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ND will award 13 honorary degrees at commencement

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associated News Editor

Thirteen honorary degrees will be awarded at Notre Dame's May 15 commencement ceremony. University officials announced Wednesday. Among the recipients will be baseball legend Hank Aaron and former papal candidate Cardinal Francis Arinze.

In addition to commencement speaker Varton Gregorian, president of the Carnegie Corporation, Notre Dame will honor distinguished figures — three women and 10 men — for their contributions in fields ranging from business, law and science to medicine, sports and entertainment, said Dennis Brown, associate director of news and information. Honorary degrees are ways of recognizing and honoring the accomplishments of various individuals. Students, faculty and staff members are all allowed to nominate a person for an honorary degree. "Each of the colleges submits recommendations for honorary degree recipients, and other suggestions can be submitted by anyone within the campus community," Brown said.

Aaron, the all-time leader for career runs in Major League Baseball who was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1982, will receive a doctorate of laws. Arinze, a Nigerian who was considered a strong papal candidate before Pope Benedict XVI was selected Tuesday and has been instrumental in promoting inter-religious dialogue, will also receive a doctorate of laws.

Dr. Benjamin Carson, one of the top brain surgeons in the world known for successfully separating Siamese twins joined at the head, said he knew Bishop Henry B. Heschmeyer, Notre Dame's former president, before 1987, will receive a doctorate of science.

Judge Robert Carter, a U.S. District Court judge for the Southern District of New York known for his involvement in the civil rights movement, will receive a doctorate of laws.

Robert Conway, class of 1966, a senior director at Goldman Sachs who also serves on Notre Dame's Board of Trustees, will receive a doctorate of laws. Jack Greenberg, a well-

**Abroad students flock to St. Peter's**

New pope's views spark debate in Rome

By KELLY MEEHAN
New Wire

HOME — Saint Mary's sophomore Sarah DeShon was not expecting a new pope to be elected so quickly. When her roommate informed her Monday evening that a pope had been named, she knew she only had about 45 minutes to arrive at the Vatican to see the presentation of the new pontiff. She began running to St. Peter's square.

She had company.

"I think it was amazing to see so many people running through the streets, especially several priests and nuns," DeShon said.

Word spread quickly among Saint Mary's students studying in Rome — German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was announced as the next pope.

Catholics celebrate together the election of Pope Benedict XVI at St. Peter's square in Vatican City.

**Lead-ND works to help local youth**

By JARRETT LANTZ
New Wire

In his first year composition class, Steve Cartwright was tasked with writing an essay about the issue of educational disparity. As he sat hunched over his desk, he had an idea: instead of just writing about the problem, he could propose a solution — a solution that led to the founding of Lead-ND, a Notre Dame service club.

Lead-ND strives to provide South Bend youth with after-school community service programs, but sets Lead-ND apart from other service programs is that the participating children, not adults, plan and carry out the bulk of the projects.

During this past semester, 10 Notre Dame students visited the children at Jefferson Intermediate School to gently guide the organization of their own community service projects.

"A lot of students come from low socioeconomic backgrounds and have a lot of different issues they face at school and away from school," Lead-ND team leader Kristal Hardy said.

"They're the kids that don't necessarily get straight A's, but they have a lot of leadership potential. They see that part of themselves stuck in a "clawed-down" way. We've shown them that they can channel that energy into something positive."

Over one year of planning and training culminated in

Baron delivers first State of the Student Union

By MADIE HANNA
Associated News Editor

Emphasizing "we're not gouverneurs, we're Union," student body president Dave Baron delivered his first State of the Student Union address Wednesday night, assuring the podium at the beginning of the Senate meeting.

Baron's entry was what one might expect of a big-time politician — except for the laughter that ensued after director of communications Steve Miller gave an exasperated, almost flambouyant introduction of the new president.

Despite being unable to suppress a few laughs himself, Baron quickly regained compose, apologizing for "all the pomp, circumstance and political theory that I'm about to give — but hey, that's what you get when you elect a political science and economics major as student body president."

He stressed the power of the Student Union while analyzing the common phrase "student government has no power."

"I'm here tonight to both agree and entirely refute that statement," Baron said.

He explained he agrees with

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Proper quad attire

From what I can recall, Notre Dame is not the University of Southern California. While the beauty of the St. Joe’s and St. Mary’s Lakes surpasses any ocean, unfortunately there are barely lakes—rather representative of ponds.

At the same time it is understandable how the grassy North, South and God quads can be mistaken for the sandy beaches of the Pacific coast.

The sooner students come to recognize the difference between the beaches of California and the quads of Notre Dame, the better off we all will be.

What exactly do I mean by understanding the difference between the quads and the beach? By no means do I suggest that students not be out enjoying the radiant South Bend sun. That is what the quads are for. I enjoy walking to and from classes listening to the resounding music from the dorm windows and witnessing the countless games of frisbee, soccer and baseball.

Furthermore, I find great pleasure in observing the talented trapeze artists who spend their afternoons walking across a rope connected to trees. All would agree that a nap on the grass tops off a spring day at Notre Dame.

So where exactly does the problem come in?

The spring events I have described take place on a grassy quad, and therefore, they should be accompanied by “quad attire.” Although I cannot specify exactly what I mean by “quad attire,” I can, however, explain what I do not intend.

Ladies, while it is finally warm enough to stop wasting money at FunTan and Malibu Tan, the quad is not the beach. Wear your bathing suits underneath a tank top and shorts. Heck, even sport your bathing top if you truly desire. Please, however, refrain from modeling the entire swim suit. When you try to catch that frisbee at least have on a pair of shorts.

Gentlemen, I must admit there are fun and sexy ways of being deserv­ing of a “double take” with your shirts off. However, is it really necessary all the time? I never realized how throwing a baseball or frisbee could be so unattractive. Make us girls think you are a bit more masculine. Save the non-shirt conditions for a heated game of quad football or volleyball.

Guys, relaxing together on a blanket underneath the sunny sky is more than acceptable. When I park couples laughing, talking and basking in the sun, I smile and find it quite adorable. However, excessive affection should not be on display. Warmer temperatures do not mean increased public display of affection.

In short, keep your clothes on and have fun.

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Saint Mary's junior Ginger Francis and class of 1969 alumna Kathy Malone Beeler were honored for their service work within the local community at the "Down the Avenue" fundraiser event Wednesday evening. Held in the new Student Center, the black tie dinner and ceremony drew roughly 400 guests. Board of Trustees and dozens of prominent community members, including South Bend Mayor Steven Lukecke and 1st Source Corporation chair Chris Murphy, joined Saint Mary's faculty and alumnae in celebrating the achievements of the two women.

The event raised $100,000.00 to be divided between the Saint Mary's Office for Civic and Social Engagement and a general scholarship fund.

Francis is the president of the Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination and headed the "Take Back the Night" marches against sexual violence in the fall. The psychology major and women's studies minor has also worked as a crisis specialist for Sexual Assault Services at Madison Center and Hospital and volunteered at theYWCA’s Women’s Shelter.

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"There are a couple faculty members that I really close to but I didn’t really know that the community as a whole knew about the service work because I did it all on my own time," Francis said. "I feel honored, excited, joyful."

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By KAREN LANGLEY

As a rule, Notre Dame students do not reminisce fondly about their early morning treks to Stepan Center. Tuesday, however, a portion of the senior class turned this trend around when they rose with the sun to pick up not another departmental exam, but a Chicago Cubs ticket or two. Not to be eclipsed, a few seniors even spent the night.

By far the most sought-after Senior Week event, the Cubs game sparked so much interest among the senior class that the online venue ND Marketplace was overwhelmed by the quantity of prospective ticket buyers, leading to the University server crash of April 12.

According to Beth Duran, a member of the Senior Week Committee and one of two students in charge of Cubs ticket distribution, the Senior Class Council responded to the server crash by holding a three-hour meeting in which members discussed the options for a response.

"We found out there was a way to have a list of 780 pre-approved names to purchase the tickets online," Duran said, adding that this list would prevent the need for seniors to rush.

So the committee devised a way to come up with this list of names.

"I didn't want to do a lottery because it's not fair to people who really want the tickets," Duran said. "We decided to distribute whitebands for each ticket to whoever showed up first."

When Duran arrived at the Stepan Center at 6 a.m. to begin the wristband distribution, the line of students already wrapped around the building. Most students who arrived before 8 a.m. received whitebands.

"It was funny, I gave out the 780th bracelet to a person who just showed up at eight," Duran said.

A small band of seniors decided to take no chances with their tickets, choosing instead to spend the night camped outside of Stepan.

"I did it with a group of six of my friends and about 10 other seniors," Sarah Bates said. "I'm interested in attending the game, but the campus was more for the experience. We knew we could probably wake up at 6 a.m. and get tickets."

"We got there around 12:45 a.m.," Bates said. "It was a real fun experience. We sat around and played whiffleball ran around campus and made a flackeroo."

Seniors responded positively to the revised system.

"This morning, every senior I talked to after they got tickets reserved was pretty impressed with how quickly the lines went," senior class president Darrell Scott said.

"The process itself was smooth," Bates said. "The seniors on council did a good job of controlling the lines, and they gave us bagels and doughnuts. Everyone was respectful when they were waiting in line."

This year's Senior Class Council took steps to increase seniors' chances of snagging a Cubs ticket.

"This is the first year ever that we were able to get more than 650 tickets," Scott said. "We were able to purchase 850 tickets."

Scott estimated that approximately half of the senior class had interest in buying a Cubs ticket.

"Demand is still higher than supply, but thankfully we were able to come close to matching demand," he said.

Even those seniors who were unsuccessful in their quest for Cubs tickets still praised the Senior Class Council's reactions.

"I was disappointed," said Jackie Hutmam. "The Cubs tickets are what I really wanted, but I will probably be registrating for the other events as well."

I really appreciated the council's idea to try to make the process fair for everyone by avoiding the lines. They handled it really well when it didn't work out the first time by communicating with us right away," Scott expressed appreciation for seniors' patience.

"I want to thank the seniors for sticking through this and coming this morning," he said. "It's going to be a great last week.

Registration for the rest of Senior Week events, including a dance and a trip to Cedar Point, will take place online in the coming days.

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By MADIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Controversy surrounding the basketball ticketing system provoked debate at Student Senate's Wednesday night meeting, which also heard discussion on the Copy Shop.

Student body vice president Lizzi Shappell said she met with Josh Berlo in Basketball Operations to ask about the possibility of changing the ticket options available to students, including a split-ticket system designed to increase attendance.

However, Shappell said Berlo dismissed the idea almost immediately, citing men's basketball coach Mike Brey's disapproval. "Coach Brey doesn't like that idea — he wants one united fan base," Shappell said.

Last year, Shappell said student government representatives met with Berlo to request that more basketball student tickets be sold to students. The deal, Shappell said, was that if student attendance increased, Basketball Operations would consider selling more tickets.

But attendance numbers this year "were comparable with, if not worse than last year's," Shappell said.

This year, the average game attendance was between 1,400 and 1,500 students. About half of the 2,800 undergraduate tickets sold.

One change that will occur next year is the inclusion of Ticket Share information in the letters given to students who purchase tickets, Shappell said. Student body president Dave Barto explained Ticket Share, a free ticket-swapping program currently organized through the dorms. Last year, big posters with "give" and "take" columns were hung in the dorms, Barto said, resulting in "modest success — nothing outstanding."

Shappell noted two other changes regarding pricing and purchasing. Due to inflation, ticket prices will increase across the board, going up to $60 for students — although Berlo emphasized it was still the cheapest undergraduate student ticket found at schools with competitive basketball teams.

While the ticket purchasing time will not change — either a Tuesday or Thursday at 7 a.m. — each student ID will only be able to purchase four tickets as opposed to this year's six.

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More than 50 bodies found in river

IRAQDI, Iraq — Iraq's interim parliament on Wednesday the recovery of more than 50 bodies from the Tigris River, saying the victims were probably executed. The bodies were found slumped against a bloodstained wall in a soccer stadium in Baghdad. The discovery came as insurgents unleashed a string of attacks that killed at least 11 Iraqis and wounded 21. They included four civilians, the same number of which targeted interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's convoy — and a road explosion in the capital, police said. Allawi escaped unharmed, they said.

Embattled president is replaced

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Wednesday to remove embattled President Iacopo Guezilier from office after a week of recasting process demanding his ouster, and they swore in Vice President Alvaro Garcia, 55, to replace him. An unidentified army official in combat gear said on television that Gutierrez and his wife, Congresswoman Patricia Rivas, left behind the presidential palace. An Associated Press photographer saw a small group of soldiers briefly on the palace roof and a small flag whose symbol, a green, blue, and yellow Zimbabwean in Paris. Garcia said he would abide by the decisions of the People's National Assembly on the future of the country, and he has said he would try to reunify all its religious and ethnic groups.

Benedict XVI states his mission

New pontiff expresses desire to work for Christian unity, reach out to other religions

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Clashing a papacy in the tradition of his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI pledged Wednesday to work for unity among Christians and to seek "an open and sincere dialogue with people of other faiths."

In his first Mass as pontiff, Benedict invoked the words of John Paul II — "Be not afraid" — a message of peace to show he is intent on following the ground-breaking path of the late pope.

The German-born pontiff also stressed he would draw on the work of the Second Vatican Council, the 1962-65 meeting that modernized the church, an issue important to liberals who are wary of Benedict from his time as Roman Catholicism's doctrinal enforcer.

As the world's 1.1 billion Catholics got the first hints of where the papacy is headed, followers of other religions weighed its meaning for interfactional relations. By and large, reactions were hopeful and expectant.

"I think he has been very open, so I have no worries about the ecumenical route," said British Cardinal Cormus Murphy-O'Connor, "It will continue. No doubt at all."

Benedict, the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, said his primary task would be in to try to reunify all Christians and stressed that sentiment alone was not enough. "Concesses are not sufficient, but one and may come sciences are needed," he said.

The 78-year-old pontiff said he would continue to keep access "open and sincere dialogue" with other religions and would do everything in his power to improve the ecumenical situation.

But Benedict has been one of the most vocal Vatican voices for Catholic missionary and other forms of evangelization. He was the intellectual drive behind the 2000 document "Dominus Iesus," which outlined the Catholic Church as an exclusive road to salvation and angered Protestants, Jews, Muslims and other non-Christians.

In Israel, admiration for John Paul's efforts to promote Jewish-Catholic reconciliation mixed with unease about Benedict's time in the Hitler Youth as a teenager.

Benedict has written about his service, which was compulsory under the Nazi regime. He also was drafted into a German anti-aircraft unit at the end of World War II, though he says he never fired a shot.

John Paul won many Israeli hearts during a trip to the Holy Land in 2000 by apologizing for Roman Catholic wrongdoing over the centuries. He also was praised for promoting interfaith dialogue, establishing diplomatic relations with Israel and meeting Polish Jewish during the Nazi era.

"Israel can certainly co-exist with him," said David Bro-Yass, Israel's ambassador to the Vatican, said of the new pope. "But the real test will come over the course of the pope." Benedict inherits some testy relations with the Russian Orthodox Church, which accused Catholics of poaching Orthodox believers. John Paul, the first Slavic pope, saw a visit to Russia as a way to promote greater Christian unity amid the looming end to the east-west schism, but he was not able to arrange the trip.

"We very much hope that under the new pope those problems will be solved," said Igor Vyzhanov, an Orthodox church spokesman. But Russian religious expert Alexander Ogorodnikov questioned whether Benedict will match John Paul's zeal for closer ties. As a cardinal, Ratzinger soured relations with the Russian Patriarchate by backing a move to step referring to the Orthodox branch of Christianity as "the other church" — since Roman Catholics see Rome as the "mother" church.
Union

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dent body, to get us all going in
the same direction," to mobilize
8,000 people," Baron said.

"We're not government. We're
Unions.

Baron said the Student Union's
power lies in "our perseverance," "our
practice of our convictions," and "our
convictions.

"Change takes time," Baron
said. "It's through continual pres-
sure, year after year. Student
Senate through Student Senate
that change does happen.

He said this perseverance was
apparent in the progress being
made towards publishing Teacher
Course Evaluations.

Baron then discussed the
importance of "proactiveness."

"Big questions are made every
day at the University, and we need
to make sure we get our
voice heard. We must be proac-
tive in advancing our interests.

Demonstrating proactive
behavior, Baron said he planned
to write a "comprehensive report" regarding a possible new
and expanded student center, an
idea that surfaced in Notre
Dame's most recent ten-year
plan and in the Future of
Residence Life and Housing
Report.

Baron also said he would stand
by his convictions as student
body president.

"The Student Union has power
in 'our convictions' and the
strengths of our arguments," Baron said. "Change will come if
we can show that what we
believe is right."

As a personal example, Baron
said he "fully supported official
recognitions" of a student group,
like United in Divinity, designed
to be a network of support for
homosexual students as well as a
bridge of the homosexual and
heterosexual students at Notre
Dame.

"Church doctrine is clear in its
distinction between the homo-
sexual act and the orientation,
and we run a great danger in
reducing one to the other," Baron
said.

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Debate

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Sophomore Katie Osmack
was informed of the election of
the new pope while in class
when her theology professor
received a call from a friend
on his cell phone. She only had
time to run to her room to
drop off her books and grab
her camera before heading to
St. Peter's Square.

"When I got to the square I
thought it was remarkable that
the crowd became so silent in
anticipation of the introduction
of the new pope," Osmack said.

DeShon found that while
standing in the crowd, even the
weather was omniscient of the
day's events.

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"I feel that the new pope is
going to be a transitional one
because of his conservative
nature," Meaghan Herbst
Saint Mary's sophomore

Osmack said he fully supports
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IN BRIEF

Oil prices aren't the only ones on the rise

WASHINGTON — It isn't just gasoline prices that are pinching consumers' wallets. The cost of health care, clothing, hotel rooms and airline travel all jumped last month, pushing the core inflation rate up at the fastest pace in 2 1/2 years.

The Labor Department reported Wednesday that its closely watched Consumer Price Index rose by 0.6 percent in March, the biggest rise since October.

Most recent assessment of, our

sector summaries provide readers with a condensed view of the current economy.

Financial Services

Companies such as IBTR Block report high revenues from tax preparation. Bank of America Corp., the third-largest U.S. bank, said first-quarter earnings rose to a record 75 percent. Royal Bank of Canada, the country's largest bank by assets, said it will switch from U.S. to Canadian accounting rules to calculate financial results because the countries' standards have grown more similar.

Labor Market, Wages and Prices

The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits for the first time fell by 10,000 last week, an improvement for the 22nd straight week, according to the Labor Department. Jobless claims have steadily gone down in the past few weeks. Prices went up last month by only 0.5 percent, according to predictions. However, overall wages do not seem to be increasing in prices, in part because the effect of oil prices on employers is affecting inflation.

Agriculture & Natural Resources

Oil prices have fallen in recent weeks, decreasing from the price of upwards of 50 dollars a barrel to about a 50 dollar plateau. Traders are weary to declare that the worst is over, but with supply increases due to Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Company (OPEC) rise in production and the Wolfgang, a declining demand growth, prices are not expected to feel less secure about the strength of the economy because gasoline prices are currently soaring, reinforcing the demands of some NYSE members who have been agitating for the exchange to turn for-profit in order to better compete as a business.

Manufacturing

The manufacturing industry slowed as whole in late March for the first time in six months due to higher commodities prices and slowing economic growth. Consumer spending also continued to decline, due to fears of higher prices and growing inflation. Production in factories, especially in automotive products, slowed as rising fuel costs caused import prices to jump.

Tourism

As summer approaches, sales in the tourism industry will begin to pick up. After a relatively solid spring break season, sales should be quiet until May, when summer tourism will begin to flourish. Within the United States, sales have been solid this year due to cheaper airlines. However, international tourism has been relatively quiet due largely to terrorist threats and the recent tsunami disaster in Asia.

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a rally Saturday at South Bend's Jefferson Center. The event, planned entirely by the middle school leaders, served as a launching point for three major service projects organized by the young students. At the prompting of Lead-ND members, many other unrelated youth organizations throughout South Bend designed their own projects during the month of April, as well.

"There hasn't even been a large city mobilization in South Bend," said Meg Towle, director of community outreach and partnerships at Lead-ND. "We had about 800 people participating on Saturday. The kids were excited that something organized by the young students. At Lead-ND coordinators. Each of the Notre Dame mentors would guide the communities service projects' organizers where the Notre Dame students who would guide the community service projects' organizers.

However, the goal of Lead-ND isn't just to perform community service projects but to empower the children who organize them. Club members brought the participants on a variety of field trips, including a visit to the radio station 99.1 WSMK to record public service announcements, a question-and-answer session with South Bend's mayor, Stephen Lukee, and a trip to Notre Dame's Office of Admissions. The idea of creating passionate leaders for concerned citizens and active students, Towle said. "Our engagement is a big emphasis."

Next fall, Lead-ND plans to broaden its reach in order to train more young leaders. While the program only took place during the spring semester in its inaugural year, club organizers hope to expand it year-round, including mentoring and meet with the children twice a week instead of once.

"We're trying to create passionate leaders, concerned citizens, and active students." - Meg Towle, Lead-ND director of community outreach and partnerships

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For some, the announcement came during the middle of classes, prompting entire classrooms to empty at once. For others, the news hit while they were home, or in computer clusters or on the streets. Wherever Notre Dame students were, however, they ran.

The scene was sheer mayhem as thousands of pedestrians hurried towards St. Peter's, oblivious to cars, bikes, traffic lights or fellow humans. Upon finally arriving in St. Peter's Square, thousands stood in anticipation for almost an hour, waiting for the chance to see the new pope.

Junior Erin Kruse described the mood among the crowd as "incredible."

"Being able to be there with other Notre Dame students, seeing everything, with the crowd going wild and the constant cheers, was unbelievable," she said.

While awaiting the new pope's appearance, cheers of "Viva il popolo" reflected the spirit of the event. The excitement was almost palpable. "When I got there it was right when they were closing off parts of the square and it was getting pretty crowded," junior Caroline Murray said.

"But once I got in, it was great to see the anticipation everywhere, especially how quickly the crowd quieted when the pope finally came. And come he did. At just before 7 p.m., the announce ment came for the world to hear: habemus papam — "we have a pope."

Within minutes, Pope Benedict XVI emerged amidst great applause and cheering and proceeded to thank the crowd and offer his papal blessing.

"Standing there in St. Peter's for the pope's first blessing was a real honor," junior Pete Murphy said. "To have had this opportunity is unforgettable."

Most in the crowd were very familiar with the chosen pope, as Cardinal RATZINGER — the dean of the College of Cardinals — had been visible in the events surrounding the last Pope John Paul II's funeral. Junior Matt Stefanski said he believed the cardinals made a fitting choice.

"They chose the right guy," he said. "I knew going into it that whoever was supposed to lead the Church would be chosen to lead the Church. It's been unbelievable to witness this all."

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House to approve of oil drilling in Alaska

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House is set to pull up a bill Wednesday that would open an Alaska wildlife refuge to oil drilling and provide billions of dollars in benefits to energy industries, but critics say it does little to reduce the nation's thirst for oil.

The legislation, expected to be voted on this week, is partly due to a provision in the bill that would help makers of a water-polluting gasoline additive deflect environmental lawsuits.

By a vote of 231-200, the House late Wednesday rejected an attempt to strip from the bill a section to allow oil drilling on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northeastern Alaska. The House has given the go-ahead for drilling there twice in the past four years, only to see the issue die in the Senate each time.

The House bill also would shield the makers of MTBE, a gasoline additive that has prompted debate over an energy bill over drinking water contamination, from defensive product liability claims. The issue was blamed for scuttling energy legislation in the Senate in 2003.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, has insisted that the MTBE liability waiver be included, arguing that the oil industry produced MTBE to help meet government mandated air requirements in the 1990s, so Congress should protect the industry against what is expected to be an avalanche of lawsuits that claim the product is defective.

The "safe harbor" for MTBE makers would have communities and water districts around the country left paying cleanup bills, said Rep. Lois Capps, D-Calif.

She said dozens of members of Congress represent districts where water agencies or communities have faced lawsuits that would be thwarted if the MTBE liability waiver became law.

The bill calls for $8.1 billion in tax breaks over 10 years, most of it going to promote the coal, nuclear, oil and natural gas industries. In addition it would give refineries tax credits of $2 billion over eight years for shifting from making MTBE as the additive is phased out. It also calls for $2 billion over 10 years to fund research into oil and gas recovery in extremely deep areas of the Gulf of Mexico.

DeLay, who has been fighting allegations of unethical conduct involving his travels and other issues, has been the primary force behind both the MTBE industry assistance and the tax credits for deep-water drilling research.

This is the majority leader's bill that we are debating here today," Democrat leader Nancy Pelosi said during floor debate Wednesday, applauding the DeLay. "It is clearly designed to help energy companies make more money.

The development of the Alaska refuge has been a contentious issue for nearly a decade and is sure to be one again now, with the House has included it in its energy bill for the first time.

Environmentalists fear a spider web of drilling platforms and pipelines would harm the area's polar bears, caribou, migrating birds and other wildlife. Senate Democrats have pledged to filibuster any energy bill that would open the refuge to oil companies.

Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., acknowledged that ANWR was "a very unique place" that deserves protection but argued that its oil can be developed using modern drilling techniques without harming the environment and wildlife.

Howard hosts fifth annual drive

Students participate in bone marrow drive, offering hope for many

By TRICIA DE GROOT

When then-junior Howard resident Anne Gurucharri discovered in 2000 that her father Vincent (class of 1967) had been diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome, a rare form of leukemia, she looked to the Notre Dame community for help.

After learning of a bone marrow drive held the year before by Zahm Hall and the junior class for student Connor Murphy, Gurucharri began Howard’s own bone marrow drive.

A few months after the drive, her father found a match for a bone marrow transplant that significantly prolonged his battle against cancer so that he was able to see his daughter graduate the following year.

This year marks Howard’s fifth annual bone marrow drive. The drive, which takes place today between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the Donley and Sorin rooms on the first floor of LaFortune, takes blood samples from willing students, faculty and employees and puts them in a computerized registry with approximately four million other potential donors.

The drive does not require donors to go through the actual bone marrow donation procedure. Rather, it puts their information in a registry so that persons in need of a transplant will have a known compatible match can search the registry for a possible donor.

This year the drive is being co-coordinated by Howard juniors Caitlin McGinty and Natalie Bennett.

McGinty and Bennett are both pre-med students and their studies sparked their interest in helping out with the drive.

"I was impressed they could plan all of this among all of the stress in our lives, including the MCA's last Saturday," Howard rector Kathy Brannock said.

Howard Bennett and others began planning for this year’s drive last September, but the bulk of the work came the semester with setup, soliciting volunteers and taking care of the small details to ensure the drive’s success.

"The Howard Bone Marrow Drive is just one of many great events run by Notre Dame students that has the possibility to have a monumental impact on someone's life," McGinty said. "It is something I was proud and excited to be a part of."

Registering to become a potential bone marrow donor usually costs $65, but the University has covered the cost.

"Since we had such great success in registering candidate donors on campus, we have been very fortunate to receive a small financial aid from Notre Dame and discounted rates from Life Source Blood Centers, which provide us with the technicians and supplies to physically conduct the drive," Bennett said.

Last year the Howard drive registered 438 potential donors and is actually involved in registering. They wanted to make sure all students knew that all is required of them is to show up on the day of the drive, fill out a simple blood sample and paper work. Then, once registered, each potential donor stays on the national registries list until the age of 80.

"I really encourage everyone to come out and be registered in this national registry," Brannock said. "To have that chance to be a match is so important, and this is a real call to Notre Dame's campus."

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Investigators resign in U.N. corruption case

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Two senior investigators in the probe of corruption in the U.N.-for-food program have resigned because they believed a report that cleared Kofi Annan of meddling in the $64 billion operation was too soft on the secretary-general and his son.

The investigators felt the Independent Inquiry Committee, led by former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, played down findings critical of Annan when it released an interim report in March related to his son, said Mark Pieth, one of three leaders of the committee.

"You follow a trail and you want to see people pick it up," Pieth told The Associated Press, referring to the two top investigators who left. The committee "told the story" that the investigators presented, "but we made different conclusions than they would have," Pieth said.

The investigators identified as Robert Parton and Miranda Duncan.

Parton, as the senior investigator in the oil-for-food case, had a wide purview. He was responsible for investigations into the procurement of companies under the oil-for-food program and he was the lead investigator on issues pertaining to allegations of impropriety relating to the secretary-general and his son Kofi Annan. Duncan worked on Parton's team.

Parton, a lawyer and former FBI agent who has worked on a hostage-rescue team abroad, confirmed to Associated Press on Wednesday that he resigned a week ago, but he declined further comment.

Duncan did not respond to telephone and e-mail messages left at the Rockefeller Family Fund, where she is a member of the board. She is a granddaughter of billionaire David Rockefeller.

The committee's interim report last month faulted Annan's management of the oil-for-food program, which was set up to help Iraqis cope with crippling U.N. sanctions imposed on Saddam Hussein's regime after his 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

The report also said Annan didn't properly investigate possible conflicts of interest surrounding a U.N. contract awarded to the Swiss employer of Kojo Annan. The investigators criticized Kofi Annan for refusing to push his top advisers further after they conducted a hasty, 24-hour investigation relating to his son and found nothing wrong.

But the interim report cleared the secretary-general of trying to influence the awarding of the $10 million-a-year Swiss contract and said he didn't violate U.N. rules.

Annan said the report exonerated him — something Pieth denied at the time — and the secretary-general said he had no plans to resign. The investigation into Kojo Annan continues.

Volcker has promised to deliver a final oil-for-food investigation report in mid-summer.

The oil-for-food scandal has been among a series of problems that have plagued the United Nations in recent months. U.N. peacekeepers have also been accused of sexual misconduct in Congo and other missions, while the former U.N. refugee chief was accused of sexual harassment.

Annan's spokesman Fred Eichler said the resignations were an internal committee matter and refused to comment. U.N. officials have repeatedly said the report speaks for itself.

A spokeswoman at Volcker's committee, who would speak only on condition of anonymity, said the resignations came after the investigators had completed the work they signed on to do. Pieth acknowledged disagreements within the committee about how to interpret the evidence on Annan, but he denied investigators were censored. He also praised the work of Duncan and Parton.

"I have high esteem for both Robert and Miranda," Pieth said. "It's not a bad parting. I think they are very capable people."

Pieth added, however, that he believed the two investigators got "personally very involved" in the probe and so grew upset.

"Again, this is the nature of things," he said.

MEXICO

Mayor faces trial for power abuse

Leader stripped of immunity, charged with mishandling authority

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Prosecutors charged Mexico City's popular leftist mayor with abuse of authority Wednesday, moving closer to a criminal trial that could knock him out of the 2006 presidential race.

Prosecutors formally asked a court to issue an arrest warrant for Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador. The court has 10 days to comply or dismiss the charges.

On April 7, Congress voted to strip Lopez Obrador of the immunity from prosecution he enjoyed as a public servant, which cleared the way for Wednesday's charges.

Authorities allege the mayor ignored a court order in an obscure land expropriation case. Lopez Obrador claims the charges were fabricated by his political enemies to keep him out of next year's race, which he leads in all public-opinion polls.

Lopez Obrador was traveling in his home state of Tabasco, in southeastern Mexico, when the news broke, and was expected to issue a statement later Wednesday. He has pledged to fight the charges, refuse bail, and act as his own lawyer in the case.

Wednesday's move by prosecutors marks the beginning of the end of a nearly two-week state of limbo during which authorities also insisted that Congress' action effectively barred Lopez Obrador from carrying out his duties as mayor in this city of 8.5 million.

Lopez Obrador debated that interpretation of the law, but stayed away from his office to avoid additional problems.

The mayor's supporters have held nearly daily protests since the congressional vote, surround- ing President Vicente Fox at his public appearances and setting up a protest camp outside his official residence.

Federal prosecutors — who initially appeared in no hurry to charge Lopez Obrador — may have been spurred to quicker action by the prospect of continued demonstrations, and suggestions from some Fox administration officials that a deal might be struck with the mayor.

The case file — comprising 18,000 pages — was delivered to a federal district court based at the Eastern Penitentiary on the edge of Mexico City.

A Fox spokesman had promised earlier in the day that federal prosecutors would move "soon" against the mayor.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Opponents of a free-trade agreement with six Central American countries and Caribbean countries said Wednesday they have the votes to kill the deal when it comes up for a House vote. Supporters decried the measure as a step toward peace with the

Robert Schedro Brown, D-Ohio, an opponent, said that if a vote were held now on the Central American Free Trade Agreement, 195 Democrats and more Republicans than Democrats would reject it, well more than enough to defeat the measure in the 435-member House.

"If CAFTA weren't so wrong-headed and opposition to it so deep, Democrats would have voted on the bill shortly after the president signed it" last May, Brown said. Brown has long called a detailed study of CAFTA, including farm benefits, from both parties, Democrats with ties to organized labor, and groups representing agriculture, labor, religious, humanitarian and environmental interests.

House Republican leaders, meanwhile, held a strategy meeting with lawmakers, in groups and individually, to try and shore up their leadership on the measure. They described the voting as "the last battle" and said they would be able to kill the bill. (Associated Press)
One church, one leader

Even with the election of Benedict XVI, it is difficult to put out of mind the sym­bolism in the death of Pope John Paul II. He had canonized St. Faustina, a Polish nun to whom Christ had personally com­mitted the devotion to His Divine Mercy. John Paul died on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, which he had established as a special day of grace. His funeral was swept by a wind reminiscent of Pentecost; it flipped over and closed the book of Gospels on his coffin. And so on.

John Paul II himself had become a symbol — one of strength as well as sanctity. His human qualities brought him the love and respect of millions. He spoke directly, in person, to more people than anyone else in history. He will merit the title “John Paul the Great” not only for his impact on geopolitics and culture but because he was, above all, a holy pastor of souls and a teacher of Truth.

In Benedict XVI, the Holy Spirit, we trust, has given us the pope we need. But a cautionary note may be in order: the human qualities of its leaders are not what ensure the survival of the Church. Benedict XVI will not have the “star” quality of John Paul II. But the Church will endure because Benedict will be the successor of Peter, the “Rock.”

John Paul II was not even in his grave before pundits were giving the unnamed new pope their orders: to survive, which means to win the approval of the mainstream media. The Church must drop its opposition to women’s ordination, contraception, homosexuality and abortion, for starters.

Fat chance. Those are definitive teachings, not disciplinary rules like Friday abstention or clerical celibacy which could be changed at the will of the pope. In one of his last public statements, on Dec. 6, 2004, John Paul stressed to American bishops “the Church’s binding obligation to remind the faithful of their duty in commerce to act in accordance with her authoritative teaching.”

A teaching of the Church: Magisterium … upon a matter of faith or morals,” even if not proclaimed “by definition act,” must be given “religious submission of intellect and will,” requir­ ing the faithful to “avoid whatever does not accord” with it.

The usual Catholic critics, some in unfamiliar clerical collars, materialized on television after John Paul’s death to warn the Church that it must change. But their day is passing, like an oil slick on a river. John Paul’s appeal to youth reflects the reality of the future. That future belongs not to the dinosaurs left over from the 1960s, but to what The New York Times reported as the youthful “Generation John Paul II.” It belongs to the culture of life as pre­ sented in the social and moral teachings of the Church. John Paul gave the world, and especially its youth, a believable standard. It is not a theory but a person.

The culture of death” sees the inten­tional infliction of death as an optional problem-solving technique. John Paul identified the error of that culture as the denial of both God and the capacity of reason to know objective moral truth. Thirteen days after 9/11, John Paul warned the Munich bishops of Kazakhstan not to use the West as a model in rebuilding their country. The West, he said, suffers from a “spiritual and moral impoverishment” because of its “fatal attempt to secure the good of humanity by eliminating God, the Supreme Good.”

He saw that a democratic system without objective truth is a suicide pact: “If there is no ultimate truth to guide political activity, then ideas … can easily be manipulated for reasons of power. As history demonstrates, a democracy without values easily turns into open or thinly disguised totalitarianism.”

John Paul II, however, was no pes­s­simist. The opening phrase of his pontif­ icate, “Be not afraid!” was “an exhorta­tion,” he later wrote, “to all people … to conquer fear in the present world situa­tion … Why should we have no fear? Because man has been redeemed by God … The power of Christ’s Cross and Resurrection is greater than any evil which man can or should fear.” (Crossing the Threshold of Hope, p. 218-19).

The pope who died as a new spring was emerging had assured us that “God is preparing a great springtime for Christianity.” His coffin carried an imprint of a cross and the letter “M” for Mary. His epitaph was “Toto Tuus,” affirming his commitment to her to be “all yours.”

John Paul wrote that when Christ told the apostles and the women, “Be not afraid!” those words were not addressed to Mary. Strong in her faith, she had no fear … Christ will conquer through her, because He wants the Church’s victories now and in the future to be linked to her “D” (220-21). At the University of Our Lady, we ought to keep that in mind. And act accordingly. Habemus papam. Beu Gratias.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

Quote of the Day

“To persevere, trusting in what hopes he has, is courage in a man.”

Euripides
Greek Playwright
Explaining humanistic studies

"What exactly is "humanistic studies"? I have answered this question a countless number of times whenever someone asks me what my major is. It is not that I mind answering, but I wish to explain exactly what they mean by "humanistic" in respects that I think would be beneficial for those of you out there — likely the majority — who haven't really thought about what humanistic studies is about.

First, I must admit that this major is unique to Saint Mary's, which may explain the air of mystery surrounding it. The program is much like humanities programs at other schools — it weaves together history, literature, philosophy and art to give students a more complete understanding and appreciation for Western culture. Additionally, here is a strong emphasis placed on Christianity's dynamic role in forming civilization.

My fellow J sunset and I have heard that one of the College's administrators refers to us collectively as the "laci majors." Believe me — this has left many of us baffled as well. I like to think that we are just a stylish group. But I am guessing this has further implications.

One girl suggested that maybe this is because they think we are the school's practical smears — focusing on what are often referred to as the "great books." Another suggested that perhaps it is because we appreciate what is classic and timeless. Maybe we will never know why our group has been given this nickname, but we are surely less proud of our major than they are.

Humanistic studies began in the fall semester of 1956 at Saint Mary's and was founded by Bruno Schlesinger. It was officially known as the Program for Christian Culture and was an experiment based on the British historian Christopher Dawson's idea that Christian culture in history, literature, art, and social and spiritual thought should be studied as an integrated whole.

Imaginately, the program received much national attention and support. Both the student enrollment and faculty of the department has grown since Professor Schlesinger pioneered the program with this year's junior class.

Today the major usually has about 20 new students each year. These small classes not only encourage strong relationships between fellow students and professors but also give a unique setting for our discussion-based classes.

The Humanistic Studies program was the first at Saint Mary's to be granted a nationally endowed chair to the college. It was named after our founder Bruno Schlesinger who dedicated himself and taught in our program until just this year. His 60 years of service to Saint Mary's have been quite remarkable. Many alumni have described his distinguished reputation to me as "the reason I came to Saint Mary's for an education."

On Monday, Saint Mary's honored Professor Schlesinger and the program with various contributions to the college, and named Professor Gail Mandelli to the Bruno F. Schlesinger Chair for her service and dedication to the major. She humbly accepted this honor, telling her students and fellow professors, "You are just 13 reason for being here. You are my reason for doing what I do."

Mandelli and the other faculty members of the program continue to remain committed to the twenty unique ideas of the program. As Professor Schlesinger said, his purpose was "To give the students bread instead of stone."

I think I can speak for all of my fellow majors when I say that we have been nourished by what we have learned from our studies.

Our focus on history and culture in addition to Shakespeare and Virgil, Augustine, Chaucer, Machiavelli, Mary, Shakespeare, Voltaire and Freud (to name a few) has given us a better understanding and perspective of the history of Western civilization, contemporary issues, and our own lives.

I encourage any student, either at Saint Mary's or Notre Dame, to take a Humanistic Studies course. If you have the time. For those of you who are still looking for a major, this one is worth further consideration.

Humanistic studies is a unique and enriching program that helps develop superior skills in thinking, reading, writing, listening, and speaking. In closing, I would like to pay tribute to Bruno Schlesinger for his outstanding service to Saint Mary's.

He truly has become a treasure to the College. I would also like to congratulate Gail Mandelli — I know she will carry on in Dr. Schlesinger's great tradition.

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WIRE

New hope for a new pope

The pope has incredible influence over millions of people worldwide, including college students. USA Today recently reported that here at the University of Utah, humanist students outnumbered those of all other faiths.

This being said, all the coverage surrounding the election of the new pope is highly relevant to us collegiate.

Much of the world was surprised by the choice of a German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger as Pope Benedict XVI, for many believed a non-European pope would take a different approach to Church doctrine. But few are questioning the fact that Benedict XVI will be the first German pope in 11 centuries.

Although this did not occur, since Ratzinger is even known as the "Pope of wisdom," it does not necessarily mean Benedict XVI won't be effective in reaching out to the world. If he walks in the footsteps of John Paul II, he may be a conservative leader, but he will also maintain a global vision.

The last pope was a wonderful representative of Christianity and an advocate of hope. He reached out to countries across the world and encouraged leaders to choose peace and tolerance. Thus, I am looking forward to Pope Benedict XVI's opportunity to be the same.

Younger than John Paul II, the world should expect Benedict XVI to have renewed vitality in traveling the world and associating with world leaders.

He can cross religious divides and impact global opinion. No celebrity can rival his ability to speak out against atrocities and injustices and plead for humanitarian donations.

Hopefully, the new pope will take advantage of these opportunities and change the course of the Church.

Liberal-leaning faithful were dismayed by Tuesday's announcement, and Latin American and African nations were disappointed by the absence of members of another Latin American pope. But politics should take a backseat to religion, and true religion, the New Testament says, is helping the widowed and fatherless.

Benedict XVI should reunite Catholics worldwide under a banner of charity, tolerance and peace. These values surpass the importance of ideology.

If nothing else, maybe a German car company — either Audi, BMW or Mercedes — will supply an even cooler "Pope-mobile."

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By BRODERICK HENRY
Scene Music Critic

Mariah Carey is a music superstar. With 16 No. 1 pop hits and more than 57 million units sold in the U.S. alone, Carey is considered one of the greatest singers of our generation.

Yet, like superstars Whitney Houston and Michael Jackson, Carey has had her fair share of problems. After a very public divorce from Sony music exec Tommy Mottola in 1997, Carey’s career went from a sizzle to a slow burn. As her clothes have come off, the hits have diminished, and the pop diva’s inner demons have also surfaced. During the past four years, the singer has experienced an emotional breakdown — highlighted by a bizarre appearance on MTV’s Total Request Live — and suffered the critical and commercial failure of two records and a movie. As a result, Carey finds herself trying to revamp an image and a career with the release of “The Emancipation of Mimi.”

With that in mind, the first single from “Emancipation,” “It’s Like That,” finds Mariah in a current sound singing, “Cuz it’s my life / No stress, No fights / I’m leaving it all behind.”

Lyrically and musically, it is a significant retreat from Carey’s earlier works. Driven by a hard bass-line, the 35-year-old singer proclaims herself a “hot tamale and those chickens ass, and she lottle.” Undoubtedly, Carey is attempting to cater to the MTV and BET audience who were five years old when her first album was released. To that end the song has been a great success, selling more than 404,000 copies in its first week of release. However, it may have confused the pop diva’s devoted fans about the direction she is headed.

Luckily, the rest of “Emancipation” is not as predictable or commercially constricted as “It’s like That.” Similar to most of today’s pop records, the album has its fair share of guest performers: Snoop Dogg, Nelly, Twista and Jermaine Dupri, who makes numerous appearances as both producer and MC. Other than Twista’s appearance on the stylized rapsinging hybrid “One and Only,” these collaborations are rather forgettable. It appears the songbird is at her best when she leaves the musical extras of hip-hop behind and displays the incomparable five-octave instrumental that has made her famous — her voice.

“Mine Again” is a standout and the perfect example of Carey’s singing ability. Produced by Roots producer James Poyser, it is a song of heartbeat and yearning. The ballad begins with introductory piano keys and then adds horns and a bass guitar. Not much else is added to the mix, leaving Mariah’s voice to bring her past relationship gone wrong to life, which she does effortlessly.

Although “The Emancipation of Mimi” has its missteps, highlights like “Mine Again” and “Fly Like a Bird” more than make up for them.

The Kanye West produced “Stay the Night” samples the old school hit “Betcha” by Gally Why,” and brightens the album up a lot. The sped-up sample works well with Mimi’s wailing. Of course, no Mariah album would be complete without an inspirational gospel record. This time around it is the emotionally uplifting “Fly Like a Bird,” which is reminiscent of Carey’s former hits “Make It Happen” and “Hero.” Searing vocals and beautiful instrumentation leads the listener to believe either she or Carey will fly away.

Overall, “The Emancipation of Mimi” is a good listen despite today’s radio-singles-driven market. Although the album does have a few missteps, the good tracks, buoyed by Carey’s voice and exquisite production, more than make up for them. An emancipated Mimi is an older, slightly flamed, more soulful Mimi.

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Emancipation of Mimi
Mariah Carey
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ALBUM REVIEWS
Carey shows her voice can still soar

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

Although “Elevator” is its second album, few people have probably heard of the Canadian four-piece band Hot Hot Heat. Yet “Elevator” has garnered the attention of MTV and is slowly becoming a part of the contemporary music scene. While Hot Hot Heat shows promise as a great band, in comparison to similar bands like Jet, The Hives, Razorlight and Korn, Hot Hot Heat does not measure up.

The Vancouver, Canada-based band is a basic four-piece rock band, with Steve Bays on vocals and keyboards, Paul Hawley on drums, Dustin Hawthorne on bass and Luke Paquin on guitar.

The band is excited about its latest album and according to its Web site, the rock band is “a heightened version of what we’ve been doing from the beginning.”

All in all, her lyrics are cleverly crafted to catapult the band into the same level as its rock contemporaries. That is not to say that there are not great songs on “Elevator.” There are a handful of highlights and there is not really a bad song on the entire album. “Middle of Nowhere” is one of the best songs on the album and is also the second single Hot Hot Heat is releasing off of “Elevator.” The song shows the skill Hot Hot Heat has for developing a catchy melody and memorable lyrics.

As many of the songs on the album are, “Middle of Nowhere” is about a girl and the confusion that lies in the singer’s relationship with her. The girl chimes in with advice multiple times throughout the song. At one point, “She said, ‘Unpredictability’s my responsibility, baby,’ and at another, ‘She said, ‘Maybe there is a bit of me waking for a bit of you, baby.’” All in all, her lyrics are cleverly crafted to catapult the band into the same level as its rock contemporaries.

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Hot Hot Heat stays lukewarm

By BECCA SAUNDERS
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Hot Hot Heat has its moments, but it is not on par with similar bands like Jet, The Hives and Razorlight.

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MacFarlane enjoying comedic success

He’s a family man, evil infant, talking dog and sarcastic alien. In response to the success of the
Family Guy, MacFarlane says he recognizes the cancellation was a business decision that the network was entitled to. He also says for so many other rules later to be filled by guest actors that there had to be an exchange between Brian and Peter, gets the voice mixed up — to a chorus of laughter from so many people gathered in the conference room at MacFarlane’s office.

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BOSTON — Vince Carter and the New Jersey Nets clinched the NBA's last playoff berth with a shaky start and a strong finish — the same way the team's season went.

Carter shook off an early injury and scored 24 of his 37 points in the second half as the Nets' comeback from a 19-point, second-quarter deficit in a 103-93 win over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

New Jersey clinched one final rally after the Celtics used an 8-0 run to close to 96-93 with 1:53 left. The Nets scored the final six points, all on free throws, then shook hands with Boston players and walked calmly off the court.

They got the No. 8 seed in the Eastern Conference and play at top-seeded Miami on Sunday. The Celtics already had clinched the No. 3 seed and open their first-round series at Cleveland for the first playoff spot. Had the Nets lost, they would have been eliminated because Cleveland won at Toronto.

New York 113, Washington 105

Jamal Crawford made six 3-pointers and scored 36 points, and the New York Knicks came back from behind to beat the playoff-bound Washington Wizards 113-105 on Wednesday night.

The Knicks didn't lead until 1:48 remained when Maurice Taylor upped their lead to 42-38, and it was a nail-biter until Crawford followed with his seventh 3-pointer with 1:06 left, and the Wizards' 6th so far. After a break for the Nets, who set a record by hitting all 26 of their free throws, Crawford led by seven with 9:30 left.

Stephan Marbury added 20 points and seven assists for the Knicks, who avoided a 50-loss season with a 28th straight win.

Houston 124, Milwaukee 106

Micheal Malone scored 25 points for the Rockets, but neither Larry Hughes nor Dwight Howard played more than a quarter for Houston's first playoff series against Chicago, which starts Sunday.

Miami 98, Orlando 93

With Shaquille O'Neal and Dwyane Wade watching from the bench, it was Elton Brand who had them turn up for their first-round playoff match with Denver.

Alec Burks had a career-high 10 points and 14 rebounds for the Nuggets, who out-rebounded the Spurs 58-39.

Tim Duncan played only 23 minutes for the Spurs, the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference. They will open playoffs Sunday at home against the Nuggets.

Minnesota 95, San Antonio 73

The Minnesota Timberwolves' last season finally came to an end Wednesday night with a 95-73 victory over the San Antonio Spurs, already looking ahead to their first-round playoff match with Denver.

Nudni Elbi had a career-high 16 points and 14 rebounds and Michael Olowokandi had 10 points and 14 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who out-rebounded the Spurs 58-39.

Dwight Howard was 11-of-14 from the field and grabbed six rebounds. Dirk Nowitzki scored 16 points, 10 in the final quarter.

Charlotte 97, Detroit 86

Emska Okáfoor left the court for the last time with a broken right shoe without his shirt or shoes, everything given away to the Detroit Pistons.

Carter had 16 points and 19 rebounds as Bobcats beat out the first-seeded Dallas Mavericks for the last playoff berth by a 2-point differential. Simmons also had 20 for the Bobcats.

Philadelphia 110, Atlanta 86

Kyle Korver was open for 20 points, Josh Davis was flipping channels trying to locate another game, and isolated on the floor, the Atlanta Hawks won their final regular-season game.

The Hawks made all 24 of their free-throw attempts for a 97-86 win Wednesday night.

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MLB

Garciaparra injured in Cubs win

Chicago shortstop

Jerry Hairston replaced Garciaparra in the lineup, playing second base with Neifi Perez moving from second to shortstop.

Garciaparra's slump landed him in the sixth spot in the Cubs' lineup. He'd batted third all season but is in a 4-for-23 skid and has four RBI this season. He volunteered to move down in the order if it would help the team.

"I'm not going to be upset about it," Garciaparra said before the game. "I'm just struggling a little bit, just off. That's the nature of the game and I just need to get working through it."

Derek Lee, batting .385 with 17 home runs and 17 RBI, switched places with Garciaparra in the lineup. Manager Dusty Baker thought it was best not to tinker with the rest of the order.

"He said, 'I'm not helping us now,'" Baker said. "He just wants to win and I know he feels bad about not contributing. He hasn't struggled this much in a long time."

Baker said it's likely only a minor alteration is needed for Garciaparra to bust out of his slump.

"It's usually something small," the manager said. "But we haven't been around him long enough to know what it is."

Earlier in the week, the Cubs tried giving Garciaparra a rest. But after a day off he was 0-for-5 without hitting the ball out of the infield on Tuesday at Cincinnati.

Lee was 14-for-32 in his previous nine games, plus he batted .420 against the Cardinals last year with five homers and 16 RBI in 69 at-bats.

NFL

Clarett is a likely second-day choice

Maurice Clarett's long, strange trip to the NFL is nearing its end. Maybe it's been more than two years since Clarett joined the fifth round, said a touchdown that gave Ohio State its first national title in 34 years.

Then came legal troubles, NCAA violations and a failed lawsuit against the NFL. A player once spoken of with the kind of awe reserved for a young talent like LeBron James had become synonymous with controversy and poor character.

Now, Clarett is saying and doing all the right things — enough, perhaps, for a team to select him in this weekend's NFL draft.

"He's definitely a second-day pick," said Gil Brandt, the NFL's draft consultant. "He's really tried to turn his life around."

Brandt knows Clarett hasn't dazzled anyone with his speed. After a disastrous showing at the NFL combine, Clarett improved last month at a private workout near his hometown of Warren, Ohio, running a 4.67-second 40-yard dash.

But University of Akron coach Benett Smith and Jerome Bettis didn't run that fast either, Brandt said.

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### GOLF

**Singh inducted to Hall of Fame, barely**

Vijay Singh smiles during a news conference to announce his induction to the World Golf Hall of Fame's Class of 2005 Wednesday in Humble, Texas. Singh is the defending champion of the Houston Open, which starts today.

**Associated Press**

Vijay Singh's arduous journey from Fiji reached another unimaginable destination Wednesday when he was elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame with the lowest percentage of votes and help from a clause in criteria.

Singh was the only player elected from the PGA Tour ballot, receiving 56 percent of the vote.

"Coming from where I am, trying to make a living and never thinking about player of the year or the Hall of Fame, this was never in my wildest dreams," Singh said from the Houston Open, where he is the defending champion. "This is what hard work does. It pays off!"

Few have worked harder than Singh, 42, a self-taught player from tiny Fiji who tripped on tours around the world until his career took off in America. He has 25 victories on the PGA Tour, won three major championships and late last year reached No. 1 in the world ranking.

But his election to the Hall of Fame was a close call.

Players from the PGA Tour and International ballot require 65 percent of the vote for election. Hall of Fame officials two years ago added a stipulation that if no one got 65 percent, the players with the most votes will be elected provided he is on at least 50 percent of the ballots.

It was the second time the Hall of Fame changed its criteria, lowering the standard from 75 percent to 65 percent in 2001 after no one from the PGA Tour was elected.

Larry Nelson, who won 10 times and three major championships, finished second in the voting with 55 percent.

Curtis Strange, the dominant American of his generation with 17 victories and the back-to-back U.S. Open titles, received 50 percent of the vote. Two-time major winners Fuzzy Zoeller (49 percent) and Craig Stadler (41 percent) rounded out the top five.

The World Golf Hall of Fame refused to say how many ballots were returned or how many votes Singh, Nelson and other candidates received; it only released percentages.

The induction ceremony is scheduled for Nov. 14 at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, Fla., although it was not immediately clear when Singh would be inducted.

### IN BRIEF

**Major league umpire investigated in alleged assault**

DENVER — Major league umpire Paul Schrieber is under investigation for an alleged assault on a flight attendant during a trip to Denver last weekend, two sources told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

U.S. attorney's spokesman Jeff Proctor confirmed federal prosecutors are investigating allegations that a flight attendant was assaulted by a passenger on Sunday. He said no decision has been made on whether charges would be filed.

American Airlines spokesman Tim Wagner said the flight attendant was verbally abused and physically assaulted, but would not identify anyone involved.

A baseball source and a law enforcement source, both speaking on condition of anonymity, told the AP that Schrieber was being investigated.

The 38-year-old Schrieber worked the games between the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies on Monday and Tuesday. He is in his eighth season in the majors and has done three playoff series and an All-Star game.

**Indiana fans say goodbye to Reggie Miller**

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller scripted his own farewell.

He chose the music, left the game on his terms and delivered on the court in typical fashion Wednesday night — helping to spark a late rally at the Indiana Pacers beat Chicago 81-83 in his final regular-season home game.

Afterward, Miller, a sometimes brash talker and effervescent celeb, showed a humble side. He thanked the Indiana Pacers fans for helping him grow up and choked back tears as team owner Herb Simon gave Miller a parting gift — a Bentley car.

"They talk about Los Angeles and Hollywood and New York, but nobody really knows how to do this but in the heartland," Miller said as he spoke to the soldout crowd.

The Indianapolis Children's Choir and the Pacers all wore Miller's favorite band's black T-shirt for the game.

**Bulls put Chandler on injured list for last game**

INDIANAPOLIS — The Chicago Bulls placed Tyson Chandler on the injured list Wednesday night and activated guard Frank Williams before their game at Indiana, the final game of the regular season.

Chandler, averaging eight points and 9.7 rebounds a game, sprained his left ankle Tuesday night in Chicago's victory over the New York Knicks.

The Bulls said Chandler will return in time for the playoffs and will be included on their 12-man active roster.
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Diamondbacks top Giants in pitchers’ duel

Vazquez throws seven shutout innings to get first win of season

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Even though he spent last season in the American League, Javier Vazquez remembered how to beat the San Francisco Giants.

Vazquez pitched seven scoreless innings, helping the Arizona Diamondbacks hand Noah Lowry the first loss of his major league career with a 2-1 victory over the Giants on Wednesday night.

Vazquez (1-2) allowed eight hits, struck out two in his last six decisions against the Giants.

"I've actually felt as good or better my first three starts," Vazquez said. "I got a few breaks today and got the results."

The last time he faced the Giants, on Aug. 18, 2003, as a member of the Montreal Expos, he pitched a shutout. Vazquez improved to 2-1 with a 2.10 ERA in four games at SBC Park.

"I've been on the other side of him shutting us out," Diamondbacks manager Bob Melvin said. "That's no surprise to me. I knew he was going to give us an outing like this. He picked us up big time."

Lowry (1-1) had been 7-0 in 22 games, including 16 starts. That was the second-longest winning streak to start a career in Giants history, behind Hooks Willet's 12-0 start in 1964.

Lowry gave up only two hits, but walked five and allowed both runs in six innings. He struck out four and retired the final seven batters he faced.

"I just didn't have it," Lowry said. "The winning streak doesn't matter to me. I was just trying to find some consistency. By the time I found it, it was too late."

The Diamondbacks, hitting only .225 through the first six games of a seven-game road trip, won for just the second time in six games. They also beat the Giants in San Francisco for the second time in 12 games.

"It was just enough," the Diamondbacks' Luis Gonzalez said. "This road trip we haven't hit as well as we'd like, but Vazquez pitched great. He's been a dominant pitcher in the National League his whole career."

Brian Bruney got the first two outs of the eighth, and Brandon Lyon came on for the final four outs, earning his sixth save in seven chances despite giving up his first earned run of the season in his eighth appearance.

Pedro Feliz doubled with two outs in the eighth and Bruney walked Edgardo Alfonzo before Lyon came in to strike out Marquis Grissom.

"We had lots of offense," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "Even by accident we should have scored." Durum hit a sacrifice fly off Lyon in the ninth before Omar Vizquel flied out to center field and Troy Glaus followed with a sacrifice fly.

The Diamondbacks turned three double plays in the first five innings to support Vazquez, who did not allow a runner past second until the Giants left the bases loaded with two outs in the seventh.

"Defense has been big for us all season," Melvin said. "It was the difference in the ball game. It's almost routine the way Counsell and Clayton come up with balls that has affected the game."

The Giants had two runners on in the third, but Vazquez — playing in his 2,139th game at shortstop, tying him with Alan Trammell for eighth all-time — grounded out. Feliz fow out with two on in the sixth.
Belichick takes long-term view of NFL draft

Patriots coach doesn’t expect much rookie contribution next year

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots go into the draft with a team that already looks different than last season’s champions.

Ty Law and Troy Brown were released and Tedy Bruschi had a mild stroke that could sideline him at least for this season. Still, coach Bill Belichick isn’t counting on immediate contributions from the players he picks this weekend.

“It is not always what a guy can do on the first opening day of his rookie year,” he said. “We have seen a lot of players that have changed their value to the team as they have improved, whether it be after the first year or after the second year.

That growth process worked so well that the Patriots won three of the last four Super Bowls, an amazing accomplishment, but one that extends their season and cuts into their time to plan for the draft.

“I’m glad that that was the situation,” Belichick said. “But it is still putting three months worth of work into two or two-and-a-half,” he said. “There is nothing we can do about it.”

He and his staff haven’t had to spend much time studying the top 10 to 15 players available because the Patriots have the last picks of the first and second rounds. That gives them fewer options to trade for a better pick than they had last year, when they had the 21st and 32nd picks but kept both.

Their third pick is the 100th overall, a compensatory choice for losing free agents. Their own third-round choice was traded in March for linebacker Derick Brooks. They’re not allowed to trade the compensatory pick.

“That really limits what you can do in the first two rounds,” Belichick said.

The key for Belichick is how a drafted player performs within the Patriots’ system once he becomes familiar with it. And that player could be chosen in a late round rather than on Saturday’s first day of the draft, when the first three rounds will take place.

The Patriots took quarterback Tom Brady in the sixth round in 2000, a choice Belichick called the best of his career.

But he also took wide receiver David Givens in the seventh round in 1998 and tight end Daniel Koppen in the fifth round in 2003. Then there’s Brown, an eighth-round pick in 1993 who turned into an outstanding wide receiver and even saw considerable action at defensive back last season.

With an eye toward controlling their salary cap, the Patriots released Brown and should be set at wide receiver after signing veterans David Terrell and Tim Dwight.

Belichick said Brown could be re-signed.

“I don’t want to comment on any of those personal conversations,” he may have had concerning that possibility, he said.

The Patriots could use help in the draft at defensive back after releasing Law following 10 years with the team.

And Bruschi’s condition — along with the release of linebacker Roman Phifer — creates a need at that position.

Belichick shed no light on the likelihood of Bruschi playing in 2006.

“I think that Tedy has made a number of comments about his situation, and I would just defer to him on any of those. I don’t have anything to add,” he said.

Even if Belichick isn’t counting on Bruschi for the coming season, that may not influence him to draft a linebacker.

“If you are looking for a certain type of player, there is going to be a group that really appeals to you,” he said, “and there is going to be another group that you just really don’t have much use for, but are going to be drafted because other teams will be looking for those types of players.

Since the Super Bowl, the team has added linebackers Monty Beisel from Kansas City and Wesly Mallard from the New York Giants.

“We have seen a lot of players that have changed their value to the team as they have improved.”

Bill Belichick

Patriots coach

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Cycling

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NHL

Start of season may be delayed

Deal with players' union preferred over replacements

Associated Press

NEW YORK - If the NHL season is to begin on time, it will have to be with a new collective bargaining agreement in place - not with replacement players.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said Wednesday that the season won't start in October if a new agreement hasn't been reached with the union, but left open the possibility that replacement players would be considered if no deal is struck.

The league continues to plan on having hockey in October, Bettman said.

"If we do not have a new collective bargaining agreement, we will not open the season on time," Bettman said. "If that is an essentially at that juncture, we will have to start again on what options we will pursue."

The likelihood of replacement players taking the ice has diminished greatly since the last board meeting on March 1.

At that time, Bettman and several team representatives stressed that they expected next season to begin on time. The goal has always been to make a deal with the union, but it was clear that other options were being considered.

Replacement players appeared to be the most plausible alternative.

But having become the first major sports league in North America to lose an entire season to a labor dispute, the NHL doesn't seem anxious to jump into that scenario - yet.

"We have stayed out of the replacement player debate since we thought it was a poorly conceived and ill-advised strategy," both Goodenow, the executive director of the players' association, said, in a statement. "Finally, it appears the League has come to realize it would be bad for the fans, the sport and the business.

"The NHL should focus its efforts on reaching an agreement with the players."

Bettman was adamant that the board was as unified as ever and said there was plenty of support for all scenarios should a deal with the union fall out of reach.

"We made it clear that we were going to explore all our options," Bettman said. "Exploring your options, doesn't mean you're doing it or not doing it. It doesn't mean it's a good idea or a bad idea."

Bettman wouldn't even use the term replacements, choosing "new players" instead.

He didn't set a deadline for a deal and he hasn't expressed interest in Goodenow. The lockout was imposed last Sept. 16 after the expiration of the previous agreement with the union.

Representatives from all 30 NHL teams met in New York for the second time in seven weeks.

"It was really just a far-reaching discussion of all the alternatives and updating us," said Richard Peddie, the president of Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment. "In the end, everyone agreed let's keep focusing on trying to get a deal."

Both the NHL, and the players association said that no progress was made during a six-hour negotiating session on Tuesday.

That was the fifth trip to the table for the sides since the season was called off in February. Bettman said he was going to call Goodenow later Wednesday to set up a series of meetings.

NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said he was hoping to set up a schedule of multiple meetings per week over the next couple of weeks. Negotiations could even take place in Austria, where the hockey world championships will be held from April 30-May 15.

"They're inching toward an agreement," Dallas Stars president Jim Lites said. "We're on the same page. We're talking concepts that may a year ago were pretty foreign to both sides.

In an April 4 meeting, the union came up with an idea that addresses the relationship between player costs and league revenues.

The concept, discussed extensively Tuesday, contains an upper and lower salary cap that would float among the teams depending on revenues from year to year. Financially successful years would increase the thresholds, but poor seasons would lower them.

Where the numbers fall and what the range would be is not close to being agreeable.

"The unit said for as long as anyone can remember that they'll never, ever agree to a cap, but is now negotiating a cap, that's good news," Bettman said. "The bad news is there is no economic reality to what we need. But at least now we're in a negotiating session where it's dollars and cents."

MLB

Montero suspended 10 days for drug use

Rangers pitcher is third player to test positive for enhancers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Texas Rangers minor league pitcher Agustin Montero was suspended for 10 days Wednesday, becoming the third player to test positive for performance-enhancing drugs.

Agustin, who has never appeared in a major league game, failed the drug test while on the Rangers' 40-man roster during spring training. He was designated for assignment on April 2, when opening-day rosters were set, then sent outright to Frisco of the Double-A Texas League.

He is 0-1 with a 5.63 ERA in eight innings over five relief appearances.

Texas manager Buck Showalter said Agustin planned to appeal the suspension, and general manager John Hart thought it was "really possible" that the positive test might have resulted from a legally prescribed medication.

"We support him," Showalter said. "The Rangers played at Tampa Bay. Gene Orza, chief operating officer of the players' association, didn't return a telephone call seeking comment.

A 27-year-old right-hander, Montero spent four years in the Oakland organization and five in the Los Angeles Dodgers system before signing with Texas last Nov. 19.

He began this season with a 28-22 record and 4.38 ERA in 28 starts and 234 relief appearances in the minors, then went 0-1 with a 7.15 ERA in 11 1-3 innings over 11 games during spring training with the Rangers.

His contract calls for him to be paid at a yearly rate of $90,000, with a minimum salary of $35,000 in the minors.

The suspension, which will be served immediately, is without pay and will cost him $4,918.

If Montero had tested positive while on the minor league roster, he would have been suspended for 50 games.

Tampa Bay outfielder Alex Sanchez was the first player suspended under the new major league program, starting his 10-day ban April 3.

Colorado outfielder Jorge Piedra was suspended for 10 days starting April 11.

This is the first season in which players are penalized for first offenses.

In 2004, players testing positive for the first time were sent for counseling and their names were not revealed.

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MLB

Small Roberts has big start to season

Associated Press

Baltimore — The February trade that brought Sammy Sosa to Baltimore provided the Orioles with a potent slugging who leads the team in home runs. His name is Brian Roberts.

When the Orioles sent Jerry Hairston and two minor leaguers to the Chicago Cubs for Sosa, they acquired a cleanup hitter with 574 career homers. It ended a longtime duel between Hairston and Roberts, who had competed for the starting job at second base for four consecutive seasons.

There was no animosity between Roberts and Hairston, just a fierce competition that ultimately wore on both of them. Now that Hairston is gone, Roberts knows that a few hitless performances won't send him to the bench. That's one big reason he's gotten off to a torrid start, one that has enabled the Orioles to flourishing as a starter, but figured he was a slump away from becoming a backup.

"It wouldn't have been just me involved if I would have gone into the stands, it would have been my teammates. I would have put them at risk. I'd have put the organization at risk and also baseball," he said.

The commissioner's office said Watson concluded the fan's behavior during Wednesday night's game at Fenway Park scuffle was not warranted. "Sheffield was not warranted." Commissioner Bud Selig, in a statement, said: "We do not condone any interaction between fans and players whether initiated by either fan or players. I am pleased that Gary Sheffield showed restraint in not overreacting to the improper and clearly aggressive action of the fan in question."

"Sheffield in response swung his arms in an effort to extricate himself from the situation and to avoid further abuse, then completed the play and returned to confront the fan," the statement continued. "At that time no further altercation occurred, Red Sox security stepped in promptly and order was restored. Under the circumstances, Bob Watson concluded that discipline for Sheffield was not warranted."

"It just proves that I was right," Sheffield said before Wednesday night's game at Toronto. "I'm just glad I was an example of how to handle a situation without making it worse or hurting the Yankees or any organization for that matter, or any sport."
Dokes

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simply. "In one word, he's domi-
nant," the former Notre Dame wide receiver and current law student said. "He's the best big man I've ever seen in a bookstore.

Basketball did not always come easily for Dokes. Though in his freshman year at South Bend's Riley High School, Dokes struggled and became frustrated with the game.

"I was always the overweight kid," Dokes said. "I wasn't good in enough shape to really do what I wanted to do. And my coordina-
tion hadn't caught up with my feet yet."

All that changed when head coach Tom Debates arrived at Riley for Dokes' sophomore year. Debates recog-

ized Dokes' potential and encouraged him to "Playing in Turkey taught me how to be stronger with the ball and go to the boards harder."

Ron Dokes
CoCoa Butter player

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walked away with the champi-
nship. However, veterans will tell him that once the Sweet 16 begins, anything can happen.

"Each year we go out there with the mindset we go out and have a good time," said Justin Funk of Wi We Get Wet, the No. 2 seed in the Sweet 16. "Anything can happen in Bookstore — we know because we've seen just about every-
thing that could happen in the last three years."

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The team's lone loss came Tuesday in game two of a doubleheader with DePaul in which the Blue Demons came away with a 7-4 comeback victory. Notre Dame won game one of that doubleheader, and stretched its winning streak to 19 games before falling to DePaul in game two of the series.

The Irish are anxious to get another winning streak started, and equally anxious to be back home again.

"We're really hoping to take these games this weekend and next week and really use them as momentum as we head toward the Big East tournament," Gumpf said. "I hope that (loss against DePaul) is a wake-up call for our girls that they need to play hard every single game down the stretch."

One player who has had little trouble consistently answering the call for the Irish has been senior pitcher Steffany Stenglein. Stenglein is 15-4 on the season, with an ERA of 1.27 and a commanding 191 strikeouts in 121 2/3 innings. Opponents are hitting only .141 against her, and she said.

"She has a confidence in her ability to get out of any jam."

Deanna Gumpf
Irish coach

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SMC TENNIS

Belles look to utilize freshman position, and keep improving.

"This match will be a good chance for people to work on the areas they need improvement in, areas where they know they need work," Mikulczyk said.

The team also believes their problems stem from this year's lack of experience.

"There are girls in top positions that haven't played college sports before," Mikulczyk said. "This season has been about working to get them that experience and we've been working hard. Now, we hope to put in a good showing at the conference championship."

Nevertheless, the Belles remain confident with two more conference matches to go in the regular season and the conference tournament fast approaching.

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The Irish rallied from two down in the bottom of the eighth to take a 7-6 lead, but closer Brian Doherty couldn't finish the game. Purdue Bohmierd and Calvins. "These last couple losses have hopefully taught us that we're making too many mistakes and hopefully well learn from these mistakes," Palombo said. "Now we need to work on volatility, coming in to the net and attacking more. Hopefully we'll have more confidence in our next couple matches."

The Kalamazoo and Adrian losses were difficult because they were both 9-0 matches. "We're at the point right now where we've lost so many, it's hard to think of winning. It's hard to want it, hard to step up and win," Palombo said. "It's easy to get down on yourself when you're not on a winning streak, when you're not playing as well as you can play."

Despite their recent misfortunes, the Belles are still trying to be positive, recognizing that they can learn from these losses and keep improving.

First baseman Matt Edwards and Lilley continue to pace the Irish on offensive side. Lilley finished with two hits against Purdue. Centerfielder Alex Netty broke out of a slump with a four-hit game. Notre Dame improved to 21-15 and dropped Purdue to 11-22.

Tonight at 6 p.m., the Irish will take the diamond at Frank Eck Stadium to face the Valparaiso Crusaders.

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BASEBALL

ND tops Purdue, 9-7, in the 12th inning at Coveleski Stadium

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

The list of classics at the Cove goes Wednesday night.

Notre Dame defeated the Purdue Boilermakers 9-7 in a 12-inning thriller at the single-A South Bend Silverhawks' Coveleski Stadium. Outfielder Craig Cooper smashed a mammoth walk-off home run to left field, sending the Irish to their fourth straight victory.

Notre Dame and Purdue met for the 116th time Wednesday -- the sixth-most Irish meetings against any single opponent. The Irish lead the all-time series 76-39-5 after Wednesday's dramatic victory.

Starting Irish pitcher Wade Korpi threw six solid innings, allowing six runs -- three earned. While the contest lasted slightly over four hours, it ranks alongside the 1989 season's memorable games at the Cove.

That year, the Midwestern Collegiate Conference (the Irish's conference prior to joining the Big East) Tournament was held at Coveleski Stadium.

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Cove classic

Irish freshman Britt Lilley takes a swing against the Boilermakers. Notre Dame defeated Purdue, 9-7, in 12 innings Wednesday night.

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXIV

‘U Got a Bad Draw’ leads this year’s Sweet 16

Reigning champions confident in their ability to repeat

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Sixteen teams. Eighty players. Eight thousand fans. But only one team will be named champion on April 24.

And at this point, every group of three believes it could be them.

"I think that this year's field is definitely a lot deeper than last year's," said Chinedum Ndukwe, captain of top-seeded U Got a Bad Draw. "I think we're having some good games trying to get to the finals, but I'm not worried about anyone in particular. If we play our style of basketball, I think we'll be hard to beat.

Last year, Ndukwe's team made a run to the national championship.