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du Lac policies facing possible revisions

Student discusses his own experiences with the Office of Residence Life and Housing

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News Writers

Editor's note: This is the first installment of a two-part series examining disciplinary policies and possible revisions to du Lac, the student handbook.

When Alumni resident Zach Reuvers was sent to the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ORLH) for a disciplinary conference as a sophomore, he didn't know what to expect.

Reuvers, now a junior, was caught breaking parietals at 2:30 a.m. on a weekday. The next morning, he consulted du Lac, the student handbook, to learn about his punishment from ORLH, commonly called a "ResLife."

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Office of Residence Life and Housing Disciplinary Methods

Administrative Hearing

Punishments

* full range of
punishments

Disciplinary Conference

Punishments

* warning
* disciplinary
probation



ANDREA ARCHER | Observer Graphic

Bessette set to be canonized in October

By CAITLIN KALSCHEUR
News Writer

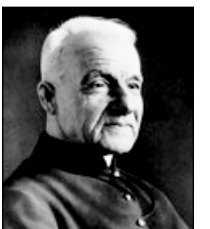
Feb. 19 brought good news to the Congregation of Holy Cross and its affiliates as Pope Benedict XVI announced that Blessed Brother André Bessette will be canonized on Oct. 17.

On campus, members of both the Holy Cross and Notre Dame communities were excited by the announcement.

"For us in Holy Cross, we are so joyful that the church recognized the heroic virtues of a seemingly ordinary person," Fr. Peter Rocca, rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, said. "To the untrained eye, he didn't look like a superhero, but he was indeed a superhero in living the virtuous life."

Bessette is the first member of the Holy Cross order to receive the honor of sainthood.

"Brother André's canonization is an extremely important moment in the history of the order because we have seen



Bessette

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BP holds 'Meal or no Meal' auction

Dorm holds event to raise money for Meals on Wheels, includes meals with members of Notre Dame community

By KRISTIN DURBIN
News Writer

For the past 25 years, the annual Breen-Phillips meal auction has allowed students to see professors, athletes and other campus celebrities in a new light by auctioning off meals with these various Notre Dame personalities. This year's event will continue that tradition.

Tonight's "Meal or No Meal"

auction will include live and silent auctions, and all proceeds from the event support Meals on Wheels, a charity that delivers meals to homebound senior citizens. Students can bid on dinners with a variety of prominent members of the Notre Dame community, such as University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, Irish football coach Brian Kelly, Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poorman, student body presi-

dent Grant Schmidt and student body vice president Cynthia Weber.

In addition to the live auction, a silent auction will feature gift cards from several area restaurants, including Chipotle, Olive Garden and Hot Box Pizza. It will also include six gift baskets assembled by each section of Breen-Phillips. Each will have a unique theme, such as "Death by Chocolate" and "Luck of the Irish."

In order to offer students a variety of meals to bid on, event coordinators Susan Garabedian and Adriana Taylor, both sophomores, contacted regular participants and prospective personalities via e-mail during winter break. They also asked other residents of Breen-Phillips for names of popular professors to provide a good sampling from each college, Taylor said.

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Lecture: conflict in Darfur 'not being resolved'

By CAROLYNN SMITH
News Writer

Should we still be talking about Darfur?

According to professor Edith Miguda and Notre Dame alumna Liz Kurz, the answer is yes.

They shared their experiences during a talk Wednesday at Saint Mary's sponsored by Campus Ministry, speaking about why they felt there should still be discussion about Darfur and its people. This event was also meant to teach students about the conflicts in Darfur and Sudan.

Miguda, a native of Kenya,

explained where Darfur is and how the conflict began in this area.

"Darfur is in the greater horn of Africa," she said. "The greater horn has had much conflict."

Miguda said the conflict is not being resolved or helped by the government.

"The heart of the problem in Darfur is the challenge of non-Arab Darfurians to what they called decades of neglect, discrimination and marginalization by the Arab dominated government in Khartoum," Miguda said.

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Former olympian's view on Vancouver

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Now more than halfway through the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, one Notre Dame student has a unique appreciation for what these athletes go through.

Kelley Hurley, a senior on the fencing team, competed in the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. For her, watching the Olympics has taken on a whole new meaning.

"I realize how hard it is to qualify and I respect how hard they have been training," she said.

Hurley said in addition to

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Photo courtesy of www.daylife.com

Notre Dame senior Kelley Hurley, right, competes in the 2008 Beijing Olympics against Junh Hyo Jung, left, of South Korea.

INSIDE COLUMN

Friends on Facebook

I feel like my entire life I have heard my parents and grandparents talk about their lives “back in the day.” This “day,” when there were no computers, cell phones, iPods, or YouTube, seems like ancient history. They couldn’t creep on people on Facebook, read about other people’s embarrassing lives on Texts From Last Night or illegally download movies on the Internet without getting caught. Without the things we rely on in our world today, what in the world could they possibly do for entertainment? More importantly, without Facebook, how did they survive?!



Megan Finneran

Sports
Production
Editor

Don’t get me wrong; I love Facebook just as much as the next college student. It allows me to stay connected with my best friends at other schools and my sisters back home. But, it allows me to see way too much about people I barely know. Girl I went to high school with, I really hate it when “Playing Modern Warfare with the boyfriendddddd <333” is the first thing I see on my homepage. Seventh graders, I really don’t care about your Friday night when you and your best friend got ready and took 87 mirror shots during the process. My personal favorite Facebookism is the “So and so are in a relationship and it’s complicated,” or the Facebook break-up when you suddenly look at the profiles of two people you thought were dating and one is single and the other is in a relationship and didn’t even realize it ended.

Then there’s the search option. Doesn’t it creep you out that anyone can type your first and last name in the little search box and find you in seconds? I’ve changed all my settings to stop this from happening, and I still get the occasional random request. How they find me, I’m really not sure, but our parents never had to worry about this. Instead of 1,000 “friends” who could see their lives on a computer screen, they had real friends who they talked to on the phone or in person frequently.

From that stems the “Facebook flirting.” This progression from messaging to chatting to texting can somehow turn into hanging out and the next thing you know you’ve added another awkward encounter in the dining hall to your list. Many of us could text someone practically until the end of time, but throw us in a room with that person who we meet for the first time, and things are about to get weird.

At the end of the day, I love the Internet and everything it offers. But it does make life seem a little fake sometimes. My real friends are not the ones I get an occasional comment from, and the people I want to actually have lunch with are not the ones I make plans with via Facebook. True friends are the ones you have dinner with, the ones you call with good and bad news, and the ones you laugh with about silly statuses and pictures you find on your homepage.

Use Facebook, love Facebook, embrace Facebook. One day you might come across your best friend from preschool. Use that search bar and go find your old best friend, but think twice before you accept that next random request.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE A FEW OF YOUR FAVORITE THINGS?



Chase Riddle

sophomore
Keenan

“Harry Potter and quarter dogs.”



Elizabeth Flood

sophomore
Lewis

“Sweats, Uggs and Fro-yo, like any good Notre Dame girl. Kidding.”



Ella Lozon

sophomore
Howard

“Blue Moon ice cream, sunshine and boys.”



Leon Zhou

sophomore
Stanford

“Food, sleep and the Question of the Day.”



Priscilla Choi

sophomore
Breen-Philips

“Shiny glass marbles, cute stickers from Asia and papers with a big red ‘A.’”

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



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

The Notre Dame cheerleading squad performs during halftime of the Notre Dame men’s basketball game against Pittsburgh. The Irish beat the Panthers 68-53 Wednesday.

OFFBEAT

Tampa man arrested for dressing in clown wig, mask

TAMPA, Fla. — A Tampa man faces charges after a deputy spotted him walking in a clown mask. According to jail records, the man was arrested Tuesday and charged with wearing a mask or hood on a public road over the age of 16 and resisting arrest without violence. The man, who turned 19 on Wednesday, has been released from Hillsborough County Jail on \$750 bond.

The St. Petersburg Times reported that a deputy saw the man wearing a clown

mask and bright wig as he walked down a street with two other people. The group fled when deputies tried to question them, but were later located.

Argument over parking space leads to shoot-out

PITTSBURGH — An argument over a parking space prompted a shootout between a Pittsburgh man and police. Investigators said 61-year-old Errol Parker Sr. was in custody after firing shots at two officers responding to a 911 call in the city’s Hill District on Tuesday night. No injuries

were reported. Police said a man reported that Parker punched him and brandished a gun after being asked to move his car from a parking spot the man had shoveled out.

Authorities said that Parker fired at police after they arrived and ordered him out of the house. Parker surrendered after exchanging shots with the officers.

Parker was facing charges including attempted homicide and assault of a police officer.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Summit on Global Citizenship “Fostering Global Citizenship in Higher Education” will be held at 11 a.m. today in the Geddes Hall Coffee House.

A lecture titled “Military Use and Purpose of Nuclear Weapons” will begin at 2 p.m. today in 118 Nieuwland Hall.

“Toward Mother Nature’s Approach to Energy: Electricity from Metabolism” will begin at 3:30 p.m. today. The seminar will be held in 126 DeBartolo Hall.

A seminar about education and democracy will be held with Dr. Larry Hickman at 3:30 p.m. today in Spes Unica 137 at Saint Mary’s College.

“Border Crossing Saints, Border Crossing Families: The Holy child of Atocha and the Mexican Experience in the 20th Century United States” will be held at 4:30 p.m. today in C103 Hesburgh Center.

A Sistar presentation will be held at 5 p.m. today in Spes Unica 145 at Saint Mary’s College.

A Larry Hickman lecture will be held at 6:30 p.m. today in Vander Venet Theatre at Saint Mary’s College.

“Prospero’s Books” will be shown at 7 p.m. today in Browning Cinema in Debartolo Performing Arts Center.

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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LOCAL WEATHER						
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Coffee at the CoMo

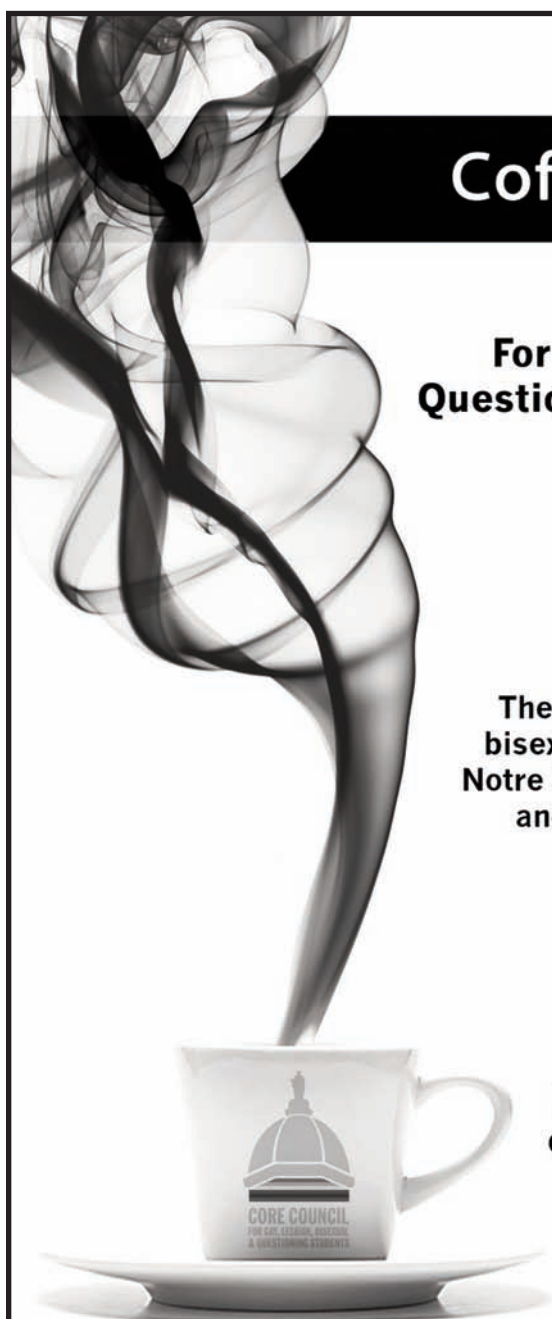
For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Questioning Students of Notre Dame

**Tuesday, March 2
7:00pm-9:00pm
316 Coleman Morse**

The Core Council invites gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning members of the Notre Dame family, along with their friends and allies, to an informal gathering at the Coleman Morse.

Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Everyone is welcome and confidentiality is assured.



STUDENT SENATE

Student senate discusses resolution proposals

By SCOTT ENGLERT
News Writer

Senators discussed and passed two resolutions at its meeting Wednesday. The votes concerned the annual academic forum and the dissolution of the Department of Economics and Policy Studies.

Junior Austin Holler, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, proposed the resolutions.

In a brief presentation, Holler first briefed senators on the Notre Dame Forum — an annual campus event that had been held since 2005 until its cancellation this year. Administrators have said they plan to hold the Forum again next fall.

Past topics discussed at the forum include global health, immigration and energy and sustainability.

"It was planned for the fall semester but the speaker had an issue and it was postponed," Holler said. "For lack of better terms, it got put under the rug."

In proposing the resolution, Holler said he would ask "the University take action to make sure that it (the Forum) is an annual event," Holler said.

The resolution passed unanimously.

"It adds to the overall intellectual engagement of students

at Notre Dame," Farley senator Elise Jordan said.

Duncan senator CJ Kelly agreed to the importance of the event.

"There should be a lot of thought put into the topic," Kelly said. "The purpose of it is to inspire discussion and debate."

In addition to Senate expressing its support for the Notre Dame Forum, it also voted unanimously to pass Holler's second resolution regarding the dissolution of the Department of Economics and Policy Studies.

Senior Jeff Lakusta, chairman of the Committee on University Affairs, said it was important to note that this resolution was not intended to offer the Student Senate's view of the dissolution of the department. Rather, the resolution calls for the decision — set for Thursday — to be delayed, and for the student body to have a more active voice in the process.

Committee chairs and senators agreed there has not been enough information presented to students for a decision of this magnitude.

"We at least need to understand the reasoning behind such a big decision," Lakusta said.

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COLLEGIATE JAZZ FESTIVAL



February 25-26-27, 2010

CJF Thursday Night

Thursday Feb. 25 8-10PM

LaFortune Ballroom

Notre Dame Jazz Band II

Free Swing Lessons with ND Swing Club

CJF Friday Night

Friday Feb. 26 7-11PM

Washington Hall

Friday Concert Session & Judges' Jam

CJF Saturday Clinic

Saturday Feb. 27 10-11:30AM

Ricci Band Building

Free Clinic with the CJF Judges

CJF Saturday Night

Saturday Feb. 27 7-11PM

Washington Hall

Saturday Concert Session

Clubs able to accept Domer Dollar donations

By COURTENAY DEVLIN
News Writer

The elevators in LaFortune are often a prime spot for student organizations to raise funds for charities. However, students have long expressed concern about their ability to donate cash, which few have on hand.

Charlie Jain, a senior in Zahm Hall, found a solution to this problem with a proposal that he calls Domer Dollar Donations.

The idea for Domer Dollar Donations originated two years ago when Jain, attempting to collect money for charities as the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) commissioner for his dorm, heard students saying they would give Flex Points or Domer Dollars if they could.

"Regardless of whether or not students had cash on them, they felt more willing to give money if it was more convenient for them," Jain said.

Jain brought up the idea of using Domer Dollars to the CSC social commissioner at the time, and the proposal passed through Student Senate in Fall 2008, Jain said.

In Spring 2009, Jain and the Student Senate Committee developed a proposal. After communicating with Food Services, the Student Activities Office (SAO) and LaFortune Administration, the program is set to begin.

"The ultimate goal for the program is to better aid the beneficiaries of student clubs," Jain said. "In doing so, this program will help students act on what they believe by enabling them to

give monetary donations to charities, even when students do not usually have much money."

When student groups fill out an SAO request online form for a table in front of the LaFortune elevators, they can select to have the swipe machine, which is similar to the machines at the dining halls.

Students can state the amount of money they wish to donate, swipe their card, and be on their way, Jain said.

Rachel Roseberry, the Social Concerns chair, used the machine Friday to sell the benefit CD "Head Above Water." The profits from the CD go to Student Government's Global Water Initiative.

"The Domer Dollars machine was easy and efficient to use, and it definitely increased our selling potential," Roseberry said. "Some students were able to purchase the CD who would not have been able to before because they weren't carrying cash. The machine is a great tool to allow Notre Dame students to give back with convenience, and it will be a great resource for any club that utilizes it."

"This program will not just be located in front of the elevators in LaFortune," Jain said. "If the program has a successful start, then maybe more swipe machines for donating will pop up at dining halls, or, in an ideal world, a CSC commissioner or club board member would be able to walk around with a wireless swipe machine and collect donations."

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Council encourages kindness

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

The idea is simple, three big favors for three other people. That's it.

The Sophomore Class Council (SCC) kicked off a community service week emphasizing doing small acts of kindness for others, based on premise of the 2000 movie "Pay it Forward" starring Haley Joel Osment and Kevin Spacey.

"Our hope is with the events we have scheduled people are being educated and it will start to have a similar effect at Notre Dame," sophomore Erin Pankiw said.

Pankiw is a member of the Hands-On Community Service Committee, which is the group from the SCC sponsoring the event. She and six others are members of the committee, which organized the week's events.

She said the committee came up with the idea for the week as a way to encourage students to participate in a different form of community service.

"We were trying to think of out of the box ways to bring service to Notre Dame," she said. "Sometimes it's hard to get students off campus to do service."

The idea of the service effort originates from a Starbucks in Chicago where people took turns paying for the person behind them.

"While discussing ideas for service events at one of our meetings, someone brought up a news story in which over 100 people paid for the customer behind them in a Starbucks drive-through," sophomore Annie Boyle, a member of the committee, said. "We found sev-

eral similar stories and agreed that there were many opportunities for students to be a part of the 'pay it forward' idea."

Boyle said the mission of the week is to encourage the rest of campus to adopt the idea of doing acts of kindness for others.

"The idea of 'paying it forward' is for someone who has received an act of kindness to do something for another person, asking not for gratitude in return but for him or her to do the same," she said. "As a result, a sort of chain of good deeds develops. We wanted to bring the positive spirit of this idea to our campus."

Greg Woods, also a member of the committee, said it has participated in bigger community service projects this year, but wanted to shift gears to focus on something smaller and simpler.

"All year we've been focused on more of the bigger type events, like having a kids youth jamboree and visiting the Catholic Worker," he said. "We've done a lot of hands-on service, but we thought that maybe what we could add to this was a focus on the smaller things."

Pakinaw said the week's events started on Monday morning and will continue throughout the week.

"We started the week passing out hot chocolate on Monday morning in front of DeBartolo and then showed the movie 'Pay it Forward' in Andrews Auditorium of Geddes Hall," she said. "We have more events scheduled for the rest of the week."

Yesterday the committee sponsored a panel lecture with different members of the community, including two students, members of The Catholic Worker and two members of the South Dining

Hall staff.

"Each person is to speak about how they've paid it forward in their own lives or how it's helped people in their own lives," she said.

Woods said the committee coordinated an afternoon at the Boys and Girls Club in South Bend for an alternative type of community service that focuses more on social justice.

"Basically we are going to spend three hours hanging out with the kids, doing tutoring type things and kind of preparing for child abuse awareness month, which is in April," he said. "Best Buy donated a few video cameras so we're probably going to do small public service announcements talking about the month and what it is and how to tell signs of abuse."

The week's events were summed up Wednesday evening with a prayer service in Geddes Hall following the service trip to the Boys and Girls Club. Woods said he hopes after this the idea will take off and students will continue to perform acts of kindness.

"This week is something we hope to see grow, but then again it's something that should become more of an everyday thing," he said. "Hopefully people take the message and move forward and make it part of their everyday lives."

Pankiw said she believes the week will encourage students to continue the effort.

"We're optimistic," she said. "We're giving students service events to educate them and show them little acts of kindness can make a difference in the lives of others."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Africa Faith and Justice club presents at SGA

By MEGHAN PRICE
News Writer

Saint Mary's Africa Faith and Justice group presented its plan to attend a conference in Washington, D.C., to the Student Government Association (SGA) at its meeting last night. SGA approved the group's funding request to attend the conference.

Junior Elizabeth Brown, a member of the club, said the club is one of only two campus divisions of this group. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are the only colleges to have an Africa Faith and Justice Club.

"The purpose of the club is to promote awareness of issues in Africa and ways we can help," Brown said.

Right now the club is promoting awareness of the conflict that is going on in Africa over a rare mineral called coltan. Brown said over 6.9 million people have been killed in conflicts related to the mineral.

Another issue the club is focusing on is education. Brown said many children have to drop out of school to help take care of their families

or because of illness.

She said a student misses an average of 30 days of school because of worms or parasites. The club raises funds to help pay for the medication needed to prevent these illnesses.

"We want to help," Brown said, "because we feel that it is our duty."

Saint Mary's juniors Elizabeth Brown and Monica Aquirre and sophomore Katie Ciresi all plan to attend the event later in the semester along with a Notre Dame professor and members of the Notre Dame division.

As the only college to have campus divisions of this group, the students have been asked to give a presentation on the last day of the conference. Brown said they would present what the clubs have been doing and how they have helped.

The members said they hope to learn more ways to get involved in order to help with current issues in Africa. They also hope to come back with the ability to educate other students about the issues.

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Upcoming Shows

Sunday, March 7 Palais Royale	Bella Bridal Event Wedding Show	Saturday, April 10 South Bend Symphony Orchestra Concert
Saturday, March 27	South Bend Symphony Orchestra Concert <i>Benny Goodman Tribute</i>	Sunday, April 11 Cheech and Chong
Saturday, March 27 Palais Royale	Comedian Tim Wilson	Friday, April 16 Girls Night: The Musical
		Monday, April 19 David Sedaris

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gunmen kill 13 in Mexican town

OAXACA, Mexico — Gunmen stormed a rural town in southern Mexico and killed 13 people, while the U.S. government warned Americans against traveling to cities in a northern border state where shootouts have left slain 19 people over three days.

Hooded assailants in several cars killed nine police officers at a checkpoint in San Vicente Camalote, a town in southern Oaxaca state, state deputy attorney general Netolin Chavez said Wednesday.

The gunmen then burst into the ranch of Alfonso Maciel, killing him and his three sons, one of whom was a minor, Chavez said. He said investigators believe the attack Tuesday night was related to drugs, but he had no other details.

Sudan releases 57 Darfur rebels

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Sudan released 57 Darfur rebels on Wednesday, including 50 who had been sentenced to death, under a new truce agreement between the government and the most country's powerful rebel group.

The leader of the most powerful rebel group promised that it, too, would release government soldiers it holds.

The Sudanese government and the rebel Justice and Equality Movement signed a truce agreement in Doha, Qatar, on Tuesday after a year of negotiations meant to end seven years of devastating conflict that have killed some 300,000 and displaced more than 2.7 million in the western Darfur region.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hospital head arrested for molestation

LOS ANGELES — The executive director of a Northern California mental hospital was arrested Wednesday for investigation of molesting his foster child for more than a decade.

Napa State Hospital Director Claude Edward Foulk, 62, was arrested at the hospital after a five-month investigation by Long Beach police.

The hospital fired him after he was charged Tuesday with 35 felony counts, punishable by up to 280 years in prison.

Faulk was booked into custody in Long Beach. Prosecutors asked that bail be set at \$3.5 million, Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney Lesley Klein said.

The investigation was started in September after a man now in his 40s came forward, Long Beach Police Sgt. Dina Zapalski said.

Senate votes to close nuclear plant

MONTPELIER, Vt. — The Vermont Senate voted Wednesday to block the state's only nuclear plant from operating after its license expires in 2012.

Vermont is the only state in the country with a law giving its legislature a say over a nuclear plant's relicensing. The Senate's 26-4 vote against a 20-year extension of Vermont Yankee's license marks the first time lawmakers have formally weighed in on the question.

With the Vernon reactor leaking radioactive tritium into groundwater and its owners accused of misleading state regulators about underground piping at the plant, even senators who might have supported the license extension said they would have a difficult time doing so now.

LOCAL NEWS

Ind. man arrested for killing parents

WINCHESTER, Ind. — An eastern Indiana man arrested in his parents' deaths told investigators they had "made a plan" for him to fatally shoot his father and help his ailing mother overdose on medication, according to a court document filed in the case.

Brian "Scott" Hartman, 33, was arrested Tuesday night on preliminary charges of murder and assisting a suicide, hours after police found the body of his father in the garage of the family's rural home, said Randolph County Prosecutor David Daly. Hartman told investigators that his father had been dead for nearly two weeks, according to a probable cause affidavit.

Whale kills trainer in packed stadium

SeaWorld spectators horrified as orca drags woman underwater during performance

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — A killer whale attacked and killed a trainer in front of a horrified audience at a SeaWorld show Wednesday, with witnesses saying the animal involved in two previous deaths dragged the trainer under and thrashed her around violently. Distraught audience members were hustled out of the stadium, and the park was immediately closed.

Veteran trainer Dawn Brancheau, 40, was one of the park's most experienced. It wasn't clear if she drowned or died from the thrashing.

SeaWorld spokesman Fred Jacobs confirmed the whale was Tilikum, one of three orcas blamed for killing a trainer who lost her balance and fell in the pool with them in 1991 at Sealand of the Pacific in Victoria, British Columbia.

Tilikum was also involved in a 1999 death, when the body of a man who had sneaked by Orlando SeaWorld security was found draped over him. The man either jumped, fell or was pulled into the frigid water and died of hypothermia, though he was also bruised and scratched by Tilikum.

A retired couple from Michigan told The Associated Press that Wednesday's killing happened as a noon-time show was winding down, with some in the audience staying to watch the animals and trainers.

Eldon Skaggs, 72, said Brancheau was on a platform with the whale and was massaging it. He said the interaction appeared leisurely and informal.

Then, Skaggs said, the whale "pulled her under and started swimming around with her."

Skaggs said an alarm sounded and staff rushed the audience out of the stadium as workers scrambled around with nets.

Skaggs said he heard that during an earlier show the whale was not responding to



Dan Brown, general manager of SeaWorld, walks with Kelly Flaherty Clark, curator of animal training, before holding a news conference Wednesday.

directions. Others who attended the earlier show said the whale was behaving like an ornery child.

The couple left and didn't find out until later that the trainer had died.

"We were just a little bit stunned," said Skaggs' wife, Sue Nichols, 67.

Another audience member, Victoria Biniak, told WKMG-TV the whale "took off really fast in the tank, and then he came back, shot up in the air, grabbed the trainer by the waist and started thrashing around, and one of her shoes flew off."

But Jim Solomons of the Orlando County Sheriff's Office said Brancheau slipped or fell into the whale's tank, which seemed to contradict Biniak's description.

Authorities provided few immediate details. SeaWorld in San Diego also suspended its killer whale show after Brancheau's death. It is not clear if the killer whale show has been suspended at SeaWorld's San Antonio location, which is closed until the weekend.

According to a profile of Brancheau in the Orlando Sentinel in 2006, she was one of SeaWorld Orlando's leading trainers. It was apparently a trip to SeaWorld at age 9 that made her want to follow that career path.

"I remember walking down the aisle (of Shamu Stadium) and telling my mom, 'This is what I want to do,'" she said in the article.

Brancheau worked her way into a leadership role at

Shamu Stadium during her 12-year career with SeaWorld, starting at the Sea Lion & Otter Stadium before spending the past 10 years working with killer whales, the newspaper said.

She also addressed the dangers of the job.

"You can't put yourself in the water unless you trust them and they trust you," Brancheau said.

Steve McCulloch, founder and program manager at the Marine Mammal Research and Conservation Program at Harbor Branch/Florida Atlantic University, said the whale may have been playing, but it is too early to tell.

"I wouldn't jump to conclusions," he said. "These are very large powerful marine mammals. They exhibit this type of behavior in the wild."

ITALY

Judge convicts 3 Google execs in video case

Associated Press

MILAN — It seems that when it comes to letting the Web be the Web, it could be the United States against the world.

An Italian judge on Wednesday held three Google executives criminally responsible for an online video of an autistic teenager being bullied — a verdict that raises concerns that the Internet giant, and others like it, may be forced to police their content in Italy, and even beyond.

The reaction to the verdict in the United States was swift and nearly unanimous in its condemnation of a dangerous precedent experts said

threatens the principle of a free and open Internet.

However, Milan Prosecutor Alfredo Robledo reflected a European concern with privacy when he expressed satisfaction with a decision he said protected a fundamental right, putting the interests of an individual before those of a business.

"This is the big principal affirmed by this verdict," Robledo said. "It is fundamental, because a person's identity is a primary good. If we give that up, anything can happen and that is not Oklahoma."

The charges stemmed from a complaint by Vivi Down, an advocacy group for people with Down syn-

drome that was named in the 2006 video posted on Google Video, a video-sharing service Google ran before acquiring YouTube later that year.

The footage showed an autistic student in Turin being pushed, pummeled with objects, including a pack of tissues, and insulted by classmates, who called him a "mongoloid."

The prosecutor's case emphasized that the video had been viewed 5,500 times over the two months it was online, when it climbed to the top of Google Italy's "most entertaining" video list and had more than 80 comments, including users urging its removal.

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“This was my first time [facing a disciplinary conference], and I really didn’t know what I was up against,” Reuvers said. “I was thinking, ‘am I going to get removed from my dorm, kicked off campus, put on University probation?’”

Reuvers said the vague wording in du Lac about the punishments for parietals violations — the handbook cites expulsion as a possible punishment — was problematic for him going through the process for the first time.

Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk said the University began a “major revision” of du Lac in the fall of 2007, and the administration is seeking input from student government and the student body.

Student body president Grant Schmidt said student government is discussing possible changes to du Lac in several areas, including alcohol policy, disciplinary sanctions and sexual assault.

“We are talking about things students care about,” Schmidt said. “We’re not just talking about, ‘Hey, we don’t want to see stu-

dents punished as much.’ We just want to make sure the punishments are accurate and deserved.”

Kirk said the wording for parietals violations is one of the segments of the handbook currently under examination.

For parietals, the handbook currently states: “Overnight parietal violations are considered serious violations, and students who commit such violations shall be subject to disciplinary suspension or permanent dismissal.”

The University does not allow students to be in the dorm room of a member of the opposite sex between 12 a.m. to 9 a.m. on weekdays and 2 a.m. to 9 a.m. on weekends.

“You just don’t know what is going to happen because du Lac is pretty vague, and it pretty much lets [ORLH] have full discretion,” Reuvers said on facing the consequences for his parietals violation.

Calling himself a “ResLife vet,” Reuvers said he has faced disciplinary sanctions from ORLH three times. The first two were disciplinary conferences and the third was an administrative hearing.

Reuvers said sitting through the administrative hearing was an “intense” experience. He met with the complete ORLH staff and was

questioned repeatedly about the events that led him to the hearing.

“When you go into there, nobody’s your friend. You’re assumed to be guilty,” he said. “So it was scary, but at the same time it’s reality, and you have to take those things seriously.”

There are currently two types of methods listed in du Lac used by the ORLH to discipline students: disciplinary conferences and administrative hearings. Students receive a letter informing them which method will be used.

In a disciplinary conference, a student meets with one or multiple staff members from ORLH to “investigate, discuss and resolve the alleged violation,” du Lac states.

The student can receive punishments ranging from a warning to disciplinary probation.

Disciplinary suspension and permanent dismissal cannot be issued at a conference, and are reserved for administrative hearings.

An administrative hearing, the more serious of the sanctions, requires the student to meet with two or three ORLH staff members. The full range of punishments is available to be issued, du Lac states.

After the student attends a disciplinary conference or an adminis-

trative hearing, he or she is required to write a personal statement before ORLH makes its decision, Judicial Council peer advocate John Saulitis said.

The Judicial Council peer advocacy program offers advice to students facing disciplinary sanctions and can sit in on the meetings but cannot speak on the students’ behalf.

Saulitis said a student has certain rights during the disciplinary process that many do not know about. For example, students can schedule a meeting with someone from ORLH to look at their disciplinary file.

Students are also allowed to have a peer advocate or friend come in with them to the meeting, although the peer is not allowed to have a speaking role, Saulitis said.

“You can have someone come with you and sit in the meeting with you,” he said. Saulitis said the number one advice he gives to students who are going through the disciplinary with ORLH is to tell the truth.

“I think anybody can tell when someone is being fake,” he said. “Be honest. Accept responsibly for what you did. Show that you’ve made a concerted effort to think about what you’ve done.”

Saulitis said he also recom-

mends students try to relax during their meeting.

“It’s not the end of the world,” he said. “Ninety-nine percent of the cases at Notre Dame, you don’t get expelled. You’ve got to be able to relax because the people who do get expelled are really nervous and don’t know what to do and don’t handle it well. “If you get worked up [during your meeting with ORLH,] be able to step a back and breathe and get back in the rhythm of things again,” Saulitis said.

Kirk said the Office of Residence Life hopes to get feedback on du Lac revisions from student government. Schmidt said student government will recommend revisions to du Lac, specifically regarding alcohol and disciplinary policies.

“Our job is just to help them better understand the culture and help them understand how students act,” Schmidt said.

The second and final installment of this series will examine possible changes to the policies in du Lac. It will run in tomorrow’s Observer.

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Andre

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the church confirm the true and heroic virtue of Brother André,” Fr. Wilson Miscamble, a history professor, said.

“We in the order have known of Brother André’s incredible gift for healing, his tremendous prayerfulness, his great devotion to St. Joseph and his wonderful hospitality extended particularly to the sick and those in need while he was still living,” Miscamble said. “The canonization provides the opportunity to share him with the world.”

Besette was born in Canada in 1845 and spent most of his youth working in a variety of jobs in the United States. Upon return to Canada, he was called to join the Holy Cross order in 1867.

Though he was almost completely illiterate, Besette proved to be a valuable member of the order. He began working as a porter at Montreal’s College of Notre Dame, where he welcomed people with kindness and

prayer for more than 40 years. He eventually became known as “The Miracle Man of Montreal” after several of his prayers were said to have made miracles happen.

“He was a truly great man, a humble man and one whose life was dedicated to service, praying for the sick and tending to their needs,” Rocca said.

People were amazed by his humility and hospitality and especially with the way in which he dealt with the sick and poor, Rocca said.

“He lived the life of a humble Holy Cross religious, and his life was dedicated to the poor,” Rocca said. “He welcomed people to Montreal and saw Christ’s image in them. He loved people and was sensitive to them. He saw the poor and the suffering and found the poor, suffering Christ in them.”

Besette inspired the building of St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal, now an enormous basilica in which he is entombed. After his death in 1937, more than one million people came to file past his casket at the Oratory.

“He’s a reminder that great-

ness lies not only in prestige, power or influence, but that it lies in the beatitudes,” Rocca said. “His life has a lot to teach us on wherein true greatness can be found.”

“All of us in the Notre Dame family are delighted to hear of Brother André’s canonization. Brother André’s life — now recognized as a true treasure of the church — and his continuing advocacy, renew, deepen and strengthen our foundational mission,” University President Fr. John Jenkins said in a written statement.

Miscamble said Besette’s canonization is a teachable moment for the members of the Notre Dame community.

“Since Notre Dame was founded by the Holy Cross order and is involved with Holy Cross in so many ways, I hope that Notre Dame will celebrate the canonization in various ways and hopefully take to heart some of the lessons of André’s life, especially regarding his fidelity to the Gospel,” Miscamble said. “He was a remarkable man.”

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Auction

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According to Taylor and Garabedian, the campus celebrities decide how many students to take to dinner, where they will have the meal and how much they want to spend per plate. Some participants, such as Carolyn Woo, dean of the Mendoza College of Business, and Anre Venter, professor of psychology, treat students to home-cooked, ethnic meals, while others take winners out to expensive restaurants, including Sorin’s.

Poorman traditionally gives students a tour of the Main Building and the tunnels around campus. A new offering this year is a meal in Chicago with Professor Candida Moss of the Program of Liberal Studies.

“Certain meals earn a lot of money because of the number of students involved, whereas others make money because the meals are expensive,” Taylor said. “It’s a good way for people to donate money to a great cause while getting to see another side of professors and other people on campus.”

Garabedian said the off-campus restaurants were willing to make generous gift card donations to the event.

“The donations from Chipotle are like Christmas in February,” she said.

Garabedian and Taylor said they were happy about the number of new and returning participants.

“It’s very cool to see people at Notre Dame being so willing to participate in the event,” Taylor said. “It shows the amazing generosity on campus, and everyone is willing to help, from students to professors.”

Professor Jim McKenna, chair of the anthropology department, and his wife, Professor Joanne Mack, traditionally take students to LaSalle Grille in South Bend for an evening of food and conversation.

“We love every minute of it and the students we meet become our friends,” McKenna said. “It is just another wonderful reminder of the way Notre Dame, through its good works, helps us break the barriers between our students and us, the faculty.”

Venter, who treats students to a traditional South African meal at his home, agreed with McKenna’s view of the event’s impact on student-professor relationships.

“It is a great opportunity to get to know students, and we have been able to develop some wonderful relationships,” Venter said. “I think it is good for students and faculty to engage outside the constraints of the typical settings on campus.”

Schmidt said he was surprised at his identification as a “campus celebrity” but nonetheless voiced his enthusiasm about the event.

“Coach Kelly, Fr. Poorman, Professor McKenna and more blow us out of the water,” Schmidt said. “But we will be sure to take whoever is kind enough to bid on us to a very delicious meal and we’re looking forward to helping out.”

The live and silent auctions will take place tonight from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Burger King and the Sorin Room in LaFortune. Students may pay for meals with cash, check or the new Domer Dollars option for charity events.

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Darfur

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She also talked about the suffering of the people in Darfur. Miguda said they live in fear because there are rebels and groups of people who attack and kill innocent people.

“Janjaweed — they are the ones who have ransacked villages — raped women and lined up men and shot them,” Miguda said.

According to the United Nations, out of the population of six million, up to 300,000 people have been killed and some 2.5 million have been displaced.

“But everyone knows that the number is much, much larger than that,” Miguda said. Many people have fled Darfur and gone to refugee camps in other parts of Sudan or even other countries.

Kurz, a native of South Bend, said this is not the land they

are used to. They are now in the desert and this makes agriculture difficult and their standard of living is very low.

“They were forced to leave the only place they have ever known and into these camps,” Kurz said.

Kurz said she had a friend who traveled to Sudan and brought back not only pictures and an experience of a lifetime, but she also brought back knowledge about the conditions in the refugee camps.

Kurz and six others decided they needed do something to try and help.

“The best way you can help people in Sudan is to be arrested in front of the Sudanese embassy, because it saves people from being killed,” Kurz said.

Kurz said she and her six friends tried this to help the people in Darfur and in Sudan.

“The seven of us went, we knelt, we prayed the rosary and the Our Father and we were arrested because we

were blocking the entrance to the embassy,” Kurz said. “I spent 20 hours in jail and it was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. I don’t know how many people we may have saved that day, I don’t know how effectual it was, but I tried.”

This is an extreme example of a way to help, and Kurz and her friends were tried and found guilty in a court of law. She will always have a misdemeanor on her record, but she said she will never regret what she did.

On Feb. 23, the Peace Accord was signed in Doha, Qatar, ending the war in Darfur. According to Miguda, however, there are still many people who need help, especially those who have been displaced from their homes.

“Little, small actions can make a big difference,” Miguda said.

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IN BRIEF

Chrysler to fix crash sensors

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Chrysler Group LLC on Wednesday asked the owners of more than 355,000 of its popular minivans to take them to dealers in a few months to replace crash sensors that help to control the air bags.

The sensors can crack and fail in 2005 and 2006 Town & Country and Dodge Grand Caravan models, Chrysler said in a statement. It is asking owners to wait until June to contact dealers because it needs time to distribute repair parts.

The automaker is calling the move a “safety improvement campaign” and says it is not a recall. But National Highway Traffic Safety Administration spokeswoman Oliva Alair says the agency considers it a recall and is monitoring repairs to make sure they are carried out.

Coca-Cola may buy U.S. bottler

NEW YORK — Coca-Cola Co. may buy the North American operations of its biggest bottler, a deal that echoes a move by rival PepsiCo in response to falling soft-drinks sales, The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

If the partial acquisition of Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc. goes through, the rest of the bottler would remain independent and buy Coke bottling operations in Scandinavia and Germany, the newspaper reported. It already has operations in several European countries.

The exact value of the deal was uncertain but it is expected to be valued at more than \$15 billion including equity and assumed debt, the newspaper said, citing people familiar with the matter.

Shares of Coca-Cola Enterprises shot up in aftermarket trading Wednesday, gaining \$5.48, or 29 percent, to \$24.61.

The beverage industry has watched soda sales fall, prompting the big beverage makers to seek greater control over costs and how their drinks are distributed.

Coca-Cola Co. is the world’s biggest beverage company. Its main rival, PepsiCo, announced in August it would buy its two biggest bottlers — Pepsi Bottling Group Inc. and PepsiAmericas Inc. — in a deal valued at \$7.8 billion. PepsiCo has estimated it will save \$400 million from buying the bottlers.

Hummer brand faces shutdown

Sale to Chinese heavy equipment maker falls through; GM to shut down division

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hummer, the off-road vehicle that once symbolized America’s love for hulking SUVs, faces a shutdown after its sale to a Chinese heavy equipment maker collapsed.

Sichuan Tengzhong Heavy Industrial Machines Co. said Wednesday it pulled out of the deal to buy the company from General Motors Co. Tengzhong failed to get clearance from Chinese regulators within the proposed timeframe for the sale, the Chinese manufacturer said.

GM said it will continue to honor existing Hummer warranties.

“We are disappointed that the deal with Tengzhong could not be completed,” said John Smith, GM vice president of corporate planning and alliances. “GM will now work closely with Hummer employees, dealers and suppliers to wind down the business in an orderly and responsible manner.”

GM has been trying to sell the loss-making brand for the last year and signed a deal with Tengzhong in October. However, resistance from Chinese regulators, who have been putting the brakes on investment in the fast-growing Chinese auto industry, created difficulties from the start.

As recently as Tuesday, private investors were trying to set up an offshore entity in a last-minute effort to complete the acquisition ahead of a Feb. 28 deadline. That plan, along with other options, was unsuccessful, according to a person close to the situation. The person declined to be identified in order to speak more freely.

“There’s no way forward with that,” this person said. “We’re out of time.”

GM spokesman Nick Richards said the automaker would still hear



In this file photo, Hummers are seen at a dealership in Tustin, Calif. GM said on Wednesday it will discontinue Hummer after its bid to sell the brand to a Chinese company failed.

last-minute bids for the brand, which employs about 3,000 people who make and sell Hummers in the U.S.

“In the early phases of the wind-down, we’ll entertain offers and determine their viability, but that will have to happen in pretty short order,” he said.

Hummer, which traces its origins to the Humvee military vehicle built by AM General LLC in South Bend, Ind., acquired a devoted following among SUV lovers who were drawn to the off-road ready vehicles. But they drew scorn from environmentalists and sales never recovered after gasoline prices spiked above \$4 a gallon in the summer of

2008.

Sales peaked at 71,524 in 2006. But in December 2009, only 325 Hummers were sold, down 85 percent from the previous year, according to Autodata Corp.

Sticker prices start at more than \$42,500 and run to about \$63,000, according to data posted at the Hummer.com Web site. The H3, the most fuel-efficient vehicle in Hummer’s lineup, averages about 16 mpg. The vehicles are built at GM’s factory in Shreveport, La.

Under the initial agreement to sell Hummer, Tengzhong would have received an 80 percent stake, while Hong Kong investor Suolang Duoji, who indirectly owns a big

stake in Tengzhong, would have gotten 20 percent. The investors would also have owned Hummer’s nationwide dealer network.

Financial terms of the sale were not disclosed, although a person briefed on the deal at the time said the sale price was around \$150 million. GM’s bankruptcy filing last summer said that the brand could bring in \$500 million or more.

Beijing had been cool to the acquisition. Tengzhong lacks a government permit to manufacture cars, and the Chinese government has been seeking to streamline and slow investment in the fast-growing auto industry rather than to attract newcomers.

Blockbuster announces huge losses

Associated Press

DALLAS — Blockbuster Inc. suffered a fourth-quarter loss of \$435 million as its video rental stores struggled to attract consumers who are increasingly getting their movies through the mail, vending machines and high-speed Internet connections.

The setback announced Wednesday reflected a dismal holiday season, usually one of Blockbuster’s busiest times of the year.

The company, based in Dallas, boosted its ad spending in December in hopes of luring more customers into its stores, but the investment didn’t pay off.

In a key measure of a retailer’s health, sales in Blockbuster stores open in the U.S. for the past year plunged by

16 percent in the fourth quarter.

Blockbuster’s woes contrasted with a sharp upturn in business for DVD-by-mail pioneer Netflix Inc., which added 1.16 million subscribers during the final three months of 2009 to generate a fourth-quarter profit of \$31 million.

Most of Blockbuster’s fourth-quarter loss, which translated into \$2.24 per share, stemmed from charges to account for the crumbling value of its franchise. Blockbuster lost \$360 million, or \$1.89 per share, at the same time in 2008.

If not for the non-cash charges in the latest quarter, Blockbuster said it would have lost 24 cents per share. That figure was still higher than the loss of 17 cents per share anticipated by analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters.

Blockbuster’s fourth-quarter revenue plunged 18 percent to \$1.08 billion — in line with analyst estimates.

The downturn has renewed concerns about whether Blockbuster will be able to bring in enough money to repay its debts, which totaled \$964 million entering this year. Those worries have bruised Blockbuster’s already battered stock.

The shares fell 4 cents in Wednesday’s extended trading after closing the regular session at 36 cents, down 2 cents. The company said it may seek shareholder approval for a reverse stock split to lift the value of its shares above \$1 and preserve its listing on the New York Stock Exchange. It also is considering a recapitalization that could involve giving its lenders stock in exchange for reducing its debt.

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Weekend -in- Preview

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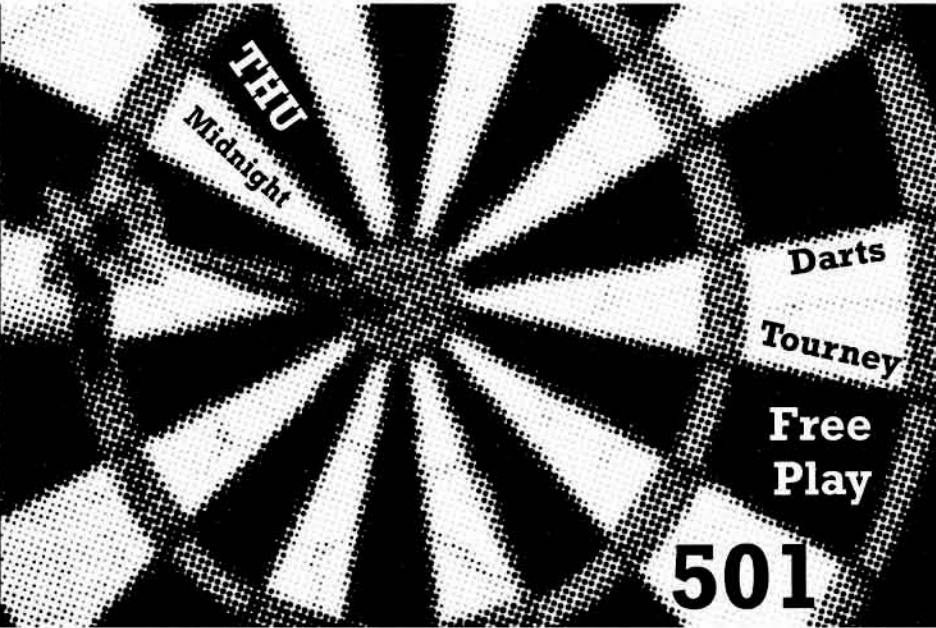
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Man charged with manslaughter appeals for bail

Associated Press

PRESCOTT, Ariz. — The conditions of release for a motivational speaker charged with manslaughter will be modified, but exactly how won't be revealed until later this week, a judge said Wednesday.

Attorneys for James Arthur Ray have been trying to persuade the judge to lower his \$5 million bond. Ray has been held in a county jail in Camp Verde, Ariz., since his arrest earlier this month.

Ray is facing three manslaughter counts for deaths that occurred following a sweat lodge ceremony he led near Sedona in October. If convicted, he faces up to 12½ years on each count, with probation being an option.

Prosecutors asked that the bond be set at \$1.5 million to ensure Ray's continued appearances in court, along with the surrender of his passport and restrictions on travel. But defense attorneys argued that Ray should either be released on his own recognizance or bail be set at a couple hundred thousand dollars. They said he cannot afford even a \$1 million bond, isn't a flight risk or a threat to public safety and has no criminal history.

Earlier Wednesday, Ray's attorneys called their first of two witnesses — the financial controller for Ray's company, James Ray International — to testify in an effort to discredit a determination from the sole prosecution witness that Ray's net worth is \$2.4 million.

Alex Smyth testified that Ray's business is operating at a loss, employees were laid off,

his properties are in foreclosure and that Ray essentially drained his bank accounts following the Oct. 8 sweat lodge ceremony in anticipation of high legal fees, not in an effort to flee.

"There would be no reason for him to behave that way," he said.

Defense attorneys said Ray's family had offered up properties they own as well as jewelry and other assets to help bail Ray out of jail, but bail agent Jeff Wilhelm testified that much of that couldn't be included as part of a bond package. He estimated the value of a Beverly Hills mansion Ray recently put up for sale at only \$250,000.

"What's happening here is wrong. It's just plain wrong," Ray attorney Luis Li said in closing statements. "It's like the state created special rules for Mr. Ray, that he should get the highest bond in Yavapai County history."

Prosecutors focused almost entirely on Ray's finances during the hearing. Richard Echols, an accounting fraud examiner, testified for the prosecution to dispute claims that there's no way Ray can post the bond.

Ray's attorneys voluntarily provided bank statements, portions of tax returns and other financial information to authorities Echols reviewed, but he said the documents painted an incomplete picture.

In closing statements, Hughes argued that \$1 million that Ray set aside for legal fees, another \$1 million that was unaccounted for, and his estimated net worth of \$2.4 million certainly doesn't mean



Police escort James Arthur Ray into the courtroom for a hearing for his bail at the Yavapai County Courthouse on Feb. 24. Ray was charged with manslaughter.

Ray is struggling to the extent his attorneys contend.

"Mr. Ray does have the financial means to post the \$1.5 million bond," Hughes said.

Ray appeared in court in a suit and appeared to listen intently to the arguments, even looking at representatives for victims as they spoke following testimony. At one point, he winked at his girlfriend sitting in the row behind him and held his hand in a fist over his heart.

Prosecutors allege Ray recklessly crammed more than 50

participants of his five-day "Spiritual Warrior" event into a 415-square-foot sweat lodge, a small heated enclosure used in traditional American Indian ceremonies to cleanse the body.

Many participants have said Ray chided them for wanting to leave, even as people were vomiting, getting burned by hot rocks and lying unconscious on the ground.

Ray's attorneys have called the deaths a tragic accident and said he took all the necessary precautions and immediately tended to the ill.

Three people died — Kirby Brown, 38, of Westtown, N.Y., James Shore, 40, of Milwaukee; and Liz Neuman, 49, of Prior Lake, Minn. Eighteen others were hospitalized.

An attorney for the Shore family said they took no position on the bail but believed Darrow would rule fairly, while Brown's parents and a woman representing Neuman's family opposed any reduction.

The Browns' attorney, Robert Magnanini, asked Darrow to restrict Ray from holding seminars if he is released.

Olympics

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the newfound respect she has for the athletes, watching the Games has brought out a competitive edge in her.

"I get this rush when I watch them, that I want to get out there and do it again," she said.

Hurley said despite the fact the Games occur every four years, for most athletes the year leading up to the Olympics is really crucial in qualifying, regardless of whether they participated in the last games.

"I still have to go through the same qualification process," she said. "The year before is the most important."

Hurley said these qualifying rounds can get awkward, considering American teammates are competing against one another for Olympic roster spots.

"It is awkward how all the Americans are competing against one another. We're supposed to be cheering everyone on, but sometimes you want your opponent to fall flat on their face," she said.

Hurley said outside of the athletic competition and network coverage, athletes are able to kick back and relax in

private areas such as arcades. She said mealtimes were especially rewarding.

"The dining hall is really cool because there are all these countries in one dining hall. It is funny seeing France eating at one table and Germany eating at another," she said.

Another special experience for Hurley and the other Olympic athletes was their close proximity to international sports stars in the same venues.

"A lot of athletes go and watch other athletes compete," she said.

Although Hurley said she was not able to find the time to attend other sporting events, the opening ceremonies provided a time to meet some of those famous stars.

"I met most of the basketball team, including Kobe Bryant, who were right behind us in the Opening Ceremony," Hurley said. "Dwight Howard was pretending to be Kobe's bodyguard."

For Hurley, watching the Vancouver Games has fueled memories of Beijing and inspired her for London's 2012 Summer Olympics.

"I really enjoy watching the Olympics," she said. "It's getting me all pumped."

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New York faces a foot of snow

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — A powerful winter storm dumped a foot or more of snow in the Northeast on Wednesday, knocking out power to thousands and stalling air traffic from Boston to Philadelphia, all ahead of a second system packing strong winds that could blanket the area with another foot of snow.

The storm cut a swath from eastern Pennsylvania into northern New England, slamming typically snowy regions that had been spared the paralyzing storms that hit cities farther south earlier this winter. About 150,000 customers lost power Wednesday, hundreds of schools were closed and at least three traffic deaths were blamed on the storm.

An 89-year-old woman died in a crash in New York's Hudson Valley. In Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains, a woman and a boy died when their vehicle slid off snow- and ice-covered Interstate 80; The man driving the car was not expected to survive.

The system was the first of a 1-2 winter punch. Another storm forecast to hit Thursday is expected to pack wind gusts up to 35 mph, which could cause more power outages, and dump a foot or more of snow on some areas by Friday. Meteorologists said some areas of New York's Adirondack and Catskill moun-

tains and Vermont's Green Mountains could get as much as 2 feet by the weekend.

Philadelphia, which has had its snowiest winter with more than 70 inches and is still digging out from earlier back-to-back storms, could see as much as a foot of snow.

"It might not be until early next week that we get rid of the storm completely," said meteorologist Hugh Johnson of the National Weather Service's Albany office.

A description of the coming storm as a "snowicane" by State College, Pa.-based Accuweather Inc. touched off criticism — one newspaper called it a "smackdown" — by the National Weather Service.

On Tuesday, 48 hours before the storm was to hit, Accuweather called it "hurricane-like," a "monster," and a "powerful storm of historical proportions" that would wreak havoc from Pennsylvania to Maine and by Wednesday was using the term "snowicane."

That prompted a stern response from National Weather Service meteorologist Craig Evanego.

"It's almost inciting the public, inciting panic," he said.

The Weather Channel called the hurricane talk "bad meteorology."

Accuweather senior meteorologist and director of forecasting operations Ken Reeves called the NWS criticism "unfounded" and said there is nothing wrong in using lan-

guage that gets people's attention when the situation calls for it.

The northern edge of Wednesday's storm reached into the Massachusetts' Berkshires, Vermont and New Hampshire, dumping more than a foot of snow in some areas and prompting flooding concerns in Maine.

The hardest hit area Wednesday was Albany, N.Y., where some outlying areas had about 2 feet of snow by afternoon. The snow was so thick and heavy that even pickup trucks got stuck trying to plow it out.

"We tried the snowblower and it didn't work. It keeps clogging up," said Pat McDonough as she shoveled her front walk in Voorheesville, a village just west of Albany.

While parts of the Northeast dealt with Wednesday's weather, other cities were preparing for another blast of winter.

In New York City, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the city was making sure building owners were aware of the predicted high winds and were taking steps to tie down a that could come loose.

"My hope is that the snow will stay to the north and west of us and we'll just have rain — our kids need another school day," Bloomberg said. "We will cancel school only if it really would be dangerous to get the kids into school and get them home."

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THE OBSERVER VIEWPOINT

The Observer endorses Griffin - Skirtich ticket

After reviewing the two tickets running for Saint Mary's student body president and vice president, The Observer Editorial Board endorses junior Meg Griffin and sophomore Emily Skirtich.

Although juniors Rachael Chesley and Laura Smith have strong ideas, Griffin and Skirtich's experience cannot be ignored and it's this qualification that makes them the best candidates.

Griffin, as the current student body vice president, and Skirtich, as the Student Government Association (SGA) executive secretary, will make the transition in April much smoother since they already have an extensive knowledge of SGA.

Their major platforms — creating more all-campus events and incorporating campus clubs with a new handbook and officer meetings — are initiatives that are plausible and will help to bridge the gap between student government and the students it represents.

While Chesley and Smith also had innovative ideas to incorporate clubs on campus, these were much less concrete.

Griffin and Skirtich also have the advantage of being able to continue with initiatives begun by Jenny Hoffman, current student body president, and Griffin, including adding a Saint Mary's heritage class to the curriculum. This would further their push for familiarizing students with the history

of the College, something Hoffman and Griffin concentrated on this year.

That being said, there are some ideas Chesley and Smith offer that Griffin and Skirtich can learn from. Their ideas about alumnae networking on campus and having SGA members actually attend club meetings would help connect students not only to each other, but the outside community.

Griffin and Skirtich don't focus on alumnae relations or helping to bring donors to campus, and these are important issues that former administrations have neglected to address. If implemented, these ideas would be valued additions to student life.

In the end, the largest separation between the tickets is experience, which gives Griffin and Skirtich the advantage. Since time in office is short-lived for student officials, making the most of that time is crucial. Griffin and Skirtich will be able to get to work quickly and start on their initiatives with very little training — a valuable commodity in student government.

There are two strong tickets in this election, however, experience is too valuable to ignore and will allow the Griffin and Skirtich to pass their well-thought out initiatives with greater ease.

Griffin and Skirtich show all signs of being competent and efficient if they are voted into office, are and valued leaders of the Saint Mary's community.

THE OBSERVER Editorial

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Morality in economics?

I would like to thank Mr. Andre for his unfounded opinion that this Catholic University, based on Catholic values, has no "moral obligation to pay employees any more than a market price" or that this Catholic University is not responsible for the "welfare of the lower class." This might just be me, but I thought that Catholicism was supposed to focus on morality and preferential treatment for the poor.

This University's mission statement states, "The University seeks to cultivate in its students not only an appreciation for the great achievements of human beings, but also a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice, and oppression that burden the lives of so many. The aim is to create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice." Notre Dame is not just some university; it is a Catholic university. By paying \$9 an hour to workers, we are contributing to the cycle of poverty that we should be trying to end. The University wants us to use our learning for justice; why are they not leading by example? Justice in the opinion of the Church is allowing people at least a living wage so that they can live day-to-day without having to be severely in debt or wondering how they are going

to pay for their children's healthcare bills. If you don't believe that these are real problems, talk to the workers! They will tell you about the frustration that comes when you have to choose which bill not to pay each week. Many of the workers here don't make a living wage, forcing them to rely on government subsidies to survive.

As a Catholic institution, we should adhere to Catholic social teaching. Pope John Paul II echoed previous popes in "Laborem Exercens," stating that "a just wage is the concrete means of verifying the justice of the whole socioeconomic system and, in any case, of checking that it is functioning justly." Since we, as a Catholic institution, are not offering a just wage (living wage), according to Pope John Paul, we are not functioning justly. So, I'm sorry if I think John Paul II may have had a better moral compass than you, Mr. Andre, but as a Catholic, going to the most well-known Catholic university in the United States, I would hope that I could rest at ease knowing that at least Norte Dame's economic values are just and would make John Paul II proud, but this is clearly not the case.

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Feb. 25

Good teaching, research coincide

I'm writing to respectfully disagree with Justin DeRosa's letter ("An argument against research," Feb. 24) in which he criticized the University's endeavors to improve research because he thinks this comes at the expense of quality undergraduate education. DeRosa assumes that research and teaching are mutually exclusive spheres and that gains in one area necessarily lead to a decline in the other. I would argue instead that quality teaching and research go hand-in-hand in at least two ways.

First, research enables the faculty to stay current with developments in their field; I shudder to think what my lectures will be like in 20 years if I conduct no research beyond my dissertation! Moreover, I think if you were to survey many of the faculty who are considered excellent teachers, you will probably find that they are excellent researchers as well.

The second benefit of research at Notre Dame is that it enables undergraduates to gain hands-on experience that will be beneficial to them after graduation in their careers or future graduate studies. DeRosa overlooks the fact that the University's drive to increase its research profile includes devoting substantial resources to undergraduate research. For science and engineering students in particular, this will be vital to their success. So, I encourage DeRosa to rethink his position and consider these benefits of research that he has overlooked.

Rebecca McCumbers
graduate student
off campus
Feb. 25

Be green. Recycle.

OBSERVER POLL

What are your plans for Spring Break?

I'm too poor to go anywhere
Staying here for the weather
Going to Puerta Vallarta with the rest
of the Senior class
Home sweet home

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"The young man knows the rules,
but the old man knows the
exceptions."*

Oliver Wendell Holmes
American writer

The coming of spring

Even though there’s still traces of snow here and there, Sunday was unmistakably sunny, and not in the sense of a merely clear sky. No, Sunday’s sun was hot and overbearing; it bugged the inexorable coming of spring, and then summer, louder than any Punxsutawney Phil news broadcast. Needless to say, I am quite grumpy. When the sun becomes insistently bright and cheerful, I worry that the painstakingly constructed fog of cares and concerns with which I protect myself from the reality of the outside world is in danger of dissolving outright, like so much dirty slush.

Any fan of the Cure or the Smiths knows instinctively that sunshine is their enemy, the great gloom-killer, the murderer of melancholy. Depression has never gone out of fashion; but the darkness and mystery in which the depressive prefers to lurk, covering up their flaws and weaknesses with shadow and murk, cannot help but be dissolved by the oppressively healthy light of sun. Indeed, no worry, no depression, no unhappiness can be sustained in the

Brooks Smith
Laddie Gaga

center of a green park on a warm midsummer day — the very setting is antithetical to it. Naturally, as someone with tendencies towards gloom, I have to find various methods of sustaining my unhappiness through the oppressive sunlight which floods every corner for seven months of the year, and which throws every little bit of natural beauty into such sharp relief that one’s carefully tended worries and fears are in danger of being totally forgotten. Total protection from the sunlight is practically impossible during the summer, so that one is constantly in peril of catching oneself enjoying life or experiencing an unreasonable happiness (and all happiness is at bottom totally unreasonable). Therefore, for the sake of others like myself who are irritated by the sun’s constant nagging reminder that life can be pleasant and enjoyable, I have compiled a list of some of my favorite strategies to preserve undisturbed the healthy and natural neuroticism at the heart of any intelligent person’s worldview. First and foremost, if the weather should hover in the sweet spot between seventy and eighty degrees, the sun should shine brightly without clouds in the sky, the birds chirp sweetly and the cicadas drunkenly

buzz in the trees, go inside immediately, preferably to a room without windows, and stay there until the unfavorable conditions have ceased or night has fallen, whichever comes first. Occupy yourself there with musing upon the negative aspects of your life situation. Remind yourself of insults others have given you, wittingly or unwittingly. Meditate upon all the drawbacks and rejections you have experienced, your overwhelming fear of any sort of nontrivial human interaction, the hurts which you have come to identify with. All this will very shortly restore you to true mental unbalance. If you can drink yourself into an incoherent and maudlin state, crying in the fetal position on your floor, so much the better. However, in the dog days of summer, when it becomes intolerably hot and you seriously consider cutting the sleeves off all your shirts or even ripping them off by main force, it is best to perform some negative reinforcement by spending as much time outside as you can stand, preferably in an area without trees or shade. Drink plenty of beer — this will dehydrate you and make you feel ill and unhappy, conditioning you (like Pavlov’s dogs) to respond negatively to sunlight.

Of course the best way to keep one’s misery going is to start up a one-sided romance with someone, and make sure that the one side is yours. Unrequited love is the best sort of misery for wallowing in, hands-down. For one thing, it requires no input from the other side, allowing you to stew in your own juices for as long as you need to. For another, even long after the crush passes and the obscure object of desire has moved to another city, you can still make yourself miserable by remembering your failure to impress upon him or her the potency of your love or sexual prowess. I could go on, of course, but the birds are chirping outside and some other people in my program want to go for a walk in the park. The flowers are blooming, the puddles are melting, the sun is shining ... It’s going to be very hard to remain dissatisfied with my life. I shall have to work extra hard at it — perhaps get into an argument with some of the other people. Only time will tell.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Think before writing

“A just wage is the legitimate fruit of work. To refuse or withhold it can be a grave injustice. In determining fair pay, both the needs and the contributions of each person must be taken into account. Remuneration for work should guarantee humans the opportunity to provide a dignified livelihood for themselves and their family on the material, social, cultural and spiritual level, taking into account the role and the productivity of each, the state of the business, and the common good (Gaudium et Spes, #67). Agreement between the parties is not sufficient to justify morally the amount to be received in wages.” I’m not Catholic, but the above passage is from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 2434. Plain and simple, the idea of a morally acceptable living wage being paid to all workers has been one of the cornerstones of modern Catholic Social Teaching since Pope Leo XIII’s Rerum Novarum (1891). Beyond that, I’m asking each and all members of the Notre Dame community to do some very careful introspection before we lift our fingers to write another Viewpoint. Are we seeing the world from the eyes of the people for or about whom we are speaking and writing? Or are we speaking as if we are the main characters in our own movie and everyone else just has supporting roles? Too often, we caricature one another in light of our own views and perspectives rather than giving the people we come in contact with the space and freedom to explore the fullness of their humanity with us. In doing so, we alienate and ostracize people who are different from us, leaving them on the fringes and margins of society. This is counter to the goals of integral human development as outlined by CST, and so beautifully discussed by Jeremy Tamargo in “Putting people first” (Feb 24). If we ever want to live up to our Catholic identity, we have to do better.

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Feb. 25

The Gospel of Prosperity vs. The Gospel of Christ

Just when I thought that I had heard it all, I open The Observer and read some of the Viewpoints in response to a student’s concern that the hourly waged workers at Notre Dame are not making enough money off of which to live. I find it amusing when 18 and 19-year-old white students talk about “wage inflation” when people like myself and others suggest we actually pay people fairly. As someone who worked in the labor movement in Chicago for a summer and heard the stories of human beings being exploited in the name of capitalism, it reminds me that very few people actually know what Jesus said, what the Catholic Church teaches, and what reality entails. One of the most shocking things written in the Viewpoint was Mark Easley’s “Word to the wise” (Feb. 18). It is a disgrace that someone attending one of the top-20 schools in the country, a Catholic one at that, knows so little about what the Catholic Church teaches on economic justice and has such a condescending attitude toward those who keep Notre Dame clean, ensure that the campus looks pristine, and feed the students. Rather than focusing on Easley’s erroneous article, I would like to focus attention on what the Catholic Church teaches on the issue and what Jesus teaches, something which many Christians have disregarded in favor for a Gospel of “Prosperity.” In May of 1891, Pope Leo VIII issued the first of modern Papal encyclicals entitled “Rerum Novarum.” At the time of its publishing, there was a real problem of worker exploitation, especially in America. In it, Pope Leo VIII laid out that workers have certain responsibilities to their employer; to do the just work that his/her employer asks of him/her. In return, the employer “mindful of this — that to exercise pressure upon the indigent and the destitute for the sake of gain, and to gather one’s profit out of the need of another, is condemned by all laws, human and divine. To defraud any one of wages that are his due is a great crime which cries to the avenging anger of Heaven.” These are not the words of some “bleeding heart liberal calling for wage inflation” but rather are the words of Pope Leo VIII. Since “Rerum Novarum,” every Pope has written something demanding that workers be treated with justice and that they be given a living wage.

This brings up another point being discussed, often on false pretenses, in Viewpoint comments: the idea that somehow \$9 an hour is sufficient. Many people have alluded to their heroic days of working hourly waged jobs where they lived off of a minimum wage. The problem is, the examples they have presented are the exception, not the rule. Making \$9 an hour means that person working forty hours a week makes only \$18,000 a year. The reality that people need to accept is that not every household is a two income household. Another reality — not everyone has perfect health. \$18,000 won’t cover rising health costs for those who have children with health problems or dependents who cannot work. And how far is it to ask people to work more than forty hours a week when that person has a family? The fact is that hourly waged workers are doing jobs that are needed in order to function. If they didn’t work them, we would be in a world of hurt. No garbage collected, no one to clean our streets, no one to clean up the blood in the operating room after a surgery. The problem is that in our current economic system, these jobs are not fully valued for the good that they provide to our society. I think the thing that this whole discussion has lacked is the words of Jesus. Jesus preached that “the first shall be last and the last shall be first” and that “what so ever you do to the least of these my brothers, that you so do unto me.” And yet Alex Andre in his Viewpoint article (“Welcome to capitalism,” Feb. 22) said we have “no moral responsibility” to pay Notre Dame workers a just wage. What Bible are you reading? Are you even reading the Bible? It amazes me how un-Christ-like so many on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s campuses can sound. Jesus himself was a peasant, suffered cruelty at the hands of humans, and yet, those claiming to be Christian forget that. Based on what the Bible says, on what Jesus said, I can say with 100 percent confidence that our Lord always takes the side of the oppressed, that were Jesus around now, he would demand a living wage for those working honestly, just as he demanded just treatment for those on the fringes of Palestinian society 2000 years ago.

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Feb. 25

Fill this space.
Send a letter.

By NICK ANDERSON
Scene Writer

Bob Dylan once said Johnny Cash “was and is the North Star; you could guide your ship by him. The greatest of the greats — then and now.” His career is impossible to put into perspective. He stands among the musical elite, and with the exception of Elvis and The Beatles, there are none above him in terms of popular and critical success. He’s one of the many great American stories: grew up poor, served in the

army, hit rock bottom (on more than one occasion), found family and religion, and faded from the spotlight as he aged. Cash’s career and legacy reached a pinnacle in 1994 when he changed course. After being dropped by Columbia Records, Cash was washed up until label co-head Rick Rubin signed him to American Recordings, a rap and heavy metal label. The contract blossomed into six remarkable albums and a new audience for Cash. “American VI: Ain’t No Grave,” Cash’s latest and

perhaps final entry in his extensive discography, was released on Jan. 23, three days short of what would have been his 78th birthday, with the blessings of his friends and family. It’s been seven years and another album since Cash left this world. It comes as no surprise that much of his output in his last days would focus on his impending death. “Ain’t No Grave” is a natural culmination of both his American Recordings and his impressive career. Gone is the anger, regret and sorrow that pervaded much of his

work from the 90s (most notably on his cover of Trent Reznor’s “Hurt”). Instead, a portrait of a man’s proper relationship with death is painted; not eager, but certainly not afraid. Cash only authored a single track on the

‘American VI: Ain’t No Grave’
Johnny Cash

Record Labels: American, Lost Highway
Noteworthy Tracks: “Ain’t No Grave,”
“Redemption Day,” “Aloha Oe,” “For the Good Times”



album, “I Corinthians 15:55.” Taking his inspiration from the Pauline verse, “O Death, where is your victory? O Death, where is your victory?” Cash tells of salvation with all the conviction of a preacher and twice the effectiveness.

The album art, a concept almost lost in the digital age, highlights his song writing, piecing together several hand-written drafts in lieu of proper liner notes. The back cover presents Cash through a windowpane in the months before his death. Careful consideration was clearly taken in the look of the album and, while it continues in motifs familiar to Rubin’s style, Cash’s young countenance shines out from the cover, an unusual but poignant choice for such a somber album.

The material that Cash covers, perhaps the strongest point of American Recordings — other than Cash himself — is the most consistent of the series. Thankfully, gone are the cheesy choices such as “A Legend in my Time” from “A Hundred Highways” or “Danny Boy” off “The Man Comes Around.” Sheryl Crow’s “Redemption Day” meshes beautifully with Cash’s weathered vocals and stripped instruments. The final track on Cash’s final album is a surprising choice, the iconic Hawaiian “Aloha Oe.” It masterfully avoids the pitfalls that could have easily turned it into a novelty song and ends the musical career of a legend with the grace, beauty, elegance and joy evident in the words of the piece.

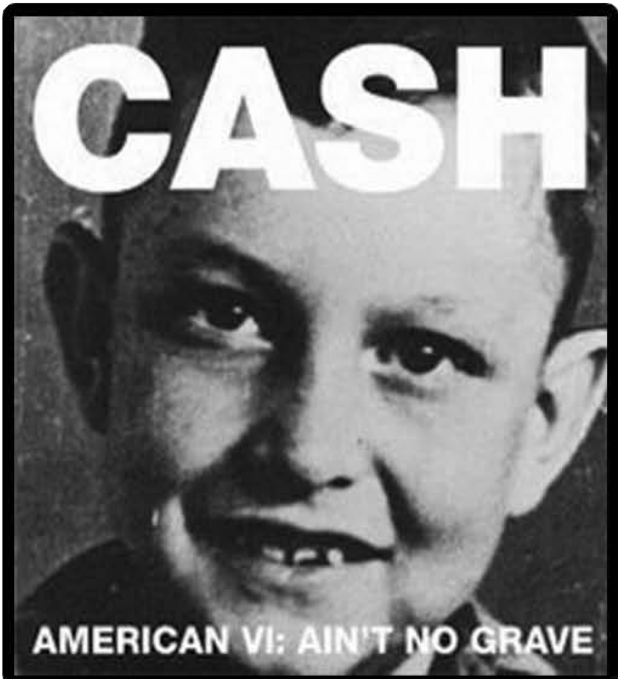
No artist will ever age as gracefully as Cash did. He never burnt or faded out, became a caricature, stayed past his welcome or impeded his own legacy. In the final years of his life, he recorded hundreds of songs. From these, Rick Rubin was able to put together a proper final album for the “Man in Black.” While it would be impossible to say “Ain’t No Grave” is Cash’s best album, it now ranks among the essentials in a string of masterpieces.

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‘AIN’T NO GRAVE’

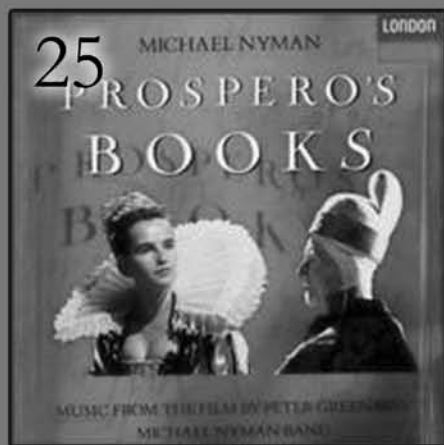


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Weekend Events Calendar

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"Prospero's Books" @ 7 p.m., DPAC
"Prospero's Books" is the first in a series of films by Welsh director Peter Greenaway that the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center plans to show this weekend. Based off of Shakespeare's "The Tempest," "Prospero's Books" is a visual masterpiece that utilizes many innovative cinematic techniques to tell the story from a unique perspective. The film combines mime, dance, opera and animation as well as digital image manipulation. The film was shown out of competition at the 1991 Cannes Film Festival, meaning it did not compete for a main prize. Look for several other works by Peter Greenaway at DPAC throughout the weekend.

The Tossers @ 10 p.m., Legends
The Tossers, a six piece Celtic punk band from Chicago, will be performing at Legends this Friday night. They have been active since the early 90s, predating such bands as the Dropkick Murphys and Flogging Molly, but have only recently begun to gain notice from more mainstream audiences. They released their most recent album, "On a Fine Spring Evening," in October 2008. Their sound has been described as bordering between "rage and raucousness," blending traditional Irish sound and punk rock, so the show is certain to be a high-energy performance. As always, there is no cover for this show.

"The Road" @ 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., DeBartolo 101
Actor Viggo Mortensen's latest project follows the journey of a father and son walking across the country in search of refuge from the extreme conditions produced by an apocalyptic event. They are walking south in hopes of escaping the extreme cold and desperation the cataclysm has left in its wake. The father often recalls his wife, who committed suicide before the horrific event, and finds that the boy is the only thing that keeps him going. A dark film, it is certain to make audiences consider the meaning and purpose of life. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

"Natural Selection" @ 2:30 p.m., DPAC
This is the last day to catch "Natural Selection," the comedy by Eric Coble which explores just how crazy the world will be in the near future if humanity continues to be heavily reliant on technology. The production centers on Henry Carson, a curator at the Cultural Fiesta Theme Park, who searches the country in order to find new Native Americans for their Native American Pavilion. He is quickly faced with the difficulty of defining 'native' and in the process discovers the artificial nature of the world in which he lives. Tickets for this production are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for faculty, staff and seniors, and \$10 for students.

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By COURTNEY COX
Scene Writer

The guys from "The Buried Life" seem to be living the life. They have a hit show on MTV that enables them to do everything they've wanted in life and they get paid for it. It definitely seems like a good gig, but is it genuine? Are these guys really this care-free and cool?

I had the opportunity to talk with Dave and Johnnie and it turns out they're even cooler than they appear.

The project started four years ago in Victoria, British Columbia, from where the guys hail. Dave and Johnnie said they were sick of seeing their friends wasting their lives, and sick of doing what they were "supposed" to do. So they decided to use death as a motivating tool in their lives. It was supposed to compel them to do what they wanted most in life.

When the pair asked their parents what they thought about this project, they responded with knowing laughs. They said they did get the expected questions, like "How are you going to do this?"

However, all of their parents were generally supportive. Not one told them not to follow through with what they had started.

While they were supportive, this support did not

include monetary help. They raised the money for their project in their own community, but there were many times when money was an issue for them. It got hard to keep going when they were so poor, but that's where the group came in. If two people were feeling really down about what they were doing and just wanted to quit and get a real job, then the other two were right there motivat-

ing them and reminding them why they started doing this in the first place. They were offered a show in 2007, but elected not to take the pitch, as they were concerned about keeping

ers on the show and they are in full control of the editing. They wanted it to be made very clear that they were presenting something real. They wanted to show that normal people can do any-

thing, because they are just that, normal guys in their mid-twenties. (Or at least they were.)

They would not call themselves celebrities, but they are

certainly aware of their increased profile. It seemed to make them uncomfortable when asked if they were celebrities. Both Dave and Johnnie were reluctant to answer.

So how will this higher profile affect their project? If they do sign on for a second season it will be a little more difficult to find things they cannot do, which is almost

the best part of the show. They still appear to be living the life, even if they do not cross off all the items on their list.

Perhaps the reason that Dave and Johnnie seemed so cool is that they were aware of the impact their project had on people, yet chose not to take any credit. They said that they were "just humbled to be a part of it." What they really wanted to do when they started this project was to get other people to ask themselves to ask what they were going to do before they die. Once you acknowledge what you want to do, the next question is, why aren't you doing anything to get there? This is the cool part about the guys on this show — they want it to inspire people, and not in a preachy way.

In addition to the questions I posed to Johnnie and Dave, they had one question for the people watching the show: Everyone has something that they want to do as an individual, but what does our generation want to do as a group?

Only time will tell.

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THE BURIED LIFE UNCOVERED



creative control. Today, they are very content with their involvement with MTV because the network simply acts as a vehicle for what they are doing. The four act as executive produc-

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Jeter not interested in becoming a free agent

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Derek Jeter reiterated what every Yankees fan wanted to hear: He hopes to play in pinstripes forever.

He just doesn't want to spend time talking about his future in New York.

"I've said from Day One, this is the only organization I've ever wanted to play for, and that's still true today," Jeter said Wednesday before the team's first full-squad gathering at George M. Steinbrenner Field.

"I was a Yankees fan growing up. This is where I want to be. I've never envisioned myself playing anywhere else, and hopefully I don't have to," he said.

The 35-year-old Jeter is entering the final season of a \$189 million, 10-year deal. The All-Star shortstop said he doesn't have a set number of years in mind that he'd like to continue playing and steered around a question about whether he has a desire to be the Yankees' highest-paid player.

He said this will be the final time he speaks about his contract status.

Jeter hit .334 with 18 homers and 66 RBIs in 2009, leading New York to its first World Series championship in nine years. The Yankees have won five titles during his career.

"To be honest with you, I never put limitations on how long I can play. I want to play as long as I can, as long as I'm having fun, as long as I can be productive," Jeter said. "This organization prides itself on winning and putting a competitive team on the field. As long as I can help out, that's as long as I

want to play."

Closer Mariano Rivera also is headed into the last season of his contract. The Yankees have a team policy of not negotiating new contracts until a player's previous deal expires, but it sounds as though the club wants to do everything it can to hang on to both players.

"Let's put it this way, I think from the fans' perspective they can count on those guys being here a lot longer than I'm going to be here. I think they're very secure," general manager Brian Cashman said.

"I don't think there's any sweat off any of these guys' backs. They've been Yankees for life, and that's what we intend to see happen. But again, you start those conversions at a different time and place that you feel is more appropriate."

That will be at the end of the season.

"That's just the practice we've had in place for some time now," Cashman added. "I think these guys are pretty secure in their abilities, their knowledge of how we feel about them, the place they want to be and that lines up for discussions for another day."

Jeter said he doesn't have a problem with the club's stance, adding his status won't become a distraction because he's not going to speak publicly on the matter again until after the season ends.

"I think it's unfair to be talking about myself when we're trying to win. That's the approach I've always had. That's not going to change," he said.

"I know it's maybe going to cause a lot of speculation.



New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter speaks to the media during spring training. Jeter has no interest in testing the free agent market when he becomes eligible following the 2010 season.

There may be a few stories out there, but it won't be a distraction because I won't be talking about it."

Team co-chairman Hank Steinbrenner said earlier this month that the club will address Jeter's contract "eventually," adding that the 10-time All-Star's "place in Yankee history is obvious, so I think you can pretty much assume from there."

Jeter, who has won three Gold Gloves and also has been a World Series and All-Star game MVP during his 14 seasons in New York, surpassed Lou Gehrig to become the Yankees' career hits leader in 2009.

For manager Joe Girardi, it's difficult to imagine Jeter or Rivera becoming free agents and winding up wearing another club's colors.

"It'd be different, that's for sure. I think when you think about guys like Mo, Jeet, you always think of them as Yankees," Girardi said. "There's certain guys, you expect to see them in one uniform."

Jeter didn't offer any indication of what he might be looking for in a new contract. He also said he's given no thought to how it might affect his legacy if he did not spend his entire career with the Yankees.

"I can't think about what's going to happen after this year. You don't think about what legacy you have when you're still playing. That's something you consider when your career is over," he said.

"My desire is to stay here. I haven't thought about ... how much money (I) want because we haven't sat down to negotiate anything. That hasn't crossed my mind. That's not what I play for. I play in order to try to help this team win. That's what I've always done. My feeling is everything else will take care of itself."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Texas says it likes Big 12, has not spoken with Big Ten

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The University of Texas likes its position in the Big 12 Conference and has not talked with the Big Ten about its expansion plans, athletic director DeLoss Dodds said Wednesday.

Dodds spoke with The Associated Press on Wednesday after recent speculation that the Longhorns program could be courted by the Big Ten, which is considering expanding.

Dodds said Texas would be a natural target for any league because of the school's strong academics, athletics and the power to draw a large television audience. But Texas and the Big 12 are good for each other, Dodds said, adding "It's working. I like it."

The Big Ten announced in December it would explore options for expansion to add a 12th school. The Big Ten also looked at expansion in 1993, 1998 and 2003. Penn State was

the last team to join in 1990, and Notre Dame rejected an offer in 1999.

Earlier this month, speculation on possible targets focused on Texas, which has one of the wealthiest athletic programs in the country and is a major research university with a huge alumni base surrounded by some of the larger television markets in the nation.

"We're always going to be looked at. I don't think that's a bad thing. That's a good thing,"

Dodds said.

He said there have been no talks between the Texas and the Big Ten. He said the Big 12 has been a good fit for the Longhorns since the conference started in 1996 with the members of the old Big Eight and four members of the old Southwest Conference.

"I think it's been a great conference for us and we've been good for the conference. Before the (Big 12), we were struggling with recruiting and struggling

with all kinds of things. The Big 12 has brought us stability, kept Texas kids in Texas," he said.

"All the sports have been good to us. We've built up some good rivalries. It's been good for us," Dodds said.

Even if another school were to leave the Big 12, Dodds said he believes the remaining members would try to keep the conference intact by finding a replacement instead of seeing a domino effect of schools bolting for other leagues.

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Men's Division I Indoor
Track & Field USTFCCCA Poll

	team	previous
1	Texas A&M	1
2	Oregon	2
3	LSU	3
4	Florida	4
5	Arizona State	5
6	Arkansas	6
7	Indiana	7
8	Nebraska	8
9	Texas Tech	9
10	Baylor	10
11	Penn State	11
12	Oklahoma	16
13	Florida State	12
14	Stanford	13
15	Virginia Tech	15
16	Auburn	14
17	Minnesota	17
18	Arizona	18
19	Northern Arizona	NR
20	Ohio State	24
21	Alabama	20
22	New Mexico	19
23	Kentucky	21
24	California	22
25	Georgia	23

Men's Division I Wrestling
NWCA/USA Today Poll

	team	previous
1	Iowa	1
2	Iowa State	2
3	Ohio State	3
4	Oklahoma State	4
5	Minnesota	5
6	Cornell	6
7	Lehigh	7
8	Oklahoma	8
9	Maryland	9
10	Penn State	10
11	Boise State	11
12	Central Mich.	12
13	Indiana	13
14	Wisconsin	14
15	Oregon State	15
16	Kent State	16
17	Pittsburgh	18
18	Missouri	17
19	Virginia Tech	19
20	Cal Poly	20
21	Purdue	23
22	Rutgers	22
23	Illinois	21
24	Virginia	24
25	Wyoming	NR

Women's Fencing USFCA
Coaches' Poll

	team	previous
1	NOTRE DAME	2
2	Penn State	1
3	Northwestern	5
4	Princeton	9
5	Columbia - Barnard	4
6	St. John's (NY)	NR
7	Ohio State	6
8	Temple	7
9	Harvard	3
10	Penn	8

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Olympic Women's Hockey
United States vs. Canada
3:30 p.m., NBC

NCAA Men's Basketball
South Carolina at Kentucky
9 p.m., ESPN

OLYMPICS



United States Olympic skier Lindsey Vonn crashes into the safety netting on her first run in the giant slalom Wednesday. During the crash, Vonn broke her right pinkie finger.

Vonn crashes and breaks right pinkie

Associated Press

WHISTLER, British Columbia — Lindsey Vonn crashed and failed to finish the first run of the fog-shrouded Olympic giant slalom race Wednesday and broke her right pinkie. It was undecided if she would run her final event at the Vancouver Games later in the week.

Vonn lost control around a right turn in the middle section of the course, got twisted around, landed hard on her left hip and crashed backward into the safety netting.

“The course is breaking up at the bottom,” Vonn said, holding ice on her finger, adding that her back and

shin were hurting, too. “I got a little bit too inside and lost my outside ski. My knee came up and hit my chin. ... I don’t know honestly how I hurt my hand.

“I’m just a little bit beat up right now,” added Vonn, who also fell in the slalom leg of the super-combined last week. “Things don’t seem to be quite going my way.”

After being checked course-side for a few minutes, Vonn got up and skied down to the finish.

“I was like a pretzel — so tangled up,” Vonn said.

Dr. Jim Moeller, chief medical officer for the U.S. Olympic team, said Vonn had a non-displaced fracture of the proximal phalanx of the small finger—where the

pinkie connects to the hand. He said Vonn, who won the downhill and was third in the super-G despite nursing a badly bruised right shin the entire Olympics, had not decided if she will race in Friday’s final women’s event, the slalom.

The second run of the giant slalom was postponed later Wednesday until Thursday because fog made it impossible to see the course.

American Julia Mancuso was the next skier down the mountain after Vonn and had to pull up midway through her run because her teammate was still being tended to on the side of the course.

Mancuso, the defending

champion in giant slalom, ended up 18th after starting the opening leg again and was visibly angry over the disruption.

While giant slalom is usually Vonn’s worst event, she had posted the fastest split times until her crash.

“I was hoping for something today,” Vonn said. “I was charging, I was skiing hard. I’m disappointed in myself now that I made that mistake. I can only keep smiling. I know I was skiing well.”

Vonn had a difficult starting position, 17th, but was 0.35 second ahead of the pace by first-run leader Elisabeth Goergl of Austria at the third split, just before the crash.

IN BRIEF

For Red Sox, playoffs, not Series, season's focus

FORT MYERS, Fla. — To Boston Red Sox owner John Henry, the team’s goal for the 2010 season is the same as always. That means making the playoffs, rather than focusing on winning the World Series.

“I’ve never thought that way,” Henry said Wednesday. “If we make the playoffs, we’re going to win at some point in the postseason. We’ve been fortunate to do that twice.”

“It’s tough to predict what’s going to happen in a short series. A good team can easily lose to an inferior team in a short series. So our goal really is to make the playoffs and to try to win,” he said.

The Red Sox, champions in 2004 and 2007, were swept out of the first round of the playoffs last year by the Los Angeles Angels.

Boston hosts the major league opener on April 4 against the champion New York Yankees.

White Sox not happy with Guillen's Twitter activity

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Ozzie Guillen’s already going to star in a reality series starting in July. Now the colorful manager of the Chicago White Sox has a Twitter account and his general manager Ken Williams is not happy about it.

Guillen, Williams and Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf will shoot segments for the MLB Network reality show ‘The Club’ this spring. That had already prompted concern about the talkative Guillen and his often salty language.

Now Guillen’s added another forum to express his many opinions on many topics.

Guillen said his tweets will be personal and not a way to tell fans what’s going on with the White Sox or a way to break news. Still, it appears to be a dangerous device for a manager who’s gotten in plenty of trouble over the years with his comments.

NFL declines to punish Oakland Raiders' Cable

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Oakland Raiders coach Tom Cable will not be punished by the NFL after an investigation into allegations of domestic violence against women and a fight with an assistant coach.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Wednesday that Cable’s role in the training camp altercation with assistant Randy Hanson warranted an evaluation under the league’s personal conduct policy.

Cable was accused of breaking Hanson’s jaw and teeth during a fight at the team’s training camp hotel in August. The Napa County district attorney declined to file criminal charges in the case because of inconsistencies in Hanson’s story. Because there were no criminal charges, the league did not punish Cable.

OLYMPICS

U.S. gets past Swiss, will play in semifinals

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — The longer it went, the tighter the Americans got.

They clanged shots off the post, then the crossbar. A wrist shot early in the game by Phil Kessel that looked like a bad omen hit both. Everything else the U.S. hockey team threw on net Wednesday, Swiss goalie Jonas Hiller smothered.

But Zach Parise put all that frustration aside, deflecting a wrist shot from Brian Rafalski early in the third period, then scored into an empty net late to seal a 2-0 quarterfinal win that sends the U.S. to the next round against the winner of Wednesday night's game between the Czech Republic and Finland.

"Relief and excitement, especially in a tight game like that when you are doing everything but score," said Parise, who failed to score on his first 13 shots of the tournament. "The goalie was great and we did a good job of sticking with it. "We were pretty confident and said just keep putting pucks at him."

Ryan Miller made 19 saves to backstop the victory and move the Americans within two wins of its first men's hockey gold medal in 30 years.

For a while, though, there was a chance their stirring 5-3 win over Canada on Sunday might go for naught. U.S. general manager Brian Burke said he wasn't happy with his team's play through the preliminary round, and cautioned that the Americans had to improve quickly if they hoped to make a run.

He was right. Only the challenge came from the lightly regarded Swiss and not from tournament favorites Canada, Russia or defending Olympic champion Sweden.

The wait for production from the top scoring line ended just in time.

"I thought after the first two or three games I could play better. I knew I would," said Parise, who had no goals and three assists in the opening three games. "It's always nice to get rewarded. I just kept wanting to keep shooting."

In front of a full crowd that traded chants for each team, Hiller gave the Swiss a chance to pull off the upset by making 42 saves. He had stymied Parise several times earlier, but couldn't keep the New Jersey Devils star down all the way.

Parise, the top-line forward who struck posts with two other shots, got a stick on Rafalski's shot and bounced it off the mask and arm of Hiller before the puck sneaked past his pad and inside the left post 2:08 into the third. The goal came 12 seconds into a power play.

He then sealed the win by scoring into an empty net with 11.2 seconds left. The U.S. has earned two of its four wins in these games against Switzerland, including a tournament-opening 3-1 victory last Tuesday.

Switzerland seemed to tire as the game wore on. The upstarts, who forced Canada to a shootout in the prelims, reached the quarters with another tiebreaker win over Belarus on Tuesday. Switzerland was forced to play

past regulation in its previous three games.

Despite only two regular NHL players, the Swiss were gallant in longtime coach Ralph Krueger's last Olympics. Switzerland finished sixth four years ago in the Turin Games and was looking for its best showing in Canada.

"We had high expectations," the teary-eyed Hiller said, his voice cracking. "We knew we had a solid team and we can upset some of the big ones and that's what we tried to do. I wish we could have upset them a little more."

"It's always tough to lose, but losing in the quarterfinals in the Olympics and being that close, it definitely hurts. I am quite disappointed right now."

Until Parise scored, the signature moment in this one was a near goal the U.S. thought it scored to break the deadlock with less than one second left in the middle period.

Ryan Kesler's shot struck Hiller's blocker and popped in the air. The Anaheim Ducks goalie swatted it with his stick and deflected it off his shoulder before it fell behind him.

The puck tantalizingly slid onto the goal line and toward the net as the clock struck 0.0. A video replay confirming no goal sent the pro-Swiss crowd into jubilation as the teams headed to the dressing rooms.

"I thought I scored," Kesler said "I thought it was in and we were going into the locker room up 1-0 but apparently the time ran out and I wasn't lucky enough. I knew there wasn't much time left and I just tried to throw it on net to generate a rebound and it happened to find the back of the net a half-second too late."

A wild sequence in the third had both teams believing they had scored.

At 3:40, Sandy Jeannin sent a wide-angled shot that appeared to beat Miller inside the right post. The red light came on, but play continued. Before the next whistle, Ryan Suter fired a shot past Hiller. That goal was disallowed because of a high-sticking penalty against teammate Ryan Kesler.

Even with the benefit of three power plays in the second period, the U.S. couldn't forge much of an attack. The Americans' best scoring chances came at even strength, but when they wound up for drives in good areas many of their shots were blocked before they got to Hiller.

"I haven't seen that for a long time, even in the NHL," defenseman Tim Gleason said. "Guys are laying down left and right. That's good to see and you hope they get right back up. Guys are getting their nose dirty, and that's what wins championships and medals."

The Swiss were content to clog the middle and contest every pass and each puck carrier as he tried to get into the offensive zone. Bobby Ryan rushed toward the blue line before being upended with a hip check by Mathias Seger that flipped him with 5:15 left in the second.

"We waited and waited and waited, and I guess we waited them out," Gleason said. "We got a little antsy ... you want to do it yourself and you get frustrated."

NFL

Tomlinson says farewell

Associated Press

POWAY, Calif. — LaDainian Tomlinson bid an emotional farewell to San Diego, then looked toward a future that he hopes will include an elusive Super Bowl title.

"It's definitely sad to leave, but I'm excited, as well, about the future," Tomlinson said during a press conference Wednesday. The Chargers released him Monday after a mostly brilliant nine-year run in which he became one of the greatest running backs in NFL history.

Tomlinson thanked the fans; his teammates throughout the years; the Chargers, for giving him a chance; and lastly, his pregnant wife, LaTorsha, who was sitting to his right in a ballroom at a suburban golf course.

L.T., who always seemed to be in control, whether it was on a dazzling, slashing run, or going airborne over a pile of bodies into the end zone, began to choke up. He needed a few minutes to compose himself.

"Sorry," he said, as he fought back tears. "It's probably because I was all prepared and said I wasn't going to do this. Sometimes emotions are what makes a person and as you guys know, I've always worn my emotions on my sleeve."

Had Tomlinson won a Super Bowl title or two with the Chargers, he may very well have been announcing his retirement.

He didn't even make it to a Super Bowl, though, and said he plans to keep pursuing his goal with whichever team will give him a chance.

As Chargers fans remain painfully aware, some of their biggest stars have been tossed aside and found success elsewhere. Tomlinson said he recently spoke with Super Bowl MVP Drew Brees, who less than three weeks ago led the New Orleans Saints to their first NFL title. Tomlinson and Brees were acquired with the Chargers' first two picks in the 2001 draft.

He also mentioned learning the ways of the NFL early in his career from defensive stars Junior Seau and Rodney Harrison. Harrison went on to win two Super Bowls with New England. Seau came close



Former San Diego running back LaDainian Tomlinson talks Wednesday about his career and release by the Chargers.

before the Patriots were upset by the New York Giants in the Super Bowl following the 2007 season.

"I'm very excited about the future and the opportunity that's ahead," Tomlinson said. "I've always said my No. 1 goal is to win the championship, so it gives me, I guess, confidence and relief to know guys have gone on to win championships."

"This is not the end of the road at all. I'm not retiring. So I am very excited. I really believe I am going to have that opportunity to win a championship."

Tomlinson thinks he still has a lot left, and that he can play for as many as four more seasons.

He said the Chargers didn't give him an explanation for his release, and really didn't need to. He appreciated being let go this week so his agent, Tom Condon, could look for a job for him during the NFL combine. Condon said he has several meetings set up during the next five or six days.

Injuries and age were taking their toll, and Tomlinson was due a \$2 million roster bonus early next month, which all but guaranteed he would be cut

loose, as well as a \$5 million salary for 2010.

Tomlinson ranks eighth on the NFL's all-time rushing list with 12,490 yards. His 138 career rushing touchdowns rank second, and his 153 total touchdowns rank third.

Tomlinson, who turned 30 last summer, was injured early in the 2009 season and finished with 730 yards on 223 carries for an average of 3.3 yards per carry, all career lows. He became less and less the face of the franchise as his role was reduced in a pass-happy offense.

"I don't want to blame it on the system or anything else," he said. "I don't know. But what I do know is that when I've been given the opportunity, I've had the people around me that can run the football, I've been successful at doing it. I think my track record speaks for itself. I'm a guy that still works very hard and really can do anything out of the backfield. I think that's maybe something that teams are looking for. I just want an opportunity. I'm like a guy coming into the league again. I just want an opportunity to prove that I can play."

NBA

Miller leads Blazers over Toronto

Associated Press

TORONTO — Andre Miller had 18 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds, Brandon Roy scored 20 points, and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Toronto Raptors 101-87 on Wednesday night.

Rudy Fernandez scored 17 points, Jerryd Bayless had 11 and Juwan Howard 10 for the Trail Blazers, who won their second straight to open a five-game road trip that will also take them to Chicago, Minnesota and Memphis.

Hedo Turkoglu scored 24 points, Jarrett Jack had 18 and Andrea Bargnani added 15 as the Raptors failed to top 100 points, ending a 20-game streak that began Jan. 6 at Orlando. Toronto went 14-6 in that span.

Amir Johnson had 10

points and eight rebounds for the Raptors.

Both teams were missing starters. Toronto's Chris Bosh sat out for the third straight game with a sprained left ankle and was replaced by Rasho Nesterovic. Howard started for Portland in place of Marcus Camby, who left Tuesday's win at New Jersey with a sprained right ankle.

Turkoglu had seven quick points but picked up his third foul just over three minutes in and headed to the bench. The offense stalled without him, and six Toronto turnovers and eight points from Roy helped Portland take a 32-24 lead after one.

Toronto called timeout after Roy's corner 3 made it 51-34 with 3:33 left in the second, but closed the half on a 13-4 run, capped by a 3

from Turkoglu, to make it 53-47 at the break.

Miller scored six points in the third and Bayless and Fernandez each added five as Portland overcame nine points from Jack to pull away again, taking a 78-68 lead into the fourth.

With the game going at the same time as Canada's Olympic hockey showdown against Russia, the announced crowd was 16,161 at Air Canada Centre, but there were empty seats in every section. Many watched the hockey live in stadium bars, restaurants and suites, and there were noticeable cheers each time Canada scored and some boos after Russian goals. The screens on the main scoreboard switched to hockey after the basketball game finished.

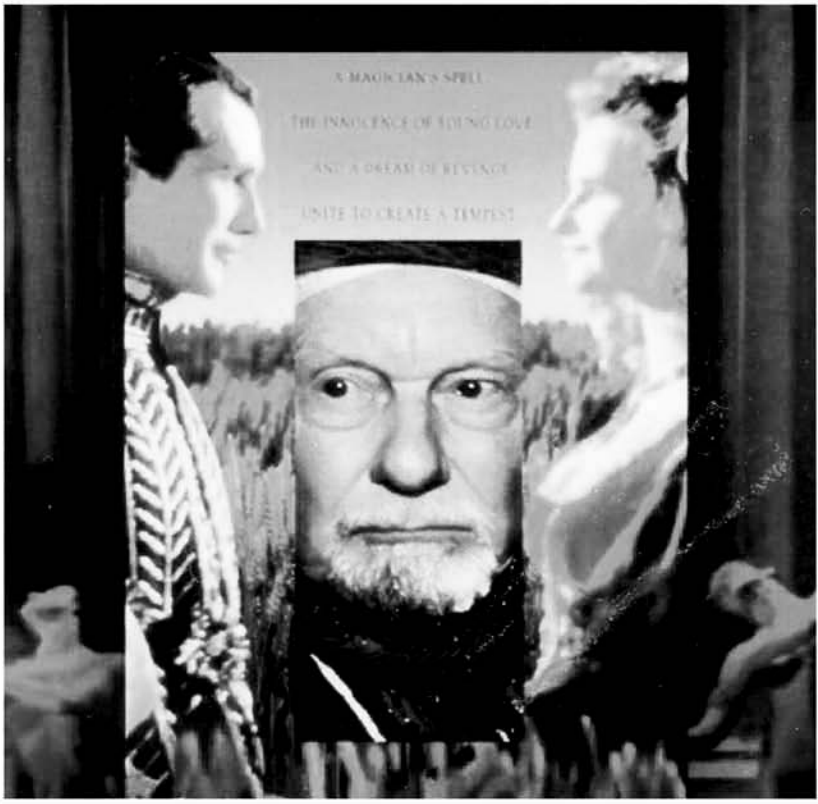
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MLB

Mariners' Lee back on mound after surgery

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — Cliff Lee took a step in the right direction Wednesday.

The Seattle Mariners lefty completed his first bullpen session of spring training without any problems with his left foot, which needed surgery almost three weeks ago to remove a bone spur.

"It wasn't as sharp as I would like, but it's the first time I've been off the mound in a little while, so I guess that's to be expected," Lee said after 10 minutes of pitching and a conditioning run. "I feel good. The foot's fine. The body feels good, so now I need to get in shape and get off the mound more and catch up with everyone else."

Lee reported to Mariners camp a week ago with a bandage wrapped around his foot, even though he said he was ready to pitch. The Mariners took precautions, limiting Lee, a former AL Cy Young Award winner whom they traded for with Philadelphia in the off-season, to agility drills and fielding practice.

The 31-year-old Lee said he threw all of his pitches and wasn't thinking about his foot. He was focused on locating fastballs, having only thrown off a mound once in the off-

season before he needed surgery.

"I was pretty certain when I first got here, I could jump right in with everyone, but it was kind of a better safe than sorry approach at that point," Lee said.

He'll toss another session in a couple of days with the hope that he'll be ready for the rotation in spring training games. The other Seattle pitchers have been pitching from a mound since last week.

"Once I get going, I'll catch up. It's still way early," Lee said. "There's a lot of teams that haven't even really started going full tilt yet, so looking at it that way, I guess I'm not that far behind."

Meanwhile at Mariners camp Wednesday, infielder Jose Lopez returned to his normal position — second base — after taking ground balls at third in the team's first full-squad workout Tuesday. The Mariners said they were only taking a look at Lopez at third, with Chone Figgins working at second base. Both Lopez and Figgins, a free agent signed from the Los Angeles Angels, worked at second base Wednesday.

Lopez, a 2006 AL All-Star, said he last played third base for the Mariners in 2007, for a few games.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

West, Thompson to enter collegiate hall

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY — Christian Laettner won two national titles, an Olympic gold and played 12 seasons in the NBA.

To this day, all anyone wants to talk about is The Shot — March 28, 1992, NCAA East Regional final at the Spectrum in Philadelphia. Laettner catches a long inbounds pass with the clock nearly expired, turns and shoots, and sends Duke to a win over Kentucky and on to a national championship.

"People always approach me and ask about that game, every day of the year, especially when it comes tournament time," Laettner said. "It's crazy, but I don't mind it. It's better than 'how's the weather up there?'"

Laettner joined UCLA star Sidney Wicks, West Virginia sharpshooter Jerry West and high-flying North Carolina State All-American David Thompson among the eight members of the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame's 2010 class announced on Wednesday.

Triangle offense innovator Tex Winter, Alcorn State coach Davey Whitney, NCAA executive vice president Tom Jernstedt and former Big Eight and Big Ten commissioner Wayne Duke also will be inducted on Nov. 21 in Kansas City.

"What an amazing class," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, chair the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

West and Thompson are the marquee names.

They'll be recognized as founding members of the collegiate hall after being inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Previous founding members of the collegiate hall include Larry Bird and Magic Johnson last year, Charles Barkley the year before and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 2007.

Before he became the figure in the NBA logo, West was a three-time All-American at West Virginia, where he led the Mountaineers to three straight NCAA tournament berths, including a trip to the 1959 title game. He averaged 29.3 points and 16.5 rebounds as a senior and went on to co-captain the 1960 U.S. Olympic gold medal team before 14 All-Star seasons with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Thompson was one of the best college players of all time, a superb leaper and shooter who was twice the national player of the year and a three-time All-American. He helped the Wolfpack beat John Wooden's dynastic UCLA Bruins in the national semifinals on the way to the 1974 NCAA championship and was the Naismith player of the year as a senior after turning down an offer to play professionally.

"There's an argument that he may be the best college player ever," Krzyzewski said. "Certainly, in our conference, many, many people would give him that vote."

Laettner led the Blue Devils to four straight Final Four berths and won national championships his final two seasons, in 1991 and 1992. He was the most outstanding player of the

Final Four as a junior and the national player of the year as a senior, when he hit that shot against Kentucky.

Wicks played on three of Wooden's national championship teams at UCLA (1969-71) and was named most outstanding player of the Final Four as a junior. The 6-foot-8 forward led the Bruins in scoring and rebounding each of his final two years and went on to play 10 seasons in the NBA.

Winter is credited with creating the triangle offense that has helped Phil Jackson win 10 NBA titles with the Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers. Before that, Winter coached five college programs, including a 15-year stint at Kansas State, where he was named the national coach of the year in 1959.

Whitney, a former Negro Leagues baseball player, won 711 games in 35 years as a coach, including 27 at Alcorn State. He led the school to a berth in the 1979 NIT, making it one of the first historically black colleges to receive an invite, and took the Braves to the NCAA tournament four times.

"In Dave Whitney and Tex Winter, you have two coaches who have contributed so much to the game," Krzyzewski said.

Duke was the first employee hired by NCAA executive director Walter Byers in 1952 and wrote the first manuals for the basketball tournament and College World Series. He also began compilation of the NCAA record books and served as a member of the NCAA men's basketball committee from 1975-81, when the tournament expanded twice.

Jernstedt spent 38 years with the NCAA, first as director of special events, later as chief operating officer and executive vice president. He was instrumental in the NCAA tournament expanding its field, size and scope of venues and revenues from marketing and broadcast rights.

MLB

Brother injected McGwire

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jay McGwire heard big brother Mark say last month he only took steroids to heal, and not to get stronger. That doesn't match Jay McGwire's recollection.

"Mark knew that he was going to get the strength and endurance and size. I know that the main motive to justify taking steroids was healing," Jay McGwire said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I know that for a fact. But in the long run he knew the strength and the size and endurance will increase. I don't know why he's coming across that it was all healing."

Estranged from his brother for eight years because of a family dispute, Jay McGwire has gone public in "Mark and Me: Mark McGwire and the Truth Behind Baseball's Worst-Kept Secret," which is scheduled for publication Monday by TriumphBooks.

"He knows his game went to the next level because his body went to the next level," Jay McGwire said. "He knows. The body, the before and after pictures, are amazing."

When he finally admitted last month that he used steroids, after he was hired as hitting coach of the St. Louis Cardinals, Mark McGwire said it was only to help him get through injuries.

"I knew if he stayed healthy, Mark would hit a lot of home runs, but I didn't know he'd hit 70," Jay McGwire said, referring to his brother's record-setting total in 1998, when he shattered Roger Maris' 61 in 1961.

Jay McGwire says in the book he persuaded his brother to start using steroids reg-

ularly in 1994 and set him up with a supplier. He says Mark regularly used an array of drugs through 1996 that included Deca-Durabolin, human growth hormone, Dianabol, Winstrol and Primobolan. McGwire later used androstenedione, a steroid precursor that wasn't banned by baseball until 2004, when it became a controlled substance.

Jay McGwire, a former bodybuilder who turns 40 on May 5, said he was introduced to steroids by friends in 1989, beginning with pills of Anavar. He says his brother only gave in to using steroids after an injury filled 1993 season.

"Somewhere in the course of a conversation between brothers, baseball history was changed," Jay McGwire wrote. "I was the one

who convinced him to do it. Mark wouldn't trust anyone else. My heart told me that I was simply trying to help a brother in need. ... In addition to the healing prospects I saw ahead for Mark, I saw in him a blank canvas. I pictured what a beast he could become with the proper training, and I wanted to use my expertise to help create a masterpiece."

Jay McGwire stopped using steroids in 1996 after he became suicidal. He realized

his mood swings and rage, and he found religion. "It's just bad news. At the end of the run, it's just not good," he said. "It's like any other drug. Once you depend on it, it's the ball and chain of your life. As an athlete, people use that as a crutch to get through stuff. It's overwhelming, the temptation."

Jay McGwire, who opened McGwire's Fitness in Ontario, Calif., this month, thinks HGH has replaced steroids among some players.

"I guarantee it. Athletes are still using something. They don't have drug-testing for that, so they're going to use that," Jay McGwire said. "Now is HGH as powerful as the heavy testosterone out there? No, but HGH will help you recover faster, when it comes down to breaking down muscles and to put on lean muscle mass over time. It makes you just feel better when you're on HGH."

The brothers fell out after Jay McGwire's stepson, Eric, tickled Mark and caused Mark to spill coffee on himself. Mark then swatted Eric on the backside. Jay's wife, Francine, then refused to attend Mark's wedding.

Even a written letter of apology from Mark to Francine didn't end the rift.

"It's sad on both ends. I just can't believe something like that would keep us apart," Jay McGwire said. "Maybe he's just written me off. It's sad that it happened that way. I hope some day that this could all be past us."

"I guarantee it. Athlete are still using something."

Jay McGwire
Mark McGwire's brother



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NFL

NFL hopes to test for HGH

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL hopes to start testing players for human growth hormone, and Major League Baseball has started talks with its union to investigate the test that led to the suspension of a British rugby player.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Wednesday that the league had made a proposal to its players in January regarding HGH. Discussions are ongoing, he said.

“Our position is that HGH testing has advanced to the point where we are taking steps to incorporate it into our program,” Aiello said. “We have proposed it to the union.”

The NFLPA’s player development director, Stacy Robinson, said in a statement that the union “has supported research to find a suitable test that will detect sustained HGH use.”

“We believe in and collectively bargained for a system that supports the testing of all banned substances,” he said.

The NFL has used pre-season blood tests since at least 2006 for cholesterol and tryglycerates. Baseball has had urine testing since 2003 but not blood testing.

“We have previously said that if a scientifically validated blood test for HGH is available, we would consider its utilization,” new baseball players’ association head Michael Weiner said. “But a single uncontested positive does not scientifically validate a test. There remains

debate in the testing community about the scientific validity of this test.”

The issue of HGH testing has gained renewed interest in the wake of the United Kingdom Anti-Doping authority announcing a two-year ban Monday for rugby player Terry Newton, saying he had tested positive and become the first athlete suspended for using HGH.

The substance is believed by some to hasten healing but there is still a debate over whether it increases strength.

A blood test for HGH has been in existence since the 2004 Athens Olympics and available in the U.S. since 2008, according to United States Anti-Doping Agency executive director Travis Tygart.

Tygart said the test was available to professional leagues, but only through World Anti-Doping Agency labs.

“It’s one that’s been well-vetted, well-discussed,” he said by telephone from London. “Further research has been done to get it to a point where it’s scientifically valid, and we’re happy to help any entity that’s interested in having an effective test, whether we’re involved with their program or not, getting them comfortable with the validity of the science.”

While MLB can institute blood tests for players on minor league rosters, it must reach an agreement with the players’ association to start blood testing for unionized

players on 40-man big league rosters.

“We are well aware of the important news with respect to the HGH blood test in England,” Major League Baseball said in a statement. “We are consulting with our experts concerning immediate steps for our minor league drug program and next steps for our major league drug program. The commissioner remains committed to the position that we must act aggressively to deal with the issue of HGH.”

Tygart said the window for detecting HGH through the test is three days at the most, making it most useful for out-of-competition testing. According to Weiner, it may be even shorter.

“Even those who vouch for the science behind the test acknowledge that it can detect use only for a day or so prior to collection,” he said.

Baseball began random urine testing for players on minor league rosters in 2001 and reached an agreement the following year to start testing unionized major leaguers.

“I’d prefer urine testing. It’s easier, especially for people who are afraid of needles,” said infielder Josh Vitters, the Chicago Cubs’ top draft pick in 2007.

Outfielder Brett Jackson, Chicago’s No. 1 pick last year, understands why the minor leaguers might get tested first.

“We’re guinea pigs for almost everything else,” he said, “so why not?”

OLYMPICS

Canada routs Russia, advances to semifinals

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — A dominating Canada ended 50 years of Olympic hockey frustration against Russia.

The Canadians got a goal and two assists from Dan Boyle during a take-charge first period to beat the world champions 7-3 Wednesday and surge into the Olympic semifinals.

A superpower showdown — one that may have been better suited for the gold-medal game than the quarterfinals — quickly became a super let-down.

The physical, focused Canadians took advantage of terrible goaltending by Evgeni Nabokov and superior depth and size to open leads of 3-0 and 4-1 in the first period and 6-1 early in the second period, and the unexpected rout was on.

The resurgent Canadians meet the Sweden-Slovakia winner in Friday’s semifinals. If they advance, they might face the United States in a rematch of the 5-3 loss on Sunday.

That disappointment marked their first Olympic loss to the U.S. since 1960; the punishing win over Russia was their first since the same tournament in Squaw Valley and only the second in 11 Olympic games against the Russians or Soviets.

Long before it was over, fans began chanting, “We Want Sweden,” just as they had asked for Russia the day before. After that, it was “We want gold.”

On this day, Canada got all it wanted.

Corey Perry upstaged Russia’s big-name, big-contract forwards with two goals, Shea Weber also scored and set the tone by upending Maxim Afinogenov with a board-rattling hit in the opening seconds and Ryan Getzlaf had a goal and two assists. And Boyle frustrated Nabokov, his NHL teammate, by scoring a power-play goal and creating two others.

And that was only the start.

Almost as surprising as the score was how Canada pulled it off. Sidney Crosby went scoreless in a subordinate role, with less celebrated players and grit negating Russia’s cast of stars and supposedly superior speed.

Nabokov, whose NHL San Jose Sharks are perennial playoff underachievers, allowed several soft goals early, one to Patrick Marleau, and the letdown was evident on a downcast Russian bench.

Coach Slava Bytov didn’t pull Nabokov until Weber scored at 4:07 of the second to make it 6-1. Given the looks on the players’ faces, the move came about two or three goals too late.

Russia, which beat Canada in each of the last two world championships, also seemed unprepared for Canada’s aggression. Within the first few minutes, Russia quickly learned that speed isn’t a factor when stars are being knocked off their skates before they can advance into the offensive zone.

Remarkably, almost none of the pregame story lines played out. The Canadians didn’t need a big game from Crosby, who was as quiet offensively as Ovechkin was, a huge game in goal from Roberto Luongo or a shutdown defensive performance.

They simply needed to go back to playing traditional, get-tough, can’t-knock-us-off-the-puck Canada hockey. And it worked better than coach Mike Babcock could have envisioned.

Luongo, who took over for a benched Martin Brodeur after the U.S. loss, gave up goals to Dmitri Kalinin, Afinogenov and Sergei Gonchar while making 25 saves, but didn’t need to be brilliant with all that was going on around him.

Babcock kept rolling his four lines and relying upon his much bigger defensemen to push around Russia’s forwards — Evgeni Malkin and Alexander Semin were ineffective, too — and discourage them from trying to find open lanes.

Ovechkin, whose one-upmanship duels with Crosby keep getting better and better, was a surprising nonfactor. The word in the Russian camp — the players haven’t talked much — was that Ovechkin was determined to play one of the best games of his life.

Instead, the two-time NHL MVP was about as invisible as hockey’s top offensive player can be after being upended twice in the first period, and his trademark big hits and end-to-end rushes were missing.

And Ovechkin’s braggadocio this week that Russia has the best of everything, especially hockey players? Just so much idle talk.

Canadian TV channels have aired for months a Sid the Kid vs. Alexander the Great special featuring the anticipated star showdown. Yet neither player — and who would have predicted this — had a point during a 10-goal game. When they last met in the NHL on Feb. 7, Ovechkin scored three goals and Crosby had two.

Instead, Rick Nash and Brenden Morrow also scored during the kind of dominating first period that Canada didn’t seem capable of playing as it lost to the U.S. and nearly lost to Switzerland in its first three games. Those games caused a nervous nation to fear its beloved team wouldn’t make it to the medal round.

Now, it’s the two-time defending world champion Russians who will leave the Olympics without a medal for the second successive games.

Russia lost in the bronze-medal game in Turin and hasn’t won an Olympics under the Russian name since the Soviet Union breakup, although a 1992 gold won by the Unified Team is now recognized as a Russian gold.

If Canada goes on to win the gold medal, this dominating victory — which occurred on the eighth anniversary of its 2002 gold-medal victory over the U.S. in Salt Lake City — is likely to be mentioned with its 1972 Summit Series and 1987 Canada Cup triumphs over the Soviets.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Struggling Texas gets important win over Oklahoma St.

Baylor keeps good season going against Texas A&M; Miss. St. tops Alabama; Purdue wins nailbiter over Minnesota

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Dexter Pittman had 16 points and eight rebounds and free-falling No. 21 Texas got a much-needed 69-59 win over Oklahoma State on Wednesday night.

Pittman made all five of his field goals and scored nine points in a key run in the second half to push the Longhorns (22-6 8-5 Big 12) to just their fifth win in 11 games after a 17-0 start that saw them reach No. 1.

Damion James led Texas with 19 points. It was the first game for Texas since losing starting point guard Dogus Balbay for the season with a knee injury. Justin Mason played a key role in holding Big 12 scoring leader James Anderson to 14 points.

Obi Muonelo scored 14 points for Oklahoma State (19-8, 7-6).

The Longhorns have now consecutive games for the first time in more than a month, and this one guaranteed they will finish no worse than 8-8 in league play.

For Pittman, it was the first time in weeks he was able establish himself as a force in the post. His 16 points was the most for him since he had 21 in a win over Arkansas back on Jan. 5.

The Cowboys had little to stop him. On one early basket, an ill-timed defensive switch left 5-foot-9 Cowboys guard Keiton Page matched up against the 6-10, 290-pound Pittman under the basket. The big man easily won that battle.

Defensively, Mason and Avery Bradley applied the pressure on Anderson, who had scored at least 30 points five times this season but got little to fall when given little room to work against the Longhorns. Anderson shot 5 for 13.

Oklahoma State made eight 3-pointers after making 14 in a win over Baylor in the previous game, with just two after halftime.

James carried Texas early, scoring 15 points to lead the Longhorns to a 37-35 halftime lead. A 3-pointer by Muonelo had tied it before the Cowboys' Jarred Shaw fouled Pittman, then was whistled for a technical foul for jawing with him. Texas made two of the four free throws.

Pittman controlled the first 10 minutes of the second half, scoring nine of Texas' first 12 points and diverting shots on the other end.

After Oklahoma State had closed a six-point deficit to 44-42, Pittman thundered home his second dunk of the half and made a free throw for the three-point play.

When Texas lost Balbay for the season, they also figured to be losing their best perimeter defender. But Mason and Bradley were able to lock down on Anderson for long stretches, never letting him find his range or an open look at the basket.

Bradley's 3-pointer from the left corner put Texas up 54-44 with 9:53 to play, the first double-digit lead of the game. After Pittman hit another tough basket in the lane, a steal by Bradley let to an easy layup that put the Longhorns up by 14.

Baylor 70, Texas A&M 66

LaceDarius Dunn had 23 points, including consecutive 3-pointers after Baylor had gone 4½ minutes without a field goal and a pair of late free throws, leading the No. 24 Bears past No. 22 Texas A&M

Wednesday night.

Texas A&M (19-8, 8-5 Big 12) had cut what was a 13-point deficit to one when Donald Sloan hit a 3-pointer from the left corner with just over 4 minutes left.

Dunn then hit a 3 from the top of the key, a ball that bounced off the rim several times before finally falling through to make it 62-58. That was Baylor's first field goal since Dunn's floater in traffic gave the Bears (21-6, 8-5) a 56-46 lead with 8:16 left.

B.J. Holmes hit another 3 for A&M, but Dunn responded with another of his own from the right corner with 3:13 left. That was the last of Dunn's four 3-pointers.

Donald Sloan led Texas A&M with 22 points.

The Aggies were within 67-66 in the final minute when Ray Turner made two free throws after being fouled by Ekpe Udoh, who had just had a turnover following Sloan's twisting baseline jumper.

But Udoh made up for that when he rebounded a miss by teammate Tweety Carter, and Dunn hit two free throws with 17 seconds after being fouled on the same possession.

Sloan then missed what would have been a tying 3-pointer. Quincy Acy was fouled on the rebound with 2.2 seconds left, then made one of his free throws.

Josh Loomers added 10 points and seven rebounds for Baylor, while Udoh and Acy both had nine points.

Bryan Davis had 14 points and 10 rebounds while B.J. Holmes had 11 points for Texas A&M, which had won five of six games with a 78-71 victory over Baylor 2½ weeks ago.

The 201st meeting between the schools located only about 90 miles apart and at different points on the Brazos River was only the second when both were in the Top 25. The other was two years ago, when Baylor won 116-110 in five overtimes at College Station.

With only three games left in the regular season, Baylor and Texas A&M are tied with Texas for fourth place in the Big 12. The top four teams in the standings get a first-round bye in the conference tournaments.

Baylor surged ahead 52-39 with 10-0 run in the second half.

Acy made a strong move inside to score over Ray Turner, then Carter made a bounce pass to Dunn streaking wide open for a layup before A.J. Walton and Fred Ellis both hit 3-pointers.

Texas A&M was ahead for the first time since the opening minute of the game when David Loubeau picked up a loose ball after a Udoh block and scored to make it 27-25 with just under 5 minutes left in the first half.

But the Bears never trailed after the 6-foot-10 Udoh hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key to make it 31-28 only 2:22 before halftime.

Miss. St. 74, Alabama 66

Jarvis Varnado broke the NCAA's career record for blocks and had 17 points and 10 rebounds to lead Mississippi State to a 20-win season with a victory over Alabama on Wednesday night.

Varnado was two shy of his third triple-double with eight blocks for the Bulldogs (20-8, 8-5), who took a one-game lead in the Southeastern Conference's Western Division with three games left. They also sent the Crimson Tide (14-13, 4-9) to its sixth straight road loss.



Texas A&M forward Bryan Davis twirls around Baylor forward Ekpe Udoh during the first half of Baylor's 70-66 win Wednesday.

Dee Bost had 22 points, including consecutive 3-pointers late, to help Mississippi State win its fourth game in five contests.

Varnado broke Wojciech Mydra's record of 535 career blocks, which the Louisiana-Monroe center set from 1998-2002. He now has 142 this season and 536 in his career.

With the crowd on its feet chanting Varnado's nickname, "Swat," much of the way, he had six second-half blocks and used his intimidating presence to help the Bulldogs pull away.

The 6-foot-9 center from Brownsville, Tenn., had blocks on consecutive Alabama possessions midway through the second half to turn the momentum. The second, on JaMychal Green, was pulled in by Ravern Johnson, who drove the length of the court and dunked to push the lead to 47-39 with 12:18 left.

That was part of a 13-6 run that Varnado dominated. He had a steal to set up Mississippi State's next basket and picked up a loose ball for a dunk to give the Bulldogs their biggest lead, 56-45 with 9:17 left. He stopped a quick run with another dunk, but Mississippi State couldn't put Alabama away.

The Crimson rallied with a 10-2 run to make it 61-59 with 3:50 left. That's when Bost stepped up with 3-pointers at 3:11 and 2:25, then Ravern Johnson hit another to make it 70-61 with 1:28 left.

That decisive Mississippi State run included a 3-pointer by Barry Stewart, who hit two to break Darryl Wilson's school record of 258.

Varnado and Stewart, co-captains who share the Mississippi State record for games played, were honored after the game with much of the crowd staying behind and chanting. Varnado's parents were on the court for the celebration.

There was plenty to celebrate. The reed-thin Varnado, playing without a scholarship in his final year, is a fan favorite. Plus, the win greatly improved Mississippi State's chances of an NCAA bid, though the Bulldogs play games at South Carolina and Auburn before finishing off with No. 19 Tennessee in Starkville.

The loss continues a slide for Alabama, which has lost four of five. Mikhail Torrance led the Tide with 23 points, but scored just eight in the second half. Green finished with 12 points, but was blocked three times by Varnado in the second half.

Purdue 59, Minnesota 58

Robbie Hummel glumly watched Purdue play without him in the second half, his palm barely keeping his chin up with crutches beside him on the bench.

Keaton Grant and the rest of the Boilermakers gave their hurting star a finish to smile about, their No. 3 national ranking a bit shaky but first place in the Big Ten still in hand.

Grant's jumper with 7.7 seconds left lifted Purdue past Minnesota on Wednesday night, helping the Boilermakers survive Hummel's first-half knee injury and a scoreless stretch of more than 10 minutes that bridged the intermission.

"You're not supposed to think about it. You're supposed to keep going on," said E'Twaun Moore, another part of Purdue's standout trio who wasn't as effective. "But when one of your best players goes down, you definitely be concerned. Hopefully, he'll be all right and he'll come back."

JaJaun Johnson had 14 points and 10 rebounds for Boilermakers (24-3, 12-3), who won their 10th straight and have a one-game lead on Michigan State, which plays at Purdue on Sunday. Ohio State is right between them in the conference race.

"It's hard to adjust on the fly, especially when a player means so much to your team, but I thought it was kind of a gut check," Boilermakers coach Matt Painter said, adding: "It showed a lot of character."

Moore and Hummel each had 11 points for the Boilermakers, who ruined a career-best game by Minnesota's Ralph Sampson III and stuck the Gophers (16-11, 7-8) with their third one-point loss this season. The Spartans beat them here in eerily similar fashion last month, and another currently ranked team, Texas A&M, nipped them in November.

Eight of Minnesota's losses are by eight points or less, including a

pair of three-point overtime defeats on the road.

"We see we got the ingredients to beat 'em. We just got to finish out," said Damian Johnson, whose off-balance tip-in of Devoe Joseph's miss at the buzzer came a split-second late.

Grant has three straight double-digit scoring games off the bench after putting up only three in his first 24 games. After he pulled up for the go-ahead jumper, the Gophers brought the ball up and coach Tubby Smith took timeout — later blaming himself for not calling it a second or two sooner.

Joseph dribbled to the corner and faked for an open jumper, but it bounced off the rim.

"We feel that we're talented enough to play with anyone," Smith said. "A play here, a play there."

Sampson had 21 points and seven rebounds for the Gophers, and a deafening crowd backed an active Minnesota zone defense with Sampson and fellow big man Colton Iverson clogging the lane together.

The Gophers led by as many as nine in the second half, with the Boilermakers unable to get any shots to fall. Moore, shooting better than 50 percent in conference play this season but 3 for 12 in this game, hit the side of the backboard on one 3-point attempt in the second half.

It wasn't until Johnson put in a couple of turnarounds in the lane to cut the lead to 49-48 with 3:55 left, putting the Boilermakers back in position to win and set up the tense final stretch.

After Moore's layup gave Purdue the lead again, Lawrence Westbrook hit a leaner with 25 seconds left to put the Gophers back in front. Grant responded with his pull-up jumper, skipping back in celebration, and Minnesota called timeout to set up the last try.

Purdue marked the highest-ranked foe the Gophers have faced in three years — since back-to-back losses to No. 3 Wisconsin and No. 2 Ohio State here at "The Barn" in February 2007.

Thanks to Sampson, they nearly scored their first win here against a top-five team since beating Indiana in 1992.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish dominating ranked opponents

By JOHN HELMS
Sports Writer

The No. 7 Irish have been on a tear lately, and it did not stop Wednesday, as they swept No. 17 Ohio State 7-0.

Irish sophomore Kristi Frilling continued on her hot streak, winning both her doubles and singles matches. Frilling is unbeaten this season, sitting at 9-0 in both doubles and singles and is ranked No. 23 in the country. Notre Dame as a team swept its doubles matches in taking the doubles' point.

It was an emphatic response by the Irish (8-1) to their biggest win in the program history, as last Sunday the team knocked off No. 1 Northwestern. But as big as Sunday's win was, Wednesday's might have been more impressive.

"It's a big deal for us [to beat Ohio State] after such a huge win," assistant head coach Julia Scaringe said. "It's easy to have a letdown, and Ohio State is not a team you want to play when you are tired. It was a very good performance."

It was the fifth straight win for the Irish. The one loss this year came against North Carolina on Jan. 31. At that point, the Irish had played solid tennis, but were still readjusting to being back on the court.

"We had a lot of injuries during the fall, with a good part of our lineup out," Scaringe said. "They barely practiced."

But since the loss, the girls have come out looking more poised than ever.

"They've been working really hard, doing all the little things they can," Scaringe said.

After the North Carolina loss, the coaches tweaked a couple of the things in the doubles lineup, trying out different combinations of players in No. 2 and No. 3 doubles. The Irish have responded nicely.

"We were losing doubles points earlier in the season, but now things are starting to mesh and click," Scaringe said. "Our doubles now are playing great. The new combinations have made a big difference."

Now, the Irish look poised for their best season ever, which could only be accomplished by outperforming last year's team that was only ousted in the semifinals. For this year's squad, Scaringe said it is a real possibility.

"I think we are better than we were last year," Scaringe said. "It's all going to come down to the little things."

The Irish face No. 14 Georgia Tech Saturday in the Eck Pavilion.

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NBA

Deng notches season-high 31 points in win over Pacers

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Luol Deng realizes tougher tests are coming, that the schedule is about to take a difficult turn. If the Chicago Bulls keep this up, that would be just fine with him.

Deng scored a season-high 31 points, and the Bulls pulled away for a wild 120-110 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Wednesday night after blowing an early 23-point lead.

Derrick Rose added 23 points and eight assists while tying a season high with nine rebounds as the Bulls won for the seventh time in nine games. They've picked on weaker opponents during this run. That's about to change, though.

They meet Portland on Friday, and after closing out the month at Indiana on Saturday, March opens with this brutal stretch: Atlanta, Memphis, Dallas and Utah all at the United Center, then trips to Orlando, Miami, Memphis and Dallas before hosting Cleveland.

In other words: Ouch.

"The schedule will get tough, but we're confident in the team that we have," Deng said. "When we play our best, we feel like we can play with anybody."

The Bulls were at their best in spurts on Wednesday.

They led by 23 in the first quarter and were up 19 going

into the second, only to watch it all disappear. Then, with a 58-54 halftime lead, they broke it open in the third and sent Indiana to its sixth loss in seven games.

"In the first quarter, down by 23 — hard to do that on the road and come back and get a win," Pacers coach Jim O'Brien said. "We came back in the second quarter but didn't have what it took in the second half."

The Pacers' Danny Granger finished with 20 points after missing Monday's loss at Dallas for personal reasons. Brandon Rush hit 5-of-9 3-pointers and scored a season-high 21, including 12 in the second quarter as Indiana outscored Chicago 36-21 to get back into the game.

Then, the Bulls pulled away again and stopped any flashbacks to their epic collapse against Sacramento in December, when they blew a 35-point lead and lost.

This time, they got a reverse layup from Brad Miller and jumper from Rose to start the second half. A few minutes later, the Bulls went on a 12-3 run that Deng finished with a 3-pointer, making it 83-67 midway through the third and putting them in control to stay.

"You should have seen (Deng) earlier," Rose said. "He had a lot of Ben Gay and other stuff he was putting on his body. He

looked like an old man, but he went out there and played through it."

Early on, this looked like another blowout at the United Center for Chicago, which had scored two of its most lopsided wins in its previous two home games. After tying a season high with a 33-point win over New York and beating Philadelphia by 32, Chicago opened by hitting 13-of-23 shots in one of its most prolific quarters.

Deng scored 11 in the first, converting a three-point play and tip-in to start a 16-2 run that made it 35-12 and just about buried the Pacers.

Turns out, they had plenty of life after all.

The team that couldn't hit early on shot its way back in the second, making 10-of-20 field goals after going 7 of 24 in the first quarter.

Rush led the charge, nailing 4 of 5 3-pointers and connecting from the outside with two minutes left in the half to tie it at 52. Dahntay Jones answered a jumper by Chicago's Kirk Hinrich with two free throws to tie it again at 54 with 1:24 left, before a layup by Deng and jumper by Rose gave the Bulls a 58-54 halftime lead.

"I took a lot of wide-open 3s and the guys were looking for me," Rush said. "And they just happened to go in."

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mates.

“They are the funniest group of girls and when I think of my best moments, I think of all the great things we accomplished together,” Valdivia said.

As a junior on a team with only three seniors, Valdivia has stepped up this year, as have her fellow teammates. In her mind, she said, the team this year is more united than ever, which makes each success and win a team accomplishment.

“When you step on the field it is a great feeling to know there are 17 other girls there to pick you up and support you,” Valdivia said. “Our team dynamics have never been in a better position and

I have never felt more confident in my teammates than I do now, which makes our game stronger than ever.”

Of course, life as a college athlete is never easy. But Valdivia is one player who knows she is lucky to be where she is and have all her hard work pay off.

“It gets tiring running from classes to practices and trying to fit so many things into a few hours of the day but I wouldn’t trade it for anything. I have been given an opportunity to play for the greatest team and that has given me one

of the best college experiences a person could ever have,” Valdivia said.

Judging by her early achievements, Valdivia seems more than ready to lead the Irish to success this season.

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“When I think of my best moments, I think of all the great things we accomplished together.”

Jody Valdivia
Irish pitcher

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season.

Verkaik leads the Knights in scoring with an average of 18.4 points per game. She also leads the team in blocks, with 3.6 per game, and in rebounds with 9.5 per game.

The Belles are not satisfied with simply focusing on the future and the experience the team is getting in the play-offs. Instead, they are focused on this year, even though the only senior on the team this

year is forward Anna Kammrath. All of the returning members of last year’s squad bring experience from last year’s MIAA tournament. Saint Mary’s reached the championship game of the tournament last year.

The Belles hope to make it back to the championship game, but they must first defeat Calvin before they can move forward.

The game begins tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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“I think it was a team effort really,” Abromaitis said. “Everybody came out ready to guard their man, we were getting rebounds all night. I think we just came out ready to play.”

A freshman guard Travon Woodall jump-shot with three minutes remaining in the first half finally cut the Irish lead down to four points, but Notre Dame responded before the break. Jackson had a nice crossover and fade-away as time expired to give the Irish a 35-28 lead heading to the locker room.

The Irish were able to begin extending the lead after halftime, with junior forward Carleton Scott hitting two big 3-pointers as the shot clock wound down. While the Panthers struggled offensively Notre Dame was on fire from the perimeter, hitting 10 of its first 14 3-point attempts.

An Abromaitis 3 from the wing extended the Irish lead to 52-29, and Pittsburgh was forced into desperation mode. Notre Dame was unfazed by

the Panthers full-court pressure and continued to stymie the Pitt offense.

With the lead comfortably in hand, the Irish used up the clock down the stretch before celebrating the much-needed win.

“A lot of teams haven’t beaten Pittsburgh, this conference is tough,” Jackson said. “Whenever you can get a Big East win, it’s a positive. It shows us and everyone that we can still compete, we can still do this as a team, we can play with the best in the league.”

“Everybody came out ready to guard their man, we were getting rebounds all night.”

Tim Abromaitis
Irish forward

Note: Before the game Harangody was the first inductee into Notre Dame’s Ring of Honor at Purcell Pavilion. A banner honoring

Harangody’s number 44 was unveiled and will be joined in the future by former and present men’s and women’s basketball players and volleyball players who have made notable contributions to the university during their careers.

The Irish will next travel to No. 13 Georgetown on Saturday, with tip-off at noon.

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Torpedo

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While neither Notre Dame nor the Wolverines lived up to their pre-season hype, Irish coach Jeff Jackson still considers this series a crucial matchup before the conference tournament in March.

“I think people probably looked at this series at the start of the season as a showdown between two top teams,” Jackson said. “Both teams have been inconsistent at best, but we’re still playing for something. We have to go into this weekend trying to put something together before the CCHA tournament.”

Notre Dame and Michigan split a home-and-home series back in December, with the Wolverines picking up a 4-1

victory in Ann Arbor before Irish freshman goaltender Mike Johnson’s shutout win at the Joyce. Notre Dame has won four of the last six meetings in the heated rivalry.

Injuries along the Irish blue line in that December series forced Jackson to play the infamous “torpedo” offense for a weekend, a system featuring four forwards and a single roving defenseman favored by the Swedish national team. Injuries continue to plague Notre Dame, and the team has faded in recent weeks due in large part to a depleted bench.

Jackson said he believes that a strong series against Michigan should help his squad develop some consistency throughout the lineup, which has shuffled repeatedly as players have moved on and off the injury list.

“It’s important us for to

start having some lines to play together,” Jackson said. “We haven’t had any kind of continuity almost the whole second half. It’s about establishing rhythm and confidence this weekend.”

While the Irish require a deep run in the CCHA tournament to have a shot at making the NCAA Tournament, Jackson says his team will not be caught looking ahead to March.

“Right now it’s about playing Michigan,” Jackson said. “You have to put yourself in the right position for the CCHA playoffs. We can’t look past anything. We have to go into the playoffs playing well.”

The puck drops tonight at 7:35 p.m. at the Wolverines’ Yost Arena in Ann Arbor.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Climbing out of a Pitt

Four Notre Dame players score at least 13 points without help of Harangody

By **MICHAEL BRYAN**
Sports Writer

The Irish bounced back a week after a heartbreaking double-overtime loss to Louisville, upsetting No. 16 Pittsburgh (21-7, 10-5 Big East) 68-53 at the Purcell Pavilion.

Notre Dame (18-10, 7-8) used a balanced scoring attack and strong defensive effort to cruise to a big win.

Even with senior forward Luke Harangody missing his third straight game because of a bone bruise in his right knee, the Irish shot, rebounded and defended better than the visiting Panthers.

Junior forward Tim Abromaitis led the Irish with 17 points, and four Notre Dame players scored at least 13. Junior guard Ben Hansbrough tallied 15 points, senior guard Tory Jackson notched 14 and junior for-

ward Tyrone Nash finished with 13 points and seven rebounds.

"I'm really happy with this group, they played their backsides off," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "The past couple games without Luke it's been tough, but they've really kept it up in practice and I think tonight it paid off."

The Irish got off to a quick start, winning the opening tip and taking an early 6-0 lead on 3s from Jackson and Abromaitis. While the Panthers quickly closed the lead to two, the Irish would maintain the lead for the rest of the game.

With Notre Dame up 12-10, the starting unit then created a 10-0 run, punctuated by an Abromaitis dunk off a nice feed from Jackson.

Abromaitis credited the defensive effort with Notre Dame's success.

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Junior forward Tim Abromaitis dunks over Panthers junior center Gary McGhee during Notre Dame's 68-53 win over Pittsburgh Wednesday.

ND SOFTBALL

Valdivia ready to step up her game in her junior season

By **MEGAN FINNERAN**
Sports Writers

Many little girls dream of being a princess, owning a pony or of becoming just like their moms. For junior pitcher Jody Valdivia, the dream was quite different.

When she was six years old, Valdivia began the game she would grow to love, following in the footsteps of her older brother Jesse, who played

baseball.

"I knew that I wanted to do that too, so my parents put me on the softball field," Valdivia said.

A highly successful high school career both on the field and in the classroom in California gave Valdivia a range of choices for college. The recruiting process brought her to Notre Dame, and from there her path became clear.

"The minute I stepped foot

on the Notre Dame campus I knew I was home," Valdivia said. "The coaches, my teammates and the atmosphere of Notre Dame were unlike any other school I had experienced. The tradition of academic excellence combined with athletic excellence made choosing Notre Dame very easy."

Her first two years provided a growing experience and shaped her to the player and leader she has become. Last

weekend at the Southern Miss Mizuno Classic, Valdivia led the Irish to three wins, striking out 13 players from Louisiana Tech in her sixth game in which she recorded more than 10 strikeouts.

Securing three wins for her team granted Valdivia the title of Big East conference Pitcher of the week.

"It felt really good to snag the first Big East Pitcher of the week honors," Valdivia said. "Our team is looking to

put together a strong preseason and receiving recognition for that always feels great."

But when it comes down to the greatest moments of her career, it is not the individual accomplishments that stand out in Valdivia's mind. While she said she will always fondly remember big games and the Big East championship, her best moments have come from playing with her team-

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HOCKEY

Irish preparing for Wolverines

By **MICHAEL BLASCO**
Sports Writer

While their season hit a dead end the last few weekends, the Irish at least have a chance to derail their archrival's post-season plans.

Notre Dame concludes its regular season this week with a home-and-home series against Michigan, taking on the Wolverines in Ann Arbor tonight before senior night Saturday at the Joyce Center. The Irish (12-14-8, 8-11-7-2 CCHA) are currently sitting 10th in the CCHA, while seventh-place Michigan (18-16-1, 13-12-1-0 CCHA) has an outside shot at a first-round bye in the CCHA tournament.

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Junior right winger Ryan Guentzel takes a shot earlier this year. The Irish take on Michigan Thursday.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles ready to face Calvin in MIAA tourney

By **TIM SINGLER**
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's continues its postseason journey tonight with a trip to Calvin for the semifinal round of the MIAA tournament.

The Belles (15-11, 9-7 MIAA) enter the game coming off an exhilarating 61-59 win over Albion in the first round that went down to the wire. Saint Mary's enters yet another tough battle as they take on Calvin (23-3, 14-2), the No. 2 seed in the tournament. While the Knights boast a much stronger record, that won't discourage the Belles.

Saint Mary's is coming off three impressive victories to close out the season, including two straight wins over Albion. The Belles could use this win streak to propel them past the Knights who will pose as a big challenge.

Calvin is in its fifth 20-win season in the past seven years. Last week, freshman forward Carissa Verkaik broke the MIAA single-game scoring record with 46 points in a win over Adrian. The Belles will face a tough test in defending the Knights' high-powered offense, which averaged 67.8 points per game this

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