D'Arcy criticizes Jenkins' decision

Bishop again decries president's approval of 'Vagina Monologues' performances on campus

By BILL BRINK
News Editor

As he did in 2006, Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop John D'Arcy has condemned University President Father Jenkins' decision to allow "The Vagina Monologues" to be performed on campus and said he hopes Jenkins rethinks his choice.

In a six-page statement released Wednesday, D'Arcy said he "publicly and respectfully disagree[s]" with Jenkins' decision to allow the play, which will be held from March 26-30, to be performed on campus.

"I am convinced that permitting performances of the "Monologues" is not consistent with the identity of a Catholic university," D'Arcy said. Jenkins said in a two-page statement Monday that universities, including Notre Dame, are responsible for openly discussing controversial issues and finding academic platforms for those issues and so the play could be performed on campus.

D'Arcy disagreed and said permitting performance of the play was "not consistent with the identity of a Catholic university." "Because it depicts and endorses sinful sexual acts in direct opposition to Church teaching, I believe its performance to be pornographic and spiritually harmful," D'Arcy said.

The Eve Ensler play, which was performed on campus for six of the past seven years, has continually generated controversy at Notre Dame. Jenkins said he would allow performance of the "Monologues" after finding the student proposal to perform the play consistent with guidelines he established in 2006, which, among other stipulations, said the play must be discussed within a Catholic context.

An academic panel discussion will follow each performance, and at least one panel member will discuss the play's relation to Catholic beliefs.

D'Arcy called for the University to denounce the play.

"Otherwise, the University appears to endorse it as in some way good and the impression is given that Catholic teaching is one option competing among many," D'Arcy said.

Tampons sold for charity at SMC

Students raise funds to purchase feminine hygiene products for African girls who can't afford them

By MANDI STRIONE
News Writer

As part of Women's Appreciation Week (WAW) at Saint Mary's College, students have the opportunity to purchase sanitary napkins and tampons for a $1 donation to charity. Co-chair of WAW, freshman Karen Borja said.

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The senators also discussed

'Think As You Are' focuses on eating disorders

Counseling Center offers support, treatment for men and women

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Last year, just over one in every 10 students to visit the University Counseling Center was treated for an eating disorder, but today Valerie Staples will present ways the University can lower that number.

Staples, the coordinator for Eating Disorder Services in the Counseling Center, will speak to faculty and staff today about how they can impact the positive body image of students.

Her department recently ran a program to educate rectors and RAs about recognizing and helping students with eating disorders and this week the Counseling Center worked in conjunction with other depart-

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

Dr. Mary Rodts, an orthopedic nurse practitioner with over 30 years of experience, delivered a lecture Wednesday on the effects of eating disorders on the bones and body structure as a part of the "Live As You Are" health and body image conference ending today at Notre Dame.

According to a Harvard study, more than 40 percent of primary school students wanted to be thinner and most 10-year-olds had dieted, Rodts said. This weight-consciousness causes three percent of women and one percent of men to suffer from an eating disorder at some point in their lifetime.

Nurse warns of physiological effects of anorexia, bulimia

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

The Student Senate applauded the University's increased attention to environmental issues in a unanimously passed resolution at its weekly meeting.

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The stairs were whirled away and removed from their concrete base in order to make moving them possible. They ruined what should have been a national landmark, just like other sites. The USS Arizona still rests in the waters in Pearl Harbor to remind the world of the tragedy of that attack.

What makes the stairs different is their location. Situated in downtown Manhattan, this staircase was occupying prime real estate that, according to the Powers That Be, needed to be filled as soon as possible. So by creating a memorial and building a symbolic “Freedom Tower,” the event could be remembered better.

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By moving these stairs, they are doing a lot more than clearing room for a new skyscraper. They are inherently tamishing the memory and sacrifices of those who died in the attacks.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU THINK SPRING IS HERE?

Erin Rogozinski

Senior

Lyons

"Spring started the party, but winter is crashing it." 

Hannah Ha

Freshman

Welsh Fan

"If it isn’t, I’ll bring it with flip-flops and neon." 

Luke Stavole

Freshman

Fisher

"I’m wearing shorts and a t-shirt, so yeah."

Sarah Angle

Freshman

Howard

"The Spring state of mind is here, but not the sustained warm temperatures."

Xiao Liu

Freshman

Stanford

"It is for now."

Jay Fitzpatrick

Managing Editor

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame women’s lacrosse team will play Delaware at 3 p.m. Thursday on Moose Krause Field.

The film “I’m Not There,” which tells the story of legendary singer Bob Dylan at different stages of his life and with different actors in the lead role, will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on tonight at 7 p.m.


There will be Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Stations will be held each Friday during Lent.

The Project Pink Fashion Show, a fundraiser for breast cancer survivors, will be held Friday at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Flipside will host an Easter egg hunt Saturday from 10 a.m. to midnight on Road Quad. Participants will receive flashlights and will search for colored plastic Easter eggs containing candy.

Circle K will host an ice cream Social Sunday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room of the LaFortune Student Center.

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

OFFBEAT

Man decorates car like "Transformers" police car

LAS VEGAS, N.M. — Jessie Vigil’s black-and-white car sports a red-and-blue emergency bar across the top and the word “police” painted on the doors. Vigil, however, isn’t a cop. Law enforcement agencies say what he’s done with his car isn’t illegal as long as he doesn’t act like a police officer.

He started decorating his 2007 Ford Mustang last summer to look like the police cruiser in the “Transformers" movie because his 7-year-old son, Thomas, was fond of the film. “My intent was to re-create the movie car,” said Vigil, a 35-year-old disabled veteran from the war in Iraq. “When I came back from Iraq, I tried to spoil him. I wasn’t the best dad before.”

Student’s candy purchase results in suspension

NEW HAVEN — Contractual candy has led to big trouble for an eighth-grade honors student in Connecticut.

Michael Sheridan was stripped of his title as class vice president, barred from attending an honors student dinner and suspended for a day after buying a bag of Skittles from a classmate.

School spokeswoman Catherine Sullivan-DeCarlo says the New Haven school system banned candy sales in 2003 as part of a districtwide school wellness policy.

Michael’s suspension has been reduced from three days to one, but he has not been reinstated as class vice president.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER

TODAY

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LOW 38

TUESDAY

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D'Arcy created a hypothetical situation to illustrate his concern with allowing anti-Catholic teaching promoted in the play from a conversation with Jenkins about Nazi literature.

He imagined the University was in Nazi Germany in 1938 and that some faculty and students were Nazi sympathizers. He imagined there was a national movement where schools showed films advocating Nazi propaganda.

"Would not the showing of such a film at Notre Dame involve the University in providing a platform for Nazi propaganda and entail some level of cooperation with the evil of Nazism?" D'Arcy said.

D'Arcy released statements disagreeing with Jenkins' decision to allow the play on campus in 2006 and said he had been in contact with Jenkins about the decision and refuted Jenkins' arguments in his own statement.

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Institute recognized for contributions

University earns "Blessed are the Peacemakers" award from the Catholic Theological Union

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies has received the 2008 "Blessed are the Peacemakers" Award from the Catholic Theological Union (CTU), the largest Catholic graduate school of theology in North America.

The award is offered each year to an institution or individual "whose accomplishments and commitments reflect the values of our own mission, particularly in the areas of reconciliation, justice, and peacemaking," according to the award letter from CTU President Emeritus C.F. Cardinal Kasper, head of the Vatican Office for Ecumenism; Steven Spielberg, for his establishment of the Shoah Visual History Foundation; the One Voice Movement for Peace in Israel and Palestine; Jean Vanier, the founder of the L'Arche community for mentally disabled adults; the Council of Religious Leaders for Metropolitan Chicago; and Sen. John Danforth, former ambassador to the United Nations.

Kroc Institute director R. Scott Appleby will accept the award on April 29 in Chicago at a dinner attended by more than 500 of Chicago's religious, civic and business leaders.

Appleby said the Kroc Institute in "deeply honored to be recognized by CTU and to be in the company of so many extraordinary organizations and individuals who have received this award in the past. We are also very pleased that the award shines a spotlight on the important role that academic research and education play in advancing peace worldwide and supporting the Church's efforts in peacebuilding."

The award is named for Blessed Pope John XXIII whose writings D'Arcy said Jenkins was incorrect to say allowing the play was analogous to allowing students to read and discuss authors such as Nietzsche, Gibbon, Luther and Joyce, whose writings D'Arcy said are contrary to Catholic teachings.

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The medium of the play also led D'Arcy to object to its performance.

Students reading a book in a classroom setting, he said, discuss and critique the work. After a play, students leave and they are not required to stay for the panel discussions. Panel discussions, he said, are not consistent with watching a play.

D'Arcy also took issue with the play's involvement in the National V-Day campaign, an organization to stop violence against women that "promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations," according to its Web site. The organization was created in 1998 in response to the "Monologues" and helps organize production of the "Monologues" around the country to raise money for anti-violence causes.

D'Arcy also disagreed with showing the play because of the sins inherent to it. The depiction of sins such as female masturbation and adult-child relations, D'Arcy said, "violates standards of decency and morality."

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another resolution supporting an increase in of-campus sena-
tors, which failed after debate over the effectiveness of having more of-campus representation and the resolution's statement that there should be one male and one female of-campus sen-
aitor.

Kernan senator Gus Gari, drafted the resolution, said an increase in off-campus senators would improve communication between student government and off-campus residents, who constitute about 20 percent of the student body.

If passed, the resolution potentially would have led to an amendment of the Student Body Constitution, increasing the of-
campus membership from one to two senators.

Gari said that if the off-cam-
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"There are already more boys' dorms than girls' dorms," Pangborn senator Denise Barends said. "With the addition of Duncan, there will be two more boys' dorms than girls' dorms. I think that there's an effort, a precedent within sen-
ate to keep a gender balance."

Besides the gender issue, sen-
aitors debated the necessity of an additional off-campus mem-
ber. "As the off-campus sena-
tor, I don't really see a need for this," senior Andrew Trina said.

"The problem is not so much communication, just that most of what we do in Senate is geared towards the undergrad-
uates living on campus.

"The additional off-campus sena-
tors do not have as many resources to relay campus news to other students, such as Hall Council meetings or posters in the dorms."

"I'm just worried about what foreseeable change will pro-
duce. Being off campus, there's no group meeting at Turtle Creek or Hall Council," Murphy said. "I just don't know if more is necessarily better."

Even though off-campus stu-
dents may have less access to campus news and events, stu-
dent body president Liz Brown, who lives off campus, said some students still like to remain involved with the Notre Dame community.

"I don't think you're moving off campus with the intention to get disconnected," she said. "I think that there is definitely a disconnect in communication."

In other Senate news:

♦ The Senate passed a resolu-
tion amending the Student Body Constitution. This amendment stated that the Student Body President will nominate Senate Committee Chairs, and two-
thirds of the Senate must approve the nominations.

♦ Faculty Senate liaison Professor Thomas Noble said the Faculty Senate passed a res-
olution supporting checks in all classrooms. This resolution will be implemented, since a previous Student Senate resolution also supported the issue.

♦ The next student-faculty debate will address global warming, according to Callie Pogge, chair of the University Affairs Committee. It will take place next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Dooley Room of LaFortune.

♦ Academic Affairs Committee chair Carol Hendrickson said her committee discussed the future use of online teacher-course evalua-
tions, which will allow students to read others' comments about their classes.

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and Rodriguez thought of ways
to raise money.

They first wanted to put jars around campus for people to donate loose change but then decided they wanted to do some-
thing more tangible as well.

"Girls would feel like they were actually making an impact if they got something physical," Borja said. "It's more symbolic if you have something than if you're just making a dona-
tion."

Borja said the drive was some-
thing Saint Mary's students in partic-
ular would be able to relate to.

"We all get our periods every month," she said. "... [This] is something women across campus will be able to sympathize with."

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Karen Borjas
Women's Appreciation Week
co-chair

"We're hoping to get at least $500 so the SDB can match that," she said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Flu outbreak closes Hong Kong schools

HONG KONG — Hong Kong ordered almost half a million primary and kindergarten students Wednesday to stay home for two weeks because of a flu outbreak in one of the world’s most densely populated cities.

The government also asked one of its top scientists to investigate the deaths of three children. But the World Health Organization said only two of the children tested positive for the flu, and both had other diseases as well.

The outbreak has not been linked to bird flu, which is detected in birds in Hong Kong. Bird flu remains difficult for humans to catch, but scientists fear it could be transmitted to humans and mutate into a form that spreads easily among humans.

The government has ordered all kindergartens, primary and special education schools closed for two weeks, including more than 200,000 students in 331 schools.

Detainee wants to boycott his trial

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — An Afghan detainee said Wednesday that he wants to boycott his trial at Guantanamo Bay and rallied against the proceedings as unfair and illegal.

Mohammed Dadullah, who is accused of throwing a grenade that wounded two U.S. soldiers, initially refused to attend his first pretrial hearing, delaying his case. But in the courtroom’s narrow passageway, the judge, Marine Col. Ralph Kohlmann, warned Jameel Dadullah that if he does not attend future sessions he could still be tried, convicted and sentenced in absentia.

NATIONAL NEWS

Suspects charged in student’s murder

HILLSBOROUGH, N.J. — Two suspects were charged Wednesday with first-degree murder in the killing of the University of North Carolina’s student body president, though one remains at large.

Police said Ebon James Atwater, 21, of Durham, was charged with murder and attempted murder in the stabbing death of University of North Carolina student Demario James Atwater, 22, of Athens, Ga., who was found a week ago lying on a street near a bus stop.

Space shuttle undergoes construction

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Endeavour underwent a series of tests Monday in preparation for its launch on Wednesday for a late-night linkup that in many safety-related procedures put much on the line for the mission.

Before the docking, though, Endeavour’s commanding pilot had a few words with the space station’s crew about their launch and rendezvous plan for Wednesday on a late-night linkup that will kick off almost two weeks of demanding construction.

LOCAL NEWS

Tax relief plan sees late progress

INDIANAPOLIS — Top lawmakers said some progress was being made to reach a compromise on President Obama’s $390 billion tax relief and reform plan as late Friday deadline for adjourning the session loomed.

Indiana’s Senate has warned lawmakers that he would call them into special session if the Democratic-controlled House and Republican-controlled Senate failed to come up with a plan acceptable to him on time.

Sen. Tax Chairman Luke Kenley said negotiators had “good conversations” Wednesday morning.

“We’ve got a few days left to try to wrap this up,” the Nobleville Republican said early Wednesday afternoon. “There are seven points to work out, but we’re making pretty good progress.”

“Yesterday was a pretty tough day, and so I think that the end of the session is near and people are starting to have the will to just kind of settle their differences, but it looks good.”

IRAQ

Baghdad feeling effects of increased violence

Baghdad has seen a spate of suicide bombings that have killed scores of Iraqis and five U.S. soldiers — among 12 Americans who have fallen in the line of duty in Baghdad in the past three days.

Suddenly, the city is feeling the unease of the period before violence eased partly as a result of the U.S. troop buildup, which is now coming to a close.

“Violence has increased dramatically over the past few days,” said Talibah Ismael, a 33-year-old father of three living in western Baghdad.

After five years of war, Iraqis interviewed said they were not necessarily changing their daily routines. But all said the growing bloodshed was present in their minds, clouding what had until recently been a more hopeful time.

Some fear that the rampant violence of one year ago may be coming back, especially as the 30,000 soldiers sent to Baghdad last summer to help end a sectarian war begin returning home.

The key goal of the U.S. “surge” was to secure the capital, giving Iraq’s politicians breathing room to cut deals that would bring minority Sunni Arabs into the government and thereby weaken or end the insurgency.

Violence in the capital has indeed diminished, thanks also to a maze of walls and barriers that divide Shule from Sunni neighborhoods, a key Shiite militia’s cease-fire and the decision by many Sunnis to turn against al-Qaida in Iraq. But as a result, street life and even nightlife have returned to many districts, particularly Shiite.

But Iraqi politicians are still gridlocked over sharing power, and citizen groups appear to have little hope that Iraq can form an inclusive coalition to defeat al-Qaida in Iraq and renegade Shiite militias on their own.

“I’m 100 percent certain that if the U.S. forces leave now, the situation will become very explosive,” said Najil Hassum Yassin, a 55-year-old math teacher and father of three from the capital’s Amariyah neighborhood, once controlled by al-Qaida in Iraq.
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elements to hold campus-wide events for National Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

Staples told Notre Dame students present a unique set of issues to consider in the treatment of an eating disorder. On campus, there are circumstances that might fuel the disorders differently,” she said. “This is a place where there is a lot of exercise go on and there is a competitive component to that. These students are who are pretty driven, whether it be about good grades or looking perfect.

The Counseling Center stresses a collaborative approach to treating students with eating disorders, Staples said. “If someone meets the criteria for an eating disorder, we approach it with a comprehensive team,” she said. “Students meet with a counselor and the physician at the health center. We are looking at all aspects of the disorder.” The first step of the treatment program is completing a physical that will screen for the severity of the disease, Staples said. Certain students will need to meet with a therapist, but do not have the severe condition that requires regular meetings with a dietician and physician said.

Students with a severe form of an eating disorder meet regularly with the therapist, dietitian, and doctor, and in those cases, the eating disorder would be at a point where the behaviors and thoughts about body weight and eating start to affect other aspects of life, including self-esteem, relationships, and concentration,” Staples said.

Staples also leads group meetings for affected students to talk about their problems with each other. The Counseling Center treats many forms of eating disorders every year, but the most prevalent forms treated are anorexia nervosa and bulimia, Staples said. The center also treat students who purge calories by over-exercising, and a few students who are binge eaters, but do not purge the calories through vomiting or exercise, Staples said.

In the past few years, the Counseling Center has seen a slight increase in the number of men seeking help for eating disorders. Although the students treated are predominantly women, Staples said the increased awareness over the years has helped propel men to get the help they need. “It is difficult for men because of the stigma that eating disorders are a woman's disease,” she said. “We are trying to get away from that.”

Recently, Staples attended a conference at Duke University for campus treatment providers. She said she was able to gain insight into the treatment programs of other similar universities such as Cornell, NYU, and Brown.

“In listening to them, I think we are pretty comparable in terms of issues and number of students with eating disorders, and I was really pleased in listening to other people in terms of our approach,” Staples said. “I think with our collaborative relationships we are further ahead than some.” Staples is optimistic about the strength of Notre Dame’s approach to eating disorders. “I feel really good about the progress we have made in terms of providing a team approach. We have a good collaboration relationship, which transfers to good continuity of care for the students. I think most students would say that they have found it to be helpful,” she said. “Eating disorders are very serious, and it can be a very lengthy treatment process but people do get better.”

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"One of the most serious of these eating disorders is anorexia," she said. "Those who suffer from anorexia struggle with an intense fear of gaining weight."

Rodts said. "They spend 70 percent or more of their time thinking about food, dieting or calories."

Mary Rodts orthopedic nurse practitioner

"In my niece's situation, we did not see what was going on, we didn't know it was going on," she said. Rodts said that sometimes one of the only ways you can recognize a patient dealing with bulimia is by looking for the other symptoms.

"One initial sign is that the teeth are stained and corroded, particularly in the back, because of the repeated vomiting," she said. The patient's hands and knuckles may also be fat because the hands are often used as an instrument to induce purging, she said. The third eating disorder Rodts discussed was binge eating. She said it is similar to bulimia except that the patient does not purge or fast. "Patients may feel deprived by dieting and they often find friendship with food," Rodts said. Generally, she said, eating disorders can cause serious problems by interfering with the body's supply of nutrients, electrolytes and calcium.

They are especially dangerous for women because they deplete a reserve of bone strength women need later in life because they lose bone mass more much rapidly than males as they age, Rodts said. "Acting [by getting] help is necessary to prevent lifelong disabilities," she said. "Eating disorders can affect your well-being 30 years down the road."

Junior Sarah Ponto said that she found the portion of Rodts lecture which spoke specifically to women particularly informative.

"Even though I'm a pre-med, there was a lot I didn't know about the electrolyte balance and the range of physiological effects of eating disorders," she said. "It's not just the heart, or any one system, it's every. . . ."

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Capitol Hill begins budget debate
Democrats, Republicans seek political points while tackling fiscal plans

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats in the House and Senate trudged up surplus-producing fiscal plans Wednesday as their GOP rivals seized on looming tax increases as the Democratic budget outlines as a poten for the presidential campaign.

Democrats are backing twin $3 trillion budgets for 2009 that would pro produce sizable surpluses in a few years and provide generate increases for many domestic programs, but only by assuming major tax increases when President Bush's tax cuts expire in about three years.

All three major presidential candidates planned to be on hand Thursday in the Senate for votes on taxes, a one-year ban on lawmakers' pet projects and a vote to pass the measure late in the day. The House also votes on Thursday.

House debate began Wednesday, as Republicans pressed an alternative plan to reserve Bush's income tax cuts and tax breaks for married couples, people with children and investments and for those inheriting multimillion-dollar estates.

But the price for such generosity is hardening tax critics in Medicare, housing, community development and the Medicaid health care program for the poor and disabled.

The rival budget plans display the differing approaches facing a presidential run-off at the end of 2010 against popular spending programs like education, highway construction and Medicare. Simply put, it's impossible, under current estimates, to have it all and still be able to produce a balanced budget in a few years. The White House forecasts the deficit for the current year at $410 billion, a near-record.

Republicans blasted the measures for assuming the 2001 and 2003 cuts in taxes on incomes, investments, parents with children and married couples will expire at the end of 2010.

"The child tax credit gets cut in half," said Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, the top Republican on the House Budget Committee. "The marriage penalty comes back ... it requires that income tax rates are raised across the board." Democrats countered that their nonbinding plan puts the budget back in surplus while also making investments in infrastructure, education, community development, clean energy and other programs. They say it also avoids $176 billion worth of Bush-proposed cuts to Medicare and the Medicaid health care program for the poor and disabled.

"The Democratic budget restores fiscal responsibility," said Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass. "It rejects the president's harmful cuts to basic services, and invests in proven programs that boost economic growth, create jobs and make America safer."

Some Democrats, especially in the Senate, are nervous on taxes.

Fed's plan causes stocks to retreat

NEW YORK — Wall Street's euphoria over a $200 billion down payment from the Federal Reserve turned to cautioned Wednesday, leading stocks to retreat a day after their biggest rally in more than five years. Investors largely regard the plan the Federal Reserve's largest in a decade, but only a couple of months into the recession, we might need a couple more months to plod our way through this.

After shooting higher Tuesday, most bank stocks declined again Wednesday. Even if the credit markets ease up a bit, banks and other lenders still face a deteriorating climate for consumer credit and many are low on cash.

"We're still in a great deal of flux here," said John O'Donoghue, co-head of equities at Cowen & Co. "Volatility energy prices added to the market's anxiety. Oil prices initially fell after the Energy Department said crude and gasoline supplies rose by unexpectedly large amounts last week, but then they returned on their record-setting streak to briefly surpass $110 a barrel. If oil keeps hitting record levels, inflation pressures could rise and limit the Federal Reserve's ability to reduce interest rates further and boost lending efforts to spur the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 46.57, or 0.38 percent, to 12,110.24. It initially dipped, shot up more than 140 points, then dropped again. On Tuesday, the Dow surged 416 points, the blue chip's biggest one-day point gain since 2002.

The dollar fell against most other major currencies, and sank to another record low against the euro. Gold prices rose, while crude finished at a record settlement of $109.92 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

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The Observer
Cuban athletes disappear in Florida

Associated Press

TAMPA — Five Cuban soccer players were missing Tuesday night after the under-23 team played a key match against the United States, a team official said Wednesday.

The missing men had not yet been reported to authorities.

Zachary Mann, a spokesman for Customs and Border Protection, said it’s unlikely the agency will learn the men’s whereabouts until they come forward.

Under the United States’ “wet foot, dry foot” policy, Cubans who reach U.S. soil are allowed to remain in the country and apply for U.S. residency after one year.

The Cuban team is in Tampa to play in qualifying games for the Beijing Olympics this August, sponsored by the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Football, or CONCACAF. A CONCACAF spokesman declined comment, saying only that the situation is under review.

The five men, including a goalie and team captain who helped Cuba tie the United States 1-1 Tuesday, are expected to be in Miami by this weekend, said Marcos Ommitn, a spokesman with a professional soccer team Miami FC.

He said he had not spoken with the players and did not know their whereabouts, but said he had spoken with someone who told him to expect the missing players. CONCACAF and team officials did not identify the five missing players. But looking at play and press reports, witnesses revealed who were absent: Jose Manuel Miranda, 21; Elisa Garcia Baro, Yenier Bermudez, Yordanye Alvarez and Loammi Prieto, all listed as 22-year-olds.

Cuba resumed its international soccer participation in 2008. But the government still does not allow its citizens to travel abroad, except for reasons of work or study. The U.S. continues to embargo Cuba.

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 Associate Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton did something Wednesday night that she almost never does. She apologized.

As a novice, she started, she didn’t seem able to stop.

The New York senator, who is running the tightest race against Sen. Barack Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination, struck several sorry notes at an evening forum sponsored by the New York Newspaper Publishers Association, a group of more than 200 mostly black community newspapers across the country.

Her biggest apology came in response to a question about comments by her husband, Bill Clinton, Bill Clinton, after the South Carolina primary, which Obama won handily. Bill Clinton said Jesse Jackson also won South Carolina when he ran for president in 1984 and 1992.

People in New York, many viewed as bolting Obama’s success.

“I want to put that in context. You know I am sorry if anyone was offended. It was certainly not meant in any way to bolster his success.” Hillary Clinton said. “We can be proud of both Jesse Jackson and Senator Obama.”

“Anyone who has followed my husband’s public life for my public life know very well where we have stood and what we have stood for and who we have stood with,” she said, acknowledging that what Jackson wins the nomination will have to heal the wounds of a bruising, “Once one of us has the nomination there will be a great effort to unify the Democratic party and we will do so, because, remember I have a lot of supporters who have voted for us in the primaries and so I would not want to see those people be the nominee.”

The Clintons have long enjoyed overwhelming support from black voters, but that has been eclipsed during the primaries and caucuses by enthusiasm and support for Obama, who has pulled huge margins among black voters. Arguments over the role of race and gender have flared up repeatedly throughout the contest between Obama, who would be the nation’s first black president, and Clinton, who would be its first female one.

Earlier in the day, Hillary Clinton supporter and fundraiser Geraldine Ferraro gave up her honorary position with Clinton’s campaign after she said in an interview last week that she would not have made it this far if she were white. Obama said Ferraro’s remarks were “ridiculous” and “wrongheaded.”

On Ferraro’s comment, Hillary Clinton told her audience, “to truly do reproduce it and I regret deeply that it was said. Obviously she doesn’t speak for the campaign, she doesn’t speak for any of my positions, and she has resigned from her role as an informal advisor of my very large finance committee.”

"Your mom wants you to eat at Jimmy John's!"
Dogs rescued from Ariz. house
Over 800 animals taken from overwhelmed owners and put in area shelters

Associated Press
TUCSON, Ariz. — About 800 small dogs, including Chihuahuas, terriers and Pomeranians, were seized from a triple-wide mobile home whose occupants were overwhelmed trying to care for the animals, authorities said Wednesday.

Pima County sheriff's deputies and animal welfare officials who removed the dogs also found 82 caged parrots in the home in a rural area northwest of Tucson.

Some dogs were pregnant and giving birth as they were taken to shelters in Tucson, said Jenny Rose, a spokeswoman for the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. Ninety-six dogs were taken from the house Monday and another 700 on Wednesday, she said.

"The home was definitely in very bad condition, urine and feces all over the home, in the kitchen and bedroom, with a very strong odor," she said. "Obviously, 800 dogs in a triple-wide mobile home, they were packed in there. That being said, they were in pretty good shape."

The elderly owners, who have not been identified, were apparently overwhelmed but have cooperated with authorities, sheriff's Sgt. James Ogden said. No charges have been filed, but authorities continue to investigate.

The animals appeared to have had enough food, but a few were missing paws — some from having been attacked by other animals, others apparently having caught their feet in fencing outside, Rose said.

The breeds included Chinese crested and Lhasa apso. The owners were breeding and offering the dogs for sale, Rose said, but she described it as a boarding case, in which elderly people sometimes feel no one else can give their animals a good home and won't part with them.

Deputies were alerted this month after a woman who bought a Chihuahua at the home reported the conditions, Ogden said.

Associated Press
DALLAS — Driving to her job at a landscaping company on Interstate 30, Sondra Plunk saw a young boy fall from an overpass and land in the lane next to her.

"I saw his face," she said. "I saw the fear in his face."

The boy and his brother were tossed from the overpass east of downtown Dallas on Wednesday, allegedly by their mother, who then made the two-story jump herself.

Seventeen of all the animals taken from the Arizona home Monday and another 82 from the Texas house Tuesday were seized from an overpass and landed in the fast lane of morning rush hour traffic.

Plunk said the boy she saw fell out of a van, which flattened as its driver slammed the brakes for fear of the boy striking the back of the van.

The boy landed on his side and immediately popped up and looked happy, staring into the van's headline, "He rolled to all fours," said Plunk, 44. "Knowing he was ok made me happy."

"What a miracle," said her friend, bus driver Pat Plunk.

"It's hard to believe when you try to apply logic to these incidents, they totally defy any logical explanation," Dallas police spokesman Sgt. Gil Cerda said.

The Associated Press reported that if someone lands 22 feet are 40 mph, hit Busby and they 8-year-old child but managed to avoid the younger boy. All three were able to talk with investigators, although the 8-year-old may have suffered internal injuries.

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If Lent were spring training, I’d be in jail

Honestly now — how many times have you broken your Lenten promise so far? I promised to spend 20 to 30 minutes in quiet prayer each morning this Lent, but know of at least five days when that has not happened, three days when I didn’t reach the finish line, and at least five more when my prayer was so distracted it could hardly count as prayer.

Today is the 32nd day of Lent, and that’s thirteen whiffs. If Lent was a baseball game, my 600 average would have someone checking me for steroids. God, however, has not yet knocked on the door with a random drug test, so the numbers don’t seem to impress Him much. Has God ever tried to hit a baseball? It’s not that easy.

The days when we break our Lenten promises can be the most important of the 40 days of Lent. By reminding us of our seemingly unshakeable inability to keep even simple commitments to God bring with them a whole battery of interior reactions that are rich with the possibility of deeper self-knowledge, and a deeper knowledge of God. I have learned some of my most enduring spiritual lessons while swinging and missing in Lent. Most importantly, I have discovered that, if I put my mind to it, I am capable of endlessly frustrating myself. I have never made it through a flawless forty days of Lent, and the prospects for next year don’t look great either. I am pretty sure I am incapable of pulling off a perfect Lent. And once I start thinking outside of Lent to the challenges that confront me the other 364 days, it’s a wonder I get up in the morning. It’d be easier and safer if I just stayed in Dillon with the door locked.

Of course, this spiritual depression — born of a spiritual perfectionism — is a helpful conclusion to reach precisely for its absurdity. Lent reminds me precisely of the certainty that moral and spiritual perfection is an impossibility for me. Yet, an overwhelming sense of discouragement at my failings hardly helps us build up of the Kingdom, which I personally and definitely can’t do locked in my room in Dillon — no offense to the guys at Dillon.

My search for a more helpful response sends my mind through the Scriptures, and an almost daily reminder of the collection of sinners with whom Jesus spent his days. Times of spiritual discouragement, or realizations of our weakness, are extremely rich times to read Jesus’ encounter with the town thief Zacchaeus, or Jesus’ calling of Matthew the tax collector. I nearly cry each third Sunday of Lent as I hear Jesus speak in utter compassion to the adulterous Samaritan woman sitting at the well: “You are drinking after water that will make you thirsty again. But I can give you water so that you will thirst no more.”

These are people of moral imperfection, and what strikes me to the heart is not so much that Jesus forgives them (though of course he does) but that he seems to seek them out, and then remains in their company.

Reading these passages, and seeing myself in them, are some of the most intimate moments with God that I experience all year.

While they don’t justify my sins and shortcomings, they do speak to them — and the words are ones of mercy, love, and a renewed call to conversion and true freedom and relationship with God. My Lenten failings are invitations not into discouragement, but into a deeper understanding of the depth of God’s mercy and love. Perhaps, I shouldn’t be so content with imperfection, but — truth be told — I kind of like hitting .600 during Lent. Recognition of our limitations, and recognition of our thirst to transcend them — even if that recognition some days manifests itself only as frustration with ourselves — is a time-tested gateway to a more vibrant and real relationship with Christ.

Our limitations make us one with most of the Gospel characters whom Jesus goes out of his way to encounter. Jesus seeks for us with such persistent compassion despite, I indeed because of, our sin, failures, and imperfections. So, .600 is this Lent, with eight days to go. Hey, it’s hard to hit a baseball with perfect regularity, and besides, you don’t want to be at the peak of your game in spring training.

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"Man is not made for defeat. A man can be destroyed but not defeated." — Ernest Hemingway author
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Viewpoint letter fun! Fill in the blanks

Monologues: A disgrace

I attended Notre Dame from 1962-68. The university was in the early throes of modernization and it seems upon reflection that it wasn't quite clear who was really in charge - the priests or the trustees. A bit of a sabbatical was evident. I don't pay much attention to Notre Dame these days. But it was made known to me today that the "Vagina Monologues" will be performed at Notre Dame. I was kind of rebellion during my college years. But I still considered myself a Catholic. This is why I am disgusted; that this play is going to be performed at Notre Dame. Being a Catholic used to mean something. I guess it doesn't mean much at Notre Dame if standing up for a moral code might offend the hip on the LEE. I see nothing much has changed at Notre Dame since I left 40 years ago. Still afrid. Not sure who, if anyone, is in charge. My dad, class of 28, would throw up if he heard what is going on at the institution he devoted his life to. Shame on you, Fr. Jenkins.

Jack Lavelle
Alumnus
Class of 1968

Eating disorder discourse crucial

I would like to commend both Tara Gilbride and The Observer for acknowledging the significant issue of eating disorders on the Notre Dame campus. As the article mentioned, eating disorders are not uncommon; however they often serve to isolate and consume the men and women struggling.

Eating disorders, like other mental illnesses, are real, organic disorders — and like any other serious disease, they are not a choice or an individual failing. As a survivor, not only can I attest to the devastating eating disorders cause, but I can also assure that treatment is effective and recovery is possible.

Thank you, Tara, for courageously sharing your story, and for giving a voice to those silenced by these serious disorders. I encourage the Notre Dame community to continue this important discourse by attending the Health and Body Image Conference, and by reaching out to those who are in need of help and support. And for those of you struggling, please know that you are not alone.

Allison Wishon
Alumnus
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The Mars Volta wants to blow your mind. Since its inception in 2001 from the ashes of the late, great, "At the Drive-In," the California group has never ceased pushing musical boundaries.

Driven by a classification as well as a traditional song structure, the closest term that could be used to describe its music is simply "forward-thinking." There are hints of punk, salsa, metal and jazz sprinkled throughout each of its four albums. The partnership central to the group, vocalist Cedric Bider-Zavala and bassist Omar Rodriguez-Lopez, must have the most diverse collection of music on their iPods the world has ever seen.

The group's most recent album, "The Bedlam in Goliath," is a definite step up from its previous effort, 2006's meandering "Amputechture." It is also its first ear and straightforward album as the band's 2003 debut "Deloused in the Comatorium." Of course, words like "linear" and "straightforward" are relative, in this case being code words for "no songs over ten minutes in length." Gone are the half hour multi-movement excursions of yesteryear. Instead, we get the furious two-and-a-half minute burst of "Wax Simmons.

There are 12 songs, and increase from previous efforts, and despite the album's overarching concept, those are the best prog-rock songs the Mars Volta has written in years. Which isn't to say it's become Maroon 5; it's relieving to see the band aren't selling themselves out to be the latest hype band. The problem lies in not going far enough.

"The Bedlam in Goliath" is like nothing the band has ever done before. From its previous effort, "Amputechture," "The Bedlam in Goliath" returns to its deathbed upon its release. It's an album that when compared to Mars Volta previous body of work, which sounds like it was written 100 years in the future by aliens who sing in Spanish, English and made-up words, the melodic hooks of "Bedlam" seem fairly tame.

At the same time, this is the Mars Volta's first ever" and lowest offering yet. Complexity and length were dialled back, if only slightly, in exchange for brute force. The band is rocking harder than it ever has. Songs like "Goliath," "Metratm" and opener "Abernikul" leave an impact right away, with Bider-Zavala's voice complementing Rodriguez-Lopez's wailing guitars and Thomas Pridgen's pounding drums. The extended ambient intros are gone, a concept feature from its previous albums. After the serene-quiet that was "The Bedlam in Goliath," it's relieving to see the group become more concise in its playing, yet maintain its experimental nature.

The other short song, "Tourniquet II," is a head banger. Far away from the softest and slowest song of the dozen, it's a brief respite from the fury heard on every other song. Minimal guitar and keyboard effects back up the vocals on this bizarre love song.

"The time period is intentionally ambiguous because I wanted to show that, while this is technically set during the time of Howard Hughes, the themes apply to us today as well." Elizabeth "Biz" Lohmuller, "Seduced" director

"The Mars Volta defies and deviates from usual style"
**Newest pop culture obsessions**

Every once in a while one of my interests will turn into obsession, and no where is this more frequent than in the realm of pop culture. Let’s face it, I don’t do my homework. I read magazines and blogs and watch TV and movies all day long. How else would I get myself through the long, cold months until spring? Some of my pop culture obsessions are constant — “General Hospital,” Entertainment Weekly’s “30 Rock,” any and all celebrity gossip. But there are a few new items I’m obsessing over.

**Election coverage**

I love election time because it makes me feel like a real political science student. During break, I found myself completely captivated by the Iowa caucuses and each primary after that. But my obsession is more specific. I’m particularly drawn to MSNBC’s coverage of the campaigns and primaries, partly because NBC is my favorite television network, but mainly because I have a platonic old man crush on Tom Brokaw.

Although Tom retired from his usual nightly news job, he’ll pop up every once in a while on NBC or MSNBC. These moments are unpredictable, but they usually occur on primary nights. I have a strange obsession with Tom Brokaw that creeps out my friends, but I think they’re just jealous of our secret love.

*Touch My Body* by Mariah Carey

About a week before Mariah debuted her new single, a friend and I agreed that we were going through Mariah withdrawal. Imagine our surprise when a trusty blog sent us to her website to get a sneak peek of “Touch My Body.” Let’s just say that I’m counting down the days until April 15 when she drops her new album. I have to say that I like the video even more than the song because I love a diva who can bring the funny. With help from co-star Jack McBrayer (“30 Rock”) and director Brett Ratner (say wha?), Mariah shows us her sense of humor again and looks fabulous. I could never see Beyonce doing a video like this, and that’s why Mimi will always be queen bee.

*All My Children*

I keep up with “AMC” off and on, but it takes quite a bit to get me to start watching religiously again. All it took for me to add a series recording of “AMC” to my DVR this time was an old-fashioned amnesia storyline and the return of daytime’s first African-American supercouple — Jesse and Angie. “AMC” decided to give Ryan amnesia (Maria had it a few years back) and I’m hooked watching how such characterreacts to his ordeal. Ryan has forgotten the last four years of his life so he thinks that he is still in love and engaged to Kendall (who is now happily married to Zach) even though he is currently married to Angie. Meanwhile, Jesse and Angie are back together after it was believed that Jesse had been dead for the past 20 years. It’s a general rule that no one ever really dies in soap operas. Even if we see you as a ghost (which we did with Jesse in 2001), there’s no way to keep you alive. So it’s been heartwarming to see this couple together since I was just a baby the first time around, and viewers have been treated to retrospective clips to get us caught up on the love story. Supercouples are few and far between these days so it’s always refreshing when an old one comes back.

*Rock of Love 2*

I have an excuse for this one. I met Amber. She is my cousin’s friend’s ex-husband’s best friend from graduate school. Meeting her wasn’t as complicated as describing my connection to her. But let’s just say that I have some juicy “Rock of Love” gossip and a few hints about what’s going to happen in future episodes. Not only does having background knowledge enhance my viewing of the show, but it also gives me someone to genuinely root for. Amber seems too smart and normal to be picked by Bret, but at least she has already gained minor celebrity status in Chicago. That’s really all you need in life. You’re only hassled for a few autographs, you get to throw parties with vodka sponsors at bars and you’re forever a member of the VH-1 family (which includes endless opportunities to capitalize on that connection).

Contact Cassie Belek at cbelek@nd.edu.

The reunion of supercouple Angie and the presumed dead Jesse has one long-time soap fan obsessing over “All My Children” again.

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**Tina Fey on Update**

Fey expresses how great it is to be a lady in America right now, and defends Hillary once and for all.

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Do not take Annuale if you plan to ever become pregnant, as it may turn your baby into a firemonster.
NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

'Nova upends 'Cuse, helps NCAA Tourney chances

Alexander's 22 points, stifling defense lead West Virginia to a first round victory over Providence

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jay Wright has another uncomfortable night ahead of him, looking forward to Villanova wanting to take a shot at game in the Big East tournament. Jim Boeheim can rest a little bit easier, but for all the wrong reasons.

Scottie Reynolds scored 22 points and Villanova rode some hot shooting in the second half to knock off No. 9 Syracuse, 62-61, Wednesday, and dramatically help its cause in what amounted to an NCAA tournament elimination game.

The teams split their regular-season meetings and each came into the conference tournament needing a couple of wins to break easier on Selection Sunday.

By the time Reynolds curled in consecutive 3-pointers with less than 7 minutes left to extend the lead to double figures, Wright and the Wildcats could exhale ever so slightly.

"I hope it's enough, but I know I have no say in it," Wright said.

"We get to play another day. That's all we're interested in, getting to play another day." Eight-seeded Villanova advanced to play the top seed, No. 9 Georgetown, in a rematch of a second-round game won last year by the Hoyas. A victory against a team they've never beaten in four conference tournament games would almost surely be enough for the Wildcats.

"We're just going to go out and play the game," Villanova freshman Gerry Stukes said. "And my teammates have been really looking forward to this game.

Unlike last season, when Syracuse was left out of the NCAA tournament after winning 22 games, Boeheim glumly acknowledged there won't be much Sunday immediate occupancy this time around.

"After last year, we probably had to win two or three games," he said. "We had to keep winning and I don't think one win would have been enough... In my mind and their mind, if they're not in first place, they're not in the NCAA tournament it's not a good year.

"And after that, we probably had to win two or three games," he said. "We had to keep winning and I don't think one win would have been enough... In my mind and their mind, if they're not in first place, they're not in the NCAA tournament it's not a good year.

"We were just trying to tell our guys that we've worked this hard, let's just go get a stop. Let's go get what we're supposed to do," the first-year coach with 613 wins said. "I thought we made them take hard shots.

Joe Alexander scored 22 points and West Virginia held Villanova to two field goals over the final 7 minutes of the victory Wednesday.

The fifth-seeded Mountaineers (23-9) advanced to Thursday's quarterfinals, where they will face fourth-seeded and 15th-ranked Connecticut. The Huskies beat West Virginia 77-71 in the teams' only meeting on March 1.

"They're good and they're playing at a real high level right now," Huggins said of Connecticut. "We played pretty well for one half up there. We'd go in the locker room down 16 or 17 and came out in the second half and played a whole lot better and actually got back in the game.

Alexander had averaged 31 points over the last three games and he had a hand in West Virginia's last six points against Providence (15-10).

"In the second half, we just didn't do a good job of reacting to where Heynolds and Nzekwe were," Boeheim said. "The open looks from the 3-point line, I thought, were the story of the day.

Dwayne Anderson added 14 points, Dante Cunningham 13 and Chase Clark 11 for Villanova, which gave up several baskets in all positions but still managed to outrebound Syracuse 40-27 and grab 14 offensive rebounds.

Done Geente and Jonny Flynn, the nation's second-highest scoring freshman duo, did their part for Syracuse. Green finished with 17 points and Flynn had 16, but aside from 13 points from Paul Harris, they got little help.

The Orange (19-13) led throughout the first half and early in the second, when their inability to grab a rebound or hold onto the ball finally did them in.

Stokes hit a deep 3-pointer with 12:26 left to make it 44-41 — giving Villanova a 19-0 advantage in points off the bench to that point — and Syracuse went more than 4 minutes without a basket while the Wildcats pulled away.

Anderson's 3-pointer with 8:35 left seemed to demoralize Syracuse, and a pair of 3s by Reynolds on Villanova's next two possessions made it 61-47 and left Boeheim standing stone still, arms crossed in frustration.

The Wildcats continued to pour it on, the lead increasing to 20 when Arinze Onuaku fouled out with 4:32 left and Cunningham made good on a pair of free throws.

West Virginia 58, Providence 53

NEW YORK — Bob Huggins was just being honest with his West Virginia team during the final minutes of its Big East tournament opener Sunday.

"The guys that made 11 3s in the second half," Wright said. "We probably got a couple of drives where we put the ball in and they called a walk. We fought. We challenged. We stuck to our game plan as good as any night this year.

"The shots just didn't go down at times but we battled, scrapped and clawed." Wenyiti Igbooka had 12 points to lead the Friars, who dropped 0-6 in their last seven Big East tournament games.

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Injured Chavez hopes to travel with A's

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Oakland Athletics third baseman Eric Chavez has left the team's spring training facility to have a doctor check on his back. Chavez hit .240 with 15 home runs and 46 RBIs in an injury-shortened 2007.

MLB

Oakland Athletics third baseman Eric Chavez has left the team's spring training facility to have a doctor check on his ailing back. Chavez hit .240 with 15 home runs and 46 RBIs in an injury-shortened 2007.

In Brief

No more discipline for players in Mitchell Report

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball has taken no steps to discipline players mentioned in the Mitchell Report since the detailed account of drug use was released three months ago. That makes it increasingly unlikely players will be punished before opening day.

The interviews are the first step in baseball's disciplinary process. In addition, no hearing dates have been scheduled for the grievance filed by the players' union on behalf of Kansas City outfielder Jose Guillen, who was suspended for the first 15 days of the season.

Butler ready to return to lineup for Washington

WASHINGTON — All-Star forward Caron Butler appears set to celebrate his birthday with a return to the lineup Thursday for the Washington Wizards.

"Caron is going to be probable, so we add a little 'Tough Juice' to the lineup," said coach Eddie Jordan, referring to Butler's nickname. "And we'll see how it goes."

Butler has missed 16 straight games and 19 of the last 21 because of a hip injury. He was originally diagnosed with a strained hip flexor, but an MRI discovered a small labral tear of the left hip joint. The injury also caused Butler to miss the All-Star game.

The Wizards host LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday, which happens to be Butler's birthday. Jordan said Butler will start if able to play.

Atlanta re-signs Harrington after cutting him

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons re-signed Joey Harrington on Wednesday, one week after cutting the six-year veteran quarterback.

General manager Thomas Dimitroff, who also has re-signed Chris Redman to a two-year deal, has said the team will take a quarterback in next month's NFL draft. The 32-year-old Harrington started 10 games last season, but he returns as a probable backup — the role he would have played before Michael Vick's legal troubles.

Also returning with Harrington on Wednesday is wide receiver Zach Miller, who missed last season with a knee injury.

Though the names of the quarter­backs haven’t changed, they presumably will be listed in a different order than at the beginning of last season, when Harrington was the starter.

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West Virginia vs. Connecticut: 2 p.m., ESPN

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NBA

Rockets win 20 straight, tie 30-year NBA record

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Houston Rockets’ 20th straight win was far from pretty, but coach Rick Adelman was still impressed with his team.

The Rockets were held to their lowest first-half total of the season but pulled away late to become the third team in NBA history to win 20 consecutive games, tying for the league’s second-longest winning streak with an 81-75 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Wednesday night.

“It may be the ugliest thing we’ve done, but it might have been the best one,” Adelman said. “The way we fought through it.”

The Rockets joined the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers (33 straight) and 1976-77 Milwaukee Bucks (20) as the only teams to win 20 or more in a row.

“We did enough to win,” Adelman said.

Tracy McGrady scored 21 of his 28 points in the second half for Houston, which led only 71-70 with 5 minutes remaining. McGrady then scored five points in Houston’s 10-0 run to take control.

“We’re really happy with this win because we didn’t play well in the first half,” McGrady said.

“This is a pretty ugly game tonight. We didn’t shoot well and it was one of those games that our defense really had to win for us.”

The Rockets are 20-0 since their last loss on Jan. 27 against Utah, including 7-0 since losing Yao Ming to a foot injury on Feb. 26. The Hawks have 16 losses in that same period.

A basket by Atlanta’s Marvin Williams with 5 seconds left in the game ended the Rockets’ streak of 10 straight wins by 10 or more points. Joe Johnson led the Hawks with 28 points, and Josh Smith had 10 points and a career-high 22 rebounds.

The Rockets pulled within one game of the Lakers for the best record in the Western Conference. Even so, many observers continue to focus on the Lakers and Spurs and other teams in the conference.

That’s OK with Houston.

“It’s unbelievable,” McGrady said. “For me to be on this team that has accomplished 20 straight wins, that has got to be

right up there with the most gratifying things I’ve accomplished in this league. ... You look at the Bulls that were 72-10, they didn’t even do it. So this is pretty remarkable.”

Added Adelman: “You could see the guys, it really means something to get this and just keep not only the streak going, but keep moving in the right direction.”

Shane Battier had 15 points as Houston struggled to preserve its winning streak despite trailing 33-32 at halftime.

“Houston makes you play that way,” Johnson said. “They are not a fast-paced team.”

Houston led 99-90 through three quarters, then Houston’s Rafer Alston, McGrady and Shane Battier scored the free throw to give the Rockets a 66-62 lead.

Atlanta closed to 71-70 when Chuck Hayes and Luis Scola scored on back-to-back baskets. After Smith was denied inside, McGrady stretched the lead to 74-70 with a jumper which bounced twice on the rim before falling through the net.

McGrady added a 3-pointer with 1:53 left for an 81-70 lead to cap the 10-0 run.

The Hawks have lost six of seven, but remain in contention to end the league’s longest streak without a playoff appearance. They fell one-half game behind New Jersey for the eighth spot in the Eastern Conference.

“It’s been tough,” Johnson said. “Everytime we get in a position to move up, we take a step back.”

Houston allowed only 89.3 points per game during its 19 straight wins and set a low scoring pace against the Hawks.

Associated Press

ATHENS — Greece’s national soccer team is facing an uncertain future after being eliminated from the European championships.

A 2-0 loss to Russia on Monday eliminated Greece from the tournament.

Greece, which has never won a major international title, had been considered one of the favorites to win the tournament.

The loss came despite a strong performance by the Greek team throughout the tournament.

With 11 points from three games, Greece finished second in Group D behind England, which had 12 points.

England defeated Greece 2-1 in their opening match on June 11.

Greece’s next match will be against France on June 15.

The winner of the Group D match will advance to the quarterfinals of the tournament.
Magic dominate struggling Clippers

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Orlando Magic have a list of late-season goals written on the blackboard in their locker room. They were able to erase the one at the top Wednesday night.

Dwight Howard had 22 points and 13 rebounds to help the Magic beat the Los Angeles Clippers 110-86, securing their first winning season since the 2002-03 season.

"We've got some guys in our locker room who have never had a winning season and I think you've got to appreciate some of the things you accomplish during a season," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said.

"The next goal is to wrap up a playoff spot and then win our division and secure home-court for the playoffs."

Howard, playing on a winning team for the first time in his four-year career, got his league-high 57th double-double this season. He also had plenty of help.

Rashard Lewis had 19 points and nine rebounds and Hedo Turkoglu hit three 3-pointers in that run as the Magic lead grew to 19 and they coasted home from there.

"They were staying back in the paint and leaving us wide open so you've got to take those shots," Van Gundy said. "We usually hit a stretch where enough of them drop and we're in pretty good shape."

The Clippers got 22 points from Corey Maggette and 17 apiece from Cuttino Mobley and Al Thornton, but were hampered by the absence of center Chris Kaman. He missed his second straight game with a sore back.

"I knew it was going to be a pretty long night against Dwight [Howard] without Chris," Los Angeles coach Mike Dunleavy said. "Dwight was just a nightmare matchup for us. We had to collapse and double team him and they have too many good shooters. Sooner or later someone is going to catch fire."

Trailing by 15 at halftime, the Clippers pulled to 69-60 with 7:48 to play in the third quarter. However, Jameer Nelson hit a 3-pointer and Turkoglu added three straight 3s to spark a 14-4 run that pushed the Magic's lead to 83-64.

Howard had 14 points and nine rebounds in the first quarter against the outmanned Clippers. His slam dunk gave the Magic a 13-2 lead with 6:36 left in the quarter and Orlando never trailed again.

Lewis and Arroyo had eight points apiece in the second quarter when the Magic shot 61 percent from the field and opened up a 63-48 halftime advantage. Maggete had 20 points in the first half, including 10 of 12 from the free throw line, but there was little help as the rest of the Clippers hit only 11 of 33 shots.

"Dwight [Howard] was just a nightmare matchup for us. We had to collapse and double team him and they have too many good shooters."

Mike Dunleavy
Clippers coach
MLB

Duncan's hard slide sparks Rays -Yankees brawl

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — So much for the notion that the New York Yankees and Tampa Bay Rays could settle a gripe without fighting. Meeting only days after New York manager Joe Girardi complained about Tampa Bay's aggressive play in spring training after one of his players was injured in a home-plate collision, the Yankees brought some attitude of their own into a tense rematch Wednesday.

Shelby Duncan's hard slide into second base with his spikes raised sparked a benches-clearing scrum that resulted in two players and two coaches being ejected during the second inning of Tampa Bay's 7-6 victory.

Duncan, who had hinted at the prospect of retaliating for the Rays Elliott Johnson harrying over New York catcher Francisco Cervelli last Saturday, spiked second baseman Akinori Iwamura in the right thigh and was immediately tossed.

Tampa Bay's Jonny Gomes was ejected, too, after racing in from right field and ramming into Duncan as other players poured onto the field.

Girardi called the home-plate collision in the first game between the AL East rivals unnecessary. This time it was Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon's turn to denounce rough play not normally associated with exhibition games.

"In Tampa, that play you saw at home plate was a good, hard baseball play. What you saw today was the definition of a dirty play," Maddon said. "There's no room for that in our game. It's contemptable. It's wrong. It's borderline criminal, and I could not believe they did that."

Among New York players, Duncan was the most vocal in his criticism of the collision that broke Cervelli's right wrist, sidetracking the Yankees prospect for right in 10 weeks and triggering a debate over what's fair play in spring training.

The Yankees first baseman insisted he was not trying to injure Iwamura.

"I'm pretty sure the spikes weren't that high. They were pretty much going straight at the glove," Duncan said. "I've done it before. Never had a reaction like that."

Duncan's hard grounder glanced off third baseman Evan Longoria's glove for an error and rolled up the line in foul territory. Duncan rounded first and hesitated before taking off for second — a move the Rays perceived as conclusive evidence he had ill intentions.

Longoria's throw to Iwamura beat the runner by at least 10 feet, but Duncan went into the bag hard anyway.

"No question that was a blatant attempt to hurt Aki," Maddon said. "It was set up. It was planned. It was premeditated. It's all the above. I don't know what the difference is between that and a high stick in hockey. But it was that bad."

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Saint Mary's College "Free for All"
Stewart defended his harsh criticism of the tires Goodyear brought to Atlanta last weekend.

"I think we are all pretty frustrated. Tony took it to the fullest," Kevin Harvick said. "But he's definitely right in the way the tire stuff has worked out. None of us really enjoy the way that we had to race." Stewart said all the drivers were fed up with the hard tires at Atlanta, and he just drew the most attention because he was the most outspoken in his criticism.

"Everybody talked about it," he said. "Just nobody got real vocal about it until after the race. When you're stuck in a car for 34-4 hours and it drives like crap, you're going to be upset about it.

"Guys are screaming at their crew chiefs that it was the worst car they've ever driven. Well, it wasn't the crew chief's fault. It wasn't the team's fault. These guys spend millions of dollars to build these cars. It was the tires we were running and tires should never, ever be the deciding factor in a race."

Stewart also said his comments were not directed at the drivers as a whole, but rather the tire company.

"Think about it. Every year we’ve blown tires. It’s like, how many years have they been doing this? At this stage of the game, how do you not figure it out? How could you have not figured out not to blow tires and build a competitive tire?"

Stewart said the tire company that has exclusive rights to NASCAR needs to understand that those rights bring responsibility, among them listening to the thoughts of drivers and taking them into account.

"They have to understand that we’re the ones that drive them. We’re the ones that have to give them the feedback. They need to start listening to us more," he said.

Harvick, who attended a Philadelphia Flyers game on Wednesday night, said Goodyear “flat out didn’t do a very good job,” with the tires in Atlanta.

"I think they could do a better job with the way that they approach the testing and things like that," he said. "As the sport has advanced, it seems like the tires haven’t advanced as much as the rest of the sport."

During a question and answer session with members of the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, Stewart was quickly apparent his message had been received.

Even before NASCAR president Mike Helton summoned him into the NASCAR hauler, he said, Helton had already heard from a top executive with Goodyear who wasn’t happy.

On Monday, Goodyear issued a statement that said it was satisfied with the performance of its tires at Atlanta, and that it had no safety issues in the race, but promised to re-evaluate before returning to Atlanta in October.
Buckeyes

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2004. This weekend might feature a close competition between the two teams with mutual respect — and hostility — toward each other. Both Ohio State and Notre Dame are skilled in every weapon, but the two squads have different strengths. For the Buckeyes to win, their top fencers must win or at least make the finals in many of the events. For the Irish to win, they must use their unparalleled depth to score a large number of points from all 12 competitors.

That dichotomy was on display March 2 in Detroit at the NCAA Midwest Regional. Ohio State won five of six individual titles, but Notre Dame captured 11 medal positions, compared to the Buckeyes’ seven. "Ohio State is a very strong team," Bednarski said. "Probably by names, it’s the best.”

The competition begins today with women’s pool bouts. The women’s final pool bouts and direct-elimination championship bracket matchups will be held Friday. The men will have a similar schedule Saturday and Sunday.

Notre Dame had a light and unstructured practice Monday at the Langford Gymnasium in the Joyce Center before leaving for the competition on Tuesday. Irish assistant coach Janusz Bednarski said from Columbus Wednesday that only a few members of the team were lightly exercising during the allotted training session.

"We’ve trained all year for that, all year to develop the strength and endurance."

Gia Kvaratskheli,
Irish assistant coach

said the most important physical preparation for the Irish would be probably to "hydrate and get in bed on time."

"We trained all year for that, all year to develop the strength and endurance," he said.

Sophomore Kelley Hurley took the silver in epee last week, and junior Adi Noti finished third in foil.

"She’s pretty confident," Kvaratskheli said of Noti, who he coaches as the foil instructor. "I think she’s hit the peak of the performance the last two weeks and this week."

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Youngsters

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Sarah Borrmann and Eileen Hascevsky and both Irish men’s foilists (Steve Kubik and Zach Schirz) are freshmen. Ewa Neli will join Hurley in women’s epee. Hayley Reese will compete with Noti in the foil and Barron Nydam will join Thanhouser in the saber.

In fact, Notre Dame could have had eight freshmen in the national event, but senior Greg Howard barely edged out freshman Greg Schoedcrfart for Notre Dame’s second men’s epee spot. Howard won the silver-medal bout at the NCAA Midwest Regional in Detroit, and Irish junior Karol Kostka topped Schoedcrfart in the final. Had Howard lost the bronze medal bout or had Schoedcrfart beaten Kostka, Schoedcrfart would have earned the final epee spot over the three-time national competitor Howard.

Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said having a freshman-laden team is worrisome because the young fencers are not accustomed to the mental and physical rigors of the two days of bouts for each the men and women.

Of course, he also hopes that this appearance in the national championships is the first of four for the super seven.

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HILLESLAND DRIVES HARD

Junior forward Zach Hillesland drives to the hoop during Notre Dame’s 68-55 win over Saint John’s on March 5.

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Belles start home season against Manchester

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's, who won eight of 10 games over its spring break trip in Ft. Myers, Fla., will look to add two more wins to its record as the Belles host Manchester today in a doubleheader, Saint Mary’s home opener.

"We don't plan on making any changes," head coach Erin Sullivan said. "We will approach Manchester the same way we approach every game, by coming out with intensity."

Sullivan said her team’s has good mental toughness and enthusiasm headed into the season, especially on her rise to start the season against Manchester.

"I think it's important to have the mindset of winning every game, whether it's home or away."

Manchester is the first of three non-conference teams the Belles will play before beginning conference play. Saint Mary’s, a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, plays its first conference game March 29 against Calvin.

During the 2007 season, the Belles finished third in the MIAA. "Today is just another test before we start playing conference games," Sullivan said.

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Notre Dame to play Blue Hens

By ANDY ZICCARELLI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame returns home from a spring break road trip in California where Irish coach Tracy Coyne said the Irish approached the games as though they were on vacation, and lost to Stanford and Oregon.

"We didn't give Stanford the respect that they deserved, which resulted in a lackluster performance," Coyne said.

Coyne said she hopes to see the team improve mentally, an important aspect she said her team was lacking in California.

"We had costly mistakes that were pretty much self-imposed," she said. "It was more of our own mental errors that led to the loss."

Given last week's performance, it is easy to forget how talented this team can be. Jillian Byers leads the Irish with 30 goals this season. In addition to Byers' top performance, six other Notre Dame players have earned 10 or more points on the season - senior midfielder/attack Caitlin McKinney and freshman midfielder/attack Shaylyn Blaney have each scored over 10 goals this season. The Irish also recorded a school record 22 goals in their season opening win over Canisius.

"I think we are a very good team. When we are on our game, I think we are very difficult to beat," Coyne said. "It's just a matter of going out there and implementing the game plan."

So far, the team's greatest strength has been its offense. The Irish are currently averaging 15.33 goals per game, second in the Big East.

"I think that we have multiple people that can score," Coyne said. "We have good team speed and I think we can move the ball well."

The Irish kick off their three-game stand on Thursday against the Delaware Blue Hens. Delaware comes in with a 3-1 record, riding a two-game win streak. Coyne expects a very scrappy, physical game from the Blue Hens. But when asked what would make her happy with the homestand, Coyne was frank.

"I'd like to go undefeated on the homestand," she said.

The Irish face the Blue Hens at 3 p.m. today.

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to show, but you’re not show-
ing a lot of stuff now.

Earlier this week, Brey downplayed the fact that his team wouldn’t know its oppo-
nent until 24 hours before tip-off.

"At this point in the year, I
don’t know how much scouting
really does matter," Brey said. "I think the focus is on
your group and how you play and not how
you are prepared quickly so many times at a
walk through and shoot-around on Thursday, you can
get mentally ready to go.

Instead, Brey, who was
awarded Big East coach of the
year Tuesday, said the extra rest
will help his team after play-
ing three games in seven days
last week.

"Last week was a grueling
week because we had to play
three games, but not playing
until Thursday allows us to get our
rest," Brey said.

The Irish have won six of
their last seven games dating
back to February 17, with
only a 90-85 loss to Louisville
at Freedom Hall Feb. 28 blemishing that mark.

"I think we have great
energy and great moment-
num," Brey said. "This group is
really excited. We’re going
in with a lot of juice."

For the second time this
season, Irish junior guard
Kyle McAlarney will play in
module with a 6-2 victory.

Dave Ciobanu carried her momentum to a
third set before putting Rielley
away in a tiebreaker, winning 6-1 in favor of
Illinois.

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lead. Junior Kelcy Tefft and senior
Brook Buck completed the
doubles sweep as the No. 1 pair in
the nation finished off their
opponents, 8-6.

In singles play, the Irish start-
ed strong. Junior Katie Potts
battled through a tough first set
against Illinois’ sophomore
Kristina Minar. After starting
3-3, Potts took over the match,
winning 6-4 in the first set. She
carried her momentum to a
6-0 shutout in the second set to win
the match.

Ciobanu was firing on all
cylinders for her match. After
winning the first set 6-1, Obinna overcame a brief mid-
set rally from junior Shivani
dave in the second and finished
her match with a 6-2 victory.

No. 39 Tefft kept her oppo-
nent and one of Illinois’ best
singles players, freshman Leigh
Finnegan, on the ropes all
match long. She cruised to a
6-2, 6-1 win to clinch the match
for Notre Dame.

The final three matches went
back-and-forth with the
momentum changing sides
throughout.

Even with the win in hand,
No. 113 Krisik made sure the
Irish finished strong. In a very
even matchup, Krisik fought through a tough first set
and outlasted senior Monet Qu in
the second to win 7-5, 6-4.

Biegel jumped out to a 3-0
lead in dominant fashion and
won the first set 6-1. However,
Illinois’ freshman Marisa
Labropoulos bounced back and
played steady through the
second set before putting Biegel
away to win the match 6-4.

Since the overall match was
decided, the two played a
tiebreak in place of a third set
to decide their match.
Labropoulos took the abbrevi-
at ed set 10-7, but her victory was
the only point for Illinois.

The toughest match of the
day was between Notre Dame’s
Brock Buck and Illinois’ sopho-
more Megan Fudge. Up 6-5,
Buck was one game away from
winning the first set, but a
series of long rallies and deuces
ended up in Fudge’s favor forc-
ing a deucebreaker.

Buck refocused and elevated
her game to take the tiebreak
7-1. She won the second set 6-
3 to make the final score for the
match 6-1 in favor of the Irish.

The match was a combination
of tough, grind-it-out wins and
convincing, dominant victories
for Notre Dame. They contin-
ued their dominance of doubles
play and for the second straight
dominat match, dominated singles play
as well.

The two-game home stand for
the Irish concludes with a
match against Eastern Michigan
on Friday at 4 p.m.

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Happy Birthday! You may have difficulty controlling your responses or dealing with matters of delicate nature this year. You will require patience and an open mind. Look beyond the surface to the inside and you will find your path to victory much easier. Wealth, adventures and success will come to you if you use your good sense to recognize opportunity. Your numbers are 1, 7, 8, 15, 16, 19, 21, 25, 32, 37, 43, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you have a project you think will become a power position or a project for which you are required to put forth power and passion, you will accomplish it in a timely manner. Your numbers are 1, 7, 8, 15, 19, 21, 25, 27, 37, 43, 46.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't lie down when you can take a power position and push for what you want. The feedback you get from colleagues, friends and loved one will help you make important decisions. Your numbers are 1, 7, 8, 15, 19, 21, 27, 37, 43, 46.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): How even-handed are you if you are entertaining your wife or the Taliban to the Taliban. You can handle a delicate situation with all your love and charm if the numbers are right. Your numbers are 1, 7, 8, 15, 19, 21, 27, 37, 43, 46.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Being hunkered down will lead to trouble with authority figures behind the scenes. Whatever you do, avoid contradicting others. Change is in order if you are possibly just 4 stars.

LION (July 23-Aug. 22): A deal, an investment or an event with someone will change your life forever. Don't lose sight of what you are accomplishing if you are direct and precise in what you want and when you want it. Your numbers are 1, 7, 15, 19, 21, 25, 27, 37, 43, 46.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on helping others instead of taking what you can get. You can get what you want, but it will take more energy and effort to achieve your goals. Your numbers are 1, 7, 15, 19, 21, 25, 27, 37, 43, 46.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't rely on others to pick you up. We would be perfectly fine on your own, but let those who are interested in your company know and they will offer. Your numbers are 1, 7, 15, 19, 21, 25, 27, 37, 43, 46.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make your surroundings a place of comfort and you will be happy and enjoy what you can do at home. A change in plans will turn out to be to your advantage. Someone you have been trying to reach will withdraw from information. Your numbers are 1, 7, 15, 19, 21, 25, 27, 37, 43, 46.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't worry so much about what others say. Instead, concentrate on manifesting yourself into a better financial situation. Change may not be as easy to work and enjoy what you do, but knowing that you can do it will be important. Your numbers are 1, 7, 15, 19, 21, 25, 27, 37, 43, 46.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are in a high cycle that will promote success. Take advantage of your good fortune and go as much as you can while the going is good. There is much to be gained in a short period of time if you are in the recession and push hard. Your numbers are 1, 7, 15, 19, 25, 27, 37, 43, 46.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be careful now when you deal with friends and family. Some are not one to go with the flow and are cut off by their own beliefs. You are not alone and you are not doing wrong if you are already.1 stars.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do whatever is required to get what you want and remember that success today doesn't depend on what you have done or what others expect you to do. Your numbers are 1, 7, 15, 19, 25, 27, 37, 43, 46.

Birthday Bats: You are unpredictable. You are a dreamer, an investigator and a planner. You are one of the most enigmatic and mysterious people that you will ever meet. Your numbers are 1, 7, 25, 27, 37, 43, 46.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Brey’s players face Golden Eagles again

ND battles Marquette for third time this season

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NEW YORK — No. 14 Notre Dame has been in New York since Monday, but it finally found out Wednesday who its Big East Tournament quarterfinal opponent will be. No. 6 seed Marquette defeated No. 11 seed St. John’s 92-66 in Madison Square Garden to advance to the Big East. Notre Dame earned a bye to the quarterfinals, tonight at 9 p.m.

“With Marquette, we’ve played them twice,” Irish coach Mike Brey said Sunday. “You have some good stuff, you have some horrible stuff. I am happy they’re part of that group.”

Among them, I am happy to win the national title.

Youngsters take over top spots on team

By KEN FOWLER
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FENCING

No. 2 Irish prepare to compete in NCAA Championships

Both squads send two fencers per weapon

By KEN FOWLER
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Ohio State has everything going for it — a full set of qualifiers, the aura of the presumptive favorites and, perhaps most importantly, home-strip advantage.

That’s what Notre Dame faces beginning today in the NCAA Championships in Columbus, Ohio, where the fearsome Buckeyes look to prove the coaches who vote in the polls right and collect the national title.

“If they handle this [and win], that’s normal,” Irish head coach Janusz Bednarski said of the Buckeyes. “But there are three other teams that are trying to deter them. Among them, I am happy we are part of that group.”

Ohio State, ranked No. 1 on the women’s side and No. 2 among men, and Notre Dame are two of four teams to qualify the maximum 12 fencers — two fencers per sex per weapon. The other two teams with the maximum squads are Columbia and St. John’s.

Penn State, the defending champions, qualified 11 fencers, and 2006 champion Harvard qualified 10.

Notre Dame captured NCAA titles in 2003 and 2005; Ohio State won in 2006, earning the Buckeyes the national crown.

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