Construction of new dorm begins

Unnamed women's hall second of four residence buildings to be added to campus as part of plan

By JOHN TIERNEY

The University announced Wednesday that the yet-to-be-named residence hall has been completed as part of the ongoing renovation of the former women's dormitory.

The unnamed women's hall is scheduled to open for the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year and will be 74,600 square feet and house 248 female students, according to a University press release.

The residence hall is the second in a series of four new dorms currently under construction on campus.

The first new dorm in the plan is Duncan Hall, a men's dorm, which is scheduled to open in August. Construction on Duncan Hall is on track for completion in time for students to move in for the fall semester.

The new dorm is being built on what was once the site of the Quinlan dormitory.

The permit for the new dorm was issued in May, and construction began in June.

The new dorm is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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By LIZ HARTER

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Catechist recognized for Echo Conference honors faith-formation program

By BRIAN MCKENZIE

News Writer

The National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCL) will recognize the Notre Dame Center for Catechetical Initiatives (CCI) and its director, theology professor Gerard Baumbach, with the 2008 Catechetical Award at an NCL meeting in Houston April 8. The award, given each year for "exemplary contributions to the ministry of catechesis," recognizes Baumbach's work at the CCI, a part of the University's Institute for Church Life, an NCL press release said.

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Gruscinski, Falvey begin tenure

Juniors take over Saint Mary's gov't as Hodges, Payne near graduation

By LIZ HARTER

Saint Mary's Editor

With the departure of seniors, the new student senators and executive council took office Wednesday at the first meeting of student body president Bob Reish and vice president Grant Schmidt's term, and created two ad hoc committees designed to improve communication between Student Government and other organizations on campus.

Reish and Schmidt were sworn into office Wednesday, and Karen Keshki will serve as the Chief Executive Assistant.

Reish issued executive orders creating ad hoc committees on Student Outreach and Campus Technology to address problems on campus. The Student Outreach Committee, a part of Reish...
INSIDE COLUMN

March weather: just mean

It seems like every year I get proven wrong on predictions made in my favorite columns, which has led me to believe they have to tease me. The past three years, I thought the Yankees were a lock to play in the World Series, I guaranteed my friends last March that Notre Dame’s men’s basketball team would be a lock for the Elite 8. This year, I thought the New York Giants rolling would be a first round playoff victory. At most sports fans could tell you, I was wrong on all three counts, but luckily for me, the Giants exceeded my expectations and won the Super Bowl.

This year, my bad predictions came from the sports world into the unpredictable nature of spring weather. As of now, April, and March is finally over, I realize that future has used March to screw with our breakout dreams.

Before spring break, my theology professor asked me to predict which day we would have the last snow of the year. I foolishly thought it would be March 27th, and I stared at the window at my desk. The week we returned from spring break, we finally had some good weather, and it appeared as if we might finally be emerging from the deep freeze that is winter at Notre Dame. The sun came out and people started to flock back out of the 50s, it was so nice that I quickly texted a friend back home, who is due to visit the week, to let him know how good our weather was. He was shocked and couldn’t believe that dreary old South Bend had better weather than I am blindfolded to. I told him to get ready, because it had to get even warmer when he got out here in the first week of April.

Now at this point, I’d like to ask all the uppersiders to stop chocking and leave a poisons-free greenhouse from the Northeast alone. Clearly, my knack for bad predictions lived on. The next day was as warm, but then we saw temperatures drop, and before I knew it, it was snowing on Good Friday.

The desolation that is weather in March continued the next week as the temperature slowly rose, and when we finally hit March 27th, as chance would have it, early rain had turned to snow by the afternoon. It hasn’t snowed since. That finally predicted something right, but unfortunately I still feel like I look bad. I guess looking into the future isn’t really my thing.

As I get to the end of this lengthy rant about March weather, my thought is that the crazy fluctuation of weather last month drown me as greater than our winter weather this year. For every day that we were teased with temperatures in the 50s, we had another day when it cooled off. For every day that I broke out the shorts, there were two more that I had to pull my winter coat out for. I’m sure I’m not the only person on campus that was annoyed by the weather, but now that March is finally over, we can only hope that April brings summer days. However, I beg you not to blame me if it snows tomorrow.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Mike Gotimer at mgotimer@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error the article “Comedy show helps senior class” incorrectly spelled Ishmael Laurel Jones’ name. I wish to express my apology for this reporting error. “Graciano, faculty prep for office” Kristie Hodge is the admissions commissioner for the student ambassador commission. Also the news board took off April 1, it will be reconstituted on April 28 at the Church of Loreto. The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE STRANGEST FOOD YOU HAVE EVER EATEN?

Anthony Salpino — Barbara Ho — Catherine Pinnaro — Christina Lee — Elise Bartzen — Rachel Heneghan

"I am a friend of mine made beer and cheese soup. It was disgusting." 

"When I was a kid I used to down KFC gravy." 

"Sweetbreads — I liked it until I found out what it was." 

"Cactus ... in a margarita. It tasted like margarita." 

"I tried rattlesnake when I was twelve." 

"Chicken pate — it was absolutely disgusting." 

OFFBEAT

Chilean mayor interrupts Bond filming

SANTIAGO — There’s an unlikely new villain in James Bond’s life: Carlos Lopez, the mayor of a remote northern Chilean town, burst onto the film set of the latest installment of the fictional super-spy’s adventures, “Quantum of Solace,” on Tuesday and was detained by police.

“He got angry, entered into a private enclosure ... and caused public disorder and was detained,” a police official said by telephone from Baquedano, declining to be named. “Now it is in the hands of the procuror.”

Lopez said he drove onto the set between the cameras and Bond actor Daniel Craig, interrupting filming, because he was angry at what he called an excessive police presence in the small town because of the filming and the fact Chilean soil was being used to represent neighboring Bolivia.

Burglar plays dead in funeral home

MADRID — A burglar who broke into a funeral home tried to fool police by playing dead, but two things gave him away. First, he breathed. Plus, he wore grungy clothes rather than the Sunday best of those settling in for eternal rest.

Police and the Crespo Funeral Home said Wednesday they had no idea what the 25-year-old Spanish man was trying to steal in the March 17 break-in at Burjasot, a small town just outside Valencia.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

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 Tuesday.

Dispense Me a night of solidarity with refugees and internally displaced people will take place on South Quad today. Registration to spend the night on South Quad is from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the camp.

The Notre Dame men’s tennis team will play Ball State at 4:00 p.m. Friday at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The third annual Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon will take place from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. Saturday in Angola Athletic Facility. Registration for dancers begins at 7 p.m. in the Noble Family Dining Hall.

The first student Scrabble tournament will take place in the Dooley Room in LaFortune on Friday at 1:30 p.m. Registration begins at 1 p.m. A $3 minimum donations is required.

Policy-makers, journalists, film critics, activists and genocide survivors from Rwanda, Darfur and the Holocaust will discuss the relationship between genocide and the media. Witnessing Genocide: Truth, Reconciliation and the Media will be in McKenna Hall from Monday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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

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Bryan O'Shea: "When I was a kid I used to..."
Father Miscamble recognized for study of origins of Cold War

Prof. Miscamble was honored for his work on the origins of the Cold War, which was recognized by the Truman Library Institute for American Foreign Policy. His book, "From Roosevelt to Truman," was awarded the Truman Book Award for its critical analysis of the transformation in American foreign policy during the Truman presidency. The book examines a crucial period in the Truman presidency and helps explain the major transformation in American foreign policy during it. The award recognizes the significant contribution to the historical debate about this period in American history that Miscamble's book has made.

"We believe that Professor Miscamble's book will become a standard work on the origins of the Cold War. The award recognizes the support of my research and work of the institute's selection of the Truman Library Institute for American Foreign Policy," said Jeffrey Gull, chair of the award selection committee.

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Shoup said the University is looking to renovate existing halls, and that it has no plans to close any dorms. "We're not planning to close any of the halls... Even if we did major renovations, our goal would not be to close the hal for the renovation. We'd do it over the summer..."
The University's desire to keep all its residence halls open during the school year, even while renovating, is unique to Notre Dame, he said. "Most other places would take a hall offline for a year, but we don't want to do that. It disrupts the community — it might significantly change the way a community would interact with each other."

Jeff Shoup
director, Residence Life and Housing

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and Schmidt's platform, will enable the student body to give feedback to the Senate and suggest future initiatives through a survey issued each semester.
"During the course of our campaign, Grant and I realized that there's definitely a gap that we thought we could bridge between students and the administration, more importantly between students and student government," Reish said. "We're hoping that through this committee, we'll be able to get more of a sense of what students want to be working on.

Because of the range of technology-related issues discussed this past term, the Campus Technology Committee will improve communication between the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) and Student Government and allow all technological issues to be concentrated within one committee.

Reish and Schmidt also appointed new committee chairs.

McClain's sonhore Sarah Rodts was approved as chair of the Student Outreach Committee, and Junior Devin Fee, from Stanford, will head Campus TV.
The Senate also unanimously appointed the nominated chairs for the already-existing committees. Ryan Brettellsh, a sophomore in Stanford, will be the new Academic Affairs chair. He served on the committee last term and said this term's agenda will include planning Majors Night and making more business courses available to non-business students.

Gus Gari, last term's Keenan Hall senator, will serve as chair of the Community Relations Committee and plans to address the use of Dormer Dollars off-campus and problems with taxi services during the term.

Keough sophomore Patrick Tighe will remain the co-chair of the Gender Issues Committee, and Lauren Cummings, a junior in Cavanaugh, will also serve as co-chair when she returns from London. In addition to the annual Health and Body Image Conference, Tighe said the committee also plans to look into policy that affects gender relations, such as the double-standard between men and women regarding dorm parties. He also wants to address the addition of sexual orientation to Notre Dame's non-discrimination clause.

"Our community needs to figure out a way that we can make this issue and maybe extend to the University that there is discrimination going on based on sexual orientation, instead of just letting this be a nice tradition that we pass this resolution and nothing ever happens," Tighe said.

Ian Secviar, a sophomore in Knott, will continue to serve as Oversight Committee Chair and said he plans to concentrate on increasing efficiency in student government.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

France to help Colombian hostage

PARIS - The French president announced Wednesday to help an ailing hostage held by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, but her release has been a cause celebre in France.

The Colombian politician has been held in a rural church in southern Colombia for six years. "A humanitarian mission of three facilitators was sent to Switzerland, has started, in liaison with concerned authorities," French President Nicolas Sarkozy's office said in a brief statement.

Irish prime minister to resign in May

DUBLIN, Ireland - Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, the common-touch Dubliner who tended Ireland's economic boom and the bombing that scarred peace, announced his resignation Wednesday under a darkening cloud of financial scandal.

The announcement stunned Ireland and much of his Cabinet, whose members stood by Ahern for an 18-month battle against allegations he accepted secret cash payments from businessmen and lobbyists. Ahern, who governed Ireland through 11 years of growing prosperity at home and peace in Northern Ireland, maintained his innocence.

NATIONAL NEWS

Explosion destroys Wisconsin church

OCONOMOWOC, Wis. - An explosion and fire in southeastern Wisconsin on Wednesday destroyed a church in a suburb of Milwaukee, injured seven people, including three firefighters, authorities said.

Ranger convicted of comrade's death

ROCKVILLE, Md. — A Maryland jury has found a former Army Ranger guilty of second-degree murder in the shooting death of a fellow Ranger he had served with in Afghanistan.

An advertisement in the newspaper said the state's other newspapers would also be carrying the story Wednesday.

Senators husband admits to hiring prostitute

TROY, Mich. — The husband of U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow told authorities that he had arranged for an eight-hour sexual encounter with a 150-pound sexual prostitute at a Detroit motel, police said Wednesday.

Thomas Athans, 46, co-founder of the liberal TalkUSA Radio network, was stopped by police who were investigat-
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But training to become a successful catechist involves more than just having faith or the right degree, so Echo emphasized the importance of being in touch with the community’s needs and also of living by the faith promoted.

“To my knowledge, we’re the only university developing apprentice catechetical leaders in this way in the nation, if not the world,” he said.

Echo students take classes over the summer and are assigned to dioceses across the country for the duration of the academic year. During that time, they are expected to immerse themselves in their assigned communities while taking online courses, he said. John Fulby, a graduate student in theology not enrolled in Echo, agreed that the simultaneous academic and professional work distinguished the program from its peers.

“Echo is a great program,” he said. “From what I understand, it provides a great way to develop two kinds of skills: practice, lore the ability to succeed in the day-to-day challenges of ministry, and the academic. I think that’s an innovative way to learn,” he said.

Anne Baumbach, the Director of Ecstatic Lay Ministry for the Diocese of Lafayette, agreed that the initiative was groundbreaking.

“It is unprecedented and unparalleled in forming catechetical leaders. Jerry [Baumbach] is an authentic catechetical pioneer,” she said.

One such innovation is the program’s use of mentors and learning covenants to guide apprentice catechetical leaders. Baumbach said “each of our students works with a mentor, a parish staff person who also serves in parish ministry. This individual is often the parish’s catechetical leader, he said. With the help of the mentor, each apprentice prepares a “learning covenant,” which helps the apprentice identify his or her areas of responsibility within the parish,” he said.

“Those areas of responsibility might include directing a children’s catechetical program, a program for adult faith formation or a special needs program,” he said.

Baumbach said that learning covenants were important because they provided a way for the CCI to “work with [apprentices] in their formation for ministry, even though they are serving in dioceses across the country.”

The Echo experience is formative and perhaps unique as a shared experience and partnership between the University and the Diocese and the Diocese and the parish,” he said. In its four years of existence, 47 graduates have begun or completed the two-year Echo Apprentice program. More than 80 percent of Echo graduates have chosen to stay in ministry-related fields.

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read their nomination presentations.

Junior Arlene Forney nominated Watt because she is an “exemplary role model.” Watt is never afraid to ask questions and encourages her students to do the same, Forney said.

“She explores complex issues with an open mind and encourages the women of Saint Mary’s to continue to search for truth through questioning, observing and engaging their community,” she said. Watt challenges and encourages each woman to search for realistic answers to pacify their curiosity, Forney said.

Next, senior Kristy King spoke about why she nominated Sheldon. Sheldon’s title of W e l c o m e C e n t e r recep­ tionist does not fully illustrate her vital role on campus, King said.

“I have come to know her as the warm face that greets every prospective Saint Mary’s student and campus visitor,” she said. “Ann is constantly able to put anxious students and parents at ease and make them feel at home at the beginning of their Saint Mary’s experience.”

Finally, senior Caie Cetta said she nominated Marcy because of her dedication to the College.

Marcy has been a part of the Saint Mary’s community since she was a student in the 1950s, Cetta said. She has been a fixture of the political science department for decades.

“Her consistency and commitment has been an asset to both the administration and students of Saint Mary’s,” she said. “She has had an impact on my life by pushing me to achieve my academic potential.”

Cetta said she took an upper level course taught by Marcy in her freshman year at the College and that voted awards and helped and encouraged Cetta to write a semester long research paper that she was proud of.

“Her impact on my life was so striking to me because up to this point in

my academic career I simply cared about completing assignments, doing them well was just a bonus,” Cetta said.

Marcy said she was surprised to achieve the award because she only teaches a few courses a semester.

“I can remember when I served on endless committees that voted awards and how much we appreciated the recommendations from students,” Marcy said. “I really appreciate the fact that this is a student award and that students determined it.”

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Senate leaders agree to ease crisis

Bipartisan bill aims to boost slumping housing marker, help families avoid foreclosure

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan Senate bill designed to ease the slumping housing market won tepid endorsement Wednesday, and even its top sponsor acknowledged that much more is needed to help millions of families threatened with foreclosure.

The scaled-back proposal unveiled by Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., contains an amalgam of ideas aimed at reducing the demand for housing and helping homeowners saddled with subprime mortgages avoid foreclosure.

The plan contains $4 billion in grants to local governments to buy and refinance foreclosed homes, new authority for states to issue bonds to be used to refinance subprime mortgages, and a temporary $7,000 tax credit for people buying new homes or properties in foreclosure.

Those provisions, and others, were the product of a bipartisan negotiation that produced a narrow, common-denominator approach to the crisis.

“There’s a lot more that needs to be done,” Dodd said. “But it’s a step in the right direction.”

The White House weighed in with serious doubts about the plan, and economists across the spectrum were skeptical that it would do much to ease the wrenching crisis in the housing market and the wave of foreclosures spreading across the country.

White House spokesman Tony Fratto said the administration likes some provisions of the legislation, such as issuing mortgage bonds and modernizing the Federal Housing Administration to boost access to FHA-insured loans. But he added that the administration has “serious concerns” about other provisions, such as the homebuyers’ tax credit and aid to local governments to purchase foreclosed homes.

“Some of these provisions that are purportedly to help homebuyers actually would not help them and in some cases could hurt them,” Fratto said. For example, he said the tax credit for buyers of foreclosed and newly constructed homes could force prices down for many other sellers.

While supporters said the measure would be a big step towards demand for housing, help people refinance adjustable-rate mortgages and help communities beset with abandoned homes, many economists cautioned that the measure’s benefits would be modest — and would help banks and homebuilders while doing hardly anything for people facing foreclosure.

“They’re good steps, but they’re small steps and certainly not big enough steps to solve the problem,” said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody’s Economy.com.

“I don’t think it’s going to be enough to solve the housing problem, at least not in 2008,” Zandi said.

The measure also contains a provision dropped from February’s stimulus measure that would permit homebuyers and other money-losing businesses to reclaim previously paid taxes, new disclosure requirements aimed at preventing unsophisticated borrowers from being duped by mortgage brokers, and additional money to provide counseling to people threatened with foreclosure and help them in negotiating with their lenders.

House approves FDA tobacco regulation

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The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that factory orders dropped 1.3 percent in February, about double the downturn that economists had expected. Orders had fallen an even bigger 2.3 percent in January, the largest decline in almost a year.

The falloff in demand was widespread, with steep declines in orders for motor vehicles, various types of heavy machinery and demand for iron and steel.

Many economists believe a prolonged housing slowdown and credit crisis have already pushed the country into a recession. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, testifying before the Joint Economic Committee on Wednesday, said that the economy could shrink over the first half of this year, his most pessimistic assessment to date.

“It now appears likely that gross domestic product will not grow much, if at all, over the first half of 2008 and could even contract slightly,” Bernanke told lawmakers.

Associated Press

Senate leaders agree to ease crisis

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan Senate bill designed to ease the slumping housing market won tepid endorsement Wednesday, and even its top sponsor acknowledged that much more is needed to help millions of families threatened with foreclosure.

The scaled-back proposal unveiled by Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., contains an amalgam of ideas aimed at reducing the demand for housing and helping homeowners saddled with subprime mortgages avoid foreclosure.

The plan contains $4 billion in grants to local governments to buy and refinance foreclosed homes, new authority for states to issue bonds to be used to refinance subprime mortgages, and a temporary $7,000 tax credit for people buying new homes or properties in foreclosure.

Those provisions, and others, were the product of a bipartisan negotiation that produced a narrow, common-denominator approach to the crisis.

“There’s a lot more that needs to be done,” Dodd said. “But it’s a step in the right direction.”

The White House weighed in with serious doubts about the plan, and economists across the spectrum were skeptical that it would do much to ease the wrenching crisis in the housing market and the wave of foreclosures spreading across the country.

White House spokesman Tony Fratto said the administration likes some provisions of the legislation, such as issuing mortgage bonds and modernizing the Federal Housing Administration to boost access to FHA-insured loans. But he added that the administration has “serious concerns” about other provisions, such as the homebuyers’ tax credit and aid to local governments to purchase foreclosed homes.

“Some of these provisions that are purportedly to help homebuyers actually would not help them and in some cases could hurt them,” Fratto said. For example, he said the tax credit for buyers of foreclosed and newly constructed homes could force prices down for many other sellers.

While supporters said the measure would be a big step towards demand for housing, help people refinance adjustable-rate mortgages and help communities beset with abandoned homes, many economists cautioned that the measure’s benefits would be modest — and would help banks and homebuilders while doing hardly anything for people facing foreclosure.

“They’re good steps, but they’re small steps and certainly not big enough steps to solve the problem,” said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody’s Economy.com.

“I don’t think it’s going to be enough to solve the housing problem, at least not in 2008,” Zandi said.

The measure also contains a provision dropped from February’s stimulus measure that would permit homebuyers and other money-losing businesses to reclaim previously paid taxes, new disclosure requirements aimed at preventing unsophisticated borrowers from being duped by mortgage brokers, and additional money to provide counseling to people threatened with foreclosure and help them in negotiating with their lenders.

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Associated Press

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The plaintiffs want the finding about the dangers of carbon dioxide released within 60 days so the process for regulating it can begin. They said final rules wouldn't be ready until the next administration takes over.

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Federal prosecutors were removing Zengotita from their indictment history and trying to determine whether he was ever in Iraq. Brown did not speak at a brief court hearing Wednesday when he was questioned by his attorney, Clarence Counts, Brown's court-appointed public defender, declining to answer the question, he prepared for a formal bond hearing Thursday.

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Bill Clinton makes third campaign trip to Indiana

About 1,000 in town of 18,000 attend rally, hear former president speak; Obama to appear in Muncie Friday

Wednesday in a pocket of voted for Bill seat to seeing a bit of home­Clinton's delegates in the state's May 6 presidential runs. Clinton, vote for he would town history. many people interested in see­ing brought out stalwart support­Obama's campaign also had its own advocates in the state as actor Jerry Feeney, of the HBO series "Entourage," talked with the Illinois senator at Indiana University's Indiana Memorial Union hours before Bill Clinton spoke at IU's Assembly Hall after a stop in Bedford. Obama is scheduled to make a campaign stop to Muncie on Friday, while supporter Ethel Kennedy, the widow of Robert F. Kennedy, will visit Fishers and Indianapolis on Friday and South Bend on Saturday. Singer Dave Matthews is to perform at an 0 o'clock event at IU on Sunday. About a thousand people packed a Columbus fire station for Clinton's first stop Wednesday morning, with sev­eral hundred more watching through the glass doors to see him. Three bus loads of stu­dents from Indiana State High School showed up there, and dozens of students were in the crowd for his next stop at Seymour High School. Kate Ammon, an 18-year-old senior at Seymour's Trinity Lutheran High School, attend­ed Clinton's speech with some friends, even though she's not inclined to vote for Hillary Clinton.

"It's a great opportunity to see the president, but I don't know that it will necessarily change my decision on Obama," she said. Veronica Miller and her hus­band, Bill, had their choice of Bill Clinton events to attend as his stops in Seymour and Columbus were both within a half-hour of their home. Veronica Miller, 70, wore a Hillary Clinton T-shirt and but­ton for Bill Clinton's Seymour stop. "I thought he was one of the greatest presidents we ever had and I think she'll do even better," she said. "I would have come down and camped out if I needed to to get in." "I didn't need to, even though Clinton spoke to more than a thousand people -­ something which seems like a large crowd for a city of 18,000. But there was plenty of room around the back of the school's bleacher­less auxiliary gymnasium, which was used rather than the 8,000-seat main gym locat­ed across the hallway. The Clintons have already crossed much of the state with more than a month remaining before the Indiana primary, including stops all of its tele­vision markets. Hillary Clinton has visited nine cities over three days since March 20, while Bill Clinton launched a 11 cities in his three daylong trips since

Customs, border, drone patrol program takes off

Associated Press

SHEH VISTA, Ariz. - The pilot has gone through his checklist and taxied his plane into position for takeoff. The gates clearance from the control tower, throttles forward and — from the ground — guidance of unmanned aircraft into the sky along the Mexican border to watch for drug traf­fickers and illegal immigrants, part of a bird's-eye patrol that authorities hope to expand.

Four Predator B drones have become fixtures over Arizona since October 2006, and two more will join them soon, Juan Munoz-Torres, a Customs and Border Protection spokesman, said Wednesday. Once those six are in place, the agency wants Congress to fund six drones along the Canadian border and six more on Florida's Gulf Coast and the Caribbean, said Douglas Koupash, who heads Customs and Border Protection's drone program.

"We're talking about really, really vast spaces and our ability to get to some of the remote spaces efficiently," Koupash said recently. The Predator B is used for these missions are unannounced civil aviation adaptations of missle­toting drones used by the U.S. military in Iraq and Afghanistan. Each weighs tons, has a 66-foot wingspan and can fly at altitudes of up to 50,000 feet, said Pete McNall, deputy director for Customs unmanned aerial systems in the Department of Homeland Security. The border agency's fully loaded, $10.5 million Predators carry long-range cameras, but even at night, operators using the drones' radar imaging and infrared capabilities can light a target with a laser visible only through the night vision gog­gles of helicopter crews who intercept some of the border crossers. "That's like a little red flag from God coming down and saying, 'Hey, there's some guy under that tree right there.' Very effective," McNall said.

From October 2006, through Feb. 16, the drones had helped in the apprehension of 3,557 illegal immigrants and the seizure of more than nine tons of marijuana, according to the most recent statistics available. Those numbers don't include apprehensions and seizures credited to different kinds of drones tested in Arizona in 2004 or to a Predator B that flew from Oct. 2005 and it crashed the following April, the National Transportation Safety Board ruled pilot error as the likely cause.

The drones can say intelligence gathering drives each flight, but critics question whether the aerial surveillance doesn't abuse the privacy of American citizens.

Lee Tien, senior staff attor­ney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation in San Francisco, said the flights are likely to create "a civil libert­ies-free zone along the bor­der." His organization has not received any complaints about the drones, but Tien said he assumed "that's because they can't see them or aren't aware of them."

"It's Catch-22," said Barry Steinhardt, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Technology and Liberty Project. "They are, if you're being pictured if you can't tell whether you're being surveilled.

Koupash said he hasn't dealt with any specific inquiries over privacy concerns, but noted the drones are flown primarily over remote border territory, not large cities.

The first flights outside Arizona are begin this spring. A drone from Arizona will patrol the Canadian border out of Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.
At the movies with Hillary

John Everett

Kids These Days

One of the worst things to happen to television in recent times, perhaps only surpassed in atrocity by "The Hills," is the trend of cable networks straying from their stated purpose. TV Land is supposed to show episodes of classic television series, but good luck finding Happy Days or The Dick Van Dyke Show. Instead, they've got a bunch of people who graduated high school together 20 years ago in the same house. Indeed it seems sometimes that C-SPAN is perhaps the last channel left resisting this ignoble trend, although I hear if you want to see the really good legislation, you have to go to C-SPAN 2.

The worst offender is American Movie Classics. Their level of complicity is so disturbing because by including the word "classic" in their name they imply that anything they air has attained the level of classic, when in fact I once stumped upon Catwoman, the 2004 Halley Berry vehicle, on the network. Now, I have no problem with that movie being shown on television, but isn't there a Starz: Reputation-Wrecking Performances Channel where they could show such films? For every Catwoman that AMC shows there is the much better movie they could be showing in its place, something that might in some circles be considered, you know, a classic. The result is that the public becomes less conversant on classic film, a problem recently encountered by the real subject of this column, Hillary Clinton.

We recently encountered one of the worst qualities I could think of onto her, and using that to form my comparison. No, the best way was to take the candidate at her own words, get to know her as she presents herself, and use this to try and establish a resonant fictive comparison. We did this for a few days, and it led to another discovery. Hillary Clinton is most like Forrest Gump.

The surface likenesses are obvious, from an influential "Bubba" figure in each of their lives to their shared status as All-American Alabama football players. But the real connection here is more metaphysical. Think back to the movie, and what do you remember? Forrest sure was everywhere, wasn't he? School integrations, Watergate, Vietnam, opening up of China, heck he even met both Kennedy and Nixon. It seems like there wasn't a major event of the baby boom generation that Forrest Gump wasn't around for. He was never really the key figure, no, Forrest was more content to play a background role, and indeed you might remember the events quite well without remembering his involvement.

Well, after listening to Mrs. Clinton discuss her "32 Years of Experience" at several different campaign stops recently, what better metaphor could there be for her life? This unfortunate woman has lived her whole life on the scene of the great moments of history, but no one remembers her role correctly. What a pity David Trimble et al. don't remember her at the peace talks in Ireland! What a shame that there is no one who can recall her so strongly. Protesting the NAFTA agreements her husband championed! What an outrage that her boss during her work on the Watergate hearings clearly misremembered her, since he claims that she was then a deceitful, dishonest lawyer! Yes, like Forrest Gump, it seems no one will ever really acknowledge the pivotal role Mrs. Clinton has played in world affairs. The Clinton campaign needs to keep reminding us of this, to keep the flame alive, before Apollo Creed, I mean Barack Obama, puts it out forever.

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We're approaching the time when students get the chance to evaluate their professors. This has me wondering if we'll get to fill out TCES on God? I'd be happy to consider one, but only if God gets to fill out the current TCES.

Not that I'd have anything particularly damning to say. In fact, I'd give God high scores on "The instructor is well-prepared," though, granted, omniscience gives God a leg up here, and "The instructor welcomes contact with students outside of Church." But I'm still thinking about how God would rate on a few of the other criteria.

"When asked questions, the instructor satisfies the students." Yikes. Question: "Teacher, where do you live?" Answer: "Come and see." Poetic, yes, but hardly satisfactory. In fact, I'm not sure He ever did answer that one. Furthermore, while some of God's communicatons seem disproportionately over-the-top (see parting of the Red Sea, the Incarnation, etc), He also, in these post-Biblical days, seems to skip office hours with alarming regularity — maybe He already got tenure?

Scriptural silence during these 50 days of Easter, we are immersed in the heart-stirring narratives of the Resurrection — Mary Magdalene at the tomb, the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, Doubting Thomas. This should be a prime opportunity for God to answer more, and better, life. But, furthermore, God's words and actions often seem to feed that ambiguity, rather than clarify it.

The evangelist Mark, probably the earliest canonical record of the Resurrection, indicates a rather unexpected reaction from the first witnesses to the empty tomb and the announcement that the answer to the question of death is not here. He is not here. Go tell the others." An answering assurance, to say the least. And yet, we read next: "So the disciples fled from the tomb, seized with trem­bling and bewilderment. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." Incidentally, God's final Gospel probably ended on this rather sour note, which actually fails to include any positive appearance by the resurrected Christ. Only later generations of Christians were able to add the more positive endings that "Jesus' appearance and Commissioning of the 11. These later Christians were, perhaps, as per­haps as I am required, Mark's ren­dering of God's pedagogical method. God seems to give to the disciples at the tomb the answer key before they take the final exam. Only, when they open the key, the answers seem blurred, and the disciples, accordingly, disconcerted.

Matthew captures the nearly contra­dictory experiences by recording that the disciples left the tomb "fearful, yet overjoyed." What kind of an answer can we ever expect from the book of Mark — the "abundant joy"? In records that the resurrected Jesus appeared to two disciples walk­ing the road to Emmaus, took the time to explain patiently the Scriptures to them, then revealed himself fully in the breaking of the bread. This would have been a good time to hand out the TCES — right after having the stu­dents over for that end-of-semester dinner. But not after He mysteriously vanished from their sight, which hap­pens in the next verse. John likewise records that when He revealed Himself to Mary Magdalene, she did not know it was Him, until she lovingly moved to embrace Him, when she vanishes from their sight, which hap­pens in the next verse. 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No one will listen anyway, so it's not an act of defiance to do so.

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Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street

Director: Tim Burton
Music by: Stephen Sondheim
Starring: Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter and Alan Rickman

By JAMES COSTA
Scene Writer

Apparently Moby isn't done clubbing. After almost 25 years of frequenting the New York City club scene, digesting the beats, pulses and rhythms of electronic light and reverberating circles, he offers his newest album, "Last Night," as a tribute to his many experiences for finding new inspirations in the beat of the music.

The album marks a return to the style of his extraordinarily popular 1999 release "Play." While his last two releases, 2002's "18" and 2003's "Last Night," moved away from the dance music formula that "Play" utilized to enthrall his audience in an atmospheric and near semi-conscious realm of listening, "Last Night" capitalizes on the best elements of "Play" by offering listeners a new record of pure dance music. It's the30

...est and most beautiful details, Moby pulls it off with characteristic ease and exquisit...
When the writers’ strike ended a month and a half ago, I rejoiced in the metaphorical streets in my mind. My favorite TV shows were returning and I could begin to blow off my homework and social life again so I could re-watch episodes of “30 Rock” four times.

But what I was really in for was a long wait until television shows resumed production and began airing new episodes. I couldn’t have been happier when “How I Met Your Mother” returned on March 17, but that only meant that I would still have to wait until April for the rest of my shows to finally come back. Guess what? It’s April, and these are the shows I can’t wait to see again.

“Samantha Who?”
Monday, April 7, 8:30 p.m.
This freshman comedy charmed me from the first moment Samantha Newly awoke from her coma. Christina Applegate stars as a former bad girl who’s trying to make good after forgetting her identity and past misdeeds. Samantha is joined by her childhood best friend she abandoned after gaining popularity, her bad-girl partner in crime who tries to get her to remember her naughty ways and her ex-boyfriend who she still harbors feelings for. In each episode, Samantha remembers a little something about her past and learns a new lesson. The format could get old, but “Samantha Who?” manages to keep it fresh and funny.

“The Office”
Thursday, April 10, 8 p.m.
Was I disappointed in “The Office” this season? Heck yes. But am I still excited for “The Office” to return? Of course. I stuck through “Friends” and “The West Wing” through all their rough patches so I won’t abandon “The Office” just because I think Michael Scott has lost all grounding in reality and Jim and Pam are so boring. There are so many things to look forward to in the show, like Kelly and Darryl’s blossoming relationship and Angela fighting her feelings for Dwight. And then there’s Toby. I really miss Toby.

“30 Rock”
Thursday, April 10, 8:30 p.m.
What have I done without Liz Lemon and Jack Donaghy all these months? I’m really not quite sure. “30 Rock” has become my new “Arrested Development” (Jack Donaghy is my new Lucille Bluth), and the second season was on fire until the writers’ strike put it out. “30 Rock” has surpassed “The Office” in comedy and excellence, and it’s about time viewers started noticing. Thankfully, the show that brought us the dance hits “Werewolf Bar Mitzvah” and “Muffin Top” will be back in my life soon. My biggest hope? That the Floydster returns to Liz Lemon before she dies and meets a super-cute guy in heaven.

“Gossip Girl”
Monday, April 21, 8 p.m.
I know that I was probably the only one who watched the fourth season of “The O.C.” (and people still don’t believe me that it was awesome), but I was quite sad when the soapy teen drama was cancelled. And then “Gossip Girl” came to me in all its Upper East Side wealth and glamour. “Gossip Girl” has all the conniving, pretty people that “The O.C.” had without Marissa (I hated her). I just hope that Serena gets less boring soon because right now, this show is all about Blair.

“Ugly Betty”
Thursday, April 24, 8 p.m.
Is it okay that I like Gio more than Henry? Because I think Betty does too. And with Henry running off to Tuscan soon to be with his baby mama (or is she?), Betty needs someone in her life who won’t get anyone pregnant. This is a love triangle that probably won’t go away any time soon, and I’m OK with that. I’m really just excited to have Wilhelmina, Marc and Amanda back in my life. My Thursdays aren’t complete without their catty quips and sinister dealings.

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Gio, left, and Betty’s personalities may clash, but this duo’s chemistry is enough evidence that these two belong together. Henry doesn’t stand a chance.

April’s Must-see Movies

Leatherheads - April 4
John Krasinski and George Clooney team up for some old-fashioned football.

Forgetting Sarah Marshall - April 18
Jason Segel stars in the comedy he wrote. It helps that Judd Apatow produced it too.

Baby Mama - April 25
Tina Fey and Amy Poehler make a baby.

Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay - April 25
Three words: Neil Patrick Harris.
Lester, Ortiz help Red Sox blank Athletics

Bannister shuts down Denver's vaunted offense as Kansas City improves to 2-0 for the first time in 28 years

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — After opening day in Japan, an exhibition game in Los Angeles and yet another opener in Thailand, the Boston Red Sox are finally headed back east from the Far East.

"I think we're still off to a rock-solid start to their crazy year," manager Terry Francona said. "That may be part of the trip they're going to miss, that they did today was good enough for them."

But the Red Sox still aren't done with a 16,000-mile trip that involved flight time and altitude changes against Japanese teams and a game in front of 115,300 fans at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Boston has a three-game lead in the American League West after a 2-0 win in Toronto before finally getting back to Fenway Park.

In the meantime, the trip that lasted his season debut in Japan, didn't allow an Oakland runner to read the box scores of the first inning. He retired 10 straight batters before Emilio Bonifacio dropped a weak single into right field with two outs in the seventh to extend the game to a standing ovation from a crowd made up of 85,775 percent Red Sox fans.

"I don't think the whole Japanese thing is a big deal as everybody is making it out to be," Bonifacio said. "Sure, it was a long flight, but we had a few days to adjust, and now I think it's fine."

Jason Varitek added a ninth-inning homer for Boston, and relievers Brian Corey and Manny Delcarmen completed the shutout for the World Series champions, who held the A's to one run in the last two games.

"It feels like in his first 12 at-bats this season before a fifth-inning single. He followed with a drive over the right-field fence against former Red Sox reliever Alan Embree (0-1) as the A's bullpen wasted Rich Harden's second strong start.

"I always do, I don't know why," Ortiz said of his performance from the fourth. "It's about the same this year. It might be a little more crazy because we've been out of the country for a while."

Lester was matched by Harden, the injury-plagued right-hander who started just his third game since Miss America for his first win. He allowed four hits and four walks while striking out six and repeatedly escaping trouble in five innings.

"I want to keep my pitch count down and get a little deeper into the game," Harden said.

"But it was one of those ones today where I kind of battled through it and threw a lot of pitches. I didn't really have any quick innings, so that was not my game in pushing it. As the season goes on, we're going to be stretching it, definitely," said Bannister, who went 12-9 with a 3.87 ERA as a rookie last season.

"We're making a lot of mistakes, preferring to induce grounders and fly balls," said Bannister. "I get criticized for the way I pitch, but I believe in it and it's working," said Bannister, who went 12-9 with a 3.87 ERA as a rookie last season.

"This isn't the time to get cocky," new manager Trey Hillman said. "Banny pitched very well today, and this is a nice start, but that's still a very good team and we've got to face them again tomorrow."

The Royals second basemanowering, hitting, throwing a bloop single to center for a 2-0 lead.

"The second run was not very good pitching," Rogers said. "It was a dumb pitch, and Butler crushed it."

Kansas City added two more runs in the eighth. Zach Minor struck out Alex Gordon and Guillen with runners on the corners, but Butler and Mark Teahen followed with RBI singles.

"If you can keep scoring runs with two outs, you've got a pretty good ball club," Butler said. "Banny was so good today that when we finally get some runs, it seemed huge."

Athletics outfielder Emil Brown hits a homerun off Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester in the third inning of the opening game of the season at the Tokyo Dome in Tokyo, Japan on March 26.

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Bowa tossed, suspended after dispute

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Dodgers third-base coach Larry Bowa was suspended for three games and fined by the commissioner's office Wednesday following a wild argument.

Bowa was ejected from Tuesday night's game against San Francisco in the sixth inning by umpire Ed Montague, who had told him to keep for­ward of the box toward the coaching box.

Bob Watson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline, cited Bowa for "inappropriate and aggressive conduct," which included making contact with Montague several times.

In November, general managers decided big league base coaches must wear protective headgear this year, starting with exhibition games.

Double-A first base coach Mike Coolbaugh was killed by a line drive to the neck last season.

Third-base coaches routinely stand much closer to the plate than the lines permit, trying to get a better look at where outfielders are positioned.

"I did it all spring, nobody said a word," Bowa said after the game. "I did it yesterday, nobody said a word. It's impossible to coach third and stay in the box with a runner at second."

Montague said it was "probably one of the dumbest ejections he's had."

"We got a memo and an edict, and they're adamant about the box and stuff," the umpire said. "Don't go up in front of the box toward home plate, and don't get any closer to the foul lines. I told Bo in the bottom of the fifth, because he got up close. And that's what caught my eye. And I just told him, 'Bo, you got the memo, we got the memo, and you've got to stay back.'"

"I told Joe in between innings what I told Bo. And Bo just said, 'I'm going to do it the way I've always been doing it.'"

The ejection was Bowa's first since July 11, 2004, when he was managing Philadelphia and got banished after arguing balls and strikes with umpire Rob Drake. He was ejected 22 times during his four-year stint as Phillies manager, and five times while piloting San Diego — all in 1987.
LeBron fouls out in Cavs victory over Bobcats

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — LeBron James scored 29 points before fouling out for the only the fourth time in his career, but the Cleveland Cavaliers made several big plays down the stretch and held off the Charlotte Bobcats 118-114 on Wednesday night to snap a six-game road skid.

James was called for his sixth foul when he reached in on Charlotte’s Jason Richardson at the top of his drive to the basket with Cleveland leading 104-101 with 3:56 left.

The crowd chomered as James went to the bench, then watched Wally Szczerbiak, Devin Brown and Zydrunas Ilgauskas step up.

Szczerbiak hit a jumper. Brown finished with 20 points, Anderson Varejao added 17 points and 12 rebounds and Ilgauskas had 16 points and 12 rebounds for Cleveland, which improved to 17-22 on the road.

Richardson had 31 points, Emeka Okafor matched a season high with 25 and Gerald Wallace scored 21 for the Bobcats, who lost their second straight game amid questions of coach Sam Vincent’s future.

With the Bobcats out of the playoff picture, point-guard Michael Jordan hasn’t said if Vincent will return next season. And on the same day Vincent made a passionate plea to keep his job, the Bobcats couldn’t take advantage of James’ absence.

Early on James wowed the crowd which included Davidson guard Stephen Curry. James so impressed with Curry’s torrid streak during the NCAA tournament he attended Davidson’s upset win over Wisconsin last week in Detroit, when Curry scored 33 points.

Celtics 92, Pacers 77

Vincent had 20 points and 11 rebounds, and the Boston Celtics tied the NBA record for the best single-season turnaround with a win over the Indiana Pacers on Wednesday night.

With the league’s best record at 60-15, the Celtics have 36 more wins than last season when they finished 24-58, the worst in the NBA’s second worst mark. The only other team to improve by that much was the San Antonio Spurs, who went from 20-62 in 1996-97 to 56-26 the next season, Tim Duncan’s first.

The Celtics added Garnett in the offseason and have won 60 games for the first time in 22 years. They were 67-15 in 1985-86, when they won the most recent of their 16 NBA championships. That was their sixth 60-win season in a seven-season stretch.

Boston won its fifth straight and increased its Eastern Conference lead to 67 games over Detroit, which was idle. The Celtics lowered their magic number for clinching the No. 1 seed to two.

Indiana dropped 37 games behind Atlanta for the final playoff spot in the East with each team having seven games remaining after Wednesday night, when the Hawks faced Toronto.

The Pacers were led by Danny Granger with 14 points and Mike Dunleavy and Jermaine O’Neal with 12 each. O’Neal came off the bench for the second game since missing his left knee.

Ray Allen had 15 points and Leon Powe had 14 with nine rebounds for the Celtics. Boston hit its first four shots of the game and Indiana missed its first six as the Celtics never trailed. They took a 35-26 lead with 7.26 left on a 3-pointer by James Posey and led by at least 10 points the rest of the way.

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WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas made a surprise return Wednesday night after 66 games away, but Ramon Sessions provided the Arenas-like dramatics with a 19-foot jumper at the buzzer to give the Milwaukee Bucks a victory over the Wizards.

The Bucks, who never led by more than one point, set up the perfect inbounds play to win the game. With 1.1 seconds left, Royal Ivey threw the ball in to Andrew Bogut, who found Sessions open in the corner.

There was barely a tick left on the clock as the ball left Sessions’ hands, but the shot was clearly good upon instant replay review.

Sessions gave the Bucks a chance to win by chasing down a loose ball in the backcourt as James fouled out for fourth time, Jason Williams went for his seventh foul, and the Bobcats had too many fouls to keep their job, the Bobcats couldn’t take advantage of James’ absence.

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LaRose’s hat trick leads Carolina over Tampa

Crosby scores two as Penguins clinch first division title in 10 years, Devils struggle in narrow defeat of Bruins

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — After missing nearly two months with a broken leg, Chad LaRose is making up for lost time. His latest effort helped the Carolina Hurricanes stay one step ahead in the Southeast Division race.

LaRose scored three goals to lead Carolina past the Tampa Bay Lightning 6-2 on Wednesday night.

"Sitting out for so long was tough, and I promised myself when I would get back that I'd be great every time," LaRose said. "I'm trying to work at it." Eric Staal and Tuomo Ruutu each had a goal and an assist, and Scott Walker also scored for Carolina, which broke a 1-1 tie by scoring four straight goals. The Hurricanes lead Washington by two points in the Southeast race with one game left. The Capitals have two games remaining.

The Hurricanes could wrap up the division crown and a No. 1 seed in the playoffs by beating the Capitals on Thursday.

"One more goal to win, and we look forward to the challenge against Florida," Staal said. "We need to come out with that same energy and passion that we did tonight, and just take it to them."

Hurricanes forward Chad LaRose, right, and Lightning defense­man Jussi Jokinen, left, fight for the puck Wednesday. The Hurricanes lead two games to none in the Southeast Conference finals.

"It's been a tough year. We've had some personnel changes. We're trying to work together and get better as a team, but obviously, we know where we're at," St. Louis said. "We're trying to work for the future and trying to work hard to come together as a team."

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Martin St. Louis had a goal and an assist, Jeff Halpern scored, and Mike Smith stopped 26 shots for last-place Tampa Bay, which lost its second straight. The Lightning allowed two power-play goals after being perfect on the penalty kill during their previous four games.

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Almaty, the former capital of the Kazakh SSR, which became increasingly dependent on oil revenues, is home to a large community of Uighurs, a Muslim minority in western China whose language and culture are distinct from Han Chinese. Kazakh authorities have arrested some Uighur activists who advocate independence from Beijing and extradited some to China.

The $5,000 miles of torch relay is a record length, meant to showcase China’s growing economic and political clout. But the Games have also focused attention on China over the protests in Tibet, the biggest challenge to Chinese rule in the Himalayan region since 1959.

David Sturtz, a two-time French gold medalist in judo, said torch carriers in Paris will wear badges as a “distinctive sign” celebrating free expression. He did not say what he would write on them.

The torch begins April 7 and winds through 124 cities, including London and San Francisco. Around 4,500 policemen were deployed around the ceremony in Almaty, the economic capital of the oil-rich nation former Soviet republic, which has become increasingly dependent on oil revenues.

“The fact that the city of Almaty was chosen as the first point of the Olympic Flame’s run proves China’s good attitudes toward Kazakhstan, and Chairman Hu Jintao’s good attitude to me personally,” President Nursultan Nazarbayev, dressed in a white sports outfit, said before his short symbolic torch run at a mountain resort.

Thousands of spectators waved flags and cheered.

“We are grateful for such good feelings toward Kazakhstan,” the 67-year-old leader said.

A crowd greeted the chartered plane that brought the torch to Almaty. About 80 runners participated, including Kazakh athletes and government officials.

The cheering crowd mostly consisted of university students who were given a day off to participate in the festivities.

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Performers in national costumes, symbolizing the multi-ethnic population of Kazakhstan, participated in a lavish ceremony. Horse and camel riders evoked Kazakhstan’s past as a major hub of the Great Silk Road.

Predominantly Muslim Kazakhstan borders China’s western Xinjiang region and is home to a large community of Uighurs, a Muslim minority in western China whose language and culture are distinct from Han Chinese. Kazakh authorities have arrested some Uighur activists who advocate independence from Beijing and extradited some to China.

Thousands of spectators waved flags and cheered.

“We are grateful for such good feelings toward Kazakhstan,” the 67-year-old leader said.

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Silverhawks and the Irish—a portion of ticket sales went toward cancer research and the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation to fight Niemann-Pick Type C Disease.

"I just appreciate the Silverhawks to give us this opportunity to play," Schrage said. "Silverhawks President Joe Kernan and [Field manager] Mark Iley are both very class individuals. The people of Michiana got a chance to put baseball in the spotlight tonight, and raise money for a great cause.

Freshman Brian Dupra took the mound for the Irish, and from the first inning showed he was not shaken by the pressure. Dupra opened the game by striking out the side, effectively using his 92-mph fastball. In all three at-bats Dupra located the fastball for a first-pitch strike, and threw only 11 pitches in the inning. "Taking back from the bowl," Brian said that he should have signed his pro contract coming out of high school.," Schrage said. "He got a little bit in the second, but it was a good line and overall he played great.

The Irish received even more production out of their talented freshman class, as they showed the team was good enough to compete with a minor-league squad. Euan Daniell threw a shutdown inning, while Ryan Sharpley gave up one run but struck out two in an inning of work. Freshman Matt Scioscia, hitless on the year entering the game, came up in a big way with a game-tying two-run double in the fifth inning, and classmate Cameron McConnell ripped an RBI double to the gap.

"It's certainly a weight off my shoulders, it's a relief to finally get the hit, get my feet wet a little bit, especially in a clutch situation like this," Scioscia said. "It helps to stay close with a game like this, it helps give us more confidence, a little bit more of a swagger."

The Irish used six other pitchers throughout the rest of the game, getting scoreless innings from freshmen Todd Miller and Joe Spizzirri, sophomore Andrew Sehrid, and senior Justin Gingerich. Junior Brett Grassy gave up two unearned runs, while classmate Sam Elam gave up one earned run in his outing. Dupra lead the team with four strikeouts in two innings of work.

Dupra gave up eight runs in his collegiate debut. "It was cool to come in and pitch against minor league guys, because you hear about all these guys signing pro-contracts and all that," said Dupra. "But after the way my first college inning went and the way the first inning went tonight, it was tough to hold back a smile walking towards the dugout."

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Poor conditions move Belles game one day

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The doubleheader has been pushed back one day and will now be played today with first pitch scheduled for 3:30 p.m. The first game is set for Thursday, April 3, and on the season, 2-0 in MIAA play. Oliver brings a 5-11 record into today's game.

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having this many backs, Weis said, is that he can be confident going with any of the three of them in any situation.

"That's one of the positions on the team where you can put three guys out there and feel confident that you are putting a top-flight player out there," he said.

Weis also said that the running backs themselves will "dictate how much they play" based on their performance in spring camp. Regardless of who is standing in the backfield for the first snap, Weis said that all three can expect to see playing time in each game.

Weis said that he is not looking at anything in particular during the spring; rather, he is doing an overall evaluation of the various skills necessary for a running back to succeed.

"That's one of the positions on the team where you can put three guys out there and see how they're performing in spring camp," Weis said. "I'm just looking period. I'm just watching. I'm looking at everything they do," he said.

Aldridge said this system is "bitter-sweet" because it means more rest, but with that fewer carries.

"You can get into a flow when you get 20, 25 carries but you also can get tired after a while," he said. "Naturally a person's going to get tired. Coming in and having fresh legs is also a good thing too. I've always been a big fan of fresh legs.

Aldridge said he understands how the system works and that he supports Weis' decision to play whichever tailback seems most ready for that week's game.

"I know coach Weis is a big fan of seeing who has the hot hand and that's who you go with. That's smart. I can't argue with that," Aldridge said. "He pretty much leaves it up to us to see what we can do.

Aldridge also said the unit has worked to develop the "swagger." Weis said he wanted to instill in the team this season, in large part because of offensive coordinator and running backs coach Mike Haywood.

"Our swagger is up there because we all run with an attitude. And that comes from the coaching," Coach Haywood coaches the running backs and his personality comes out through us.

Weis and special teams coach Brian Polien visited Virginia Tech on Tuesday to talk with Hokies head coach Frank Beemer, whose teams are known for their great special teams play. Weis said in return he talked with Virginia Tech's offensive coaching staff.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish sweep Boilermakers

Team clinches match with four early wins, holds off Purdue's rally

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

The Boilermakers staged a strong comeback, pushing three Irish singles player to three-set matches, but the drama was already over.

Notre Dame sealed Wednesday's match early, winning all four early matches handily and then preventing all three Purdue comebacks for a 7-0 sweep.

The Irish (14-7) flexed their muscles early, taking the doubles point on their way to sweeping the match.

The dynamic pair of senior Brook Buck and junior Kelsey Tefft started the sweep with an 8-2 win. Buck and Tefft were ranked the No. 1 doubles pair in the national poll for the third straight time this week. They have won 12 of their last 13 matches.

Sophomore Colleen Rielley and Cosmina Ciobanu fell from the national doubles rankings this past week, but extended their win streak to seven.

Sophomores Colleen Rielley and Cosmina Ciobanu reached the doubles point on their way to sweeping the match. Tefft made short work of Purdue's No. 1 player Brooke Beier, winning 6-3, 6-1. Tefft is now 10-4 in the No. 1 lineup slot, and her two-set win clinched the match for Notre Dame.

Rielley was next off the court, rebounding from a two-set loss at the hands of Indiana's Lindsey Sturkey to win in three sets over the Boilermakers' Craven, 7-5, 7-5, 6-3. Ciobanu battled through a three-set thriller of her own. After splitting the first two sets, Ciobanu and Duru played an abbreviated, tiebreaker third set, which Ciobanu won 10-7. She has now played 35 singles matches this year, the most on the team.

Buck capped the sweep by recovering from a 6-7 loss in the first set to win the last two 6-0, 6-3. Buck increased her personal win streak to six, the longest active streak of any three Irish singles player.

The 7-0 win put Notre Dame a season-high seven games above .500. The Irish will try to carry the momentum on the road with them as they travel to Iowa City, Iowa to face the No. 46 Hawkeyes. First serve will be Friday at 4 p.m.

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PITCHING

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both of the Notre Dame's RBIs.

"Katie really stepped up for us today, but she has been having that kind of a great year," Gumpf said.

Laing hit a towering home run over the fence in left-center field on the first pitch she saw from Rockets pitcher sophomore Hannah Rockhold, Laing's third of the year.

"I tried something new at the plate today, and I was seeing the ball very well," Laing said. "I hit the homerun because I was upset at missing the catch on a bloop fly-ball just before."

It was on that fly ball the Rockets put their first and only run on the board. Rockets catcher junior Allison Hess led off the second inning with a double to put a runner in scoring position with no outs. Valdivia almost struck out the inning uncashed, retiring the next two batters, but with two outs, Rockets sophomore Whitney Erickson hit the bloop fly-ball that Laing just couldn't quite reach.

Laing plated the game-winner in the third inning with a sharp line-drive to center field that scored freshman Sadie Pietschberger. That run would prove enough, as the Rockets never had another scoring opportunity for the rest of the game.

Valdivia threw three innings, giving up only two hits and one run with four strikeouts.

"Jody [Valdivia] only gave up that one real hit, and then she got hurt for it because of that little blooper in right field, which she couldn't do anything about," Gumpf said.

Bargar came into the game in the fourth inning and picked up where Valdivia left off, facing the minimum over the final four innings. Bargar notched the win with two strikeouts and no runs, hits, or walks.

"Bargar really shut the door on them," Gumpf said. "Britteny is doing right now what I expect her to do all the time. She is leading the team, she is a very strong force out there on the mound, and she takes control of the batters."

The only complaint for the Gumpf Irish in this game was the runners they left on base. The Irish had two runners on base with only one out in both the second and fourth innings, and failed to capitalize in both situations.

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Happy Birthday: Don't feel pressured to move too quickly to make a decision or to finalize a deal. Study carefully each situation you face. You have far more control than you realize -- you can organize your time and your priorities to reach the maximum end result. Your numbers are 1, 13, 20, 21, 25, 31.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your social connections will get you thinking about the possibilities that exist. Patience will be required and reviewing your plans down to something that will not leave you short financially will be the key to your success. 4 stars

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Go over your financial situation. Make creative adjustments that will help you efficiently. Now is the time to save for others or to support someone else's needs. 3 stars

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**FOOTBALL**

**Three-legged race**

Trio of running backs compete for carries

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Last offseason, one of the biggest questions for Notre Dame’s offense was who the starting tailback would be. Darius Walker, who accounted for three quarters of the team’s rushing yards and 60 percent of its carries, defected for the NFL after his junior season, leaving a void in the backfield going into the spring.

This year, running back is one of the most solid positions in the Irish offense, with three experienced rushers ready to handle the load. Rising junior James Aldridge, and rising sophomores Robert Hughes and Armando Allen each bring different styles to the Irish offense. Hughes is a stereotypical “power back” who mostly ran dives up the gut. Allen played more of a finesse game, running outside the tackles and catching screens and swing passes.

Aldridge was a combination of the two, showing both speed and strength at different times. None of the backs received as much playing time as Walker did two seasons ago, but their even carries created similar results. Aldridge carried 121 times for 463 yards, Allen was second on the team with 86 carries and 348 yards, and Hughes rounded out the group with 294 yards on 53 carries. As a unit, the trio carried 260 times for 1,105 yards, or 4.25 yards per carry. By comparison, last season Walker carried the ball 255 times for 1,267 yards, and average of 4.96. The clearest advantage to their opening round game Wednesday. In a game that was as close as the final score indicates, the two teams battled through playing time as Walker did two seasons ago, but their even carries created similar results. Aldridge carried 121 times for 463 yards, Allen was second on the team with 86 carries and 348 yards, and Hughes rounded out the group with 294 yards on 53 carries. As a unit, the trio carried 260 times for 1,105 yards, or 4.25 yards per carry. By comparison, last season Walker carried the ball 255 times for 1,267 yards, and average of 4.96. The clearest advantage to

**BASEBALL**

Local teams battle, help fight cancer

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

For most college baseball squads, mid-week games allow the younger and inexperienced players the chance to get reps in non-conference games. But Wednesday’s game was a different story — the game itself was about more than just the final score.

Notre Dame coach David Schrage’s wife, Jody, passed away due to liver cancer last January. Despite the unimaginable hardship of dealing with such a loss, and the burden of being a single father, Schrage chose not to take a leave of absence from the team, and instead chose to keep his commitment to his players and coach the Irish squad that season.

Last night, 2,337 fans attended the exhibition between the South Bend community and the University of California-Irvine, pitching key in 2-1 win

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish squeezed out a 2-1 victory over Toledo Wednesday behind outstanding individual performances from senior second-baseman Katie Laing and the one-two pitching punch of freshman Jody Valdivia and junior Britney Bargar.

“A win is a win,” Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. “We took care of business today to beat Toledo, but I feel like we could have done a better job of finishing the game and not leaving runners on base.”

Laing single-handedly accounted for almost every run in the Irish offense on the day, batting 3-for-3 with a solo homerun, a double, a single, a run, and...