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The University announced Tuesday that Cardinal Theodore McCarrick will deliver the 2008 Commencement address on May 18. Along with delivering the primary speech at the 163rd Commencement exercises, McCarrick, five-year archbishop emeritus of Washington, D.C., will receive the degree of law, an honorary doctor of law degree from the University.

admissions, demographics, and comparison to previous years’ results, I can tell you that the projected class should be clearly the strongest academically in our history,” he said. Academic criteria for selection has remained as competitive in previous years. The average student graduating in the top 5 percent of their high school class, Saracino said. The average score on the SAT was 1400; Saracino said, and 32 on the ACT. Additionally, about 23 percent of the members of the incoming class are children of alumni, all 50 states will be represented in the incoming class, 24 percent belong to an ethnic minority.

“Based upon the quality of according to a news release from the University. The decision to have McCarrick speak was made within the last couple of weeks, said Dennis Brown, assistant vice president for news and information. Brown said the University held off the announcement because the Easter season was so much earlier this year, and the Laetare winner is always announced on Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent.

“We wanted to give some time between that announcement and this one so as not to have too many announcements all at once,” Brown said.

Cardinal McCarrick, a native of New York City and graduate of Fordham University and St. Joseph’s Seminary, presided over a mass for Fr. Basil Anthony Moreau, founder of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, last September in LeMans, France. The Congregation of the Holy Cross is the religious community that founded Notre Dame.

“He was an indispensable participant in our recent and joyful celebration of the beatification of Blessed Father Basil Moreau...” University President Fr. John Jenkins said in the statement. Cardinal McCarrick visited the University in January when he attended a conference organized in celebration of Father Moreau’s first feast day.

“The University looks forward to celebrating McCarrick’s membership to our University,” see ADDRESS/page 4

We see a slight drop in applicants but overall quality of admitted students strengthens

The University announced Monday that 3,523 applicants seeking a spot in the class of 2012, an honorary doctor of law, will receive a letter from the University. By KATIE PERALTA Assistant News Editor

At first there was a slight decrease in applicants from last year’s total number of 14,501 applicants seeking a spot in the class of 2012, accepting approximately 25 percent of the 14,000 applications received this year.

Despite the slight decrease in applicants from last year’s total number of 14,501 applications submitted, Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Admission Daniel Saracino is pleased with this year’s results as well as the work the Admissions Committee has put into selecting members of the Class of 2012.

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Legacy Students: 23%
International Students: 4%
Minority Students: 24%

Comedy show helps senior class

Three Saint Mary’s students delivered punch lines during a stand-up comedy night hosted by the Senior Gift and Quarter’s Campaigns at Dilloway’s Coffee House Tuesday night. Senior Erin Brady, freshman Laurel Jabbers and sophomore Mallory Price joked about subjects including backup plans if majors don’t work out, drinking, public intoxication, celebrities and the stereotype that female Notre Dame students dislike Saint Mary’s women enough to plot against them for stealing potential boyfriends.

Jabbers, the vice president of the Class of 2011, opened the show by saying she is used to being open dialogue and discussion.

Reisch handed out three Skittles to COR members and told them to introduce themselves and provide information based on the color of the candy, such as a fact about their family or their future career plans.

For ever red skittle, representatives had to say something no one knows about them. I’m colorblind, so I don’t even know if I’m doing this right.” Student Union Board (SUB) president Pat Garland said.

COR’s faculty moderator Amy Geist reminded all representatives...
**INSIDE COLUMN**

The sorting hat

Congratulations to the admitted students of the class of 2012.

I know this column makes cow in a row I've written about Harry Potter, but I had this idea long ago. I'll make up for my gawkiness with a column about the ND Scrabble Tournament next week.

If Notre Dame had a sorting hat for the incoming class, this is what it would say:

Welcome to all the new students,

You're in for quite a time. Those you're on campus, you will see it's the best of its kind. The dorms all have great qualities, which fit each student's needs. Their staff, traditions and locales create their unique creations. Want to live with celebrity? St. Edward's will trump all. You can indulge your star crushes. With phenoms down the hall, you're right at home in SMC. You're at home in Pangborn. You're at home in Keenan. You're at home in Serra. You're at home in McCormick. You're at home in Morrissey. You're at home in Pangborn. You're at home in Serra. You're at home in McCormick. You're at home in Morrissey. You're at home in Pangborn. You're at home in Serra. You're at home in McCormick. You're at home in Morrissey.

Of course, the residents of Serra, Pangborn and Keenan probably know this already. Last season made two in three years.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What prank did you pull for April Fool's Day?

Nick Ward

“Told my biology professor that the only way to give birth to a perfect baby is to eat a banana that's one day late.”

Mary DeAgostino

“Told my friend that a UFO landed in the field next to the dorm, and that he should better get his ass out of the dorm.”

Rob Plesschaert

“Told my brother that the 4G network I'm supposed to have in April was a joke.”

James Welle

“I put formaldehyde in the cell media.”

Dianna Zoese

“My identical twin sister and I switched places.”

**IN BRIEF**

The Notre Dame Scrabble Tournament will be held an ND Scrabble Tournament to help the Literacy Council April 5 at 1 p.m. in the Dooley Room of LaFortune. A $5 minimum donation is requested.

Dr. Adrian Reimers, adjunct professor of philosophy, will give a lecture today at 8:30 p.m. entitled “John Paul II and the Centrality of Love” in the Montgomery Theater of the LaFortune Student Center.

The Notre Dame baseball team will play the South Bend Silverhaws at 5:30 p.m. today at Coatesville Stadium.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will perform in its Spring Concert featuring pianist Paivi Erokh in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 8.

The film “Blood Diamond,” which tells the story of the diamond trade in Sierra Leone, will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Thursday at 7 p.m.

The Notre Dame Dance Company will perform its spring show, called “Tahoe” Thursday at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall.

Dr. David Dalin will give a talk called “Pope John Paul II and the Jews” Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in TSB DeBartolo.

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

**OFFBEAT**

Aberration splits dog’s left leg in two pieces

AVON, Lake, Ohio — A developmental problem split the dog’s leg in two pieces, making her look like a five-legged pet. Veterinarian Frank Krupka, with the Avon Lake Animal Clinic in suburban Cleveland, said he’s never seen anything like it. After examining X-rays, Krupka determined that a genetic aberration split the front leg left leg in two, leaving her with three normal legs and two distinct parts of a fourth.

Man escapes from private jail, nobody notices

SAN ANTONIO — Law enforcement officials are trying to understand how a convicted felon managed to escape from a privately owned jail across the street from the police headquarters without anyone noticing his absence for a full day. Esequiel Pena, 35, escaped from a private San Antonio jail sometime between Sunday afternoon and Monday afternoon. He remained at large Tuesday, but was thought to be in the San Antonio area, said U.S. Marshals Service spokesman Thomas J. Smith.

Pena apparently escaped by pulling back chain-link fencing around a rooftop recreation yard and climbing down an eight-story escape from a privately operated Central Texas Detention Facility for violating terms of his supervised release.

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**CORRECTIONS**

Due to a reporting and editing error, The Observer incorrectly identified Hannah Weis as student. It is Lianne Keibler and not Hannah Weis. Hannah's story was originally diagnosed with autism before she was diagnosed with L.S.

Due to an editing error, the story "Administrative take-out plan in Earth House" on March 31 incorrectly identified senior Jack Freitas as a junior MacMoore.

The Observer apologizes and regrets these errors.
WASHINGTON — A federal scientist said Tuesday his bosses ignored pleas to alert Gulf Coast hurricane victims earlier about severe health risks from formaldehyde in government-issued trailers and once told him not to write e-mails about his concerns.

Christopher De Rosa, who until recently was one of the government's top toxicologists, told a congressional panel that he repeatedly raised concerns early last year that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was not adequately informing the public of the hazard, even as symptoms of dangerous exposure were surfacing.

As a result, tens of thousands of families displaced by hurricanes Katrina and Rita remained in the trailers without formaldehyde poisoning, since FEMA officials insisted in early 2006 that the trailers were safe. But after coming under increasing pressure, FEMA enlisted the CDC's help to test them.

"I stated that such clinical signs were a 'harbinger of a long-term crisis,'" De Rosa said in written testimony, quoting one series of e-mails he wrote to superiors. "But the only response I received was that such matters should not be discussed in e-mails since they might be 'misinterpreted.'"

De Rosa's comments came Tuesday at a House Science and Technology subcommittee hearing on how the CDC and other agencies handled complaints about trailers issued by the federal Emergency Management Agency.

Committee Democrats accuse FEMA of manipulating scientific research to downplay the dangers. They say the CDC, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, where De Rosa worked, went along with the effort.

"The agency failed to protect public health," said Nick Lampson, D-Texas. When complaints of possible formaldehyde poisoning surfaced, FEMA officials insisted in early 2006 that the trailers were safe. But after coming under increasing pressure, FEMA enlisted the CDC's help to test them.

Formaldehyde, well known as a preservative and embalming fluid, is commonly used in building materials. Prolonged exposure can lead to breathing problems and is also believed to cause cancer.

The CDC initially said in February 2007 that, with proper ventilation, formaldehyde levels were safe in the short-term. FEMA immediately began disseminating the advice, but evidence that the trailers were safe.

De Rosa said he protested immediately that the CDC should more aggressively address the issue. It was recently revealed that the nearly 30-year employee's e-mails were removed from his job and assigned to another division.

But it wasn't until February 2008 that the CDC released preliminary results from additional testing showing that FEMA trailers and mobile homes had formaldehyde levels that were, on average, about five times higher than in most modern homes.

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An example of this, she said, is emotion, which Aquinas attributed to the soul. Scientists now know, however, that emotion is controlled by the temporal lobe of the brain. When it is damaged a person can recognize an object, but not always the emotional significance behind the object, Murphy said.

Murphy did concede, however, that there is really no way of knowing whether humans have a soul.

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Nonetheless the concept of the soul is one that Murphy believed Christians can and should do without. This, she said, is not a question of science but rather one of history. Research, she said, was being translated from Greek to Hebrew, some of the Hebrew words were translated in terms of Greek philosophy, Murphy said.

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Trailers dangers ignored

Associated Press

As they have done previously, De Rosa's bosses at the toxic substances agency, director Howard Frumkin and deputy director Thomas Sinks, acknowledged that the agency took too long to address the formaldehyde hazard, in part because little is known about its risks.

But they said there was never any effort to silence De Rosa or mislead the public.

"I regret that our initial work on formaldehyde in trailers did not meet our own expectations," Frumkin said. "In some respects, we could and should have done better."

"The agency is reviewing its procedures, he said, and is planning a five-year study of trailer emissions," Frumkin said.

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Mary’s and she said “Damn, that doesn’t work.”

Brady then took the stage and introduced herself with what she has come to call one of her taglines.

“I’m Erin Brady,” she said. “Yes, Brady, like the Bunch and the Quin.”

She said she’s used that line on many occasions to mixed response.

“It really smooths things over with the lunch ladies in the dining hall, but not the cops at Notre Dame when you’re getting arrested for public intoxication,” she said.

Brady said she loves, lives and feeds off of celebrity gossip and hoped to be on VIII’s celebrity pop culture trivia game one day.

“I told my mom I want to be a stand-up comic and my friend signed her up for the event,” Jabbers joked.

“I told my mom I want to be a stand-up comic and she said ‘Well that’s going to save us about $10,000 dollars in the end’,” Jabbers joked. “I told her I was going to do it at Saint Mary’s and she said ‘Damn, that doesn’t work.’”

She also said she gets annoyed when people from affluent neighborhoods drive into the inner city or poorer areas and begin making derogatory comments.

“It’s like poor people don’t come into sub­urbia and say ‘Oh my God, that girl right there looks like Regina George from the movie Mean Girls’,” Jabbers said.

She just pulled out her black­-berry and think she’s going to ruin someone’s life with a three­way call,” she said.

The event served as a way to spread information about the campaigns, which raise money for both a class’ senior gift. The seniors will give the gift to the College upon their graduation and add funds to offer students scholarships, senior gift chair Beth McKevitt said.

“After hosting Karaoke Idol last fall we found that sponsoring different events on campus and teaching students the importance of philanthropy to the college we’ve gotten much more of a student response,” McKevitt said.

Gruscinski, Falvey prepare for office

By ASHLEY CHARNEY

News Writer

Saint Mary’s Board of Governance (BOG) packed into its conference room with twice its usual number for Tuesday’s turnover meeting. The new board members kept a watchful eye on the current members in order to learn the ropes before conducting their first meeting next week.

Mickey Gruscinski, the new student body president, and Sarah Falvey, the new student body vice president will take over next week along with some new executives and commissioners.

Student body president Kim Hodges said the incoming board will officially take office of the Church of Loreto on April 28 at 7 p.m. They will also be honoring the exiting seniors at a reception on April 29 in the Student Center lounge from 4-7 p.m.

Rebecca Rosswurm, president of the Psychology National Honor Society, Psi­Chi, and president Loretta Hodges also attended the BOG meeting to request funds for a co­sponsorship. Eight students from the psychology department are going to attend the Midwest Psychological Association’s Conference in Chicago from May 1-3.

Five seniors will present their senior comprehensives, and three juniors will be going in order to get ideas for their own comprehensives for the following year.

It is a good way to show off work they have been to and how much work we put into our presentations on our comps,” Rosswurm said.

In other BOG news:

—SMC Toast will be held next Thursday, April 10, said Cassie Callon, president of the Student Activities Board. The event will start at 12 p.m in the Student Center Atrium with caricatures and balloon animals. There will also be a band playing in the Student Center lounge and dessert served at dinner from 4-7 p.m.

—Singer Colbie Callet will perform in The O’Laughlin Center Saturday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Tickets have already been distributed.

—Meet Me at the Avenue took place Sunday and brought over 600 people to campus, student ambassador commissioner Kaylee Hodges said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Drug lord sought by U.S. gets sentence

DAKAR, Senegal - A reputed Colombian drug lord whose cartel is accused of having shipped tons of cocaine to the United States was sentenced Tuesday to more than 30 years in prison in Brazil for crimes committed in that country.

Juan Carlos Ramirez Abudia, who was arrested last year in Brazil, was found guilty of money laundering, corruption, conspiracy and false declarations in his cocaine shipments to the American country. Besides the sentence, Ramirez Abudia must also pay a fine worth $2.5 million.

"It was proved that after July of 2004, Juan Carlos Ramirez Abudia has defrauded the Brazilian government by transferring millions of dollars to the coffers of his organization," the judge said.

Zimbabwe elections see controversy

HARARE, Zimbabwe - The main opposition leader insisted Tuesday he has won Zimbabwe's presidential election outright and denied persistent reports he was negotiating to ease out President Robert Mugabe, who has led the country from liberation to ruin.

In his first public comments since Saturday's election, Morgan Tsvangirai said he was waiting for an official announcement of the results from the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission before he would enter any talks with Mugabe. A businessman close to the state electoral commission and a lawyer close to the opposition said earlier the two men were negotiating a graceful exit for Mugabe, the country's leader of 28 years.

NATIONAL NEWS

Chicago student push for gun control

CHICAGO - Twenty desks - enough to fill a classroom - sat empty in a downtown plaza Tuesday as a group of Chicago public school students killed themselves this school year.

Several hundred more sat empty in city schools, as hundreds of teens slipped classes to attend a gun-control rally - their absences denied persistent reports he was negotiating an end to the political impasse.

Much of the increase was a result of the fighting between Iraqi government forces and Shiite militias in and around the southern city of Basra. The conflict quickly spread, engulfing Baghdad and major cities throughout the Shiite south.

Iraq: Britain delays Iraqi troop cuts

Baghdad - Britain is planning to draw down its 1,000 soldiers in Iraq this spring after the faltering of efforts to get Iraqi security forces to assume greater responsibility for fighting keeping the Iraqi government in power.

The operation faltered in the face of fierce resistance from the Mahdi Army of anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, forcing the British to turn to hard attacks to take Basra and Baghdad from the Mahdi Army's control.

The group's acting chief oscillator, a group of Shiite militias, said Monday that he was prepared to carry out any further reductions while the current situation is unfounded.

At this stage we intend to keep our forces at their current levels of around 4,000 as we work with our coalition partners and the Iraqis to assess future requirements," Brown said, promising to update lawmakers later this month.

Browne offered no criticism of the Iraqi effort in Basra, launched March 25 to regain control of the country's second-largest city from Shiite militias andTimeout groups which have effectively ruled the streets for nearly three years.

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Iraqi forces display a picture of top security official, Salim Qassim, during a funeral in Najaf Tuesday. Increased violence has caused Britain to delay planned troop cuts.

Iraq: Trial begins over alleged lớn terror plots

RENO, Nev. - A moderate earthquake Tuesday shook a town in eastern Nevada where a stranger's threat caused damage to the city's tower.

There were no reports of injuries or damage from the magnitude 4.1 quake centered 11 miles northwest of Lovelock, Nv. It hit 16.6 a.m., according to the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo.

Wells was built by a mafia crime family in October 1960 in February that damaged hundreds of homes and the town's historical district, no one one hurt. Hundreds of smaller quakes have hit the region since then.

LOCAL NEWS

Debate Commission invites Democrats

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana Debate Commission is inviting Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama to the state this fall.

The commission said Tuesday it is holding a presidential primary debate in Indiana for the Nov. 4 general election.

The debate will be held in both weeks in the first half of October on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington.

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Indianapolis Debate Commission member Linda Styers called it a "great opportunity for the candidates to come to Indiana and to debate the candidates for the governorship and the Senate."
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sentatives that attendance at meetings is important.
"It's really important for you to be here and be here on time," Geist told COR members.

COR also unanimously approved a number of positions for new offices. Most of the nominations were approved with little debate.
Only junior Dennis Bayona was not approved as the director of programming for SUB because of a rule in the constitution that forbids individuals from holding two positions at once.
Bayona was recently elected vice president of Walsh Hall.
Director of internal affairs Shanna Gast and co-director of external affairs Kathleen Donohue and Jeff Taussig were all approved as non-voting members of COR.
The Council also approved freshman Michael Yassa as student government policy branch controller, sophomore Whitney Toole as SUB secretary, junior Laura Shrobro as SUB's director of publicity, junior Sam McDonnell as SUB's director of operations, and junior Evan Liu as SUB's chief controller.
After going through the nominations, Reish apologized for the lengthy list.
"I apologize there are so many," he said. "This is far ridiculous."

Last week, COR also approved Sorin senator George Chamberlain as the new Judicial Council president.
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Student body president Bob Reish

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In past years, around 56 to 58 percent of admitted students who enroll at Notre Dame, Saracino said. In comparison to other Universities, he said, Notre Dame falls just behind other top-tier peer institutions such as Harvard, Stanford, Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Columbia and MIT in terms of the number of admitted students who enroll.
It may be harder to gauge whether the yield figures will stay consistent this year because peer schools such as Harvard and Princeton eliminated early admissions. There might be greater uncertainty as to whether students who initially saw those institutions as their first choice schools will still consider Notre Dame come the May 1 deadline.
Our yield might go down, but Notre Dame still has one of the top ten best yields of any university, and we are very optimistic about our financial aid progress and Notre Dame's strong performance as a truly national university," Saracino said.
The Admissions Committee has also offered spots on the waiting list to 1,000 applicants. Saracino said. Last year, about 175 students were selected from the waiting list, and Saracino hoped the University, "can admit these students because they are very similar academically to students admitted initially."
The Office of Undergraduate Admissions will hold open houses for admitted students on April 10, 17 and 24.
This weekend, admissions will kick off Spring Visitation Weekend for ethnic minority students from all over the U.S., followed by the Boyle Visitation weekend for the most academically talented students, Saracino said.
The newest addition to this year's admissions programs will also be the Hesburgh International Scholar's program this upcoming weekend, where 20 international students from Latin America will be invited to experience Notre Dame and stay with a current international student host, Saracino said.
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In Brief

Senate seeks to advance housing bill
WASHINGTON — Under growing pressure from voters to do something about the nation's home foreclosure crisis, top Senate leaders agreed Tuesday to at least start with a plan that can win the support of both Democrats and Republicans.

The pact between Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., ended a week of bickering over what to do about the crisis in the housing market and the toxic effect it's having on the economy.

There is considerable common ground on several steps that can be taken to address the situation, but battles over how to structure the deals have driven up interest rates.

Reid agreed not to bring up a Democratic plan containing a controversial provision — strongly opposed by President Bush and Republican President Bush — to give bankruptcy judges power to cut interest rates and principal on troubled mortgages. That plan stalled a month ago.

Fed approves JP Morgan acquisition
WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve on Tuesday cleared the way for JP Morgan Chase & Co. to acquire Bear Stearns' bank holdings.

The Federal Reserve approved a deal to move JP Morgan to acquire Bear Stearns Bank & Trust in Princeton, N.J., the Fed said.

In a controversial move, the Fed last month backed a $29 billion line of credit for JP Morgan's takeover of troubled Bear Stearns, the nation's fifth-largest investment house, which was on the brink of bankruptcy. The company had invested heavily in risky mortgage-backed securities that eventually soured with the collapse of the housing market.

JP Morgan is not required to obtain the Fed's prior approval to obtain Bear Stearns' bank holding, which held $24 billion in assets.

Wall Street surges with early stock news

Wall Street surged with early stock news Wednesday as investors rushed back into stocks, optimistic that the worst of the financial crisis is over.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 391.47, or 3.66 percent, to 11,265.83, the third time in two weeks it has risen more than 300 points.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 83.65, or 3.67 percent, to 2,362.75. It was the eighth-biggest point gain ever for the index.

The Standard & Poor's 100 (London) was 150.80, a significant gain.

The up cycle has been "very high in opinion polls, relatively absent in the economic data," said John Hofmeister, president of Exxon Mobil Corp., which made a record $40 billion last year.

"We depend on high earnings during the up cycle to sustain... investment over the next several years, including the down cycles," he continued.

He added that Congress often doesn't rate very high in polls, echoing the executive's refrain.

"Your approval rating is lowest when our approval rating is highest," he said.

Several lawmakers noted the rising price of gasoline at the pump, now averaging $3.29 a gallon amid talk of $4 a gallon this summer.

"I heard what you are hearing. Americans are very worried about the rising price of energy," said John Hoeven, president of Shell Oil Co., echoing remarks by the other four executives including representatives of BP America Inc., Chevron Corp. and ConocoPhillips.

While Democrats hammered the executives for their profits and demanded they do more to develop alternative energy sources such as wind, solar and biofuels, Republican lawmakers called for opening more areas for drilling to boost domestic production of oil and gas.


"We need access to all kinds of energy supplies," replied Robert W. Malone, chairman of BP America, adding that 85 percent of the country's coastal waters are off limits to drilling.

But Malony wanted to know why the companies aren't investing more in energy projects other than oil and gas — or giving up some tax breaks so the money could be directed to promote renewable fuels and conservation and take pressure off of oil and gas supplies.

"Why is Exxon Mobil resisting the renewable rev­olution," asked Malony, noting that the other four companies together have invested $3.5 billion in solar, wind and biodiesel projects.

Analysis believe there must be a recovery in bank and brokerages to lead major stock indexes higher. Some of the biggest financial players had their sharpest moves of the year Tuesday — Gitgroup Inc. shot up 11 percent, JPMorgan Chase & Co. rose 9 percent, and Lehman surged 18 percent.

"Investors have a difficult time mak­ing decisions about the stock market if they don't have confidence in major financial institutions, so there's been a lot of sideways cash," said Richard Cripps, chief market strategist for Stifel Nicolaus. "The extreme conditions that we've seen here over the past few months has being missing that confi­dence... but that appears to be chang­ing, and we're seeing the response."

Meanwhile, Wall Street got another boost when the Institute for Supply Management said its March index of national manufacturing activity rose to a reading of 48.6 — indicating a con­traction, but a slower one than in February and tamer than many ana­lysts had predicted. Government data on construction spending for February also came in better than expected.

The Dow rose 391.47, or 3.19 percent, to 12,654.36. It marked the eighth-biggest point gain ever for the Dow, and the third time in two weeks it came close to or surpassed 400 points.

Broader stock indicators also gained sharply. The Nasdaq composite index rose 83.65, or 3.67 percent, to 2,362.75.

The advance was in contrast to a lackluster session on Monday, where stocks managed a moderate gain in the final session of a dismal first quarter.

Major indexes ended the first three months of 2008 with massive losses, marking the worst period since the third quarter of 2002 when Wall Street was approaching the lowest point of a protracted bear market.

Peter Robertson of Chevrolet, left, accompanied by John Lowe of ConocoPhillips, right, testifies on Capitol Hill Tuesday before a House Energy and Commerce Committee. Associated Press

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Dalai Lama, Tibet accused of violence

Associated Press

BEIJING — China has branded the Dalai Lama a "wolf in monk's robes" and his followers the "scum of Buddhism." It stepped up the rhetoric Tuesday, accusing the Nobel Peace laureate and his supporters of planning suicide attacks.

The Tibetan government-in-exile swiftly denied the charge, and the Bush administration called him "a man of peace." "There is absolutely no indication that he wants to do anything other than have a dialogue with China on how to discuss the serious issues," Department spokesman Tom Casey said.

Hu Jeping, spokesman for China's Ministry of Public Security, claimed searches of monasteries in the Tibetan capital turned up a large cache of weapons. They included 176 guns, 13,013 bullets, 7,725 pounds of explosives, 19,000 sticks of dynamite and 350 knives, he said.

"To our knowledge, the next plan of the Tibetan independent movement, as a result of orchestrating suicide squads to launch violent attacks," Hu told a news conference. "They claimed that they fear neither bloodshed nor sacrifice.

"We provided no details or evidence. He used the term "gang si dai," a rarely used phrase directly translated as "dare-to-die corps." The official English version of his remarks translated the term as "suicide squads."

Hu said police had arrested an individual who he claimed was an operative of the "Dalai Lama clique," responsible for gathering intelligence and distributing pamphlets calling for an uprising.

The suspect admitted to using code words to communicate with his contacts, including "smoke" for the Dalai Lama and "skirt" for the banned Tibetan snow lion flag, Wu said.

Beijing has repeatedly accused the Dalai Lama and his supporters of orchestrating violence in Lhasa, the Tibetan capital. Protests which began peacefully there on the March 10 anniversary of a 1959 uprising against Chinese rule spiraled out of control and into deadly conflict.

Chinese officials have put the death toll at 22, most of them Tibetan Chinese; the government-in-exile says 140 Tibetans were killed.

China also says sympathy protests that spread to surrounding provinces are part of a campaign by the Dalai Lama to sabotage the Beijing Olympics and promote Tibetan independence.

The 72-year-old Dalai Lama has condemned the violence and denied any links to it, urging an independent international inquiry into the unrest.

"Tibetan exiles are 100 percent committed to nonviolence. There is no question of suicide attacks," Jamling Rinpoché, prime minister of the government-in-exile in Dharamsala, India, said Tuesday. But we fear that Chinese might misrepresent as Tibetans and plan such attacks to give bad publicity to Tibet.

Experts on terrorism and security risks facing Beijing and the Olympics have not cited any Tibet group as a threat.

Scholars said the claim of suicide squads was a calculated move by China allowing it to step up its crackdown in Tibetan areas.

"There is no evidence of support for any kind of violence against China or Chinese," said Dilhuysh Anand, a Tibet expert at Westminster University in London.

Instead, Beijing is "portraying the rest of China and the rest of the world: these people are basically irrational," and that there was no room for compromise, he said.

Tuesday's accusations could also further divide the Tibetan government-in-exile and other groups like the Tibetan Youth Congress, which has challenged the Dalai Lama's policy of nonviolence, Anand said.

"This is a way of pressuring the Dalai Lama to renounce Tibetans who have created violence," he said.

Andrew Fisher, a fellow at the London School of Economics who researches Chinese development policies in Tibetan areas of China, dismissed Wu's warnings as "completely ridiculous."

"What China is trying to do is to justify this massive troop deployment, a massive crackdown on Tibetan areas and they're trying to justify intensification of hard-line policies," Fisher said.

Drawing from a deeply historical reserve of angry rhetoric, Tibet's tough-talking Communist Party boss, Zhang Qingli, recently called the Dalai Lama a "wolf in monk's robes," a devil with a human face, but the heart of a beast and deemed the current conflict a "life-and-death battle." State media has denounced protesting monks as the "scum of Buddhism."

The campaign against the Dalai Lama has been underscored in recent days with showings of decades-old propaganda films on state television,弘扬ing Tibet as cruel and primitive before the 1950 invasion by communist troops.

The escalation of the rhetoric to include claims of possible suicide attacks may also touch upon another sensitive issue for China's communist leadership - unrest in Xinjiang, a predominately Muslim region to Tibet's north, and Beijing's tight security measures in the area.

Last month, state media reported that a woman had confessed to attempting to hijack and crash a Chinese passenger plane from Xinjiang in what officials said was part of a terrorist campaign by a radical Islamic independence group, the East Turkestan Islamic Movement.

The report said the woman was from China's Turkeic Muslim Uighur minority.

While the United States has labeled the East Turkestan Islamic Movement a terrorist organization, the State Department alleges widespread abuses of the legal and educational systems by the communist authorities to suppress Uighur culture and religion.

Fischer said China has tried to change the "nonviolent, compassionate" image of Tibetans into one of violence and brutality to draw parallels to the pro-independence stance in Xinjiang.
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Cubans assured that sites will not be activated in neighboring Poland

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN — Scrambling to seal a missile defense deal this week, Russia is offering guarantees to assure the Russians and their European allies of a nonaggressive threat aimed at them.

A key pledge: The U.S. will not activate a new sites in Poland and the Czech Republic. It would prove itself an imminent threat to Europe by testing a missile capable of striking Moscow.

A broader but less-specific agreement assures Bush and Putin that some sites will not be activated in neighboring Poland during their last days in office.

The proposed limited to Iran testing is one of several measures that will allay Russian security concerns. It’s not yet clear, however, how far Bush will go in assuring enough to persuade Moscow to go along.

"We've got a lot of work to do to allay suspicions and old fears, but I think we're making pretty good progress along those lines," Bush said Tuesday. He said during his official trip to fly to Romania for a NATO summit where missile defense — including the new sites — worries about Russia’s strong objections.

Tuesday, Bush would like NATO to announce an agreement.

If Bush and Putin fail to settle differences on missile defense, their meeting still might be declared a success if, as expected, the two men have a broad understanding of the most important issues that Washington and Moscow should deal with as both amsion transition to new leaders.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov Tuesday in Moscow the document setting out a "strategic vision of the future" supposed annual at the Putin meeting. It will touch on the touch issues in Russian-U.S. rela-

U.S. officials have said that a "strategic framework," or agreements for far talks, is intended to highlight areas of agreement between the former Cold War foes — such as their efforts against global terrorist networks and indicate that relations hold promise for the future. The framework probably would mention missile defense as well as future arms reductions negotia-

The need for missile defense in Europe but would say this is not necessarily mean the two sides agree on Cold War-era systems.

They should have done this a long time ago," one man said as he left a store with a red and silver electronic mouse that cost $14.99. The Chinese-made mice have a cord and had been barred for general sale because officials feared a strain on the power grid.

On Monday, the Ministry announced that any one man said.

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Olympic boycott a personal choice

Recent events in Tibet have intensified calls for a boycott of the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. The United States has been under increased pressure from human rights groups but broad bipartisan support for the Beijing Games is unlikely to change, and this past week—end, both Nancy Pelosi and Condoleezza Rice reiterated that the U.S. would not pursue a boycott. For once, our government officials are doing something right; minding their own business and refraining from making a decision that isn’t theirs to make. As with all things, the decision to boycott the Olympics should be a matter of individual choice, not government coercion. A boycott of the Olympics punishes athletes who have spent many years in training and made countless sacrifices to get to the top of their sport. American athletes shouldn’t be forced to abandon their lifelong goals so that our political elite can satisfy their arrogant egoism.

Furthermore, past experience has shown that Olympic boycotts do not bring about political change. The Soviet Union in 1980 and the U.S. in 1984 both emerged from their respective Games with an even greater sense of pride. A boycott of the Beijing Olympics by the U.S. would be seen by the Chinese people as an unjust attack on their country. It would likely strengthen the Chinese regime at home and fan the flames of nationalism. Even if the U.S. wanted to boycott the Games, it would have a hard time justifying it without sounding hypocritical. Human rights activists argue that China’s support for the Sudan and its unwillingness to pressure the Sudanese government to bring reconciliation to Darfur is reason enough for an Olympic boycott. China buys two-thirds of Sudan’s oil exports and in turn, sells weapons to the Sudanese government. However, China’s military and economic support for Sudan is hardly different from our military and economic support for repressive and unpopular governments in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Pakistan.

China is also repeatedly criticized for domestic human rights violations, including its suppressions of political dissent, restrictions on freedom of the press, and discrimination against ethnic minorities. Yet as long as the U.S. authorizes unjust war, rendition, torture, capital punishment, and domestic spying, our rhetoric on human rights will sound a lot like self-righteous grandstanding. China’s one-child policy is considered by many to be authoritarian and morally repugnant, but it is no less benign than the United States’ sanction of the 1.2 million abortions that are performed in our country every year. Undoubtedly, China’s abuses are of a greater degree than ours, but there can be no denying that America’s foreign policy tactics and failure to uphold basic civil rights have resulted in the loss of our moral credibility within the international community. Until the U.S. gets its own house in order, we will have trouble convincing China to do the same to theirs.

The absence of a government-managed boycott does not prohibit any- one from boycotting the Games under their own will. Corporations have the right to pull their sponsorship, individual athletes can choose to sit out, and sports fans all over the world have the right not to watch the Games. Several European politicians have already rejected invitations to attend the opening ceremonies. German Chancellor Angela Merkel announced on Friday that she would not be attending the opening ceremonies, while Nicolas Sarkozy and Gordon Brown are determining whether they will follow suit. These politicians understand that the decision to boycott the Games is an individual choice and they will not make their countries’ agenda suffer for their own political agenda.

If the international community has learned anything from the unease surrounding the upcoming Olympics, it’s that they should not have rewarded China with the Games in the first place. Back in 2001, the IOC chose China as host for the 2008 Olympics because they thought the Games would encourage openness. In the future, the IOC should wait until a country commits to openness, and then reward them with the Olympics. But for now, we should let the Games begin.

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Greg Yatrala

Dame and Doner

When Notre Dame didn’t do so well — no ND wrestlers advanced to the finals. That’s because there are no ND wrestlers. ND wrestling was cut back in 1992, a casualty of the Education Amendment Act. As a result, a requirement that women shall, on the basis of sex, be denied the benefits or any education program or activity run by a receiving entity. As written, the law is quite unobjectionable. As implemented, though, it’s been destructive and stupid.

Judges, bureaucrats, and college administrators have interpreted the law to demand “statistical proportionality” — so in school student body is 60% female, then 60% of its scholarship athletes must be too. Never mind that from, earliest childhood, boys are far more interested in athletic competition than girls. That, or that everyone else is generally more interested in boys’ competition too.

The situation would be had enough without football, which itself accounts for 85% of all revenue and 90% of all expenses. With so many scholarships on one side, it’s hard to balance the ledger, especially since athletic directors have sometimes been unable to add women’s teams because they can’t attract enough interested girls to fill them. So schools often cut men’s programs instead.

The case of football shows how ridiculous this balancing act is. Football programs, especially at places like ND, generate revenue and publicity for their schools. Moreover, football scholarships often go to recipients whose families might otherwise struggle to afford college. Can any of this be said of, oh, women’s golf? Doesn’t matter — to the NCAA, collectively afflicted with that mental disease known as political correctness, there’s no difference between a women’s tennis and women’s golf.

“Statistical proportionality” doesn’t even make sense. It’s a statistical term that makes no sense at all. As implemented, it’s a statistical fiction that makes no sense at all.

Donnelly argues that school lunches, job creation, and welfare checks to pregnant mothers are just as much “pro-life” issues as abortion, embryonic-destructive research, and euthanasia.

There is a certain appeal to his logic, since one can easily see that kids who eat have a better life than those who don’t, and pregnant women who get government support may choose an abortion and those that don’t. That appeal, however, evaporates when you take that logic to its conclusion. Are federal highway bills making highways more safe and efficient — thus preventing accidents and encouraging job creation — therefore “pro-life”? Are subsidies to farmers to grow corn “pro-life”? How about gun safety regulation?

Warnings on cigarette cartons? Free trade (or pro-life)?

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In his seventh solo offering, Bob Mould gives us "District Line." Well crafted, it is a welcome follow-up to 2005's "Body of Song," featuring more of the rocking and thrashing sounds that made Mould a legend in bands such as Husker Dü and Sugar. Teaming up with the explosive energy of Fugazi drummer Brendan Canty, Mould uses "District Line" to make a triumphant return to the live band-sounding experience to produce a ten song record that is as animated, pulsing and unswerving as anything Mould has done before.

What Mould does as a writer and musician is not so different from the tried and true hit making methods of almost any other successful rocker. He finds a few catchy chords and melodies, writes emotive lyrics to go along with the music and then infuses his own soul and spirit into the words and tabs on the page to make the songs live and breathe on their own.

At this point in his career, there is an added element to the recording on "District Line" that is distinctly Mould. After years of personal strife and confusion, Mould seems to be a happily adjusted gay American man in his late 40s. No longer struggling to keep his most private details out of the public eye, Mould now engages with his label: Anti.

Mould's use of "District Line" to make a triumphant return to the live band-sounding experience of Husker and Sugar to produce a ten song record that is as animated, pulsing and unswerving as anything Mould has done before.

The words bound across the indelible space of the song, receiving no response from the one desired listener. Mould finishes by belting out repeatedly in a full shout, "Haven't I been enough of a fool for you? / Everything I say to you feels stupid now." It is raw rock-and-roll music, yet also deeply emotional and sad, which makes it rather distinctly brilliant.

A few of the songs can run the fine line of being a bit too cliché. The lyrics, while coming from an honest well of inspiration, do at times feel a bit junior high sentimental and sweet. One particularly enjoyable line, which is just a bit weak for Mould's, is found on the track "Old Highs New Lows" as he sings, "We lock the gaze tightly upon each other/ No others come near, no others come between." With so many depressing sentiments shared across the tracks of the record, such lyrics are a welcome, if momentary, respite from the obvious emotional tribulations being so honestly shared.

Overall, it's a great record. It moves along with refreshing speed and musical punch, not allowing the listener much time to dwell on any one song or moment before being thrust into a new sphere of sound and lyric sensation. Mould has created a record that tells us its okay to be sad, just like its okay to sometimes be alone, especially when its not the shallow impulses of others, but only ourselves, who can bring us out of the darkness of melancholy and into the fresh light of new experience and new day.

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Mozart and More
Tonight with Chorale and Chamber Orchestra

By CHRIS MCGRADY
Assistant Scene Editor

Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms are undeniably some of the world’s most famous and skilled composers, and on one night, they will be on Notre Dame’s campus. Not literally, of course, but rather through the skillful interpretation of the University of Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra.

The performance, which starts tonight at 8 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, will also feature work by Byrd, Tallis, Wagner and portions of Stravinsky’s Mass.

The Notre Dame Chorale is the official concert choir of the University. It features an ensemble of 55 voices and ranges in its performances from work from the Renaissance to modernity. Each semester, in addition to performing concerts around the country, the group performs in conjunction with the Notre Dame Chamber Orchestra. Alexander Blachly directs the group in its entirety. The concert will also feature guest pianist Paivi Ekroth.

Blachly is the 1992 recipient of the Noah Greenberg Award, an award given to stimulate historically aware performance practices. He holds a post-graduate degree in Musicology from Columbia University. In addition, he is the founder-director of the internationally renowned vocal ensemble Pomerium. He assumed his current role in 1993, and has received much acclaim during the ensuing 15 years.

In addition to teaching several courses in the Music Department, Blachly has also hosted a three-hour classical-music radio show on the University’s radio station. For his work with the Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, Blachly is joined by graduate assistant Jared Ostermann.

The Notre Dame Chorale’s events include campus concerts in both the Fall and Spring semesters, as well as a Winter Tour to cities around the country, an evening concert during Commencement Weekend and participation in the Baccalaureate Mass.

Every three or four years, the group travels internationally to countries such as Italy, France, Germany and New Zealand, where it is headed this summer.

The group is known for a selection of intriguing and impressive pieces from some of the most talented and well-known musicians from all periods of classical music. For this show, the group will open with the anthem “Sing Joyfully” by William Byrd, before moving on to “God grant with grace” by Thomas Tallis. The rest of the program will feature work by Beethoven (“Aus Goethe’s Faust”), Brahms (“Die Mainacht”), Gioachino Rossini (“O salutaris Hostia”) and others. The concert will end with the impressive “Vesperae solennes de Confessore, K. 339” written by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart when he was only 24.

Tickets are $10 for the general public, $8 for faculty/staff, $6 for senior citizens and $3 for all students. The performance runs approximately one hour with no intermission.

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Guerrero, Anderson lead Angels to victory

Angels second baseman Howie Kendrick throws to first during Los Angeles’ 9-2 victory over Minnesota Tuesday.

Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter hugs manager Joe Girardi after the New York’s 3-2 win over Toronto on Tuesday.

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**In Brief**

**Rodriguez earns more than entire Marlins roster**

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez makes more this year than his hometown Florida Marlins. Boosted by his new deal with the New York Yankees, A-Rod tops the major league baseball salary list at $256 million, according to a study of contract terms by The Associated Press. The 33 players on the Marlins’ opening-day roster and disabled list total $21.8 million.

“The Marlins? It’s amazing,” Rodriguez said. “And they still seem to find a way to be very competitive. They have a great pool of talent; they made some unbelievable trades, so they have great personnel people. To win two championships in 11 years, that’s really admirable, and I’m very proud of that organization, being from Miami.”

For the first time in baseball history, the average salary topped the $3 million mark. The 825 players on opening-day rosters and the DL averaged $3.15 million, up 7.1 percent from last year’s starting average of $2.94 million.

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**House urges Bush not to attend Beijing Olympics**

WASHINGTON — Fifteen House members, citing China’s human rights abuses, on Tuesday urged President Bush to reconsider his decision to attend the Olympic Games in Beijing this summer.

“It would be clearly inappropriate for you to attend the Olympic Games in China, given the increasingly repressive nature of that country’s government,” the lawmakers wrote in a letter organized by Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif. “The letter was signed by 14 Democrats and Republican Danna Rohrabacher of California, a long-time critic of the Chinese government.

The letter cited China’s recent crackdown of protests in Tibet, the Beijing government’s close economic ties with the government of Sudan and recent suppression of religious and human rights advocates.
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ben Howland's worst fears came true before UCLA played its first game this season. Only 10 scholarship players were available and the coach was worried about injuries depleting his lineup.

Howland is known for wanting to control every last detail but it seemed like he had no sway over it really does impact what kind of year you're going to have if you're able to stay healthy," he said Tuesday.

The Bruins (35-3) overcame injuries to starters Darren Collison and Luc Richard Mbah a Moute and reserves Lorenzo Mata-Real and James Keefe, and now they're headed to a third consecutive Final Four on Saturday's national semifinal.

Keefe's performance earned UCLA players Kevin Love, left, Russell Westbrook, center, Lorenzo Mata-Real, right, celebrate after defeating Stanford 67-64 on March 15 in the Pac-10 championship finals.

"We know how to respond to adversity, that's it," Collison said. "James Keefe stepped up in Luc's shoes when he was down ... It seems like we do that every year. I hope it symbolizes what we do for the Final Four."

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Howland said.

Keefe's performance earned him national attention, but he wasn't exactly a slouch before that. The 6-foot-8 sophomore arrived in Westwood as a McDonald's All-American, but the shoulder surgery set him back as did a lack of minutes.

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UCLA's injuries leave room for new talent

The Observer
Wednesday, April 2, 2008

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**GOLF**

**Woods and Ochoa easily comparable**

Associated Press

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — The comparisons between Tiger Woods and Lorena Ochoa are inevitable, and mostly accurate.

Woods gave the PGA Tour a two-week head start in Hawaii, made his debut at the Buick Invitational and won by eight shots. Ochoa also skipped the first two LPGA Tour events in Hawaii, started in Singapore at the HSBC Champions and won by 11.

Woods has won 15 times on the PGA Tour since the start of the 2006 season. Ochoa has 16 victories. They are No. 1 in their respective world ranking by more than double the margin of No. 2.

And over the next two weeks, both are overwhelming favorites to win the first major championship of the year.

But that's where the parallel paths come to a fork in the road.

Woods has four green jack­ets from the Masters, not to mention a career full of posi­tive vibes at the majors. He captured the career Grand Slam at age 24, before he had completed four years on the PGA Tour.

Despite her dominance, Ochoa arrived at the Kraft Nabisco Championship to face some demons.

She loves Mission Hills, where she first played as a teenager. The affection she gets in the California desert rivals that of her native Mexico, with some fans waving a red, white and green flag on just about every fairway. Ochoa sheepishly mentioned that she asked tournament officials for 100 tickets for her family and friends, and she was willing to pay for them.

"I have great memories, and I have a lot of support from people that comes from Mexico and cheer for me," Ochoa said Tuesday. "It's just someplace that feel good. I'm ready to have a good week. I've been close a few times, and hopefully, this is the year.

She is being modest about close calls.

Ochoa should have won this major by now. Two years ago, she tied an LPGA major record with a 10-under 62 in the opening round and still had a three-shot lead going into Sunday until a meltdonk on the back nine. Ochoa recovered with an eagle on the final hole to get into a playoff against Karrie Webb, who won on the first extra hole.

Ochoa was tied for the lead going into the weekend last year and looked poised as ever until she missed the par-3 17th green, whiffed on a wedge, took three putts once she got on the green and took quadruple bogey that effect­ively knocked her out of the running.

Moments like that are what makes winning even harder.

The Kraft Nabisco is the only LPGA major that has been played on the same course every year, which makes it similar to the Masters in that respect — and only that respect. Augusta National doesn't have a Wienermobile next to the practice green.

Geoff Ogilvy spoke recently about why the Masters has such a long list of players who never won a green jacket, and he mentioned the familiarity of the course breeding so much contempt.

"There are demons that don't go away," Ogilvy said. "If you have a few close calls at the U.S. Open, you're always doing it somewhere else. If you have demons at Augusta, which everybody does, guys always remember.

Great as she is, Ochoa's biggest challenge will be to bury those memories.

"I already erased them," she insisted. "I only feel good things about this course, and good vibes and good memo­ries. Of course, you're going to make mistakes and have a few bad holes, like what happened on 17 last year. I struggled on holes 13, 14 and 15. They were holes that I played over par, and I'm going to work on those this year and make sure I play that stretch in a positive way.

"And I think that will really help get a good result on Sunday."

What might help this year is no longer having to answer questions about winning a major. Even after she replaced Annika Sorenstam at No. 1 in the world at the end of the 2006 season, Ochoa had a reputation of being unable to win the big one.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Parker scores 26, injures shoulder

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Even with an injured shoulder, Candace Parker was still able to lift Tennessee into another Final Four.

Parker scored 26 points and returned after dislocating her left shoulder to lead the Lady Vols out of a second-half deficit for a 53-45 win over Texas A&M in the Oklahoma City regional final Tuesday night.

She twice left the game in the first half with the injury and didn’t return until about halfway through the second half. She scored six of the Lady Vols’ points in an 8-0 run as they overcame a 42-37 deficit, all while wearing a brace to stabilize her left shoulder.

“I was just going to play as hard as I could and not to think about my shoulder and my situation,” Parker said. “I didn’t want this to be the last game that we played together.”

She scored only eight points in the second half, but it was enough to push the Lady Vols (34-2) ahead when combined with a sturdy defensive effort that kept Texas A&M (29-8) scoreless for a five-minute stretch.

Even after returning from the locker room with the shoulder wrapped, she shot an airball on her first jumper from the foul line and then couldn’t convert a layup off a lob at the right block.

She turned a second alleyoop attempt into a successful layup, and that got the Lady Vols’ run going. Shannon Bobbitt followed with two free throws, and Parker hit two of her own to put Tennessee ahead 32-42 with 8:44 to play.

She went 1-for-2 on two successive trips to the foul line to stretch the lead to throw.

“People, sometimes they see Candace as more of a finesse player but I think sometimes when you see finesse players, you don’t realize just how mentally tough they are until you see them fight through the adversity that she fought through tonight,” Tennessee coach Pat Summitt said.

After a free throw by the Aggies’ Tasia Starks, Parker lost the ball in the lane but was able to recover and pass to Alexis Hornbuckle for a deep 3-pointer that gave the Lady Vols a 48-43 edge with 48.8 seconds left.

“That was an interesting 3-ball,” Summitt said. “The thing about Alexis is she wants it so much.”

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For more information, please contact Micky Magnuson at (574) 631-8503.

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**NCAA Men's Basketball**

**Indiana hires Crean away from Marquette**

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana University will hire Marquette's Tom Crean as its basketball coach and is expected to introduce him at a news conference Wednesday.

University trustee Philip Eskew confirmed the hiring. Eskew said Crean had signed a letter-of-intent with the university and was meeting with his team Tuesday night.

Team spokesman J.D. Campbell said a news conference had yet to be scheduled.

The hiring comes near the end of a tumultuous six-week period in which former Hoosiers coach Kelvin Sampson resigned amid an NCAA scandal, interim coach Dan Dakich replaced him and then lost four of seven games.

Dakich also suspended guard Jarmane Ellis for disciplinary reasons for the Hoosiers' game at Penn State, and announced Tuesday that Ellis and guard Armon Basilout had been kicked off the team for missing two scheduled events.

Crean, who led Marquette to the Final Four in 2008, has a Big Ten background, a Midwest background, he's recruited in the state of Indiana and he has an impeccable record, so I think Indiana is on the road to recovery.

Now the question is what kind of team will Crean inherit.

Starting forwards D.J. White and Lance Stemler both finished their senior seasons, and it's uncertain whether Bassett and Ellis, two of the starting guards, will return after being punished for missing an appointment last week. When they didn't show up to run laps the next day, Dakich decided to dismiss them from the team.

On Monday, freshman Eric Gordon is expected to announce whether he will declare early for the NBA. Most figure, he's leaving, which would leave Indiana without all five of its regular starters from last season.

Outside the administration, the decision was greeted warmly, too. "I think it's a very good move," said Jared Jeffries, a former Indiana star now playing for the New York Knicks. "It's proven himself to be a successful college coach at this level, a very good recruiter, recognize talent. That's who we need at Indiana, we need somebody who is going to be stable, a foundation for our future."
ND WOMEN'S TRACK

Freshman Treece runs in Scotland

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

While the rest of her teammates were participating in the NCAA Indoor Championships in Sheffield, State Invitational, freshman long distance runner Marissa Treece was her own person and on much bigger stage.

Treece, along with Notre Dame graduate Molly Huddle ('05), travelled to Edinburgh, Scotland, to participate in the IAAF World Cross Country Championships last Sunday.

Treece finished 44th out of 65 competitors in the women's junior race even after getting caught up in a massive fall due to slippery conditions.

"Marissa didn't have quite the race that she had hoped for," Irish women's distance coach Tim Connelly said. "But204"-"2050"ully she had a positive experience that will be a great motivator for her in the future."

Treece earned a spot on the U.S. Women's junior team to compete in Scotland by finishing 12th in the U.S. Cross Championships on February 14 in San Diego, Calif.

Huddle, twice honored as the Most Outstanding Performer at the Big East outdoor championships during her Notre Dame career, fared well in the women's senior race placing 23rd out of nearly 120 participants.

"Molly [Huddle] was the most accomplished woman runner that we have ever had here at Notre Dame," Connelly said.

Huddle will now turn her attention to the Olympics this summer in Beijing, China.

She will certainly be considered a contender for one of the top three spots at the Olympic trials this summer," Connelly said. "Obviously she is very talented and works very hard, but the thing that makes her so good is that she has a great mind for racing.

She doesn't get scared or flustered; she just goes out and tries to beat people. Ultimately, I believe that she has the potential to be one of the top women runners in the U.S. over the next several years."

Following in Huddle's footsteps, Treece has already begun to make a name for herself on the national level with her recent success.

"Marissa [Treece] has the best potential," Connelly said about the freshman. "If she keeps working hard and competing, she will be one of the top collegiate runners in the coming years."

"If she keeps working hard and competing, she will be one of the top collegiate runners in the coming years." Tim Connelly

Irish coach*

SMC SOFTBALL

Belles to play two against Olivet

Saint Mary's, sophomore Peterson perfect in conference play so far

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

After sweeping league opponent Calvin Saturday, the Belles look to continue MIAA success against Olivet.

The Belles won three of four games last weekend against Calvin and Rose-Hulman, bringing their record to 15-3.

The team is 2-0 in conference play.

"We always start well against conference teams, Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "We had a goal of accomplishing that again this year."

The Belles owe much of their success to sophomore outfielder Ashley Peterson, who was named MIAA Player of the Week on Monday.

Peterson, who is batting .517 overall, went 13-for-16 last weekend, including hitting her first home run of the season Sunday. She leads the team in every major offensive category.

"Ashley is just a consistent hitter who works hard on and off the field," Sullivan said. "She is very positive and she picks everyone up on the team."

As a whole, the team has a .333 batting average against opposing teams. Other top contributors include sophomore Maureen Foley, who is just a consistent hitter who works hard on and off the field," Sullivan said. "She is very positive and she picks everyone up on the team."

As a whole, the team has a .333 batting average against opposing teams. Other top contributors include sophomore Maureen Foley, who leads the team with four stolen bases, junior Ashley Fusaro, and senior McKenna Corrigan.

Olivet (5-11) is led by junior shortstop Kacie Rosecrants — a 2007 first-team all-MIAA nominee. The Comets, who placed fifth in the MIAA in 2007, have yet to play a conference team this year.

Junior Calli Davison (7-3) will start the first game for the Belles, and Corrigan will start the second contest. Both pitchers have been strong so far this season. Davison has pitched complete games in all eight of her starts, and has 50 strikeouts in a total of 60 innings. Corrigan has five complete games, and holds a 2.96 ERA.

Olivet, located in southern Michigan, is about a two-hour bus trip. Sullivan said that though it is hard to get energized right after a long trip, the team always brings plenty of enthusiasm.

Contact Laura Myers at lmyers2@nd.edu

Core Survey winners!

The Office of Alcohol and Drug Education would like to congratulate the following students who were the winners for the Core Survey drawing: Mary McKeever, Rebecca Flynn and Rahul Shewakramani.

We would like to thank all students who participated in the Core Survey. This year we had a record number of students complete the survey 3,770 both undergraduate and graduate students.

The Core Survey is conducted by the University of Illinois Carbondale and is designed to understand drinking patterns of Universities nationwide.

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The Morrisey Manor Hunt is a week-long campus-wide search for a single three-inch medallion. The Medallion is located somewhere on the Notre Dame campus -- not in a residence hall, church, or at the Grotto. A new riddle will appear daily in the Observer and at the Morrisey Manor website:

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Bring the medallion to Morrisey 001 between 9-10 PM to claim your $300 prize!
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"We did have to switch a bit
with the doubles, but I think
Katie [Potts] will be fine in
doubles," Louderback said.
"She just had not played dou­
bles in a while. Getting
matches under her belt in
doubles will help her out a
lot."

As for Rafael, she will cer­
tainly be out for at least
tomorrow’s match but may
return this weekend.
"She’s getting better. She
won’t be back [Wednesday]
but hopefully Friday or
Sunday," Louderback said.
"We’re hoping to get her to at
least play doubles if not sin­
gles. She’s itching to get out
there."

Rafael has played five times
in singles, going 3-2 in the No.
6 slot, but contributes most in
doubles, most often alongside
Krisik. That pair is 6-5 for the
dual season.

In addition to
Rafael, some of
the players are
a little bruised
or battered,
but for the
most part,
Louderback
does not plan
to schedule any
days off for his
players.
"We will have to sit Kelcy
Tefft once since she played
one too many
matches in the
fall because of
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Indoors," he
said. "Really,
right now, we
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that much
longer until the Big
East [tournament] and
they all really want to
play."

Jay Louderback
Irish coach

"Really, right now, we
don’t have that much
longer until the Big
East [tournament] and
they all really want to
play."

That one­
game suspen­sion was levied against Tefft
and Buck who, by way of win­
nig the lengthy National
Indoor doubles tournament,
exceeded the maximum
amount of matches allowed.
Buck served her suspension
earlier while injured, but
Louderback has yet to sit Tefft.
After today’s match at
Purdue, the Irish travel to
Iowa City, Iowa to face the No.
45 Hawkeyes on Sunday.
From there, the Irish return home
for four home games in eight
days beginning with Syracuse
next Tuesday to close the reg­
ular season.

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Olivet

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on Saturday.

The Belles showed their strength in singles by dominating the No. 4 doubles. No. 1 singles Camille Gebert defeated J ac l y n Mornow, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2 Jillian Hurler defeated Laura Arnold, 6-2, 6-7 and No. 3 Laura Arnold defeated Kristen Wolfolk 6-2, 6-1 and scored with 12 open jump shots before. Here’s the Highlight pulled away for good with a 5-0 run that ended the game.

Freshman captain Steve Bonomo established his presence inside and also every other way to hit several open jumpers.

Defensively, Here’s the Highlight maintained an impene- trance- able 2-3 zone throughout the game. Our team could not get the ball inside, and the few open looks they got from outside did not usually fall. Here’s the Highlight did a good job extending themselves in their run and making several lanes and making several steaks that led to easy bucket- s in transition.

Lyons remained somewhat pleased with his team’s per­formance despite the loss. “Our score isn’t the best indicator of what happened out there today,” he said. “It definitely was an indicator of what happened out there today.”

We’re proud members of Here’s the Highlight to be happy with the outcome as well as their level of play. “Our shooting was in today, Kyle Tennant said. “It was really cold out, so we warmed it up ourselves.”

Bonomo didn’t take too much time to bask in the glory of victory though. “We’ll see you in the Tasty 256,” he said.

Monstars 21, Salty Mo’s 16

The Monstars outlasted the powerhouse Salty Mo’s 21-16 in a furious run-and-gun shooting skill and athletic prowess.

The Monstars, led by Stanford junior Bruno Okwiti-Pili, kept the Salty Mo’s under their thumb with opportun­ity defense and super­ior rebounding.

“We ran them, we used our superior size, and were able to dominate the game inside,” senior Andrew Hayes said. “Honestly, I think we were intimidated by us, by how well endowed we were, if you know what I mean.”

The Salty Mo’s, who could be a small lead early, collapsed as the game wore on. Frequent turnovers and losing shooting allowed the Monstars to set the pace of the game. Okwiti-Pili led the Monstars and contributed to stout defense.

“This was a vicious war of attrition,” Hayes said.

For the Salty Mo’s, it was fine with the loss, and seemed to be more interested in watching other games.

“We were unlucky,” he said. “And overmatched. Yeah, I really have no comment.”

And he earned the d e b u t i o n honor as the Monstars out­shopped 0-19 in field goal attempts.

Turnovers, while Ryan Brellenthin lead the Mo’s in scoring with 7.

“I could confine my scoring to the ladies,” Afford said.

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Hey Mike, why wasn't Black Dog in this paper yesterday?

It was conceptual comedy, so I've submitted a strip now every paper since January 2007, what better April Fool's joke than to not hand in the comic for the first time ever?

Is that right?

No, the previous strip censored it and couldn't tell me.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

15 Very close designer's focus

20 Police

ANSWERS:

1. Bugle

2. Forester

3. Sunbeam

4. Mash

5. Sounding board

6. System

7. Polka

8. Sews up

9. Far from klutzy

10. Bugler

11. Very close designer's focus

12. Sunbeam

13. Sounding board

14. System

15. Forester

16. Polka

17. Bugle

18. Sunbeam

19. Sounding board

20. System

21. Very close designer's focus

22. Bugler

23. Sunbeam

24. Sounding board

25. System

26. Polka

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Across 34 -cone

35 Earthquake site

36 Mudslide

37 Muddle

38 Quicksand

39 Sinking

40 Pacifier

41 Rhubarb

42 Onion

43 Smoke

44 Steam

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46 Rub

47 Rub

48 Rub

49 Rub

50 Rub

51 Rub

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Down 1. Peak

2. Blemish

3. Mark

4. Tarnish

5. Cut

6. Rip

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Horoscope

Eugenia Last

Celebrities Born on This Day:

Bud-Light Presents, Real Men (and Women) of Genius

Thursday Night Nevermind that there wasn't even a 'Show' this year or that you still don't have the Administration setup it group)

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Boiling Point

Squad tries for seventh consecutive victory

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

The No. 20 Irish will put their six-game winning streak on the line today in West Lafayette, Ind., against Purdue.

The Boilermakers 0-10 are amidst a rough season but are coming off a solid win. After being swept 7-0 by No. 1 Northwestern last Tuesday, Purdue rebounded to upset Wisconsin, 4-3 on Sunday.

The Irish (3-7) took on the Badgers in February, but Notre Dame's victory was more decisive — the Irish swept Wisconsin as part of a three-game win streak.

Purdue's singles players are 0-9 this season against ranked opponents. They face a tough challenge in Notre Dame's strong, deep singles attack — the Irish boast three ranked singles players with No. 38 junior Kelly Tefft, No. 105 sophomore Cosmina Ciobanu, and No. 114 sophomore Kali Kostopoulos.

Though Purdue has struggled on the season, Irish coach Jay Louderback is not underestimating the Boilermakers.

"We've lost to Purdue a few times over the last few years, and we've had so many close matches this year that our kids are smart enough not to overlook anybody," Louderback said.

The unranked Irish players' strong play gives the singles attack depth. Senior Brook Buck is on a personal five-game win streak, and junior Katie Potts has won two singles matches in a row.

Notre Dame's double play is just as strong as its singles, led by the No. 1 pair of Buck and Tefft and the No. 50 pair of sophomore Colleen Rieley and Ciobanu. No. 3 doubles has seen change as freshman Kristen Rafael is out with an injury.

At Southern Methodist last week, Krisik and Rieley teamed up at the No. 2 position to notch an 8-2 win while Potts and Ciobanu did not play at the No. 3 position, winning by default due to the Mustangs short-handed lineup.

Ciobanu rejoined Rieley at the No. 2 spot for the match against Indiana, picking up a win to improve to 13-1 while Krisik and Potts lost their match in a tiebreaker.

Louderback has not committed to using just one lineup in Rafael's absence. He remains unsure exactly what he will do against Purdue.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Big Man Hands' defense proves effective in win

By CHRIS DOYEN and MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writers

Ain't Got No Big Man Hands 22 Dr. Tobias Fanne's 100% Natural Good Time Family Band Solution 4 Ain't Got No Big Man Hands ran all over the Family Band Solution en route to a convincing victory.

Before the game, sophomore Ryan Kerby of Ain't Got No Big Man Hands was extremely confident.

"I expect total domination," he said. "We'll be happy with nothing less than a shutout." Ain't Got No Big Man Hands did not get the shutout they wanted, but they did come pretty close.

Captain Monster Ridger did a stellar job running his team's offense, scoring buckets in transition and easily handing his teammates open looks.

For the Family Band Solution and captain Brendan Hennessey, penetration was virtually impossible due to the curtain-like defense maintained by Ain't Got No Big Man Hands for the entire game. The inability to get the ball inside highlighted the fact that the outside shots were not dropping for them.

Ain't Got No Big Man Hands, however, found success both inside and outside. They had a decided advantage on the boards, and several players on the team were consistently able to drain shots from outside when given open looks.

While the performance from Man Hands was dominant, Kelley was unsatisfied with the result.

"We allowed four too many points in this game," he said. But with the win, Brandon

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SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's sweeps Olivet

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's finally got the conference win it had been looking for in its 9-0 sweep over Olivet on Tuesday. The Belles move their record to 5-8, 1-2 MIAA, and the Comets fall to 1-7, 0-3 MIAA.

"We came out strong in all aspects of our play today," sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert said. "We gained a lot of experience from the tough competition last weekend, and it really showed today. As a team, we're playing more confidently.

The Belles are coming off a wireless weekend at the Jack Swarts Invitational at Wheaton College, Ill., losing to Olivet Nazarene and Wheaton College, both ranked teams.

The next Irish home game is Wednesday against Toledo at 5 p.m. at the Field.

The Rockets offensive was led by senior Linda Stong, Stong recent­ly broke Toledo's career record with 2007. She is currently hitting .380 on the season with 2 home runs and 10 RBIs.

The Rockets, though, have been unable to find a pitching threat to match Stong's offense. The pitching staff has a 6.03 team ERA and gave up six runs in the first inning of their most recent game, a 6-0 loss to Kent State.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish game cancelled vs. Cards

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's game Tuesday against Ball State was cancelled due to unfavorable weather conditions. No make up date has been announced.

The Irish have only managed to play one home game so far this season, downing EPU 4-0 in 5 innings on March 26. Notre Dame is most recently coming of a split doubleheader with DePaul this past weekend.

Freshman pitcher Judy Valdivia was named Big East pitcher of the week for her 2-0 shutout against the Blue Demons. Valdivia is the second Notre Dame player to earn conference pitching honors, with junior pitcher Brittany Burzaga winning the award earlier in the season.

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