Ratzinger elected new pope

ND priests, officials praise conclaves vote

By KATE ANTONACCI
American Newswriter

In his first appearance as pope, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, stepped onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome amidst deafening cheers and declared himself "a simple, humble worker," a 10:45 a.m. (Tuesday) echord Tuesday by officials and priests at Notre Dame.

"I know he's a humble man. I know he's a holy man and a man of prayer. I know he's very intelligent," said Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry. "I think he's going to carry out his ministry as Vaeur of Christ with great integrity."

Benedict XVI, 78, former dean of the College of Cardinals, was elected 265th pope Tuesday. Ratzinger was a very close con­fidant of Pope John Paul II and was one of the most powerful figures in the Vatican under the former pope.

University President Father Edward Malloy blessed the Notre Dame community gathering at Basilica to celebrate new pontiff's election.

Above, Pope Benedict XVI acknowledges the crowd in St. Peter's Square on Tuesday.

Below, the Notre Dame community celebrates Mass and the selection of a new pontiff.

Notre Dame community gathers at Basilica to celebrate new pontiff's election

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Although it was the fleeting late afternoon sun that shone luminously through the towering stained glass windows, a new day was just beginning at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart -- and across the entire world.

Notre Dame celebrated the selection of German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger as the 265th pope of the Catholic Church with a Mass of Thanksgiving Tuesday. Director of Campus Ministry Father Richard Warner presided over the service held in honor of the 78-year-old cardinal, who assumed the papal name Benedict XVI.

Amid sacred music performed by the Notre Dame folk and handbell choirs, Warner acknowledged a special feeling of excitement upon the announcement of the new pontiff. A conclave of 115 cardinals selected Ratzinger after just two days of deliberation.

"It was wonderful to see the people of Rome and visitors from across the world run into St. Peter's Square to see the first appearance of the new pope," Warner said in his homily. "Today, as people of faith, we look forward to the ministry of Pope Benedict XVI."

Tens of thousands of worshipers gathered at the Vatican to hear the official proclamation of the new papacy. Similarly, more than 400 students, faculty and members of the South Bend community gathered at Sacred Heart Basilica to pray for the longevity and success of Benedict XVI.

"The beginning of a new papacy is always an exciting time for the Church," Warner said. "We believe the Holy Spirit not only guided the choice of Pope Benedict XVI, but will also continue to guide the Church in the third millennium."

A symbolic representation of a new era in Catholic Church history, a large bouquet of white and yellow flowers encircled a photograph of the Benedict XVI in front of the altar. Just weeks ago, an image of the late Pope John Paul II was

Student Union fund distribution differs from 2004-05

Council of Representatives decision rewards SUB additional funds, subtracts $10,000 from President's council

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The approval of the Student Union budget Monday night by the Council of Representatives will allow for nearly $362,000 to be distributed between various clubs and organizations for the 2005-06 school year. The distribution of those funds, which campus clubs and organizations essentially rely on for their existence, is decided by the Financial Management Board -- a wing of the Student Union responsible for allocating and maintaining student government finances.

Though this year's total amount of available funds was only slightly higher than the previous year's -- $361,310 compared to $356,838 -- the distribution of those funds was vastly different in certain areas.

Last year, due to the low attendance rate for a SUB-sponsored event with David Spade, the chief programming group for the student body was only allocated $189,360. But last night, COR approved a budget that will grant SUB almost $209,000 for the coming school year, a significant increase from last year's allocation.

"The main reason SUB received more funds is because they had a very, very successful year on a very, very tight bud­get," FMB treasurer Mike Marshall said. "We felt they deserved to have more money in their pockets to improve programming even more." However, such a dramatic increase in funding for some organizations will naturally cause budget tightening in other areas. The Hall Presidents' Council, for example, sought more funds for the coming school year, but was actually given $10,000 less than last year's allocation.

"HPIC was the most difficult to allocate," Marshall said. "It's difficult to tell residence
INSIDE COLUMN

Trashy magazines

Walk into any female dorm room on campus and you will see a stack of reading material the size of a Hummer. Textbooks you might ask?

No, that's only part of the story. Sure, there might be a copy of "Paradise Lost" by John Milton, but there is no doubt what tops the reading list these days: trashy magazines. "I'm talking about those glossy publications with Jessica Simpson or Reid in the pages of these publications," says Megan O’Neil, senior and Managing Editor of the Observer. "I’m not sure if the aggressive behavior of the paparazzi makes me want to read them instead of to read the news."

But I don’t hold myself above looking at issues that my friends have purchased and leave laying around. It’s not like I am contributing to the aggressive behavior of the paparazzi if someone else paid for it, right?

Sure, I’m talking good company in airports and on long car rides. You don’t go through a trashy magazine like you would your regular reading list. They are for light reading, according to the local girl in the next dorm. That is, as fast as you can.

Often, you pour over every page, examining every detail of every outfit. You analyze whether that side part, loose curl hair style really works for Demi Moore or not. You and your friends make commentary on someone’s hair, dental, or plastic surgery declaring you yourselves would never go under the knife.

Trashy magazines get so worn out you pour over every page, examining every detail of every outfit. You analyze whether that side part, loose curl hair style really works for Demi Moore or not. You and your friends make commentary on someone’s hair, dental, or plastic surgery declaring you yourselves would never go under the knife. Yet you hold on to them and to the fantasy they contain, dreaming that some day you too can attend the Oscars on the arm of Orlando Bloom.

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

CORRECTIONS

Due to a production error in the April 18 issue of The Observer, Irish football player Matt Kavanagh’s name was misspelled. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What do you think of Cardinal Ratzinger’s election to the papacy?

I was surprised.

Is it wrong to cry and to be so concerned?

I’m in the fun club, yep.

He’s great. They call him the Panzer.

He looks like Darth Sidious.

"Being a great student with no access to media, you just have to have faith they’ve been enlightened by the Holy Spirit."

Claire Fadel, managing editor of the yearbook, hands out the 2004-2005 yearbook to students in LaFortune Tuesday.

OFFBEAT

Firefighters battle blaze burning on own truck

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Providence firefighters spent part of Tuesday morning trying to subdue a stubborn blaze — in their own fire truck.

Engine 11 was completely burned after a fire started in the engine compartment while the truck was driving in Roger Williams Park.

The engine’s crew tried fruitlessly to fight the flames with fire extinguishers. They had to call in another truck to put out the fire.

"This is unusual," Capt. Peter Celini told WPRI-AM.

"I’ve been here a long time, and I’ve never seen a fire truck fully involved like that." One firefighter twisted his ankle and was taken to a hospital, but no other injuries were reported.

Rolling animal parts discovered in high school

GLEN GARDNER, N.J. — Discovery of a bag full of rotting animal parts hidden in the ceiling above the school lunchroom forced the closing of Voorhees High School on Monday.

Officials said the school would remain closed Tuesday to allow workers to sanitize the area and health inspectors to clear the cafeteria to serve food.

"An unusual odor led to the discovery of decomposing animal parts that had been surreptitiously placed in the ceiling," Lebanon Township police Patrolman Larry Campbell said.

The bag was found about 7:30 a.m. Monday; students were dismissed at 11:55.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame Woodwind and Percussion Ensemble will perform today at 7:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required and can be acquired at the box office.

There will be a performance of Tom Steppard’s “Arcadia” today at 7:30 in the Decio Mainstage Theatre, DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Buy tickets at the box office.

The softball team will face off against Akron today at 3 p.m. at Ivy Field.

Writer Blue Balliett will sign copies of his latest book “Chasing Vermeer” Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

Guillermo Grenier, professor of sociology at Florida International University in Miami, Fla., will give a lecture entitled “Exiles and Ideology: The Creation and Maintenance of the Cuban-American Exile ideology — evident from the 2004 Cuban election.” It will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday in 138 DeBartolo Hall.

The Notre Dame Invention Convention will take place Thursday between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. in the Crandall Commons, Medioza College of Business. The event is cosponsored by the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Students and the Robinson Community Learning Center.

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

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Church welcomes new shepherd

German cardinal, longtime Vatican doctrinist takes name Benedict XVI

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, the Roman Catholic Church's top doctrinal hard-liner, was elected pope Tuesday in the first papal conclave of the new millennium. He chose the name Benedict XVI and called himself "a simple, humble worker."

Ratzinger, the first German pope in centuries, emerged onto the balcony of St. Peter's basilica where he waved to a wild- ly cheering crowd of tens of thousands and gave his first blessing. Other cardi­ nal officials who were already clapping could be heard in nearly the same breath: "Viva Il Papa!" (Long live the pope!)

"We received his sermon at the pope's funeral in Rome, in which he spoke about his death and asked his audience to pray for the church for unity of the church and wisdom as His Holiness leads the Catholic Church," said one of the bishops.

The new pope's election was announced to the world by white smoke first poured from the chimney atop the Sistine Chapel and the bells of St. Peter's pealed on the 1:04 p.m. (12:04 p.m. EDT) Tuesday to announce the conclave had produced a pope. Flag-waving pilgrims in St. Peter's Square chanted: "Yes il Papa!" or "Long live the pope!"

The bells rang after a confusing smoke signal that Vatican Radio initially suggested was black but then declared was too dull to call. White smoke is used to announce a pope's election to the world.

It was one of the fastest elections in the past century: Pope Pius XII was elected in 1939 in three ballots over two days, while Pope John Paul I was elected in 1978 in four ballots over two days. The new pope was elected after either four or five ballots over two days.

"It's only been 24 hours, surprising how fast he was elected," Vatican Radio said.

Cardinal Joachim Meisner of Germany told reporters Tuesday night that Benedict was elected on the fourth ballot — the first of the afternoon ses­ sion.

The cardinals took an oath of secrecy, forbidding them to divulge how they voted. Under conciliar rules, a winner needed two-thirds support, or 77 votes from the 115 cardinal­ electors.

After the smoke appeared, pilgrims poured into the square, their eyes fixed on the burgundy-draped balcony. Pilgrims said the rosary as they awaited the name of the new pope and prayed on the roof of the Apostolic Palace, watching as the crowd nearly doubled in size.

Niels Hendrich, 40, of Hamburg, Germany, jumped up and down and shouted, "Habemus papam!" — Latin for "We have a pope!" when the smoke first poured from the chimney, but he then gave only three heartfelt­ claps when he learned the news was announced.

"I am not happy about this at all," he said. "Ratzinger will put the brakes on all the progressive movements in the church that I support."

Many others in the square, however, were joyful — as were those in the pope's hometown of Traunstein, Germany. A room full of 13-year-old boys at St. Michael's Seminary that Ratzinger attended cheered and clapped as the news was announced.

"It's fantastic that it's Cardinal Ratzinger," one of them said, "I met him when he was here before and I found him really nice," said Lorenz Gadz, 16, who was con­ firmed by Ratzinger in 2003.

After the bells started ringing, people on the streets in Rome headed from all directions toward St. Peter's for pilots and seminarians in cler­i­ cal garb were running, dressed up their pants and shirts and jogged toward the square. Drivers were forced to pray for the election as people closed stores early and joined the crowds.

Police immediately tried to direct traffic but to little effect.

"I have, like, butterflies in my stomach," said Teresa Madden, 20, of Steubenville, Ohio, who was waiting outside the palace just to laugh.

"I sure hope he succeeds a pope who gained extraor­ dinary popularity over a 26-year pontificate, his­ tory's third-longest papacy. Millions mourned him and I'm sure he's going to be an icon to his charismatics."

Ratzinger, 77, was elected to challenge the communist system to place a halt to the "misanthro­ pen's" Nazi youth move­ ment during World War II. Benedict faces new challenges in the dialogue with Islam, the divi­sions between the wealthy north and the poorer south as well as problems with­ in the church.

These include the priests sex-abuse scandals that have caused the papacy to face conclu­ sions in settlements in the United States and else­ where; coping with a chronic shortage of priests and nuns in the West; and halting the stream of people leaving a church that in recent decades has reached teaching they no longer find relevant.

Under John Paul, the church's central authority was threatened by the schisms of bishops and rank-and-file Catholics around the world.

The pope's 17th-century title, given him in 1958 and viewed as a transitional figure, but he in charge the Second Vatican Council that revolution­ ized the church's relationship with the world and opened up its dialogue with non­ Catholics.

Benedict will have to decide whether the kind of foreign travel that was a hallmark of John Paul's papacy, with his 104 pilgrimages abroad, should continue.

Meisner, the German cardinal, said Benedict will attend the mid­ August Catholic youth day gathering in Cologne, Germany, but would not agree to visit and organ­ izers have already spent millions on preparations.

"I am not a Holy Father, we can be assured of continuity with his predecessors," he said. "And I can keep the same kind of identity as his  predecessors who will lead the world church in the same spher­ e of his."

Meisner, who was born in 1940, is known for his conservative theological views and his role in the Warsaw Pact church. He has expressed views that are critical of political and economic leaders in central and eastern Europe.

He said in a telephone interview that he was surprised about the new pope being named because the conclave was working on the "Apostolic Constitution on Church Governance and Organization" and had "no clear majority."

"I don't think the cardinals were thinking of German cardinals," he said.

"Meisner also said the cardinals appeared to have been "preparing for the worst.""
"Dear brothers and sisters, after the great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me — a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord. The fact that the Lord can work and act even with insufficient means consoles me, and above all I entrust myself to your prayers."

Pope Benedict XVI

Catholics scrutinize Ratzinger’s history, popularity

Pope Benedict XVI
Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, 78, a rigorously conservative guardian of doctrinal orthodoxy, was chosen the Catholic Church’s 265th pontiff Tuesday. He took the name Benedict XVI, and is the first Germanic pope since the 11th century. An accomplished pianist, he speaks several languages, including Italian, English and his native German.

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Two images of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger stood in sharp relief during the mourning period for the 80-year-old German prelate who stood before the world’s political and spiritual leaders just before he entered the conclave to select the 265th pope. He was an eloquent, evocative farewell that moved some to tears.

Ten days later — just before Ratzinger and 114 other cardinals entered the conclave to select the 265th pontiff — he delivered a sharp-edged homily on strict obedience to the Pope and takes action against dissent.

His interventions are a roll call of flashpoints for the church: the 1987 order stripping American theologian Richard John Neuhaus of his Jesuit order for his views on priestly celibacy; his refusal to Benedict XVI’s wishes to fire Father George P. Niederauer, the popular “joy and great expectations,” according to his memoirs.

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It’s a joke not too far off the mark. Both John Paul II and his successor were forged by the horrors of World War II and advanced in the church in the shadow of the Iron Curtain. They also shared a deep drive to try to use Christianity as a grand unifier for the continent following the collapse of the Berlin Wall.

But the Polish pontiff came from a nation that suffered greatly during the war. Ratzinger — like many from his generation — carries the burdens and ghosts of Germany’s past.

In the oak forest and pine foothills of Bavaria, he said he was enrolled in Hitler’s Nazi youth movement against his will. At the same time, the policeman’s son entered seminary studies in 1939 as a 12-year-old with “joy and great expectations,” according to his memoirs.

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Third World Catholics express disappointment

Some hoped new pope would be more intimately connected to developing countries

Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — From the shady-covered hillsides of Tegucigalpa to the cosmopolitan streets of Buenos Aires and dusty villages in Africa, hopes had been high that the new pope would be someone intimately tied to the developing world and its challenges.

Disappointment was evident when a German, Joseph Ratzinger — now Pope Benedict XVI — was chosen instead.

"I would have liked someone different: younger, with new ideas and perhaps with darker skin like us," said Alfredo Mercado, an ice cream seller in Pereira, Colombia. Many in the city in Colombia's coffee growing region hoped Cardinal Thaddeus Carostrillen Hoyos, who presided in Pereira for 22 years, would be chosen.

Across the developing world, there was barely disguised disappointment — particularly among many Latin Americans, who make up roughly half the world's Catholics — that one of their own was not elected to head the Roman Catholic Church.

"It should have been a Latin," said Gloria Vaquez, a 50-year-old housewife in Tegucigalpa. Yet she answered the call of the bells that rang in honor of the new pope at the Honduran capital's little cathedral.

"What are we going to do?" she asked. "We're Catholics!"

The chimes sent waves of pigeons swirling above the church, where dozens of the faithful had been listening to a radio broadcast of the papal announcement that echoed off the stained, peeling walls — a testimony to the poverty of this part of the Catholic world.

Julio Lancheritti, a priest who works with homeless and abandoned children in Sao Paulo, Brazil, frowned when he heard the papal announcement.

"We accept the pope who has been chosen," he said. "I accept in silence. We priests can have no opinion."

Many believed a pope from the developing world would be more focused on its problems, including poverty and the expansion of evangelical religions.

"Ratzinger's presence is a disaster for Latin America," snapped Bernardo Barranco, a Mexican sociologist and expert on religion, during a telephone interview from Rome.

"He took it upon himself to liquidate liberation theology. He didn't understand Latin America," said Barranco, referring to the blend of the Gospel with radical politics that rose in this region.

In Africa, the Vatican's announcement dashed hopes for those who were pulling for Cardinal Francis Arinze of Nigeria.

In Onitsha, the city in southeastern Nigeria where Arinze once was bishop, people gathered in restaurants and shops — wherever they could find a television — to watch the announcement.

"The real Catholics of the world now are in Africa and Latin America, and it would have strengthened the church to have a pope from one of those places," said Okechukwu Uti, a 45-year-old businessman.

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Bishops and Latin American cardinals were expected to have secret hopes that the next pope would be one of them.

"This is not the finals of the World Cup," Kubah said. "The sentiments are understandable, but this is the Catholic Church. We give thanks to God."

Colombian Bishop Jaime Pietro寒冷 told Associated Press "we all had secret hopes that the next pope would be one of us."

But he said Ratzinger's choice signals continued Vatican support for a new pope, Colombia, Brazil, and the underdeveloped continents hugging their night in joy. Many shed tears of joy; some wept in disappointment.

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VATICAN CITY — The smoke wafting into the sky Tuesday appeared to add up, but was it? Nobody could be sure as 17 agitating minutes ticked by on the ornate clock atop St. Peter's Basilica. Then the bells below began to toll and people screamed in joy.

More than 100,000 faithful overflowed St. Peter's Square and spilled into the streets of Rome to cheer as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany emerged from the red velvet draperies of the basilica as Pope Benedict XVI.

"Benedict XVI!" the crowd chanted, "Viva il Papa!" National flags waved above the multitudes. People from six continents hugged their neighbors and jumped in joy. Many shed tears of bliss; some wept in disappointment.

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People argued about the color of the smoke. Some sections of the crowd were silent; others jumped up in the air chanting, "Libera- non papam!" — "We have a pope!"

Waves of applause gave way to the silence of uncertainty.

As the crowds passed many began to believe the smoke had been black, because no bells were ringing. "When it blows in front of the wall it really looks white, but where are the bells?" asked Jose Ignacio Rodriguez, 28, of Puebla, Mexico.

There was a brief flutter when the bells rang at 6:55 p.m., but the cheers died down when they stopped. They had been ringing their hands.

Only two minutes passed before they started up again, and it was as if a wave of excitement passed through the crowd.

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Associated Press

New pope must confront modern issues

German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, 78, was elected pope Tuesday. The 265th pontiff took the name Benedict XVI and called himself "a simple, humble worker."

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halls they'll be getting less money when we know that so many people are so dedicated to their dorms." Marshall said the main reason FMB was not given more money was based on FMB board members citing that some residence halls have more money than they actually use.

"A lot of members of FMB heard that certain residence halls were searching for ways to spend money," Marshall said. "So maybe the FMB can take the $10,000 hit and just absorb it because so many halls are looking for ways to spend excess money."

CHINA

Minister calls for calm

BEIJING — After weeks of sometimes-violent anti-Japanese protests, China's foreign minister called on the public Tuesday to remain calm and to stay away from unapproved demonstrations.

Similar comments were made last week by Beijing city police officials, but Tuesday's televised comments marked the first time a member of the central government had spoken out against the demonstrations.

"Do not participate in unapproved marches and other activities and do not do anything that will affect the social stability," said Li Zhaoxiong.

Express yourselves calmly, rationally and in an orderly fashion," Li said in a speech on Sino-Japanese relations given to government and military officials. On Saturday, police in Shanghai let 20,000 protesters break windows at the Japanese consulate, vandalize Japanese restaurants and damage cars. China has refused to apologize or pay compensation, saying Japan sparked the protests.

Students hopeful about future with Benedict XVI

By KAREN LANGLEY
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According to Notre Dame sophomore Leslie Penko, Catholics can look for positive changes from Pope Benedict XVI but should avoid comparing him to the late Pope John Paul II.

"After all of the dynamic changes he made in the Church, John Paul II is definitively a hard act to follow," Penko said. "He had a unique papacy, but I think we're ready for something new, and I'm anxious to see what Pope Benedict XVI has to offer."

Other students echoed Penko's enthusiasm about the cardinal's selection.

"I'm excited," said junior Chelsea Horgan. "I think he's going to be a really good pope. I know he was a good friend of John Paul II. Maybe he will lead with the same spirit and enthusiasm. Hopefully he will be a good pope for the masses."

Saint Mary's freshman Megan Schmitt was upbeat about the future of the Church under Pope Benedict XVI.

"I was happy with the selection," said Schmitt. "I think he is likely to follow in the footsteps of John Paul II and be a good transitional pope."

Penko noted the new pope has already led a distinguished life.

"I know he's very prominent, especially in Germany," she said. "He was a professor in many universities. Many people thought he was next in line for the papacy."

Many students expected that the cardinals would take longer than two days to choose a new pope.

"I'm really excited about it but surprised that they picked the pope after two days of conclave," said Horgan. "It was a surprise to wake up this morning and have a new pope."

Some students expressed concern about the pope's conservative views.

"They say he is more of a radically conservative Catholic," said senior Matt Brennan. "I've heard he's against some teachings of Catholic universities. I'm pessimistic but hoping to be pleasantly surprised."

Freshman Caitlin Landay worried the pope's election might lend a fundamentalist tone to the Church.

"It's a step back because he's conservative and John Paul II was a more modern pope. He brought the Church up to date," she said.

While most students noted the new pope's politics, some also commented on his nationality.

"I was surprised he is German and conservative," said freshman Erin Bogunaski. "So much media attention was on an African pope, and it ended up being an older white man from a powerful country."

Not everyone was surprised that this election failed to bring geographic variety to the papacy. Sophomore Courtney Maynard cited stability as a possible factor in the cardinals' choice.

"I can see how they would want the pope to be from Europe," she said. "Though students showed a variety of reactions to the pope's election, all looked hopefully to the future."

"I think it's exciting to start a new era," said Bogunaski. "Some changes might be good."

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Obesity problem overstated

CHICAGO — Being overweight is nowhere near as big a killer as the government thought, ranking No. 7 instead of No. 2 among the nation's leading preventable causes of death, according to a new analysis that makes many experts question the government's long-held view that obesity is among the top four causes of death.

Researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that ranking on too many pounds accounts for 25,914 deaths, or 1% of the total that makes up the leading causes. But if taken into account, the department said, obesity would be the fifth leading cause of death.

Sex offenders under surveillance

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The state House on Tuesday unanimously passed a bill named after a 9-year-old girl who was abducted and killed last month that would bolster punishments for sex offenders.

The Jessica Tandy Act would set a mandatory sentence of 25 years to life in prison for people convicted of molesting children under 12. If offenders serve less than life, they would be required to wear a global positioning system device after their release so authorities could monitor their whereabouts.

LOCAL NEWS

Drug tests instigate layoffs

GOSHEN, Ind. — Nearly one-third of 1,000 employees at a Johnson & Johnson subsidiary that makes surgical products lost their jobs after they tested positive for illegal drugs.

Keystone RV Co. tested all 120 employees at the plant after receiving a tip from police. Keystone is a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson.

Nearly one-third of the workers tested positive for either marijuana, cocaine, amphetamine or methamphetamine during the plantwide drug screening April 11, the company said.

Testing positive for one or more of the illegal drugs is reason for dismissal at Keystone.

Anniversary celebrates hope

Memorial service commemorates loss of Oklahoma City bombing victims

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY

Their voices softly out of cry, the four children stood on the stage — a liv­ ing symbol of hope and healing a decade after the Oklahoma City bombing.

"We really do remember those who were killed, those who survived and those who died forever," children said, reciting the names of the Oklahoma City National Memorial on the 16th anniversary of the blast. "May all who leave here know the impact of violence.

The children, who were all injured in the blast, read the message Tuesday at an anniversary service attended by more than 1,000 people and held in a church that served as a temporary morgue after the blast.

Other children, who lost parents in the bombing, read the names of everyone killed, and the dead were absolved of their sins with seconds of silence at the moment Timothy McVeigh blew up the building a decade earlier.

Across the street at the Oklahoma City National Memorial, in the grassy field where the building once stood, 168 empty chairs were a solemn reminder of the victims, including Teddy bears placed on minuscule chairs representing the 19 children slain in the building's daycare center.

"You learn to accept it. You can't change it, so why carry that bitterness on for your entire lifetime," said Larry Whicker, 44, of Rampart, Ark., who lost his brother Alan Whicker.

The blast at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building took a life from him from the front of the building, sending the top floors plunging onto the daycare center below. The victims were federal workers, people applying for Social Security cards, kids whose parents had just dropped them off.

P.J. Allen, Christopher Nguyen, Rebecca and Brandon Denny — the four children who read the Remembrance's creed and who are now teens and preventives were all injured in the day care. Brandon still suffers seizures after losing part of his brain.

"Oklahoma City changed us all. It broke our hearts and lifted our spirits and brought us together," said former President Clinton, who was in office that sunny April 19, 1995, morning.

The speakers focused not on the images of death and destruction, but on the response of those affected by the nation's worst act of domestic terrorism.

"All humanity can see you experienced bottomless cruelty and resounded with heroism," Vice President Dick Cheney said. Your strengths was whanged and you held firm. Your faith was tested and it has not wavered.

Across the street, Justin Espinosa wiped away tears as she stood in front of the pint-sized chair of her cousin, 2-year-old Zachary Chavez.

"They found his head one week, and his body another week," she said. "It's still too much to think about."

Regina Bonny, a retired undercover agent with Drug Enforcement Agency who was pulled from the debris, placed wreaths and flowers on the chairs of four slain co-workers. "I pray over them. I talk to them," she said. "I'll never let any­ one forget them."

McVeigh was convicted of federal conspiracy and murder charges and executed on June 11, 2001, consciousness Terry Nichols is serving multiple life sentences after being convicted in federal and state court.

"I'm on the road to forgiveness," said Janice Cowardale, who lost her two young grandsons, Aaron and Elijah, in the blast. "I will feel much better once I can forgive Tim McVeigh and Terry Nichols."

CANADA

Parties split on more global plan

Associated Press

TORONTO - Canada unveiled a complex new blueprint to overhaul its foreign policy that many experts lost their jobs after they tested positive for illegal drugs.

Keystone RV Co. tested all 120 employees at the plant after receiving a tip from police. Keystone is a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson.

Nearly one-third of the workers tested positive for either marijuana, cocaine, amphetamine or methamphetamine during the plantwide drug screening April 11, the company said.

Testing positive for one or more of the illegal drugs is reason for dismissal at Keystone.
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pope, given his substantial influence on the conclave.

Law professor Vincent Rout was said that while he didn't know exactly why Ratzinger was picked, the conclave made a "conservative choice, theologically and practically.

"They picked the classic insider — very close to the current pope, very much a Vatican insider," Rout said.

He said the choice of Ratzinger over a candidate from the Third World would maintain the current theological direction without introducing new issues to the papacy.

The idea of a Third World pope "generated interest, but uncertainty," Rout said.

Cunningham said the failure to choose a pope from the Third World was not due to a lack of goodwill on the conclave's part, since John Paul II was the first Polish pope after 560 years of Catholic Church rule and Ratzinger will be the first German pope since the early 11th century.

While picking a pope with a third world background would have "showed the Catholicity of the Church in a dramatic way," Cunningham said, Ratzinger is not naive and will be sensitive to the needs of the world's developing areas.

Sister Kathleen Dolphin, director of the Center for Spirituality at Saint Mary's, said she was concerned when she heard the name Ratzinger announced because it was perceived to be a "divisive figure" to many people in the Catholic Church.

Cunningham said while he admitted Ratzinger as "controversial," the new pope's hard-line stances could be "troubling" to some believers.

"I suppose some people would prefer him not to be elected because of his conservative reputation," Cunningham said.

Neither Rou-geau nor Cunningham thought Pope John Paul II had been official­ly grooming Ratzinger, his closest adviser and confidant, to take over the papacy.

"He was the one, we wouldn't have known that anywhere," Cunningham said.

Cunningham and Dolphin both praised Ratzinger's "sound theological background."

"He's a very smart guy and a great theologian," Cunningham said. "Ratzinger was very important at the Second Vatican Council.

Dolphin described Ratzinger's outstanding scholarship as a positive sign for the Church, but said academic accomplishments alone will not be enough to lead the world's Catholic.

"Now he has to be a pastor, not just a scholar ... and I hope he will take his role as pastor as seriously as he took his role as a scholar," Dolphin said.

Despite Dolphin's apprehension about the conclave's decision, she was encouraged when the new pope chose for himself, Benedict XVI.

"We received signals in his choice of name which shed some light on how he might proceed," Dolphin said.

The previous Benedict, Pope Benedict XV, headed the Catholic Church from 1914 to 1922 and worked hard to keep Europe from slipping into what eventually became known as the Great War, Warner said.

"By choosing that name, what the new pope is saying is he wants to be a peacemaker among divided factions within the Church and within the world community," Dolphin said.

Cunningham took a different stance on the new pope's choice of name.

"A lot of people say he wants people to think of the last Benedict, Benedict XV," Cunningham said. "I myself think he chose the name because of St. Benedict, the founder of Benedictine monasticism and the saint patron of Europe."

That name would reflect the new pope's intention to focus on Europe in particular — and that region's issues of concern, such as declining church attendance and a sense of moralization.

Cunningham also discussed the spread of Islam in Western Europe, citing the French city of Marseille, which has reached a 17 percent Muslim population in recent years, as an example.

"That whole issue will greatly affect the Church," he said.

In a talk given after the death of Pope John Paul II, R. Scott Appleby, professor of history and director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, said the next pope would face four main challenges during his papacy.

The first challenge Appleby said a new pope's role would be to fight nonreligious forces of influence, explaining that while Pope John Paul II deserves praise, criticism has been leveled against his leadership style.

"There is the burden of superstition in the past 26 years, and it's John Paul II," Appleby said. "Something that conflicts with Vatican II calling the Church back to the collegial model and emphasizing local leadership.

"The Church is so internally plural, diversified," Appleby said. "What needs to happen is a pope who will share the leadership, scatter the star­ dust all around."

Appleby said another challenge John Paul II's successor will face is the question of Islam.

"We need a pope that under­ stands that world, that can bring people to reach out in dialogue," he said.

"The challenge of science and technology was the third Appleby listed.

"We are entering a phase where there's not much consensus about what life is," he said. "If we don't improve on Catholic tradition, our leading intellectuals will not be up to speed.

Appleby finished by discus­ sing the challenge of faith, explaining that the pope must deal with the complexity of a both increasingly religious and increasingly secular world.

"We're entering a world where secularity and religion are entering into new modes of dynamics," Appleby said. "What's more challenging and complex is the coexistence of persuades Roman Catholicism in individual and public forums."

The Observer was unable to contact Appleby Tuesday.

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It was situated in that exact loca­ tion.

Like his predecessor, Benedict XVI has a history with Notre Dame. Warner said he, along with University President Father Edward Malloy, had the distinct pleasure of meeting and speaking with Ratzinger during a past visit to the University.

Unfortunately, they were refused the visit.

"Cardinal Ratzinger wanted to read as much as he could — and travel as little as he could," said Warner, inviting hearty laughter from the Basilica crowd.

In his new role, the former the­ ological adviser to John Paul II has been called a globe-trotting in the name of the Catholic Church.

Warner said one of Ratzinger's major objectives "will be to fight nonreligious forces of influ­ ence.

"We will see and be led in a struggle to counteract secularism, which often counters the gospel of Jesus Christ," Warner said. "We will pray everyday for the success of the papacy because it is also the success of [the Church.]"

In response to his first papal blessing, the strong of supporters gathered at the Vatican for Benedict XVI, "Viva il papa."

Warner echoed their very sentiments some seven hours later at the conclusion of the
Coke ends two investigations

World's largest beverage manufacturer faces new challenge in public protests

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Coca-Cola Co. said Monday that the Justice Department has closed its two-year-old investigation into allegations raised in a whistleblower lawsuit of accounting irregularities at the world's biggest soft drink maker without taking any action.

Separately, the Atlanta-based company said it has reached a settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission over its business practices in Japan.

"We are pleased that today's action vindicates the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the decision by the Department of Justice to close its investigation, mark an end to the government inquiries initiated in 2002," chief executive Neville Isdell said in a statement.

The Justice Department probe involved allegations raised in a 2003 lawsuit filed by former Coke manager Matthew Whitley, who claimed he was fired in retaliation for reporting to senior management allegations of fraud and accounting irregularities.

Allegations that Coke rigged a marketing test at a Detroit casino has in 2003 and made false or misleading statements or omissions in connection with the reporting of sales volumes.

Coke denied most of the allegations but admitted that some of its officials undermined the marketing test. It later settled Whitley's lawsuit for $540,000.

In a memo to employees, Isdell said that under the settlement with the SEC, Coke has agreed to take unspecified remedial actions in the areas of corporate compliance and disclosure. He said in the memo that the SEC settlement does not include a monetary fine or penalty and added that Coke does not admit or deny wrongdoing.

According to an order issued Monday, the SEC found that, at or near the end of each reporting period between 1997 and 1999, Coca-Cola implemented an undisclosed practice in Japan in which Japanese bottlers were offered extended credit terms to induce them to purchase quantities of beverage concentrate at prices bottlers other than would have purchased unless following period.

Coca-Cola typically sells gallons of concentrated to its bottlers corresponding to its bottlers' sales of finished products to retailers, the SEC said.
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newly-elected pope in a statement released by Notre Dame.

"On behalf of the Notre Dame community, I congratulate our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI," Malloy said. "We wish God’s blessings on him as he begins this central ministry of leadership and service in the Roman Catholic Church. We will continue to pray for him and with him in the days and months ahead.

Some members of the Notre Dame community were shocked, yet enthusiastic, about the choice of Ratzinger as the next pope.

"I’m very, very excited, I’m surprised," said Fisher rector Father Robert Moss. "He would not have been the one I would have thought would have been chosen, but I certainly think it’s the work of the Holy Spirit."

Though the cardinals only began their deliberations Monday, University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh said he is confident that their choice was a good one.

"I can imagine that the Holy Spirit was left to guide the Church. I think they made the right choice," Hesburgh said. "All I know is if he’s elected by the power of the Holy Spirit, that’s good enough for me.

In the early hours of Tuesday, Hesburgh invited Ratzinger, then a prominent theologian in Munich, Germany, to join the Notre Dame community.

"I was trying hard to build up the theology department, so I invited him to come over and join the faculty," Hesburgh said.

Ratzinger, who Hesburgh recalled as having very bad English at the time, declined the offer.

"I never realized I invited the future pope to join our faculty," Hesburgh said.

Warner and Malloy met with the then Cardinal Ratzinger at his Rome office a few days before his election.

"He knew a lot about Notre Dame," Warner said. "I think it shows a consensus, having very good English at the time, declined the offer."

"If he’s elected, I think he’ll be a bridge-builder. That is what a pontiff is," said Father Paul Doyle. "That is what we need right now because the world seems to be splintering into its various factions. I am praying that this is what he turned out to be."

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**RUSSIA**

**Rice says democracy grows**

Secretary of State praises progress, new freedoms; notes shortcomings

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Tuesday that Russia is far from the totalitarian state it once was, citing individual freedoms such as a right to protest and the existence of opposition groups ready to challenge the Kremlin.

While acknowledging Russia's setbacks in developing a democracy, Rice's tone as she briefed reporters contrasted with the combative mood two months ago, when President Bush admonished President Vladimir Putin to embrace freedom.

After an overnight flight from Washington, Rice and her party touched down on a cool, rainy afternoon for a 24-hour visit. They were raced to the airport immediately from the hotel but a bomb threat forced a detour. After a two-hour search, the authori­ties concluded there was no danger.

Speaking to reporters while en route here, Rice described the Russian internal situation as complex, with obvious signs of increasing centralized con­trol reexisting with democratic trappings. A watchful eye by the communists is present.

She noted that Russians are still free to air their grievances.

**QATAR**

**Robots replace boys as camel-racing jockeys**

DOHA — With the reins in one hand and a whip in the other, the purple-jerseyed rider prodded a camel around the track.

But this jockey wasn't the usual underfed boy. The jockey was a robot.

Under the watchful eyes of his Swiss developer and Qatar own­ers, the robot — dubbed Kamel — rode a racing camel for 1.5 miles, reaching speeds of 25 miles per hour in a non-competi­tive trial run.

"It wasn't surprised," Colot said, as he walked toward the camel to unstrap Kamel and put him in a box for the night. "I've seen him do that before, so to me, it's not something strange."

Camel racing has deep roots in the traditions of Gulf Arabs and some rich emirates say all camel racers are now appointed instead of elected.

A robot to ride a camel is seen by some Qatari authorities as a mechani­cal step in a larger trend of mechanizing the racing sport.

Meanwhile, some camel-racing jockeys are calling for the sport to be banned, saying it is the only way a camel's future can be assured.

By Rob Colot

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In his 1991 encyclical "The Hundredth Year," Pope John Paul II wrote, "As far as the church is concerned, the social message of the Gospel must not be considered a theory, but above all a basis and a motivation for action. Today more than ever, the church is aware that her social message will gain credibility more immediately from the witness of actions than as a result of its internal logic and consistency." The need to take our faith into the world, our teachings into our communities and our passions into our lives is one of many legacies we ought to heed as we mourn and remember the late pontiff. While examples of Christian social work and service are many, these stories are often unnoticed and uncelebrated. Last month, one such group of committed followers took their beliefs in justice and faith into their community and made history.

For three years, students at Georgetown University organized alongside staff and faculty to have their administration adopt a living wage policy. The Georgetown University Living Wage Coalition researched working conditions for service and support staff and found the wages did not support an adequate standard of living. The university paid its direct staff an average of ten dollars an hour, while workers from subcontractors earned seven to eight dollars an hour. All these figures fell below the living wage floor — hourly wage calculated to support a family of four to cover living expenses, including housing, food, childcare and transportation. Washington D.C. think tanks estimated the city's living wage floor at least 11 to 12 dollars per hour. Beyond low wages, many Georgetown employees worked multiple jobs — combinations of full and part time — leaving little to no time for their families or other activities like school or English as Second Language instruction.

Student organizers recognized the need for a change in this situation. Georgetown — as a Jesuit Catholic institution committed to social justice and ethical teachings ought to have an employment policy that reflects those values. As Pope John Paul II and others proclaimed, our teachings, Gospels and beliefs must only be a starting point for a life and faith that does justice. If we believe and strive to being about the kingdom of God on earth, we must be in constant engagement with social issues. Also, we must recognize and uplift the dignity of all people, especially the poor and marginalized. Whether we recognize it or not, our lives are bound together through a web of relationships.

At Georgetown, student organizers saw the work of service employees as foundational to their faith. They did not take for granted clean dorms, accessible meals in the dining halls and orderly classrooms each day. They put a face to that vital work. The Living Wage Coalition found a wealth of moral teachings on labor justice from papal encyclicals and other religious interpretation texts. The Catholic Church has a rich tradition of speaking out for the rights of workers to just wages, the right to organize and humane working conditions. From Pope Leo XIII to Pope John Paul II, church leaders have spoken for worker justice. In the encyclical "Labor and Work," John Paul II wrote, "The justice of a social and economic system is finally measured by the way in which a person's work is rewarded. According to the principle of the common use of goods, it is through the remuneration for work that in any system most people have access to these goods, both the goods of nature and those manufactured. A just wage is a concrete measure — and in a sense the key one — of the justice of a system." Along with using moral teaching in their speech, student organizers integrated principles into their action. In March, over 25 students went on an indefinite hunger strike to support their campaigns for just wages for Georgetown workers. Their nine-day expression of solidarity and active love for others compelled their university to adopt a Just Employment Policy. Now Georgetown University will ensure that service employees make at least 13 dollars per hour starting in July. Additionally by 2008, employees will make at least 14 dollars per hour and yearly pay increases based on rises in the cost of living.

For those who follow Catholicism, there is much to do to be good neighbors and stewards of creation. I find hope in the community of people of faith formed during times of trial and celebration. The students at Georgetown serve us as a model of faith that does justice and a community engaged in the problems of the world. Let us salute their victory and heed their example in our own community. The call to love is up most for our faith-based community and is only made real and valuable by working for justice, especially for those who are poor and struggling in this difficult world.

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Register and save a life

There are currently over 3,000 patients suffering from life-threatening blood disorders, such as leukemia and aplastic anemia, who require certain immune system and genetic disorders. On April 21st, Howard Hall invites the entire Notre Dame community to participate in the fifth annual Howard Hall Bone Marrow Drive by registering in the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP).

The objective of the drive is to register students, faculty and staff as potential donors. You could save the life of one of these afflicted patients. In the four previous drives, multiple student donors have been contacted as potential matches. The NMDP has saved many lives, including a successful transplant for the late Vince Garuchari (Notre Dame '67), whose daughter Anne (Notre Dame '03) founded this event back in 2001.

Howard Hall and the University of Notre Dame will sponsor the fifth annual Student Bone Marrow Drive on Thursday April 21st from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center through the doors. Registration requires only a small blood sample from donor candidates — far less than donating blood. By giving this sample, participants enter and remain in the National Registry for up to age 47. You only need to register once. By participating on Thursday, Howard Hall will cover all registration and blood-typing fees which would normally cost you.

This year, we hope to register the largest number of potential donors and are strongly encouraging all those new to the Notre Dame community to take advantage of this opportunity to possibly save someone’s life. Additionally, Howard Hall would like to extend a special invitation to students, staff and faculty of non-Caucasian and mixed ethnicities. The national registry is in special need of minority donors, because they are underrepresented in the national marrow bank. Matches are often consistent with shared ethnic background, and the registry hopes to increase the chances of finding matches for minority patients.

The ultimate goal of the Registration Drive is to identify donors who could serve as potential secondary genetic testing and ultimately a surgical procedure.

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Happiness might be many things. Could it be money? Could it be love? Or could it, just maybe, be reliving the life of a child through "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"?

This is, perhaps, the hope of the Farley Hall Players, who will attempt the life of a child through the performance of "Grand Hotel." This weekend.

This Broadway musical, based on the whimsical scenes from Charles Schulz' famous comic strip, has become a favorite with many audiences, and it is easy to see why. Little vignettes out of the daily life of Lucy; Sally, Snoopy, Pig Pen and other favorites mirror the cartoon strip very well, and songs like "My New Philosophy" and "Suppertime" as well as the title track are great ringers for show choirs.

The characters are sometimes even more endearing onstage than in the Sunday newspaper. Watching Charlie Brown think himself in circles, Lucy pontificate on the meaning of being a dog can really add a new dimension to the comic strip.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," as performed by the Farley Hall Players brings out some of the lovable aspects of the musical. The acting and set are particularly enjoyable, and flesh out the comic strip on which they are based very well.

The performance has an extremely young cast, which is perhaps appropriate. Most of the actors are sophomores and freshmen, with only one junior and one senior playing major roles.

Several of the actors step into their roles well. Sophomore Brad Laney, who plays Charlie Brown, has a great antagonistic rapport with freshman Katie Elizabeth Nuss, who plays Lucy. The realm of childhood is a big departure from Laney's last role as a dour old doctor in February's performance of "Grand Hotel."

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Sophomore Mike Bogdan fits the role of the pretentious piano-playing Schroeder very well. It may be accidental that Bogdan resembles David Hyde Pierce, who plays the pretentious piano-playing character of Niles from the hit sitcom "Frasier," but the resemblance is more than appropriate.

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Sophomore Katie Scarlet O'Hara, who played an aging ballerina in "Grand Hotel" earlier this semester, seems to have been born to play the role of a small child. O'Hara's performance as Charlie Brown's younger sister Sally is actually the most dynamic and entertaining in the show.

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Sadly, the cast doesn't have the musical power to support some of the musical numbers. The dance routines are cute, but some of the musical numbers just aren't performed to their full potential. The Notre Dame stage may be a challenge, so the cast, but it's old hat for director KC Kenney. Kenney has been involved with numerous music and drama groups during his four years on campus, most extensively with the Farley Hall Players and the Pasquerilla East Musical Company.

Kenney has wanted to put on "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" since freshman year. He first performed "Happiness," the closing number, in the 2002 Musical Revue, but it took three years to bring the whole musical to the stage.

"This is the most challenging show of all," Kenney said. "There are just so many different characters, and it's a kind of mind-bender to get them to the point where they're going to be able to hold the comedic depth of the show.'
AnTostal hits campus
ND spring tradition continues into 2005

Jason Laws, left, and Bill Andrichik participate Tuesday in "Big Wheel Racing," one of the many outrageous AnTostal events. Antosal kicked off last Saturday and continues through Sunday.

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Ken Jennings, center, "Jeopardy!" champion and celebrity, entertained the audience as well as students Mike Draz, left, and Eric Powers, right, on Monday night in DeBartolo.
CINCINNATI — Not even four Cubs homers were enough for Kerry Wood in a city where he's never lost.

Adam Dunn hit two solo homers off Wood, and the Cincinnati Reds scored an improbable 7-6 victory Monday night against a pitcher who is almost as good at his best when Chicago comes to town.

"It's not fun being down 4-0 to a guy like him, but when we got back to the dugout, it was exactly like it always is," Dunn said. "We know we can score runs.

Deer Creek, the third of the Cubs' four homers, a shot that bounced off the batter's double and out of the park, as Chicago went up 5-1 after three innings. In the past, that would have been a sure thing for Wood, who is 10-0 in 12 career starts in Cincinnati.

Not this time. Wood cramped in spring training by a sore shoulder and isn't back in form. He got a little closer on Monday, but remained winless in three starts with an 8.38 earned run average. "I'm pleased with way I threw the ball, obviously pleased with the results," said Wood, who gave up eight hits in six innings. "I thought I had decent command, and my slider was better than it has been this year. Overall, I'm pleased with the way I threw the ball. Unfortunately it didn't turn out the way I wanted it to."

Rich Aurilia's broken bat, two-run single in the eighth inning and Willy Mo Pena, loading the bases. After Aurilia grounded out a third-to-home double play that kept it tied, Jason Lee Walker popped out in the wall in center for a 7-5 lead.

Kerry Wood in a city where he's never lost. Almost always at his best when it comes to town.

"It wasn't really a concern to me," Dunn said of pitching on short rest. "Last game I didn't pitch too much."

Astrons, Braves

Willy Taveras wasn't sure how to act after hitting his first major league home run.

"When I hit the ball I just started running and tried to look professional," he said.

Taveras connected in the seventh inning, and Brandon Backe got his first win of the season to lead the Houston Astros over the Atlanta Braves Tuesday night.

Taveras hit only 15 home runs in six minor league seasons.

"It felt real good, but I'm not a home run hitter. I don't know what happened. I was just trying to get on base and steal bases," he said. "I guess I hit that ball really well, but my career is not going to be hitting home runs."

Making his third start of the year, Backe (1-0) allowed three runs and seven hits in six innings.

He struck out eight, walked one and gave up a two-run homer to Chipper Jones.

"I got extra energy after the home run by Jones. I didn't think it was a home run and it made me a little mad. It gave me extra energy. I thought it hit below the yellow line," Backe said. "You got tired, but that is where the mental part of the game comes in. You just have to keep grinding."

White Sox, Twins

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NHL

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Cycling

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Lance Armstrong rides through the streets of downtown Macon, Ga., Tuesday during the first day of the Tour de Georgia. Armstrong will compete in his last Tour de France this summer.

Associated Press

MACON, Ga. Lance Armstrong took a safe approach in the first stage of the Tour de Georgia, spending Tuesday in a pack with his teammates, avoiding risk of injury and finishing 15th.

"We didn't go very fast," Armstrong said. "In fact, we went flat-out slow for most of the day. I was trying to stay out of trouble, and the guys did a good job staying out in front and keeping me out of the way." Armstrong, who won the 648-mile event last year, is using this race as a tuneup for what he said will be his final Tour de France this summer.

"It wasn't a traditional kind of sprint," Brooks said of the finish. "The hill makes it kind of hard. You've got to have good position. I had a good shot, but Robbie's a world-class sprinter." Dan Bowman of Farmington Hills, Mich., held the break for 90-plus miles to earn five sprint points, but he finished in 112th place.

Five of Armstrong's seven Discovery Channel teammates, Jose Azevedo, Viatcheslav Ekimov, Tom Danielson, Jose' Luis Rubiera and Michael Barry, had the same time.

"I don't know," he said. "For the first day, and not being used to race pace, it was faster than you expect. The way they were accelerating on the circuit - that kind of pace I'm not used to yet - but I remember being shocked at the speed of these circuits last year. Overall, I feel good." The six-day race continues Wednesday in Fayetteville and ends 122.7 miles later in the northwest town of Rome. Armstrong indicated the Georgia race could end his competitive career in North America, but he might consider another practice event in May to stay fresh for the Tour de France.

In an 82.1-mile first stage last year, which began and ended in Macon, Armstrong finished in 28th place. He moved up two spots in the overall standings through the second stage before winning two legs on the third day.

Tuesday's stage offered very little rise and fall in elevation, never passing 600 feet above sea level. Altitudes near Dahlonega on Friday reach 3,260 feet, and the race tops out at 4,784 Saturday at Brasstown Bald, the highest point in Georgia.

"The stage was safe today," Armstrong said. "The circuits were safer than I remember last year, but not as fast as I remember." Floyd Landis, Armstrong's former longtime teammate, is the Phonak leader. This 121-man race is Landis' first in the United States since joining the second-year team.

The Pennsylvania took 16th place, which Armstrong thought was good for someone used to riding in cooler climates overseas. The mercury hit 85 on the country roads outside Macon.
Major League Baseball

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Associated Press

BOSTON - Tim Wakefield, the longest-tenured player on the Boston Red Sox, agreed Tuesday to a $4 million, one-year contract extension through 2006 that gives additional option years at the same salary as long as the team wants to retain him.

The 38-year-old knuckleballer is getting $4.67 million this year in the final season of a three-year contract. The 2006 salary is guaranteed as long as he doesn't finish this season on the disabled list due to an arm injury.

"If Boston exercises its option for 2007, the Red Sox get an option for 2008, and if the team exercises the option for 2008, it also gets an option for 2009. The additional options continue until the Red Sox decline one."

In each year of the deal, Wakefield would earn bonuses of $50,000 per start from 11-20 and $75,000 for each additional start after that.

"It takes a lot of pressure off me to be able to know that I'm going to be here for a long time and I can just go out there and do my job," said Wakefield, who is off to a strong start in his 11th season with the Red Sox.

General Manager Theo Epstein said he wasn't aware of any similar contracts in baseball.

Wakefield's deal "demonstrates that both sides really wanted to keep Tim here for as long as possible," Epstein said.

"A contract such as this that has a lot of club options going forward can reward Tim for his performance and reward the club by keeping him here in a Red Sox uniform," the pitcher stated.

Other knuckeleballers have pitched successfully well into their 40s.

"If the Red Sox chose not to exercise their option at any point, Wakefield could become a free agent."

"If that situation arose, I don't know what might happen then," he said.

Wakefield signed with the team in 1995 while Dan Duquette was general manager. Wakefield has moved back and forth from the bullpen to the rotation. He is a six-time finalist for the Roberto Clemente Award, a community service award presented by the commissioner's office.

IN BRIEF

Ethiopian Negussie wins Boston Marathon

BOSTON — It didn't take Haile Negussie long to realize there isn't much of a future in geesha, the Ethiopian sport he played before deciding to run marathons.

Negussie was playing the stick-and-ball game in his hometown seven years ago when someone challenged him to a race of about 250 yards.

"I didn't know that I was fast," Negussie said Tuesday. "I knew that I wanted to run marathons. The Ethiopians are known for the long distances, so I wanted to go into the field."

Negussie proved that Monday when he won the 109th Boston Marathon in a wind- and heat-softened time of 2 hours, 11 minutes, 45 seconds. The victory was Ethiopia's first in the men's race since Abebe Mekeonen won in 1989 and just the second by a non-Kenyan in 15 years.

"After 16 years, it is a big win for the people," said Elias Kebele, who works for Negussie's manager and serves as his interpreter. "Congress to hold NFL steroid hearing"

WASHINGTON — The congressional committee that investigated steroid use in baseball will turn its investigation to the same problem in football.

The panel said Tuesday it will ask NFL officials and union representatives to testify at a hearing next week.

"A public review of the NFL's strategy for combating steroid use marks the next step in our investigation," said Rep. Tom Davis, chairman of the House Government Reform Committee. "Examining the effectiveness of the NFL's policy is a key part of understanding why 500,000 high school students today have tried steroids."

Invited to the April 27 hearing are NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue; Gene Uspah, vice president of the NFL Players Association; and Harold Henderson, the NFL's executive vice president for labor relations.

Prep star Green declares for NBA draft

HOUSTON — Top-rated high school shooting guard Gerald Green said Tuesday he has applied for early entry into the NBA Draft.

The 19-year-old Green, a 6-foot-8 senior at Houston's Gulf Shores Academy, hasn't hired an agent so can withdraw from the draft before June 21 and retain his college eligibility. He signed with Oklahoma State in November.

"My decision is based on what was best for me and my future," said Green, who is ranked the nation's top shooting guard by recruiting website Rivals.com. "I'm weighing all of my options, but I have still have plenty of time."

"If his father, Gerald Green Sr., said they are working with an advisor to determine his draft position.

"If he's a lottery pick, it's pretty much safe to say he'll be NBA-bound," his father said.
Agassi, Roddick advance on clay

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Andre Agassi received a court violation for smashing his racket and then rallied in a second-set tiebreaker to beat Michał Tabara 6-2, 7-6 (5) Tuesday night in a first-round match of the U.S. Men’s Clay Court Championships.

The top three seeds in the tournament advanced Tuesday as No. 1 Andy Roddick beat qualifier Matías Boeker 6-2, 6-3, and defending champion and third-seeded Tommy Haas eliminated Kristof Vliegen 6-3, 7-5.

The second-seeded Agassi broke his racket after the first point of the tiebreaker when Tabara hit a forehand winner.

"It was probably a healthy combination of reasons," Agassi said of his outburst. "I was really frustrated through most of the middle of the second set. I had some 0-30 chances and never felt I stepped up." After breaking his racket, Agassi gave it to a young fan.

"I have better moments," Agassi said.

Agassi fell behind 1-4 in the tiebreaker and made it 5-5 with a forehand winner. He gained match point on Tabara’s forehand backhand and Tabara’s backhand sailed wide to end the match.

Agassi struggled most of the match, coming up with crowd-pleasing shots and then hitting unforced errors.

In the sixth game of the second set, Agassi had four double-faults, faced two break points and hit a perfect lob and a pinpoint drop shot in finally holding serve.

Day after tomorrow should be a lot better," Agassi said.

Roddick needed just 58 minutes to beat Boeker.

"I played well considering it was for the first time in a tournament match in three weeks," Roddick said. "I moved pretty well and sneak out a couple of points."

Boeker, playing against a top 10 player for the first time, was shaky at the beginning and had his biggest moment when he won seven of the first eight points of the second set and broke Roddick in the opening game.

Boeker then took a 40-0 lead in the second game before Roddick broke back. Each player held until the eighth game, when Roddick broke. Boeker’s error on an unforced error and Tabara’s forehand error and Tabara’s second set.

"It's always going to help," he said. "You feel more confident when you play in the smaller tournaments."

Roddick will play Bobby Gnepr in the second round. Haas fell behind 1-3 in the second set but he broke Vliegen in the fifth game and again in the 11th.

He started to go for more shots in the second set," Haas said.

"He played some good shots. He broke me but I broke back and in the end I hit some pretty good shots to win."
Era ends as Monday Night Football moves on

Network will need to find a way to replace primetime show

NEW YORK — It really shouldn’t matter that much, yet somehow it does. There will still be football on Monday night, but now that “Monday Night Football” is moving from network TV to basic cable, everything has changed.

Dick Ebersol was thinking about that, euphoric though he was after negotiating the deal that would mean the end of the franchise he later bore, when he learned that the deal would mean the end of the franchise he had originally created, “Monday Night Football.”

“This was my happiness that the prime-time broadcast is moving to NBC,” he couldn’t help admit but think how sad his brother would be at this point,” said Ebersol, chairman of NBC Sports.

Emotion, though, doesn’t go far in the television business. Numbers are what count, and those numbers that convinced ABC that it was finally time to do away with a channel that once changed the way America spent its Monday nights.

The network was losing millions of viewers and even gimmicks like comedian Dennis Miller and ad-lib personality Lisa Guerrero couldn’t help stem the tide.

Still, the glib Arledge took in 1970 would have lasted 36 years by the time “Monday Night Football” takes a victory lap this final season on ABC. It is second only to “60 Minutes” in network longevity, surviving from the early days of the bombastic Howard Cosell to the current musings of John Madden.

Football now moves to ESPN on Monday nights, while NBC gets the Sunday night game ESPN now carries. Meanwhile, ABC will likely try to clone its “Desperate Housewives” franchise to compete in a time slot it once ruled.

Before “Monday Night Football” fades from the national consciousness, though, take some time to remember what it once meant.

It was 1970, the same year Apollo 13 made its harrowing voyage to the moon, and the first 747 flew across the Atlantic. Richard Nixon was president, the war was raging in Vietnam, and if you wanted to watch television in America you had three options: ABC, CBS or NBC. Cable was in its infancy, and the idea of an all-sports network like ESPN was still years away.

The World Series was played by daylight, television sports was still mostly a weekend affaire, and Ed Sullivan was still doing his Sunday night show.

That all began to change on Sept. 21, when ABC aired a game between the New York Jets and Cleveland Browns. Remote control was still a novelty, but anyone looking for an easy way to do away with the games didn’t exist.

By the end of the first season, MNF was the third-highest rated show in the country. In the second season, it was first.

The games weren’t all that memorable for the most part, and when they were real dogs, Cosell, “Dandy” Don Meredith and Frank Gifford simply worked harder. Cosell brought guests into the booth for views who had nothing to do with football, and took delight in the thought that he was intellectually superior to Meredith and Gifford.

On one sad Monday night in December 1980, it was Cosell who informed the nation that John Lennon had been shot and killed.

As the years went on, though, Monday Night wasn’t so special anymore. The NFL sold ESPN a Sunday night package, and MNF now had to compete against a hundred or so cable networks for the audience it once had.

At its peak, nearly half of all American households with their sets on were tuned in to the show’s most watched game ever, a December 1985 matchup between previously unbeaten Chicago and Miami.

Last year, only one in nine American households had “Monday Night Football” on the set.

Those numbers are good on cable, but don’t pay the bills for the top four networks. Typically, a sports network that didn’t exist until MNF’s 10th season on air came up with a bid of $1.1 billion for the Monday night games.

“Who would have thought 25 years ago we’d have ‘Monday Night Football,’ an American institution, ESPN?” asked George Bodenheimer, president of both ESPN and ABC Sports.

The question now is what ESPN will do with the games. Madden and Al Michaels technicolor work for the same company and would likely be available to do the games.

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Police seek misdemeanor charges against fans

Yanks' Sheffield meets with baseball officials to discuss incident

Associated Press

BOSTON — New York outfielder Gary Sheffield isn't sure whether he wants to press charges against two fans who were involved in a scuffle with him during a game last week at Fenway Park. Boston police already have made up their minds to do just that.

Sheffield met Tuesday with officials from the baseball commissioner's office, and Boston police filed applications for misdemeanor criminal charges against the two fans — one allegedly made contact with the outfielder as he attempted to get the ball near the right-field wall and the other tossed a beer at him.

A decision on possible discipline by the commissioner's office against Sheffield was not expected until Wednesday at the earliest.

Police asked a clerk magistrate to decide whether a disorderly person and disturbing a public assembly, is a misdemeanor.

"I just want to see it played out first. I'm not going to make any judgments first," Sheffield said in New York after meeting with Bob Watson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline, an attorney for Major League Baseball, Yankees chief operating officer Lonn Trost and Sheffield's agent, Rufus Williams.

The meeting lasted 20 minutes and the men watched the replay about five times. "(They asked) What was my reaction? What was I thinking? And I told them what I was thinking," Sheffield said.

He credited a meeting in spring training where players were told how to react in certain situations — with an emphasis on avoiding interactions with fans.

"It was more emphasized after the NBA," he said, referring to the brawl between Detroit Pistons fans and members of the Indiana Pacers on Nov. 19. Sheffield was satisfied that baseball understood "that I listened to the meeting we had in spring training and I set the example for others."

It wasn't immediately clear whether court officials at Boston Municipal Court have scheduled a date for a hearing for House and the other fan. If a clerk magistrate decides that criminal charges are warranted, the two fans would appear before a judge.

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Of House's statement, Sheffield said: "He has the right to feel the way he feels and I have the right to feel the way I feel."

On the play in question last Thursday, Sheffield was running along the 3-foot high right-field fence, chasing a hit by Boston's Jason Varitek, when House reached over it with a sweeping motion and appeared to make contact with the player.

Sheffield picked up the ball, made a shoving motion toward House, then threw the ball to the infield. He then turned toward House but did not touch him. A security guard jumped over the wall and stood between House and Sheffield.

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Redskins trade for Broncos' pick

Washington has No. 9 and No. 25 choices in Saturday's draft

Associated Press
ASHBURN, Va. — A day of mixed signals from the Washington Redskins ended with an unexpected twist: a trade that leaves the team with two picks in the first round of Saturday's NFL Draft.

Paying a hefty price for a short-term gain, the Redskins on Tuesday acquired the No. 25 overall pick from the Denver Broncos. In exchange, Washington gave up its third-round selection (No. 76 overall) in this year's draft and picks in the first and fourth rounds in 2006.

The trade allows the Redskins to take care of both of their most pressing needs — cornerback and receiver — in one afternoon this Saturday. Washington holds the ninth and 25th picks, with the flexibility to trade up or down to get the players the team has targeted.

Oddly, the day began with a report suggesting that the Redskins might not have any picks at all in the first round. The Washington Post, in Tuesday's editions, reported that team was discussing a trade that would move the team's No. 9 pick to the Oakland Raiders for cornerback Phillip Buchanon and a second-round selection.

The reaction was tense from vice president of football operations Vinny Cerrato.

"That is not true," Cerrato said in a statement released by the team. "We are not trading that pick."

Cerrato's words were a surprise. They were beyond quashing the Buchanon story and ruled out any trade whatsoever for the No. 9 selection, an overreaction that had to be clarified later in the day by a coach and team president. Joe Gibbs.

"Right now, we've had no discussions with anyone about trading away the ninth pick," Gibbs said. "Are we considering any options we are presented with? Yes. Will we consider anything, but no one has presented a compelling scenario."

That's not to say the Redskins weren't interested in Buchanon. An official within the league, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the Associated Press that the team has discussed a possible trade for Buchanon in recent days, but the official said none of the scenarios involved Washington's first-round pick.

The official said the Redskins might trade a lower-round pick for Buchanon, but that no deal was imminent.

In essence, Tuesday's statement was a signal to the rest of the league that the Redskins did not consider Buchanon worthy of a first-round pick. Buchanon has said he is unhappy in Oakland, wants a trade, and Washington doesn't want "the price tag to go too high."

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Cornerback criticized Raiders' front office at last season's end

Associated Press
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By PATRICK MCCABE
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With two outs and a 3-2 count on Katie Sheaks, Stenglein threw a perfect pitch on the inside corner to close out the game with her 14th strikeout. But Notre Dame's streak of 19 straight came to an end in game two. The Irish went ahead early in the third inning, with both Middleton and Sara Schooater scoring runs. Irish starter Heather Booth could not hold the lead in the bottom of the frame, however, giving up four runs including a three-run home run to Jessica Evans with two outs. Notre Dame gave up one run in the fourth and two runs in the fifth inning, and the Irish found themselves down 7-2 late in the game before attempting a comeback. The Irish used a DePaul error in the sixth inning to cut into the Blue Demons' lead, opening the inning with runners on second and third with no outs. But Notre Dame could only manage two RBI groundouts to cut the lead to three runs. Gumpf said after the game that the team wasn't so much disappointed to have its winning streak snapped, rather they were disappointed with their performance. "The girls don't focus on winning streaks or anything like that," she said. "We played really badly in the second game, and that's what they're unhappy with, and it's what I'm unhappy with as well." Deanna Gumpf Irish coach Notre Dame will have a chance to start a new winning streak Thursday as it faces Akron in a doubleheader at Ivie Field starting at 3 p.m.

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Home continued from page 28 game if it was at more of a neutral site." Notre Dame is fresh off a three-game sweep of Big East foe Connecticut last weekend. The Irish enter the third game in the conference series with an 8-4 mark, one-half game behind Boston College and 1.5 games behind St. John's. Mainieri said the team is gaining confidence as they pile up more victories. "I think this is a team that's feeling much more optimistic about things," Mainieri said. "We've shut down their offense in the infield, which was a major issue and moving [Dan] Kapala into the starting rotation has really solidified our starting rotation on the weekends. All of a sudden there's a lot of sense of optimism that maybe we're catching some fire here." The Irish, who have won three straight and six of their last seven, send freshman left-hander Wade Korpi to the hill. Korpi has 12 appearances and four starts with a 3-1 record and an ERA of 5.66 for his rookie campaign. He has struck out 24 and walked 23 in 35 innings of work. Korpi took the loss in his last start, a 10-4 defeat to Central Michigan on April 13. In that game, he worked five innings and allowed three runs (two earned) in five innings. He struck out eight and walked four while facing 24 batters. Korpi faced one batter and yielded a hit Sunday against Connecticut. Purdue enters tonight's game on a slide, losing six of its last eight games. Middle infielder Mitch Hilligoss leads the team with a .380 average, while outfielder Neal Gorka paces the Boilermakers with four home runs and 18 RBI. As a team, Purdue is hitting just .267 and have been outscored 181-121 by its opponents. The Boilermakers' pitching staff has been up and down this season, logging a team ERA of 5.11. Teams are hitting .312 against the staff, including 19 round-trippers. Despite playing a weaker opponent in a non-conference, mid-week game, Mainieri said his team should be focused. "It is a little bit different (playing a mid-week game)," Mainieri said. "The kids are in school during the week and they have papers and projects and tests and everything else to prepare for, so it really takes a lot of mental toughness for them to separate themselves and concentrate on baseball for a few hours. But when you play Purdue, I don't care what sport you play, if you wear a Notre Dame uniform you should be fired up."
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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXIV
Competition gets soaked
No. 2-ranked team advances to the round of 16
By CHRIS KOREY and TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

The clock hit midnight on Everybody Poops’ Cinderella story.

The unranked Poopers beat No. 31 Underated, 28-26, Monday in an overtime thriller in the round of 64. They couldn’t repeat the magic the next night in the round of 32, however, and fell 21-15 to second-ranked We Get Wet.

Everybody Poops fans came out to the bookstore courts in droves for the Tuesday night contest, whipped into a frenzy by their team’s run.

Fan Jake Amment credited the Poopers success to an old fashioned team-oriented style of basketball.

“They play old-school, real basketball and not thug ball,” Amment said.

Everybody Poops small forward Joe Pomerence said the team felt it should have been included among the top 32 teams.

“We were ranked last year, and then we picked up a new big guy,” he said.

It was this confidence which inspired the team’s run to the round of 32.

“We just knew we were a good team,” Pomerence said.

The game started out slow as the Poopers hunkered down on defense and stopped the high-flying We Get Wet attack.

An Everybody Poops jump shot brought the score to 7-7, but the next few minutes were all Wet. The second ranked team went on an 8-2 run to take an 11-5 halftime lead.

“We kinda went dry there for a bit,” Wet captain and small forward Joe Amato said of his team’s slow start.

“We got together as a team and got some fouls on them. Foul shots at the end were important,”

Despite the run, Everybody Poops would not go away. They scored the first three points of the second half to get in the game.

“At halftime we ducked our heads down and said ‘play our game,'” Pomerence said.

Powerade’s Judah Wilson shoots a jumper against Hannah’s Storm Tuesday. Hannah’s Storm won a close game and will advance to the Sweet 16, which starts Thursday.

FOOTBALL
Receivers impress coaches

Led by McKnight and Stovall, air attack is steadily improving
By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

This could be the year when it all comes together for the Irish passing game.

A talented receiving corps that last fall struggled amid high expectations enters the season with new resolve and new coaches but with the same natural talent that brought them to Notre Dame in the first place.

“It isn’t like these guys don’t have the ability here,” head coach Charlie Weis said.

And I didn’t bring them in here — they were already here.

There’s maturity across the whole board, across the whole team, offense and defense,” McKnight said. In his junior season, McKnight caught 42 passes for 616 yards and three touchdowns.

With the rest of the team, the receivers have settled in for tough workouts and no easy answers.

“The work ethic is good, the want-to is there, they ask good questions, they’re good students of the game on the field and then it carries over to the field,” receivers coach Charlie Weis said.

Junior wide receiver Rhema McKnight stretches to make a catch during practice April 5.

ND SOFTBALL
Win streak ends with doubleheader split

By JUSTIN SCHUWER
Senior Staff Writer

All good things must come to an end.

Notre Dame’s winning streak stalled at 19 games as the Irish (30-9) split a doubleheader against DePaul (28-13) Tuesday afternoon in Chicago.

The Irish won game one, 2-1, in eight innings, extending their winning streak to 19 before falling 7-4 in game two to the Blue Demons.

Senior Steffany Stenglein pitched her third straight start, with at least 14 or more strikeouts, striking out 14 batters while allowing only one run and three hits in the eight-inning, complete-game victory in game one.

Freshman Katie Laing continued her recent streak of clutch hitting by knocking in the first Notre Dame run of game one with a one-out double in the third inning.

But it was Kellie Middleton who had the biggest hit for the Irish, singling home pinch runner Nicole Wicks from second base with two outs and a 0-2 count.

Kellie has really been stepping up lately in those two-out situations,” Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said.

“She had fouled off several pitches in that at bat and finally got something she could handle. I’ve been looking for her to come through in the clutch, and she did that today.”

Stenglein pitched the bottom of the eighth inning for the victory, but went about it in an unorthodox way.

The Irish elected to intentionally walk DePaul’s Saskia Roberson, whose lead off home run in the fourth inning was the run that Blue Demons scored off Stenglein. DePaul’s next batter grounded out and the Blue Demons followed with a sacrifice ground out, advancing Roberson into scoring position.

BASEBALL
Irish take on Boilers at Cove

By JOE HETTLER
Senior Staff Writer

As usual, Notre Dame faces an in-state foe for a mid-week game tonight — sort of.

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