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Obama decision draws continued response

Student coalition plans to engage in dialogue

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

On Tuesday, March 24, Notre Dame Right to Life held their weekly officers meeting. Normally, about ten people show up. That week, 50 to 60 turned up.

Club president Mary Daly, a Notre Dame junior, was expecting a big turnout. Right to Life had invited leaders from a number of campus groups, and officers were expecting that a number of concerned students would join in.

The topic of that week's meeting? Deciding on a student response to the University's March 20 announcement that President Barack Obama would deliver the Commencement address this spring, and receive an honorary degree.

The University's decision to invite

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DAN JACOBS/The Observer

President Barack Obama spoke at a political rally in South Bend last April. The University's decision to invite Obama to speak at graduation continues to create controversy.

Leaders, organizations continue to speak out

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Nationwide, Catholic leaders — including various organizations, bishops and the superior general of the Congregation of the Holy Cross — continue to speak out about the University's decision to host President Barack Obama as the 2009 Commencement speaker.

Cardinal Francis George, archbishop of Chicago and president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), said the University's decision is an "extreme embarrassment" to Catholics, according to a LifeSiteNews.com report.

Many opponents of the decision to

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CCAC: Community, University relations have improved

Leaders discuss off-campus housing, taxi cab reform, alcohol awareness at first meeting held on campus

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Student leaders, University officials and community members discussed issues regarding off-campus housing at the Community Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) meeting, which took place on campus for the first time Thursday afternoon.

Several group members said the relationship between off-campus students and their neighbors has improved overall.

"It's been the best year in a long, long time. I'm very pleased," Matt Costello, a South Bend resident, said. "There were a couple of big parties on St. Patrick's Day, but they were shut down right after dinner. By the time the little kids were ready for bed, there wasn't a peep out of anybody in the neighborhood."

Mark Kramer, owner of Kramer Properties, a housing company in the South Bend area, said he has been taking a more proactive approach to parties.

"What we do before the major events [is] we send a mass e-mail out to all of the students reminding them of their neighbors," Kramer said.

Kramer said he has also hired three off-duty police officers who have gone around to talk to students prior to major events, and the students "knowing that the presence is there" has made a difference.

Council chairman Al "Buddy" Kirsits said that for

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Community and University leaders discuss community relations at the CCAC meeting Thursday in the Main Building.

Dance Marathon kicks off

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Dance Marathon — an event in which participants are encouraged to stay on their feet for 12 hours — kicks off tonight in the Anepla Athletic Facility at the College.

Dance Marathon is an organization that fundraises for Riley Hospital for the duration of the school year. Each spring, the club presents its largest event, the Dance Marathon.

During this event students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to dance for 12 hours in honor of the kids at Riley Hospital.

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KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Students participate in the 2007 Dance Marathon. This year's Marathon begins tonight at 8 p.m.

ND to hold first annual CommUniversity Day

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

In an effort to "build relationships, partnerships and fellowship" with the South Bend community, Notre Dame students will collaborate with community members through Notre Dame's first annual CommUniversity Day, which will offer more than 20 service projects on and off campus throughout the day.

"The idea for the day is one body, many gifts," Michelle Byrne, outgoing

chair for the Social Concerns Committee, said. "No matter what your talent, there is definitely a way you can serve your community."

The inspiration for CommUniversity Day came from student body President Emeritus Bob Reish's research of other universities' service programs.

Student government concluded that while a large majority of Notre Dame students participate in some form of service, our campus and community lacked "one

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INSIDE COLUMN

Tree Sitting

Good morning. I hope things are well. Allow me to begin by saying that I'm not quite sure how I arrived here. Although I've been an employee (photography) of The Observer for the last year, and a casual consumer of it for the last four, I've hardly ever read an inside column. As a photographer I haven't been doing much writing period.

I'm not complaining though, because I volunteered for this. Writing, after all, is romantic and cool; and if there's one regret I have about my college experience — actually there are many, this is purely hypothetical — it's not working harder to score chicks.

Anyway here's a story. Last Friday night was unquestionably the craziest night of my life. While other people were off getting drunk, hooking up and doing typical bourgeois activities, I summoned my latent courage and newfound faith in ropes and carabiners to participate in a tree-sit. For those who are unaware, tree-sitting, as defined by Wikipedia, is a form of civil disobedience in which a protester sits in a tree to prevent it from being cut down. My partner and I are making a documentary about tree-sitting and it was imperative that we capture the reality of the situation, to examine the lived experience. Thus we climbed up the tree and spent the night 90 feet above the ground, suspended on large branches and webs of rope. It was quite an experience. Did I mention I'm afraid of heights? I am. Did I also mention that my rope lost tension and got stuck on the way down? It did.

Again, it was quite an experience. Although some of my interactions with the real tree-sitters were awkward, it was extremely refreshing to be around and engage people whose lives seem completely different and alien to your own. Because once you talk to them and get to know them, you realize that on a fundamental level, we're all the same.

In the subsequent days I've reflected on my tree-sitting experience, particularly whether it will have a lasting impact on me or simply devolve into a fleeting memory, a singular isolated adventure.

On some level, my tree-sitting experience is similar to my time at Notre Dame. Like many seniors, I've thought about my college experience and what it all ultimately adds up to. I've had a good time in college. For the most part, it's been fun and rewarding. But right now I am not sure what it all adds up to, if anything.

Maybe nothing. Maybe it's too soon. One thing I do know, it's weird and depressing to think about. Writing about it isn't much fun either. So I'm going to stop doing both.

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

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Photographer

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT PART OF SUMMER ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST?



James Denué
freshman
O'Neill

"Showing off
my new bikini
lines."



Kristy Cloetingh
freshman
McGlinn

"Going to
Tanzania."



Maggie Wydysh
freshman
McGlinn

"Hablando
español en
México y
Guatemala con
la orquesta."



Matt Kent
freshman
Keough

"Tending to my
beet farm."



Richard Skelton
freshman
Keough

"Hitting yellow
balls with a
modified
snowshoe."

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



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Indian musicians Slenil Avachat, left, Milind Tulankar, center, and Ramdas Palsule, right present classical Indian music in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

OFFBEAT

Animal-rights activist buys cow headed for slaughter

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — A dairy cow was headed for the slaughterhouse until an animal-rights activist bought her after the Brown Jersey made a run for it. Farmer Calvin Nisly was taking the 5-year-old cow named Linda to a sale barn Tuesday and had stopped at a veterinarian's office to be sure she wasn't pregnant. On the way back to the trailer, an annoyed Linda escaped through a fence and led Nisly and several law enforcement vehicles on a chase.

Methamphetamine recipe found in Ind. resident's Bible

ELKHART, Ind. — Police investigators say they found the recipe for making methamphetamine in an odd place: in a Bible on the last page of the Book of Revelation. Officers made discovery as they searched an apartment after arresting two people on methamphetamine possession and manufacturing charges Tuesday night. Police Lt. Ed Windbigler said the recipe was handwritten on the bottom of the page.

Animal-rights activist buys cow headed for slaughter

SALEM, Ore. — A woman accused of driving 103 mph with her 10-year-old grandson was on leave from a job at the state Driver and Motor Vehicle Services. The 53-year-old driver was arrested Sunday on charges of reckless driving and reckless endangering. Investigators said she told them she was teaching her grandson about the dangers of speeding, telling him not to drive as she was about to.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

An exhibit entitled "Great Thinkers (Who Have Changed Modern Thought for the Better)" with portrait prints of 11 historical figures will be hosted at 10:00 a.m. in the Snite Museum of Art on Friday.

Mass will be held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. on Friday.

The Finance Seminar Series will host the lecture, "Economics, Accounting Practices, and Earnings Volatility in Mortgage," on Friday at 11:30 a.m. in 339 Mendoza College of Business.

The "Human Being after Genocide" lecture series will hold a lecture entitled "Clones, Chimeras, and other Creatures of the Biotechnological Revolution: Toward a Genomic Mythology." The lecture will be held in rooms 100-104 in McKenna Hall on Friday at 3:00 p.m.

A lecture entitled "Oral and Literary: Some Texts in Context" will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday in 424 Flanner Hall.

A conference called "Perspectives on Peace" will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday in the Hesburgh Center.

"The Garden" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. in Browning Cinema in DeBartlo Performing Arts Center on Friday. To purchase tickets, call the Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

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

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Evolutionists speak about religion, faith

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

Panelists said human beings ask questions regarding evolution that science cannot answer at the opening of Quest Project in the Little Theater Thursday.

"Well it's not necessary within science, but scientists are not just scientists, they are human beings and they ask questions that go beyond what their science can answer," Joseph Bracken, a retired professor of Theology, said.

Four evolutionists discussed religion and faith during a panel, opening this year's Quest Project, exploring the science and religion interface.

The panel included the perspective of speakers from several colleges and universities and a variety of academic disciplines on the relationship between evolution and religion.

Bracken said Charles Darwin, author of the "Origin of Species," was originally a divinity student, and he became a reluctant agnostic because he didn't want to attribute the cruelty of natural selection to God.

"Natural selection is cruel. There are at least as many dead ends as successes," Bracken said.

Saint Mary's Psychology professor Thomas Parisi also addressed this question by saying human beings need organization in their faith, and that is the need of religion.

"People who are doing rich anthropological exploration, there is a rigid persistent gravitation toward the need to structure with which to express reverence and structure, so it's not just neediness," Parisi said.

Molly Duman Scheel, evolutionary development biologist at Notre Dame, added that she believes God was the creator of evolution.

"If you look at a need to put anything in motion, I would put him there," Scheel said.

Scheel addressed the common issue with evolutionists of

the randomness of natural selection and the existence of mutations that often cause dispute between the religious and the evolutionists. She said mutation is the reason there is a diversity of organisms on the earth.

"Yes, sometimes things go wrong, but if you view mutations as something that after selection, that something is going to continue after that process, then what you end up with is that life has existed," Scheel said. "What more beautiful thing for a creator to put into his creation than the insurance that life will go on?"

Hagerty presented the story of Genesis and asked if evolution theory is fact, how can religious philosophers believe in both that story of creation and the notion of natural selection?

Bracken pointed out that the "only strictly empirical thing about Christianity that is beyond question of any doubt is original sin."

However, he said he believes the story of creation is not as strict a belief.

"Now the story accounting for original sin is another matter. There is no reason why you need to take it as historical truth," Bracken said. "It could be a religious myth, a symbolic story that has a theological point not a historical point."

Hagerty also asked if the panelists saw the universal creator as having a purpose, for example, human life.

Mary Gerhart, professor in the areas of interpretation theory, theology and gender studies at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, made the point that to call God an intelligent designer would leave God in "a position of great boredom."

"Surprises have to happen along the way, or else you get bored," Gerhart said.

The Quest Project will continue with various lectures that further explore the relationship between religion and science.

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University to host peace conference

Event to discuss personal experiences about conflict and violence

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

More than 100 students from universities around the country will be at Notre Dame this weekend for the University's annual Student Peace Conference.

"It is a way to bring students together," said Erin Richardson, conference co-chair. "They can share their research about peace-related issues."

Along with these students from other universities, Notre Dame faculty members and students are also expected to attend.

"There will be people from all over the world at the conference," Richardson said.

The theme of this year's Peace Conference, as selected by the students who planned it, will be "Perspectives on Peace."

Richardson said they chose this theme because it encompasses a wide variety of topics.

"This broad of a theme allows for several different issues to be discussed," Richardson said. "Some of these will be institutional views and others will be personal experiences."

The conference will begin on Friday evening with a dinner followed by a keynote address from Lisa Schirch, a professor at Eastern Mennonite University.

Saturday, the conference will switch gears and include a variety of panel discussions on peace-related topics.

"We chose broad topics for this year's event," said Andrew Masak, who is co-chair along with Richardson. "Much of what will be dis-

cussed focuses on peoples' personal experiences with conflict and violence."

Masak said the conference has been entirely planned by Notre Dame undergrads majoring in Peace Studies.

"There were 10 students who helped put the conference together," Masak said. "We were advised by one graduate student and had a little administrative help from members of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies."

The students began planning the conference in the fall, but the majority of their work was during this semester.

"The Kroc Institute emailed other universities to invite students to submit their proposals on peace-related topics," Richardson said. "We spent a day going through them, then selected the ones we wanted to appear at the conference."

The students whose proposals have been selected will be panelists in the discussions, which will take place throughout the day Saturday.

Among the topics chosen for conversation include education and media, culture, memory and religion and global systems.

"It will be sort of like an interactive workshop," Masak said. "The panelists will talk about their research, then have a question and answer session."

Masak said he hopes for a wide variety of conversation in relation to the chosen topics.

"We have students speaking who have gone to other countries where peace-related issues are important, as well as students who have done research only at the library," Masak said. "We want to embrace all different aspects."

The moderators for these panels are graduate students at Notre Dame in the process of earning a degree in Peace Studies.

The Student Peace Conference is an annual conference that has been taking place for more than 20 years. It has always been completely student-run, with organizers undertaking tasks that run the gamut.

"We had to do everything from choosing other undergrads to appear as panelists, to budgeting the event, to choosing the keynote speaker," Richardson said.

Richardson and Masak both said they are hoping this event will bring awareness and discussion related to peace.

"This is a great chance for dialogue," Masak said.

"It's a great chance to see what other students are doing."

The conference will wrap up at 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon after a final speaker addresses the group.

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Andrew Masak
Conference co-chair

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Dance

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"To me, Dance Marathon means just giving up one night of your time to help a little kid who would give anything to be out of a hospital bed and dancing all night long," Dance Marathon president Sarah Voss said.

But the marathon isn't just about dancing. Participants will have the opportunity to play games, or even just watch.

"The event isn't primarily focused on dancing. The idea of the night is to stay on your feet for 12 hours," Voss said. "It doesn't matter if you dance or if you just want to watch or if you just want to participate in the board games, or jumping in the bounce house. There's plenty of things to do besides dance. But the main idea is that you just keep moving for the kids at Riley."

Dance Marathon will host families who were impacted from Riley Hospital to speak to the crowd, and there will be a multitude of activities for the kids and dancers to do.

"We'll have rock climbing, a bounce house. We will have 'learning the morale' line dance. We will have stories from Riley families; hopefully a few Riley doctors will be there. We will have crafts, and games," Voss said. "We have a ton of different games. I heard there's going to be a Fear Factor challenge, and so we have a lot going on. You'll have to come and find out all there's going to be."

Although the event already has about 280 registered participants, everyone is invited to attend.

"Students can register starting at 7:15 in the Saint Mary's Dining Hall in the Student Center on Friday," Voss said. "We'll have registration starting in the west wing, and they can still come and participate."

Voss said dancing at the marathon is not the only way to help. Donations are always accepted at the Dance Marathon Web site, www.smcdm.org.

"Anyone can donate there," she said. "If you want to donate to commemorate a certain dancer, you can put their name in the comment section so they know you donated in their name."

This is the fourth year Saint Mary's has offered Dance Marathon. The event is recognized across the United States.

"This year Dance Marathon won the Incentive Award, which is the award that designated Saint Mary's as the model Dance Marathon for the entire United States. Which is a huge honor because there are over 100 dance marathons in the country," Voss said. "Just a week or so ago, some of our girls traveled to Orlando, Fla. and went to Disney World and met 50 Riley champions, from each of the 50 states that represent their hospitals. So that was a big honor."

"Our motto is: 'we dance because we can, we dance for those who can't,'" Voss said.

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SMC, IUSB present Monologues

Community members perform tales similar to Ensler's *Vagina Monologues*

By SARAH GUNN
News Writer

A cast of 14 women from the South Bend community performed Thursday in the Bendix Theatre at the Century Center in downtown South Bend. The cast of women included Saint Mary's students, Indiana University-South Bend (IUSB) students and alumnae and women in from the South Bend area.

The show opened to the cast dancing down the aisles of the theatre to song lyrics "women united will never be divided." The cast, dressed in unique red and black outfits, converged on the stage to begin a series of solo, and sometimes two-person, performed monologues.

The Monologues were not written by the actresses themselves, but from anonymous female contributors from the South Bend community.

They featured stories about women's lives and the experiences that have shaped them. The Monologues voiced women's thoughts, feelings, opinions and reactions regarding a variety of issues.

Some of the performances were humorous, like "Feminine

Hijinx" which was about feminine hygiene products performed by Aleta Maria Barajas from IUSB.

Another performance was delivered by Saint Mary's student Brittany Hall. In, "The Rope," her character divulged her experiences involving intimate pleasures.

Other performances were more sobering and sad, like "I Was So Lucky" performed by K a t h e Brunton. In the performance, a woman tells the story of her 1963 illegal abortion that left her with a "c r e e p y, uneasy feeling of criminality."

"The Saint Mary's and South Bend Monologues were very different experiences. College women have a limited view of the world compared to women who are older than us."

Annie Malloy
sophomore

Several monologues about rape were performed, one in which the character says to her rapist, "[you] shattered the notion that the world is a safe place."

There were other pieces about gynecological appointments and vasectomies, as well as middle school sex education and "coming out."

Megan Smith said that she became involved with the monologues after her Gender 100 class at IUSB. Her professor was involved in the Michiana Monologues and persuaded stu-

dents to partake.

At one point while reading the "Vagina Monologues," Megan said, "it clicked with me, this is why women are angry and why their voices need to be heard."

She said she enjoyed being a part of the Monologues because "it is an area where women support each other."

"[We] are too often pitted against one another," she said.

Saint Mary's students that were in the audience appreciated the opportunity to "break out of our bubble" of the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame campuses, sophomore Annie Malloy said.

"The Saint Mary's and South Bend Monologues were very different experiences. College women have a limited view of the world compared to women who are older than us. We don't have the same experiences so it's interesting to have that balance and have the stories of women of different generations," Malloy said.

The closing number for the Monologues was performed by Saint Mary's sophomore Hannahbeth Fischer. She delivered the piece "I'm the Girl," about the struggles and triumphs of having a significant other in the military. During her closing lines, the cast systematically rose from their chairs and formed a line at the front of the stage.

"I liked the way they all joined me like we were all united. It was a powerful feeling to feel them stand behind me as support," Fisher said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Afghan law legalizes rape

KABUL — A new Afghan law makes it legal for men to rape their wives, human rights groups and some Afghan lawmakers said Thursday, accusing President Hamid Karzai of signing the legislation to bolster his re-election prospects.

Critics worry the legislation undermines hard-won rights for women enacted after the fall of the Taliban's strict Islamist regime.

The law — which some lawmakers say was never debated in parliament — is intended to regulate family life inside Afghanistan's Shiite community, which makes up about 20 percent of this country of 30 million people. The law does not affect Afghan Sunnis.

Israeli teenager killed with pickax

JBAT AYIN, West Bank — A Palestinian killed an Israeli teenager with a pickax and seriously injured a 7-year-old boy in a rampage through this West Bank Jewish settlement Thursday, posing an early test for the country's new hard-line government.

Israeli media broadcast pictures of the body of 13-year-old Shlomo Nativ, bespectacled with long sidecurls and a large skullcap worn by observant Jews. The images also showed the red pickax on the ground with drops of blood splattered on a road.

The attacker escaped the scene and Israeli troops, joined by bearded settlers armed with automatic rifles, were conducting a manhunt in the area. In the nearby Palestinian village of Safa, troops searched houses and rounded up residents in a schoolyard. The military said all roads around the settlement of Bat Ayin were closed.

NATIONAL NEWS

Blagojevich indicted for corruption

CHICAGO — Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich has been indicted on charges he engaged in a "wide-ranging scheme to deprive the people of Illinois of honest government."

A federal grand jury handed down the 19-count indictment against Blagojevich, his brother, two former aides and two businessmen on Thursday. It accuses Blagojevich of corruption involving billions of dollars in state pension bonds.

FBI agents arrested the Chicago Democrat in December on allegations that also include trying to auction off President Barack Obama's vacant U.S. Senate seat.

Illinois lawmakers impeached him and threw him out of office in January.

Mass. man charged with library rape

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — A man who raped a 6-year-old boy in a public library, while on probation for an attempted rape, was sentenced Thursday to life in prison.

Corey Deen Saunders pleaded guilty in February to the January 2008 rape of the boy at the New Bedford Public Library.

Prosecutors said Saunders lured the boy into a reading room at the library while the victim's mother worked on a computer only a few feet away. At the time of the attack, Saunders was a convicted sex offender who was on probation after serving four years in prison for the attempted rape of a 7-year-old boy.

LOCAL NEWS

Alcohol tax to be used for development

INDIANAPOLIS — A proposal to double Indiana's alcohol taxes to bail out a struggling Indianapolis sports board would funnel money to cities and towns across the state, cash the plan's architect hoped would be used for economic development.

But mayors say their cash-strapped cities need the money to plug holes in their budgets, and they plan to use the money to cover the basics like police and fire protection.

"We're looking for any kind of revenue we can find," said Marion Mayor Wayne Seybold. "Our backs are against the wall."

New storms terrorize the Southeast

Another onslaught creates additional problems, causes train collision

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — Another barrage of storms hit the southeast Thursday, causing a collision between a passenger train and a tree and sending at least one person to the hospital after lightning struck a home.

Flood warnings as well as tornado watches and warnings were in effect around the region.

In south Mississippi, an Amtrak train hit a tree the storm knocked onto the tracks south of McComb in Pike County, injuring the conductor, said Carlene Statham, assistant director of Pike County Civil Defense.

The train was headed from Chicago to New Orleans with 71 passengers aboard when it hit the tree, Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said. The only report of an injury was the conductor, who complained of back pain.

Only the engine lost contact with the tracks and the "the train is powered, lit and heated," Magliari said. He said the passengers would be put on chartered buses and taken to their destinations.

The lightning strike happened in Desoto County in north Mississippi and gave the person inside "a pretty good jolt" but the injuries were not life threatening, said Bob Storey, director of the county's emergency management agency. The resident was taken to a nearby hospital as a precaution.

Also, what may have been a funnel cloud was spotted in Pike County and several homes, trees and power lines in the area were damaged, Statham said. There were no immediate reports of injuries and officials were working to confirm if it was indeed a funnel cloud, Statham said.

She said the damage at one home was caused when "the wind picked up the back porch and threw it on top of the house."

Hail ranging in size from golf balls to nickels was reported in areas of central and south-central Mississippi,



A flooded campground along the banks of the Ochlocknee river on Thursday in Tallahassee, Fla.

said Mike Edmonston, a senior meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Coastal Jackson County remained under a tornado warning, Katherine Gunby, a spokeswoman with the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, said.

Meanwhile, a line of violent thunderstorms moved through the western Florida Panhandle leaving about foot of water on some low-lying streets in the downtown Pensacola business district. Flooding was reported elsewhere in the Panhandle including in Panama City where officials blocked off streets and limited other streets to one lane.

The National Weather Service issued flood warnings for the Tallahassee area and cities around Florida's central Panhandle.

"Our primary concern today is more flash flooding," said public safety director Dino Villani of Okaloosa County, which includes Fort Walton Beach. "Very little rain can cause a lot of problems."

The Blackwater River, which runs through the Panhandle's Santa Rosa County, was expected to crest at 8 feet Thursday afternoon, the same height it reached Monday. Emergency officials urged residents along that river to take precautions.

In St. Tammany Parish, a

suburban New Orleans area on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain, most of the attention was on the Pearl River, which crested near the town of Pearl River around 6 a.m. at 19.2 feet. That was above flood stage but a few inches below the 19.5 foot crest that had been predicted, easing the threat to low-lying properties a bit.

Water from the Pearl River covered roads and low-lying land Wednesday and early Thursday. Only one house was reported to have taken on water but officials were worried high winds from the afternoon thunderstorms could push water into homes or across other roads.

MEXICO

Authorities arrest major drug suspect

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — An heir to one of Mexico's most notorious narcotics empires was grabbed by police as he exercised in a city park, officials announced Thursday, shortly before U.S. and Mexican Cabinet officials met to coordinate attacks on escalating drug violence.

Carrillo Leyva allegedly inherited a top position in the Juarez cartel from his father Amado Carrillo Fuentes, who was nicknamed "the Lord of the Skies" for sending jetliners full of cocaine to the United States.

The father was considered Mexico's No. 1 drug trafficker when he died in 1997 during plastic surgery to change his appearance. The U.S. Embassy said Thursday that the embattled remnant of his cartel is still "one of Mexico's most ruthless organized criminal gangs, which controls one of the primary transportation routes for illegal drug shipments into the United States."

Prosecutors say Carrillo Leyva, 32, was second only to his uncle Vicente Carrillo Fuentes in the gang, whose battles with upstart cartels have fed a bloodbath that saw 1,600 people killed in its home base of Ciudad Juarez last year.

Just a week ago, Mexico's government posted a 30 million (\$2.1 million) reward for Carrillo Leyva and 23 other top cartel suspects. Another figure on the list already has fallen captive, as have two alleged cartel sidekicks facing smaller bounties.

Masked police officers wearing helmets and bulletproof vests hauled Carrillo Leyva before cameras at a news conference early Thursday. The young man, looking a little like a well-coiffed college student in dark-framed glasses and a track suit emblazoned with "Abercrombie NY," showed little emotion before the flash of lights.

CCAC

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him, alcohol awareness is a main concern, and said it needs to happen early in the school year.

Kirsits suggested creating a video to post on the new off-campus Web site — which is currently in development stages — that would talk “about tragic consequences that happen when you make silly mistakes” in order to raise alcohol awareness.

Michael Carrington, a representative from the Alcoholic Beverage Board, said students will continue to throw parties “if they know they can party and raise hell all night” without repercussions.

“The new people coming in need to understand what the expectation is,” Carrington said. “And then you have to demonstrate that you are going to enforce it early in the year.”

Student body president Grant Schmidt, who participated in the CCAC meeting for the first time since taking office, said iTunes U would be a venue for student leaders, athletes and other officials to promote alcohol awareness.

The group also discussed the legal number of students living in one off-campus home.

“There are certain areas where you can’t have more than two unrelated parties (living in the same unit), whether students or not students,” Kramer said. “Some ... homes are grandfathered so that you can have multiple students.”

Kramer also said it had been brought to his attention that Irish Row and The Foundry Lofts and Apartments at Eddy Street Commons are renting apartments to more than two unrelated people, which may be in violation of zoning agreements.

“I’m not calling around to find out who’s loading up their apartments,” Kramer said. “I’m doing my job as a businessman to stay competitive. I stumbled upon this.”

Kirsits said the South Bend Common Council had not been aware of this. He said the Council will look at the min-

utes from the meetings where these apartment complexes had agreed to zoning, and confirm whether or not this was in violation.

Kirsits also addressed taxi reform, a principal component of Schmidt’s platform as student body president.

Kirsits said he plans to work with Schmidt to better regulate taxi cabs and approach the Council president “to get a bit of a grip on the licensing requirements and regulations for the taxi cabs.”

“That’s my pledge to you. It will be an ongoing process,” Kirsits said. “It will involve a lot of players, but there needs to be some regulations on that.”

Northeast neighborhood resident Marguerite Taylor expressed an interest in increasing the interaction between community members and the student government off-campus president, because prior to last week’s Community Summit meeting, she had not been aware Notre Dame had such a position.

“As community people, we didn’t even know that that person even existed, and we’d like to work with him more closely,” she said.

Other issues discussed at the meeting include student safety and the upcoming CommUniversity Day, which will take place Saturday.

Carrington said he is grateful for the increasingly positive role the University has played in the community and for the work that CCAC has done to improve the relationship between the community and the University.

This relationship between the University and the community is “a wonderful, wonderful thing and we need to continue to cherish it and nourish it,” Carrington said.

Kirsits echoed his sentiments.

“When people say, ‘tell me something good about the city,’ I always say ‘well, let’s start with the universities that we have here.’”

The next CCAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 2 at the Robinson Community Learning Center.

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IN BRIEF

Greenberg criticizes AIG bailout

WASHINGTON — The man who built insurance giant American International Group Inc. from a startup to a global behemoth said he didn't mismanage the company — but the government did.

Following weeks of public and congressional outrage over largest corporate failure in U.S. history, Maurice "Hank" Greenberg, AIG's chief executive until March 2005, said taxpayers got a raw deal in the largest bailout of the financial crisis.

In his first testimony since the government stepped in with the first of four bailouts for AIG, Greenberg told the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Thursday that his leadership team had "nothing to do" with failures that so far have cost taxpayers more than \$182 billion.

But he spread blame generously across virtually every other party involved in the company and its rescue — including subsequent management, federal regulators and ratings agencies.

FDA approves tobacco regulation

WASHINGTON — Anti-smoking forces won a long-awaited victory Thursday as the House passed legislation that would give the federal government key controls over the tobacco industry for the first time.

The measure, passed 298-112, gives the Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate — but not ban — cigarettes and other tobacco products.

The Senate could take up its version of the bill later this month, and supporters are confident they can overcome opposition from tobacco-state senators. The White House supports the legislation, a shift from the Bush administration which threatened to veto a House-passed measure last year.

President Barack Obama has spoken publicly about his own struggles to kick a smoking habit.

"This is truly a historic day in the fight against tobacco, and I am proud that we have taken such decisive action," said Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif., the bill's sponsor. "Today we have moved to place the regulation of tobacco under FDA in order to protect the public health, and now we all can breathe a little easier."

Summit brings setbacks for Obama

World financial powers approve big loans, no economic rescue stimulus

Associated Press

LONDON — Concluding his first international summit, President Barack Obama hailed agreements at the emergency meeting of world powers Thursday as a "turning point in our pursuit of global economic recovery." But he cautioned, "There are no guarantees."

The new U.S. leader said the heads of industrial countries that met in London agreed on "unprecedented steps to restore growth and prevent a crisis like this from happening again."

He spoke shortly after G-20 leaders pledged an additional \$1.1 trillion in financing to the International Monetary Fund and other global institutions and declared a crack-down on tax havens and hedge funds. The leaders announced the creation of a supervisory body to flag problems in the global financial system — but did not satisfy calls from the U.S. and others for new stimulus measures.

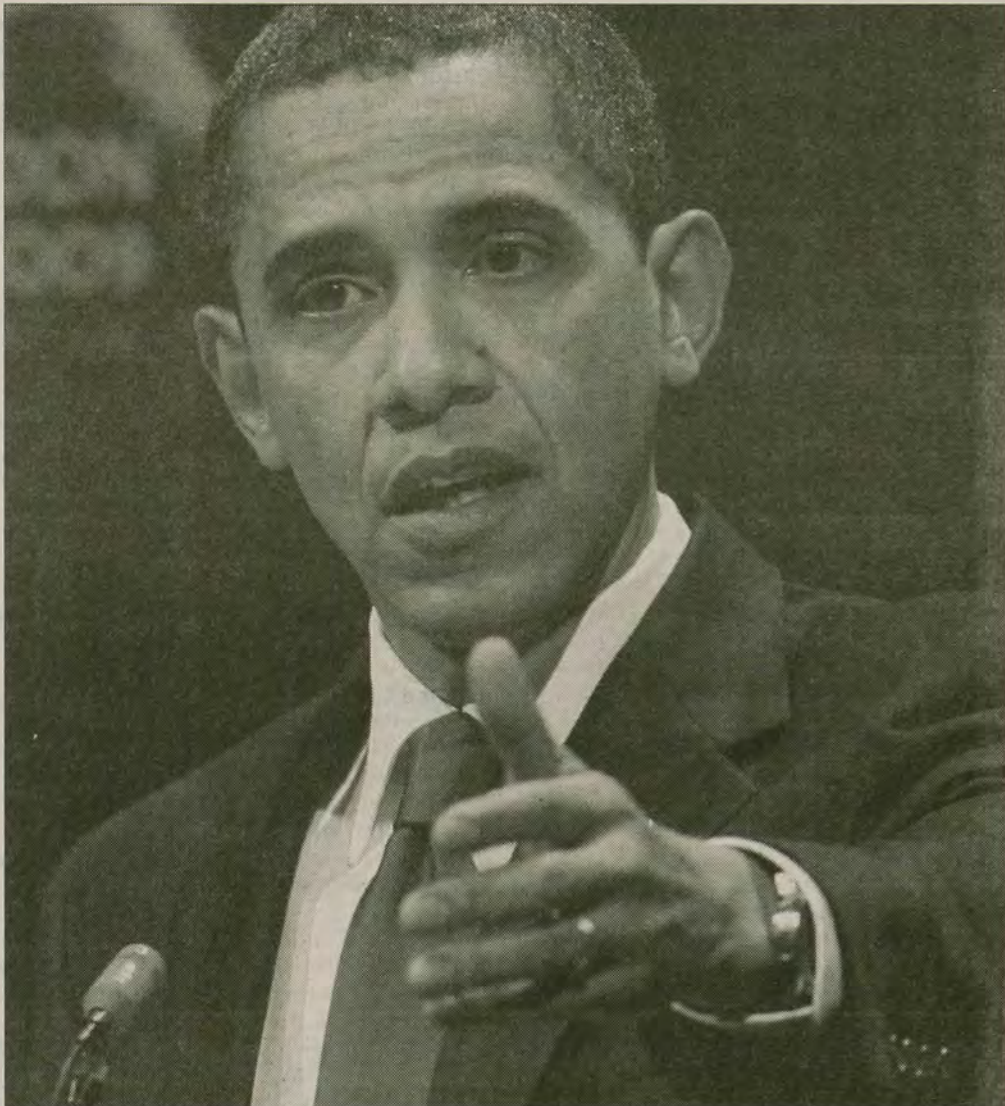
Despite that failure, Obama called the one-day London gathering "very productive" and historic because of the scope of the challenges the world faces in righting the economic crisis that's wreaking havoc on virtually every country.

"The challenge is clear. The global economy is contracting," Obama said.

In a one-hour news conference packed with media from across the world, Obama said, "We're starting to see some restoration of America's standing in the world." He had been asked about diminished esteem under his predecessor, George W. Bush.

"I do not buy into the notion that America can't lead in the world," Obama said, but he added that it is "very important for us to be able to forge partnerships as opposed to dictating solutions."

He acknowledged that some summit participants made comments that seemed



President Barack Obama speaks at the G-20 Summit at the Excel Centre Thursday. The G-20 pledged \$1.1 trillion to the IMF.

to blame America and Wall Street for triggering the crisis that has spread around the world.

"It's hard to deny that some of the contagion did start on Wall Street," Obama said, asserting that some firms took "wild and unjustified risks" and some government regulators were "asleep at the switch."

But he said there were problems in other parts of the world as well.

As for the summit, he praised the G-20 nations for rejecting protectionism that hampers foreign trade and could deepen the economic crisis, and he urged global

unity, saying, "We owe it to all of our citizens to act."

Still, he said, "it is hard for 20 heads of state to bridge our differences."

"I think we did OK," he said, speaking generally about his trip. "When I came here it was with the intention of listening and learning but also providing American leadership."

He said the document the G-20 produced and actions that will follow "reflect a range of our priorities."

"We wanted to make sure we had a strong, coordinated response to growth" and "we thought it was important we had a strong, coordinated reg-

ulatory response," Obama said — and added that both were achieved.

When asked, he could not point to an individual summit accomplishment that would help recession-battered Americans beyond general points such as fighting protectionism and making the global economy work together.

But he said, the summit communique "affirms the need for all countries to take fiscal responses that increase demand, that encourages the openness of markets. Those are all going to be helpful in us being able to fix what ails the economy back home."

Market extends a four-week rally

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investors dove into stocks Thursday, extending a rally that gave the Dow Jones industrial average its best four weeks since 1933.

Stocks rose across the board in heavy trading following an accounting rule change that will help banks pare their losses and after commitments from world leaders to toughen regulatory oversight of financial institutions.

The Dow broke through 8,000 for the first time since Feb. 9 but ended slightly below that level ahead of the government's employment report Friday that could easily upset the market if it comes in below forecasts — or send prices rocketing higher if it's better than expected.

The Dow is now up 20.4 percent over the last month, its biggest percentage gain in a four-week period

since the spring of 1933. Bits of good news about the economy in recent weeks, including better-than-expected-numbers on housing and manufacturing, have given investors more reasons to buy.

The Dow gained 216.48, or 2.8 percent, to close at 7,978.08, after earlier rising as much as 314 points.

"People are worried about this (employment) report, so the last hour we sold off," said Richard Campagna, managing director and chief investment officer of Pasadena, Calif.-based investment manager 300 North Capital.

Broader market indicators also rose sharply. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 23.30, or 2.9 percent, to 834.38. The Nasdaq composite index rose 51.03, or 3.3 percent, to 1,602.63.

Industrial and consumer discre-

tionary stocks picked up speed Thursday while demand for safe-haven assets like gold and Treasuries plummeted.

"Everyone is in a buying mood," said Eric Ross, director of research at brokerage Canaccord Adams. "Everyone is feeling good. ... A lot of this is simply confidence."

The market has managed to shrug off some negative data on employment recently such as initial claims for jobless benefits. But a surprisingly bad report on the March job market could easily stifle the market's growing optimism. Economists predict the report will show a loss of 654,000 jobs following a drop of 651,000 jobs in February, which was a record third straight month of job losses above 600,000. The unemployment rate is expected to rise to 8.5 percent from 8.1 percent in February.

Leaders

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invite Obama have referenced a 2004 document released by the USCCB titled "Catholics in Political Life," which reads: "The Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions."

A March 24 article in The Observer reported George would not comment on behalf of the USCCB about Notre Dame's decision because the University is out of the group's jurisdiction.

But George questioned Notre Dame's understanding of a Catholic university at a conference hosted by the Chicago archdiocese's Respect Life office and Office for Evangelization Saturday, according to LifeSiteNews.

"So quite apart from the president's own positions, which are well known, the problem is in that you have a Catholic university — the flagship Catholic University — do something that brought extreme embarrassment to many, many people who are Catholic," he said. "So whatever else is clear, it is clear that Notre Dame didn't understand what it means to be Catholic when they issued this invitation."

Hugh Cleary, superior general of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, said he hopes Obama's presence at Notre Dame will result in a "teachable moment" for everyone involved in a letter directed to Obama published in America Magazine.

"I am confident that you are likewise well versed in the Catholic faith conviction that human life begins at conception," Cleary said to Obama. "Therefore, through this open letter, I would like to take advantage of your appearance at Notre Dame to ask you to rethink, through prayerful wrestling with your own conscience, your stated positions on the vital 'life issues' of our day, particularly in regard to abortion, embryonic stem cell research and your position on the Freedom of Choice Act before Congress."

While many Catholic leaders and groups have criticized the University's decision, one Catholic organization is now speaking out in support of the decision.

Catholics United, an online non-profit organization, created a petition in support of the University's decision that currently claims over 28,000 signatures.

Chris Korzen, executive director of Catholics United, said the petition is a way to combat petitions condemning the University's invitation to Obama, such as the petition put out by the Cardinal Newman Society, which has gathered over 200,000 signatures.

"We felt, given the media attention, that we needed to send a strong message that many Catholics and many Americans support [Jenkins'] decision," he said.

The petition states that through his invitation to Obama, Jenkins "is honoring the best of our nation's democratic and religious values."

Numerous Catholic bishops nationwide have also weighed in on the decision.

Newark Archbishop John J. Myers said he was disappointed in the University's decision in a press release Wednesday.

"It pained me to hear that one of the symbols of Catholic educa-

tion in our nation, Notre Dame University, had extended an invitation to President Obama to speak at its commencement," he said in the release.

Myers said extending honors to those in disagreement with Church teaching "create the perception that we endorse their public positions on these issues."

Timothy Dolan, archbishop of Milwaukee, said Notre Dame made a "big mistake" by inviting Obama to speak at the graduation ceremony May 17, according to an Msnbc.com report.

"There's a lot of things that President Obama does that we can find ourselves allied with and working with him on, and we have profound respect for him and pray with him and for him," Dolan said. "But in an issue that is very close to the heart of Catholic world view, namely, the protection of innocent life in the womb, he has unfortunately taken a position very much at odds with the Church."

Dolan is slated to take the position of archbishop of New York on April 15.

John Nienstedt, archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis, called the University's decision a "travesty" in a letter to Jenkins Tuesday, according to a Catholic News Agency report.

Nienstedt asked Jenkins to withdraw his invitation to Obama because of the president's "deliberate disregard of the unborn."

"If the decision is not reconsidered," he said in the letter to Jenkins, "please do not expect me to support your University in the future."

Archbishop Daniel Cardinal DiNardo of Galveston-Houston said he found the University's invitation to Obama to be "very disappointing" in his weekly pastoral message.

"Though I can understand the desire by a university to have the prestige of a commencement address by the president of the United States, the fundamental moral issue of the inestimable worth of the human person from conception to natural death is a principle that soaks all our lives as Catholics," he said. "Even given the dignity of Office of the President, this offer is still providing a platform and an award for a public figure who has been candid on his pro-abortion views."

While the majority of bishops who have spoken out condemning the University's invitation, Bishop Robert Lynch of St. Petersburg criticized the "uncivil and vehement" outcries against Notre Dame in his blog.

"While Notre Dame may have acted way too early and too generously, I am more alarmed that the rhetoric being employed is so uncivil and venomous that it weakens the case we place before our fellow citizens," Lynch said.

John R. Quinn, archbishop emeritus of San Francisco, echoed Lynch's concern, questioning the prudence of bishops commenting on public issues Monday in an editorial for AmericaMagazine.org.

"We must weigh very seriously the consequences if the American bishops are seen as the agents of the public embarrassment of the newly elected president by forcing him to withdraw from an appearance at a distinguished Catholic university," Quinn said. "It is in the interests of both the church and the nation if both work together in civility, honesty and friendship for the common good, even where there are grave divisions, as there are on abortion."

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Coalition

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Obama has resulted in a firestorm of responses, from both on and off campus.

On campus, leaders of about a dozen student groups decided to form a coalition, named Notre Dame Response, to "express our deepest opposition" to the decision, and to "pledge ourselves to acts of witness" in order to "engage the University community," according to a March 25 press release from the group.

The group has elicited a huge response, chairperson and senior Chris Labadie said.

"We knew if we put something out there that we were going to get a lot of people who would have a comment," Labadie said.

"We hoped that it would give some kind of injection of life into the debate," he said.

The coalition's leaders told The Observer that they feel that a debate and dialogue about the situation is precisely what's needed, and in planning events they hope to jumpstart the discussion.

Already, the coalition announced plans to adapt a national campaign to send red envelopes to Obama for the situation at Notre Dame.

The national campaign asked supporters of the pro-life movement to send an empty red envelope to the president to represent a child lost by abortion.

At Notre Dame, the coalition will collect these envelopes and deliver them to University President Fr. John Jenkins, asking him to personally give them to Obama during his May 17 visit.

"It's to show Fr. Jenkins that there are people out here who want to dialogue on this issue, who disagree with this decision," Labadie said.

Additionally, the group has announced plans to hold a

Prayer Rally on Saturday, the first official event organized by Notre Dame Response.

The event will take place in front of Main Building at 2 p.m. after the noon Palm Sunday mass at the Basilica. The rally will feature an address by nationally recognized attorney Harold Cassidy, known for his work on pro-life issues.

"From now until May 17, we are going to respectfully and prayerfully show the University that we are disappointed in this decision and that we hope for some dialogue to come out of the administration," Labadie said of Sunday's and other future events.

According to Daly and Labadie, the dialogue should center on two issues.

"There's first the pro-life issue, which, obviously there needs to be continued dialogue on, but we feel this has kind of brought to a head the issue of Catholic identity in the University," Labadie said.

Labadie called the situation "the fork in the road" in regards to Notre Dame's Catholic identity. Daly agreed that the University must ask itself which direction it will take, and if it's possible to be both prestigious and Catholic.

"What does it mean to be a Catholic university, and can being a Catholic university and a prestigious university be reconciled?" Daly said.

Both agreed that the discussion about these issues won't take place on May 17 during Commencement, so, they said, dialogue must take place through other venues.

Daly said while she understands the University's stance that the invitation serve as the "basis of engagement" for a relationship with Obama on protection of life issues, the context of the invitation isn't the right venue.

"If the annual forum was on pro-life issues, and they invited President Obama to talk, to rep-

resent one side, there really wouldn't be any problem, necessarily," Daly said.

"But in this context that, he's speaking at Commencement, he's just monologuing to us, and that we're honoring him with a doctorate of laws degree, that's just incredibly shocking," she said.

While Daly said she doesn't expect the invitation will be rescinded, the University still has an opportunity to withdraw the honorary degree, something that the coalition would be pleased with.

"The insult wouldn't occur in the way that rescinding the invitation would, and furthermore, it would be closer to living up to the Catholic identity," she said.

The shock and concern expressed by Notre Dame Response has been shared with many Catholics nationwide, and while the coalition will not directly collaborate or coordinate with outside organizations, according to Labadie, they do see value in the response those outside the University have expressed.

"Those outside groups do have a legitimate voice to give," he said.

Labadie did express concern, however, about the methods that some groups have said they will use to protest the University's decision.

"We feel as a coalition that it's contrary to the core values of Notre Dame to do things like bring graphic images and plaster them all over the street, to throw ... bloody dolls on the stage," Labadie said. "Those things are not in the spirit of dialogue."

Daly said the coalition will respect the academic and intellectual environment that a university has.

"We are going to engage this issue as a university would, and do it in the spirit of Notre Dame," she said.

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Israeli teenager killed with pick-ax

Associated Press

BAT AYIN — A Palestinian killed an Israeli teenager with a pickax and seriously injured a 7-year-old boy in a rampage through this West Bank Jewish settlement Thursday, posing an early test for the country's new hard-line government.

Israeli media broadcast pictures of the body of 13-year-old Shlomo Nativ, bespectacled with long side-curls and a large skullcap worn by observant Jews. The images also showed the red pickax on the ground with drops of blood splattered on a road.

The attacker escaped the scene and Israeli troops, joined by bearded settlers armed with automatic rifles, were conducting a manhunt in the area. In the nearby Palestinian village of Safa, troops searched houses and rounded up residents in a schoolyard. The military said all roads around the settlement of Bat Ayin were closed.

The settlement is notorious in Israel for being the base of the so-called "Bat Ayin Underground," whose members were arrested over a botched 2002 bombing on an Arab girls' school in Jerusalem. The wounded boy's father, a member of the underground, is currently serving a 15-year sentence for his involvement in that bombing attempt.

Avinoram Maymon, a 45-year-old resident of the extremist settlement, said he tried to stop the assailant after the attack, violently struggling with him for a minute or two.

"He tried to kill me. I grabbed his hand and took the ax and he escaped," he told The Associated Press.

He said the attacker fled to a neighboring "murderous village."

The attacker apparently entered Bat Ayin, located between Jerusalem and the southern West Bank city of Hebron, unhindered. The religious settlers have refused to build a security fence around their community — standard practice in most settlements — saying it would be a sign of weakness.

The teenager was quickly buried at a funeral Thursday afternoon, which was closed to the media at the family's request.

The attack came a day after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took office and will likely heighten tensions with the Palestinians. The leader of the hawkish Likud party has promised a firm hand against militants and lowered expectations on the prospects for peace.

Government spokesman

Mark Regev called it a "senseless act of brutality against innocents" and warned the new leadership will have a "zero tolerance policy" toward militants.

A murky Palestinian militant group calling itself the Martyrs of Imad Mughniyeh claimed responsibility for the attack in an e-mail sent to the AP.

The group is named for a Hezbollah mastermind killed in Syria last year in what is believed to have been an assassination by Israeli intelligence. It has claimed a number of past attacks, but Israeli defense officials believe it is likely a name used by other groups to avoid Israeli reprisals.

The e-mail said the militant group Islamic Jihad was also involved. The group's spokesman in Gaza would not comment.

The new government has already voiced skepticism about peace negotiations in its first days in office.

"The Palestinian leadership must both in word and in deed too have a zero tolerance policy to this sort of attack to demonstrate its commitment to peace and reconciliation," said Regev, the government spokesman.

Netanyahu was elected on a campaign that criticized the previous government's peace negotiations with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Since then, Netanyahu has said he will seek peace, but has given few details about his vision for a final agreement. He has specifically refused to endorse the idea of an independent Palestinian state — a key demand of the Palestinians and centerpiece of U.S. diplomacy in the region.

On Wednesday, Netanyahu's ultranationalist foreign minister, Avigdor Lieberman, said Israeli concessions to the Palestinians would only invite more war. He also rejected the previous government's peace talks, launched at a U.S.-sponsored conference in 2007.

Netanyahu has not commented publicly on Lieberman's statements. But a close Netanyahu ally, Cabinet minister Gilad Erdan, said Thursday that Lieberman's comments largely reflected the position of the prime minister's Likud Party.

The appointment of the Lieberman has angered Palestinians and raised international concerns because of his hard-line positions on peace and an election campaign that was widely seen as racist.

In Cairo, Egypt's Foreign Ministry called Lieberman's remarks "a setback to peace efforts."

Service

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cohesive day," Byrne said.

"We wanted to help improve community relations, but we didn't think our efforts have been as robust and cohesive as they could be," she said.

Beginning Saturday morning at 9 a.m., students are invited to a kickoff breakfast in the library auditorium, where they can pick up a T-shirt and a light breakfast before starting their projects. Fr. Joe Carey, assistant director of Campus Ministry for Religious Education and Retreats, will speak to the students before the service projects begin.

"Fr. Joe Carey is involved in Campus Ministry, [Notre Dame Encounter] retreats and he is well-loved here at Notre Dame," Byrne said. "He will speak to the students to help get people excited about the day."

With a wide variety of service projects off campus, in addition to dorm events on campus, Byrne said student government, along with the Center for Social Concern's (CSC) Canned Food Drive, hopes to get as many students and community members involved as possible.

Some of the off-campus projects include park cleanups, mural painting, scavenger hunts with local students, Habitat for Humanity

housework, cleaning up the zoo and volunteering at nursing homes, she said.

In addition, students can contribute on campus, with Knott's Angel for a Day, Pasquerilla West's Project Paint, and the CSC's annual Canned Food Drive.

While service is an integral part of CommUniversity, Byrne also emphasized the importance of helping the community feel comfortable here at Notre Dame. Community members are invited to visit Notre Dame for campus tours, Easter egg hunts for children and technology tutoring for senior citizens as well as making available facilities like the Joyce Center and the Snite Museum for visitors.

"We want to emphasize that this is not a service day; it is about building partnerships, fellowships, relationships and mutuality," Byrne said. "We want the community to feel welcome here at Notre Dame."

The day will culminate at the Robinson Learning Center from 4-7 p.m., where students and the community are invited to a "block party," with food, entertainment and speakers, including Jan Botz, vice president of the Office of Public Affairs and Communication, Ann Puzzello, vice president of the South Bend Common Council and several student government members.

Byrne said the turnout for the event has been successful, with more than 600 stu-

dents registered for service projects.

Students can register online at studentgovernment.nd.edu up until Friday, and the first 1,000 students will receive a free T-shirt. Students may also register the day of the event to participate in a project on or off campus, she said.

Additionally, many of the athletic teams will be participating in service projects throughout the day, contributing to the unified day of service and collaboration with the community.

Because of the support from the student body and South Bend community for the first annual CommUniversity Day, the new Social Concerns Committee chair, Rachel Roseberry, said she is optimistic about the future of this event.

"Absolutely we hope this becomes an annual event," she said. "We hope to make it bigger and involve more students and community members."

The expectation is that the Notre Dame and South Bend community will become familiar with the catch phrase, CommUniversity, and the event will grow with each year, Roseberry said.

"The question won't be are you participating, but rather which project are you doing," Byrne said. "It will be the thing to do."

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Salmonella problems spread to pistachios

Two million pounds of nuts recalled Thursday

Associated Press

COMMACK, N.Y. — The investigation into a nationwide salmonella scare over pistachio nuts has spread from a California nut processor to its sister plant in New York, where inspectors last month found cockroaches and rodent droppings.

The Food and Drug Administration said Thursday it was investigating Commack-based Setton International Foods Inc., which shares key staff and packages food with a plant in central California that earlier this week recalled 2 million pounds of nuts over fears of possible salmonella contamination.

Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella Inc. is the nation's second-largest pistachio processor. A spokesman for both companies said the California plant supplies all pistachios used in the Long Island processing facility, which makes chocolate- and yogurt-covered nuts and dried fruit.

Last month, New York agricultural authorities discovered nearly two dozen dead cockroaches, rodent droppings and one live cockroach on an ingredient rolling rack inside the Commack plant. It failed its state health inspection.

Production Manager Lee Cohen said Thursday the plant is now spotless and the problems — completely unrelated to the recall over salmonella concerns — were fixed immediately. The facility, which is among the 36 wholesalers that got nuts from the California operation, plans to recall some of its nuts and trail mix voluntarily in the coming weeks, he said.

"Our facility in New York is beautiful and clean. You can eat off the ground it is so spotless," Cohen said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We took actions immediately to respond once we heard there was a problem, and have been responsible from the beginning."

State inspectors went back for a visit Wednesday to swab the plant and take food samples to be tested for salmonella and other pathogens as part of the pistachio recall, said Jessica Chittenden, a spokeswoman for the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets. The test results are pending.

"Right now nothing is moving out of that plant. They're holding all products with pistachios in them," Chittenden said. "When we were in there yesterday to collect samples, they were cooperative, and we observed that they are working on the issues that we had outlined in our last inspection."

Chittenden said she was told federal inspectors also had visited the plant this week. The FDA said the agency was "investigating all aspects of the company's operations" but could not disclose details.

The two companies share a CEO, Joshua Setton, and label foods with both plants' names, FDA spokesman Mike Herndon said.

During a tour of the sprawling factory Thursday, a company consultant told the AP that pistachios are being kept separate from Setton's other products until the FDA advises the firm how to proceed.

Thousands of boxes of pistachios were wrapped in plastic,

placed on pallets, stacked to the ceiling and cordoned off from the rest of the warehouse with yellow police tape. Roasting machines and polished stainless steel equipment appeared clean, and visitors were required to wear hair nets.

William Schwemer, a retired FDA investigator hired as a consultant, said there were no exposed food products in the room where mouse droppings were found last month.

So far, there have been no confirmed reports of illness linked to the recalled nuts.

Still, federal health officials warned people this week to avoid eating all pistachios and products containing them while the government determines what foods could be tainted.

In the meantime, a range of products from nut bars to ice cream and cake mixes remain in limbo on grocery shelves, and the number of recalled products continues to grow.

Setton International Foods has not issued its own recall, Chittenden said.

Kraft Foods Inc. first alerted the FDA to the contamination after its manufacturer in Skokie, Ill., turned up salmonella in a routine test of roasted pistachios that workers planned to add to trail mix.

Private auditors hired by Kraft found problems they think caused the contamination when they traveled to Setton Pistachio's processing facility in Terra Bella, a remote town in California's farm belt.

Cohen said Tuesday he suspected that roasted pistachios at the facility could have been contaminated by salmonella-tainted raw nuts they were processed with.

The last time California health inspectors visited the Terra Bella plant, they found no violations that would pose a health threat.

In April 2008, a California Department of Public Health inspector made note of minor violations, such as insulation hanging over some equipment and packaging equipment that was temporarily repaired using tape.

Neither violation is thought to pose a threat to human health, and the company corrected both a few days later.

Records obtained by The Associated Press show that the New York plant has passed nine health inspections since 2000, despite receiving some violations for unsanitary conditions. Chittenden called that an "excellent history."

In January 2004, five dead cockroaches were found on the floor of the chocolate mixing room. In January 2007, a state inspector noted that three bins of raw almonds in the roasting area had been left unattended and uncovered while they were not in use. Last month, an inspector spotted something similar: two bins of raw cashews were left out and uncovered in the roasting area.

The company failed its March inspection because of "critical deficiencies" — including the detection of one live cockroach on an ingredient rolling rack in the chocolate tank.

The plant was set to get a second, unannounced inspection in addition to Wednesday's visit, Chittenden said.

Warnings issued to North Korea

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As North Korea fueled a multistage rocket Thursday for its threatened satellite launch, President Barack Obama promised a "stern" response and Japan vowed to press for an emergency session of the U.N. Security Council.

Senior U.S. defense officials said that trailers and vehicles carrying rocket propellant were in place at North Korea's coastal launch site and that fueling had begun.

A U.S. counter-proliferation official said the fueling process could take "up to a few days." But a senior U.S. intelligence official told The Associated Press that Pyongyang was on track for a projected Saturday launch.

The American officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence issues.

At the G-20 summit in London, Obama and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak issued a statement agreeing on "a stern, united response from the international community if North Korea launches a long-range rocket."

State Department spokesman Robert Wood would not address the U.S. intelligence reports. But he repeated earlier warnings for the North Koreans not to take any "provocative" actions.

Japan's ambassador to the U.N. said his nation will request an emergency session of the Security Council if North Korea proceeds with the launch. Yukio Takasu said he raised the possibility during closed-door council talks Thursday.

Takasu and other council diplomats say they anticipate a possible emergency session as early as this weekend.

Chinese President Hu Jintao urged Japan to handle the expected firing of a rocket by North Korea over Japanese territory calmly, though he says Beijing is working to avert the launch. Hu made the comment in a meeting late Thursday with Japan's prime minister, Taro Aso, on the sidelines of the G20 meeting, said Osamu Sakashita, Aso's deputy cabinet secretary for public relations.

China says it is trying in various ways to dissuade Pyongyang from conducting the communications satellite launch that is widely believed to be a test for a long-range missile.

North Korea heightened its militarist rhetoric toward the U.S., Japan and South Korea on Thursday, threatening retaliation for any attempt to shoot down the rocket. Quoting an unidentified North Korean general, the North Korean Central News Agency said Japan would be struck with a "thunderbolt of fire" if it attempts to intercept the multistage rocket.

The North Korean news service also issued a veiled threat against American warships moving in position to monitor the launch, saying: "The United States should immediately withdraw armed forces deployed if it does not want to receive damage."

Some U.S. lawmakers are urging Obama to shoot down the rocket if it endangers the United States or its allies. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said during a weekend TV interview that the U.S. had no plans to intercept the rocket — though it might consider the move if an "aberrant missile" were headed to Hawaii "or something like that."

U.S. officials have been keeping tabs on North Korea's

launch preparations with satellite imagery and other surveillance. North Korea has complained that the U.S. is also using high-altitude U-2 spy planes and has warned the aircraft would be shot down.

North Korea's pre-launch movements are similar to the steps taken in advance of its 2006 firing of a Taepodong-2 missile, the U.S. intelligence official said.

The fueling starts an informal pre-launch phase that precedes the formal countdown.

"You need to launch within a few days because rocket fuel is typically quite corrosive," said Jeffrey Lewis, an arms control expert at the New America Foundation in Washington, D.C.

U.S. intelligence analysts continue to believe that North Korea aims to launch a communications satellite rather than conducting a missile test, which would violate a U.N. resolution. However, the rocket launch would yield data directly applicable to its long-range ballistic missile program.

The issue was top of the agenda Thursday when Obama met with his South Korean counterpart, Lee Myung-bak, on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in London. Obama pledged to push for "peace and stability," while Lee's office issued a statement saying the two leaders agreed to keep working on a verifiable dismantling of North Korea's worrisome nuclear programs.

Russia appeared to be edging closer to Washington's position in an apparent show of goodwill. But a strong united response likely would prove difficult given that China — the North's closest ally — has veto power in the Security Council. Beijing continued to urge all sides to show restraint.



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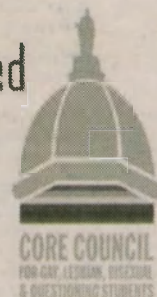
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Comparison costs professor his job

Associated Press

DENVER — A jury ruled Thursday that the University of Colorado wrongly fired the professor who compared some Sept. 11 victims to a Nazi, a verdict that gives the professor \$1 and a chance to get his job back.

"What was asked for and what was delivered was justice," Ward Churchill said outside the courtroom.

Then-Gov. Bill Owens was among the officials who had called on the university to fire Churchill after his essay touched off a national firestorm, but the tenured professor of ethnic studies was ultimately terminated on charges of research misconduct.

Churchill said claims including plagiarism were just a cover and that he never would have been fired if it weren't for the essay in which he called World Trade Center victims "little Eichmanns," a reference to Adolf Eichmann, a Nazi leader who helped orchestrate the Holocaust. Jurors agreed.

When the verdict was read, Churchill hugged his attorney, David Lane, and his wife, Natsu Saito.

"I can't tell you how significant this is," Lane said. "There are few defining moments that give the First Amendment this kind of light."

A judge will decide whether Churchill gets his job back. Lane said a reinstatement motion would be filed within 30 days and a hearing would likely be scheduled in June.

"What's next for me? Reinstatement, of course," Churchill said. "That's what I asked for. I didn't ask for money."

University spokesman Ken McConnelllogue said the university will review its options before deciding whether to

appeal.

"(The verdict) doesn't change the fact that more than 20 of his faculty peers found that he engaged in plagiarism and other academic misconduct," McConnelllogue said.

He said the jury's \$1 damage award sends a message about the merits of Churchill's civil claims.

Lane said the university will also be liable for hundreds of thousands of dollars in Churchill's legal bills.

Churchill's essay was written in 2001 but attracted little attention until 2005, when critics publicized it after Churchill was invited to speak at Hamilton College in upstate New York.

Churchill testified last week that he didn't mean his comments to be hurtful to Sept. 11 victims. He said he was arguing that "if you make it a practice of killing other people's babies for personal gain ... eventually they're going to give you a taste of the same thing."

Betsy Hoffman, who was president of the university at the time, had testified that Owens pressured her to fire Churchill and said he would "unleash my plan" when she told him she couldn't.

In his testimony, Owens denied threatening the university.

University officials concluded that Churchill couldn't be fired over the essay because of his First Amendment rights, but they launched an investigation of his academic research.

That investigation, which didn't include the Sept. 11 essay, concluded he had plagiarized, fabricated evidence and committed other misconduct. He was fired on those allegations in 2007.

The university has maintained that the firing was justified.

Arctic sea ice melting faster than predicted

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Arctic sea ice is melting so fast most of it could be gone in 30 years.

A new analysis of changing conditions in the region, using complex computer models of weather and climate, says conditions that had been forecast by the end of the century could occur much sooner.

A change in the amount of ice is important because the white surface reflects sunlight back into space. When ice is replaced by dark ocean water that sunlight can be absorbed, warming the water and increasing the warming of the planet.

The finding adds to concern about climate change caused by human activities such as burning fossil fuels, a problem that has begun receiving more attention in the Obama administration and is part of the G20 discussions under way in London.

"Due to the recent loss of sea ice, the 2005-2008 autumn

central Arctic surface air temperatures were greater than 5 degrees Celsius (9 degrees Fahrenheit) above" what would be expected, the new study reports.

That amount of temperature increase had been expected by the year 2070.

The new report by Muyin Wang of the Joint Institute for the Study of Atmosphere and Ocean and James E. Overland of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, appears in Friday's edition of the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*.

They expect the area covered by summer sea ice to decline from about 2.8 million square miles normally to 620,000 square miles within 30 years.

Last year's summer minimum was 1.8 million square miles in September, second lowest only to 2007 which had a minimum of 1.65 million square miles, according to the National Snow and Ice Data Center.

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Student gov't tradition strong

April 1 marked more than Fools' Day at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's this year. On Wednesday both schools installed new student leaders, as Grant Schmidt became student body president at Notre Dame and Jenny Hoffman assumed the office of student body president at Saint Mary's.

At Notre Dame, the transition marks the continuation of a new "line of succession" in student government. Schmidt, the now-former student body vice president, moved from the No. 2 to No. 1 position in student government.

This line of succession may prove to be a benefit to Notre Dame, if Schmidt and newly-installed vice president Cynthia Weber follow in the tracks of the former-student body president Bob Reish-Schmidt administration.

Reish and Schmidt had success this year on several fronts. Among their tangible accomplishments were the College Symposium held this weekend, solidifying a plan to put printers in all dorms, expanding the Last Lecture series and a change in the Constitution allowing student political clubs to campaign for their party's candidates.

But it's the intangibles that were perhaps more important. The Observer commended Reish and Schmidt in the Dec. 2008 Insider on student government for being "more approachable" than prior administrators. They forged strong and beneficial relationships with administrators, community leaders and students.

The groundwork laid by Reish and Schmidt should prove an asset for Schmidt and Weber in the coming year, if they maintain the strong relationships and diligence that characterized the past year.

At Saint Mary's, former student body president Mickey Gruscinski and vice president Sarah Falvey perpetuated a divided

front during the past year. The debate earlier in the year over the stipend caused a rift not only between the students and their government, but also between Gruscinski and Falvey and their Board.

Lauren Theiss, former chief of staff, said earlier this year: "One of the biggest challenges we have faced this year is the cohesiveness of our Board. We are all strong and independent women, but we all need to work on listening to others and being open to other members' ideas and opinions."

The Executive Board, who brought the stipend to the Board of Governance (BOG) for the vote, did manage to reintegrate itself with the Board; however, the Board as a whole has had trouble reconnecting with the student body.

The new Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution — having been recently revised, giving government a more accessible and understandable name — does not address the stipend, but the new administration said during their campaign that they would not be taking any compensation for their work.

Now Hoffman and student body vice president Meg Griffin should make their administration more accessible to students. By creating a more transparent student government, where students' voices can be heard and the decisions of the Board are made in a timely manner reflecting the opinions of the students as a whole, they may be able to bring the two bodies back together.

At both campuses, the opportunity for strong and positive student leadership was created Wednesday with the installation of the Schmidt-Weber and Hoffman-Griffin administrations, and The Observer hopes both pairs will follow through on their promises.

THE OBSERVER Editorial

Maybe when I'm 30 ...

This week the April Fool's Day jinks were very high amongst me and my friends. My roommate (fellow Observer columnist Brad Blomstrom) awoke to find thousands of post-it notes stuck to his car.

Another friend found fish swimming in her bathtub, while some others participated in the traditional "RA fake busts some freshmen drinking beer hoax". However, the worst joke of all the jokes was saved for me as some yet to be determined friends of mine signed me up for eHarmony.com.

While I admit that this joke is hilarious (as I am incredibly open about my troubles with the ladies), I believe that it is in poor taste. It isn't really a problem that my inbox has become cluttered with information from Dr. Neil Clark Warren asking me to fill out a survey to determine my 27 levels of compatibility; the real problem is that I will invariably let down all the probably wonderful ladies who will be matched with me on the deepest of levels.

I can't begin to imagine how excited Victoria (age 20, On the Hudson, NY) or Jennifer (age 22, Pembroke Pines, FL) will be when they find out that they are perfectly compatible with me, Observer Columnist Bob Kessler, concerned citizen and organ donor. This excitement will eventually fade away to intense disappointment when they realize that I am not going to contact them. It will be like when seven seconds were put back on the clock in 2005 against USC. Going from the high-

est of highs to the lowest of lows would create an emotional roller coaster that puts Cedar Point to shame.

To put things in perspective for the underclassmen who do not have the memory of that fateful October 15th ingrained in their memory; I hadn't experienced anything quite like that moment until this past Wednesday when I was psyched out of my mind to go to Cheers Lounge only to get there and find that it was full to capacity with underage football players and my sister's sophomore friends.

(Why can't the underclassmen just stick to bars like CJs and Oyster, and let us seasoned veterans enjoy the Lounge? At least they'll never touch our Finnegan's!!) But I digress.

The problem isn't that I will let down women like Joelle (age 21, Meherrin, VA) and Tiffany (21, Antigo, WI), the real problem is that they are all far too young to be utilizing eHarmony as a serious means to meet people. Using eHarmony at such a young age can't merely be labeled as fail, because a person who uses such a site before the age of 30 has actually given up on their life. Using online dating services this soon is like using the Warp zones in Super Mario Bros. While they can help you more quickly move to a later stage of your life, they also take away all of the experiences you could have in the intervening years (or worlds). Isn't there value to all of these experiences?

It would be like if in round two Rocky had said, "You know what, I don't think I stand a chance with Apollo. I'm just gonna lay down on the mat and take the knock-out." What would our world today be like if that had happened? Would Carl Weathers have still made hilarious cameos in Arrested Development? Would

Taxi Driver have won Best Picture in 1976? Would Brian Kenny have ever been seen on the big screen? Would the Cold War still be going on? How many experiences have been made possible by Rocky trying his best and going the distance?

Twenty-somethings have many opportunities to meet future spouses. Weddings, tattoo removal doctor's offices and World of Warcraft raids are all places that would make great stories to tell future children. There is also the chance that you meet the love of your life at any bar anywhere. I'd much rather spend my less awesome years telling people that I met my wife at a bar when I was 28 than telling them that I was matched with my wife online when I was 22.

So I'd like to apologize to Brittany (21, Portland), Stephanie (21, Kalamazoo), Kimberlyn (23, Eugene, MO) and all of the other women who I have been matched with on eHarmony.com. While you may be content to phone it in, I'll add using eHarmony to the top of my list of things not to do before I turn 30, and go out and live my life.

The list: seriously consider using eHarmony.com; get a hotel room when I visit my parents; stay in on New Year's Eve; go to a high school reunion; tuck in a t-shirt; watch Letterman and SNL in successive nights; talk about the good ole days like they have ended; use Facebook to 'reconnect' with people; use the word 'kid' to talk about professional athletes; watch any hour-long CBS show.

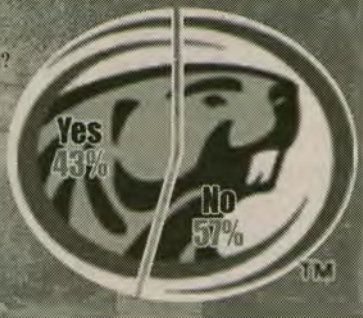
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nothing is worse than active ignorance."

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
German dramatist

Countering the Cardinal Newman Society

So much controversy has swirled around the Notre Dame campus lately, that the finger keeps pointing to the unrest from the Cardinal Newman Society — an advocacy group for more orthodoxy on Catholic college and university campuses. Their staunch stand against abortion rights focuses so tightly on our political process with single-issue political blinders that some question if they are consistent when the issues turn to war and capital punishment. This week they rise into the new headlines with their rabid opposition to President Obama's invitation to deliver the commencement address in May.



Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

Academic debate is always the strip- per of truth. Therefore, traditional liberal Catholics who are tolerant like our first martyrs were needed to create a counter-organization on Catholic campuses. Their purpose should be to let Caesar and politics have its place without summarily censoring and rejecting a political party or elected official. Our new Catholic organization's purpose will be to balance the rank-and-file's social outlook outside of the traditional

Knights of Columbus events on campus.

The organization will need to be named after someone of high standing in the Church, but one who should be known more of as a Catholic free spirit and unorthodox theologian. After all, Church dogma must have a few holes which our members may expose. Several of the Middle Ages popes qualify as our namesake, but choosing one is a risky and complicated proposition. While none of them ever heard of stem cells, condoms or Democrats and Republicans, a few Pope Johns and Pope Alexander VI immediately come to mind as our candidates.

For longevity's sake, John XII (937-964) would be a good candidate because he became Pope in his late teens and remained the pontiff for his entire adult life. But appearances do matter, and he has a reputation for throwing wild orgies with both adults and children. His son, John XIII (965-972) unfortunately followed his father's hedonism, and his number turned out to be unlucky since he died just like his dad — at the hands of an angry husband.

To sound akin to the well-respected and longtime Knights of Columbus, maybe the pope at the time of Columbus should be considered, Alexander VI (1492-1503). Originally known as Cardinal Borgia of Spain, the Alexander VI claim to fame rose by conquering much of Italy by force with the help of his son, Cesare. He too had a reputation

for throwing large parties, bordering on orgies, that at times reportedly culminated with naked boys jumping out of large cakes.

Alexander reportedly made a fortune selling indulgences, or free passes to heaven, along with selling Cardinal seats. He arranged for his daughter Lucrezia to be married three times, each time to a richer and more powerful aristocrat. When this pope died, everyone knew that he was rotten to the core. In fact, the college of Cardinals were so jubilant that they paid their respects by leaving Alexander to rot and turn purple in the Sistine Chapel, until his bloated corpse had to be stuffed into his coffin. Humor should be a core value of our new organization, and lending Alexander's name to it may inspire great social events. But he too does not quite fit as a model for today's Catholic campus counter-organization.

Many of the Renaissance Popes were generally another group who did not live up to the standards needed today. Since many of those papal elections were rigged for rich, powerful families, these papacies ultimately led to the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century. If such abuse caused Christendom to split, naming our new campus organization for one of these popes would also certainly fail.

Ironically, not every pope — like every president — can be the perfect model we expect. The Catholic Church has had

both virtuous and immoral leaders, some just recently involved with child abuse in the United States. After all, every human being has personal moral shortcomings and strengths. But policy issues that affect those who are not Catholic paint a gray area in our political system.

If our nation was bounded only within the Vatican, then it would be acceptable that our elected officials easily follow a single religion's agenda. But we do not elect a Jew or a Catholic or an Atheist to strenuously follow personal religious beliefs while in office. We elect representatives in our system to make judgments that are in the interest of their constituencies or the nation as a whole... — judgments that are mostly gray in complexity.

With our number of popes at 262 and counting, maybe we can find one whose name was "Gray," and therefore promote debate, inclusion and tolerance to our new Catholic campus organization. That should be our core value.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The war continues

Wars in the past have been well-planned and implemented over important issues such as slavery, freedom and equality. But you, Otters of Sorin, deserve no credit for your ill-planned attempt. You have made a mockery of the art of ancient battle.

At approximately 12:15 am April 2nd (a day late of April Fool's we might add), you lined up outside our hall, ordering the surrender of a mere freshman who had simply asserted her right of freedom of speech and used her as a scapegoat to justify your so-called reign of terror against the women of Walsh Hall.

Once the sweet freshman went outside to hear your speech, you did nothing but exclaim, "Show us your horns!" and blankly stared at her. Way to go. Clearly you were accepted early to Notre Dame. Oh wait, we forgot! You then so bravely threw water balloons at her, forgetting that we are W.I.L.D. Women and not

witches prone to melting.

You may have thought you were proving a point, Sorin, but you just dug yourselves deeper into a non-sensical hole. You further alienated yourselves from the acceptance of your peers on campus by not only defacing our hall (Tearing out our screen doors? Really?) but also by disturbing the peace of nearby dorms this evening. We sincerely thank you for proving our point that you hate us for no reason. On behalf of W.I.L.D. Women everywhere.

Alexa Doyle

sophomore

Jenna Heffernan

freshman

Walsh Hall

April 2

Labels unnecessary

Although I cannot completely agree with Mr. Petrocelli ("Political correctness overload," April 2), I would like to thank him for recognizing the main point of the "End the R Word" campaign: all people, the mentally disabled, elderly, ill, the list goes on, are just that — people. They do not need a special name, good connotation or bad, to define them or differentiate them.

My brother is 16 years old and mentally retarded in every true sense of the world. Being diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy from birth, he cannot walk, talk, sit, stand, feed or even go to the bathroom by himself. He will never drive a car, be able to walk (something we take for granted every day) down the aisle to receive his high school diploma, or do the jig at a Notre Dame football game.

When I heard of the campaign to end the "R" word, I was interested to see how the student body would respond. Although I gratefully applaud those who took this seri-

ously, or even just signed the petition and walked away, it made me sick to hear stories of people not signing and mimicking "retards" as they laughed and strutted away. When I was standing in line to get dinner, people who had just signed the petition walked up behind me, laughing, saying, "What the hell is that [petition]? All I know is that's retarded."

Although hypocritical, nauseating and completely defeating the point, these things did not surprise me. No one can truly know the hurt caused by one little word unless they have experienced it first-hand, seeing kids stare at a loved one in the grocery store or bluntly walking up to you and asking "why isn't he 'normal' like me?" Who said you are the normal one? I know the word "retarded" will never leave our generation's vocabulary. All I ask is this: please think before you speak and act.

Whether its "retarded," "gay" or any other negatively connotated

word, you are calling out one group of people and making light of something that is bigger than all of us. No one chooses to have cerebral palsy, Down syndrome or any other disability. My brother did not choose to be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life, and if I could switch places with him, even for a second, so he could experience some of the wonderful people and things I have experienced (like the inspiring people I have met and things I have done here at Notre Dame), I would.

Like Mr. Petrocelli said, any and every individual is a person, and doesn't need to be defined by a word. I think if we truly attempted to recognize this, words like retarded and their definitions would be irrelevant.

Rochelle Rieger

sophomore

Pasquerilla West Hall

April 2

Keep Coach Brey

For as disappointed as I am in our men's basketball team's performance this past season, I have to disagree with Kevin Sonn and his desire for the University to fire Coach Mike Brey for a number of reasons. Sonn, along with many others, has an issue with the style of play that Brey coaches, which is understandable. We do shoot a lot of threes and we are not an adept defensive team. However, Brey plays this style out of necessity and because, as the coach at Notre Dame, he is limited in a number of ways other Big East and national contenders are not.

This is not a fault of Brey, but rather an implication of the University and the athletic department. Brey's teams play in an outdated, run-down facility, complete with duct tape holding together seats in the lower bowl. The practice facilities are on the same level. And, unlike football, the basketball team does not have the storied tradition (or unwavering fan support) to entice recruits despite these shortcomings.

Because of these factors, and the higher academic standards to which Notre Dame holds its student-athletes, recruiting is a serious challenge for Brey. This is not to mention the fact that the team competes in the Big East, widely regarded as the toughest conference in the country.

Before Coach Brey came to Notre Dame in 2001, the Irish hadn't been in the NCAA Tournament since 1990. In Brey's nine seasons as head coach, Notre Dame has made the tournament five times and Brey has been named the Big East Coach of the Year twice. The University, recognizing its deficiencies with regards to the basketball program, will finally update the facilities this offseason to a level which will allow Brey to compete with the rest of the conference on a level playing field.

I am not claiming that Brey can take this program to national prominence given the right set of circumstances (there are actually a number of reasons to believe that he cannot). However, I also think it is wrong to close the book on him before he even has the chance.

Andy Zicarelli

sophomore

Dillon Hall

April 2

Submit a Letter to the Editor at
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This Week's Mix – Just Hit Shuffle



by Caitlin Ferraro

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| 1 | ✓ | "Womanizer (Cover)" - The All-American Rejects |
| 2 | ✓ | "Only Fooling Myself" - Kate Voegelé |
| 3 | ✓ | "This is For Real" - Motion City Soundtrack |
| 4 | ✓ | "Poker Face" - Lady GaGa |
| 5 | ✓ | "Hands Down" - Dashboard Confessional |
| 6 | ✓ | "Heartbeats" - Jose Gonzalez |
| 7 | ✓ | "Forever & Always" - Taylor Swift |
| 8 | ✓ | "Everything I'm Not" - The Veronicas |
| 9 | ✓ | "Lucky" - Jason Mraz feat. Colbie Caillat |
| 10 | ✓ | "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" - Cyndi Lauper |
| 11 | ✓ | "If You C Jordan" - Something Corporate |
| 12 | ✓ | "Beautiful" - Akon feat. Colby O'Donis & Kardinal Offishall |
| 13 | ✓ | "Ain't A Thing" - Tyler Hilton |

Playlists are great when you have a need to fulfill- a fast paced workout playlist to pump you up and keep you running, a serene playlist of calming slow songs to fall asleep to, or just a playlist to rock out on road trips. But sometimes it's nice to just hit shuffle and see what happens. You might find old songs you forgot you had, one you used to play endlessly then ditched, or a brand new song you just added. Try any of these great songs, or create your own random playlist. After all variety is the spice of life.

13 songs,
1 Chill Session



James Patterson's novel "Sundays at Tiffany's" takes the concept of the normal romance story and gives it an unexpected twist.

"Tiffany's" seems like an average, every-day romance novel, except that the main male love interest is someone completely unexpected — a girl's imaginary friend who ventures back into her life 24 years after abandoning it.

As an eight-year-old girl with a famous mother who rarely gives her the time of day, Jane Margaux is often alone, except for the company of Michael, her handsome and brilliant 30-year-old imaginary friend.

On her ninth birthday, though, Michael leaves her just as all imaginary friends must do when their child turns nine, and just as Michael has had to do many times before. He guarantees her that she will not remember him in the morning, but still feels differently about leaving her than he has about leaving any of the others.

Twenty-four years later, Michael is shocked to find Jane once again, now grown up and working for her mother's production company. He has never forgotten her, but even stranger, she did not forget him, unlike what always happened with the other children he befriended.

Michael is just what Jane needs in her otherwise miserable life, and she almost instantly falls in love with him. In spite of his best wishes, Michael begins to fall in love with Jane as well, a different kind of love than he felt for the eight-year-old Jane.

But can an imaginary friend, who is only partially human, does not age and must follow whatever assignments are given to him, enter

into a relationship with one of his former child friends?

The idea of romance with an imaginary friend is the only concept that sets "Sunday's at Tiffany's" apart from the average romance novel. It seeks to explain the truth behind the imaginary friend, an experience most people have had personally or seen someone else have.

It is by no means one of the best works of literature and is not a book for those who are not particularly interested in the romance genre. That is not to say, however, that it does not succeed in entertaining.

"Tiffany's" is a highly enjoyable read, with moments of happiness, sadness, love and anger. Its short chapters makes it an easy book to pick up at a moment's notice and put

down whenever other, more pressing concerns arise.

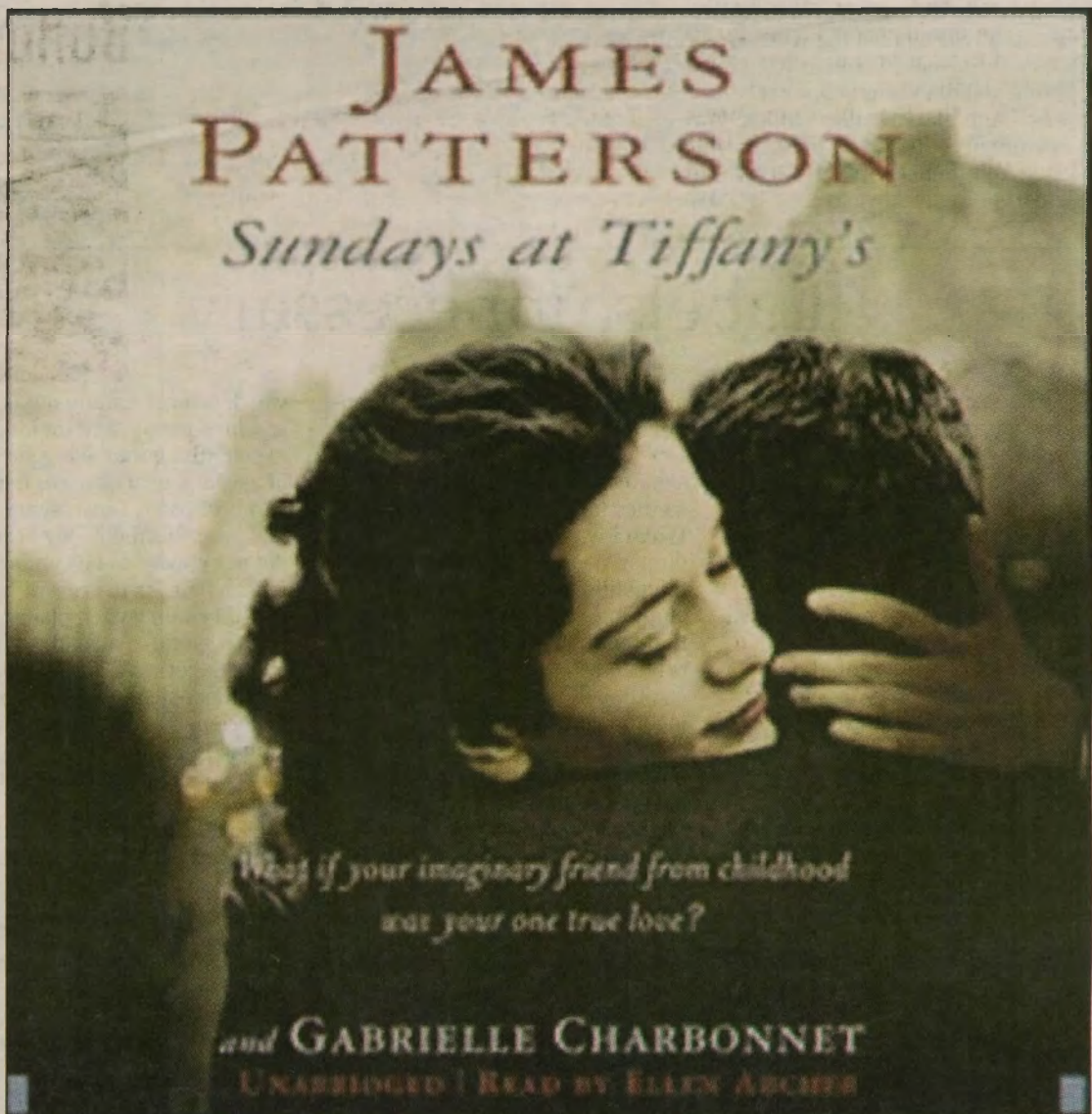
For anyone who enjoys a story of romance, or someone who likes books with a twist, Patterson's "Tiffany's" is worth the effort and can be a good

distraction from other, more tedious reading assignments.



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By ADRIANA PRATT
Scene Writer

On Thursday night, Notre Dame brought one of America's most well known classics, "On the Waterfront" to the Browning Cinema in The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Winner of eight Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Actor and Best Director, this controversial film directed by Elia Kazan deals with thematic elements such as corruption, violence, and overwhelming inner conflict that comes to light when protagonist Terry Malloy (Marlon Brando) is faced with deciding whether or not to testify against the well-connected and ever-threatening mob boss Johnny Friendly (Lee J. Cobb).

The story grows complicated as the once promising boxer Terry is asked by his brother Charley (Rod Steiger) to intentionally lose a fight for Friendly's benefit. Recognizing the strength of brotherly bonds, Terry does as told and ends his career before it has the chance to reach its climax.

Now, Terry faces a life working on the docks under the murderer Friendly who consistently evades being caught by the cops because witnesses choose to play "deaf and dumb" over risking their own lives to protect future ones.

When Terry becomes one of those very witnesses, he faces an inner battle, similar to the one director Kazan faced when asked to turn in the names of his Communist Hollywood co-workers during the McCarthy-led anti-Communist hearings. It was this very struggle that served as the foundation for "On the Waterfront."

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Trying to protect his brother, Charley hurries a gun into Terry's hand and urges him to run.

Pressure on Terry to confess the crime he saw mounts when the sister of the victim, Edie (Eva Marie Saint), crusades against the mob king and calls on the help of anyone she can find.

Danger heightens as Friendly finds out about Terry's potential testimony against him and threatens immediate action — a.k.a. death — if Terry pursues justice against the manipulative and ominous union boss.

In a particularly emotional scene, Charley confronts Terry, begging him to escape and not risk his life testifying against Friendly, and Terry in turn reminds Charley of the sacrifice he made ending his boxing career.

Trying to protect his brother, Charley hurries a gun into Terry's hand and urges him to run. In a final confrontational scene between Friendly and Terry, each man's fate is decided, better for one and obviously much worse for the other.

Not only was this film awarded eight Academy Awards, it also made the Vatican's list of the 45 greatest films of all time and was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry.

It was based on twenty-four articles called "Crime on the Waterfront" written by New York Sun reporter Malcolm Johnson, who revealed the behind-the-scenes corruption that took place in Manhattan and Brooklyn during the late 1940s. For both an historical and intriguing look at the mischief, violence, and heavy moral decisions that faced many involved in the mob scene, see the 1950s classic "On the Waterfront."

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SCENE'S TOP VIDEO PICKS



Can I Have Your Number



An oldie but goodie.

Movies in Minutes- Titanic



A quality reenactment.

Butter Floor



Annoying roommate? Here's a solution.

7 Year Old: Hoodrat Stuff Wit My Friend



Talk about a classy kid.

FOOTBALL

Broncos send Bears Cutler

Feud ends as Denver lands three picks and Orton in exchange for QB

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Jay Cutler got his wish Thursday: a ticket out of Denver. And the Chicago Bears have a franchise quarterback for the first time in decades.

The Broncos announced Thursday that they had agreed to trade their disgruntled Pro Bowl passer to the Bears, who've gone through a bevy of quarterbacks without much success ever since Jim McMahon was calling plays in the 1980s.

The Broncos will get quarterback Kyle Orton in return, along with two first-round draft picks and a third-round pick.

The Broncos get the Bears' top pick in this year's draft, which is No. 18 overall, and Chicago's first-round draft pick in 2010 along with a third-round selection this year (No. 84 overall). Denver also gave up a fifth-rounder this year.

Calls to Cutler's agent, Bus Cook, went unanswered. His office in Hattiesburg, Miss., was closed because of bad weather and his home phone had a message asking callers to call back later. An e-mail sent by The Associated Press wasn't returned.

Cutler asked for a trade last month after his relationship with Josh McDaniels soured when the new 32-year-old coach talked to other teams about trading him. Cutler and his agent didn't think McDaniels was upfront with them about the trade talks.

Two meetings designed to clear the air only raised Cutler's level of distrust. Still, McDaniels insisted over and over that Cutler was his guy and he said at last week's NFL owners meetings that he would do everything he could to repair their relationship.

When the rocket-armed but thin-skinned passer didn't return the Broncos' phone calls, however, team owner Pat Bowlen said enough was enough. On Tuesday night, he announced he had given his new brain trust of McDaniels and general manager Brian Xanders the go-ahead to seek a trade for the quarterback who made the Pro Bowl in just his second season as a starter.

Although Cutler is 17-20 as a starter, he's been victimized by dismal defenses in Denver, and he was an impressive 13-1 when the Broncos held opponents to 21 points or fewer.

Last year, Cutler threw for a franchise record 4,526 yards, 25 touchdowns and 18 interceptions. In his 37-game career in Denver, he completed 62.5 percent of his passes for 9,024 yards, 54 TDs and 37 interceptions.

Although he was prone to mistakes, his bold and at times risky play wasn't just tolerated but encouraged by former Broncos coach Mike Shanahan, who would often laud Cutler for not just dumping off short passes to pad his statistics but instead dared to go downfield, even into coverage. He said that trait would make him great one day.

Cutler's inability to quickly fulfill that forecast cost Shanahan his job on Dec. 30 after the Broncos missed the playoffs for the third straight year.

Cutler wasn't happy about Shanahan's firing. And he was upset when his position coach, Jeremy Bates, bolted for Southern Cal because McDaniels will be the one calling plays in Denver now.

When he hired McDaniels, Bowlen proclaimed that Cutler "is the man around here, now."

That didn't last long.

Cutler started to get over Shanahan's dismissal and Bates' departure and he told McDaniels in February he was eager to learn his new offense. But that all changed on Feb. 28, when Cutler learned McDaniels had talked about trading him to Tampa Bay in a three-way deal that would have brought McDaniels' protege, Matt Cassel, from New England to Denver.

McDaniels had tutored Cassel, who led New England to an 11-5 record after Tom Brady suffered a season-ending injury in the opener last year.

That sent McDaniels' stock soaring and landed him in Denver as Shanahan's successor.

It seemed like the perfect match: the rocket-armed passer meets the offensive guru.

But McDaniels' dalliance with his former pupil blew up in his face when he didn't clue in Cutler, and now McDaniels begins his era in Denver by chasing off his 25-year-old Pro Bowl quarterback—and he'll have to face Cassel twice a year because the Patriots ended up sending his protege to Kansas City instead.

As for Cutler, he won't have to ditch his West Coast style for the intricate Patriots-style offense.

He might be going to one of the teams he rooted for as a kid growing up in Santa Claus, Ind., but he's also leaving a great pocket of protection in Denver, where left tackle Ryan Clady is considered the best young tackle in the game, and a great bunch of receivers led by fellow Pro Bowler Brandon Marshall and Eddie Royal. Behind young tackles Clady and Ryan Harris, Cutler's offensive line allowed just a dozen sacks.

The Bears, however, signed free agent left tackle Orlando Pace on Thursday.

Denver now has Orton, fellow newcomer Chris Simms and Darrell Hackney at quarterback.

Simms, who signed a two-year, \$6 million free agent deal ostensibly to serve as Cutler's backup, has thrown just two passes since undergoing emergency surgery to remove his spleen after a game in 2006. Hackney's next NFL pass will be his first.

Bears general manager Jerry Angelo made it clear in December, after his team went 9-7 and missed the playoffs for the second straight year—that solidifying the quarterback spot was his top priority.

"It's all about the quarterback," he said. "You don't win because of wide receivers. You don't win because of running backs. You win because of the quarterback. We've got to get the quarterback position stabilized."

Orton threw for 2,972 yards while completing 272 of 465 passes and throwing more touchdowns (18) than interceptions (12) after beating out Rex Grossman for the starting job. But he wasn't the same after being carted off the field with a sprained ankle against Detroit midway through the season.

Orton went from throwing a club record 205 passes without an interception to throwing eight in four games before a strong finish in the finale.

The Bears will get a great but often petulant passer who is going from the long shadow of John Elway in Denver to the Windy City, where he'll be under just as much scrutiny.

Cutler is halfway through the six-year, \$48 million contract he signed as the 11th overall pick out of Vanderbilt in the 2006 draft. His salary cap number for next season is just over \$1 million.

Although he probably won't play in the game, the Bears visit the Broncos for an exhibition on Aug. 30.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Kentucky and Coach Cal sign huge contract

Associated Press

DETROIT — John Calipari will make more in a single half at Kentucky than Kenya Crandell will make all year at Southern Utah.

That's life for a college assistant. A lot of head coaches, too. Unless you're Billy Donovan, Coach K, Roy Williams or a handful of others, coaching won't make you a millionaire. Not in one season, anyway.

But if you're looking for outrage at the \$32 million Kentucky threw at Calipari this week, don't look to the coaches convention at the Final Four. It's just the price of business at Kentucky, most coaches said, a school that treasures its tradition-rich history and refuses to accept anything less in the future.

Besides, if Kentucky is willing to throw around that kind of money, maybe a little of it eventually will come their way, too.

"To me, it's democracy. The market dictates," Missouri coach Mike Anderson said Thursday. "Everyone's trying to get a jump on the next guy. It's always been like that. In everything. That's just the American way, isn't it?"

Anderson should know.

Four days after taking the Tigers to the Elite Eight for the first time since 2002, he had a new seven-year deal that bumped his salary by \$500,000 a year.

Fed up after yet another season of not being in the hunt for a national title, Kentucky fired Billy Gillispie and lured Calipari from Memphis on Tuesday with an eight-year, \$31.65 million deal. Calipari was 137-14 over the last four seasons, and his Memphis team was the only one in the country to be a No. 1 or 2 seed in the NCAA tournament during that same time frame. The Tigers made four straight regional semifinals, losing to Kansas in the final last year.

Athletic director Mitch Barnhart was quick to point out Calipari's base salary is only \$400,000 a year, with most of the rest coming from media and television rights. The athletic department is self-sufficient, Barnhart added, and no coach's salary is paid with state appropriations or university funding.

The value Calipari brings to Kentucky extends far beyond the basketball court,

too, Barnhart said. Coaches are often the faces of their schools, and their success can be as profitable for the anthropology department as it is for the athletic department. Long runs in the NCAA tournament have translated into increased applications; after Siena took top-seeded Louisville to the wire in the second round this year, coach Fran McCaffery said hits on the small, Catholic college's Web site jumped from 8,000 to 60,000.

"To be the premier basketball program in America, you want the best coach, you must pay a premium price," Barnhart said. "We don't mind doing that, because we think it's important. If done correctly, the investment in a coach will pay for itself and yield returns for the overall program in general."

But the figure is still eye-popping, especially in the troubled economy.

Throw in \$3 million in retention bonuses if he stays at Kentucky through March 31, 2016, Calipari will receive an average of \$4 million a year over the eight years. Figure the Wildcats play 35 games a year—that's assuming a trip to the Final Four each year, of course—Calipari will make about \$114,286 per game. Add in 10 minutes worth of timeouts, and that's \$2,285 per minute—about the price of one of his designer suits.

"You have to ask some very hard questions, whether this is really in tune with the academic values, whether we've reached a point already that these high salary and packages for coaches has really extended beyond what's expected within the academic community," NCAA president Myles Brand said.

"Those questions really have to be asked. Now, we can't answer them; it's anti-trust if we were to try to regulate any salaries. But I would hope our university presidents and our conferences would ask those questions themselves."

Calipari isn't the only one getting the big bucks these days, though. Billy Donovan averages \$3.5 million annually at Florida after winning back-to-back national titles, and Kansas coach Bill Self isn't far behind at \$3 million a year. Tom Crean is making about \$2.36 million a year at Indiana—and he hasn't even won a national title.

CLASSIFIEDS

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And I said, "What about 'Breakfast at Tiffany's'?" She said, "I think I remember the film." And as I recall, I think, we both kinda liked it. And I said, "Well, that's the one thing we've got."

AROUND THE NATION

Friday, April 3, 2009

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NCAA Baseball Division I Top 25

	team	points	previous
1	Georgia	737	1
2	Cal St. Fullerton	701	3
3	Arizona State	679	2
4	Georgia Tech	636	7
5	LSU	634	5
6	North Carolina	607	6
7	Miami (Fla.)	550	4
8	Arkansas	523	10
9	Rice	494	9
10	Oklahoma	449	11
11	Texas A&M	412	14
12	Baylor	387	12
13	UC Irvine	383	13
14	Texas	380	8
15	Oklahoma State	319	17
16	Virginia	251	18
17	Clemson	242	20
18	East Carolina	209	23
19	Coastal Carolina	161	15
20	Mississippi	154	16
21	Florida	145	NR
22	Ohio State	143	25
23	Florida State	99	NR
24	New Mexico	89	NR
25	San Diego	86	NR

IWLCA Women's Lacrosse Division I Rankings

	team	record	points
1	Northwestern	9-0	400
2	Maryland	8-0	365
3	Penn	7-0	365
4	North Carolina	7-2	319
5	Duke	8-2	296
6	Georgetown	5-3	291
7	Princeton	5-1	289
8	Syracuse	6-2	274
9	NOTRE DAME	8-1	234
10	Virginia	6-3	223
11	Vanderbilt	4-3	210
12	Boston U.	5-3	178
13	Loyola (Md.)	6-1	140
14	Stanford	6-2	128
15	Penn State	4-4	86
16	Dartmouth	3-3	78
17	Ohio State	7-1	78
18	James Madison	4-3	59
19	Cornell	5-2	55
20	New Hampshire	6-3	52

Women's Rowing CRCA Division I Top 15

	team	points
1	Yale	494
2	Brown	425
3	Washington	420
4	Stanford	413
5	California	400
6	Virginia	366
7	Michigan State	327
8	Princeton	321
9	Harvard	314
10	Southern California	280
11	Washington State	255
12	Ohio State	221
13	Clemson	201
14	Wisconsin	174
15	Michigan	165

around the dial

NBA

Cleveland at Orlando
8 p.m., ESPN

Houston at Los Angeles Lakers
10:30 p.m., ESPN

NFL



Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth is escorted out of Dade County Pretrial Detention Center after posting \$200,000 bond Thursday.

Stallworth still to face legal issues

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Free on bail but facing serious legal charges, Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth will get ready for an upcoming NFL season not knowing if he'll play.

Stallworth surrendered in court Thursday on charges that he was driving drunk when he struck and killed a pedestrian while returning from a night of partying in Miami Beach on March 14. The 28-year-old Stallworth was released by Miami authorities after posting \$200,000 bail.

He was expected to fly

back to Cleveland on Thursday night. Stallworth intends to resume voluntary workouts with the rebuilding Browns, who must now consider their options and the possibility they will not have the seven-year veteran on their roster next season.

Following a brief hearing Thursday before Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Dennis Murphy, Stallworth, dressed in a dark suit and holding his mother Donna's hand, expressed his condolences and offered his prayers to victim Mario Reyes' family. Stallworth added he has "full confidence and

faith" in the legal process. If convicted of DUI manslaughter, Stallworth faces a maximum of 15 years in prison.

The judge set an April 23 arraignment date for Stallworth to enter a plea. Stallworth, who is allowed to travel between Ohio and Florida and must seek permission to go anywhere else, does not have to be present at that hearing. Stallworth is expected to plead not guilty and a trial date will be set.

The problem for the Browns is the legal case could drag into the 2009 season.

The team did not rush

to Stallworth's defense after the charges were announced Wednesday, releasing a statement saying "we are disappointed he has put himself in this position." The Browns also said they had been in communication with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

As much as Stallworth's life is in the hands of the legal system, it is Goodell who could decide his football future.

Stallworth, whose first season with Cleveland was marred by injuries, faces a possible suspension if the league deems he violated its conduct or substance abuse policies.

IN BRIEF

Stevens extends coaching contract through 2016

INDIANAPOLIS — Butler coach Brad Stevens has agreed to a contract extension with the Bulldogs through the 2015-16 season.

The new contract announced Thursday adds one year to the contract Stevens signed a year ago. Terms of the new deal were not disclosed.

The 32-year-old Stevens is one of the youngest coaches in Division I. He has compiled a 56-10 record in his two seasons as Butler coach, winning the Horizon League regular-season championship and taking the Bulldogs to the NCAA tournament both years.

Butler was 26-6 last season, losing to LSU in the first round of the tournament.

Stevens played at nearby DePauw. He was a Butler assistant for six years under Thad Matta and Todd Lickliter and became coach after Lickliter left for Iowa in 2007.

Reds considering Gary Sheffield for limited play

SARASOTA, Fla. — The Cincinnati Reds wrapped up training camp with an overture to Gary Sheffield and a lingering question about the last opening in their starting rotation.

Manager Dusty Baker said Thursday that he's interested in adding Sheffield — a friend for many years — to the roster. The trouble is that he can't offer regular playing time to the 40-year-old free agent, who is hoping for a full-time job and a multiyear deal.

Baker got permission from general manager Walt Jocketty to call Sheffield and see if he would consider the Reds, who don't have a starting job open. Sheffield, who was released by the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday, could start in left field when the Reds are facing a left-handed pitcher, fill in at first base on occasion and pinch-hit.

Agent hopes Vick can return by September

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — An agent for suspended NFL star Michael Vick told a bankruptcy court on Thursday that he hopes the ex-Atlanta Falcons quarterback could return to the league by September.

Joel Segal testified as part of a hearing to assess Vick's plan to emerge from bankruptcy, which was designed with the goal of Vick returning to a professional football career. Vick, who left a federal prison in Kansas last week to travel to Virginia, was in court for the first time in the case. He is scheduled to testify Friday.

To return to a team, Vick still must apply to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell to be reinstated. He hasn't yet done so, Segal said, and plans first to finish his 23-month sentence for bankrolling a dogfighting operation. He will return to his family and community, and when he is ready, start working with strength and quarterback coaches.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish face top teams in North Carolina

Ten top-25 teams await Maunu and company at Bryan National Collegiate Tournament

By MEAGHEN VESELIK
Sports Writer

No. 30 Notre Dame will close out regular season play this weekend as it makes its first appearance at the 12th Annual Bryan National Collegiate Tournament in Greensboro, N.C.

The team will face some of the top national teams' best five golfers in the three-day event, Notre Dame's last competition before the Big East tournament.

"We need to play well, we haven't really put three rounds together recently," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "We're at a point in our season where we need to put our rounds together, and I think it's certainly achievable this weekend."

The five-woman Irish lineup will be made up of senior captain Lisa Maunu, junior Annie Brophy, sophomores So-Hyun

Park and Katie Conway and freshman Becca Huffer.

They will play a total round of 54 holes, one round of 18 holes per day, on the par-72 course. The top four of the five scores each day will go towards the overall team score.

"There are 18 teams, and at least 10 are top-25 teams, so there's some great competition," Holt said. "It's time for us to step up and make a statement. Our schedule has given us the opportunity to do that, and I'd like to see us get our confidence up before heading into the Big East tournament."

Florida took the Bryan Tournament title last season with an overall 906 (42 over par), and Arkansas' Stacy Lewis earned medalist honors win an even-par 216.

Competitors this season include No. 3. Virginia, No. 8 Georgia, No. 9 LSU, No. 18 Louisville, No. 15 Michigan

State, No. 13 North Carolina and No. 12 Wake Forest.

In their last appearance, the Irish placed sixth at the March 22 Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational in Austin, Texas.

The team moved up one spot on the last day of competition, finishing with a final-round score of 311 (23 over). Park scored a team-best 76 for the second consecutive day, ending the tournament in a tie for 23rd place at 225 (9 over). Her final round included one birdie on the 18th hole and 13 pars, but was brought down by three bogeys over four holes and a double bogey on the par-5 fifth hole.

Conway finished her final round at 77 (5 over), improving throughout the weekend. Huffer also shot a (5-over) 77 in the third round, going 11 over with 227 for the tournament. Maunu and Brophy shot 81 and 83 respectively in the final

round. Maunu finished with 11 pars and in 47th place with a total of 233(17 over). Brophy had nine pars and tied for 58th with a total of 236 (20 over).

Facing some tough competition this weekend, Notre Dame is looking to hold its own in the tournament, and knows what it needs to do to achieve that.

"If we could get our rounds together, we have a good chance of making a good showing," Holt said. "It'll be a challenge to do that, and we have to be at our best. We're hoping to manage the course a bit better than we have been. It's a tough course, but I think it plays to our advantage this weekend."

The Irish will tee off from the 10th hole Friday and Saturday at 10 a.m. in the split-tee start with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Sunday.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles hope to streak by Alma

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will try to tack two more wins onto its seven-game winning streak as the Belles (18-2, 4-0 MIAA) travel to Alma College (14-9, 4-2) for a doubleheader.

The Belles are coming off a doubleheader sweep of the Olivet Comets, their third straight sweep.

The Scots, on the other hand, have split four of their last five doubleheaders and have a record of 8-4 since returning from their spring break trip Florida.

With conference play in full swing, the Belles seem to be playing their best at just the right time.

"We are playing really well as a team. Everyone is contributing both on offense and defense as we are now starting to really string hits together," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "Everything seems to be clicking for us right now."

In particular, the combination of stellar pitching performances and rock-solid defensive efforts has been a recipe for success lately, as the Belles have given up only three runs in their last six games.

"Our pitchers are really hitting their spots and are avoiding the walks. We are keeping people off the bases, which really takes pressure off our defense," Sullivan said. "Our middle infielders have been playing especially well and our outfielders tracked down some long fly balls in our last game."

Sullivan also noted the importance of senior catcher Ashley Fusaro in the overall performance of the pitching staff. Sullivan said Fusaro has shown her leadership qualities, calling pitches and mentoring the two pitchers, freshmen Angela Gillis and Monica Palicki.

Fusaro's bat has not gone unnoticed, either, as she currently has a .492 batting average with a home run and 12 RBIs.

The Belles currently sit in first place in the MIAA, and a sweep of Alma would put them in prime position to earn a berth in the conference tournament.

The opening pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday.

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Attention Seniors!

Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring Admissions Counselors this spring!

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NBA

Wizards upset Cavs after Agent Zero's return

Iguodala, Miller and Dalembert lead Philadelphia in second-half rally to top Milwaukee and keep playoff hopes alive

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the first time all season, the Washington Wizards fielded a starting line-up resembling the one they envisioned when training camp opened last fall.

The result: The team leading the league in losses beat the team leading the league in wins.

In the closest thing they'll have to a playoff game this year, Gilbert Arenas and the Wizards recovered after blowing a 14-point second-half lead and ended the franchise-record 13-game winning streak of LeBron James and Cleveland Cavaliers with a 109-101 victory Thursday night.

Arenas, playing his second game of the season in his latest attempt to return from knee surgery, had with 11 points on 3-for-11 shooting and 10 assists and six rebounds in 33 minutes.

Brendan Haywood, making his first start of the season, had 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Wizards, who also received the usual steady contributions from Caron Butler (25 points) and Antawn Jamison (19) and a surprising 17 points on 6-for-8 shooting from Darius Songaila as they snapped a three-game losing streak.

James scored 22 of his 31 points in the second half and finished with six assists and nine rebounds, but—how's this for a statistical oddity—was responsible for all five of his team's turnovers until Daniel Gibson traveled in the final minute of the third quarter. James finished with six turnovers, and had a 3-pointer stuffed in his face by Butler with in the final half-minute.

The Wizards led by 68-54 midway through the third quarter and 80-70 going into the fourth, but the Cavaliers opened the final period with a 16-6 run with James on the bench. Wally Szczerbiak's 3-pointer put the teams even at 86-86 with 7:13 remaining.

The Wizards answered with an 11-3 spurt, including a three-point play and a drive to the basket by Songaila and a short jumper from Arenas. Arenas later assisted on back-to-back baskets by Butler and Jamison to get the lead to nine.

James helped trim the lead to four with a 3-pointer and a free throw, but Nick Young's explosive drive to the basket with 1:05 to play put the Wizards ahead 104-98. The sellout crowd roared as Washington—a team that has won only 18 games—wrapped up its second win over Cleveland this season.

Last year at this time, the Wizards and Cavaliers were headed toward a first-round playoff series that would include subplots aplenty, including a back-and-forth between James and Washington guard DeShawn Stevenson that eventually drew rappers Jay-Z and Soulja Boy into the fray. Cleveland won the series in six games, with Arenas missing the last after more trouble with his knee.

Now the Cavaliers are the best team in the East; the Wizards are the worst. James is an MVP candidate; Arenas has spent most of the season during with more knee trouble.

Washington did manage to beat Cleveland in January when James was called for traveling—he claimed it was a legal “crab dribble”—with 2.3 seconds remaining.

Cavaliers coach Mike Brown is happy there won't be a post-season rematch later this month.

“Jay-Z versus Soulja Boy, the hard fouls, the crab dribble—I'm not going to miss any of that,” Brown said before the game.

There did seem to be at least one bit of gamesmanship by James in this game, when he stopped play just as Arenas was about to attempt a free throw with 1:47 left. James went to the bench to attend to something. Arenas smiled, but he also missed the free throw when play resumed.

76ers 105, Bucks 95
The Philadelphia 76ers were

a bit helter-skelter in the first half against the Milwaukee Bucks, turning the ball over 13 times and hearing groans from the home crowd.

After returning from the locker room, the Sixers played one of their better halves of the season.

Andre Iguodala scored 20 points, Lou Williams had 14 of his 21 in the second half, and Philadelphia rallied from a 13-point first-half deficit to defeat Milwaukee 105-95 on Thursday night.

Andre Miller contributed 18 points and 11 assists for the Sixers (39-35), who won their second straight and vaulted past Miami into fifth place in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

Marreese Speights had 14 points, Reggie Evans chipped in 13 and Samuel Dalembert added 10 rebounds for Philadelphia, which won its

fifth in a row against the Bucks, including all three this season.

“Everybody was not there mentally,” Evans said about the first half. “The second half was almost like a wake-up call, ‘Let's tighten up a little bit. Let's focus in even more and get into it.’ We slowly grinded it out.”

With only eight games remaining before the playoffs, every victory is crucial for the Sixers. The first half was hardly a playoff-caliber effort.

“Fourth quarters have been big and that's really important,” Philadelphia coach Tony DiLeo said. “Down the stretch, we played with a sense of urgency.”

Ramon Sessions led Milwaukee with his second straight stellar outing, getting 18 points, 10 assists and five rebounds a night after his first career triple-double against the Los Angeles Lakers.

“I'm confident and I'm trying to finish every game strong,” Sessions said. “I made a few mistakes in the fourth quarter which I need to correct. We continued to play hard until the end and I'll always give that kind of effort.”

Richard Jefferson added 17 points and Charlie Bell contributed 14 for the Bucks (32-45), who have lost seven of eight.

“It was very similar to (Wednesday against the Lakers) where we had a lot of breakdowns early in the game,” Milwaukee coach Scott Skiles said. “The Sixers didn't take advantage of them until later. With about three minutes left in the third, they started getting into the paint and causing us problems.”

The game was tied at 89 with 5:45 remaining before the Sixers proceeded on a 10-0 run in the next 2:16.



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7:00 pm

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9:15 pm

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9:00 am

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5:00 pm

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6:30 pm*

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11:00 pm

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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 am

Morning Prayer

12:00 noon - 3:00 pm

Silent Hours of Prayer

3:00 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:15 pm

Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 am

Morning Prayer

9:00 pm

The Paschal Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 am*

Easter Sunday Mass

10:00 am

Solemn Mass

12:00 noon*

Easter Sunday Mass

7:15 pm

Solemn Easter Vespers

*Special Mass times for Easter Sunday only

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12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

NHL

With victory No. 50, Bruins one from home ice

Canadiens use power-play to net three goals in easy win over New York; Backes scores four in Blues triumph

Associated Press

BOSTON —This win gave the Boston Bruins 50. The next one will give them something they value even more: home ice through the Eastern Conference playoffs.

"You can play for one team your whole career and never get 50 wins—and still have some real good seasons," goalie Tim Thomas said Thursday night after stopping 31 shots to beat the Ottawa Senators 2-1. "It's a credit to the team, the way it's built and the way the guys play together."

"But if you're running the Boston Marathon and you're leading after 20 miles, you don't stop to say, 'Man, I'm leading.'"

Milan Lucic and Marc Savard scored for Boston, which would clinch the best record in the East with its next victory or the Washington Capitals' next loss. The Bruins were one point behind West-leading San Jose for the best overall record, pending the Sharks' game against Edmonton later Thursday.

"I don't think anyone thought we would've been in this position this quickly," Boston coach Claude Julien said, "but we'll take it."

The Bruins hit 50 wins for the eighth time in franchise history and the first since the 1992-93 season; they reached 110 points for the first time since '82-83. And it's just two years since they missed the playoffs entirely.

"The position we were in two years ago—we've come a long way," said forward P.J. Axelsson, whose steal set up the game-winning goal. "But it's still a long way to go."

But Savard was ready to celebrate—a little.

"We had a tough stretch and now we're heading in the right direction again," he said. "I think it'll be more enjoyable tomorrow when we go to the rink for practice; smiles will be on the boys. It's a great accomplishment for us. ... Fifty wins, I wouldn't have predicted it right away and I don't think any of you did either. I think it's a special feat."

Daniel Alfredsson scored for Ottawa, and Alex Auld made 31 saves.

The Bruins killed off a 6-on-4 in the final 1:55 when Mark Recchi was called for high-sticking and the Senators pulled the goalie for an extra man. Ottawa had a flurry of shots down the stretch before an interference penalty against them evened things up with 2.7

seconds left.

"We were one shot away and it's disappointing but the guys' effort was definitely there," Senators coach Cory Clouston said. "They make you pay. They're a very good team. A couple of little turnovers like that and they make you pay."

Alfredsson gave the Senators the lead when he took a pass from Jason Spezza and put it over Thomas' right shoulder just 5:23 into the game. Lucic tied it with his slap shot 2:27 into the second.

Boston broke the tie in the third when Axelsson stole Brendan Bell's clearing attempt and backhanded it over to the slot for Savard, who put a wrist shot past Auld with 16:58 to play. Savard has two goals and four assists in his last five games.

Canadiens 5, Islanders 1

Just like that, the Montreal Canadiens can feel good about their place in the standings instead of worrying about who is closing in behind them.

Saku Koivu scored the first of Montreal's three power-play goals, and Alex Kovalev had three assists as the Canadiens opened a season-ending road stretch with a 5-1 victory over the New York Islanders on Thursday night.

The Canadiens (40-27-10), who vaulted over the New York Rangers into seventh place in the Eastern Conference, netted two goals in each of the first two periods and cruised to a critical win over the last-place team in the NHL.

Montreal has a one-point lead over the Rangers with five games left, one more than New York—which lost 4-2 at Carolina on Thursday. The Canadiens are three points ahead of ninth-place Florida and just two behind Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

"It's fun to have your destiny in your own hands," forward Alex Tanguay said. "We knew that no matter what the Rangers were doing tonight, we knew we had one game in hand on them. And if we just won our games, we were going to move up."

Mathieu Schneider and fellow defenseman Andrei Markov also scored power-play goals—set up by Kovalev—and Tanguay and defenseman Mike Komisarek added even-strength tallies for the Canadiens, playing four of their final six on the road as they push for the playoffs.

"We're not looking at where we're at in the standings, we're just looking at winning games,"

Tanguay said. "Points are crucial and it's going to be no different for us Saturday in Toronto."

The line of Tanguay-Koivu-Kovalev has scored 27 points in the five games it has been together and 12 of Montreal's past 21 goals.

"We had success in the first game and kept going," Koivu said. "The whole team is playing a whole lot better right now."

Jaroslav Halak, subbing for No. 1 goalie Carey Price (flu), made 26 saves for his 17th win. Montreal recorded 38 shots on Yann Danis and improved to 5-3-3 under coach Bob Gainey. The Canadiens are 4-0-1 in their last five.

Montreal was 35-24-7 when Gainey, also the club's general manager, fired coach Guy Carbonneau and stepped behind the bench.

Jeff Tambellini made it 4-1 in the second period for the injury-plagued Islanders, who were missing injured leading scorers Mark Streit (groin) and Kyle Okposo (groin) and played in front of a home crowd that largely supported the visiting Canadiens.

The Islanders are on a 2-6-1 skid after winning five of seven (5-1-1). New York has allowed 29 goals in the past seven games.

"We've been playing pretty good, and this was a disappointing effort for our team," veteran Islanders forward Doug Weight said.

The chants of "Go Habs Go!" and "Ole! Ole! Ole! Ole!" filled Nassau Coliseum even before Koivu staked the Canadiens to a 1-0 lead with 6:57 left in the first, 34 seconds into rookie Sean Bentivoglio's holding penalty. Kovalev found Koivu with a pass in front for the captain's 16th goal.

Blues 5, Red Wings 4

Not even David Backes could explain what happened.

The 6-foot-3, 220-pound winger scored a career-high four goals, including the go-ahead score with 4:07 left, in the surging St. Louis Blues' 5-4 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Thursday night.

"I don't know what happened," said Backes, who also had his first hat trick. "One of those games where you kind of black out and then they're patting you on the back."

Andy McDonald also scored, and Chris Mason made 34 saves to help the Blues jump from ninth to seventh in the Western Conference playoff race. The

Blues are a point ahead of Nashville and Anaheim, with Anaheim facing Vancouver later Thursday night.

"We just battled in the third period," Mason said. "It was back and forth and we got the two points."

St. Louis rebounded from a 3-1 loss in Chicago on Wednesday night that snapped its winning streak at five games.

Nicklas Lidstrom and Niklas Kronwall each had a goal and two assists and Pavel Datsyuk and Johan Franzen both had a goal and an assist for Detroit, which lost its third straight and fourth in five games. Ty Conklin stopped 28 shots.

"Obviously, the job I'm doing here, the team is not ready," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "So, myself and the leadership group here, as a group of individuals, we've got to do better than this. This is unacceptable."

Backes broke a 4-4 tie with his 30th goal of the season, scoring on a one-timer from the bottom of the left circle.

"We felt that David had the potential to be a 30-goal scorer," Blues coach Andy Murray said. "But we didn't think it would happen here in Detroit."

Kronwall tied it at 4 with 4:43 left on a slap shot from the

point.

Franzen made it 4-3 with a spectacular effort at 3:52. He made a move and jumped around St. Louis defenseman Mike Weaver in the slot, then beat Mason as he was falling to the ice for his 33rd goal.

Lidstrom tied it at 2, with a power-play goal 1:13 into the third period. His 14th goal came on a slap shot from the point.

But Backes' third goal, just 24 seconds later, restored the Blues' one-goal lead. He beat Conklin from the slot after a mix up between Conklin and defenseman Jonathan Ericsson behind the Detroit net.

McDonald's power-play goal 2:53 into the third made it 4-2. He tipped in T.J. Oshie's shot from the point.

"Mad is an interesting word. Frustrated is a waste of time," Babcock said. "I'm just telling you I'm disappointed. I'm disappointed in the job I'm getting done here. I'm disappointed in the group right now. This is very un-Red Wing-like."

The Blues took a 2-0 lead in the middle period on Backes' first two goals.

He opened the scoring at 6:02 when he slammed in a one-time shot from the slot off a pass from Brad Winchester, who was behind the net.

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Military

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hands this weekend.

“The one thing with Air Force and with all military academies is that you know they’ll be tough, disciplined and relentless,” Corrigan said. “I think they really try to score in a lot of different ways.”

The Falcons’ balanced offensive attack is led by sophomore midfielder Vinny Sandtorv, who leads Air Force with 15 goals on the season, and junior attack Ridge Flick, who leads the Falcons with eight assists and 17 points. In addition, the Falcons’ defense has registered an astounding 14 goals and six assists on the year, and sophomore defenseman Bryan Gilbreath is fourth in the team with eight goals on the year.

Corrigan said Air Force’s aggressive style of play in transition helps create opportunities for the Falcons.

“They’re very aggressive in unsettled transition,” Corrigan said. “They’re mentally aware and aggressive in resets. They can create goals from the defensive end of the field to keep the pressure on.”

Despite Notre Dame’s per-

fect start, Corrigan said he believes his team still has room to improve in its second conference game, especially on offense.

“We’ve got to be more disciplined, and we have to hold ourselves to a better standard from what we want on an offensive possession,” Corrigan said. “We’ve been overly aggressive and settle for mediocre possessions.”

In general, Corrigan said he would like to see a complete performance from the Irish and to play up to their high national ranking.

“I want to see our team play with a strong will,” Corrigan said. “I want to see us impose ourselves on the game and the way we want to play.”

Ultimately, Corrigan said he believes that if Notre Dame can play smart and play up to its high national ranking, the Irish will be not only be successful against Air Force, but for the rest of the season.

“I want to see us make good decisions because we’re disciplined and strong-willed about what we want to do, and if we do that, we can be a very good team,” Corrigan said.

The Irish face off against the Falcons at 1 p.m. at Alumni Field.

“I want to see us make good decisions because we’re disciplined and strong-willed about what we want to do.”

Kevin Corrigan
Irish coach

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ND WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish travel to Cincy, Louisville

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

The Irish (9-2, 2-1 Big East) gear up to take on two conference opponents this weekend, as they will face Cincinnati (5-5, 0-2) on the road Friday and then travel to Kentucky to take on Louisville (6-3, 0-2) Sunday.

After a seven-game win streak and an 8-1 start to the season, Notre Dame split last weekend, losing to No. 6 Georgetown 14-12 and then going on to defeat No. 13 Loyola (Md.) 16-13. The 1-1 weekend pushed Notre Dame to a third-place tie in the Big East.

“We had a two-goal loss to a top-10 team, so I think we’re definitely in the mix, but I think this weekend we need to come out and play strong,” Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. “We’ll see how it goes this weekend to see if we can kind of crank it up a notch.”

The Irish have been in the position before, starting the

2008 season 9-3 and the 2007 season 11-3, but were not able to achieve their goal of winning the Big East.

“If you look back at 2007 and 2008 we’ve been at this point before where we’ve been 9-2 or 10-3,” Coyne said. “I think our focus is how do we finish in a stronger position than we did last year or two years ago.”

The Bearcats are led by their goalie, freshman Katherine Russo, who leads the Big East in save percentage.

Notre Dame is near the top of every offensive category in the Big East, which Coyne attributes to the team’s balance.

“We have pretty balanced scoring. At different points in the season we’ve had younger players step up and have a key goal so I think it’s everyone who’s contributing,” Coyne said.

The Irish are led offensively by sophomore Jillian Byers and junior Gina Scioscia, who are second and third in points per game in Big East play so far this year.

Byers leads the Irish with 40 goals and has also contributed nine assists throughout the season. Her 11 goals in the Big East are good for second in the conference.

“[Byers] always draws the top defender from the other team, and she’s handling that pressure well,” Coyne said.

Scioscia, who has already been named Big East player of the week once this season, leads the team in points with 54 and assists with 21. Her 11 goals and 7 assists in Big East play is good enough for second in both of those categories. She is also second in total points.

“[Scioscia] is having an outstanding season and I think [she’s] stepped up and I’m hoping that she’ll continue on her current path,” Coyne said.

The Irish will meet the Bearcats Friday at 4 p.m. in Cincinnati and will take on the Cardinals at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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Northwestern this weekend," he said.

This weekend's slate of games is a good preview to what Notre Dame will face heading into the Big East and NCAA Tournaments. DePaul and Marquette are two of the better teams in the conference and will present challenges to the Irish when they vie for the Big East championship in two weeks.

Northwestern, this year's

indoor national champion, has already shown that they are one of the top teams in the country and will most certainly be there in the end when the NCAA Championships roll around in mid-May.

"Playing four matches in five days, which is what you have to do at the NCAA championships, is a tough task," Louderback said. "It will be a great test for us."

After this stretch of matches, the Irish will just about have seen it all this season. They have already played 11 matches against top-25 teams thus far, six of which came against

top-seven opponents.

Louderback is thrilled with the idea of playing a tougher schedule than most and the postseason preparation that it offers his team.

"It is good for us to have tough matches late in the year," he said. "It helps us get ready for the Big East and NCAA Tournaments."

After this stretch of road matches, the Irish will return home for their regular-season finale against Texas A&M on April 11.

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Big East

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over Northern Illinois, the Irish hold an eight-game win streak.

"You always want to play your best," Gumpf said. "If we play well, the wins will keep coming."

The Irish also have an 11-game streak in which at least one player has hit a home run.

The surge of power hitting has helped Notre Dame's recent success, as the Irish have won 10 of their last 11 games.

"We are becoming more comfortable in the box," Gumpf said. "I attribute the home runs to the players being comfort-

able and attacking the pitches."

The Irish are also enjoying more success defensively. The team struggled with errors early in the season and lost several games due to unearned runs.

In their win streak, though, the Irish have committed just nine errors that resulted in six unearned runs — a vast improvement.

Senior pitcher Brittany Bargar will start the first game of each doubleheader.

Bargar (12-6) continues to show her experience on the mound, holding a 1.75 earned run average with 88 strikeouts in 120 innings pitched.

Sophomore pitcher Jody Valdivia will start the second

game on each day.

Valdivia (6-5) has been lights-out in her past few appearances for the Irish and has lowered her ERA from over four to 2.85.

The games come in the middle of a nine-game Irish homestand. The squad will also play DePaul and Valparaiso this week before hitting the road.

The first pitch against Pittsburgh is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday with the second game following right after.

The first game against Seton Hall will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday and the second will follow.

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before dropping the final two games.

"The first thing we are focusing on is just getting back to playing good baseball," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "Our pitching and defense hasn't been real solid lately and because of that we have been giving up a lot of runs. We need to focus less on our past performances and more on getting back to playing good baseball."

The Wildcats haven't fared any better in the conference, managing a lone victory in three tries against West Virginia after being swept in a three-game series by St. John's. But past performances are not a concern of Schrage's right now.

"They are always a well-coached team and right now

they have five hitters hitting above .315," he said. "They are very aggressive on the base paths and have the most stolen base attempts in the league. They create and score a lot of runs and have three solid starting pitchers who have pitched fairly well this season."

For the Irish, pitching has been has a problem this season. Sophomore right-hander Cole Johnson (3-0), who boasts a 2.75 earned run average, is the lone exception.

"Cole's had an outstanding year for us," Schrage said. "He has really established himself as our number one guy and we always play well behind him. We hope that he will continue to perform at a high level for us the rest of the way."

Not counting Johnson's two outings in the series openers against Seton Hall and Pittsburgh, Irish pitchers

gave up 20 and 29 runs, respectively, in each series' final two games, all resulting in losses.

Against Villanova's strong pitching staff, Schrage said he knows that will not get the job done.

"We have got to get three quality starts from our pitchers this weekend," he said. "We haven't had that in the first two series and it really hurts us. We gave up a lot of two-out runs because our pitchers struggled to close out innings."

Saturday's and Sunday's games against Villanova are scheduled to start at 1:05 p.m. After this weekend's series, the Irish will take on the South Bend Silverhawks in an exhibition game Tuesday to be held at Coveleski Stadium in South Bend.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Danridge wins contest in dunk-off

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — New Mexico's Tony Danridge beat Charlotte's Charlie Coley III in the college slam-dunk contest Thursday night at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

In the final round, Coley received a perfect 50 from the judges after a dunk off a

pass from Rhode Island's Jimmy Baron in the stands. Danridge, though, forced a dunk-off with his third 50 of the competition with a two-ball, two-handed double dunk.

Coley then dunked over judge Jalen Rose for a 48, and Danridge ended it with a left-handed windmill for a 49.

Miami's Jack McClinton won the men's 3-point contest, beating Erik Kangas of nearby Oakland University 22-17 in the final.

Furman's Melissa Liebschwager beat Arizona State's Briann January 19-14 in the women's 3-point final, but lost 17-15 to McClinton in a battle of the sexes.

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against the zone you're going to get a dub," Huxtables captain and junior Michael Lucien said. "Big Greg Cunn anchored us in the post, and Brian Bakey took over in the fourth quarter. Just a beautiful outing."

Team Vinny allowed a 6-0 Huxtable run to start the match, but once senior Charlie Beckett drained the team's first bucket, the perimeter shooting started to warm up. Unable to drive to the basket, Team Vinny resorted to a shoot-first strategy highlighted by senior Andrew Nesi for most of the game.

"They're a little taller, a little more in shape, and a little more talented, so I think we were outmatched," Team Vinny captain and senior Peter Schreck said. "But I think we played hard."

Despite Team Vinny's strong effort, the athleticism and pure skill of the Huxtables took over in the second half to secure the victory. Led by the aggressive ball-handling of

junior John Baumgardner and the fancy left-handed drives of sophomore Brian Bakey, the Huxtables showed why they are one of the teams to watch as the tournament progresses. "We'll stick to the library," Becket said.

It's Endorsed by Fred McGriff 21, GOT Cavanaugh? 11

Making just enough buckets to pull out the win, Obviously We Have Not Watched Tom Ewanski's Defensive Drills - It's Endorsed by Fred McGriff defeated GOT Cavanaugh? Thursday afternoon.

Neither team shot very well throughout the game, and Cavanaugh shot especially badly in the second half. The five girls, all in pink shirts, made only four baskets once the teams switched sides of the court. The inefficient shooting was by no means caused by strong defense from Endorsed.

The five Zahm players relied heavily on their height advantage to rein in rebounds on both the offensive and defensive boards. Merrick Doll led Endorsed with nine points, most of which came from rebounds that Doll simply

slipped in above Cavanaugh's reaches.

The team in pink routinely stole the ball from Endorsed, but failed to convert on the offensive end.

"They were definitely playing hard and scrappy," said Doll of the Cavanaugh effort.

"I think we had more steals than anyone in history," Cavanaugh sophomore captain Meg Fitzgerald said. "And we had an epic comeback. It was long and sweaty, but didn't leave us quite satisfied."

Having won their first game, Endorsed was quite optimistic.

"We have a chance at it," Doll said. "If Rudy can play for Notre Dame, we can win the championship."

The Trustees of the Board 21, Like a Mullet 5

The Trustees of the Board opened a dominating performance by blocking Like A Mullet's first shot. The Trustees did not ease up through the rest of the game and the team won the game Thursday.

Throughout the game, The Trustees played great defense, only giving up one basket in the first half. They opened

the game with ten points before Mullet could muster one.

In the defining first half, The Trustees shot 11 of 19. They finished the game shooting 21 of 38 overall.

Meanwhile, Mullet shot one of 15 in the first half, and five of 32 overall. This large discrepancy truly illustrated

"I think we had more steals than anyone in history."

Meg Fitzgerald
GOT Cavanaugh? captain

The Trustees' combination of tough defense and efficient offense. Matt Wold led The Trustees with nine points, including the game-ending shot from a range that could not have been far from an NBA three pointer.

"I'm a man of few words," Wold said. "I got that shot all day."

The Chill Squad 21, Trababajamos 8

In second round action, the Chill Squad took down Trababajamos Thursday night to advance to the next round in the Dan Devine sectional.

"The Chill Squad was just too hot for our liking," Trababajamos junior Claire DiPiero said.

The size and athleticism of the Squad was just too much

for the team hailing from Saint Mary's. The Squad jumped out to an 11-2 halftime lead behind a pestering defense that forced a number of turnovers.

"We did our best, but they were just so chill," DiPiero added. "We brought the heat, but they chilled us out tonight."

Despite a number of self-inflicted turnovers from the Squad in the second-half, they managed to keep their composure and extended their lead to 17-3.

Trabajabamos mounted a fierce comeback, bringing the score to 18-7 behind stellar outside shooting that had the Squad on their heels for a short time.

But it just was not to be. The Squad finished off Trababajamos after sophomore Blake Allen sank a jumper to end the game.

"All the chilling has finally paid off," sophomore David Millay of the Squad said.

"We were huffing and puffing, but we boxed out well in the end," added sophomore Liam Rhatigan.

As for the next round, there was a bit of confusion among the Squad after the game.

"So what, are we in the Final Four now?" Allen asked.

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ND WOMEN'S ROWING

Irish to face tough teams in California

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will travel to San Diego to take on tough competition out west this weekend at the San Diego Classic.

This week, the Irish have been working hard to prepare for the Classic, which is a big event.

"Practices have been very intense this past week," freshman Tess Fitzpatrick said. "We are currently doing seat-races to determine who will row in what positions, so we really have to give it our all and compete with each other."

The San Diego Crew Classic will feature schools from all over the country, including Georgetown, Syracuse, Stanford and Villanova.

"There are a lot of ranked teams traveling to San Diego this weekend so we are really looking to have success and hopefully make a name for ourselves," freshman Alicia Elliott said.

The Irish are coming off a very successful weekend, where they won four races against Indiana and Purdue.

The first and second varsity eight races went to the

Irish, with senior coxswain Stephanie Szegedi leading her crew to a time of 5:33 and senior coxswain Kelsey Otero following that up with a time of 5:46.

The Irish dominance really showed in the varsity four competition, where Notre Dame won three times.

Irish-A, led by senior coxswain Katherine McMackin, crossed the line with a first-place time of 6:49.

Freshman Jacqueline Gihooly led her Irish-C crew to second place, followed by junior Rachael Louie's Irish-B crew in third.

The Irish won their fourth race, as Elliott led her first novice eight team to a victory, crossing the line in 6:15.

The Notre Dame women will send their top two eights to compete in the Classic. The top crew will face Washington, Michigan, Ohio State, and Iowa in their first race scheduled to begin at 8:50 a.m. Saturday.

Ultimately, the team is working toward the Big East championships and the South Central Championships. The Irish have won the last five Big East Championships.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Penn State wins NIT title game

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Penn State coach Ed DeChellis met with his team a couple of hours before playing Baylor in the NIT title game and had only one request.

"Give me everything you have," he said. "If it's good enough, it's good enough; if it's not, it's not. Just leave it all on the floor."

The Nittany Lions certainly did. And it was plenty.

Jamelle Cornley scored 18 points and the scrappy Nittany Lions, chasing every loose ball and hustling for every rebound, outlasted the Bears 69-63 on Thursday night to win only the second postseason tournament title in school history.

Talor Battle added 12 points, all in the second half, for the Nittany Lions (27-11), who were spurred on by raucous chants of "We are ... Penn State," led by none other than Joe Paterno, the 82-year-old football coach sitting about four rows behind the team's bench.

"You don't know what it's going to be like when you go into it," said Cornley, the tournament's most valuable player. "The last time I cut down the nets was the state championship my freshman year of high school. To cut down some more nets in my last game is just an unbelievable

feeling."

The only other postseason tournament Penn State had won was the Atlantic 10 in 1991.

It was a physical game, and both teams spent most of the night scrambling for every ball in sight. Penn State guard Danny Morrissey was trying to corral a loose one near the scorer's table with about 2 1/2 minutes to go and the Nittany Lions leading 57-48 when he slammed his head into the floor, laying motionless on the sideline for a few moments. Trainers hurried over and tended to the senior, who had a cut above his lip but eventually walked off the floor on his own.

"We have tough kids. We're going to go compete. That's been our trademark all year," DeChellis said. "That play typifies what our team has been like all year."

The Bears trailed 62-50 after Stanley Pringle made a pair of free throws with under 2 minutes left, but they did their best to rally. Tweety Carter's 3-pointer made it 62-55 with just over a minute to go, and he made another with 16.8 seconds left to get within 68-63.

Baylor simply ran out of time.

Battle hit one of two foul shots, and Curtis Jerrells air-balled a 3-point attempt to set off a jubilant celebration in

one end of Madison Square Garden, where some 36 busloads of white-clad fans made it look like the end zone of Beaver Stadium on a fall Saturday.

"Penn State had a great following, a great crowd, and they're the ones who hit big shots and won the game," said Baylor coach Scott Drew. "As a coach you never feel bad about that, when a team plays great and wins the game."

LaceDarius Dunn scored 18 points to lead Baylor (24-15), which hadn't won a postseason game since 1950 before its run to the NIT final. Jerrells added 14 points, and Carter and Kevin Rogers had 12 points each.

Baylor controlled the game in the first half, using a 2-3 zone to slow the tempo to a plodding walk, and took its biggest lead at 26-20 with about 3 minutes left. Penn State closed the gap before Carter's 3-pointer with a few seconds to go made it 29-25 at the break.

As halftime was drawing to a close, JoePa was shown on the video screens over mid-court, pumping his fist and leading a chorus of chants.

The energized Nittany Lions roared out of the locker room, with Cornley scoring a pair of hard buckets inside, just like a fullback powering through the line.

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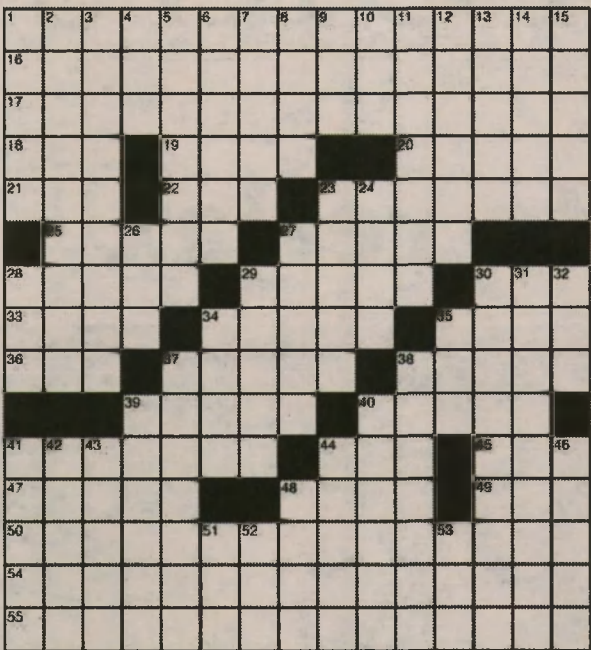
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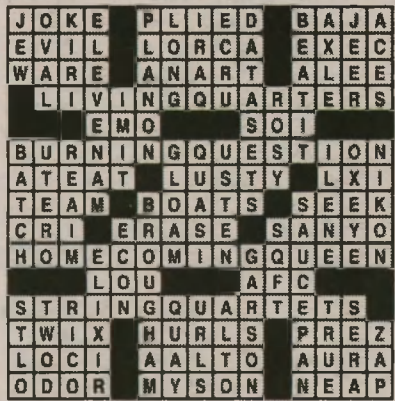
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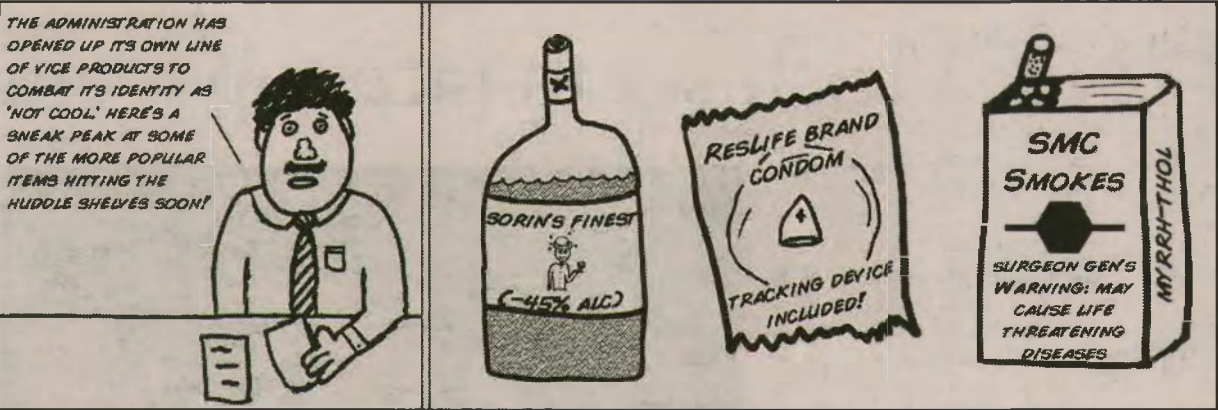
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: BOGUS CHICK EXTANT HOURLY
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MEN'S LACROSSE

No time to re-lax

Undefeated squad to host Air Force with hopes to stay perfect

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

No. 4 Notre Dame will look to extend its school-record start to 9-0 and remain one of two undefeated teams in Division I lacrosse as it resumes conference play against Air Force at Alumni Field Saturday.

The Irish (8-0, 1-0 Great Western Lacrosse League) are defending a 23-game home winning streak.

Although Air Force (3-5, 1-0) enters the game with a sub-.500 record and the Irish hold a 19-2 mark all-time against the Falcons, coach Kevin Corrigan said he believes Notre Dame will have a game on its

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Junior attack Neal Hicks runs past a defender during Notre Dame's 9-7 win over Villanova Monday. The victory extended the squad's win streak to nine games.

DAN JACOBS/The Observer

BASEBALL

Irish look for Big East series win

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will try to accomplish something this weekend that it hasn't been able to do in two tries already this season: win a weekend series against a Big East opponent.

The Irish (16-10, 2-4 Big East) will host conference foe Villanova (14-12, 1-5 Big East) this weekend for a three-game set beginning today at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

In Notre Dame's previous Big East matchups, against Seton Hall and Pittsburgh, the Irish took the opener

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Cross country runners defeat fencing stars in varsity battle

By CHRIS MASOUD,
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ALEX BARKER
Sports Writers

With varsity pride on the line, the cross country runners of MJ 4 emerged victorious over the fencers of Fencer Mania in a display of uncoordinated athletic ability. The ballers of MJ 4 used every advantage they could as long distance runners

to post a 21-14 win.

"It was all hustle," MJ 4 captain and senior Kevin Veselik said. "It's called a run-based offense, where we just keep pushing. We even made our fastest player get a haircut so he would be more aerodynamic."

Whatever the offense is called, it is safe to say that cross country players are more likely to win basketball games played to 21 than fencers. But

the game's outcome was far from obvious in the early minutes, with Fencer Mania putting together a string of buckets.

Senior Mark Kubik drilled a flurry of jumpers from behind the arc with his "Larry Legend" shooting style, accounting for half of Fencer Mania's points. His brother, sophomore Steve Kubik, threaded the needle as he dished out passes left and right.

"We were just hooping, that's

what it came down to," Mark Kubik said. "We got a couple of unlucky breaks, and by then it was a long game."

In the end, MJ 4's aggressive, fast-paced style proved too much for the fencers, and the runners pulled away late in the first half.

**The Huxtables 21,
Team Vinny 11**

The Huxtables would have made Bill Cosby proud as they

outplayed and overpowered Team Vinny in a bookstore blowout.

A combination of impressive ball-handling skills and stingy team defense carried the Huxtables as they hustled their way past an overaggressive opponent.

"They came out with a 2-3 zone, and any time you can move the ball effectively

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ND SOFTBALL

Squad to defend eight-game streak

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look to continue its hot streak this weekend against a pair of Big East opponents.

The Irish (18-11, 4-1 Big East), will host a doubleheader Saturday against Pittsburgh and a second doubleheader Sunday against Seton Hall.

Notre Dame is currently second in the Big East behind defending champions DePaul.

The Panthers (14-15, 2-6) have been struggling of late, losing their last six games, all Big East contests. They now sit 13th of the 16 Big East teams.

Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said she does not think that Pittsburgh's troubles will have an effect on their play.

"[Pittsburgh] always plays well against us," she said. "In

my mind, Pitt's going to play their best game of the year against us."

The Pirates (14-14-1, 4-4) are 12th in the conference, only one step above Pittsburgh. They have a difficult weekend ahead, as they face DePaul Saturday before coming to South Bend.

Pirates shortstop Brittany Schilizzi was named to the Big East Honor Roll for the second time Monday. She leads the team with four home runs and 23 RBIs.

Gumpf said the bottom teams in the Big East still pose a significant threat.

"Every year the Big East gets better and better," she said. "Any day, any time, teams like Seton Hall will come out with everything they've got and they can beat you."

After an 11-4 win Wednesday

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 3 Irish set to face top team

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

No. 3 Notre Dame (17-3) will try to rebound from its loss earlier this week against No. 4 Baylor as it hits the road for a four-game road trip beginning with conference rival DePaul today.

The Irish will face the Blue Demons in Chicago before heading to Evanston, Ill. for a rematch with No. 1 Northwestern Saturday. Sunday, the team will head back to Chicago for a date with Marquette before ending its trip in Champaign against the Fighting Illini.

In its last outing against Baylor, the team did not play up to the ability that it has displayed all season.

"The matchups were a little different against Baylor in the singles and that hurt us," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "We also won the doubles last time and [not winning it this time] made a big



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Freshman Kristy Frilling returns a volley during Notre Dame's 5-2 win over North Carolina on Feb. 27.

difference."

After the setback against the Bears earlier this week, Louderback knows the importance of bouncing back in a big way this weekend.

"We really need to finish strong playing two of the top four Big East teams along with [top-ranked]

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