Friends come together to help cancer patient George Porter-Young return to his family in England one last time.

By CHRIS HINE
News Writer

On a bitter cold January day in South Bend, Dr. Dean Park walked into George Porter-Young’s hospital room and shut the door. Over the past few weeks, George, 72, had been passing out during his breaks at work in Sharro’s in the LaFortune Student Center, a pattern that alarmed his doctor. Dr. Park, an oncologist, had put him through a rigorous regimen of tests — from X-rays to multiple bone marrow drills — but this time George sensed something was different in Dr. Park’s demeanor. He didn’t want to talk to George.

"I said, ‘Hello, something must be up,’" George said in his British accent. It’s been eight years since George left his family in England and came to America, but he never lost that accent so many customers in LaFortune have come to love over the past eight years. “You closed my door, you just want some privacy.”

“I’m going to shut the door to talk to George. As a young boy living near London during WWII, death was an everyday occurrence. Joan said. "I’ve always said that.”

But George had no idea what that was. "It’s bone cancer," Dr. Park said. "And it could lead to leukemia. Leukemia? George knew from experience as junior varsity tight end, his uncle had suffered from it — that leukemia was not curable. And so, George asked one of the most painful questions of his life. "How long do I have left to live?"

"Six months to two years. But maybe more," Dr. Park said, trying to put on a positive spin on it as he could.

At first, George’s mind went blank. "I said, ‘Well, there’s only one person who knows when I’m going to die,’" George said. "And that’s God. I’m sure he will let me know when it’s time." After a few seconds he thought of one thing — his sister, Joan. After listening to Dr. Park describe the various treatments he would have over the next few months — including hydration, blood transfusions and chemotherapy — George called his sister in England. George dreaded this call to England. Joan’s husband, Thomas, had just died of cancer a few months earlier, and George couldn’t make it home for the funeral. How would Joan react now when George told her that he, too, had cancer?

"I thought ‘Oh God, not another one,’" Joan said. "Tell him. ‘Please come back home.’ All my life I’ve always said he’s been gone to America. Wait until he’s a little older and he’s well. He’ll be back. And I’ve always said that.”

George Porter-Young has stared death in the face before, and hasn’t backed down. As a young boy living near London during WWII, death was an everyday occurrence. George said its coming was signaled by the sound of Nazi war planes flying overhead, and is never too tired to do the things that are really important to you," he said. Senior Chris Izaguirre, who knows Hammack from Zahm and Bengal Bouts, said his dedication extends to his athleticism, and that Hammack seems to have an unending source of energy. "He seems to find energy somewhere and is never too tired," he said.

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Zahn resident participated in Bengal Bouts, service outside of class

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

Although Joshua Hammack, the class of 2008 valedictorians, earned a GPA of 3.99, Zahn rector Corry Colonna said he filled his college ranking with more than just academics. "He obviously well-rounded," Colonna said. "Everyone assumes (being a valedictorian) comes from your GPA, but in Joshua’s case, it reflects the person he is."

While maintaining his grades, Hammack participated in a variety of activities, including Bengal Bouts, interhall basketball, soccer and the University admissions office’s high school ambassador program. Hammack said he made time for all of the activities he enjoyed during his years at Notre Dame. "You just end up making time for the things that you want to do," he said. "You just have to find the balance for yourself and force yourself to do the things that are really important to you," he said. Senior Chris Izaguirre, who knows Hammack from Zahm and Bengal Bouts, said his dedication extends to his athleticism, and that Hammack seems to have an unending source of energy. "He seems to find energy somewhere and is never too tired," he said.

In addition to athletics, Hammack places service as a volunteer in the community. Hammack’s dedication has been widely noticed by his peers. "He is an incredible person," said cream and carbon strategy, among other environmental issues, said senior Louder Long, a representative to the Energy and Environment Issues Committee. "The office was created to focus on energy and environmental action on campus," Long said. "It will develop a sustainability strategy for Notre Dame."

Long said the plans for the office’s implementation have been in the works for about a year, and that she is excited about Mazeruk’s appointment.

ND creates office for environment awareness

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

In its efforts to continue sustainability and environment awareness, Notre Dame has created the Office of Sustainability, and has named James M. Mazeruk as its first director.

Mazeruk, a Notre Dame graduate, will begin his new post May 1.

The new office, which was created in January, will focus on university building efficiency and carbon strategy, among other environmental issues.
Love thee Notre Dame

I did not always know that I wanted to attend the University of Notre Dame. For a while, I thought the University of Pennsylvania or possibly Dartmouth would be my top choice. They were both good schools, close to home and a bunch of my kids from high school always went there. I decided to visit Notre Dame on a whim.

Two of my best friends from high school both went here, and I figured that even if I didn’t like the school, it would be a fun weekend anyway.

When my dad and I drove up Notre Dame Avenue, we were greeted by possibly the most beautiful sight I have ever laid eyes on — the Golden Dome. It left both of us speechless, and I never looked back. I ended up applying to Notre Dame early action and, after receiving my acceptance letters, I shredded my other applications (much to the shock of my parents).

However, it was not long until she too was won over. When we came out to South Bend last fall, she still was not convinced that Notre Dame was the right choice. It was far from home in New York, and it had always been her hope that I would attend an Ivy League school.

But the energy I felt when I stopped on this campus was intoxicating — unlike anything else I have ever felt. There is this incredible aura that surrounds the University. As my dad would say, it is weird to be in a place where everyone seems so happy all the time. My mom must have felt it too, because at the end of Fresh­0 she told me that I had definitely made the right decision in choosing Notre Dame. However, freshman year has not been entirely easy. There have been times of trial and tribulation as well. I have gotten bad grades, experienced heartbreak and gotten very little sleep.

But the mistakes I have made and the hard times I and my friends have experienced at Notre Dame have helped me grow more as a person.

I have never been in my life, largely because the friends I have made at Notre Dame have helped me get through the bad times and focus on the good. Together, we have tested our strength against the force of gravity. Good new uses for a rope, a skateboard and a bike, fed the ducks, experienced the glory that is Fr. George Rizzum, Alumni Hall and the Wake and made more trips to Pennsylvania than anyone who has attended this school.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU MORE LIKE THE TORTOISE OR THE HARE, AND WHY?

Jalme Minor

I want to be the hare, so I could hop, hop, hop, hop all day.

The tortoise, because of ‘kinky turtle sex.’

I’m like the tortoise, because I’m slow, but I still don’t win.

I’d be the tortoise, so I can outrun the hare.

I’d be the hare because I’d keep going and going...

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George Porter-Young
author

If you wish to make a contribution to help George raise money to get home, send a check or money order to:

Mary Kowalski
Anthony Travel
LaFortune Student Center
P.O. Box 1086
Notre Dame, IN 46556

Make checks payable to Anthony Travel and include a note saying the check is "For George."

Donations can also be made in person on campus at the Huddle or at Anthony Travel.
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as the office's first director.
"He's very passionate about Notre Dame," Long said. "He cares about issues in sustain-
ability."

The University administration is similarly passionate about Mazurek's appointment.
"As Notre Dame progresses toward becoming a more envi-
ronmentally responsible cam-
pus, I am certain Jim will pro-
vide the necessary leadership and expertise as we strive to
reach our goals," University President Father John Jenkins said in a statement.
Mazurek's appointment is especially important "as Notre Dame builds its green program and
seeks to be recognized as a global leader in this area," vice president for business operations James Lyboult said in the statement.

The Office of Sustainability, Long said, will be granted a $2 million loan to sponsor environ-
mental improvements on cam-
pus.
Long said the loan will fund many types of energy pro-
grams, from building improve-
ments to research initiatives.
Mazurek, who majored in mechanical engineering as an undergradu-
ate at the University, earned his masters degree in environmental engi-
neering from the Illinois Institute of Technology and his MBA from the Kellogg School of
Management at Northwestern.

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Muldoon
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how excited the crowd became while the Leprechaun entertained, he
said. "It was nerve wracking, but I put my best face for-
ward," Muldoon said.
As an additional part of the tryout process, the Leprechaun took clinics with the cheerleaders in
order to learn stunts, he said.
The panels of judges con-
ducting the tryouts was composed of representa-
tives from different offices on campus, such as Student Activities, the Alumni Association, Marketing and Public Relations, Muldoon said. The cheerleading coaches also took part in the
decision process, he said.
At the end of the process, he said, each Leprechaun candidate faced the panel in a personal interview.
"They are looking for someone who is outgoing, attitude, heart and ethics," Muldoon said. "You have to
be enthusiastic, positive, and have a great love for the University."

Although Muldoon has
embodied these qualities for the past two years as the junior varsity Leprechaun, he will face new challenges and responsibilities as the Varsity Leprechaun. The junior varsity Leprechaun is generally in charge of working the men's soccer
games and women's volley-
ball and basketball games, and the varsity Leprechaun works football and men's
basketball.
"I have to start thinking about entertaining a bigger audience at the games and Pep Rallies, and traveling with the football and bas-
ketball teams," Muldoon said. "I'm used to having 30-40 fans, and during the Blue and Gold game I had 32,000 fans. I have the
responsibility of communi-
cating with a broader audi-
ence."
While moving to a larger arena is exciting, Muldoon had some nostalgia for his old position.
"I'm actually going to miss J.V. because I'm used to having personal relationships with the parents and players," he said. "However, I'm hoping to establish some new relationships as well. I look forward to
working with the new J.V. Leprechaun Dan Collins. We can both learn from each others.
Muldoon will face his position as Varsity Leprechaun as "something I'm excited about, too.
"I will all the enthusiasm in the world."
"I have some big shoes to fill," he said. "I had the pleasure of being the understudy of Matt Philips, and I have learned a lot. I can build on that experience and bring my own personal-
city to the table. I will be on the field next year with a smile, jump and a gig."

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high priority and has worked on projects such as Relay for
Life, mentoring and tutoring math at local high schools. At
his home in Huntington, West Virginia, he volunteers at Nazareth House, where people can
buy food and clothing that
they cannot regularly afford.
Even with these time com-
mittments, Hammack earned
straight A's at Notre Dame, except for one A-, and worked
for business professor William
Sexton for two years. Hammack also expanded his academic interest beyond his accountancy major and said
two of his most influential classes were Fiction Writing and Poetry Writing.
"They gave me a great opportunity to reflect on things that I believe and values that I hold and write about them," he
said.
Hammack said he strove to achieve balance in college, incorporating faith, academics, service and athletics into his life. He added that his percep-
tion of this balance in Notre Dame students is what attract-
ed him to the University.

According to Hammack, the experience of being a Leprechaun for two years
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In addition to law, Hammack said he also wishes to become a best-selling author, and he is
beginning a novel based off his experience of having a sibling with cancer. He said he hopes
his story will encourage read-
ers who are struggling through situations similar to his.
"If someone can see that someone has a relatable expe-
rience... that's another source of
hope," he said. "When you're fighting cancer, that's all you can ask for."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Barbie deemed ‘destructive’ in Iran

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Iran’s interior minister officially warned Monday against the “destructive” cultural and artistic influence of importing Barbie dolls and other Western toys.

In the latest salvo in a more than decade-old government campaign against Barbie, a prosecutor in Iran’s Interior Ministry said the dolls and other Western toys are a “danger” that need to be stopped.

“This dangerous impression of such toys, which unfortunately arrive through unofficial sources and smuggling, is destructive culturally and a social danger,” said the letter, a copy of which was made available to The Associated Press.

Iranian authorities have been linked with smuggled Western toys in recent years partly due to a dramatic rise in purchasing power as a result of Iran’s economic sanctions.

Chinese train derails leaving 70 dead

ZIBO, China — Some passengers were sleeping, but others were standing in the aisle waiting when the high-speed train derailed, toppling into a ditch “like a roller coaster” and slamming into another train. At least 70 people died and more than 400 were injured.

China reacted swiftly to its worst train accident in a decade, sending top officials and soldiers to Zibo, the site of Monday’s pre-dawn crash, and immediately suspending all high-speed trains.

As officials circled the National Mall before parking their limousines, more than 400 people were injured, mostly tourists, according to saying that human error was to blame. The official Xinhua News Agency also said one of the trains was traveling too fast.

NATIONAL NEWS

100 truckers protest high fuel prices

WASHINGTON — Horses baying in a deafening curfew, a cavalcade of trucks drove to Washington on Monday to protest record fuel prices.

Members of Truckers and Citizens United circled the National Mall before parking their rigs at RFK Stadium. From there, about 100 truckers protest high fuel prices

Since then, Clinton won the Pennsylvania primary, raising speculation about whether Obama can attract broad swaths of voters needed to triumph in such big states come the fall when the Democratic nominee will go up against McCain. At the same time, Obama’s rise to the top of the field has driven the sentiment that a “decisive-making stage” where they determine who will make the best president.

Added Steve Lombardo, a GOP pollster: “This just reinforces the sentiment that a lot of Republican strategists are having right now — that McCain might actually be the more formidable fall candidate for a lot of reasons, not the least of which is that Obama can’t seem to get his footing back.”

The AP-Ipsos poll found Clinton and Obama about even in the race for the Democratic nomination. Underscoring deep divisions within the Democratic Party and a potentially negative longer-term impact — 30 percent of Clinton supporter and 21 percent of Obama supporters said they would vote for McCain in November if their preferred candidate didn’t win the nomination.

Obama leads Clinton in pledged delegates, but she has the advantage among superdelegates with about a third yet to make up their minds.

Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton speaks at a news conference after a campaign event Monday at Graham Fire Department in Graham, N.C.

AUSTRIA

Woman held captive by father for 24 years

AMSTETTEN — The children locked in a windowless cell sealed by an electronic keyless-entry system, police said Monday.

One of the children died in infancy and was tossed into the furnace of what was described by a relative as a “house of horrors,” officials said. The suspect owned the gray stone apartment in the town of Amstetten where the seven children, 53 deceased neighbors, social workers and police for so long.

“Is it possible that no one knew anything for 24 years?” asked Anita Fabian, a teacher in Amstetten. “This was not possible without accomplices.”

Fritzi was born in 1935 and was a young child when the Nazis annexed Austria before World War II. His daughter, now 42, was 18 when she was imprisoned in the cell constructed beneath the family’s apartment in the building, said Franz Polzer, head of the Lower Austrian Bureau of Criminal Affairs.

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Police said the surviving children are three boys and three girls, the youngest of whom is 5. The oldest child is 19.

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LeMans hall director gets new apartment
Office of Residence Life converted the student lounge located in the tower into a living space during break

By MANDI STIRONE
 Associate News Editor

LeMans Hall residents returned from break in January to find that the tower room, one of the few student lounges in the building, had been turned into an apartment for their hall director, Trish Hodge. All of the hall directors at Saint Mary's were having their apartments refurbished, Directd of Residence Life Slandah Dieujuste said.

Continued construction around and throughout the building had rendered Hodge's previous apartment, located in the basement of the building, unusable, Director of Facilities Bill Hambling said.

"We kept traipsing through the apartment to do what we had to do. It just really was making a mess of things for anybody who had to be down there," he said.

Construction on the tower room was supposed to be over in December but didn't finish until January, Dieujuste said.

Hodges was able to move in right after that, she said. Her new apartment is a "New York style kind of motif," Hambling said.

It has a loft where her bedroom is with a space underneath, Dieujuste said. There is also a private kitchen off one side of the entrance to the apartment, she said. On the opposite side of the entrance is "her private bath which also has her washer and dryer," she said.

Construction crews have been working on the plumbing and drainage of the building and much of the work has been in the basement, Hambling said.

"The down spouts and gutters from the roofs were plugged, water was backing up and going into student rooms," he said.

This was because these down spouts and gutters actually run inside the walls of LeMans and were tied into the sanitary lines of the building, Hambling said.

Construction crews were working to clear out these situations as well as disconnecting them from the sanitary lines and connecting them to the storm water system, he said.

Now, instead of running rainwater out of the building with the sanitary lines, he said, it is going into Lake Marion and the St. Joseph’s River, he said.

In addition, the pipes that are running down the walls of LeMans are being pressurized to check for further leaks, and then hydro-flushed to ensure that all the water is flowing out of them, he said.

"We’re going to stop the leaks coming back from the building," Hambling said.

This summer they will also be deep cleaning the building, Hambling said, and trying to fix much of the damage caused by the leaks, he said.

Though the basement apartment probably could have been refurbished, the decision was made to move Hodge into an apartment in another part of the building, Dieujuste said.

"It just wasn’t the same as the other hall director apartments that were remodeled," she said.

After a careful search of the building, Dieujuste and Hambling decided on the tower room for the new apartment, he said.

"Slandah and I walked around looking for available space throughout the entire part of LeMans... trying to find something that would be big enough to accommodate Trish’s needs and there really wasn’t anything without taking rooms out of service," he said.

The decision was made in October or September of this school year and student input was not considered, Dieujuste said.

"When we do renovations then we consult students and we form a small committee, but something like this, because it was a personal space, we really didn’t form any committees or anything like that," she said.

Based on the information she had received, the tower room was hardly being used by students, she said.

"From the feedback we got from RA’s and the hall directors, (use was) seldom. I mean, most students didn’t even know that it was there, for those students that did know it was quite a hike... it was just an awkward space," she said.

Student reactions to losing the lounge space have been mixed.

Some students were unaware that the tower room space had once been available to them as a student lounge.

"I didn’t even know that we were allowed up there," sophomore LeMans resident Ashley Breen said.

Other students were upset about losing the space once reserved for student use.

"I hate it, I think it’s ridiculous," sophomore Emily Schneiber said. "When it would snow, you could see the coolest view ever from the tower room and it was really serene and really pretty and now we can’t even see it."

She went on to talk about how she and her friends used the room.

"We used to have pizza parties up there for my friends’ birthdays," the former LeMans resident said.

Other students who lived in LeMans were also upset about losing the tower room.

"The tower room should be for the use of students, like it’s always been," senior Jenny Anderson said.

However, students will be getting an updated lounge space in LeMans, Dieujuste said. They will be refurbishing "Vendoland," the area near the vending machines and the washers and dryers in the basement of LeMans, she said.

That includes new lighting, rugs, window treatments, tables and chairs for group work, she said, and some more comfortable couches, potentially including a few recliners.

They are also looking to add some new appliances and supplies to the kitchen area and put in the basement of LeMans off of the "Vendoland" room, she said.

"What we’re really looking to do (with Vendoland) is provide students a space that they’re comfortable, where they can socialize but a space that they can also study. So we’re looking at providing different types of furniture than is already there," she said.

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### IN BRIEF

**NYRA moves its way out of bankruptcy**

**ALBANY, N.Y. — The New York Racing Association said Monday it's closer to emerging from bankruptcy, and horse racing in the state got a potentially lucrative boost with a decision allowing racetracks and off-track betting facilities to take wagers over the Internet. NYRA holds the state's franchise to run thoroughbred racing at Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga. The group said a federal judge approved its amended plan to pay back creditors, a deal funded by a $10 million state bailout. The Racing and Wagering Board, the state's racing regulator, said it will allow bets to be taken from phones, including those accessing the Internet or by other electronic means. Some Internet betting has been temporarily allowed since last summer.**

In another development, bidders who created Hard Rock cafes and others who helped bring big-time casinos to Connecticut want to turn Aqueduct into a Queens hot spot.

**Crude oil prices continue to rise**

**VIENNA, Austria — Oil prices hit an all-time high near $120 a barrel Monday after a weekend refinery strike closed a pipeline system that carries a third of Britain's North Sea oil to refineries in the U.K.**

The shutdown comes amid supply outages in Nigeria that have helped support oil against a strengthening dollar.

"We got a succession of a number of events that have really disrupted crude oil supply," said Victor Shum, an energy analyst with Purvin & Gertz in Singapore. "That's what's driving oil to a new record even though the US dollar actually strengthened a bit.

Light, sweet crude for June delivery rose to a record $119.93 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract eased back to $119.04 a barrel by afternoon in Europe, up 52 cents from Friday's close of $118.52.

BP PLC on Sunday shut down the Forties Pipeline System that carries more than 700,000 barrels of oil a day to the U.K., because of a 48-hour walkout by employees at a refinery in central Scotland.

"I think this is a bold move, but beyond that, I think this is the right move," said Wm. Wrigley Chief Executive Bill Perez. After the buyout is completed in six to 12 months, Wrigley would become a subsidiary of McLean, Va.-based Mars. Its headquarters will stay in Chicago, where the business has been operated since it was founded by the Wrigley family in 1891. The Wrigley family will no longer hold any equity in the company.

"We believe we will be impacted based on what the shifts are," said Wm. Wrigley Chief Executive Bill Perez. He said the cuts look like a "realistic assessment." "The full-size pickup and SUV market is not going to rebound anytime soon," he said. "It looks like they don't plan on making up very much of the production loss due to the American Axle strike.""
President urged to step down

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SOUTH AFRICA

Girl dies of untreated diabetes

Parents charged with murder after refusing medication for their daughter

Associated Press

SOUTH AFRICA

Israeli tank shell kills 5 civilians

Associated Press

Gaza CITY — An explosion shattered a tiny Gaza Strip house as Israeli troops battled Friday to kill a Palestinian woman and four of her children in a house where they thought they needed to arrange a truce between the warring sides.

Palestinians said the bombing was by an Israeli tank shell; Israel said eyebrow militants blew up and brought down the two-room structure.

Miyasar Abu Meatak was preparing breakfast for her children when Israeli soldiers entered the town of Beit Hanoun and told her not to cook. After they left, she said, they went through the house, her step-son Ibrahim said. Four of their seven children, ages 5 to 11, were charged with murder after refusing medication for their daughter because of the simple fact that the people...
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At Notre Dame, economics is divided into two separate departments: The Department of Economics and Econometrics, which is a neoclassical economics department committed to rigorous theoretical and quantitative analysis in teaching and research, and The Department of Economics and Policy Studies, which is committed to research related to socioeconomic justice and ethics, "openness to alternative methodological approaches," and "the roles of history and institutions" in the "understanding of the actions of individuals and social forces that shape economic theory and avoid sincerely questioning the underlying assumptions vital to the models. Furthermore, most professors present only neoclassical models to their students. This exclusive presentation implies that economics is "self." This system of education, insulated from critical dissent, produces the next generation of economists with a fixed toolkit of models and prescriptions that assume an unchanging economic reality, resist the need to retextualize neoclassical theory in the broader discourse of the social sciences. This exclusive presentation implies that economics is "self." This system of education, insulated from critical dissent, produces the next generation of economists with a fixed toolkit of models and prescriptions that assume an unchanging economic reality, resist the need to retextualize neoclassical theory in the broader discourse of the social sciences.

In addition, mainstream economics is often presented as analogous to a natural science, such that economic laws are discovered, not made. This assumption is alarming that a student could easily graduate from Notre Dame with a degree in Economics without ever questioning the basic assumptions of or being presented with plausible alternatives to neoclassical economics.

Neoclassical economic theory, because of its dominance in the academy, has become widely known as "mainstream" economics. Currently, introductory and intermediate micro and macro theory courses teach mainstream economics from an ahistorical perspective. These courses foster a narrow and incomplete view of economics, because they exclude teaching about the social and historical forces that shape economic theory and avoid sincerely questioning the underlying assumptions vital to the models. Furthermore, most professors present only neoclassical models to their students. This exclusive presentation implies that economics is "self." This system of education, insulated from critical dissent, produces the next generation of economists with a fixed toolkit of models and prescriptions that assume an unchanging economic reality, resist the need to retextualize neoclassical theory in the broader discourse of the social sciences.

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Tina Fey and Amy Poehler are two women at the top of their comedy game. After serving as head writer for "Saturday Night Live," writing "Mean Girls" and creating, writing, producing and starring in her own sitcom on NBC. "This Week," Fey has gone farther than most women in comedy today. Meanwhile, Poehler has become the MVP of "Saturday Night Live" while co-anchor-

The Wrights release brief, but beautiful self-titled album

By JOE LAWLER

The Wrights pose in their new self-titled album, released Jan. 29. The answer is not yet clear, but husband Adam Wright and wife Shannon's newest release follows their 2005 debut album "Down This Road" with another collection of beautifully lyricized and harmonized country duets.

The Wrights' own works and comparisons between the ideals of their work other than each other's belies the overall hoped for a relationship to re captures their passion. Adams and Shannon showcase their improved vocals as well as their sense of the story of their life, "Do You Still." Shannon writes the song with leading vocals. Although short, "The Wrights" presents the young couple as worthy of comparison to Cash and Carter, Harris and Parsons and all the great Nashville duos.

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By CASSIE BELEK

Director: Michael McCullers
Written by: Michael McCullers
Starring: Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Greg Kinnear, Romany Malco and Sigourney Weaver

The movie is at its best when the pair is allowed to have fun on screen, not only with each other but with the script as well. "Baby Mama" could use a little more improv, like in the scene of Kate and Angie singing along to "Karatava's" song with leading vocals. Fey and Poehler bring the laughs.

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Like everyone, I have a few regrets in college. I didn’t discover the café in Town Hall until a few weeks ago. I walked up the stairs of Main Building the first week of my freshman year. I never got to share in the experience of underclass drinking at the infamous Boat Club before it closed and I didn’t join the Scene staff until my sophomore year. However, there will be other cafes in my life, I will most likely graduate in three weeks, I can drink legally now (although never at Boat Club) and even though I only had three short years at The Observer, it was time well spent. I’ve had some good times delaying homework to write for Scene. I previewed concerts, wrote movie reviews, spent. When I started writing for Scene, I found an area of the entertainment industry that I loved writing about more than anything else — television.

Those of you who have recognized my byline over the years are aware of my undying love for television. I have made no secret of my obsession with soap operas, my commitment to “Arrested Development” and my attendance at “The Office” Convention in Scranton, Pa. My DVR keeps me company when I can’t sleep at night or I want to avoid homework, as does my expansive collection of TV shows on DVD.

My favorite way to use my Scene & Heard columns is to implore you all to watch TV shows that you are most likely not watching, specifically “30 Rock” and “How I Met Your Mother.” Seriously guys, these shows will make you laugh. Don’t you like to laugh? But sometimes my television opinions are met with some resistance. Recently, I have shared the controversial opinion that I believe that “30 Rock” is better than “The Office.” As a sophomore, I am a semester senior nearing graduation. I have run out of the energy to defend my opinion again, so take what I say as truth and start worshiping at the altar of Jack Donaghy and Bono Chanukah.

While I’m at it, I might as well get some other thoughts off my chest. Michael Scott has become a gross caricature of his season two self, Ted is a super lame character on “How I Met Your Mother” (but still watch it), “Gossip Girl” will never be as good as “The O.C.” and “Grey’s Anatomy” sucks. Period. Watch “General Hospital” instead. There. I feel better now, but not completely since I will soon be leaving Notre Dame and The Observer behind. It’s true that it’ll be moving on to a new newspaper staff in graduate school, but I have this secret fear that I’ll end up having to work for News. I shudder at the thought (but still respect my Observer colleagues working hard in that department).

So now it’s time to acknowledge those who have supported me during my time with Scene. Thank you to all the mothers of my friends who read my articles online. Thank you to my own friends who find my musings by accident while flipping to the crossword puzzle. Thank you to my parents who read each one of my articles and send them to their friend’s cousin’s mom for the mothers of my friends who read my articles online. Thank you to my own friends who find my musings by accident while flipping to the crossword puzzle. Thank you to my parents who read each one of my articles and send them to their friend’s cousin’s mom.

This year, I decided to join the World Music class for its field trip to the Chicago music festival. On Navy Pier, a Czech woman named Lenka Dusilova played the song “Lida.” It is a beautiful dream-pop tune, and even though I have no idea what the words mean, the song is calming and served to remind me that college was going to be a challenge, but that I could handle it. Things were gonna be all right. The spring semester began with a whirlwind of music, most notably “Falling Slowly,” from the film “Once.” The song is heartbreakingly beautiful, and its performance at the Oscars made me cry. When I think of that song, it brings me back to my section lounge, sighing with the other girls at how simple and yet moving music can be.

The dead of winter was hard for me, a Coloradan, used to 300 days of sunshine a year. The lonely perma-cloud that descended upon campus sent me deep into doldrums. The song “Breath Me” by Six, which I jumped into when it was used in a presentation by the PostSecret guy, became my refuge. I listened to that song every morning on my way to class for about three weeks during Lent. Spring break came along, and my friend burned me a number of discs of music to listen to on the plane ride home. The five-disc set opened with “This Year” by The Mountain Goats. This is a song worth listening to. The one line that pounded in my head the entire flight was, “I am gonna make it through this year if it kills me.”

The arrival of spring brought about the opera and the final triss from “Faust” by Gounod. This is the song that struck me to the core whenever I heard it. All good things about being in the opera are tied to that song.

And now, where are my musical tastes? Firmly planted in “Can’t Go Back Now” by the weepies. This song of moving on and finding a way to survive on your own perfectly describes freshman year: “Go where you want to go. Be who you want to be… In the end the only steps that matter are the ones you take all by yourself.” I have survived. I didn’t die. I paid all my bills, I feel out of their room key. I’ve signed up for classes next semester, bonded with my future roomy, and picked a major. Looks like the music’s gonna keep on coming.

The views expressed in Scene and Heard are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. To contact Cassie Belek or Stephanie DePrez, e-mail them at cbelek@nd.edu or sdeprez@nd.edu.
**Men's, women's ultimate fall short of title bids**

Associated Press

**PYONGYANG, North Korea**— North Korea surprised millions of South Korean citizens on Monday with a celebration of thousands of hours of training at the Pyeongchang Olympic torch relay in Pyongyang, the flame's first visit to the authoritarian nation.

Only the most loyal communist elite are allowed to live in Pyongyang, a showpiece city filled with monuments to the hard-line regime.

China is North Korea's main ally and a key provider of aid, and the torch relay was used to herald the Winter Games. North Korea has condemned disruptions of the torch relay elsewhere, and was reported to be considering a boycott if the torch relay were to pass through Seoul.

**Fishing**

Large mouth bass provided the competition for the fishing club this weekend in Chelsea, Mich. The club arrived Friday evening and immediately started catching fish. Using a "tumbler worm" from their canoes, the group caught many big fish, highlighted by Kirkendall's seven-pound bass. A full day a day the group was followed by continued success on Sunday, as the club used the canoes to fish the entire lake.
MIAMI — On the night of his last game as an NBA head coach, Pat Riley heard the final buzzer, looked straight ahead and briskly walked away. "I didn't have to look back," Riley said. "I know that's behind me."

And now, after several days plotting the Miami Heat's next course, Riley's past becomes Erik Spoelstra's future. The Hall of Fame coach resigned Monday, although he'll remain team president, his first act as Miami's former coach was to choose the new one, and hired Spoelstra, a 37-year-old who started in the Heat video room in 1995 and now becomes the NBA's youngest coach. Riley sees himself in Spoelstra. Riley was 36 when he first became a head coach, and didn't have any experience either. His first off-the-court job in the NBA was traveling secretary for the Los Angeles Lakers, handling boarding passes. Spoelstra also was at the bottom of the Heat intern pool when starting out, making videos for the team Christmas party, but Riley is convinced he's ready for the top job. "It's very rare to have the opportunity to work for one organization for your entire career like I have," said Spoelstra, who was told the job was his Friday. "It means it's a special organization."

Miami finished with the NBA's poorest record (13-67), by far the worst of Riley's career. As president, Riley will continue overseeing the plan to revamp a franchise just two years removed from a championship, after deciding he'd best benefit the franchise from the front office. Last year, Riley said he was committed to coaching three more seasons Monday, he admitted he never believed that to be true. "I am definitely sure that I don't want to do this anymore," Riley said.

Riley's future was among Miami's many offseason issues. The Heat could have the No. 1 pick in the draft, are assured a top-four pick and are certain to make moves in an effort to round a roster plagued by injuries. "Pat Riley has instilled in me values that enabled me to win a championship in just three seasons," Heat guard Dwyane Wade said Monday. "I've seen him do the necessary things to make us winners and I believe that with his focus on being president and his commitment to the team, we will once again become a contender."

## In Brief

**Major changes to BCS not likely**

**HOLLYWOOD, Fla. —** As they kicked off three days of meetings at an oceanfront resort, the Bowl Championship Series overseers appear to have a better chance of getting a sunburn than making any major changes in the controversial system.

"I continue to sense a certain comfort level, if you will, with the current status of things with the BCS," BCS coordinator John Swofford said after Monday's session. "I think it's been a pretty stable few years."

Still, the commissioners of the 11 major college football conferences, along with Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White, will have their most detailed discussions to date of the plus-one model, which could one two bowls as semifinals and another as a national title game, with the four participants seeded.

### Around the dial

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**ESPN.com/USA Softball NCAA Top 25**

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**Swofford said after Monday's session.**

"I think it's been a pretty stable few years."

Still, the commissioners of the 11 major college football conferences, along with Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White, will have their most detailed discussions to date of the plus-one model, which could one two bowls as semifinals and another as a national title game, with the four participants seeded.

**Lieberthal to retire in June with Phillies**

PHILADELPHIA — Two-time All-Star catcher Mike Lieberthal will retire with the Phillies on June 1, ending his career with the franchise where he played 13 of his 15 major league seasons. Lieberthal, the third overall pick in the 1990 draft, hasn't played this season and spent last year with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"Philadelphia has always been a second home to me, so I'm really looking forward to this," Lieberthal said on Monday. "I spent half my life there and still follow the team closely on television." Lieberthal hit .275 with 150 home runs and 699 RBIs in 1,174 games with the Phillies. He batted .234 with one RBI in 38 games with the Dodgers.

Lieberthal was the sixth catcher in major league history to hit .300 with 30 home runs in a season when he reached those marks in 1999.

**Posada placed on DL for first time in career**

CLEVELAND — The New York Yankees took the field Monday missing a familiar face: Jorge Posada, the club's proud catcher and one of its leaders, was in Alabama getting his injured right shoulder examined. Posada was placed on the 15-day disabled list for the 13th time in his career, ending a remarkable run of durability at baseball's most physically demanding position. The 36-year-old, who has caught at least 137 games in each of the past eight seasons, finally succumbed to pain in his shoulder that he had been feeling for most of the season's first month.

"It's kind of strange to go into the clubhouse and you don't see him," said Yankees manager Joe Girardi, who helped teach Posada in the 1990s. "He's a quiet leader. He's a constant in the clubhouse, you like to see guys like that."
Reds second baseman Brandon Phillips, left, catches the ball to force out Cardinals third baseman Todd Frazier at second base in the Reds' 4-3 victory Monday in St. Louis.

Yankees jump on youngster Laffey, Tribe in four-run sixth to split series, Mussina earns 253rd career win
Postseason hopes in NCAA's hands

By ALEX BARKER
Score Writer

The season hangs in the balance for Saint Mary's until May 5 when an NCAA selection committee will determine the fate of the Belles' post-season lives.

The Belles finished as the runner-up in the MIAA conference tournament, placing them into a group of teams vying to receive an at-large bid into the NCAA national championship May 13-16 at the Centennial Oaks Golf Club in Waverly, Iowa.

There are a total of three spots open for at-large teams who did not receive their conference's automatic runner-up in the MIAA tournament.

Belles coach Mark Hamilton said he likes his team's chances of receiving one of those spots.

"The first two spots are pretty much wrapped up by higher-ranked teams that failed to win their conference's tournaments," Hamilton said. "But with our recent performances and our high ranking among our higher-ranked opponents, I think we have a very good chance of capturing the final spot."

One of the Belles' best performances of the season came in the MIAA tournament last weekend.

After the first round of play, the Belles found themselves down 18 strokes to the first-place team of Saint Mary's.

Belles coach Mark Sullivan said that she feels her team has an advantage playing Tri-State soon.

"They are going to be nervous to play us again, especially after our convincing win in game two," she said. "The Belles' defense is double elimination, so if the Belles win, they will play the winner of a game between No. 1 seed Alma and No. 4 seed Hope. If the Belles lose, they will play the loser of that game.

Sullivan did not say which of her two starting pitchers — junior Cali Davison (11-8) and senior Mc Kenzie Gearen (12-0) — she plans to start in the first game.

"We will warm up both for our first game," Sullivan said. "Either one of them will be great against Tri-State. They both pitched well on Saturday."

The Belles bring a formidable offense to the tournament led by Sullivan and Farmmore A sh b l y P e t e r s o n , 18-9, and Sara Sullivan, who is the conference batting average was good for the regular-season leader and also leads the MIAA in slugging percentage, on-base percentage, runs scored and total hits.

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Saint Mary's heads to the NCAA automatic championship for the third straight year. The tournament will be held Thursday and Friday at Alma College.

The Belles are the No. 2 seed in the tournament, and will play No. 3-seeded Tri-State Thursday morning.

The match-up provides some familiarity as Saint Mary's faced the Thunder on Saturday. That doubleheader was split, with Tri-State taking the first game 8-3 and Saint Mary's winning the second contest 8-0.

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Saint Mary's has the most doubles and is a pretty big team, trying to do it one last time.

"I hope we can get them out and give them a run for their money," Sullivan said.

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NHL

Flyers take 2-1 series lead from Canadians in Philly

PHILADELPHIA — Derian Hatcher was like all the other Flyers fans who watched the last 15 minutes on TV. He did it in the locker room, feeling sick, stressed and helpless as the lead nearly slipped away.

"I thought it was put away for us," Hatcher said. "We had a 2-1 lead, we were up both for our first game.

Hatcher drove his right arm into the penalty box for holding. It was a key period and he got us back in the game tonight as we did in the second period, when they lost the game."

"Mar-t y!" "Mar-t y!"

"I don't think we played as well tonight as we did in the second period, when they lost the game."

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Associated Press

"It's been our best player in this series," coach John Stevens said. "We probably felt going in that he would have to be."

Biron lost his shutout — and the Flyers nearly wasted a three-goal lead — when Hatcher was ejected in the third period and went to the locker room.

Biron stopped 32 shots and the Flyers scored three goals in the second period to beat the Montreal Canadiens 3-2, taking a 1-0 lead in their second-round series.

"It turned out to be a needed goal. I thought we played very well as third to pull Montreal to 3-2.

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NEW YORK — Roger Clemens had a decade-long relationship with country star Mindy McCready that began when she was a 15-year-old aspiring singer and the pitcher was a Boston Red Sox ace, the Daily News reported.

Clemens’ lawyer, Rusty Hardin, confirmed a long-term relationship but told the newspaper it was not sexual.

“Mindy McCready is a long-time family friend of Roger Clemens and the Clemens family,” Hardin said in a statement Monday. “At no time did Roger engage in any kind of inappropriate or improper relationship with her. It is unfortunate that the Daily News has chosen to report anonymous allegations that are completely unfounded, have no basis in fact, and have nothing to do with Roger’s baseball career or the issue of steroid use in baseball.”

The story, which appeared on the newspaper’s Web site Sunday night and in editions Monday, quoted several people who asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the situation.

McCready’s lawyer, Lee Ofman, said he did not have any comment on the Daily News story.

Clemens was 28 and a married father of two when he first met McCready, the newspaper reported.

The story could undermine Clemens’ reputation, which is central to the defamation suit the former pitcher has filed against former personal trainer Brian McNamee. McNamee contends Clemens used performance-enhancing substances during his major league career.

“If true, it’s just another example of Roger’s pervasive prevarications which will be at the core of any defamation case,” said McNamee’s attorney, Richard Emery, in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

The newspaper said Clemens sent cash to McCready to help her with legal issues and reached out to her when she was in jail last year in Tennessee.

The 32-year-old McCready was sentenced last September for violating probation from a 2004 drug arrest and was released from jail last Dec. 30. The violation occurred in July when McCready was accused of scuffling with her mother and resisting arrest at her mother’s home in Fort Myers, Fla. She still must serve two years’ probation.

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“The is as talented a basketball player I have seen in 6-10 in a long time. You feel comfortable with the ball in his hands,” Smith said. “He can make decisions for his teammates — he is always at the top every night (in assists), and you can’t ask for a 6-10 guy to do that.

“He has been asked to do a lot this year, and he has responded well. He has had these abilities all along, he just had to be brought out of them, and now he is able to do it.”

Giants send Zito to bullpen

**MLB**

**NBA**

Turkeyoglu named most improved

**Associated Press**

**ORLANDO, Fla. — Hedo Turkoglu, whose 19 points, five rebounds and five assists per game helped the Orlando Magic win their first division title in 12 years, was selected as the NBA’s most improved player Monday.**

Turkoglu’s numbers marked career highs in each category, and dramatic improvements from 13 points, four rebounds and three assists last season. He earned back-to-back Eastern Conference player of the Week awards in late January and early February and was named player of the month for April.

This was the type of season the Magic always expected from the 6-foott-10 forward, now in his eighth year.

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Johnson scores 35, Hawks surprise Celtics again

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Forget about a Boston sweep. The Hawks are headed back to Beantown all tied up with the mighty Celtics.

Joe Johnson scored 35 points — 20 in the fourth quarter — and Josh Smith added 28 points and seven blocks for Atlanta, which surprised the Celtics again 97-92 on Monday night to even the best-of-seven series at two games apiece.

A Game 5 that many never expected to happen is now on, Wednesday night in Boston.

The Hawks, who had the worst record (37-45) of any playoff team, overcome two double-digit deficits to beat a team that won an NBA-leading 66 games during the regular season.

The credit for this Atlanta stunner goes largely to Johnson, who took control in the final quarter. After Smith's jumper put the Hawks ahead to stay 91-79, Johnson scored nine straight points to keep the Celtics on the ropes.

The knock out came when Paul Pierce drove to the hoop and left it short, then tumbled over a cameraman alongside the basket. When the Boston star finally climbed back to his feet, he had a look of disbelief — which pretty much sums up the way the Celtics are feeling about this series.

Smith went to the other end and made two free throws with 26 seconds remaining for 93-87 lead. Johnson — appropriately enough — finished off the Celtics by making two more foul shots with 14 seconds left.


Smith set an Atlanta playoff record with seven blocks, the last of them a key swat on Garnett after he backed down in the lane, looking for the easy shot, with just over 3 minutes left.

"It's time to shock the world," the public address announcer screamed to the sellout crowd of 20,016.

After getting blown out in the first two games, Atlanta turned feisty on its home court. Rookie Al Horford taunted Pierce after putting the Celtics away in Game 3, prompting the Boston forward to flash a menacing gesture that drew a $25,000 fine from the NBA shortly before Game 4.

Then, with 77 minutes left in the second quarter, things really got testy. Garnett threw an elbow at Zaza Pachulia while going for a loose ball. The rugged Pachulia got right in Garnett's face, going forehead to forehead with the Boston star.

The officials stepped in quickly and Hawks coach Mike Woodson charged onto the court to pull his players away. No punches were thrown and no one was ejected, though officials did call offsetting technical fouls — two on each team — after looking at a replay.

Hawks forward Josh Smith, left, and Celtics forward Kevin Garnett battle for a rebound during the first quarter of Atlanta's 97-92 first-round NBA playoff win Monday.

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Magic make Raptors disappear in five games

Howard leads Magic to second round with 21 points, 21 rebounds; earns his third 20-20 game in series

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando Magic coach Stan Van Gundy saw something different about Dwight Howard heading into the playoffs.

The 22-year-old All-Star, usually the team’s biggest jokester, suddenly got serious. So did his already-impressive teammates.

Howard had 21 points, 21 rebounds and three blocks — his third 20-20 game in the series — and the Magic advanced to the second round for the first time in 12 years by beating the Toronto Raptors 102-92 in Game 5 on Monday night.

“There was a different demeanor from him,” Van Gundy said of his young center. “He’s a fun-loving guy and he likes to fool around. There are a lot of times during the year, not bad, but a lot of times during the year where I’ve got to try to bring him back to being serious when we’re preparing.

“I did not have to say one word, from the start of preparation for this series all the way through,” Van Gundy said.

Howard’s game said it all. And with Orlando’s usually steady 3-point shooting on the fritz, his inside power was enough to pull them through.

“He’s a phenom; he’s the best center in the league,” said Raptors star Chris Bosh, who was guarded by Howard all game. “He’s probably the strongest guy in the league, and he knows how to use his body. It doesn’t surprise me at all. I’ve seen him play this whole series. I’ve seen him play this season.

Bosh, who posted career playoff highs of 29 points and 15 rebounds at Toronto on Saturday, had 18 points and 13 rebounds. Hedo Turkoglu just missed a triple-double with 12 points, eight rebounds and nine assists, while Maurice Evans scored 12 points and had 13 assists.

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“It’s just an unbelievable feeling,” he said. “We did something I feel that hasn’t been done here in a while.”

The Magic guard Keyon Dooling drives around Raptors guard during the second half of Game 5 in an NBA Eastern Conference playoff series Monday. Orlando won 102-92 to advance to the next round.

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The Magic answered after the technical on Bosh — put the Magic ahead 73-66 with just under a minute left in the third quarter, and Orlando kept that cushion until midway through the fourth. Delfino hit a jumper and Bosh made two free throws in four trips to the line, plus a hook shot over Howard, to draw the Raptors within 84-82.

The Magic, who shot the fourth-best percentage in the NBA from 3-point range this season, struggled again from long range (9-of-32), but made them when it counted. Keith Bogans and Jameer Nelson each hit one and Howard added a layup as the Magic answered with an 8-0 run over 3:13 to open a 92-82 lead, then its largest of the game.

“Coach just tells us to keep shooting them and don’t stop,” Nelson said. He scored 19 points for Orlando and Rashard Lewis had 18 points and 13 rebounds. Iledo Turkoglu just missed a triple-double with 12 points, eight rebounds and nine assists, while Maurice Evans scored 12 points and had 13 assists.

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Orlando looked good early, taking a 10-2 lead on 3-of-5 shooting, but the Raptors guards took over for the rest of the first half. Calderon fueled a 10-4 run with two 3-pointers to close the first quarter up 26-22, and Delfino scored eight straight points in the second quarter. The Magic drew to 44-43 as the Raptors went 2-20 Raptors without scoring — a period in which Lewis had nine points — but Ford scored six straight on two jumpers and two free throws to keep the Magic from regaining the lead before halftime.

Toronto’s Jamario Moon, who strained his groin in the third quarter Saturday and didn’t return, started for the second time in the series. He had six points in the first quarter on two quick 3-pointers but just two more the rest of the way.

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**NCAA continued from page 24**

Irish senior outfielder Sarah Smith earned Big East player of the week honors on Monday for her impressive performance against Providence, Chicago, Connecticut, and Providence.

**Valpo continued from page 24**

Valparaiso senior pitcher Andrea Zappia earned a program-record eighteenth victory in a single season against Youngstown State on Sunday in a complete-game effort.

**Big Red continued from page 24**

overall record and have been especially hot recently, winning six out of their last seven games. Their only loss in that stretch came at the hands of Syracuse, the winners of the Big East tournament. For their efforts, Cornell is currently ranked No. 14 by Baseball America.

With their loss in the Big East semifinals, Cornell will now turn its attention to the NCAA tournament. The Big Red is certain to be among the nation's top seeds, and the team will have an opportunity to prove itself against some of the best in the country.

Regardless of the outcome, the season has been a memorable one for the Big Red. The team has shown resilience in the face of adversity, and the players have come together to form a tight bond. The coaching staff, led by head coach Dan Masterton, has done an excellent job of managing the team and preparing them for success.

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**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

**Looking for more hardware**

No. 22 Irish look for first-ever NCAA title  
By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

The No. 22 Irish will be gunning to add another piece of hardware to their collection. As great as the 2008 Big East Championship and individual recognition looks, the trophy case has an empty space that Notre Dame will try to fill with a national championship.

As the Big East champs, the two-games midweek series tonight and Wednesday night. The Irish are looking to rebound after dropping two of three to St. John’s over the weekend.

Mississippi Valley State is 15-20 overall but sit in third place in the Eastern Division of the Southeastern Conference with an 11-9 league record. Besides Notre Dame, the Delta Devils' tough non-conference schedule includes LSU, Mississippi State, Arkansas, Alabama and Auburn.

Tonight’s game is scheduled to begin at 6:05 but the time is subject to change because Mississippi Valley State is traveling to Notre Dame by train. Irish coach Dave Schrage said the visiting team is riding the rails in order to reconnect the lifestyle of players in the Negro Leagues decades ago.

"I know that they’re really looking forward to this trip," Schrage said. "It'll be exciting for them to come up here so I'm sure they'll be ready to play."

As for his own team, Schrage said Notre Dame (28-12-1 overall, 13-5 Big East) is in the position it had hoped to be when the season began.

"We played the first four [11] games of the season to be in the spot we’re in," Schrage said. "Now every game we play is big because of what our record is.”

The Irish will rely on a pair of freshmen starting pitchers against Mississippi Valley State. Right-hander Brian Dupra will start the first

**BASEBALL**

Team prepares for games with Mississippi Valley State

By FRAN TOLAN  
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Notre Dame faces off against Mississippi Valley State in a rare two-game midweek series tonight and Wednesday night. The Irish are looking to rebound after dropping two of three to St. John’s over the weekend.

Mississippi Valley State is 15-20 overall but sit in third place in the Eastern Division of the Southeastern Conference with an 11-9 league record. Besides Notre Dame, the Delta Devils' tough non-conference schedule includes LSU, Mississippi State, Arkansas, Alabama and Auburn.

Tonight’s game is scheduled to begin at 6:05 but the time is subject to change because Mississippi Valley State is traveling to Notre Dame by train. Irish coach Dave Schrage said the visiting team is riding the rails in order to reconnect the lifestyle of players in the Negro Leagues decades ago.

"I know that they’re really looking forward to this trip," Schrage said. "It'll be exciting for them to come up here so I'm sure they'll be ready to play."

As for his own team, Schrage said Notre Dame (28-12-1 overall, 13-5 Big East) is in the position it had hoped to be when the season began.

"We played the first four [11] games of the season to be in the spot we’re in," Schrage said. "Now every game we play is big because of what our record is.”

The Irish will rely on a pair of freshmen starting pitchers against Mississippi Valley State. Right-hander Brian Dupra will start the first

**ND WOMEN’S GOLF**

Irish golfers earn NCAA Tournament berth

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After clinching the Big East conference title for the third time in six years, No. 27 Notre Dame will head to the NCAA Women’s Golf Tournament as the number 9 seed in the central region of the NCAA Tournament Monday afternoon. The Irish earned an automatic bid as a result of their conference tournament victory.

The NCAA Central Regional will begin May 9 at the University of Texas Golf Club in Austin, Texas. This is the second time this spring Notre Dame will play at the University of Texas Golf Club.

The Irish turned in a middling fifth-place finish at the Betsy Rawls Longhorns Invitational in mid-March.

Notre Dame coach Susan Holt said she is confident in her team even though its success this season has been something of a surprise in the collegiate golfing world.

"As a team, at the beginning of the year, we set high goals for ourselves," Holt said. "People on the outside might be surprised, but we aren't. We made a commitment to do exactly what we're doing. We're on track."

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**ND SOFTBALL**

Squad heads to Valparaiso

Notre Dame hopes to take down record-setting in-state rival Crusaders

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The Irish will travel to Valparaiso, Ind., to take on the Crusaders in their last non-conference game of the season on Tuesday after a convincing double-header sweep of Georgetown in triple overtime in the Big East conference semifinals. The Irish have been on a roll and are looking to carry that momentum through the Big East Tournament.

The Irish have not played Mississippi Valley State in the past several years and aren’t familiar with this year’s Delta Devils. But the Irish have won 20 of their last 25 games and senior co-captain Russ Brezovsky said the team is just eager to take the field again.

"I don’t know much about them at all,” said Russ Brezovsky. "We gotta just go out and play well.”

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**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

ND to face Cornell in home tilt

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Notre Dame’s season took a stunning turn for the worse on Friday night after the Irish let an early 8-1 lead slip away into what became a 15-14 loss to Georgetown in triple overtime in the Big East conference semifinals. Irish players were visibly distraught after the gut-wrenching loss that had such importance to the season.

Notre Dame’s primary goal for the season, according to coach Tracy Cowey, was to win the Big East championship. But with that now out of the question, the Irish must play for something else in their final regular season game.

The Irish have a week to regroup and focus, then will take on Cornell. The Big Red come into the game sporting a 10-5

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