ND drinking habits not affected by ban

Officials: no decline in alcohol use since '02, but drop in consumption was not purpose of rule changes

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Assistant News Editor

Editor's note: This is the second story in a three-part series examining the use and abuse of alcohol at Notre Dame, the University's attempts to solve alcohol-related problems and the future of the campus' drinking culture.

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Extended NDH hours satisfy diners

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Grabbing dinner has been a hit easier for busy students since North Dining Hall extended its weekday dinner-time by an hour — and the responses to this change have been nothing but positive, North Dining Hall General Manager Reggie Kalili said.

North Dining Hall extended its hours until 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday after spring break. The extra hour was in response to student demand, because South Dining Hall was only open weekdays after seven, Kalili said.

Reaction from students who use North Dining Hall (NDH) has generally been positive, Kalili said, and the dining hall staff has provided "positive comments" about the change as well.

Recent surveys at North Dining Hall have shown a sharp jump in the rating for "satisfaction with operating hours," Kalili said.

The push to extend NDH's hours has been in the works since 1998, when SDH began staying open until 9 p.m.

Kalili said.

"It took so long to implement the change," Kalili said, "because usage statistics revealed that South Dining Hall wasn't busy enough after 7 p.m. to justify having both halls open.

Kalili said after taking into account the responses on last semester's dining hall satisfaction survey, the University's peer institutions to see how they observe the holiday.

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Committees establish 2007-08 agendas

College celebrates SMC Tostal

Cane race, fireworks included in activities

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

As Notre Dame hosted its week of SMC Tostal events, Saint Mary's is celebrating spring its own way — with SMC Tostal, which takes place today.

Sponsored by the Student Activities Board (SAB), the event will feature banna tattoo and caricature artists, an outdoor picnic and a screening of "Dreamgirls" on the Library Green, among other activities.

This year's event planners, juniors Nuelle Whiteside and Cassie Callan, decided to include canoe races on Lake Marian and a fireworks display over Angela Athletic Facility at dusk, in contrast to last year's "concert-series atmosphere," heightened with a performance by the band Pianos, "We decided to have the activities of the day centered around a heritage theme," Callan said.

Earlier in the semester, SAB sent students a survey regarding what they would like to see at this year's SMC Tostal.

The response to the survey was unfortunately underwhelming, Callan said, but students seem to be positive about the chosen activities nonetheless.

"We have heard a ton of positive feedback from the student body regarding this year's activ-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Words from the basement

Tonight is officially my last night working at The Observer. Bizarrre, really, to think about a younger, wide-eyed version of myself, moozing into this office for the Frosh-0 Open House. And now, almost four years, countless 4 a.m. nights and more than 150 articles later, here I am, watching as the next batch of ambitious reporters take the reins.

I've always balked at the thought of writing an Inside Column about working at The Observer — too meta for my taste — but I feel like, just for tonight, it might be appropriate. After all, of the lessons I've learned the hard way in college, one of the most important came from this basement office.

A lot of people don't believe how much work the writers and editors here put in. None of these people, however, have lived with me. Or, perhaps, we've casually encountered me.

There was a time — called sophomore year — when my life was literally not my own. It got to the point when my then-boyfriend would cringe whenever my cell phone rang, knowing that I was going to be unreachable for the rest of the night. The Observer was always my top priority, and I staunchly defended my decisions to drop everything (and everyone) to work when I was needed.

And then I got sick. Really sick. But I wouldn't stop working. I barely slept, I survived on coffee and gum, but I still worked. And I had the people I loved most in my life begging me to stop, to help them, to help myself.

Somewhere in that mess, there was a breaking point. I honestly don't remember what it was, but since then, I've quit The Observer.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Amanda Michaels at amc@nd.edu.

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IN BRIEF

Badin Hall will host its annual Radin Breakdown today from 4 p.m. to 7 on South Quad.

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OFFBEAT

Ohio judge frees man after Bible quiz

CINCINNATI — A man arrested on Wednesday for allegedly trying to use a stolen credit card at a drugstore got a break from a judge after passing a sort of Bible quiz.

When Eric Hine appeared in court this morning, his attorney described him as a church-goer, hoping the judge would set a low bond. Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge John Burlew was skeptical and asked Hine to recite the 23rd Psalm.

He did. All six verses. Some in the courtroom applauded.

Burlew was satisfied and released Hine on a $10,000 appearance bond, meaning he'll have to pay that amount if he doesn't show up for his next court date.

'Captain America' faces criminal charges

MELBOURNE, Fla. — A doctor dressed as Captain America was arrested after gropping a woman at a bar and fighting with her boyfriend, authorities said.

Patrons at the bar were dressed in costumes as part of a bar crawl Saturday night. Police spokeswoman Jill Fredericksen said a man carrying a burrito and dressed as Captain America approached her, began to say dirty things and touched her inappropriately, if he didn't show up for his next court date.

The documentary "Helvetica" will be shown tonight at 7 p.m. in the Annexenberg auditorium at the Sible Museum of Art. The 80-minute film examines typography, graphic design and global visual culture.

The Student Union Board is presenting Flogging Molly in concert tonight at 10 p.m. at Legends. The event is open to all ND, SME and HCC students with IDs at no charge.

The last Acousticafe of the year will be held tonight at 10 p.m. in the basement in LaFortune

SBU will hold a free salsa dancing event Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fieldhouse Mall.

Notre Dame men's soccer will play the Mexican U-20 National team Friday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field. Tickets are $5 for adults and $2 for kids 18 and under.

The Notre Dame Jazz Band will perform Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call 631-2900.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Obstacles block way to U.S. jobs

International students struggle to find permanent employment, experience after graduation

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

Job searching may be daunting enough to any senior on the verge of graduation, but to those who are international students, the task of finding a job in the U.S. is even more difficult. Most international students struggle when trying to land a job in the U.S., said senior Yacintha Fanardy, from Indonesia.

Fanardy is one of the University's 275 international undergraduate students who, upon graduation, face the challenge of finding employment in the U.S. There are roughly 868 international students currently enrolled at Notre Dame, including 593 graduate-level students, said International Student Services and Activities (ISSA) director Sung Miquiabas.

Although some international students may choose to return to their countries after receiving their diplomas, Miquiabas said a large number decide to stay in the U.S.

"In our experience, most international students want the option of working in the United States after graduation, knowing they can, in most cases, always return to their home country for work," he said.

Many international students look for U.S. jobs with plans to live permanently in America, while some, like Fanardy, hope their U.S. job will give them the experience necessary to get a better job in their home countries.

"I hope to find a job in the U.S. and get some experience before going home for good," Fanardy said. "Most people would like to get some experience first before going home, and hoping, with that experience, they would be able to get a better job back home."

Getting that experience is difficult, however, because many employers aren't willing to go through extra steps required when hiring a non-U.S. citizen.

"Unfortunately, we have heard that many U.S. employers are reluctant to expend time and money to hire an international student," Miquiabas said. "Unlike U.S. citizens, international students face additional paperwork that some employers deem excessively burdensome."

"For an international student to get a job in the U.S., he must undergo an extensive government process. U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) permits up to one year of practical training for international students in the United States. If a student wishes to work longer, he must apply to change his citizenship status. To do that, he or his employer must hire an immigration attorney to file for a new visa."

Even if a foreign student follows every procedure perfectly, he may still not get his visa since working visas are limited in validity and, for specialized skills, limited in the total number issued in the U.S. each year, Miquiabas said.

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Miquiabas said the time and money are a worthwhile investment, especially for an employer trying to gain a certain international perspective or appeal to an international market.

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Fanardy said. This year, the visa application process was already overloaded on the first day of the application, so they had to draw a lottery to decide who got visas and who didn't."

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The Observer is now accepting applications for Controller, Web Designer and Systems Manager for 2007-08.

The Controller position, which provides great accounting experience, is open to rising juniors. It is a two-year position; the 2007-08 Controller will become the 2008-09 Business Manager.

The Web Designer position is open to any student with advanced scripting skills. Systems Manager applicants should be highly adept at computer troubleshooting.

Please contact Maddie Hanna at 631-4542 or mhanna1@nd.edu if interested.

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Law School dean dies

William B. Lawless, former dean of the University of Notre Dame Law School, died Monday in San Francisco after an illness. He was 84.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Lawless was editor of the Notre Dame Law Review before receiving his law degree from the University in 1944. He did naval service in the South Pacific following his graduation, studied at the University of Buffalo and earned a degree in constitutional law from Harvard University in 1950.

He was in private practice in Buffalo and served from 1966 to 1968 on New York's Supreme Court before returning to Notre Dame where he served as dean of the Law School from 1968 to 1971. The Law School doubled in size and established its London program during his tenure, which also included the school's centennial celebration.

The Lawless family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to support scholarships for Notre Dame law students. The address is: Notre Dame Law School Annual Fund, 1100 Grace Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556.
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faction surveys, he decided to implement the later hours because the number of students who eat after 7 p.m. decreases in the winter months.

"On nicer days more people are out later and coming to [the dining hall]," Kalli said. The new hours may not be permanent, however.

Kalli said if enough students don't take advantage of the later hours this semester, they may not be offered next year.

While the dining halls track usage patterns electronically, the statistics for this semester will not be analyzed until after the semester ends. Kalli said, "We'll see how many people came in prior to [the dining halls] staying open until eight and see if more people are coming in than before and at the same time," he said. "At the bottom line, that's what it is - are people using it?"

A n o t h e r option under consideration is having later hours up until fall break and after spring break, when temperatures are warmer, Kalli said.

Kalli said he was able to extend North's hours by adjusting the labor schedule for dining hall cooks, monitors and service associates. Shifts were changed from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. to 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., which Kalil said has been generally well received by staff. "We've been trying to move our labor around so we have people here when we need them and not occupy any overtime or additional labor," he said. "I don't think it's costing us anything at this point, but we'll evaluate this at the end of the semester to see if that assumption is true."

Sophomore Jonathan Poehlhus, a Stanford resident and frequent visitor of North Dining Hall lauded the effects of the extended hours. "I like how it spreads out the eating schedule so that people eat at different times," he said. "It makes coming to the dining hall much more fun."

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Social Concerns committee chair Karen Koski has been trying to spur these changes. By centering our ideas under five main areas - community relations, social concerns, academic environment, student government and student life - Brown said they can make changes and improvements that students will notice.

In the three and a half weeks since he and Braun took office, Brown said they have already made significant improvements - a rate of progress she said she hoped to continue next year.

Brown said she and Braun have met with the Center for Social Concerns regarding a community-based curriculum, and said they will work on an action plan for this over the summer. Preparations are also underway for a faculty-student debate series, which will pair students with faculty members to debate current events.

Brown and Braun are also working with Food Services to explore the possibility of a guest meal exchange program so students can convert their remaining meals for use by their visiting family members or friends.

Brown said she anticipated that a student government Web site would be created over the summer with message boards and forums so students can have access to their representatives.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bayrou won't support candidates
PARIS — They wooed him hard, even leaving messages on his cell phone, and on Wednesday he spurned them both.

Beaten but defiant, the third-place finisher in France's presidential contest, Francois Bayrou, said he would not throw his 7 million voters behind either conservative front-runner Nicolas Sarkozy or Socialist Segolene Royal, the two candidates still fighting for the top job.

Instead, Francois Bayrou said he will form a new party in the political center, setting his sights on the next election in 2012.

The decision not to play kingmaker in the race means the man who was once France's political future — or his career.

Bin Laden behind February attack
CAIRO, Egypt — A top Talibam command­er said al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden was behind the February attack outside a U.S. military base in Afghanistan during a visit by Vice President Dick Cheney, according to an interview shown Wednesday by Arab broadcaster Al-Jazeera.

Bin Laden planned and supervised the attack on the forward operating base in Kandahar province in which 13 people died, the Taliban's main military center in southern Afghanistan, who has had close associations with al-Qaeda.

"You may remember the martyr operation inside the Bagram base, which targeted a senior U.S. official. That operation was the result of his wise planning. He (Bin Laden) planned that operation and guided us through it. The operation was a success," Daddahul told Al-Jazeera.

NATIONAL NEWS

Katrina cruelty charges dropped
NEW ORLEANS — The state on Wednesday dropped 36 counts of cruelty to the infirm against the owners of a nursing home where 32 people died in the flooding of Hurricane Katrina.

Salvador Mangano and his wife, Mabel, still face 28 counts of cruelty to the infirm and 35 counts of negligent homicide.

State prosecutors said Mangano, who owns St. Rita's nursing home in St. Bernard Parish, should have taken steps to evacuate patients before flood waters rose due to the Aug. 29, 2005 storm.

Texas hit by at least two tornadoes
EAGLE PASS, Texas — David Sanchez was driving his truck when two people on the sides of the border were damaged or destroyed by at least two tornadoes.

Suddenly, the dog house flew by. Shingles peeled off the roof. Mesquite trees snapped around him, ripped up by a tornado that cut through this border town Tuesday night.

Tornadoes killed at least 10 people in Eagle Pass and across the Rio Grande in Piedras Negras, Mexico.

"I never pray, and I was praying," the 50-year-old mechanic said in Spanish, as his house was being pulled apart.

Two Texas elementary schools and a church were wrecked, and hundreds of homes on both sides of the border were damaged or destroyed by at least two tornadoes.

LOCAL NEWS

Student charged with making fake IDs
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — An Indiana university student was charged Wednesday with making hundreds of fake identification cards that showed up in at least seven other states.

Nicholas Richardson, 21, of Bloomington faces a felony charge of counterfeiting and a misdemeanor charge of distribution of false government-issued identification, Indiana State Police Lt. Carol Self said.

The agency began its investigation last month after seizing dozens of fake IDs at local bars, liquor stores and grocery stores.

ISRAEL

Olmart rejects ground offensive
Five-month cease-fire given one last chance to succeed despite sniping

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Olmart announced Wednesday that a five-month cease-fire with the Hamas guerrilla movement would be renewed, saying it was the last chance to succeed despite sniping.

"They didn't plan any operations," she said. "They decided to leave all options open." Hamas already has threatened more attacks, with its spokesman saying Tuesday it was ready to kidnap and kill more Israeli soldiers.

The head of the Egyptian security delegation, Col. Burhan Hamad, met Wednesday with leaders of factions, including Hamas, and urged them to maintain the truce.

"I explained to them the dangers, I hope they are convinced," he told AP by phone.

Senior intelligence officials, including the head of Israel's Shin Bet internal security service, have warned in recent months that Hamas — which has killed hundreds of Israelis in suicide bombing attacks — is preparing for all-out battle.

They say Hamas has used the hull to smuggle some 30 tons of explosives through tunnels from neighboring Egypt into Gaza. They also say Hamas has sent militants to train for the conflict.

Senior military officials have called for a wide-scale operation in Gaza to pre-empt Hamas. Others, however, have questioned the wisdom of sending ground troops into Gaza's crowded urban landscape. Similar operations since Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005 have failed to halt the rocket fire.

FCC orders report on TV violence

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission said Wednesday a correlation exists between children's exposure to television violence and violence in real life and that the government should take action on such programming.

The agency released a long-awaited, consultant­ally ordered report that lays out ways the government can regulate content on television — cable, satellite and broadcast.

The report contains suggestions for Congress, but it stops short of making specific recommendations.

The commission concluded that "exposure to violent programming can be harmful to children." FCC Chairman Kevin Martin wrote in a statement accompanying the report. "Congress could provide parents more tools to limit their children's exposure to violent programming in a constitutional way.

Among those tools, Congress could require cable companies to sell their programming on a per-channel or family tier basis, rather than only in pre-packaged packages.

As for broadcast television, the report cites Supreme Court precedent to suggest the agency could regulate violent programming much as it regu­lates sexual content and profanity — by barring it from being aired during hours when children may be watching. Or it could create a family-viewing hour.

It also says that technology intend­ed to help parents shield their children from objectionable program­ming, such as the V-chip, is inadequate.

The report indicates that Congress could develop a definition of excess­ively violent programming but that such language "needs to be narrowly tailored in conformance with judicial precedents."
other changes to the University campus guidelines, including the termination of dances inside the residence halls.

"Hall staff spend a disproportionate amount of time and energy addressing behavior related to alcohol," Poorman said in the letter.

In the following days, students voiced their dissatisfaction, rallying more than 600 protesters outside LaFortune Student Center to burn copies of ducac, the student handbook, and tear signs that read "Save Liquor!"

A second demonstration brought more than 100 angry students to the steps of the Main Building at midnight on a weekend. Protesters hurled beer bottles at the windows before scattering at the arrival of Notre Dame Security/Police.

They also sent Poorman a petition with more than 4,000 signatures and a letter that summarized the thoughts and objections for the entire amount of time and energy...
Delta emerges from bankruptcy

After 6,000 job cuts, nation’s third-largest airline reorganizes, restructures fleet

NEW YORK — It took almost two years and 6,000 job cuts, but Delta Air Lines Ltd. said Wednesday that it has emerged from bankruptcy, the first major airline in decades to file for the protection of an independent company.

On Thursday, it plans to be reformulated with new shares, a restructured fleet and lower labor costs, allowing it to push out the protection from creditors that the court provided.

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines Inc. will again have to answer to shareholders, who likely will want to see results quickly.

Delta estimates it will be worth $9 billion to $12 billion in annual costs. The nation’s third-largest airline slashed $3 billion in annual costs.

More than 95 percent of creditors voted to accept the plan for Delta to leave bankruptcy as a stand-alone company. That plan had been in jeopardy by a $9.8 billion hostile takeover bid launched last fall by Tempe, Ariz.-based US Airways Group Inc. Delta successfully persuasively creditors to back its blueprint to emerge from bankruptcy and reject the buyout.

In Brief

Health insurer’s stock falls, profits rise

INDIANAPOLIS — WellPoint Inc. said Wednesday its first-quarter profit rose 7 percent, but the nation’s largest health insurer’s stock fell amid Wall Street’s concerns over rising costs for its state-sponsored business in two states, including California.

New insurance rose to $783.1 million, or $1.26 per share, from $734.6 million, or $1.20 per share, a year ago, including a penny per share for net realized investment losses.

Revenue grew 9 percent to $15.08 billion from $14.34 billion in the prior-year period, driven in part by an increase in the company’s local group business, growth in the Medicare Advantage business, increased reimbursement in the Federal Employee Program, and higher state-sponsored membership.

Delta Air Lines

Delta has received poor marks for customer service, and analysts repeatedly questioned company executives about the costs WellPoint is incurring in its California state-sponsored business. WellPoint shares fell 3.40, or 4.1 percent, to close at $78.84 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Heardt Corp. settles antitrust lawsuit

SAN FRANCISCO — Heart Corp., and MediaNews Group Inc. have settled an antitrust lawsuit initiated by a San Francisco businessmen that alleged a business partnership between the two newspaper publishers would create a regional monopoly on readership and advertising.

The suit, which alleged that the two companies had agreed in an agreement to share national advertising, distribution and production of Bay Area News Group, and the settlement announced Wednesday by San Francisco businessman Clint Reily.

The New York Stock Exchange

NEW YORK — Many small business owners in the Northeast are still trying to recover from floods caused by as much as eight inches of rain earlier this month. Many who had flood insurance can recover some of their losses, but those who never purchased such coverage are now dealing with the fact that a disaster doesn’t have to be a hurricane, tornado or earthquake to cause catastrophic damage to a company.

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if you could do college again, what would you do differently? I asked some Notre Dame employees what they thought — what did they wish that the soon-to-be-graduates had done differently?

"Hot dogs don’t have barcodes. You can’t scan "em," one late-night hull employee advised. He said that it was not uncommon for you and the other post midnight inebriated to stumbling over to the register and wave quarter down and the waiting cashier to announce the total. Aside from your obvious oversight that a quarter dog always costs a quarter, your continued attempts to scan a barcode-less item created quite a scene — one that could've been different.

One late-night Sharro employee said she’d seen it all during her shifts, from flying pizzas to people dressed as Power.Rangers. Yet what she saw didn’t disturb her as much as what she heard — during her shifts, you’d be able to see the students dining hall staffers equipped with suggestions. "I wish everybody would stop eating mustard," one plate-scraping dish cleaner said. According to this rubber-gloved worker, mustard is not the easiest-to-clean condiment. And what else did she wish you wouldn’t have done? Stuffed a napkin in your drink or stuck a fork in your apple.

And just as forks don’t belong inside of apples, banana peels don’t belong inside of books. "I have to see a woman on the Hesburgh Library’s book restoration crew: ’Don’t use a banana peel as a bookmark.’”

Precedent has proved that leaves behind a moldy yellow mush. For you of the Internet age, book research can be excruciating enough — let alone when there’s a putrid stench protruding from between the pages.

Throughout your past years, reading for class also proved excruciating. And don’t think that your lack of class preparedness slipped past your professors. One history professor said that while at the helm of the class, he “see a lot of blank stares. It’d be nice to see the students engaged.” And how, in this hypothetical "next time around," could you go about appearing "engaged"?

"Well, stay awake.” He’d rather you nod along with his lectures, as opposed to nodding off. But sleep is an integral part of college. You graduate with at least 120 credits, but to your credit, you leave with far more life lessons than could ever be quantified — or even paid for at the Huddle. And I don’t know about you, but I like mustard, especially on quarter dogs.

If college is comparable to tightrope walking, then wow — sign me up for the circus.

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The end of the semester and the end of the 2006-07 school year is upon us. Some of you won't be back next year due to graduation, travel abroad or transfer to another school. Others will return next fall filled with hope for a fresh start to a new year. Whatever your circumstances, it would be easy enough just to stumble out of here with your suitcase, exhausted and stressed-out from finals, leaving your post-packed-for-summer-storage empty. Dirty room and all, you may be your best friends — and who are now driving you crazy — in the rearview mirror.

Do don't! Give your best effort towards summoning up the energy to say what you need to say. Tell someone you love her. Thank your friends for their kindness. Offer forgiveness, or ask for it. Senior week and commencement offer graduates lots of chances to say “good-bye.” thank you,” and “I’m sorry,” but the rest of us will have to make sure that such exchanges happen. And as local, national and global events have taught us just recently, there’s no point in waiting. With some “appropriately” future time to seek peace, express gratitude or offer love.

Just this past Tuesday, even as the South Bend community was concluding memorial events for Cpl. Scott Severson, a police officer killed in the line of duty one year ago, Cpl. Nick Polizzotto, also a South Bend officer, died after being shot while responding to a “shots fired” call at a local motel.

On Monday, nine paratroopers from the famed 82nd Airborne were killed and 20 more wounded when a suicide truck bomber attacked their convoy. Perhaps no more can even be said that hasn’t been said already about the shocking Virginia Tech shootings last week, or about the innocent people of Iraq or Darfur dying by the hundreds each week.

But don’t you hope that Cpl. Polizzotto gave his young son a big hug before he left for work on Tuesday? And still students at Virginia Tech who died so tragically and their families, who gave their lives in Iraq — don’t you long to believe that they each had happened to call home or e-mail their moms and dads, that they hadn’t just by horrid coincidence left unresolved an ugly argument with a friend or family member.

Time is precious as the last, partial week of the semester approaches. Unfinished storage, travel and work all contribute to making this one of the most-leaping-aptitudes of the academic year. But if you have even just a few minutes, think about who you need to call or e-mail or text message or speak to. If you have even just a few more minutes, take a look at some of the letters in the New Testament. At the time of his writing many people, including Paul, thought that Jesus return — and the end of the world — was imminent. Paul’s letters reflect a concern to help believers figure out how to live when time could be short; when the *day of the Lord* could come “like a thief in the night” (1 Thes. 5:2).

Just in that letter, he offers a plea to the Thessalonians that might help us, no matter how much we may dislike it: “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances” (5:16-18). God willing, in a few weeks most of you will leave and some of us will stay, under much more peaceful circumstances than you and your neighbors and fellow university members and armed forces have faced recently. Make a good ending this year. I say again — make a good ending. — differences resolved, love expressed, forgiveness received — must be intention al, especially when you have three finals and two papers and a lab and to pack up and sum-
**MOVIE REVIEW**

**‘Fracture’ breaks mold for murder thrillers**

_by JAMES COSTA_

Long-term has its charm. And passing the two hours in the theater watching Gregory Hoblit’s ‘Fracture,’ it seems that does right. It’s a gripping film with all the twists and shocks you’d expect out of an LA cat-and-mouse murder thriller. But it’s also a lot more: intelligent, witty and far more thought provoking than most movies today.

The film’s basic premise is that successful aeronautical engineer Ted Crawford (Anthony Hopkins) attempts to murder his wife Jennifer (Embeth Davidtz). After the cops surround his home, he surrenders peacefully and acts extremely cooperative. He even gives the arresting officers the murder weapon. (Don’t worry; I’m not giving anything away. You can see all this in the preview.) Yet from here, everything starts to get confusing. A rival star out of the District Attorney’s office, Willy Beachum (Ryan Gosling) takes on the case just before he’s set to change jobs and join a major LA law firm. The film has its share of twists and turns as Crawford and Beachum meet and develop an intense rivalry of mind and cunning, a tension that runs through the rest of the film.

It is clear that Gregory Hoblit constructs a film in a genre borne successful in the comfort shows. After directing films like “Primal Fear” and “Hart’s War,” Hoblit again tackles the courtroom drama. However, he does not focus entirely on the courtroom. Rather, he takes the viewer on a journey through the mind of Beachum as he attempts to maneuver his own success and future — as well as the District Attorney’s office — on the axe of the same case.

While Hopkins is electrifying throughout the entire film, Hoblit does not overplay his role. He also does not place Hopkins and Gosling together gratuitously in scenes. This is both a good and a bad thing. It is good because it ensures that the film cannot be considered just another “Silence of the Lambs,” which became famous for the magic between Hopkins as Hannibal Lecter and Jodie Foster as a role again in the original film. The downside, however, is that the Hopkins and Gosling do share strong chemistry. When they’re together, it truly is riveting stuff.

The film is very stylish and slick in its production, a bit like the recent “Breach,” which starred Ryan Phillippe as a fledgling FBI employee trying to bring down a major spy within the Bureau. However, the film does not deserve classification as simply “smooth” or “stylish.” Sure, it’s full of gorgeous camera angles and superb lighting effects, but the movie also addresses serious societal issues in a clever and thoughtful manner. Rather brilliantly, the film juxtaposes the relaxed acting style of Gosling to the rigid and old school style of Hopkins to magnificent effect. While it always seems like Hopkins is performing, the viewer gets the impression that Gosling is mostly being himself.

Not merely thrilling, the intelligent aspect of the film is its treatment of Gosling and his career desires and decisions. Quite applicable to seniors about the graduate and preparing for the real world, the film places Gosling in a situation in which the choice of do right or do wrong is incredibly important. It is not merely his reputation at stake. Rather, it is the reputation of the DA’s office and the freedom of Hopkins sitting across the table at the defense team’s desk. We witness Gosling undertake a journey that accentuates both the strongest moral rights and the darkest moral wrongs. Where does he come out on the moral scale? I can’t tell you, but it’s worth a watch to find out.

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**DVD REVIEW**

**‘Kingdom of Heaven’ rights its course on DVD**

_by RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA_

The Path to Redemption” is an apt title for the sequel of the 2004 box office smash cut DVD of “Kingdom of Heaven.” Boasting a two-hour, 24-minute runtime, the robust documentary is a compelling and lavish look behind the scenes at one of the most intriguing Hollywood failures in recent years.

The 2005 film was supposed to be director Ridley Scott’s medieval epic opus, an ode to noble knights and valiant crusades. On paper, it certainly looked the part. But nonetheless along the way, the film became hopelessly lost. It was greeted by jeers from critics and apathy from the same audiences who called “Gladiator” Scott’s Oscar-winning Roman epic. Budgeted at $130 million, the film was raked at the box office, ending its theatrical run with a paltry domestic gross of $47 million.

Immediately, the story didn’t end there. In an industry where failure is rarely forgiven, the movie’s re-release as a 194-minute cut is an uncommon boon. The newly expanded, totaling 50 minutes, reveal a vastly different film — the version Scott always intended but never got the chance to show us.

Where the theatrical cut played like a simple-minded and bombastic rock concert, the director’s cut feels like a nuanced concert. Aided by much stronger character development and clearer motivations, its visual mastery is now matched by a soulful message of tolerance that distances it from the vapidity of other blockbusters, a description that surely haunted Scott and his crew following the film’s theatrical run.

Spread over the first two discs, “Kingdom of Heaven” is granted a beautiful video transfer and a roaring soundtrack. Each pristine frame reflects cinematographer John Mathieson’s gorgeous photography, which fits a movie that is easily one of the best looking efforts of Scott’s acclaimed career.

Once again, the special features on this DVD are a testament to Scott as one of the medium’s great enthusiasts. Like Peter Jackson, David Fincher and Robert Rodriguez, Scott is that rare filmmaker who loves to pack his DVDs with comprehensive documentaries, informative commentaries and invaluable peaks at moviemaking magic, a trend that continues here.

The copious bonus material includes cast rehearsals, storyboard, trailers, deleted scenes and three commentaries with various members of the cast and crew. The best of the trio is easily the first, featuring Scott, writer William Monahan (who won an Academy Award for “The Departed”), but was skewed for this script, his first and star Orlando Bloom. All three are separate, but their comments are combined to form one of the most revolting and consistently entertaining tracks in recent memory.

But the crème de la crème of this release is “Path to Redemption,” a superb and insightful piece that charts the film’s progression from conception to production to release. Nearly every major member of the cast and crew takes the time to contribute reflections on the movie’s formation. There is a genuine love and affection for the project in these interviews, which adds greatly to their appeal.

There were many reasons bandied around for the theatrical demise of “Kingdom of Heaven.” Among those were nagging Fox executives who hoped to shorten the story to what they saw as a two-hour “teen-adventure romp. But in doing so, they excised much of the film’s raw beauty. Thankfully, the one-wayward “heaven” is redeemed with this release. Using the alchemical power of the DVD medium, Scott succeeds in restoring the luster to his tarnished gem.

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Tragedy of 'The Queen' truly fit for royalty

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Senior Staff Writer

Princess Diana's death was a key moment in British history. It shook the foundations of the social hierarchy and threatened the monarchy in a way that few events before or since have rivaled. While simultaneously producing few events before or since have rivaled. Her take on Elizabeth II is at once respectful and complex, with far more nuance and emotional weight than might be expected. Like Forrest Whittaker's performance in "The Last King of Scotland," Mirren's portrayal of the queen brings a historical figure to startling life. Unlike "The Last King," however, the rest of the film doesn't bring the key performance down. Frears constructed a meticulous recreation of the events leading up to — and immediately following — the death of Prince William, Blair's steady control and strong sense of composition lends itself to a beautiful and complex picture. Some of the symbolism is overworked and heavy-handed, and some people may object to the portrayal of Prime Minister Blair, but the overall presentation is quite strong. Recently, films of this sort have tended to fall into two camps: a great performance in an otherwise mediocre picture (" slag."). "The Last King of Scotland") and a deliberately understated film that supports its performance beautifully ("Capote"). Thankfully, "The Queen" falls into the latter category, and while it's not a stone-cold classic, it's much more engaging and entertaining than might be expected.

"The Queen" is ultimately a film about willingness to adapt to changing times. Unfortunately, Miramax hasn't shown its same willingness. The DVD has fewer features than some discs more than a decade old. The picture is sharp and clear, and the sound (in Dolby Digital 2.1) is acceptable. There is also an audio commentary track by Frears, writer Peter Morgan and British historian Robert Lacey. Informative and interesting, the track is easily the best feature on the disc.

The featurette "The Making of "The Queen"" is quite good, but several more features could have easily been added, especially since most of the key people in the film are still alive. It would have been interesting to get the perspective of members of the royal family, which means that the DVD of "The Queen" squanders its chance to be a comprehensive examination of not only the film but also its context. It's possible a better edition will someday be produced, but this version should suffice for casual fans.

"The Queen" is an excellent picture, and its critical acclaim is well deserved. It's a shame that Miramax didn't put more effort into the DVD, since it's obvious the picture was meticulously constructed. "The Queen" comes highly recommended, but fans big on extra DVD features might be better suited waiting for a more comprehensive edition.

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SCENE & HEARD

O'Donnell's ABC absence will be a sight to behold

Yesterday on "The View," Rosie O'Donnell announced that she and ABC were unable to reach a contract agreement, so she will be leaving the show this June. During the show, creator Barbara Walters remarked that they "have had to, to say the least, an interesting year." That barely even begins to sum up the number of controversies that Rosie started during her brief tenure.

Most notably was the long-standing feud between her and The Donald. When Trump said he was allowing the licentious Tara Conner to retain her crown as Miss USA, Rosie started a tirade on "The View" that declared him unfit to be the moral compass of today's youth. Not one to just roll over and take a beeping spousal of slander, The Donald responded by calling her ugly-mouthed. His response was quickly followed by a rant she claimed to have a complete understanding of physics and explained that it new prime minister, Tony Blair. Blair believes that the family has to adapt to the changes of today's youth. Not one to just roll over and take a heaping spoonful of slander, The View.

She joked that the event was being talked about as far away as China and said, "You know, you can in China 03's like, 'Ching-chong, ching-chong, Danny DeVito. Ching-chong, ching-chong-chong.' Drunk. The View. Ching Chong." The remarks set off a media firestorm and Rosie subsequently apologized for her tasteless humor.

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Rosie O'Donnell, second from left, is pictured here with the cohosts of ABC's "The View." O'Donnell is leaving the show in June because of contractual disagreements.

"They left at the car like I was Britney or Lindsay pushing flashing yelling breaking news in America."

"It's the little things in life that we should be thankful for each day. I'm thankful that Rosie has, at least for the time being, been taken off the airwaves."

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Spurs hold off late Nuggets rally, tie series

Gooden makes it rain over Wizards in 109-92 win for 2-0 lead; Mavericks even up series after Two Wizards ejected

As the Spurs headed into Game 3 of their first-round playoff series against Denver, they were down 82-65, but a 16-5 run carried by魂veson's 3-pointer brought Denver within 87-81 with 3:23 left. It was the closest they had been since 7:11 was left in the first half.

Nene's dunk with 1:12 left made it 89-85. Goodin scored for the Spurs, but Iverksen's second 3 of the quarter made it 91-88. Duncan's jump shot with 27 seconds to go put the Spurs up 93-88.

Finley hit two free throws after being fouled by Iverksen with 16.5 seconds left and Parker added two more with 9.9 seconds left.

Cavaliers 109, Wizards 92

Once he dropped in his sixth straight jumper, Drew Gooden spun around and looked over Cleveland's bench. Then he placed his hands in front of his face and wiggled his fingers.

"That's making it rain," Gooden said.

On Wednesday night, Gooden scored 34 points to help the Cavaliers end a 24-game losing streak against the Wizards. As Gooden co-starred with Lebron James by scoring 19 of the 24 first-half points in leading the Cavaliers to victory over the Washington Wizards a 2-0 lead in their first-round series.

James, playing on a tender left ankle, scored 27 points with eight rebounds and seven assists. He also helped the Cavaliers hold off a furious rally by the Wizards, who forced two overtime periods and the final minute.

But in Game 1's first-half flurry — he scored 15 points in just over five minutes — that energized the Cavs and pushed them to the commanding advantage in the best-of-seven series, which moves to Washington for Game 3 on Saturday.

Gooden normally doesn't have many offensive plays called for him by Cleveland coach Mike Brown, who may have to rethink that philosophy after the forward came through on a night when James was nearly off himself.

Gooden's performance came exactly one year after he had a 37-point, 10-rebound effort in Game 2 of the Cavs' first-round series against Utah.

Cleveland lost that game before winning the series in six.

But the 6-fooot-10 Gooden, who is growing out an 1980s-style mullet, helped make sure recent history wouldn't be repeated.

Mavericks 112, Warriors 99

The Dallas Mavericks finally discovered that beating the Golden State Warriors isn't as hard as they had made it look.

And it's even easier when Baron Davis and Stephen Jackson lose their cool.

Jason Terry scored 28 points, Dirk Nowitzki had 25 and Jason Howard led a 15-2 run in the third quarter that sent the Mavericks to victory over the Warriors in Game 2 on Wednesday night, evening their first-round series.

Dallas had lost six straight to Golden State dating to last season. The Mavericks even tried to run something new to start Game 2, but that only led to a 12-point loss.

They went back to the formula that won 67 games in the regular season and were in sync from the start. The Warriors hung tough, though, until everything changed midway through the third quarter.

Dallas already was leading when Terry dribbled into Jackson, drawing a foul, then kept going into Davis. All three wound up with a technical foul.

Davis got another tech, and was automatically ejected, for arguing about a foul with 0.2 sec­onds left in the third quarter. He was smiling and clapping at the time, although coach Don Nelson was warning him to cool it.

Teammate Matt Barnes tried covering Jackson's mouth, first with his arm then with a towel as he escorted him to the locker room.

The series shifts to Oakland for Game 3 on Friday night, and the Mavericks hope the emotions will remain high.

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B-A-N-A

Spurs guard Manu Ginobili drives around Nuggets guard J.R. Smith in the first quarter of game two. The Spurs won 97-88 to tie the first-round series at one.
Chicago Cubs pitcher Mark Prior, who played only nine games in 2006, will miss the entire 2007 season after he had surgery Tuesday on his right shoulder.

### Cubs lose Prior for entire season

**Associated Press**

CHICAGO — Off-injured Cubs pitcher Mark Prior will miss the entire 2007 season after surgery on his right shoulder, a setback that isn’t expected to finish his once-promising career.

The 26-year-old Prior had surgery Tuesday by noted orthopedist Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala. Andrews also worked on Prior’s rotator cuff.

"Unfortunately, Mark is done for the year," Chicago general manager Jim Hendry said. "From my conversations with (trainer) Mark O’Neil and John Bogg, Mark’s agent who talked to Dr. Andrews last night, Dr. Andrews feels comfortable that he will still have a career. This is certainly not career-ending."

"He felt optimistic that he would be able to pitch next year... At his age, he should not have a problem responding and coming back after a strenuous rehab." Hendry said it was too early to set a timetable for Prior’s return or discuss what it means for Prior’s future with the Cubs. Prior started his rehabilitation program Wednesday, and it will continue into the offseason.

Prior has been hobbled by injuries since his first full season in the majors in 2003. He made just nine starts last year for the Cubs after three trips to the disabled list.

Prior was not on the Cubs’ active roster to start this year and was optioned to Triple-A Iowa after limited innings in spring training. He instead went on the minor league disabled list.

At extended spring training in Arizona, he pitched only two innings on April 12 before reporting discomfort in his shoulder.

"Obviously he had some things wrong physically and he’s getting them corrected," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said before Wednesday’s game against Milwaukee. "So this is a step in the right direction." The injury was the latest problem for the struggling team. The Cubs, who have not reached the World Series since 1945, made many major changes in the offseason yet began the day in last place in the NL Central with a 7-13 record.

Kerry Wood, who teamed with Prior to nearly pitch the Cubs to the NL pennant in 2003, is back on the disabled list with bursitis in his shoulder. Like Prior Wood, Wood has been sidetracked by injuries.

Hendry said Wood might resume throwing this week. Wood has not pitched since a spring training appearance on March 25 when his arm felt weak and then stiffened the next day.

### IN BRIEF

Stewart unhappy with NASCAR debris cautions

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Two-time champion Tony Stewart liked NASCAR to professional wrestling and accused it of using bogus caution flags to shape races in hiring comments made on his weekly radio show.

Stewart’s appearance on his Tuesday night show was his first since skipping a post-race press conference in Phoenix. He dominated Saturday night’s race but lost after a late exchange of leads with winner Jeff Gordon. Stewart said he refused interviews to avoid bashing NASCAR after officials threw four cautions for debris on the track.

"It’s like playing God," he said on his Sirius Satellite Radio program. "They can almost dictate the race instead of the drivers doing it. It’s happened too many times this year."

Stewart, who said he was fighting a fever and left the two-hour show early, went on to say fans are complaining about debris cautions and NASCAR isn’t listening.

Rams trade fifth-round pick for Chiefs speedster Hall

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Rams’ long search for a return man ended Wednesday when the team acquired Dante Hall from Kansas City in exchange for a fifth-round pick in this weekend’s draft.

"We have filled a need with one of the top players in football at his specialty, returning punts and kicks," Rams coach Scott Linehan said. "Dante will fit nicely on our special teams and can be utilized as a receiver in certain situations."

The trade could draft-day implications. The Rams had expressed strong interest in Ohio State’s Ted Ginn Jr., as much for his return ability as for his resume as a receiver. St. Louis also has several needs on defense.

As part of the trade, the teams swapped positions in the third round — the Chiefs moving up to 82nd overall, the Rams down to 84th.

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San Jose at Detroit
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**MLB**

**Marlins rally in ninth for comeback victory**

The Phillies won their fifth straight season over Nationals; Sheets injured in 9-3 loss to Cubs; Rockies pound Mets with 20 hits in win

Associated Press

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Tim Hudson was masterful for eight innings. Against the feisty Florida Marlins, that wasn’t enough. Miguel Olivo scored the winning run on a passed ball to cap a four-run rally in the ninth inning against Hudson and Bob Wickman, and Florida beat the Atlanta Braves 4-3 Wednesday night.

Hudson had a career-high 12 strikeouts, giving him 77 for the year, but seven hits and a 1-2-3 ninth inning were his undoing.

"I feel bad for Hudson that he doesn’t win the game," Olivo said. "But that’s baseball." Hudson gave up singles to the first three batters in the ninth, then departed after throwing 112 pitches. His ERA, a major league-best 0.62 ERA to start the game, nearly doubled to 1.22.

"For me, it’s the most disappointing loss of the season for us," Hudson said. "I felt as good as I have all year. But it stings that it didn’t work out for us." Olivo doubled home Florida’s first two runs. With one out and the bases loaded, he scored without a play when a swinging fastball by surfaced Alicia C. McCann.

"I just dropped it," McCann said. "I’m not going to make any excuses. I have to catch it." The unearned run was the first of the season off Wickman this season, and the blown save was his first in seven chances.

"All I had to do was get three outs before they scored three runs," Wickman said. Instead, Florida took the series 2-1, and the Braves lost for the 12th time in their past 17 games.

The Marlins’ Scott Olsen gave up singles to the first three batters in the ninth, and the ball nearly cleared the center-field fence to make it 3-2. Hudson then swapped a 1-0-1 swing with his third homer to start off the fourth, and the ball began to bounce the Marlins’ way.

"We needed to come out and energize big innings for the Rockies," Boris said. "It’s not many days you show up at the ballpark and have zero runs."

For the Rockies, it was a welcome sight. The team had scored more than five runs in a game just five times in 21 games before Wednesday.

"We needed to come out and play a good game, bust out with some runs," said Rockies catcher Willy Taveras, who homered and stole a base.

"Mabry’s home loosened us up a bit, no doubt," Taveras said. "I just kept throwing fastballs." Perry said. "They kept hitting it and I kept throwing it. Maybe I’m too stubborn."
Please join Fr. Jenkins for a discussion of Pope Benedict XVI's Encyclical...

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FRIDAY, APRIL 27

- 4:00 p.m. Opening Mass at Alumni Hall Chapel (Fr. Jenkins presiding)
- 5:15 p.m. Reception in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- 6:15 p.m. Opening remarks from Fr. Jenkins
- 6:30 p.m. Keynote speech from Ms. Brosnahan followed by panel discussion

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast buffet in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- 9:45 a.m. Keynote speech from Fr. Anderson followed by panel discussion
- 11:00 a.m. Concurrent presentations of student papers (including roundtable discussions with faculty and students)
- Noon Lunch in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- 1:00 p.m. Continue with concurrent presentations of student papers

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Ms. Mary Brosnahan, director of the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City and a 1983 graduate of Notre Dame
- The Very Reverend Philip Anderson, O.S.B., Prior of Our Lady of the Annunciation of Clear Creek Monastery

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Six Austrians receive lifetime Olympic bans

Associated Press

BEIJING — It took more than a year to punish anyone in the Turin Winter Olympics. When the verdicts came down Wednesday, the penalties were unprecedented.

Six Austrian cross-country skiers and biathletes received lifetime bans from the Olympics for involvement in an organized blood-doping scheme — the harshest sanctions given to athletes by the International Olympic Committee.

And the case isn’t closed yet.

Next month, the IOC will investigate the role of Austrian coaches, officials and doctors.

It’s the first time the IOC has disqualified athletes for doping violations without positive tests, and the first time athletes have been banned by the IOC for life.

Based on evidence seized in Italian police raids, the Austrians were found guilty of possessing prohibited substances and taking part in a doping conspiracy.

“It is a milestone,” IOC spokeswoman Giselle Davies said.

The results of the Austrian athletes from the 2006 Games were annulled, although none won medals.

Those banned were cross-country skiers Martin Tauber, Juergen Pinter, Johannes Eder and Roland Diethart, and biathletes Wolfgang Perner and Wolfgang Rottmann. The six are ineligible for accreditation in any capacity at the Olympics — as athletes, coaches or officials.

The severity of the sanctions is motivated by the fact that these cases go further than straightforward possession of prohibited substances and methods and are clear instances where a network, including athletes, colluded to manipulate blood and to engage into doping practices,” the IOC said.

The IOC action applies only to Olympic competition. It would be up to the Austrian and international ski federations to suspend the athletes from non-Olympic events.

The IOC vice president Thomas Bach, a German lawyer who led the internal investigation, said the probe will continue with hearings for non-athletes next month. He did not identify them.

The IOC can also ban coaches and other accredited team personnel from the Olympics.

Also Wednesday, the IOC executive board endorsed president Jacques Rogge’s proposal for a Youth Olympics starting in 2010 for athletes aged 14-18, and reiterated that the IOC won’t pressure China on human rights or other political issues ahead of the 2008 Winter Games.

The three cities vying for the 2014 Winter Games — Pyeongchang, South Korea; Salzburg, Austria; and Sochi, Russia — made public presentations with less than three months before the IOC vote.

Italian police raided Austrian team lodgings outside Turin on Feb. 18, 2006. The move followed a tip that former Austrian coach Walter Mayer, who was implicated in a blood-doping case at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games and banned from the Turin Olympics, was in the area.

Mayer fled after the raid. He crashed his car into a police roadblock after crossing into Austria, ending up briefly in a psychiatric hospital.

In tandem with the police action, Olympic drug-testers conducted surprise doping checks on 10 Austrian athletes. The tests came back negative, but the IOC said it would continue its investigation based on the police findings.

The IOC received the report from Italian investigators this year, and a three-man disciplinary panel held two days of hearings on the case this month in Lausanne, Switzerland. All the Austrian athletes who were asked to appear declined.

The IOC’s doping rules state that athletes who possess prohibited substances or equipment for involvement in an organized doping program or method will be banned for life.

“The case isn’t closed yet. It will be up to the Austrian and international ski federations to suspend the athletes from non-Olympic events,” Bach said.

Also Wednesday, the IOC heard for the first time athletes have been banned by the IOC for life.

In 2005, the IOC banned two French ski jumpers for using blood doping and gave them lifetime bans. Subsequently, the International Olympic Committee announced a blood-doping scheme — the largest such conspiracy ever to be uncovered.

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**Olympics**

**Six Austrians receive lifetime Olympic bans**
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When he first arrived, Brown
had to battle the image that the
3-4 personnel system he planned
to implement with the Irish was
going to affect potential recruits
negatively. A defensive end,
Justin Tratou, went back on his
verbal commitment to the Irish because of the defensive switch.
But since then, Brown has been
able to turn this image into a positive by emphasizing the
flexibility of the 3-4 system to
attract recruits of different sizes
and body types.
"He had to let everybody know,
This is my defense, this is my
philosophy, and this is why
things are going to change at Notre
Dame.' I think he had to
to that message out there," Frank
said. "And the only way
he was going to do that without
shorting them on the field ... is to
give people a feel for how many
as many of these top guys as he
can turn this into a positive. Then, There's why we like you, and here's how
we think that you can help us on
defense, and here's where we
envision you playing." He's done
an outstanding job of communi-
cating that message and getting
these top, top players interested
in coming to play for him.
Frank said he believed the
four recruits Brown has nabbed
so far would have had much
more schools coming after them if it
was later in the recruiting process and other coaches had
the chance to look and evaluate them.
But regardless of who he has in
coming to Brown, his success in
the recruiting game will hinge
upon how Notre Dame's defense
-- a defense that finished sixth in
total yardage allowed last sea-
son -- progresses this season.
They may not be one of the tops
in the country, but if they can
show significant improvement in
stopping big plays, or as Brown
calls to like them "explosives,"
and getting some "explosives" of
their own, Brown and his
defense could build the founda-
tion for getting the Irish defense
pointed in the right direction.
Thus, maybe those recruits
who Brown went out of his way
to see Saturday will walk with
him inside the tunnel and into
Notre Dame's locker room. But
even if they do not decide to
come to Notre Dame, it will not
be because Brown failed to try
hard enough to get them here.

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Sabres knock off Rangers

Associated Press
BUFFALO, N.Y. — Alex
Kotalik and the Buffalo Sabres proved
looking back, one can question if
whether they are the elite team in the
NHL.
It's a response that came
trought loud and clear in a 5-2
victory over the New York
Rangers in Game 1 of their
Eastern Conference semifinal series
on Wednesday.
"I think we showed every-
body we were ready," Kotalik
said. "We wanted to show them
before the game, and we
made sure that we were going
to respond not in the paper but
on the ice."
Kotalik was referring to
Rangers coach Tom Henney's
comments suggesting the top-
seeded Sabres weren't the
league's "cream of the crop."
"Yeah, exactly, everybody
heard it," Kotalik said. "We
talked about it. It's a good
thing."
Thomas Vanek scored twice (and
once was on a power-play) before
scoring a three-goal second-period that
broke open a scoreless game
and put the Sabres in control.
It was a vintage outburst —
Buffalo scored six goals in a
four shots in a 4:05 span
— for a potent Sabres team that
scored third-period goals in its
four-game, round-series sweep of
Southeast Division champion Atlanta.
Game 2 of the best-of-seven
series is Friday at Buffalo.
Jason Pominville and Drew
Stafford, with an empty-net
goal, also scored for the
Sabres.
Marcel Hossa and Brendan
Shanahan scored third-period
goals for New York, which
now must put its disheartening
final 20 minutes to bed.
"I think they were
as sharp as we needed to be, and
not as sharp as we'll be next
game," Shanahan said. "I don't
know if they outplayed us, but they outperformed us.
"The Rangers went 1-for-5 in
power-play chances, but failed
to score on a 2-on-1 edge,
two-man advantage early in the
third period.
We haven't played in a
while and it really showed,"
Henney said, noting the
Sabres played their first
game in a week.
Rust wasn't the only
problem. New York had
difficulty keeping up with the
Sabres' depth and speed.
"That was apparent when
the Sabres finally got one past
Lundqvist, who was otherwise
sharp in stopping the first
23 shots he faced.
Vanek opened the scoring 14
minutes into the second peri-
dod with a power-play goal.
Pumped up from in front and
ahead of defender Daniel
Girardi, Vanek was in perfect
position to deflect in Dmitri
Kalinin's shot from inside the
circle.
Buffalo's fourth line struck
first for the next goal when
Kotalik, set up by Adam Mair's
pass, split two defenders and
snapped a shot from the right
circle that beat Lundqvist high
and hard enough to get them here.
Vanek capped the surge
when he got by Karel
Rachunek at the Rangers' blue
line, drove in and around Paul
Mara, and scored on a
defenseless Lundqvist.
"We've been known when
we can get a couple of quick
ones, we can get the third one
fairly soon after that," Sabres
coach Lindy Ruff said. "We
said, 'let's keep attacking.' That
looked a lot like the team
that played most of the year."
Ryan Miller stopped 32
shots, having his shutout bid
foiled when Hossa beat him
with a one-timer with 9:16
left, briefly cutting Buffalo's
lead to 3-1.
Miller's best save came a
few minutes earlier during the
Rangers' two-man advantage,
when he snagged Shanahan's
shot despite being screened by
New York's Sean Avery.
"We have the utmost respect
for our opponent," Henney
said. "We'll be well-organized
and well-prepared."
The Rangers welcomed back
Rachunek, who had missed 16
games with a sprained right
knee. But New York then lost
Michal Rozsival, the Rangers
top offensive defenseman,
who didn't return after hurt-
ing his leg early in the second
period.

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Irish defensive Ambrose Wooden, left, and linebacker Toryan Smith, right, tackle runningack Armando Allen during Notre Dame's annual Blue-Gold Game Saturday.
Pollock said Lilley has helped him make the transition from junior hockey to the NHL.

"He knows the ins and outs of playing third base," he said. "He's always helping me with where to play and things like that with our coach. He's really come around." Still, Pollock said the fundamentals are pretty much the same.

"You field the ball, and you throw it," he said.

Notre Dame was scheduled to take on Valparaiso Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium, but the game was rained out.

The team will leave Friday for New Jersey for its week-end series with the Scarlet Knights.

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**Ducks upend Canucks 5-1**

Anaheim defeated Vancouver 5-1 in the Western Conference semifinal game one.

**Vancouver goalie Roberto Luongo watches a shot go past him in the third period Wednesday night.**

Anaheim had their first series against the Vancouver Canucks with a 5-1 victory on Wednesday night.

After Jeff Cowan gave Vancouver a 1-0 lead at 7:07 of the first period, the Ducks responded by scoring three times — twice by McDonald — on their first nine shots against goalie Roberto Luongo. Teemu Selanne had a goal and assist during the outburst, and Chris Kunitz assisted on both goals.

Jean-Sebastien Giguere finished with 26 saves for the Ducks.

Ryan Getzlaf gave Anaheim a three-goal pad midway through the final period, and McDonald tied the Ducks' scoring on a shot from just right of the crease when the Ducks had a two-man advantage with 52 seconds remaining.

"It's pretty exciting," McDonald said of his first hat trick, playoff or otherwise. "It's just nice to be able to contribute. The first game is always tough in the series. I am pretty fortunate to be able to play with such great players.

With the first multi-goal playoff game of his career, McDonald tied the Ducks' record for most points in a postseason contest and became the second player to have a hat trick. Joffrey Lupul also has five points in 10 career NHL games.

The second game of this series is Friday night in Anaheim before the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal series shifts to Vancouver for games Sunday and Tuesday.

Luongo faced 31 shots as the Ducks kept the pressure on by crowding in front of the net throughout the game. He was replaced by Dan Sabourin after Getzlaf's goal. Sabourin faced six shots and gave up McDonald's third goal.

"He's a great goaltender," McDonald said of Luongo. "We had to have a good night. We moved the puck around and used our speed.

After starting the game relatively slowly and with the Canucks on the attack for the first few minutes, the Ducks quickly shook off the rust.

Anaheim had previously played since wrapping up the opening series against Minnesota last Thursday. The Canucks didn't really get a day off. They had taken a 3-1 lead in the series against Dallas, but lost the next two before finally concluding the series with a Game 7 win on Monday night. Tuesday was a travel day.

Although the first goal and four-point game of his playoff career, McDonald scored his second goal of the night to give the Ducks a 3-1 lead at 19:11 of the opening period.

A 2-on-1 rush, Selanne skated down the right side, waited for the defender to commit toward him, then slid the puck across to McDonald. The Ducks' center beat Luongo with a shot between the pads.

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"I just focused on working really hard and trying to become one of the best. Notre Dame was Bargar's last scheduled college visit, and it made the biggest impact on the high school star. "I loved all the girls here and fit in well with them," Bargar said. "I couldn't pass up an opportunity like Notre Dame, it's an amazing place.

Bargar was a key addition to the Irish pitching staff in 2006, pitching second in the rotation and finishing with a 15-9 record. Bargar was named the Big East Conference freshman of the year.

Assuming her role as the ace of the pitching staff this season, Bargar has continued to elevate her performance and succeed. A power pitcher who has always been able to rely on her velocity, Bargar has become more effective this season by adding more pitches to her arsenal.

I've learned a couple new pitches that have made me successful this year, including a drop and a changeup," she said. "Physically, I've developed mentally and become much more mentally tough.

Bargar leads Notre Dame and the Big East with 16 wins and 176 innings pitched and is second in the conference with 174 strikeouts. She has pitched 19 complete games for the Irish, all while holding opponents to a .250 batting average.

Although only a sophomore, Bargar has evolved into a leader on Notre Dame.

"As a pitcher, we set the tone of the game," Bargar said. "I have to come out from the first inning on and have a positive start and lead by example.

Bargar will start for the third-place Irish in a crucial doubleheader Sunday against Big East leader No. 17 DePaul.

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second baseman Maureen Hein had 28 runs, a number second on the team with a 2.92 average. Hein also had 23 RBIs.

The Belles' and the Flying Dutch are evenly matched, but Saint Mary's has had some slight advantages. While Hope junior Jessica Regnerus is hitting .460 in 87 at bats, the Belles' (1.333) top Hope (.236) for team batting average in the league and have a solid and consistent hitter in freshman outfielder Ashley Peterson, who is hitting .430 in 86 at bats.

The Belles also have a stronger pitching lineup than the Dutch. Saint Mary's sophomore Kristin Amram and Calli Davison combine for a 2.35 ERA, which is second in the league. The Dutch are third in the league with a 2.38 ERA.

Both teams' best pitchers have winning records. Amram (1.06 ERA) is 8-4, while Dutch freshman pitcher Deidra Enochs (2.00 ERA) is 8-5. Amram and Davison have had a lot of low batting averages — 125 and 260, respectively. Opponents have had an equally low 2.50 against Enochs.

Healy said execution of play has been the key for the Belles this year. "Pitching has made key against Hope today at 3:30 p.m.
The Belles will look to sluggers senior Sarah Miesele, sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro and Peterson to widen the gap between the Belles and Dutch similar offensives. Miesele is second in the league with 33 runs and third with 25 RBIs this season in the league with seven homers and fifth for runs scored.

The Belles hope to ride momentum from sweeping the last three teams they've faced—Goshen, Olivet and Albion.

"We're going to continue what we've been doing the last three games and win every inning," Healy said.

The Belles will take on Olivet College on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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**SMC Softball**

**Belles and Hope square off**

By REBECCA SLINGER  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will take on Hope today to preface what will be a competitive MIAA conference tournament. The No. 4 Belles (21-5, 9-1 MIAA) and No. 2 Hope College (21-4, 9-1 MIAA) face off this afternoon at Gainey Field. The Flying Dutch have a .833 winning percentage in the conference, while the Belles are .720.  

If inclement weather doesn’t cancel the game again — the matchup was originally scheduled for April 4 — the Belles will finally have a chance to show Hope exactly why they are contenders for the MIAA championship.  

"The delay in playing Hope has given us more time to prepare," freshman coach and teammates rushed out to help Bargar, she calmly jumped back up into the pitching circle and faced the next batter.  

"Pitching runs deep in the veins of the Bargar family — Britney’s father Lance played baseball and pitched on the collegiate level as well.  

"I started playing softball because of my dad," Bargar said. "He would always tell me stories about his games, and it made me interested."  

Bargar picked up softball at age eight, at first playing with her father and then joining a recreational league.  

She showed talent on the rubber from an early age and made an immediate impact as a freshman at Corona High School in California. Named team co-MVP as a freshman, Bargar was an integral part of a very successful Corona team.  

"My high school career was amazing," Bargar said. "We were very talented, and I got to play with a bunch of girls I loved and became best friends with."  

The Corona team and Bargar had their best season in 2005, in her senior season. Ranked as high as third nationally, Corona reached the finals of the California Interscholastic Federation tournament. At a senior Bargar garnered several individual awards, including Riverside County player of the year.  

For her high school career, Bargar posted a sparkling ERA of 0.39, and tallied a 66-18 record.  

Despite Bargar’s dominance in high school, the hurler said she hardly thought about her future in softball until scholarship offers started coming in.  

"I didn’t really realize what my future held," Bargar said.  

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**FOOTBALL**

Brown works hard for new defensive recruits

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Editor

As the rest of the Irish made their way into the tunnel after Saturday’s Blue-Gold game, defensive coordinator Corwin Brown decided he would take a little detour on his way to the locker room.  

Brown cut through the slowly moving herd of blue and white jerseys, and the significantly less intimidating mass of reporters gathered outside the tunnel, to say "hello" to a few people — the potential recruits at Saturday’s intra-squad game.  

Brown has been hard at work this spring getting the word out to prospects that he is building Notre Dame’s defense into a national force.  

And so far, Brown’s hard work on the recruiting scene has yielded success.  

At this point last season under former defensive coordinator (and resident scapegoat) Rick Minter, the Irish had no recruits that verbally committed on the defensive side of the ball.  

This season under Brown, four defensive prospects — defensive tackle Sean Cwynar, defensive end Darius Fleming, and linebackers Anthony Macdonald and David Paduanozzy have said they plan to attend Notre Dame for the class of 2012. Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for irisheyes.com, said Brown’s work ethic is a big part of his early success.  

"As somebody who follows this very, very closely," Frank said.  

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**BASEBALL**

Fresh face

Notre Dame freshman A.J. Pollock has had no trouble adjusting

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Sports Editor  

A.J. Pollock has always been confident.  

Soon after he arrived last fall, a freshman just months removed from batting .462 his senior season at Regional Hebron Andover and Marlborough (RHAM) High School in Hebron, Conn. Pollock was sure he would be in the Notre Dame starting lineup come spring.  

"I wanted to win a spot, and after the first couple weeks I knew I could play with anybody," he said.  

Now, at the end of his first year in South Bend, Pollock is the everyday third baseman and second hitter for an Irish team that is slowly

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**ND SOFTBALL**

Pitching in blood, Bargar steps into leading Irish role

By MICHAEL BRYAN  
Sports Writer

In a sport where its athletes aren’t known for their toughness, Notre Dame pitcher Britney Bargar stands out.  

The sophomore workhorse, who leads the Irish in innings pitched and complete games, once took a hard line drive off her face in a high school game. When her concerned

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