quality of the game overall is degraded and contact

becomes worse throughout the game. If a player can get away with holding and shoving then he thinks he can get away with even greater and sometimes maliciously intended contact. So, I propose some simple suggestions.

First, consider providing some non-monetary incentive for the officials to work hard. This could be recognizing top officials and offering those officials gift certificates to campus outlets. Secondly, bring the officials all together even 15 minutes or a half hour before the games are to begin to discuss game management like call selection and how to handle different game situations. Lastly, give officials more authority to penalize players who are insubordinate during their games; this can cut out most of the bickering and bantering by players during the game. Thanks for considering these suggestions and keep doing a great job Bookstore Commissioners. I look forward to watching the Sweet 16.

Michael Jackson
sophomore
Duncan Hall
April 20

What do you want to do before you die?

This is the question posed by the four guys of MTV’s “The Buried Life” (see Courtney Cox’s “The Buried Life Uncovered,” Feb. 25), who have a list of 100 things they want to do before they die. Inspired by a friend, I made a similar list two years ago and have since accomplished 14 of an ever-growing 118 goals. I won’t get overly preachy with how much I’ve learned about myself or how life is short and we need to take advantage of the time we have, but I will say, it’s been fun. So I challenge you to make your own — call it a bucket list, life goals, 100 things you want to do before you die, whatever. They can be silly (No. 10: milk a cow), random (No. 64: crash a party), simple (No. 76: compliment a stranger), meaningful (No. 30: fall in love), serious (No. 89: volunteer in a third world country), or

near impossible (No. 113: witness an Irish national championship — Coach Kelly, make this happen!). Life is short and our time at Notre Dame even shorter. Figure out what you really want in life, both the big and little things. Write it down. Do it. Live it. As for me, No. 43: Publish a Viewpoint article is a check.

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senior
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April 20

Bald & Beautiful Celebrities

Scene Staff Report

Stars have shaved their heads for all kinds of reasons. Tom Cruise did it for his role in "Minority Report," and Bruce Willis shaved when male pattern baldness took over his scalp. Melissa Etheridge, however, lost her hair during chemotherapy treatments for breast cancer in 2004. She performed at the 2005 Grammy awards with her head still bald, wowing audiences with her empowering performance.



At Notre Dame, "celebrities" like football players Dayne Crist and Mike Anello will shed their locks for the St. Baldrick's Foundation to raise money for pediatric cancer research. The head-shaving extravaganza will take

place today, Thursday and Friday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. in LaFortune Student Center. "Shavees" might be making the most drastic change, but the less bold can still help out. Students, faculty and staff can also donate hair for Pantene Beautiful Lengths or buy colored hair extensions to benefit Memorial Hospital. For you ladies (and some guys) with long locks going under the clippers, don't worry. You can look as awesome as these celebrities while still supporting a great cause.



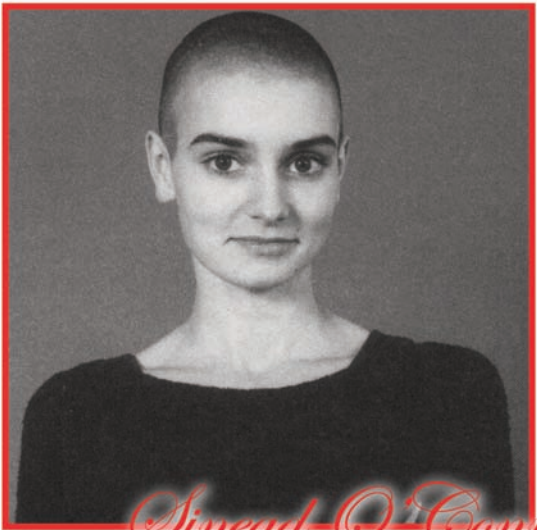
Demi Moore

In 1997, Demi Moore boldly shaved her head for her role as tough Navy SEAL trainee Jordan O'Neil for the movie "G.I. Jane." The movie is the fictional story of the first female to undergo Navy SEAL training and chronicles O'Neil's struggles against sexism, physical challenges and politics. Everyone expects her to fail, as men have a 60-percent dropout rate in the rigorous program, but Jordan is determined to prove everyone wrong. Moore's bare-headed look for the movie was almost as daring as her character's actions, and just as Jordan succeeded, so too did Moore in pulling off her new 'do. She proved a "tough" look can also be a feminine one.



Natalie Portman

If you want to sport a shaved head with style and grace, look no further than Natalie Portman as an example. After cutting off all her hair for her role in "V for Vendetta," Portman managed to not only get through red carpets and awards season without wearing any wigs, but also looked more beautiful than ever, landing on the top of many best-dressed lists. With her hair grown out to a pixie cut, she drew many comparisons to Audrey Hepburn at the Golden Globes in 2006. Portman's lack of locks was so inspiring to some that there is even a band called "Natalie Portman's Shaved Head."



Sinéad O'Connor

Irish singer/songwriter Sinéad O'Connor is known for three things: "Nothing Compares 2 U," her super-short buzzcut and making political statements. On Saturday Night Live in 1992, she tore a picture of Pope John Paul II in half to criticize the Catholic Church amidst a sexual abuse scandal. She has donned her bald look for a long time, and what began as a feminist statement against the traditional view of women has become habit. The Guardian has quoted O'Connor saying, "I don't feel like me unless I have my hair shaved. So even when I'm an old lady, I'm going to have it."



Sofia Vassilieva

Her white-blond hair made Sofia Vassilieva the perfect choice for the title role in "Eloise" TV movies and as Patricia Arquette's daughter in the CBS series "Medium." She's since grown her hair out into a sweet pixie cut, but in the 2009 drama "My Sister's Keeper," Vassilieva shaved off her goldielocks for her role as Kate Fitzgerald, a teenage leukemia patient. (Cameron Diaz also appears bald for a portion of the movie, but she was only in a skullcap.) Dakota Fanning was originally slated for Vassilieva's part, although she bolted when she found out she'd have to shave her hair — but Vassilieva was game for the change.

This Week's Mix – Soundtrack to Summer Baseball Playlist



by Alex Kilpatrick

1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "We Are the Champions" – Queen
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Piazza, New York Catcher" – Belle and Sebastian
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Na Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye" – Steam
4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Glory Days" – Bruce Springsteen
5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Tessie" – Dropkick Murphys
6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Baseball-Football" – George Carlin
7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "In The Summertime" – Mungo Jerry
8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Saturday in the Park" – Chicago
9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" – Ronnie Neuman
10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Baseball Theme" – Vince Guaraldi Trio
11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Summertime" – DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince
12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "The Boys Are Back in Town" – Thin Lizzy

Get ready for summer with a playlist to America's national pastime. From classic All-American tunes to arena rock to summertime jams, these songs make up the perfect soundtrack to watch another record-breaking season. So whether you're watching the Yankees and Red Sox battle on TV, or you're at Wrigley Stadium watching the Cubs in person, you'll be prepared to root for your favorite baseball team.

You can find the whole playlist on the Observer website, www.ndsmcobserver.edu



By MARISSA FROBES
Scene Writer

English singer/songwriter Kate Nash's sophomore album "My Best Friend Is You" dropped Tuesday in the U.S. An established starlet in the United Kingdom, Nash is significantly less popular in America. But she attracts attention from a young female demographic, and with her blatant feminist messages, she preaches about graphic, yet oddly relatable moments in the life of a 20-something woman.

Her first single, "Foundations," debuted in June 2007 and reached the No. 2 spot on the UK Singles Chart. "Made of Bricks," her first full album, premiered that August, and eventually rose to No. 1 on the UK charts. Several of her other singles including "Mouthwash" and "Pumpkin Soup" became top-40 singles in the United Kingdom in 2007 and 2008, but received limited success in the U.S. and Canada.

A number of the same cliché themes from "Made of Bricks" carry over into "My Best Friend Is You" including friendship, feminism and being misunderstood. A few of the deliverances on the new album, though, are shockingly more vehement than any indignant ranting Kate Nash has done in the past.

One track, "Mansion Song" is seriously abrasive in an attempt to move women to become more than "another undignified product of society." Delivered for the most part in slam poetry form, the tune alludes to rape, stripping and drug-use situations that women occasionally fall into when they accept societal stereotypes. It's scary upon the first listen, but strangely strong and empowering when heard for a second time.

"I Just Love You More" and "I've Got A Secret" are two tracks with less talking and more passion. The former track repeats the four same lines, alternating lyrics with shrieks and screams and leaving Nash breathless at the finish. The latter psychedelically alludes to a secret that is never told, cleverly skated around by a few more feminist quips.

Besides these few audibly darker songs, the rest of the album sounds a lot more like the Nash that girls know and love. Her first single "Doo-Wah-Doo," recently released on iTunes, describes the archetypal mean girl who over-

shadows Nash as they vie for the attention of men. Set to a cheerful melody rife with handclaps and surf guitar riffs, Nash shows her gained maturity in the past few years with her decision to "just read a book instead."

Opening track "Paris" and the following "Kiss That Grrrl" are two of the most light and upbeat on the album. "Kiss That Grrrl" is reminiscent of Motown tunes of Diana Ross & The Supremes, but hilariously asserts to a fictional man "Kiss that girl and ... I will think up a thousand ways I could hurt you."

One may listen to the album and assume that a former boyfriend has viciously hurt this girl, with songs like "I Hate Seagulls" devoted completely to complaining or "Later On" which repeats "crying my stupid eyes out" more than 10 times. However, Nash has been in a steady relationship with Ryan

Jarman, a member of the English indie rock band The Cribbs, since 2007.

Therefore, Nash's album is more than an autobiographical form of catharsis. A relevant uni-

versality pervades the messages of the songs, encouraging girls to think highly of themselves, but still admitting to the self-deprecation every female acts on.

Her lyrics, though often times explicit, "don't encourage sexuality and sexualization in young kids" as do the lyrics of girl groups like The Pussycat Dolls today, Nash said in an interview with The Guardian. Instead she said "it's really important to be a strong role model."

Any girl listening to this album will feel a sense of pride in their womanhood. Guys might want to blur out the words to Nash's music, and hone in on the catchy melodies that are sure to get stuck in their heads. She sings "you'll never listen to me" in the album's opener, but you surely will once you pick out your favorite Nash jams from "My Best Friend Is You."

Check out the music video for her first single "Doo-Wah-Doo." The mis en scène of the love story is portrayed on an airplane in the late 1950s, dancing stewards and drinking pilots included!

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'My Best Friend Is You'

Kate Nash

Label: Fiction

Best Tracks: "Paris," "Doo-Wah-Doo" and "Mansion Song"



MLB

Rockies leader found dead

Associated Press

DENVER — Colorado Rockies president Keli McGregor, who parlayed a lifelong love of sports into a short stint in the NFL before embarking on a career in the baseball business, was found dead in his hotel room in Salt Lake City on Tuesday.

Detective Rick Wall said two of McGregor's associates couldn't get in touch with him and that someone entered his room at The Grand America Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City and found the 48-year-old McGregor unconscious Tuesday morning.

Police were called about 9 a.m. MDT and emergency workers arrived on the scene and were unable to revive him.

"There are no signs of foul play. ... Based on the initial investigation (police and fire officials) did not see anything suspicious," Wall said. "There is nothing suspicious. At this point it would look like it was some sort of a natural cause or something along those lines."

Wall said the investigation has been turned over to the medical examiner's office, which will determine the cause and time of death.

The Rockies said McGregor was on a business trip with team chairman and CEO Charlie Monfort and executive vice president Greg Feasel.

"Words cannot describe the level of shock and disbelief that we all are feeling this morning at the loss of Keli," Charlie Monfort said in a statement. "Our thoughts, our prayers are with Lori and the entire family as we all try to cope and understand how such a tragic loss could occur with such a wonderful man."

McGregor is survived by his wife, Lori, three daughters and a son.

His voice cracking, manager Jim Tracy said before the Rockies' game at Washington on Tuesday night that he struggled with what to tell his team about McGregor's death.

"I'm stunned. I can't believe what's happened," Tracy said. "I told the players in the clubhouse: 'I want to understand this, but I don't.' I don't know what to say. I don't understand it."

"We said a little prayer for him. The prayers are as much for him as for Lori and for those four children."

The clubhouse was closed before the game.

"I guess shock is the word that describes it," first baseman Todd Helton said as he walked out on the field. "Great man. I've known him 15 years. Last person you think you'd be getting that call about."

"He kept himself in great



Rockies president Keli McGregor, left, was found dead in a hotel room in Salt Lake City Tuesday at the age of 48.

shape, worked hard. He really loved this team, loved his family even more," Helton said. "We went duck hunting together, pumped up together, stayed up playing cards, golfed several times in the offseason."

Rockies hitting coach Don Baylor, who was managing the club when McGregor came on board, said he was a passionate person who always put the organization first.

"He was a football guy. He didn't understand what a 6-4-3 was or what an ERA was. It was a big learning experience for him," Baylor said. "What a rising star this guy would have been because he really did so much for this organization. Every time you talked to him it was about the Rockies, not about himself, always about improving the club, on the field. He's really going to be missed."

"Forty-eight years old. You're still asking, 'Why?'"

McGregor's loss shook the sports communities across Colorado, where he was a multi-sport athlete at Lakewood High School, starred as a tight end at Colorado State and was drafted by the Denver Broncos before going into coaching and then embarking on a career in sports administration, joining the Rockies in 1993.

"He had only friends in the industry, and this is a terrible loss for the game," Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer told the AP. "Keli has been instrumental in the success of the Rockies over the entire time he was with them because of his guidance and leadership in every aspect of the organization."

Commissioner Bud Selig called McGregor "one of our game's rising young stars," and new union head Michael Weiner sent

his condolences to McGregor's family and the Rockies.

McGregor was in his 17th season with the Rockies, his ninth as club president. He began his career with the club in October 1993 as senior director of operations. He was promoted to senior vice president in 1996 and executive vice president in 1998.

McGregor was a four-year starter at Colorado State, where he went from freshman walk-on to second-team All-American tight end in 1984. An undersized halfback when he arrived on campus, McGregor had a growth spurt before his sophomore season and at 6-foot-6 and 250 pounds, he went on to become an All-Western Athletic Conference tight end from 1982-84.

He set a single-season school record with 69 catches in 1983, a mark that stood for 10 years.

McGregor was selected by Denver in the fourth round of the 1985 NFL draft and played for the Broncos, Colts and Seahawks during his brief pro career.

McGregor was "a wonderful person and a highly respected professional whose loss will be felt throughout the entire Denver community," Broncos chief operating officer Joe Ellis said.

McGregor joined the Rockies after a four-year stint as an associate athletic director at the University of Arkansas. He also was an assistant football coach for two years at the University of Florida from 1988-89, where he earned his Master's degree in education with an emphasis on athletic administration.

McGregor, who was born in Primghar, Iowa, was voted to Colorado State's all-century team in 1992 and was named to the CSU Hall of Fame in 1996.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Big Ten expansion hot topic at BCS meetings

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Since Jim Delany put the college football world on notice by announcing the Big Ten would explore the possibility of expansion, speculation about which schools might be changing leagues has been rampant.

Delany, the leader of the most lucrative conference in college sports, has remained mostly mum on the league's plans since his December statement.

On Wednesday, Delany plans to take questions from reporters at a swanky Arizona resort hotel where college football's power brokers are gathered this week for Bowl Championship Series meetings.

Maybe he'll provide some insight into where the Big Ten stands in a process that he initially said would take 12 to 18 months. Or maybe not.

There's little doubt the topic of expansion — the Pac-10 has also said it is looking into adding schools — will be discussed, at least informally, among the commissioners of the 11 major conferences and Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick over the next few days.

If the Big Ten decides to grow from its current 11 members in an effort to expand the reach of its lucrative television network and create even more revenue with a conference championship game, it could create a massive domino effect across college football.

That's why everyone from fans to commissioners is curious — maybe even anxious — to find out what the Big Ten will do.

Add one team? Maybe three? How about five to become a 16-team conference?

But Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe said Tuesday he does not expect to hear anything definitive during these meetings, which run through Thursday.

Several Big 12 schools have been speculated to be on the Big Ten's most wanted list, including Texas, Nebraska and Missouri.

"I expect that Jim, who I have known for many, many years and trust implicitly, that he'll do what he said he's going to do," Beebe said. "If and when the time comes that they're going to do anything — and if that includes any of the institutions in the Big 12 — he'll let me know first."

The Chicago Tribune reported last weekend the Big Ten was discussing accelerating its timetable for a decision on expansion.

"My understanding is that his timetable hasn't changed, in spite of the media speculation that there was activity going on," Beebe said.

The other schools that have been talked about as possible Big Ten targets are mostly in the Big East. Pittsburgh, Rutgers and Syracuse all fit the profile athletically and academically.

Rutgers and Syracuse, in theory, could help the Big Ten grab hold of the New York television market.

For the Big East, which withstood losing Miami, Boston College and Virginia Tech to the Atlantic

Coast Conference in the last round of conference realignment, losing even one team would sting. Losing two or more members could make it difficult for Big East football to survive.

And then there is Notre Dame. The Big Ten has tried unsuccessfully before to persuade the Fighting Irish to give up their football independence. Swarbrick has said staying independent is Notre Dame's No. 1 priority.

But the person who matters most in what has become college football's great offseason soap opera is Delany.

On a typically warm and sunny Tuesday in the desert, he was relaxing with a couple of other college football big shots in the garden of the Royal Palms Resort and Spa before lunch and several hours of meetings.

He exchanged a couple of pleasantries with reporters, but quickly ended the conversation before it started with a promise to see them tomorrow.

So stay tuned.

"My understanding is that his timetable hasn't changed in spite of the media speculation that there was activity going on."

Dan Beebe
commissioner
Big 12

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	team	previous
1	Arizona State	1
2	Texas	4
3	Georgia Tech	5
4	Virginia	3
5	Louisiana State	6
6	UCLA	2
7	Arkansas	8
8	Coastal Carolina	10
9	Florida State	7
10	South Carolina	13
11	Florida	9
12	Texas Christian	11
13	Louisville	12
14	Miami (Fla.)	15
15	Vanderbilt	19
16	Kansas State	20
17	Arizona	21
18	Oklahoma	14
19	Mississippi	18
20	Clemson	16
21	Cal State-Fullerton	24
22	Oregon State	17
23	California	NR
24	Southeastern La.	23
25	Oregon	NR

Men's Division I Tennis ITA Poll

	team	previous
1	Virginia	1
2	Tennessee	2
3	Texas	3
4	Ohio State	5
5	Southern California	4
6	Florida	6
7	Stanford	7
8	UCLA	12
9	Baylor	11
10	Texas A&M	9
11	Georgia	10
12	Kentucky	8
13	Texas Tech	16
14	Illinois	13
15	Louisville	15
16	California	13
17	Duke	14
18	North Carolina	19
19	Mississippi	18
20	Virginia Tech	21
21	Oklahoma	20
22	Pepperdine	22
23	Wake Forest	23
24	Georgia Tech	NR
25	Washington	24

Men's Division I Lacrosse Coaches' Poll

	team	previous
1	Syracuse	2
2	Virginia	1
3	North Carolina	3
4	Duke	5
5	Maryland	4
6	Princeton	6
7	Loyola (Md.)	8
8	Cornell	10
9	Villanova	13
10	Georgetown	9

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NBA Basketball
Bobcats at Magic
7 p.m., TNT

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9:30 p.m., TNT

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL



Kyle Singler, right, announced he would return for his senior season at Duke instead of declaring for the NBA draft. Singler was a key part of the Blue Devils' national championship-winning team this year.

Singler decides to stay for senior season

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — In the end, Kyle Singler made it sound simple. The Duke star wanted one more year of being a college student more than making an early jump to the NBA.

"I couldn't have gone wrong with either decision," Singler said Tuesday. "With that, the pressure was lighter. Making my decision to come back to school, I feel really good about it."

Singler, the most outstanding player at the Final Four in Duke's run to a fourth national championship, said he tried to be open-minded about the decision, even imagining what life would be like if he

stayed or if he left for the NBA. But the 6-foot-8 junior settled over the weekend on returning to savor the opportunity that comes with being a senior leader on a team aiming to defend its title.

In a news conference, coach Mike Krzyzewski said Singler kept telling him and his parents three things while weighing the decision.

"The No. 1 thing was — and he said this to his mom more than he did to me — he said, 'I love Duke. I love going to school here,'" Krzyzewski said. "The second thing was, 'I can get better. I want to be the best player when I do make that step and I think that I can improve here to do that.'"

"The third thing ... he said, 'I don't want to miss out on the things that will happen to me as a senior.'"

Krzyzewski said he and his staff reached out to about half the NBA teams to gauge where Singler might be drafted, learning that Singler would likely have been a middle to late first-round pick.

"Everybody's positive about Kyle," he said. "Kyle will be a pro. He'll be a great player for us next year. My feeling is when he goes to the NBA, he should be an outstanding player and not just be in the NBA."

Singler averaged nearly 18 points and seven rebounds for Duke (35-5), which edged Butler 61-59 in

Indianapolis for the national title. As part of the high-scoring "Big Three" along with graduating senior Jon Scheyer and junior Nolan Smith, Singler had 17 games at least 20 points to go with seven double-doubles.

Singler was also most valuable player of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, helping Duke win it for the ninth time in 12 seasons.

"Overall, I just had a great time," Singler said. "Just being a part of that team helped me as a basketball player because you're with guys that you enjoy being around it and you find if you surround yourself with good people, good things will happen."

IN BRIEF

Favre, Childress in contact, but next year still in limbo

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The latest word from Brett Favre was about lawn care.

So much for deciding about next season.

The Minnesota Vikings are still waiting for an announcement from the quarterback about whether he will be back, though coach Brad Childress has been in regular communication with him.

Childress said he spoke with Favre on Monday, when the 40-year-old grandfather told him he was "spraying weeds" at his home in Mississippi.

"I didn't ask if was DDT, RID, or whatever they spray weeds with down there," Childress quipped. "He seems to be doing well."

Childress added that he followed up their conversation by sending Favre a cellphone picture of the practice fields outside Vikings headquarters to show off the recent sunny weather in Minnesota.

Guillen unconcerned about fan reaction over slow start

CHICAGO — In typically colorful fashion, Ozzie Guillen brushed off criticism Tuesday about his team's slow start.

Before a game against the Tampa Bay Rays, the outspoken Chicago White Sox manager said he isn't concerned by what most others think of him.

"There is one person I don't want to be angry at me and her name is Ibis Cardenas Guillen because if she gets angry at me, it's going to cost me a lot of money. My wife. Everybody else, I could care less if they like me or not," Guillen said.

Guillen has been the subject of newspaper columns and local sports radio chatter following Chicago's 2-5 road trip. The White Sox began the day 4-9 and in last place in the AL Central, five games behind first-place Minnesota.

With the exception of opening day, the White Sox have been drawing small crowds to U.S. Cellular Field.

Saints and Vikings to open NFL season in New Orleans

NEW YORK — The Super Bowl champion New Orleans Saints will get an early test when they host the Minnesota Vikings in the NFL season opener, a rematch of their thrilling NFC championship game decided in overtime.

That nationally televised game will be Thursday night, Sept. 9. New Orleans won its first conference title by beating Minnesota 31-28 on a 40-yard field goal by Garrett Hartley 4:45 into overtime. The Saints went on to defeat the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 in the Super Bowl.

"I can't imagine it being anymore charged than the last time we were down there," Vikings coach Brad Childress said Tuesday night. "That's always a great, hostile environment to play in."

The Saints also will play at Dallas on Thanksgiving Day; the Cowboys handed New Orleans its first defeat after 13 victories last season.

NFL

Jets sign veteran DE Taylor

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Boored and despised by Jets fans for years, Jason Taylor is now on their side. The former Miami Dolphins linebacker agreed to terms with the AFC East-rival New York Jets on a contract Tuesday, bolstering a defense that ranked No 1 in the league last year. “My expectation is that Jason will be a Jet tomorrow,” coach Rex Ryan said during a conference call. “We feel great about that.” The 2006 NFL Defensive Player of the Year visited the Jets two weeks ago but left without a deal, pondering whether to sign with New York or wait to see if Miami would re-sign him after the draft. After vacationing in Costa Rica last weekend, Taylor decided to go with Ryan and the Jets. “Clearly, this is one of the premier players in the game, one of the premier pass rushers in the game,” Ryan said. “We expect Jason to play a bunch and be a major contributor to our defense.” The deal was first reported by ESPN.com and the Miami Herald. The cable network’s website said it is for two years. Because of the league’s “Final Eight” restrictions, the Jets could only pay Taylor only \$1.75 million in base salary this season — the amount unrestricted free agent kicker Jay Feely signed for with Arizona.

Taylor, the NFL’s active sacks leader who’ll turn 36 in September, joins a team he has long considered an enemy. And, the feeling was mutual among Jets fans. Long a part of one of the NFL’s most intense rivalries on the field, Taylor has had a contentious relationship with fans in New York, calling them ignorant and classless and saying their “J-E-T-S!” chant was “dumb.” Now, he’ll try to endear himself to those same fans, the way Brett Favre did in Minnesota or Donovan McNabb hopes to do in Washington. A few early season sacks might do the trick for Taylor. “I look at it this way: What was the kind of impact Roger Clemens had?” Ryan said. “He was a Red Sox and went over to the Yankees and helped out there. I kind of look at Johnny Damon with the same type of deal. “So, if Jason could have the same impact on the Jets as those players had on the Yankees and we win a championship, I think we’ll all be happy.” Either way, it’s the latest headline-grabbing acquisition by the Jets, who have clear intentions of making a Super Bowl run this season after losing in the AFC championship game to Indianapolis in January. Already loaded with story lines for its appearance on HBO’s “Hard Knocks” during training

camp this summer, New York has also signed running back LaDainian Tomlinson and safety Brodney Pool, and traded for wide receiver Santonio Holmes and cornerback Antonio Cromartie. The former “Dancing With the Stars” contestant — he finished runner-up to Kristi Yamaguchi in 2008 — recently expressed a desire to remain with the Dolphins. But, Miami general manager Jeff Ireland said the team would wait until after the draft before deciding whether to make an offer. A scheduled meeting with Taylor and Dolphins officials was also reportedly canceled recently as Ryan and the Jets aggressively pursued him. Taylor has 127 1/2 career sacks and provides the Jets with a proven pass rusher who should fit right into Ryan’s aggressive 3-4 defensive scheme as a hybrid linebacker-defensive end. Ryan also said his addition will have no effect on the Jets’ approach to having the 29th overall pick in the draft Thursday night. “We’re in an ideal situation,” Ryan said. “We’re going into the draft where we can take the best player.” Several Jets players met Taylor during his visit to the team’s facility in Florham Park, N.J., on April 8, and said they’d welcome him if he signed.

MLB

Girardi presents rings to Gaudin, Ramirez

OAKLAND, Calif. — Before the New York Yankees could fully begin their on-field pregame routine Tuesday night, manager Joe Girardi had some important business to handle. He called over Oakland pitchers Chad Gaudin and Edwar Ramirez, both of whom sported pinstripes last season, for a makeshift ring ceremony in the middle of New York’s stretch session just outside the dugout. They each slipped on their World Series champion hardware — white gold encrusted with 119 diamonds totaling 3.55 carats — for everybody else to see. Ramirez kissed his ring. Gaudin couldn’t stop looking at the sparkler on his right ring finger, and his hand was visibly shaking as he discussed the ring’s meaning.

For a few minutes, though, they were Yankees again — goofing around with their old teammates. There were hugs and handshakes coming from every which way for these two. “It couldn’t have been any better,” Gaudin said of the moment. “From the time I stepped on board with those guys until the time I left, it was first class.” Ramirez spent the 2007-09 seasons in the Bronx, pitching in 20 games last season after contributing 63 strikeouts in 55 1-3 innings of relief the year before. “It’s important for me, my family and my country, but it’s most important for my hometown where I was born,” he said. Former Yankee Hideki Matsui, now with the Los Angeles Angels, received his ring during a ceremony last week at Yankee Stadium.

“It’s hard to take your eyes off it. It’s gorgeous.”


Chad Gaudin
Athletics pitcher

“Any time you put this on your finger, you shake. I’m not sure I’m going to wear it.”

Chad Gaudin
Athletics pitcher

“It’s unbelievable, it really is,” Gaudin said. “It definitely is shiny. It’s hard to take your eyes off it. It’s gorgeous. Through all the trials and tribulations, you look at this and know all the hard work pays off.” Ramirez, the only major leaguer from his tiny hometown of El Cercado in the Dominican Republic, beamed as his former teammates patted him on the head and yelled “Atta boy!” “Hey, we gotta stretch!” Yankees pitcher Chan Ho Park yelled repeatedly, laughing all the while. Girardi asked A’s manager Bob Geren for permission to bring the two pitchers over for the impromptu presentation. Each joined the Oakland organization late in spring training, Gaudin for a second stint with the club.

But the slugger initially was given a replica version from a spring training promotion thanks to a joke pulled by Derek Jeter. Matsui opened the dark brown box with his ring, checked it out and was thrilled — not knowing the difference. “He got a fake one,” Gaudin said, examining his and knowing it was the real deal. “I was a little nervous. Any time you put this on your finger, you shake. I’m not sure I’m going to wear it.”



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NFL

Rams: Light interest in top pick

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Two days ahead of the draft, St. Louis Rams general manager Billy Devaney said leaguewide interest in acquiring the first pick has been light. Predictably, he refused to tip his hand whether the Rams stand pat. Coach Steve Spagnuolo even passed the buck right back to Devaney at a news conference Tuesday, joking that the team would do “whatever Billy decides.” Devaney said quarterback Sam Bradford and defensive tackles Ndamukong Suh and Gerald McCoy remained in the running. He expected to have the team’s board stacked by later in the afternoon, and planned to poll scouts and coaches Wednesday. The Cleveland Browns, who have the seventh pick, are the only team to announce their desire to trade up with St. Louis. Devaney said interest “hasn’t been this massive movement, trust me.” “I think we’ve been saying we’re open and we remain open,” Devaney said. “But there isn’t anything close to being done, I know that. We still have a little bit of time and I expect we’d just keep on talking and see what happens.” Devaney didn’t appear to be a big fan of the first prime-

time draft. He said it would be “weird” spacing picks over three days, but added, “Who cares what we think as long as TV’s happy with it?” He wasn’t sure if there’d be a market for the first pick of the second round that begins the second day, or whether the time gap would serve to create interest. “Teams are so prepared that if we started the second round immediately, teams are going to know what they need,” Devaney said. “They’re not going to do something silly just because they had more time to think about it.” Devaney had muted praise for Bradford, the presumed front-runner for the first pick. He said there’s been contact with a number of players regarding a possible contract. “Yeah, we spent time with Bradford and he answered a lot of questions,” Devaney said. “But so did those other kids.” For the Rams to trade down, Devaney said the offer would have to be “something pretty darn good.” Bradford wowed scouts at his pro day in March while erasing doubts about his surgically repaired throwing shoulder, then impressed the Rams again in a private workout last week. The Rams’ greatest need is probably quarterback after they released Marc Bulger

earlier in the month, leaving them with veteran backup A.J. Feeley and raw Keith Null and Mike Reilly on the roster. But a franchise that finished 1-15 last year and is in a 6-42 trough the last three seasons needs help everywhere. Spagnuolo said it was a “pretty safe assessment” the Rams would take a quarterback somewhere in the draft, although Devaney pointed out he’d like to pick a quarterback every year, and Null was taken in the sixth round last year. Spagnuolo’s background is defense, but he said he’d have no problem with a quarterback first. The Rams took offensive tackle Jason Smith last year with the first overall pick. “Can’t a quarterback help the defense get better?” Spagnuolo said. “I’ve never had a problem with that.” Devaney and Spagnuolo said the ownership situation has had no bearing on preparations, and will not affect who they take. Minority owner Stan Kroenke exercised matching rights last week in an attempt to purchase the remaining 60 percent of the franchise. Illinois businessman Shahid Khan reached agreement with owners Chip Rosenbloom and his sister, Lucia Rodriguez, on Feb. 11 to buy the team. “We’re wrapped up here in these four walls and it’s all football,” Spagnuolo said. “We certainly respect what’s going on outside of it, it is a business, but we’re knee-deep in the football part of it.”

“I think we’ve been saying we’re open and we remain open.”

Billy Devaney
Rams general manager

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NHL

Red Wings defeat Coyotes

Associated Press

DETROIT — Jimmy Howard had a 29-save shutout and Henrik Zetterberg scored two goals to lead the Detroit Red Wings to a 3-0 series-evening victory over the Phoenix Coyotes in Game 4 on Tuesday night.

Howard's saves included one without his helmet.

Phoenix will be at home Friday night, but has to return to Detroit for Game 6 on Sunday.

Zetterberg's first goal stood after a video review, which didn't help the Red Wings get a call changed in their favor earlier.

Replays appeared to show Valtteri Filppula got a puck past the goal line before it bounced on it, lighting the lamp. A video review upheld the on-ice decision to wave off the goal. It turned out to be moot.

Pavel Datsyuk also scored for Detroit.

Ilya Bryzgalov made 32 saves

for the Coyotes.

The Vezina Trophy finalist stopped the first 24 shots he faced, then gave up goals on three of the last 10 against him.

Zetterberg scored with 4:27 left in the second period, making the puck flutter past Bryzgalov off a blast from Niklas Kronwall.

Datsyuk scored on a one-timer in the right circle off Johan Franzen's cross-ice pass with 4:07 left in the game and Zetterberg sealed the victory 25 seconds later with his fifth goal of the series.

The Red Wings stuck with their rookie in net after he gave up four goals in each of the previous two games, choosing to keep veteran Chris Osgood on the bench.

Howard rewarded their faith.

He passed his first test by making a kick save on Sami Lepisto's shot in the opening minute and finished with a shutout for the first time in his four career playoff games.

Bryzgalov was really good, too, keeping Detroit scoreless for nearly 35 minutes and preventing them from taking a two-goal lead despite some good chances in the first half of the third period.

The Coyotes had a power play midway through the third period and just before Detroit killed it off, it was called for another penalty to give them two extra skaters.

Phoenix couldn't take advantage, giving the fans at Joe Louis Arena a reason to cheer knowing they will see at least one more game at home.

Phoenix was without its leader and perhaps best skater, captain Shane Doan, whose right shoulder took the brunt of a collision with the endboards early in the second period of Game 3.

The Coyotes did get forward Vernon Fiddler back in the lineup after he got hit in the lip by a stick in Game 2 and was scratched from the next game.

NBA

Johnson, Smith power Hawks to Game 2 win

Associated Press

ATLANTA — High-flying Josh Smith dominated on the inside. Joe Johnson stepped up from the outside when the Hawks needed him.

The result: Atlanta has a 2-0 lead in a best-of-seven series for the first time in 40 years.

Johnson took control in the fourth quarter to finish off a 27-point effort, Smith finished one assist shy of a triple-double and the Hawks ran away from the pesky but outmanned Milwaukee Bucks for a 96-86 victory in the Eastern Conference playoffs Tuesday night.

Smith played as though he's still upset about being snubbed for the All-Star game, when teammates Johnson and Al Horford were selected but he stayed home. He's certainly a player capable of taking control of a series in many ways, as he demonstrated with his 21 points, 14 rebounds and nine assists, not to mention two blocks and two steals.

"There's nothing he can't do on the floor," Hawks coach Mike Woodson said. "We just have to keep him playing at a high level, keep his head in the game and we'll be just fine."

That applies to the team as a whole. Woodson was mindful of last season, when Atlanta blew out Miami in its playoff opener — then lost at home and had to go the full seven games.

This time, the Hawks took care of business on their home court. They'll head to Milwaukee on Saturday night with a commanding lead, the first time they've won the first two in a best-of-seven series since the Western Division semifinals in 1970. That team went on to beat Chicago in five games, but lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in the division finals.

The current Hawks aren't taking anything for granted, even though they've seemed capable of pulling away any time Milwaukee tries to make a run.

"We're on edge," said Horford, who teamed with Smith to give the Hawks a big edge in the lane. "We can't take them lightly. We know it's going to be tough up there."

Again, the Hawks' balance and size advantage on the inside were just too much for the Bucks, who knew they'd face a huge challenge in this series after 7-foot center Andrew Bogut took a hard fall late in the regular season and was done for the playoffs.

All five Atlanta starters reached double figures for the second game in a row, and the two guys on the inside sure took advantage of Bogut's absence.

Smith had the crowd on its feet with four thunderous dunks and a couple more above-the-rim lay-ins. Horford was nearly as dominant, scoring 20 points, snatching down 10 rebounds and blocking three shots.

"We understand that we've got bigger guys down low," Smith said. "When we miss a shot, we can usually get the putback or pass to a wide-open (Mike) Bibby or Joe. We want to make it easy for those guys."

When Smith is really on his

game, he fires up the home crowd with his gravity defying plays.

"He's one of those players that can control the game without calling plays for him," said John Salmons, who led the Bucks with 21 points.

Johnson took over in the fourth quarter. After Milwaukee had closed to single-digit range, he buried four straight jumpers, the last of them a 3-pointer from the corner after snaring a rocket pass from Smith, pushing the Hawks to an 87-74 lead that essentially finished off the Bucks.

"I felt like we were in a drought," said Johnson, who scored 10 points in the final period and bolstered his all-around effort with six assists, two blocks and a steal. "I just wanted to be aggressive and make plays."

Johnson also led the defensive effort against Bucks rookie star Brandon Jennings, who followed up a 34-point performance in Game 1 with just nine points on 3-of-15 shooting.

"All season long he's been playing point guards, so he's sort of used to it now," Woodson said. "And Jennings is a tough cover because he is so quick, and he can shoot the outside shot as well as get to the rim."

The Bucks head home, hoping to turn things around in the next two games. But they've led only three times in the series — never by more than two points — for a total of 1 minute, 32 seconds, looking very much like a team making its first playoff appearance since 2006.

"Our preparations have been great, but we're having trouble taking it onto the game floor," coach Scott Skiles said. "We knew it would be interesting to see how we would react in this type of environment. They outplayed us in almost every spot up and down the floor. We've got three days to get better."

Ersan Ilyasova came up big off the bench with 13 points and 15 rebounds, but Jerry Stackhouse was the only other Milwaukee player in double figures with 15 points. The Bucks shot only 41 percent (37 of 90).

The Bucks grabbed their first lead of the series, 4-2, on Luc Mbah a Moute's putback less than 1½ minutes into the game. But Atlanta looked like it was headed for another first-half blitz, pushing out to 22-12 lead on Marvin Williams' three-point play.

In Game 1, the Hawks led by 20 in the opening quarter and 22 at halftime.

This time, Milwaukee kept it respectable in the early going, ripping off an 8-0 spurt to get right back in the game. But the Hawks scored the final six points of the period in flamboyant fashion. Smith stole the ball in the defensive end and took off, going all the way to the hoop for a thunderous left-handed jam that brought the crowd to its feet.

After Salmons turned it over, the Hawks were running again. Jamal Crawford missed on an attempted slam, but Smith grabbed the rebound and put it back in while stumbling backward with 2 seconds remaining to put Atlanta ahead 28-20.

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MLB

League disappointed by slow Rangers sale

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Major League Baseball is disappointed the proposed sale of the Texas Rangers from Tom Hicks to Chuck Greenberg's group had been stalled by a dispute involving the lenders to the team's owner.

The sides announced an agreement on Jan. 23, but creditors of the Hicks Sports Group, which owns the Rangers and the NHL's Dallas Stars, have not approved it.

"We've gone since January on this. We hoped to have it closed on or about opening day, and we're disappointed it's not closed yet," Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, told The Associated Press on Tuesday before an All-Star game news conference.

"Tom Hicks and the buyer are trying to get the transaction completed," DuPuy said. "The commissioner has had considerable contact with the parties, and we're working closely. We understood that because of the Hicks Sports Group debt—the parent company and not the team—that there were issues with regard to the parent company lenders.

"We've met with them, as well, and we're trying to work through that. We think the purchase agreement for the consideration being paid for the Rangers represents a fair purchase price, and we're anxious to see the deal closed as written. But I'm not going to predict."

Hicks Sports Group said in February it had retained Galatioto Sports Partners to look for new investors and explore the idea of selling a majority stake in the Dallas Stars.

Separately, Hicks and George Gillette Jr. said Friday that had hired Barclays Bank to lead the search for a buyer for Liverpool, which they co-own under a separate entity.

Once the lenders approve the sale, it also must be approved by three-quarters of the 30 teams.

The same process resulted in the approval of Frank and Jamie McCourt when they bought the Los Angeles Dodgers from the Fox. Despite the McCourt's divorce proceedings, DuPuy said MLB doesn't have any second thoughts about approving them.

"The McCourts have done a fine job operating the Dodgers," DuPuy said. "Their personal situation is sad for them, but no one has any regrets about the McCourts' ownership of the Dodgers. They have said they have no intention to sell the team, and I take them at their word."

Meanwhile, about 35 miles down the freeway, Angels owner Arte Moreno is eagerly anticipating the All-Star game on July 13 and the chance to show off his ballpark. He cringed a little when asked whether changing the name of the team from to Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim from Anaheim Angels helped the team gain the right to host the All-Stars.

"That's a tough question, but I'm not going to comment on that right now. I don't want to start a firestorm over something we don't need to start a firestorm on," Moreno said. "It's the number two media market, and there are 18 million people in the Metroplex. So you really want to be in a situation where you can

really showcase everything we have to offer here.

"I started grinding on this five years ago," Moreno added. "Every meeting I had my little presentation book and showed them why they should be coming to Southern California. People forget what a hotbed of baseball California is."

Also attending Tuesday's news conference promoting the All-Star balloting was former Angels great Rod Carew, who played in 18 All-Star games—including the previous one in Anaheim as a rookie second baseman in 1967. The NL won that year on Tony Perez's 15th-inning homer against Catfish Hunter.

MLB

Reyes leads Mets past Cubs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mike Pelfrey followed up his save Saturday with seven scoreless innings Tuesday night and Jose Reyes returned to the starting lineup and had a two-run triple among his four hits, leading the New York Mets to a 4-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

The Mets took advantage of a two-out walk to Pelfrey in the second to score the game's first runs against a stingy Carlos Zambrano.

Pinch-hitter Fernando Tatis had a two-run homer in the eighth inning for New York, which has won the first two games of a 10-game homestand.

The punchless Cubs have lost four in a row, scoring just six

runs during the skid.

Mets top prospect Ike Davis went 0 for 3 with a walk in his second big league game and made a nifty running catch behind first base in the fourth. His dad, former Yankees reliever Ron Davis, was in the crowd after not having enough time get to Citi Field from Arizona to see his son's debut Monday.

Pelfrey (3-0), who didn't allow a hit until Mike Fontenot's one-out single in the fifth, extended his scoreless streak to 19 innings, matching a career high. He allowed three hits, walked three and struck out six.

He began a stretch of six splendid starts for New York's rotation Thursday with seven shutout innings against Colorado. Pelfrey also picked up

the team's first save of the season, pitching the 20th inning of a 2-1 win over St. Louis on Saturday.

With his outing Tuesday, Mets starters have allowed just four earned runs in the last 38 innings and New York is 4-2 in that span. Pelfrey has three of the team's six wins — plus that save against the Cardinals.

Reliever Ryota Igarashi strained his left hamstring when he slipped trying to retrieve Koyie Hill's bunt in front of the mound leading off the eighth for an error. Igarashi left after getting two outs. Fernando Nieve relieved with a runner on second and struck out Jeff Baker.

Francisco Rodriguez finished the three-hitter by pitching the ninth.

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MLB

League drops 5-game suspension of Cliff Lee

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Major League Baseball has dropped its five-game suspension of Mariners pitcher Cliff Lee.

MLB vice president of administration John McHale made the decision after Lee's appeal hearing last week. Lee and the Mariners' head trainer said in a conference call with the league then that the pitcher's injuries caused an errant pitch in a spring-training game.

The Mariners said McHale wrote in a letter to Lee and the team that he determined "the difficulties in recovering from foot surgery during the off-season combined with the physical challenges created by your serious muscle strain" were sufficient evidence to rescind the suspension and fine.

The league often reduces suspensions but rarely drops them.

MLB disciplined the 2008 AL Cy Young Award winner after he was ejected from a March 15 spring training game in Tucson against the Diamondbacks for throwing over the head of batter Chris Snyder.

Lee had strained his

abdomen earlier in the game while colliding with Snyder, as the pitcher was backing up the plate on a scoring play.

Seattle placed its prized winter acquisition from Philadelphia on the 15-day disabled list April 4, retroactive to March 26. Lee is due to make a minor-league rehabilitation start on Sunday, and the Mariners had planned for him to make his Seattle debut on May 2 against Texas.

But that was before Tuesday's ruling.

"We are pleased that Major League Baseball has come to this determination," Mariners general manager Jack Zduriencik said. "We look forward to Cliff completing his injury rehabilitation and returning to the mound to compete."

Lee was scheduled to throw in a second simulated game Tuesday, hours before the Mariners host Baltimore. He said he feels no pain in the abdomen, which he has strained three times since 2003.

Mike Teevan, a spokesman for Major League Baseball, said there have been two recent suspensions rescinded by the league, in cases similar to Lee's. Yet Lee having all five games dropped is the longest suspension to be rescinded recently.

On Sept. 26, 2007, the league revoked a three-game suspension of Milwaukee pitcher Seth McClung for hitting St. Louis Cardinals slugger Albert Pujols with a pitch. McHale also heard that appeal, in which McClung produced a videotape of the pitch that showed a hitch in his delivery—indicating bad mechanics rather than intent to throw at Pujols.

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MLB

Volquez suspended 50 games

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Former All-Star pitcher Edinson Volquez was suspended 50 games Tuesday following a positive test for a banned fertility substance, a punishment that will cost him money but won't hurt the Cincinnati Reds' rotation.

The 26-year-old right-hander is recovering from reconstructive elbow surgery and isn't expected to rejoin the Reds until late July at the earliest. He can serve the suspension from Major League Baseball while continuing his rehabilitation at the team's spring training complex in Goodyear, Ariz.

"That's the only good thing," Reds pitcher Bronson Arroyo said. "I'm actually surprised they're letting him do that."

Volquez became the first player suspended under the major league drug program since Manny Ramirez of the Los Angeles Dodgers was penalized 50 games last May.

Volquez said in a statement he received a prescription in the Dominican Republic as part of his treatment to start a family with his wife. He said the drug was banned by MLB — four types of fertility substances are illegal under baseball rules.

"As a result, I tested positive when I reported to spring training," he said. "Although I understand that I must accept responsibility for this mistake and have chosen not to challenge my suspension, I want to assure everyone that this was an isolated incident involving my genuine effort to treat a common medical issue."

Volquez's suspension starts Wednesday. He could be eligible to play starting June 15. Volquez was to make \$445,000 this season, so barring rainouts the suspension will cost him \$133,743.

"When he's ready to pitch,



Cincinnati Reds pitcher Edinson Volquez has been suspended for 50 games after testing positive for performance-enhancing drugs.

he'll be able to pitch," general manager Walt Jocketty said.

An All-Star in 2008 when he went 17-6 with a 3.21 ERA for the Reds, Volquez was 4-2 with a 4.35 ERA last season before feeling pain in his arm in June. He twice went on the disabled list, the first time with back spasms and then with the elbow injury that finished his season.

"The Reds fully support Major League Baseball's drug policy and its penalties. The organization does not condone in any way the use of drugs not sanctioned by MLB's medical staff," the team said in a statement before Tuesday night's game against the Dodgers.

MLB's labor contract does not allow it to release which drug caused the positive test. A list of drugs that trigger positives is released after each season, without identifying which player used it.

MLB and the players' union

repeatedly warn players not to use any substance without guidance from doctors or trainers who are aware of the banned list. Players are shown an instructional video each spring training and given literature advising them about unauthorized medications and supplements.

"I was not trying in any way to gain an advantage in my baseball career," Volquez said in his statement. "I am embarrassed by this whole situation and apologize to my family, friends, fans, teammates, and the entire Reds organization for being a distraction and for causing them any difficulty."

"I simply want to accept the consequences, learn from the mistake, and continue to strive to be the best person and baseball player I can be," he said.

Ramirez was suspended after turning over to MLB a prescription for a banned female fertility drug.

NBA

Howard earns top defender award

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwight Howard turned to Orlando Magic general manager Otis Smith, somewhat unsure how to answer the question.

Already the youngest player ever with two NBA defensive player of the year awards, just how many could he eventually win?

Smith raised his hands, all 10 fingers dangling. Howard laughed, smiled and nodded his head.

"That's not enough?" Smith asked. "I don't have enough hands."

At this rate, it might not be so far fetched.

The Magic's All-Star center won the award for the second straight year Tuesday after becoming the only player to lead the league in blocks and rebounds in the same season twice — let alone two years in a row.

Now 24, perhaps the next step for Howard is improving his offensive game enough to sway voters that he should win the Most Valuable Player award. Cleveland's LeBron James seems certain to take that honor again,

and Howard said voters should factor in defense more.

"I think most people look at Most Valuable Player as somebody who scores a lot of points, which is great. I believe that defense wins championships, wins games," said Howard, who averaged 18.3 points per game. "I've always thought about it like that, and I'll continue to think about it like that."

That mentality helped him run-away with the defensive award again.

Howard received 576 total points, including 110 first-place votes from a panel of 122 writers and broadcasters. Atlanta's Josh Smith was second with 136 points, and Charlotte's Gerald Wallace finished third with 113 points.

Howard averaged 13.2 rebounds and 2.8 blocks per game this season, powering the Magic (59-23) to the league's second-best record behind Cleveland. Only Bill Walton, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Hakeem Olajuwon and Ben Wallace each led the NBA in those categories once in the same season.

"I think it speaks very highly of him, at 24, he's winning the

award twice," Van Gundy said.

Howard has long preached defense first.

He has studied Bill Russell for years, reading books and newspaper articles on the player many consider the greatest defensive center in history. Howard is also good friends with defensive stand-out Dikembe Mutombo and assistant coach Patrick Ewing.

The former centers challenged him from the beginning to be a great defender above all else.

"Not all good players in this league, and not all great players in this league accept challenges, and that's probably the biggest growth that you see in him is that he accepts the challenge that's put in front of him," Smith said. "The challenge that's put in front of him is being the best defensive player night in, and night out."

So far, so good. The man they call Superman swooped in to effect more shots than he blocked this season, changing games with his presence in the paint. Howard has been a matchup nightmare against almost every team, the main reason the Magic kept opposing shooters to an NBA-low 43.8 percent shooting.

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Belles

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and Lee.

At No. 4 singles, junior Franca Peluso brought home the third victory for the Belles. She defeated Kelsey VanDeWege 6-3, 6-2.

“We can take away from Kalamazoo’s match the fact that every point really matters in the overall outcome of the match,” Gebert said. “We know that doubles is going to be crucial, and if we can get at least one of the doubles points, we will have a better chance of outing Hope at the end.”

The Hope match begins a difficult stretch of three matches in three days for the Belles. Non-conference

opponent Bethel comes to town Thursday and conference opponent Adrian will travel to South Bend Friday in what will be the final home match of the season for the Belles and the last of Gebert’s impressive career.

“We are looking to keep on making improvements,” Gebert said. “We have put a lot of hard work into this season and now it is just a matter of waiting for it to pay off.”

Saint Mary’s will have one match next week before participating in the MIAA Championships next Friday and Saturday in Holland, Mich. The Belles face off against Hope Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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Hope

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doubleheader against conference opponent Olivet

College Saturday.

The doubleheader begins today at 3:30 p.m. at Hope College.

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NASCAR

Drivers pleased with tire tests at Indianapolis

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Stewart savored Tuesday’s homecoming.

His tires worked properly in testing. Indianapolis’ oval absorbed the rubber like it should have and the two-time Cup champ even worked in a few one-liners about Kyle Busch.

No complaints, here.

After spending the morning on the 2.5-mile oval, Stewart and Busch again gave Goodyear’s tires high marks—a sign that that the manufacturer has found a solution to the problems that plagued the Brickyard 400 two years ago.

“It’s been pretty uneventful this morning. We’re already putting rubber down on the track and in the past that’s been a problem,” Stewart said during a lunch break. “Right now, everything seems to be pretty normal. The tire they brought here last year was no drama, and I think it will be that way again.”

Fans, race organizers and drivers couldn’t have asked for a stronger endorsement.

Stewart grew up in Indiana and raced in IndyCars before jumping to NASCAR. He has always maintained a fondness for the century-old track and considers his two wins at the Brickyard among his most prestigious racing achievements.

But when excessive tear wear turned the 2008 Brickyard into a series of 10- to 12-lap sprints, angry drivers and fans complained about Goodyear’s inability to get it right.

The tire manufacturer responded by going into full redevelopment mode and returned last year with a softer compound that now appears to be catching on at other tracks, too.

“I think they’re finding something that’s working at a lot of places,” Stewart said.

Fourteen drivers were scheduled to test Tuesday in calm, sunny conditions. Temperatures were forecast to reach the mid-

60s, and drivers were expected to return for a second testing session Wednesday.

Stewart and Busch both gave the tires a thumbs up, and Busch alleviated any concern about the newest question: Will the new rear spoiler have any impact on the July 25 race?

If anything, the combination might make this year’s Brickyard more entertaining.

“It seems like the car is just a little more comfortable,” Busch said. “You can run up there, a little sideways, and drive right through it.”

Testing was only part of the reason Stewart and Busch hung out together in Indy.

The two also were promoting the annual Prelude to the Dream charity race on June 9 in Rossburg, Ohio. Clint Bowyer, Kasey Kahne, Denny Hamlin and Busch will serve as captains of four teams that will compete to benefit children’s hospitals in Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Charlotte, N.C., and Memphis, Tenn.

Forty-five percent of the proceeds will go to the winning team’s hospital, 25 percent will go to the runner-up, and the third- and fourth-place teams will each receive 15 percent.

The race will be held at Eldora Speedway, the dirt track that Stewart owns, and will be carried live on pay-per-view for \$24.95.

“We’re always looking for a reason to go racing somewhere anyway,” Stewart said, drawing laughter, before Busch punched back, “Stewart is.”

“And this coming from a guy who races three days a week as it is now,” Stewart joked.

In fact, the two were already working overtime this week because of the two rain-delayed races in Texas.

Busch finished third in Monday’s Cup race, then won the Nationwide Series race—completing 800 miles on the day before he tested at Indy. Busch will test again Wednesday, then head to Talladega on Thursday.

LPGA

Ochoa retires as Tour’s No. 1

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Lorena Ochoa is retiring, just as Annika Sorenstam did two years ago, leaving the struggling LPGA Tour without its No. 1 player again and depriving the sport of one of its great ambassadors.

Ochoa, probably the best-known athlete in Mexico who is not a soccer player, announced her surprise decision Tuesday and will discuss her plans Friday.

The 28-year-old Mexican got married last year, setting off speculation she might be putting golf aside to raise a family. She has been No. 1 in the world the last three years and won 27 times over the last six.

“Lorena Ochoa confirms her retirement from the LPGA, as news reports in some media have said today,” her statement said. “The reasons and more details on the matter will be given by Lorena personally in a press conference on Friday in Mexico City. Lorena will share this news of a new stage in her life with her sponsors, family members and friends.”

The LPGA told The Associated Press it would not comment until Friday’s news conference.

The LPGA said late Tuesday that Ochoa had not withdrawn from next week’s Tres Marias event in Morelia, west of Mexico City, and indicated she was expected to play. She finished fourth earlier this month in the Kraft Nabisco Championship in Calif., the first major of the year.

“I’m just crushed,” Judy Rankin, a Hall of Famer and television analyst, said upon hearing the news. “We won’t get to see her play golf. Mostly, we won’t get to see her.”

Sorenstam was 37 when she retired in May 2008, saying she wanted to pursue other interests and start a family. She now has a daughter.

The newspaper Reforma first reported Ochoa’s retirement and said she wanted to concentrate on her family and charities. In December, she wed Andres Conesa, the chief executive of Aeromexico airline. He has three children from a previous marriage.

“I must admit that I was surprised, but not shocked, when I heard the news yesterday that Lorena is going to retire,” Sorenstam said on her blog. “She has always said she would play for maybe 10 years and then leave the game to start a family. She just got married and obviously feels that she is ready for that next chapter in her life.”

Ochoa has also talked openly about wanting children of her own. Last year, she began traveling more, playing less and taking on more obligations, which include her charity foundation.

“Personally, it’s more important the things that I do outside the golf course,” Ochoa said last year before a tournament she hosts in her hometown of Guadalajara. “And that’s been my main focus right now.”

“I will think about a family, but later on,” added Ochoa, often described as an “awesome person” by other players.

Her retirement is a blow to an LPGA Tour buffeted by the rough economy. It has only 25 tournaments on its schedule this year, 14 of them in the United States.

Sorenstam became the face of the tour by winning the career Grand Slam, becoming the only woman to shoot 59 and playing

in the Colonial, the first woman in 58 years to compete on the PGA Tour.

Ochoa never quite assumed that star power, playing before moderate crowds even as she was going for a record-tying fifth straight victory in Tulsa, Okla., two years ago.

Ochoa was defined as much by her dominance as her graciousness. Mindful of her roots, she often would go to the maintenance barn during LPGA Tour events and speak with the workers, many of them from Mexico.

She won six times in 2006, rose to No. 1 in 2007 and captured her first major at St. Andrews the same year by winning the Women’s British Open. Ochoa’s other major was the 2008 Kraft Nabisco Championship, where she took the traditional jump into the pond with her family as a mariachi band serenaded her.

She won her fourth consecutive LPGA Tour player of the year award in 2009, narrowly holding off Jiyai Shin. Ochoa played four times this year, with her best finish at the Kraft Nabisco Championship when she finished fourth.

Shin of South Korea is No. 2 in the rankings and Yani Tseng of Taiwan, this year’s Kraft Nabisco winner, is No. 3. Both are in position to fill the void left by Ochoa.

There is also Michelle Wie, who won her first tournament last season and may have the star wattage the LPGA is looking for. Wie is ranked No. 9.

Sorenstam said she is happy for Ochoa, although acknowledging the LPGA will “certainly miss her great play, warm demeanor and smile.”

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really been counting on them; they have been at most meetings and gave input on how to reach out to the student body.”

She also said the football players’ involvement could increase overall turnout.

“I think that in good ways this really draws attention to this event,” Pankiw said. “I think a lot of people look up to them at this University.”

Pankiw said Crist and other members of the committee who plan to shave their heads or donate their hair visited St. Joseph’s Memorial Hospital Tuesday morning to meet some of the children currently undergoing treatment for cancer.

“You go over there and you meet some unbelievable kids and some unbelievable families,” Crist said. “It really does put everything in perspective and makes you feel very fortunate for what you have, and as an athlete you feel very blessed to play at Notre Dame and do the things you do and go to school here.”

While the event will take place in LaFortune Student Center Wednesday through Friday, Pankiw said, it will also be a part of the University-sponsored FanFest at the Irish Green. Fans who come for the Blue-Gold Game will be able to shave their heads, buy a hair extension or donate to the cause.

“[The football players] participated in the event last year and they were so excited about it,” Pankiw said. “This year they reached out to [student body president] Catherine Soler, who was a big planner for this, and said they really wanted to be involved. That’s why we coordinated the whole week around the Blue-Gold Game activities.”

Crist said senior offensive lineman Taylor Dever, who has long hair, was a hard sell but is “on board.”

While Crist has been working hard to get the football players to donate, there was one person he did not approach: Irish coach Brian Kelly.

“I wasn’t courageous enough to do that,” Crist said.

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Valdivia

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squad in her focus.

“It has been the greatest, experiencing receiving four Pitcher of the Week honors,” Valdivia said. “On top of that, it has been wonderful how well the entire team has been doing with weekly honors as well.”

Even with her accomplishments, Valdivia said she still sees room for improvement as she continues the hard work she has put in to this point. She said she also uses the awards as greater motivation to succeed.

“This year my approach has really been one game at a time and one inning at a time, and it has helped me through some tough games,” Valdivia said. “I am always working on improving my pitching throughout the entire season, and being a recipient of the weekly awards is a great incentive.”

The Irish have certainly faced challenging opponents this season, and Valdivia’s contributions from the circle have certainly aided in putting the Irish in their positions in the conference and the national spotlight. Notre Dame continues to hold the top record in the Big East heading into Wednesday’s match against the Crusaders (27-12, 7-3 Horizon).

“Our defense and offense have been excellent this season,” Valdivia said. “We are always working on improving both, of course, but they have been doing a really good job

of keeping us in games and controlling other teams.”

The Irish may have suffered their first loss in nine games over the weekend, but with Sunday’s win and their success this spring, they are not letting anything hold them back as they enter the final stretch of the season. With Valdivia on the mound, don’t expect Notre Dame to hit the breaks anytime soon.

“I feel this team is the strongest it has ever been, and we are only gaining more momentum as we approach the Big East tournament and postseason,” Valdivia said. Facing the Crusaders only gives the Irish another chance to keep their energy up and work toward their next Big East opponent, DePaul, who they will face Saturday.

“We have played Valpo for a couple of years now,” Valdivia said. “While we look at these midweek games as preparation for our Big East games, we know we have a job at hand of picking up a win.”

Looking for another win at home, Valdivia and the rest of the team are keeping their sights set on the Crusaders, and them only.

“We are excited to get at bats from their pitchers and to face hitters to work out some stuff, but as always when we hit the field Wednesday, Valpo is our number one opponent,” Valdivia said.

The Irish take on Valparaiso today at 4 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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1 U.S. political scandal involving a fictional sheik

7 Sport whose name has two accents

11 Some tablets

14 Puget Sound city

15 Classic theater name

16 Alley ____

17 Twine cutter?

19 Time for the history books

20 Words after cross, down or over

21 Setting of an April marathon

23 Thurman of "Pulp Fiction"

24 OPEC production cutback?

27 Reservoir producers
- 29 Louvre Pyramid architect

30 Suffix with myth involving monarchs

34 Legal precedent setter

37 March figure ... or, when split into three parts, a title for this puzzle

39 Buzzer in the kitchen, maybe

42 Onetime South African P.M. Jan

45 Years in old Rome

46 Reuters competitor

48 Strait-laced

50 Pen for a pet pig?

55 Suffix with project

56 Imam, e.g.

57 Be postponed

59 Folded-over skirt part
- 60 Ice hockey in prison?

63 "The Raven" writer's inits.

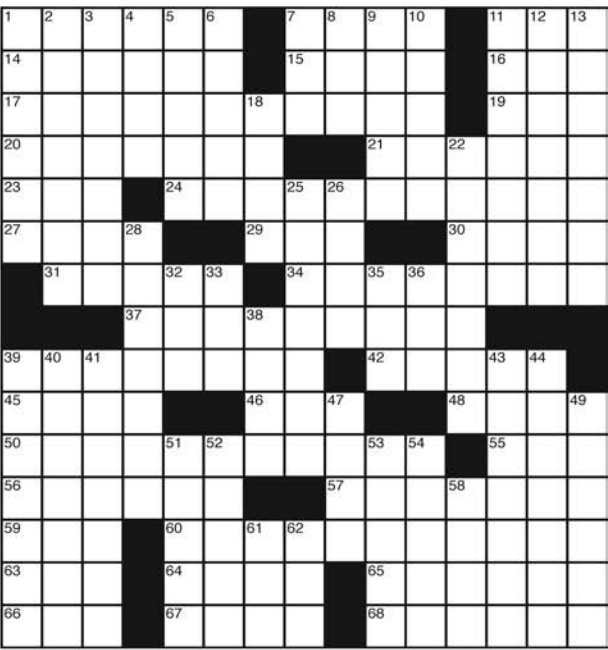
64 Rental for an outdoor reception

65 Will's focus

66 Banned bug spray

67 Some valuable 1920s-'40s baseball cards

68 Fur wraps



Puzzle by Patrick Merrell

- 33 Hawaiian Tropic no.

35 What your mom might call your aunt

36 RKO film airer, maybe

38 Grad

39 Came out of one's shell
- 40 Being walked, as Fido

41 Disheveled

43 Of no matter

44 End of life as we know it?

47 Archipelago's makeup: Abbr.

49 Becomes one

51 Tissue: Prefix
- 52 Quarterfinals qualifiers, e.g.

53 Little ones: Var.

54 Brewing need

58 One of four Holy Roman emperors

61 Bankbook fig.

62 Football linemen: Abbr.

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Happy Birthday: This is a year of promise and opportunities that is based on what you do and how much you offer. Explore new avenues and travel. A change of heart regarding your work, future and the people in your life can be expected. It's time to pursue your own personal and professional dreams. Your numbers are 4, 11, 15, 24, 29, 35, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Refrain from spreading yourself too thin. You may think you can conquer the world but you need more time in order to do a good job. Focus on what's important and keep a level head. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Home, family and friends should be your focus but, be aware that someone you live with may not be happy sharing your time with others. Plan a vacation or trip that allows you to nurture important relationships. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't take chances. Be specific and ask the right questions if you don't want to be left out or misguided. Stick close to home and take care of personal business. Expect a change and be prepared to reconstruct your plans. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Lend a helping hand. The people you encounter while offering your services will enhance your life in many ways. You can make a professional change that will give you greater responsibility and more perks. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Clear up any matters you have with institutions or government agencies. The less you leave dangling, the easier it will be to move forward and get a foothold on your future. You can make an offer or negotiate a contract. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let everyone know what you are up to and you will get all the help you need to not only reach your goals but surpass them. Doors are opening, partnerships are brewing and opportunities to make some major changes to your life are apparent. Love and romance are in a high cycle. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoid emotional encounters. Focus on money, financing and making your space at home comfortable and affordable. Make whatever transitions necessary to lighten your responsibilities and ease your stress. ★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't waste time on people or projects that don't count. Don't be afraid to change your plans midstream if it works for you. A positive experience will brighten your attitude and change your world. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Forge ahead with plans to alter your surroundings or make them more conducive to reaching your goals. A little tender, loving care put into your home, family and future will be needed if you don't want to face changes brought on by someone else. Procrastination will be what gets you into trouble. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Concentrate on financial and family matters putting time, energy and thought into your domestic scene. Talks will lead to great ideas. Love will be enhanced as you work collectively toward a better future. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may not want to listen to advice being offered but you should. Acting professionally or financially without a plan will increase the chances of someone outmaneuvering you. Sign up for anything that can help you better your skills and your chance to get ahead. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may feel like bringing about change but incorporating the old with the new will make more sense and bring a better return. Pull out your old ideas and plans and give them a new angle. An old relationship may be a key factor. ★★★★★

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FOOTBALL

Strength in numbers

Crist, teammates to shave heads for cancer research

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Junior quarterback Dayne Crist is putting his new leadership position to good use — by convincing his teammates to shave their heads to raise money for pediatric cancer research.

Crist will be one of many Irish football players to go bald today for The Bald and the Beautiful, an event sponsored by the Sophomore Class Council. Crist said he has convinced 20 to 30 players to attend the event, though not all are sure about shaving their heads.

“We’re still working on more guys but realistically even if they’re not cutting their hair, it’s a huge way to raise money and really help out some kids that are obviously going through a very tough time,” Crist said. “We’re just trying to get as many people there as possible.”

“I feel like once we get some people there that said initially they weren’t going to cut their hair and they see everyone else doing it, hopefully that gets them inspired.”

Crist, junior center Mike Golic and former Irish defen-



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Quarterbacks Dayne Crist, left, and Brian Castello walk from the Guglielmino Complex on April 12. Crist and several teammates will shave their heads Wednesday to support cancer research.

sive back Mike Anello served as part of a 30-member planning committee for this year’s event.

Sophomore class service committee member Erin Pankiw said the players contributed a lot to the planning

and publicity of the four-day event, during which students can shave their heads to benefit the St. Baldrick’s Foundation, donate eight inches of hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths or purchase hair extensions with pro-

ceeds going to local hospitals.

“They really have been instrumental in our planning process,” Pankiw said. “We’ve had meetings once a week since October. We have

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SMC SOFTBALL

Team ready for 2 with rival Hope

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will play a pivotal doubleheader today, facing off against conference opponent Hope College.

Hope (15-13, 5-1 MIAA) currently tops the conference standings, three spots ahead of the Belles (18-14, 7-3 MIAA) who are tied for fourth.

The Belles will look to assert themselves as a force in the MIAA in these two games against the top team in the conference. The games provide a critical opportunity for the Belles to make up distance in the conference standings as well position themselves for tournament play.

Belles coach Erin Sullivan pinpointed the upcoming games as some of the most important of the year.

“Hope and Calvin are especially important games. If we win those, we have a shot at the regular season title,” Sullivan said.

Saint Mary’s hopes to continue the momentum gained after sweeping a

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish play host to Valparaiso

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Propelled by junior pitcher Jody Valdivia’s fourth Big East Pitcher of the Week honor, the No. 24 Irish will face Valparaiso this afternoon in a non-conference home game.

Notre Dame (34-7, 12-1 Big East) is coming off a tight 3-1 win over No. 25 Louisville Sunday.

Valdivia’s award was well-deserved this past week, as she won five games without allowing a single earned run over 27.1 innings. Although it is her fourth honor this season, Valdivia has not let it get to her head. Instead, she keeps the entire Notre Dame

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Junior pitcher Jody Valdivia throws a pitch during Notre Dame’s 2-0 victory over South Florida on April 11.

SMC TENNIS

Belles hope to right the ship against Hope

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

The Belles will take on Hope College today at home looking to snap a four-match losing streak.

“I think that the key to defeating Hope is patience,” senior captain Camille Gebert said. “We need to have the patience to stay in those long points and to keep fighting in every match. It is going to be a matter of one or two matches tomorrow, and if we can stay relaxed and confident, our chances of winning will be higher.”

The Belles lost to rival Kalamazoo College 6-3

Saturday to drop to 8-7 (2-3 MIAA) on the season.

Despite the setback, the match featured several bright points for the Belles.

The doubles team of juniors Jillian Hurley and Mary Therese Lee once again pulled out a victory for Saint Mary’s, as they defeated Kelsey Hassevoort and Paula Silverman 8-6.

Gebert also won her match, winning a 6-2, 6-2 decision over Hassevoort.

Saturday’s success marked the third victory in four matches for both Gebert and the No. 2 doubles combination of Hurley

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