Economists search for best solution as $838 billion package passes in U.S. Senate

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

The ruptured 2007 housing bubble that has thrown the economy into a tailspin and curbed job prospects in many industries has the legislators to call for an economic stimulus package.

Economists across the country including those at Notre Dame continue to discuss the best way to find an answer to the problem.

The subprime mortgage crisis created an enormous sum of bad assets and dried up capital, leading to a situation so severe that many economists support a stimulus bill along the lines of the $838 billion package passed Tuesday by the U.S. Senate.

According to Economics Professor James Sullivan, one of the major reasons why legislators are calling for an economic stimulus is to provide a massive increase in government spending — in that widespread uncertainty has caused a decrease in overall demand. Lacking confidence about their job security, people are less willing to make purchases or investments.

“People expect the economic recovery to not recover soon and that has a self-fulfilling prophecy to it,” he said. “If you don’t think the stock market will increase, you won’t invest in the stock market.”

While the economy probably won’t suffer indefinitely without a stimulus, a bill could significantly shorten the downturn, according to Economics Professor Nelson Mark.

“In the long run, it’s not necessary, but who knows if the long run is going to be 10 years or 20 years,” he said. “So I think the question is if the government is capable of lessening the severity of the recession and if what it can do offsets the long-term costs of doing so, then it should do it.”

If people are unwilling to spend money, then the government can do it for them by cutting taxes, sending money to states, making investments or hiring workers for public works.

“The government can jumpstart things and encourage businesses to invest to get out of this sentiment of pessimism,” Sullivan said.

Mark considered the possible effects of a stimulus bill. “In the short run, the stimulus can only make things better, it can only increase GDP (Gross Domestic Product).”

Business

Prof. Vecchio dies at 58

By AARON STEINER
News Editor

Notre Dame management professor and former chair of the management department Robert Vecchio died Monday. He was 58.

Vecchio sustained serious injuries after falling from the rooftop of his home Saturday. He was treated at Memorial Hospital, according to principal News Writer.

“He provided the foundation for the management department to attain the reputation it enjoys today,” Jenkins said. “Our hearts and our prayers are with the family to which he was so devoted.”

On another initiative from the Mendoza College of Business was not available for comment Tuesday evening.

According to a report Sunday by the South Bend Tribune, Vecchio fell from a height of at least 10 feet at 10 a.m. Saturday morning at his Granger home.

Vecchio was last reported to be in critical condition Sunday night at Memorial Hospital, according to principal News Writer.

Laptops ‘equalize’ education

Alum helps give computers to children around the world

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

University of Notre Dame alumna Charles Kane returned to campus last night to discuss his transition from working as a for-profit executive to become president and Chief Executive Officer of One Laptop Per Child (OLPC).

The Center for Social Concerns sponsored the talk in the Eck Center Auditorium, which was titled “Technology and the Globalization of Education: The Story of One Laptop Per Child”.

“People expect the economic recovery to come and we were well attended,” Kane said. “This project is the first time in

Jenkins: University is fiscally stable

By AARON STEINER
News Editor

Despite the dismal state of and bleak outlook for the national economy, University President Fr. John Jenkins wrote to faculty and staff Tuesday to again emphasize that Notre Dame, while “not immune to economic pressures,” is well-positioned to continue progress “toward our goal of becoming a preeminent research university.”

The e-mail, dated Feb. 10, is the second such message Jenkins has sent regarding the economy and its potential effect on the University. The first e-mail was sent Dec. 1, 2008.

Jenkins said the University has been more fortunate than other colleges and institutions. “Unlike some of our peers, at this point Notre Dame does not face the need to freeze salaries or hiring, halt construction or reduce our work force,” he said.

While our endowment and other revenue streams have experienced losses, we continue to be positioned, at this juncture, to pursue opportunities toward our goal of becoming a preeminent research university,” Jenkins wrote.

Still, Jenkins said that the University may need to consider...
INSIDE COLUMN

A-Roid had timely leak

On Monday afternoon, baseball’s golden boy Alex Rodriguez admitted to using performance-enhancing drugs early in his career. Bad news for A-Rod.

Don’t get me wrong, Alex Rodriguez cheated (just ask his wife), wines, and plays ball like a girl. That has been public knowledge since he limp-wrist-sweated Bronson Arroyo during a losing effort in the 2004 ALCS.

But, in A-Rod’s defense, he may be the only man in America who handled this week-end’s debacle the right way.

Learning from the mistakes of meat-head Roger Clemens, Rodriguez quickly told the world he was guilty.

The problems with the rest of the sports world’s reaction started only seconds after he came clean. ESPN’s Peter Gammons, the most infallible man this side of the Pope, started the problem.

After A-Rod explained the pressure of playing in the demanding market of Arlington, Tex., the slugger said he juiced from 2001-2003. Gammons followed up appropriately.

Gammons, you’re saying that the time period was 2001, ‘02, and ‘03? Rodriguez. That’s pretty accurate. Pretty accurate? Is that like Rick Ankiel is pretty accurate? You can’t “pretty” much take steroids. You are either a needle-sticking, pimple-popping, law-breaking steroid user, or you’re not.

Gammons had no follow-up question. He let the sports world down more than Ron Burgundy did in San Diego. Shame on him, shame on the rest of sports journalists who have seemingly completely overlooked pretty much the most obvious follow up question ever.

Now to fry some bigger fish.

Major League Baseball has handled itself so poorly in the past 10 years it might as well be an investment bank.

Six years ago, a number of players were anonymously tested for illegal substances to decide if the MLB should do something about the raging drug abuse problem that had developed right under their noses. Obviously, they discovered they had messed up.

They messed up again by not maintaining the anonymity of the tests.

Leaking this story is a great way to get players’ unions to agree to increase drug testing.

It’s good that the league is taking the players’ union to agree to increase the anonymity of the tests. It’s good that the league has really earned their trust on this one.

That’s not to mention that this leak conveniently sprung at the exact time that football was coming to an end. The story provided a perfect way to ignore the Pro Bowl and gear up for baseball season.

Why would they intentionally leak bad news? Good question, but as they say any publicity is good publicity.

Finally, to the world outside of baseball, has no one noticed that this man admitted to breaking a United States Federal law? The substances weren’t banned by the MLB at the time, so it’s not quite so bad. Well, the NFL has no rule against murder, no wonder O.J. got away with it.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DO?

Lenny Meehan: Senior Off-Campus

“Extend parietals.”

Maura Sullivan: Sophomore Lewis

“More.”

Becky Katrichak: Senior PW

“Extend parietals.”

Joe Crouch: Freshman O’Neill

“Get class cancelled when there is a -go degree wind chill.”

Davide Lionetti: Senior Off-Campus

“Make Friday classes optional.”

Emily Whalen: Sophomore Welsh Family

“Keep the rest of February as warm and sunny as it is now!”

CORRECTIONS

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IN BRIEF

Valentine’s Day Candy Heart grams will be sold in LaFortune today and tomorrow. The hearts cost $1 per package and will be delivered on Friday.

Fair Trade Coffeehouse in the CoMo Lounge, Thursday from 8 p.m.-10 p.m. Learn about the Fair Trade movement and enjoy coffee, baked goods, and live entertainment from popular campus acts sponsored by the Department of Student Activities. Proceeds help fund S.O.C. 2324’s cross-cultural trip to Guatemala.

The Glass Club is having a sale of some of their products—etched glassware, jewelry, stained glass and fused glass, in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. It will take place Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Freshman Class Council is hosting Lovefest on Friday at 9 p.m. The event will take place in Casey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library and will include free candy from the South Bend Chocolate Factory and musical performers from the Freshman class. Tickets are $5 and will benefit the American Heart Association.

The annual Edith Stein Project will take place throughout the day this Friday. The conference will address women’s issues which will include speakers, a Mass, meals. Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame students are invited free of charge, but must register at https://marketplace.nd.edu/cce/index.cfm.

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

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OFFBEAT

More than 100 animals rescued from apartment BUFFALO, N.Y. — More than 100 chickens, rabbits, rodents, iguanas and tarantulas have been removed from a two-bedroom Buffalo apartment by authorities who needed three vans to cart off the menagerie.

Police officers responding to an animal mistreatment complaint at a South Buffalo apartment found the animals living in a couple’s cramped apartment Monday. The animals were removed in dozens of cages and cardboard containers by officers from the local chapter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The animals included about 100 chickens and rabbits.

Teen bills school for $37K worth of candy MIDDLETOWN, Ohio — Police say an Ohio teenager tried to pull off a sweet deal by ordering more than $37,000 worth of candy and was arrested after the order shipped to his home became suspicious.

Police say the 15-year-old used a Middletown High School purchasing number to place orders for thousands of lollipops and candy bars from Michigan-based The Goodies Factory. It wasn’t clear how he accessed the number.

The candy company became suspicious, contacted the school and was told by detectives to send an empty box.

Police say he had the order shipped to his home and was arrested after the fake delivery.

Teen faces two counts of felony telecommunications fraud. He was being held in Middletown City Jail on more than $30,000 bond.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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LEATHER CLIMATE

TODAY

HIGH 49
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TOMORROW

HIGH 49
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THURSDAY

HIGH 36
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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

HIGH 35
LOW 22

SUNDAY

HIGH 32
LOW 22

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Willerton elaborates on Activities Center

Proposed building, which will cost about $30 million, to be located on north end of campus

By LIZ O’DONNELL

Willerton said there are four primary facilities available for student activities: the Activities Center; the Creek House, a local retreat facility located off campus; LaFortune; and outdoor grounds available for sporting events.

He said that there are strategic plans to ensure these places operate as efficiently as possible.

The budget allotted to renovations in the building comes from a variety of sources, Willerton said.

A portion of the budget is allocated for building maintenance, he said.

The majority of the funding comes from six different projects, which include the end of the year shipping program, the summer linen mailing, and the "Irish Express" bookstore outlets around campus during football weekends. Funding also comes from the on-campus cafe service, exam kits and money generated from the video arcade.

When the funding is available, Willerton said that they consider the suggestion boxes that are located in LaFortune for ideas to better the building. He also said that they regularly collect feedback from student managers, as well as members of student government.

From there, if it is decided that there is enough money available to make large scale changes to LaFortune, Willerton said they will approach student government and ask them to create a panel to represent the student voice.

One specific area Willerton addressed was the renovations that are projected to take place to the video arcade that is located in the basement of the building.

"Since the video arcade is located in the part of LaFortune that is the old building, water comes into the arcade when it rains, often seeping into the basement," Willerton said. "We want to repair the leaks, install carpet, and do it right from the start."

Willerton also said that they are hoping to move forward with the project starting in 2010.

Student body president Bob Reish asked Willerton about the size of LaFortune in comparison to student centers on other campuses, questioning that LaFortune is relatively small given the size of the campus's population.

Willerton said LaFortune has a different focus than student centers on other college campuses.

"The mission of the student center is to be similar to a village well where people go to find the news of the day, meet up with their friends or grab a bite to eat," said Willerton. "We could always have more rooms, and it would be nice to expand, but we would never give up the central location that it has."

In addition to this, Willerton said the new Student Activities Center that will be built is to serve the purpose of complementing LaFortune, rather than detracting from it.

It is projected that the cost of the center will be approximately $30 million. They are currently waiting for a benefactor to fund the project before it can begin.

"The Student Activities Center will be a multipurpose facility that will host lectures, concerts and dances. It will also have a large ballroom area where Residence Hall dances will take place. It will not be a hangout area the way that LaFortune is, but function rather like the Stepan Center does now, he said.

Along with these events, the Center will also have a meeting room that Willerton said will help lower the demand for meeting time at LaFortune.

The Center is planned to be constructed 100 yards east of the Stepan Center on the North side of campus. Once the Center is in place, the Stepan Center will be removed.

When COR members expressed concern at the location of the Center, Willerton explained that while the building will go up on the perimeter of campus, it is still a part of it.

"While you may not walk by this building everyday, it is still a part of campus," Willerton said. "The location provides easier access to off-campus students."

While the location for the project has been selected, there are only tentative floor plans available. Current plans call for the Center to be a one-floor building.

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Two tickets to run for SMC top offices

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary's Board of Governance elections commission Francesca Johnson announced there are two tickets running for student body president and vice president — Mallory Price and Katie Lewis, and Jenny Hoffman and Meg Griffin.

Price, the presidential candidate is a junior social work major from Tinley Park, Ill., who lives in Regina Hall. Her running mate, Lewis, is a junior social work major and resident advisor in LeMans Hall. She is from Homer Glen, Ill.

Presidential candidate Hoffman is a junior communications studies major who lives in Holy Cross Hall. She is from Indianapolis and currently serves as the student government secretary.

Griffin, a sophomore intended political science and math major, is from Bristol, Ind. She is the sophomore class president.

There will be a "Meet the Candidates" event today at 6 p.m. in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall. Voting will take place Monday, Feb. 16 from midnight to 11:59 p.m. on PRISM.
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Product),’’ he said. ‘‘There are two questions about it, though. Mark questioned whether a recovery would endure and whether it would be worth the increase in public debt. ‘‘Will it have a lasting effect?’’ Mark asked. ‘‘Will it shock us out of a recession and onto a g r e e t h e n a t i o n ’ ’ b o o t ? ’ ’

Mark said ‘‘the bill is a lot — the added debt the U.S. is taking on to finance the s t i m u l u s.’’ ‘‘What’s that going to mean for the future structure of taxes? What’s having all that debt out there going to do to interest rates?’’

Ideally, the government will now have to implement the stimulus, since not all forms of government spending boost demand by the same speed or magnitude.

Sullivan pointed to a reduction in payroll taxes as an effective way to put more money to people who would spend it quickly. ‘‘One way to have an effective stimulus is to put money in the hands of people who need it,’’ he said. ‘‘One way is a reduction in the payroll tax. The other way is that those people are more likely to spend it quickly.’’

Direct government spending on infrastructure or energy investment would fail-safe ways to increase overall demand, according to Sullivan, but tax breaks to individuals would allow them to make their own consumption choices. ‘‘If the government spends it right away, then they spend it right away,’’ he said. ‘‘Consumers might choose to hold onto it, so there’s a little of a lag. If you really liked you’d like the consumers to spend it, because they could probably use it on what they want.’’

Economics Professor Martin Wolfson focused on aspects of the bill that call for more direct government spending. ‘‘I think the best parts of the bill are the parts that directly put people to work,’’ he said. ‘‘Infrastructure spending, investing in green technology, those parts of the bill that keep people from losing their jobs and keep people receiving needed public services.’’

Mark also recognized an overlooked way to spur economic activity. ‘‘Something they haven’t talked about is maybe business tax cuts,’’ he said. ‘‘You direct that at small businesses and have them invest in capital.’’

Raising people’s permanent income through productivity gains — rather than just spending money now to prolong future debt — should be central to the plan, according to Mark. ‘‘If I do think that this is a good opportunity for a lot of the investment projects that the stimulus plan has, I might, but you can use this as an excuse to do those kinds of projects. Upgrading the infrastructure will enhance productivity.’’

Whether the nation’s response to the crisis represents a shift in the way the government manages the economy is an open question. ‘‘I fear that people will use the current events as an excuse to blame markets,’’ Sullivan said. ‘‘And I don’t think this provides evidence that markets don’t work. It provides evidence that markets don’t always work perfectly.’’

Sullivan said ‘‘the idea that markets unencumbered will always give the best result is putting a little too much faith in the markets.’’

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to the Tribune report. According to the press release, Veccio taught popular courses and published highly regarded articles on a variety of issues in organizational behavior and corporate management, especially about leadership, motivation, workplace emotion and employee efficacy. Veccio taught the courses ‘Management and Leadership’, ‘Leadership’ and ‘Motivation’ in the fall semester, according to records available online.

He was the author of several books, and was also the editor of the Journal of Management from 1995 to 2000. Veccio received a B.S. from DePaul University in 1972 and a Master’s and a Ph.D from the University of Illinois in 1972 and 1976, respectively. Arrangements are pending, according to the press release.

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**International News**

Hospital shellings kills 16 patients

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — At least 16 patients were being treated at a mobile hospital chartered in the northern Sri Lankan war zone were killed by shelling, the Red Cross said Tuesday, as the military accuses rebel fighters of killing 19 other civilians fleeing the area. The United Nations, meanwhile, said it was outraged by the “unnecessary” deaths of hundreds of people inside rebel territory and urged both sides to avoid fighting hospitals.

The government accuses the Tamil Tiger rebels of holding civilians hostage in the war zone to use as human shields against the military's offensive. The rebels deny the accusation. Indonesia says there are more than 200,000 civilians are believed trapped in the path of territory still under rebel control.

**High death toll in Australian wildfires**

HOBART — More than 1,300 pounds of food with peanut products, including some sold in several states, were being recalled Tuesday as government officials said Tuesday.

The potentially tainted products were not sent to consumers, Texas health officials said Tuesday.

The recall is the second in less than six months. Last fall, officials recalled 10,000 pounds of peanut butter that was found in a warehouse.

**Activists protest Kellogg’s**

WASHINGTON — Environmentalists are doing the right thing by taking their time rather than putting something together hastily that might not do a good job. The best comprehensive plan to save the environment is not the hour-by-hour movement of the market, but a long-term financial recovery — not the hour-by-hour movement of the market on any given day,” he said.

Some investors questioned whether the plan, which followed previous efforts in the final months of 2008, would work. Some selling was to be expected, however, as stocks rose sharply last week ahead of the announcement. Jankovskis’ speech “basically puts a spotlight on the fact that the government has no idea how to fix the problem,” said Jeff Boustie, senior portfolio manager at Portfolio Management Consultants.

Boustie said that the government’s latest plan calls for a government-private sector partnership to help remove banks’ troubled assets from their books. It would also boost an effort to unfog the credit markets that govern loans to consumers and businesses.

“There are things the government are going to spend a trillion dollars, the bad news is they don’t know how,” said James Cox, managing partner at Harrison Financial Group.

“Tzipi Livni was right behind with 28, Channel 1 television said. Likud headquarters, Netanyahu supporters expressed confidence their man would still become Israel’s leader.

The government is trying to find a comprehensive way to fix the problem. That’s why what they tried to do in the plan and clearly did not work. Investors focused on the financial rescue showed little reaction to the Senate’s approval of its $858 billion economic stimulus package. The bill must now be reconciled with an $819 billion version passed by the House.

Congressional leaders hope to have the bill on President Barack Obama’s desk before a recess next week.

“The economy is in deep trouble. The stimulus plan is not very stimulate. It’s not addressing the real problem,” Boustie said. “We have an insolvent financial system. The government is trying to find a comprehensive way to save it. They can’t afford to just throw money at it. That’s what they tried to do in the plan and clearly did not work.”

Stocks extended their slide after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke did’ nt elaborate on the plan in testimony at a House Financial Services Committee hearing.

Since the program designed to revive the credit markets is showing promise and that any fix to the worst financial crisis since the 1930s would take time to work.
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history that we can educate on an equal level," Kane said. Kane said the project involves the manufacturing and distribution of laptops to children in poor regions from around the globe. The computers are made at-cost and are priced around $176.

Nicholas Negroponte, a professor from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, started the project. "Our mission is to provide the lowest cost computer to children so because the computer is the greatest learning tool," Kane said.

Before joining the project, Kane held senior-management positions at a number of companies such as Global BPO Services and RSA Security Inc., but said he knew something was missing. "You get so caught up in the money game that you lose sight of what life is all about," Kane said. "That's why I discovered what this project was about, it was a no-brainer of whether or not I would join."

Kane said the first goal was to design a computer that was not only cost-efficient, but to also have a design that would be sustainable in diverse weather conditions. "These computers are going to kids in Sub-Saharan Africa, the jungle and other harsh environments," Kane said. "The design of the computer is rugged so that when the kids inevitably drop it in water, or sand blows up around the laptop, the computer is not damaged."

Kane also described the additional elements that were taken into consideration when designing the laptop. "Our computers are the only ones in the world that has a screen that switches to black and white when taken outside."

Kane said, "We designed it this way since many of the kids that we are providing these for attend classes outdoors." The computer, which is also an e-book, comes fully-loaded with 100 books, learning software, games, a built-in camera and, amazingly enough, access to the Internet. "We go into villages that don't even have electricity and we provide these children with Internet access through broadband," Kane said.

Kane explained that generators are installed in the village and are then hooked up to a satellite that is also installed in the village. The satellite sends a signal to a satellite in space that then sends the signal back to the computer, thus providing the laptop with a network of sorts and allows the computers to communicate with one another. "With this technology and these computers, even in the most remote part of Africa, a kid can be connected to the Internet," Kane said. "It's the great equalizer."

The way that the children charge the laptop is also innovative as the computer's "tool," Kane said. "The computers can either be charged with a crank that the children can connect to the computer, or with a solar spindle."

Cranking or spinning for about two minutes gets the child around 20 minutes of battery life. Kane also emphasized what a tool the laptop is in the education system as a whole in these countries. "Peru has almost 100 percent of its entire education budget to buying these laptops," he said. "One of the major results with the laptops is an increase in attendance, and this has happened dramatically in the schools that are implementing the project." Kane said that the basic mission of OLPC is to provide access to an education to kids around the world.

"One of the criticisms we've received," Kane said, "Why not food, why not water? They don't need an education and education is the backbone of everything; education is the only way to break the vicious cycle."

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er additional action if the situation worsens. "We are not immune to economic pressures and further dramatic declines could lead us to rethink our timelines on construction projects and prepare new strategies in order to"

The message did note that the administration will continue to call for fiscal restraint in all areas of the University. "Your divisional and departmental leaders have been asked to consider further measures of conserving our resources," Jenkins said.

University Provost Tom Burish and Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves will further explain the University's fiscal situation to faculty and staff in scheduled remarks and meetings, he also wrote.

Jenkins concluded the e-mail writing that he has been "impressed and heartened by the willingness of the University family to be part of the solution required to address economic concerns." "Your extreme generosity in the recent United Way Campaign and food drives reinforces the right thing for you and deeply committed you are to Notre Dame's mission of service," he wrote. "Your willingness to participate in wellness initiatives has been impressive as well as encouraging. The University" is committed to back rising health care benefit costs. Your enthusiasm to meet the Joint Activist Offices (JSO) and the rector of Pasquerilla East, who oversees the group, to get the show approved. "We had to discuss aspects of it, but in the end, we decided that it was appropriate to put on stage, despite objections, of course. The producers'" is a little edgy in certain ways."...

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DiPiero said he estimates the group paid about $4,000 for the rights, which includes the song numbers and script booklets.

Because some of the comedic material in "The Producers" is aimed at an international audience, DiPiero said he had to meet with the Student Activities Office (SAO) and the rector of Pasquerilla East, who oversees the group, to get the show approved. "We had to discuss aspects of it, but in the end, we decided that it was appropriate to put on stage, despite objections of course. The producers'" is a little edgy in certain ways. 

The main song is "Springtime for Hitler." The group decided the comedic approach in the show does its job of exposing evil, the offensive nature of some of the material, DiPiero said. "People will realize the mood that the show is presented in, he said. "The show does not take itself seriously," DiPiero said.

According to PMECo's Web site, the group was started in 1997 by a Pasquerilla East resident because Notre Dame had not performed a musical on campus for over 10 years. Now the group is the largest, student-run musical theater company on campus, and has said "We think people will be surprised at how clean and well done it is," he said.

"The Producers" will be performed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall.

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In Brief

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WASHINGTON — Interior Secretary Ken Salazar has rejected a Bush administration plan to open vast waters off the Pacific and Atlantic coasts to oil and gas drilling, promising "a new way forward" in offshore energy development including new wind projects.

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TV stations to end analog as planned

NEW YORK — More than a quarter of major U.S. TV stations intend to shut down their analog broadcasts on Feb. 17, sticking to the original date despite the wish of the government restructuring deadline to push the alternative to March.

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Now that TCEs are online, our semester is depressingly devoid of wasted time in the classroom. Lose your spirits sink and you resign yourself to the fate of taking notes, take hope instead — Teach for America season has finally arrived. Freshmen: I know you have no idea what I’m talking about right now, but be patient, you’ll encounter enthusiastic speeches and e-mails from Notre Dame’s enthusiastic Teachers-for-America-to-be will come in a few short years. Let us all be thankful for the student presentations that cut out five minutes of teaching time and save us from the disdain of the professor when we walk in mid-lecture holding a latte from Starbucks. Just like the gorgeous weather that arrived this past weekend and is destined to head south faster than the men’s basketball team, we should appreciate TFA Season while we can.

Happily, this morning I was able to enjoy a walk and a few more lines of the newspaper thanks to a wonderful student presentation. For anyone who was also late to class and wants to help fix our nation’s education system, here is a list of reasons to Teach for America that I’ve cobbled together over the years:

Teach for a Low Acceptance Rate:

TFA prides itself on its aura of exclusivity. Its recruiters will push any one and everyone they can find to apply, even if they foresee an obvious rejection. Take my case, for example.

Last year I received an e-mail from a TFA recruiter asking me to get coffee and learn about the program. A nice gesture, but at that point I was intent on selling my soul to a corporate overlord upon graduation. I politely declined. His response?

“Great! Let’s meet up next week. When are you free?” I again declined, only to receive another invitation to coffee. At this point I felt like Peter from Office Space during his meeting with “The Bobs.” TFA recruiter’s desire for me to apply only increased as he became more aware that I was the exact wrong person for the job. A curious tactic, but one that undoubtedly helps produce that impressive 4.8 percent. For a better idea of TFA’s priorities, here are a few more statistics that I’d like to share.

$6,389. That was the cost to recruit, interview, and hire each of the 7,892 TFA enrollees in 2007. That’s a lot of coffee.

$3,689. That was the cost to train each of those enrollees in 2007, a figure 11 percent less than the cost to recruit them. Five weeks is all the teacher training you need, evidently.

Teach for a Backup Plan to Employment or Grad School:

TFA doesn’t want teachers. They want people who need a few years of teaching experience to be successful in the selling-teachers-to-how-to-teach-field. It’s no coincidence that BusinessWeek named it one of the best places to launch a career or that in their 2007 annual report they were proud to have “laid the groundwork for a smart, object pipeline to political leadership going forward.”

A two-year stint hurts our schools and hurts our students. It took me three years at Notre Dame to figure out how to correctly order stir fry at the dining hall. To think that I could become comfortable enough with developmental psychology and the teaching profession’s best practices after just five weeks of training is akin to me thinking I could win the Father of the Year Award after a few heart-to-hearts with Flavor Flav.

Last round applications are due February 13th. Let’s teach for actually trying to right “our nation’s greatest injustice” instead of using our schools as a career launching pad.

Brad Blomstrom is a senior majoring in finance and economics. No, he doesn’t have any hot stock tips for you, but he does welcome your views on education policy and the 2009 San Diego Padres. He can be contacted at bblomstr@nd.edu.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Idealism is what precedes experience; experience is what follows."— David T. Wolf, author

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A large part of the sense that's been made about the chocolate in the box of five is not the truffle— it's the one with chocolate in it. So the chocolate should never be saved for last, but rather be consumed first and saved (if you still have any left). Or better yet, given to Uncle Homer.

Then, Valentine's week, sophomore magazine journalist when I leaned up with my friend Lucy, who was on the paper's staff and did write for real, to expose the evils of PDA. of course, we were not writing purely for our own public approval. True, Valentine's Day was coming along, and true, the Foreign Language hallway was the "Top Floor" when it came to displays of affection, and true, the unbound kissey-photos in the "Dolphins Around the World" (which I know that chocolate cupcakes lay in our Siegfried Hall, they just weren't all that, well, real.

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Please save me from the mud

There’s really no downside to warm weather. My body temperature rises a few degrees, and all life-sustaining processes except those employed by ND) have built up a bit of dust on the front lawn. Because of the similar concerns and platforms, we write this letter to endorse the latter lawyer. Thank you to those of you who voted, but now we ask that you cast your ballot once more in favor of Laura Burdick and Derek Sanchez. We feel that as president and vice president, these two students will advocate on behalf of students and bring about the necessary improve­ments that actually matter and affect the student body. For that reason, we offer our endorsement to the Burdick-Sanchez ticket. Thank you again for voting.

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Letters to the Editor
Shifting support

Last night, the results of the election for student body president and vice president came in. Although we were not able to garner enough votes to win the election, or run off with another ticket, it gives us a reason to vote in the future. Even though we did not win the presidency and vice presidency, we will continue to look out and support the interests of the student body and alumni here at Notre Dame. For those of you who do not yet know, there will be a run off election between Laura Burdick and Derek Sanchez. Because of the similar concerns and platforms, we write this letter to endorse the latter candidate. Thank you to those of you who voted, but now we ask that you cast your ballot once more in favor of Laura Burdick and Derek Sanchez. We feel that as president and vice president, these two students will advocate on behalf of students and bring about the necessary improve­ments that actually matter and affect the student body. For that reason, we offer our endorsement to the Burdick-Sanchez ticket. Thank you again for voting.

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By JOSEF KUHN
Scene Writer

When somebody says "musical" for most people the image called to mind is that of a corny, family-friendly production a la "42nd Street!" the cast of Disney's "High School Musical." Well, if these are typical musicals, then Mel Brooks' "The Producers" is in the anti-musical genre, which the Pasquerrilla East Musical Company (PEMCo.) will perform this hilarious show Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights at 7:30 in Washington Hall.

Based on the 1967 Mel Brooks movie, "The Producers" is about a money-grubbing, but washed-up Broadway producer and a mousy accountant who cook up a get-rich-quick scheme. They plan on raising two million dollars from investors and then putting on the biggest flop in Broadway history so that they get to keep all of the invested money. To do this, they try to find the worst musical ever written and hire the worst director and worst actors for the parts. The musical they decide to put on is called "Springtime for Hitler," which speaks for itself.

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If you have never been to one of PEMCo.'s main stage productions before, I will assure you that they are the closest you can get to a real Broadway production without paying a week's salary for a ticket. "The Producers" is no exception. Different dance numbers feature grandmas with walkers, girls in dazzling gold sequins, princesses, and certain scenes strongly resemble Nazi soldiers. The costumes? Well, just remember what I said about the Gay Pride parade.

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Scene Writer

What's surer to succeed on Broadway than a complete flop of a show? That's the idea that made Mel Brooks' "The Producers" so popular in 1968 when the film first hit screens. From there, the show went on to become an actual Broadway hit in 2001 and made another appearance on the big screen in 2005. The hilarious story of the conning producers whose plan for a horrible show turns them into millionaires has kept audiences laughing, and will continue to do so in this weekend's PEMCo. show.

"The Producers" was Mel Brooks' first work as writer and director, starting a long line of funniest comedies. His work includes such movies as "Blazing Saddles" and "Young Frankenstein." The film won an Academy Award for Best Writing, Story and Screenplay, and Gene Wilder was nominated for an Academy Award as Best Actor in a Supporting Role.

In 2001, "The Producers" debuted on Broadway as a musical. The film was adapted for the stage by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan. The acting and delivery of the lines were often quite different from the film. For example, Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom famous. The show strayed from its original material in a few ways, giving the characters of Ulla and Roger DeBris larger roles and eliminating the character of Lorenzo St. Dubois (LSD), who portrays Hitler in the original film version. The ending is also happier than the original film version. At the 2001 Tony Awards, the production won 12 Awards and had an additional three nominations. The show went on national tours and became immensely popular internationally.

In 2005, the decision was made to take the musical to the silver screen again. The new film adaptation took heavily from the Broadway show, recasting Lane Broderick in their roles as Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom. The director of the original stage show, Susan Stroman, also directed this film version. Reception of the new version of the film was mixed. Many critics said that it retained too many of its stage characteristics. The acting and delivery of the lines seemed to have been barely toned down at all, making the transfer to film difficult.

Since the debut of the musical, "The Producers" seems to have been made for the stage. PEMCo.'s performance is likely to continue in the same vein, and is sure to delight audiences this weekend. PEMCo. is sure to know where the stars. Contact Kaitlyn Conway at kconway2@nd.edu
Bialystock and Bloom:
From the perspective of the actors

By PATRICK GRIFFIN
Scene Writer

This weekend, the comedic musical 
dynasty that is "The Producers" hits 
the University of Notre Dame. Notre 
Dame’s own PEMCo. has the exclu- 
sive rights to the musical, and is one 
of the first amateur clubs to put on 
the show since the rights were 
released. The two famous lead roles 
will be portrayed by Notre Dame stu- 
dents Joe Augustinsky (Max 
Bialystock) and Michael Eardley (Leo 
Bloom). Scene had the chance to sit 
down with both actors and ask them 
about their experiences.

S: How do you identify with the 
character that you portray in "The 
Producers"?

J: When I first got the role, I found 
it difficult identifying with the char- 
acter (Max Bialystock), because we 
are different on many levels. If I had 
to describe him in one word, it would probably be "slooshball," in every 
sense of the word. His main goal is 
making money, and he’ll do anything 
to do so. I think deep down he’s a 
good guy and wants to be liked by 
everyone. By the end, I feel that Max 
is surprised that he finds a good 
friend in Leo. I think that I would relate better to the end prod- 
uct. By the end of the show, he really 
realizes who he is.

M: Leo is a hysteric. He starts off 
as a mundane accountant who’s 
tired of life and work. He has a secret 
passion to be a Broadway producer 
and to become famous. Unfortunately, he feels he is stuck in 
the rut of daily life. When he finds 
the opportunity to make a million 
dollars in Max’s plan, he jumps on it 
and decides to break all rules that he 
grew up with. It’s really a coming 
of age for Leo. He’s still quirky but more 
than the musical. Leo is less 
"sleezeball," Nathan was more 
creepy man. Nathan Lane was more 
quirky. I watched both, but I stopped 
listening to the soundtrack. Instead, I 
worked on making the role my own, 
and I think I was successful just as 
Michael was successful in his role.

S: How does it feel to try to fill 
the shoes of actors of the caliber of 
Matthew Broderick and Nathan 
Lane?

J: Nathan Lane won a Tony for the 
role. I am just trying to add a fresh 
perspective. I hope the audience can 
go to the show without expecting 
a Nathan Lane performance, but some- 
thing different. Not to say that that is 
worse.

M: Originally Gene Wilder played 
Leo. He was the quirky Willy Wonka 
type. Matthew Broderick really por-
trays the dweeb accountant side of 
Leo both vocally and in his move- 
ment. I tried to bring my own quirki- 
ness. I think it’s more exciting for the 
audience to find something they 
aren’t expecting.

S: Why will Notre Dame students 
enjoy PEMCo.’s rendition of "The 
Producers"?

M: It’s definitely a politically incor- 
correct show on many levels, and that is 
appealing to college students. There 
are plenty of dirty jokes. There’s also 
good music, but when you’re watch- 
ing, you can’t believe what’s going 
on. College students will really 
appreciate that. I also think that peo- 
ple are impressed seeing their peers 
and the quality they’re able to bring 
especially with an entirely student 
run group. It’s exciting considering 
all the expectations and I’m excited 
to share it with campus.

J: The great thing about it is that 
it’s not a stereotypical musical. I’ve 
been advertising that it won’t be 
what people expect. For those who 
like musicals, there are great dance 
numbers and songs. For those that 
don’t like musicals it’s written by 
Mel Brooks and it would be hard for 
a person not to find something by Mel 
Brooks that they like. There are all 
types of humor: slapstick, dirty jokes, 
puns; everyone can find something to 
laugh at and enjoy. I’m just amazed 
by the amount of time and dedication 
pushed in by the cast. It’s the energy 
that everyone brings, there’s not a weak 
link in show in my mind. Every scene 
is something to watch. There’s a 
huge scope to find something to like 
in the musical. People won’t be 
expecting it. People should be excit- 
ed. I would like to thank the cast and 
production staff for all work they’ve 
put in. It’s been a pleasure and an 
honor to work with them for about 
four months.

M: I second that.

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James has foul feeling after Cleveland loss

Johnson scores 22 points as Hawks lead from start to finish, bounce back from embarrassing defeat to Clippers

Associated Press

ATLANTA — LeBron James did it all Tuesday night. He scored 47 points, had seven rebounds, four assists and had the Pacers coming out and calling all night. So, of course, he also made the decisive play — for the wrong team.

James was called for a foul with 0.2 seconds left on Danny Granger, who hit a free throw to give Indiana a 96-95 victory over the Cavaliers. James started walking toward the locker room before the final buzzer sounded.

It was a jarring loss for the Cavs, who dropped two straight for the first time this season.

James was brilliant, but ended up on the short end of a call he clearly disagreed with. It appeared James would send the game into overtime when the Cavs opted for an alley-oop off an inbounds pass with 6.4 seconds left. James never got to the ball, but Granger was called for a foul and James made both free throws to tie the score at 95.

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Indiana also was without three key players — Jeff Foster, Mike Dunleavy and Marquis Daniels.

But on a night James turned theFoundry Fieldhouse into his own personal showcase, the Pacers ended their nine-game losing streak to the Cavs and won for only the second time in six games.

The wild finish was the culmination of a game in which neither team led by more than eight.

Indiana trailed 68-67 after three quarters, but opened the fourth quarter with seven straight points to take control. The Pacers never looked back and the Cavs couldn’t get it together again. James had 17 points in the final three minutes.

Cleveland forward LeBron James reacts to a foul called during Atlanta’s 97-95 loss to the Pacers Tuesday. James had 47 points in the game. (Associated Press)

James tried to play for the final shot, and it appeared T.J. Ford had hit his winer with his 17-foot fadeaway with 0.8 seconds left.

Hawks 111, Wizards 90

The Atlanta Hawks had something to prove after an embarrassing home loss.

They had no trouble making their point against hapless Washington.

Joe Johnson scored 22 points and the Hawks led from start to finish, erasing the memory of a 111-90 loss to theLos Angeles Clippers with a rout of the undermanned Wizards on Tuesday night.

Atlanta raced to a 9-1 lead before most of the sparse crowd had even settled into its seats. The Hawks pushed the margin as high as 22 points in the second quarter against an injury-plagued team that has managed the modest feat of back-to-back wins only once this season.

"That was a total team effort," said Hawks coach Mike Woodson, in a much better mood than three nights earlier.

The starters did what they were supposed to do and the guys off the bench were very good.

The Wizards missed their first seven shots and never really challenged the Hawks, who clearly had something to prove after a 121-97 loss to theCippers over the weekend.

"That was definitely on our minds," forward Josh Smith said. "We wanted to bounce back tonight, and we did." After Woodson called out his team for not showing up against the Clippers, Atlanta proved with much more passion. Of course, it also helped to have point guard Mike Bibby back in the lineup.

Bibby, who didn’t play against L.A., because of a sprained foot, scored 12 points and dished out six assists in 26 minutes.

"He makes the defense feel us honest," Johnson said. "He can knock down the open shots. That makes a big difference.

The Wizards sure noticed Bibby’s impact.

"I’m sassy at that position always helps," Washington coach Ed Tapscott said. "We have youth and inexperience on our side.

The Wizards were coming off a rare victory, Sunday’s 119-117 triumph over theIndiana Pacers, but they didn’t come close to making it two in a row. "We played — well, I don’t want to call it basketball," Washington’s Antawn Jamison said.

"We didn’t play smart. Not talking, not communicating on the defensive end, not playing basketball the way it needs to be played.

The Hawks led 77-61 after three quarters and Woodson was able to rest his starters down the stretch.

Smith and Al Horford sat on the bench before the start of the final period, chuckling as they glanced up at a Valentine’s Day skit on the video board.

Atlanta will go into the All-Star break with 30 wins for the first time since the 1996-97 season, when it was 31-15. The Hawks (30-23) have one more game, at Detroit on Wednesday night, before the league’s best players head to Phoenix this weekend.

Caron Butler scored 22 points, but the last-place Wizards were outmanned, as they are on most nights withoutGilbert Arenas, Brendan Haywood and Etan Thomas.

Washington turned it over 18 times, leading to 20 Atlanta points. The Hawks didn’t shoot especially well, missing in several airballs among their 46 percent performance from the field, but they turned it over only seven times and outrebounded theWizards 49-42.

The Wizards spent most of the game settling for jump shots, which didn’t exactly work out. They made just under 45 percent from the field — not nearly good enough considering they put up 24 fewer shots than the Hawks.

"If you miss shots and they’re all jump shots, eventually you should drive the ball," Jamison said. "We just don’t know how to be patient.

Zaza Pachulia grabbed 12 rebounds for the Hawks, including three on one especially persistent sequence under the basket.

He missed his first three attempts before finally tapping it in while the Wizards stood around helplessly.

Eleven players scored for the Hawks. The only active player to miss out on the fun was Mario West, who got an attempt under the basket with the clock winding down but watched it rim out.
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Miguel Tejada in the dugout after flying out in the 9th inning of Los Angeles' 4-1 loss to Houston on July 2, 2008. Tejada, who was named in the Mitchell Report, is expected to plead guilty to charges of lying to Congress concerning steroids.

MLB

IN BRIEF

American motocross rider
Lusk dies of head injury
SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — Jeremy Lusk, an American motocross motocross rider, died of head injuries Tuesday while
Bosch All-Star game
INDIANAPOLIS — Mo Williams is finally an All-Star.

Guard Williams to replace
NBA Minnesota Timberwolves game against the making mistakes that
Williams' teammates and Cleveland's owner Dan Gilbert were dismayed last week when Williams was twice left off the Eastern Conference roster but approved the move unanimously Tuesday.

It has a beautiful ring to it," Williams said before playing at Indiana. "I'm excited for myself and my teammates and the coaches. It's a great thing. It's one thing people can't take away from you."

Williams wasn't voted in by the fans, nor was he chosen by Eastern Conference head coaches as a reserve. Then he was passed over by Stern in favor of Boston's Ray Allen, who was replacement Orlando guard Jameer Nelson on the roster.
Beckham, Galaxy breakup is a painful affair

World’s most famous footballer finds home in Italy with AC Milan; chooses football over fame and fortune

Associated Press

PARIS — Loaned to AC Milan to give his football career, David Beckham is perhaps too busy to write a "Dear John" letter to his American fans, to explain that he wants out of the Los Angeles Galaxy and that they may have lost him to Italy for good.

If Beckham could put pen to paper, here’s what he might say.

Dear the United States of America,

Dear LA Galaxy.

Breaking up is never easy, especially when the wedding cost millions and there’s not pre-nup. But, please, you have to let me go.

Truth is, I’ve found another love. She’s Italian. With her, I feel young again, she’s given me a new lease on my footballing life. Even Victoria — Push Spice? doesn’t do her justice. I’m calling her “Goldenballs” again. I’ve rediscovered my magic touch.

Her name is AC Milan. They call her players the “Rossoneri,” and I’ve been tickled pink ever since I pulled on her shirt. Life’s times with Manchester United and Real Madrid, I’m back where I deserve to be: playing for one of the biggest football clubs in the world.

Yes, I know I said my move to Italy on loan would be a short-term thing, that this was just a trial separation and that I’d be back in March. But I didn’t know then that being with AC Milan would be so much fun. (And the boutiques in Milan ... Wow!) Perhaps you missed my goal for Milan against Genoa. Was it shown on TV there? Or did that other type of football — the American kind played with rugby balls and all that padding — bug the limelight again? That bugs me.

Anyhow, the goal was a gem, the kind that made me famous, a free kick curved over the wall from an almost impossible angle. The ‘keeper flailed like a crash-test dummy.

And my Bologna goal, that was spot on, it seems, with his comment that “David Beckham can’t change the whole country — in MLS, I’m a big fish in a small sea. At Milan, I’m a big fish in an ocean, playing alongside other megastars at a club where players seem to go on and on like Duracell bunnies. Teammate Paolo Maldini turns 41 this year! Longevity. It’s important to me. So I’m playing with the best.

I don’t know if you read my recent interview with Italian paper Corriere della Sera, but I think and hope you’ll get the message. Sometimes, you’ve got to be a little cruel to be kind.

“The Americans are doing everything they can to improve the level and reputation of their game. It’s a young league and I think it needs another 10 years to become successful.” I said, “I have to admit that, having played in Europe, sometimes it was frustrating playing in certain games. But every now and then, moving from one state to another, I also enjoyed myself.”

Fact is, money isn’t everything. I’m thinking of myself and my country here, too. Perhaps it’s age, perhaps it’s vanity, perhaps it’s the passion for football I’ve carried since I was a kid. But I can’t bear the thought of saying goodbye to England’s white, three- lioned shirt.

I’ve played 107 times for England. Just one more game to equal the great Bobby Moore’s record for an outfield player. Serving my country is something I know that you, my American friends, can understand. The World Cup is just around the corner. I’m already the only England player to have scored in three separate World Cups (1998, 2002 and 2006). I’d love to give it another crack in South Africa and silence those idiots who say I’m just a clotheshorse and refuse to recognize me as the gifted and dedicated footballer I am.

But for that, I’ve got to impress England coach Fabio Capello. Crickey, is he a hard nut to crack, I don’t think he watches MLS. He suggested that I go to Milan. At least in Italy, I know he keeps an eye on me. It’s kind of hard not to when I’m playing so well. I won him over before when he and I were both at Real Madrid, proving he was wrong to drop me, from the squad.

With Milan, I know I can do so again. Capello has included me in the England team that will play Spain in a friendly this week, so my Italian job does seem to be paying off.

My side is now talking to your side. I hope the lawyers can work out an amicable split. Of course, I will come back on March 9 and fulfill my MLS obligations if you insist. But we both know that my heart now lies elsewhere.

Yes, Victoria might miss Hollywood and pals Tom and Katie Cruz. It’s true, she seemed to fit right in there. But Milan is hardly slumming it.

This isn’t about fame or fortune. For once, it’s just about football.

Respectfully, David.
U.S. SOCCER

Weary Donovan, US ready to face Mexico

United States and Mexico renew rivalry opening final round of World Cup qualifying for South Africa 2010

Associated Press
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Landon Donovan is caught between two continents.

As the U.S. meets Mexico tonight to open the final round of regional World Cup qualifying, Donovan is waiting to hear whether Major League Soccer's Los Angeles Galaxy will let him stay with Bayern Munich beyond the scheduled end of his loan on March 8.

"Let's talk about Mexico today," Donovan said twice on Tuesday night when asked pointed questions about his future.

Donovan arrived in Columbus on Monday night after entering in the 72nd minute of Bayern's 3-1 win over Borussia Dortmund on Sunday evening. No fan of travel, he said his time with Bayern had prepared him for the showdown with Mexico, the first of 10 matches for the U.S. team in the final round.

"I've always been ready for this game. I'm excited for it," he said. "In the future I'll always be excited for it no matter where I am. So it doesn't really change anything, except that I traveled a little further to get here."

Six teams from North America and the Caribbean are competing for three spots in the final round of World Cup, and the fourth-place team advances to a playoff against the No. 5 team from South America.

Most regulars came in for the match. The exception was right back Steve Cherundolo, sidelined the past month by a hip injury.

Donovan isn't the only Galaxy player in Europe these days — David Beckham is on loan to AC Milan through May to strengthen his chances of playing in England's World Cup qualifiers.

Beckham wants to stay with Milan, and Donovan previously said that he would like to return to Europe after his loan is scheduled to end. Since the Bundesliga resumed, he has been a second-half sub in both of Bayern's matches, replacing Bastian Schweinsteiger and Luca Toni. The Galaxy could extend Donovan's loan through the end of Bayern's season in May, rather than negotiate a permanent transfer.

"Regardless of where I am, where I was or where I will be, this game's always the same," he said. Donovan and Bastian Schweinsteiger were teammates of his when Bayern had prepared him for the showdown with Mexico, the first of 10 matches for the U.S. team in the final round.

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Donovan said that playing for his country is among the most important things to him in his soccer career.

"It's just fun," he said. "Anybody in any job, when there's a more exciting opportunity or atmosphere, or whatever, you're going to be more excited and more prepared for it. That's the way this is."
COLUMBIA, Mo. — Hundreds stormed the court, a spontaneous eruption celebrating Missouri's first SEC win in over a year. Nearly three years to the day since Quin Snyder resigned and the program reached its low mark, the Tigers scored a victory over an SEC institution. The achievement is the product of an impressive 67-60 victory over bitter border rivals Kansas on Monday night.

"I think the game tonight does say a lot about our program," Missouri coach Mike Anderson said. "You can't put a lot of pressure into any game. You have to take it one game at a time. It's a big accomplishment for our program, for our school, and a great win for the players and fans." Anderson acknowledged the students as "a lot of people came out to watch our play." He praised the team's defense, saying it "was here like I feel like a lot of people came out to watch our play." Anderson also highlighted the team's ability to weather the storm, saying, "It's a style designed to wear down opponents and to mount quick rallies, and one that allows the Tigers to redzone." He praised the team's ability to "make operating in the relatively small Missouri market worthwhile."

Meanwhile, Jindal's administration is in negotiations with the Saints seeking a new contract to keep the team in Louisiana past 2010. The state hopes to re-negotiate with the Saints before April 1, the deadline for NFL teams to apply for the 2013 Super Bowl. A long-term deal between both is needed to be in the running to host future Super Bowls. In a new deal, Thornton said, the state hopes to "rebalance the risk," moving away from direct cash subsidies. In his change, he said the state could make improvements to the Superdome, like adding more suites, seats and concessions. The Hornets deal is expected to keep the Saints in Louisiana past 2010. The state hopes to re-negotiate with the Saints before April 1, the deadline for NFL teams to apply for the 2013 Super Bowl. A long-term deal between both is needed to be in the running to host future Super Bowls. In a new deal, Thornton said, the state hopes to "rebalance the risk," moving away from direct cash subsidies.
Sharks top Bruins in battle of league's finest

Johnson scores shootout's only goal as Kings edge Islanders; Lehtonen stops 40 shots in Thrashers victory

Associated Press

BOSTON-Joe Thornton was games the Bruins didn't earn a point but it was his current club that stored back and won the matchup between the two teams in the NHL.

"They're a darn good team, probably the best we've played this year," the former Bruins captain said after rapping for the three points in Boston's 13th goal of the season, helping the San Jose Sharks to a 5-2 win over Boston.

"If the power play was on a lit- tle bit off, it would have been a different game," Thornton added. "They're a good team.

The Bruins, who won 6-0-4 on the power play, including a 46-0-0 three-man advantage in the second period, had been 26-6-0 when leading after two.

But Patrick Marleau, Milan Michalek and Joe Thornton scored in a 4:16 span of the third period.

"We play fast, we play big," Thornton said. "They came out and we really didn't have too much time to the game in the second half of the ice, the kind of tide they led.

Michalek and Thornton struck for two consecutive goals in the second period, having been the other off a bid by Petteri Nokelainen and Jackman on a goal in the third.

"We were impressed with his former team point but the loss was Boston's 26th loss of the season.

"If we could have played a 60-minute game, that's the bottom line," Savard said. "We didn't play the last 20 and they're too good of a team not to play (60 minutes of hockey) and they took it."

Lucic, who had missed eight of 16 games with a pair of injuries, scored on two rebounds—one off Dennis Wideman's shot and the other off a bid by Petteri Nokelainen.

The goals were his first since Jan. 1.

In between Lucic's two tallies, Blake let a power-play shot go from the right point that appeared to hit Blake Wheeler and Wideman before sneaking past Thomas. The goal was originaly given to Pavelski.

Nokelainen left in the first period after taking what looked like a high hit from Dumble, causing a cut near the eye. No penalty was called after a lengthy discussion and the Bruins were told the four officials didn't see it the way Nokelainen said it was hit by the puck.

Pavelski left the second period. Boston's Chuck Kobasew was hit by Douglas Murray and came off the ice favoring his right leg.

Late in the period, defenseman Mark Stuart left with what appeared to be a cut near the mouth. Kobasew and Stuart both returned for the third peri- od, but Lucic left again and said his right wing had two injuries.

Kings 4, Islanders 3 (SO)

Jack Johnson scored the only goal of the shootout in the final round as the Los Angeles Kings beat the New York Islanders on Tuesday night.

Johnson faked a forehand and got Yann Danis to move before going back-door and a backhander net to give the Kings their fourth straight win.

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Ray Simeons, Anze Kopitar and Alexander Frolov scored for the Kings. Jonathan Tjarnas, who had started his eighth straight game, turned aside 22 shots.

Los Angeles opened the scor- ing just 2:08 into the game.

Simeons, in the left circle, took the puck from teammate Brad Richardson and ripped a quick wrist shot past Danis' short side.

The Islanders tied it at 4:53 when Mike Comrie fed Bill Guerin alone in the slot. Guerin scored on a breakaway that beat Quick to the glove side.

Jackman put the Islanders up 2-1 at 4:20 of the second period with a goal from a nearly impo-
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"That's not to say we're going to disregard the rest of their team, because I think that was the mistake we made at Pitt," she said.

When facing superior athleticism, McGraw said, you have to play smarter.

"We have to play better position, we have to be very disciplined," she said. "We've got to work on our close-outs and our approach to the perimeter."

For Notre Dame's offense to succeed, McGraw said, the freshmen have to match their level of contribution from earlier this season. She said she wants to do a better job of resting the starters and getting more production off the bench.

"Our bench was outscoring teams pretty regularly up through our first maybe 15 games or so, and lately it's been the other way around," she said.

The team as a whole is healthy, but McGraw said freshman guard Natalie Novak has played through painful tendinitis in her knee. Rest will be key, McGraw said, but that's not the only thing the team will have anytime soon, so the coaches try to get her rest when they can.

The Irish made four free throws in the final 23 seconds of the DePaul game to secure their lead, two from senior guard Lindsay Schrader, one from junior guard Melissa Lechlitner and one from sophomore forward Becca Brunzewski. McGraw said the team shots two free shots at the end of practice while the players are tired to simulate game conditions and that she trusts her starters to make the shots. "That's where I think Lindsay Schrader, Lech and junior guard Ashley Barlow (and I'd put [junior center] Erica Williamson in that category), those four have stepped up at the end of games and hit huge free throws for us all year long," she said. "No matter what their percentages during the rest of the game."

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Other returning players who earned all-conference honors at some point are senior Linda Kohan, junior Christine Lux and sophomores Katie Fleury and Brianna Jorgensen.

Kohan, who mainly plays shortstop, is a solid power hitter who recorded 15 home runs and had an on-base percentage of .574.232. Lux, a first baseman, is a .302 hitter who recorded 15 home runs and had an on-base percentage of .515. Fleury, who plays second base and shortstop, is a solid defender and also hit .295 last season. The team lost two seniors. Sarah Smith and Katie Laing.

Both provided offensive power — Smith led the team with a .370 batting average. She also earned first team all-NCIA regional honors.

However, they gain four new newcomers in freshmen Alexa Malmedost, Dust Miller, Kasey O'Connor and Kristina Wright.

The 2009 campaign begins this weekend as the Irish travel to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to participate in the "Bama Bash." The team will travel to warm-weather destinations to play in various invitational tournaments through the rest of winter.

After a spring break trip to Fullerton, Calif., the Irish began a six-game home stand on May 19.

This will be the team's first full season in the new Melissa Cook Stadium, which was completed in April of 2008.

Their first Big East contest will be against St. John's on March 21 at Ashok Stadium. The Irish finished fourth in the Big East in 2008, but were voted third in this year's Big East preseason poll, which was released in January. They are currently behind DePaul and Louisville, respectively.

This year's Big East championships will be held in Louisville on May 7-9.

The Irish reached their 10th consecutive NCAA Tournament in 2008. The team lost in extra innings against Kent State at a regional in Ann Arbor, Mich. NCAA regionsals will be held at various camp locations.

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slew of other squads will compete for spots in the top-eight. Here's a look at how the race looks — starting at the bottom, of course — that's where Notre Dame finds itself now.

Might as well be in the Mountain West: Notre Dame (12-10, 3-7), South Florida (16-8, 3-4), St. John's (12-11, 3-6), Rutgers (10-11, 3-10), DePaul (9-16, 0-12)

At the beginning of the season, nobody would have guessed the Irish would be in this category. But against every top-tier opponent, the team has looked like a mid-major; no confidence, bad decisions, lack of poise.

On the bright side, Notre Dame still gets to play three of its fellow bottom-dwellers. However, South Florida knocked previously-unbeaten Marquette this weekend. (Don't look for that to be a surprise, the Irish have won one of every two games at the Heshburg Library, because everyone with tickets to Sunday's ND-USF game is about to jump.)

Even Stevens: No. 22 Syracuse (16-6, 6-5), Providence (15-9, 7-5), West Virginia (16-4, 5-6), Seton Hall (13-9, 5-6), Georgetown (13-9, 4-7)

Of these six teams, none actually has a .500 record. Still, I just saw the Seinfeld episode where everything always even out for Jerry and thought "Even Stevens" would be a good name for the group.

Each of these teams covets a spot in the top eight and a sub­sequent bye on the Thursday of the Big East tournament. But only one of these six will be seeded that high. The others will play on the first day against the droppings of the conference (plus Notre Dame, most likely). Look for Georgetown to make a late push for a top-eight spot. They've not nearly as bad as they've been playing. (Soud familiar?) Plus, the Hoyas still get to face South Florida, St. John's and DePaul and will take on Marquette and Louisville at home.

Meanwhile, Cincinnati has been improving steadily as Syracuse and Providence come back to earth. Short-shooting Deona Vaughn and the Bearcats could be good for an upset or two at the conference tourney in New York.

The Starting Five: No. 5 Connecticut (22-2, 10-1), No. 5 Louisville (18-4, 9-3), No. 4 Pittsburgh (22-2, 9-2), No. 3 Villanova (20-3, 8-3)

At this point, the top four of this group look like they should each get a top-three seed in the Big East tourney in New York.

On Thursday, Notre Dame gets a chance at a legitimate shot to win against Louisville. But it won't be easy for forward Luke Harangody to rebound against the Cardinals' front­court of Earl Clark, Terrence Williams and Samardo Samuels, which is playing its best basketball of the year.

The Irish still have to travel Villanova and at Connecticut — a game that looks increasingly daunting. In the days leading up to the Huskies game, it should be fun to hear all about Hasheem Thabeet's Big East play after a year of barrier pretty even though DeJuan Blair, Jerel McNeal, and even Harvard have been consistently outplaying him. The amount of attention Thabeet is getting is kind of like how the Super Bowl gets so much more publicity than the Rose Bowl, Derby and Westminster, both of which are great sports spectacles.

Villanova convincingly beat Marquette-Tuesday and put itself in good position for a top-four spot. The Wildcats are sitting especially pretty considering Marquette's daunting remaining schedule. The Golden Eagles still have to play Connecticut and Syracuse at home and Louisville and Pittsburgh on the road. Their schedule is similar to Notre Dame's, only the exact opposite. Look for the Golden Eagles to drop several more contests than they hoped to Madison Square Garden.

As the Irish look ahead to matchups against Louisville, South Florida and West Virginia, the next week will likely make or break Notre Dame's NCAA Tournament hopes. One thing is certain, though: the Irish better start winning. Because remember, you need a winning record even to get to the NIT.

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Crossword

Across
1. Oddity
6. Wide as the ocean
10. Huffed and puffed
14. Seoul's land
15. Diva's song
16. Jacob's first wife
17. A magnet affects it in a physics experiment
19. Between twice and never
20. Grand Coulee, e.g.
21. County seat of NW of Oklahoma City
22. Relief freights
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Luana DeB. 42; George Stephenson, 1781; Frank T. 75

Happy Birthday! If you weren't born today, you may be the perfect fit now if you can find a way to reconnect. A reception should be your teacher and your reason for looking back heartfelt messages and reflections. An surplus adoration will be your star now. You must start thinking of who. Your symbols are 2, 14, 27, 34, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The website can give someone a chance to book you into a career. A change in your work can be expected but don't worry — whatever you lose, consider gain. Just think about it. You might make a commitment to work with everyone. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can get a lot done if you get your mind to it. Home can be trying to pay you. You can get excited by taking on a new level of work. Just don't get excited by engaging in a relationship you know little about. Depression is apparent. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let your conversation dilute your day. Do what will bring you the good. You find a lot of good satisfaction from being. Unexpected, engaging a special person. In the long run, you will be better off. You can dose to it in to you. You are questioning your relationship with everyone. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make some new rules at home to help you. Your need for order and balance. Plan to spend some quality time together. Establishing will be good. Make a change in your home and most comfortable both emotionally and physically. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can talk wide your way up the ladder and into a good position. Using your charm. Don't feel yourself — a partnership being offered may not mean a higher number of ways. More ways to make do with what you have. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get out and enjoy the company of friends. You need some days to work through all your options. A new beginning is in sight that will lead to bigger and better personal and professional things. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone may be trying a secret from your past that might make you think about a job or a career change. Look within and only yourself. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may see your change and it is giving to help someone as much as you can. If you find yourself feeling you are not getting to as much as you can. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Everyone will be on the same page as you. Follow through on your own, and everyone will want to help. You can prove a closer relationship with someone who can truly help you get in.
MEN'S BASKETBALL ANALYSIS

View from the bottom

Team sits in 12th in the rugged Big East

Notre Dame basically has a giant fork sticking out of its back, but at least the rest of the Big East race is shaking out to be a good one. Marquette’s consecutive losses to South Florida and Villanova make the Golden Eagles’ Feb. 25 matchup with Connecticut even more critical.

Louisville, meanwhile, has just one loss, putting the Cardinals in a virtual tie for first place with the Huskies. (More good news for Notre Dame: it gets to play Louisville this Thursday.) As Marquette, Pittsburgh and Villanova battle it out for the final all-important top-four conference tournament seeds, a five all-Big East players. The Irish return five all-Big East players, 14 monogram-winners, including five all-Big East players. The squad only lost two seniors from the team that went 38-22-1 a year ago:

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Louisville comes to town, looking to rebound from bad loss

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

It doesn't bode well for the No. 5 team in the country to come back from a halftime deficit, score 24 points in the second half and snap a 19-game winning streak.

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ND SOFTBALL

Experience an advantage

Irish return five all-Big East players, 14 monogram-winners

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Irish will have a wealth of experience on their side as they look to record their 21st consecutive winning season in 2009.

Notre Dame returns 14 monogram winners, including five all-Big East players. The squad only lost two seniors from the team that went 38-22-1 a year ago.

Leading the team is senior pitcher Brittny Barganer, who earned all-Big East honors as well as all-National Fastpitch Coaches Association Mideast Region honors in 2008. Barganer entered the season with a 1.47 ERA in 291.1 innings pitched.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Notre Dame in 13th; last round Wednesday

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

No. 25 Notre Dame moved into 13th place in the 16-team Northrop Grumman Tournament in Palos Verde, Calif., where 10 top-25 teams and rough weather conditions have made life difficult for the Irish.

Sophomore So-Hyun Park led Notre Dame in Tuesday's second round, shooting a 5-over-par 76 to climb to 17th on the individual leader board. Park shot a 9-over 80 in Monday's opening round. She is now a 14-over 156 for the tournament.

Notre Dame gained one spot in the team standings, improving on Monday's 46-over 336 with a 37-over 321 Tuesday. Freshman Becca Hurfer shot a 7-over 78 and now sits in 95th place.

Junior Annie Brophy shot a 12-over 82 for Notre Dame's third-best score. Senior captain Lisa Maunu and sophomore Katie Conway each shot 14-over 85s to round out the Irish scores.

Heading into Wednesday's final round, the Irish are 15 strokes out of the top-10. Michigan State, ranked No. 20 nationally, held that No. 10 spot after two rounds.

No. 3 Arizona State posted the best team score for the second straight day with a 10-over 294. No. 2 USC and No. 1 UCLA rounded out the top-three, 13 and 20 shots back of the Sun Devils, respectively, at the Palos Verde Golf Club.

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