University increases tuition for 2009

Total student charges rise by 4.4 percent to $48,845 in struggling economic climate

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
Assistant News Editor

The University increased tuition for the 2009-2010 academic year by 4.4 percent—the lowest percent increase since 1960, according to Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves. Tuition is set at $38,477 and room and board at $10,368, totaling at $48,845, Affleck-Graves said.

“We are aware of the pressure families are under, and we wanted to be as conservative as we could be,” he said.

When making the budget each year, Affleck-Graves said the University assesses the cost of food service and utilities based on inflation and raises tuition accordingly.

“The difficulty for us this year is that we have seen an increase in a lot of our costs, like food,” he said. “And then we are faced with a difficult choice because we don’t want to decrease the opportunities we provide for the students, like study abroad and research projects.”

In a letter sent to parents of students in February, University President Fr. John Jenkins said annual increases in tuition are essential in maintaining the

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State Dept. issues Mexico travel alert

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Students planning to travel to Mexico over Spring Break may want to take note of a travel alert issued by the United States State Department on Feb. 20.

The Associated Press reported there is an increased risk of violence and kidnapping, especially near the U.S.-Mexico border, but the alert also warns citizens traveling or living throughout Mexico to be vigilant.

The alert said “dozens of U.S. citizens have been kidnapped across Mexico. Many of these cases remain unsolved.”

The heightened violence stems from drug cartels and the government for control of narcotics trafficking routes into and out of America, according to the alert.

Some cartels have employed automatic weapons and grenades, the alert said. Firefights have also broken out in northern cities like Tijuana, Chihuahua City and Ciudad Juarez, which have trapped U.S. citizens.

The Department warned of the increased violence along the border and advised revelers in Matamoros and Nuevo Progreso, popular destinations for spring breakers on South Padre Island, Texas, to “exercise common sense precautions such as staying only the well-traveled business and tourism areas of border

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Woodruff to speak at Commencement

Noted journalist and BOT member to receive honorary degree

By LIZ HARTER
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The Saint Mary’s class of 2009 will hear their Commencement address from broadcast journalist and senior correspondent for “The Jim Lehrer NewsHour” Judy Woodruff.

Woodruff, a graduate of Duke University, has been a friend of Saint Mary’s since 2005 when she moderated a conference sponsored by the College’s Center for Spirituality titled “Vatican II Forty Years Later: Legacy, Leadership and Unfinished Business,” according to a press release.

For more than 30 years, Woodruff has covered politics and other news for CNN, NBC and PBS. She was a senior correspondent for CNN as an anchor for “Inside Politics.” Woodruff was the White House correspondent for “The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour” from 1983 to 1993, and from 1984 to 1990, she anchored the PBS series, “Frontline with Judy Woodruff,” according to the release.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Woodruff served as a White House correspondent for NBC and was the chief Washington correspondent for the “Today Show” for one year.

When Woodruff spoke at the College in 2005, Sr. Kathleen Dolphin, director of the Center for Spirituality, told The Observer she worked hard to bring her as the moderator for the Vatican II event because she wanted a “high-profile female proctor highly knowledgeable in the Catholic tradition.”

Woodruff will also receive an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from the College.

Like many students, senior Sarah Voss was excited to learn of the speaker for Commencement.

“Woodruff has a really good life story and career,” Voss said. “I think she’ll be interesting and relate well to our demographic.”

The College announced Deborah Johnson Schwiebert, a 1974 graduate and former chair of the Board of Trustees, will be the speaker for Commencement.

Three major campus building projects are currently under design, including a new student center, a hockey arena and a renovation of the first floor of the Library.

Three new campus buildings planned

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Three major campus building projects are currently under design, including a new student center, a hockey arena and a renovation of the first floor of the Library.

Construction will begin on all three of these projects in 2010, he said.

The new student center, which will be located in the Student Center will be located east of the Stepan Center and is estimated to cost about $28 million, Affleck-Graves said.

“Stayer Center will be traditional, gothic style, built very much along the lines of the recent buildings we’ve done on campus, like the Law School,” he said.

Affleck-Graves said he is in the process of finding an architecture firm to design the hockey arena, but has an idea of what he would like it to look like.

“It will have a somewhat gothic appearance, but also kind of a fieldhouse look,” he said.

The hockey arena will be located east of the Notre Dame Stadium, near the Melissa Cook Softball Field, and is estimated to cost about $45 million, said.

The renovation of the first floor of the Library is expected to cost about $13 million, Affleck-Graves said.

Three new campus buildings planned

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2 students robbed at gunpoint

Observer Staff Report

Two Notre Dame students were robbed at gunpoint when walking back to campus early Sunday morning, police said.

The students, Christopher Martin, 18, and Patrick Coveney, 18, were heading north on Twyckenham Drive when they were approached by a man with a handgun.

Captain Phil Trent of the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) said police said the man was described as black, wearing black jeans and a brown hooded sweatshirt and with silver work on his upper front teeth.

The man was described as appearing to be about 17 to 22 years old and holding a bottle of liquor.

Trent said the police report did not say if the students were intoxicated.

Both students live in Keough Hall and work for The Observer. Masoud writes for the Sports department and Coveney is photo editor.

Coveney said the man approached them from the front and asked why they were being loud.

Coveney said he attempted to pass the man when he pulled out a gun.

“He took a gun out of his

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Inside Column

Bring the pesto back

I don’t watch “The Bachelor,” but I do procrastinate and thus have been following the drama. And I realized that what happened on the finale actually applies to my life.

North Dining Hall, you are my Melissa. I adored you, I really did. I declared it for everyone to hear. But I might have to ditch you. There were several reasons for my love: the fact that I can watch Sportscenter during lunch, or that it’s okay to be 5’3” at 6:30 p.m. The pasta stir-fry, Jigga Fridays, breakfast burritos. The omelette station and the fro-yo topping station. The pasta room with booths, where I can study with free snacks whenever I want.

Not to mention it’s fun being part of the minority opinion, and ever since Democrats became awesome again — wait, no, ever since people realized Democrats have always been awesome — I’ve been in the majority. Arguing for North gives me a thrill every time. I guess I’m just a simple girl that I haven’t had since the days of John Kerry.

My favorite aspect of North Dining Hall, though, is the pizza station. It reigns above all other food options at every eatery.

At least, it used to.

“White or wheat?”

“Wheat, please.”

“Sauce?”

“Pesto.”

“A little bit of mozzarella. That’s all, thanks!”

That was a daily conversation that I used to have with the friendly student behind the pizza bar. But a few weeks ago, I went to North and there was no pesto. Must have run out, I figured. I got something else. The next day, I went back. There was still no pesto. I commented. The woman behind the counter told me that it was over coming back.

Apparently, a student had ordered pesto and pizza sauce for his pizza. The employee used the pizza sauce sauce instead of the two, and put it back into the container. The next person in line called him on it, because she was allergic to nuts.

Just like that, pesto became too big of a crisis situation for NDH to handle. I mean, it’s just a pizza line.

Regardless, I used to love this pizza place. It’s a little bit of mozzarella. That’s all, thanks!

Laura Myers
Sports Production Editor

Question of the Day: What are you doing for Spring Break?

Shelagh O’Brien
freshman LeMans

“I plan on doing absolutely nothing.”

Shane Owens
freshman Stanford

“I’m going to attend Tea Partys like it’s my job.”

Nicholas Alonso
sophomore Zahm

“Lotioning up fat sam on the beach.”

Daniel Kesser
junior Keenan

“I wanna do hoodrat stuff with my friends.”

Billal Duckett
sophomore Stanford

In Brief

Writer and University of Notre Dame alumna Lily Hoang will give a reading at the Hammers Notre Dame Bookstore tonight at 7:30 p.m. Hoang is the author of three books and currently teaches at Saint Mary’s College. The event is free and open to the public.

The Notre Dame Chamber Players will perform a benefit concert tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Proceeds will go to the South Bend Community School Corporation to purchase musical instruments for schools in the district. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased by calling the ticket office at 574-631-2800.

The ND/SMC Ballroom Dance Club will hold a beginner dance class in room 205 of the Rockne Memorial Building Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. The class costs $4 per lessen.

Theology faculty members will give a presentation titled “In the Wake of the Beagle: Darwin in Latin America 1831-1836” Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the Snite Museum of Art. The presentation is offered as an academic investigation of Darwin’s “On the Origin of Species” to mark the 150th anniversary of its publication. The event is free and open to the public.

The film “Stumdog Millionaire” will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observanews@nd.edu.

Correction

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Aranburu receives Kroc Inst. award
Notre Dame alum shares experiences as senior analyst for ICC

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Xabier Agirre Aranburu was presented with the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies’ 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award immediately following a lecture he gave titled “Make Law, Not War: On the Power of Truth, Law and Justice” Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

He discussed his experiences as a senior analyst at the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, the Netherlands. The goal of the office is to “deliver justice for the international community of the world,” he said.

The ICC “is an independent, permanent court that tries persons accused of the most serious crimes of international concern, namely genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes,” according to the ICC website. The ICC is separate from the United Nations, the Web site said.

Aranburu said one of the biggest challenges of the ICC is that it can only deal with a very narrow amount of crimes, and generally people expect them to be able to help in all criminal cases.

“There are huge expectations for what we do,” he said. “We don’t deal with any crime. We only deal with the worst types of crimes. Aranburu said this narrow definition is especially difficult because most often, the Court works with people who have experienced great suffering and are receiving international attention for the first time.

“Very often we deal with people who have no experience with any formal kind of human justice. These people are the ultimate forgotten people in the planet,” he said.

Because of this, it is so difficult to explain to them why the ICC cannot help them, Aranburu said.

While the ICC has support in more than 100 countries, with strong support in Europe and Africa, Aranburu said it does not have support from the United States and much of Asia. He said he would like to work on receiving support from more countries.

Aranburu said as an analyst he focuses on dry facts, which are then given to the chief prosecutor. The chief prosecutor decides how to use the information in the trial.

“I look at our job like the job of a scientist or the job of a doctor where I have to look at a horrible situation of suffering... I think the best that I can do to help these people is explain it as the right diagnostics,” he said.

For example, he said he might compare the rates of murders of civilians with a chronology of events, to show when the peak violence is occurring and why.

The ICC is currently waiting to hear the verdict of a trial regarding war crimes committed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Aranburu said it is too early to tell if the ICC will be effective in this case.

“Court try cases and cases try courts,” he said.

However, he said he believes international justice has made progress, using the well-known glass-half-full or glass-half-empty analogy to describe his point of view.

“I believe it is working to some extent,” he said. “My view is that the glass is half empty but it is filling up very fast.”

Aranburu called himself a realist who knows that there is never enough work that needs to be done to help bring international justice, but he also said he is optimistic about the future.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group reviews ticket exchange

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the home game ticket exchange process during Tuesday's meeting.

Student body president Bob Reish said it is important for students to purchase additional tickets per home games.

The program allows students to purchase additional tickets to home games.

The process works in two parts: students must bring IDs to a designated location 10 days before the home game and attain a lottery number. If the lottery number a student is given is drawn, then the student has the right to exchange that one of the tickets for exchange.

According to Reish, there was a maximum of 100 tickets per game in the exchange, a number set by the Ticket Office when the program was in its inaugural year.

The data garnered from the exchange showed students did not always take advantage of exchanging their tickets after they won.

Student body vice president Grant Schmidt pointed out that there have been some concerns over these local exchange rates.

"Some people are concerned that if ticket exchanges cannot even reach 50, why even have the program in the first place," he said.

COR members expressed interest in seeing the breakdown between the usage of the program by undergraduates and graduate students and students to see which group had a higher participation rate.

But the data was unavailable because the lottery is run through students’ net ID numbers, which do not take into account a student’s class year.

Members also made a number of suggestions to help increase the effectiveness of the program.

One of these suggestions was to limit the number of IDs a student is allowed to bring to the exchange. Currently, one student is allowed to carry up to four IDs in exchange for four ticket numbers.

Another idea discussed was the possibility of selling tickets to those who did not win. This suggestion came from the procedure followed by the Student Union Board (SUB), which hosts the lotteries for away games.

Overall, a consensus was reached that the program should continue.

"Maybe it was not most successful this year, but it may take a few years to catch on," sophomore class president Cynthia Weber said.

Reish added there were a number of factors that position students to purchase additional tickets, such as increased support to the low participation.

Two major issues that may have contributed to low levels of participation in this exchange was the lack of games played during Fall Break and the insufficient advertising of the program, he said.

While the program has existed before, this was the first year it was placed in the hands of the Council.

The Council decided to continue to use the same process for future conferences as they did this year, which included undergraduate and graduate student body populations, and will look into devising a system to see who is using the exchange.

Also discussed at Tuesday's meeting was the upcoming Intercollegiate Symposium, which will be held March 27th.

Student government representatives from Southwestern, Purdue, Vanderbilt, and Washington University in Saint Louis will be on campus to discuss a variety of topics.

This conference stems from the hope of creating a sort of "Ivy League Council" for the Midwest.

The activities of the weekend will take place in the LaFortune Student Center and will include three sessions to discuss topics that range from ways to cure student apathy towards student government to campus relations.

The end of the weekend, a steering committee will examine what else can be done for future conferences.

In other COR news:

• Katherine Burke was unanimously approved as the SUB manager this year.

Burke said she was very familiar with the SUB, including a battle of the sexes in her freshman year.

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quality of education Notre Dame offers. "We continue to be committed to our longstanding tradition of offering the highest quality educational experience that has served as the basis for our excellent, world-wide reputation," Jenkins said in the letter.

One investment the University is making to improve educational opportunities is reducing the student-faculty ratio by hiring more professors, Affleck-Graves said.

But despite the need to raise tuition, Affleck-Graves said the University ensures tuition is set as low as possible within the economic climate. He said the University has taken a fiscally conservative approach when balancing the budget in the past, and these measures allowed for a low percent increase for tuition this year.

In his letter to parents, Jenkins said that although the struggling economy affected the University, administrators will continue to pay close attention to the financial situation.

"We are monitoring our financial situation closely and will continue to employ a fiscally conservative approach to our planning and investments and expenses," he said. "This approach that served us well in the past will position us to maintain our firm commitment to the University's mission and values.

Affleck-Graves said one of the biggest priorities when balancing the budget is financial aid for undergraduates.

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waistband, pointed it at my stomach and cocked it," he said. Coveney said he ran back to campus, so the man then turned around and ran after Coveney and asked for money.

"He pointed the gun at me and said how much money do you have," Coveney said. "I gave it to him."

Masoud said he was not satisfied with the $11, so he told him to call Coveney, who was still running away, back to the scene. Masoud said he told the man Coveney did not have any money. "He said, 'Maybe there isn't good enough,'" Masoud said. "He gave it to the gun at my head."

Masoud said he threw his jacket and his hands on the ground when the attitude of the man completely changed. He said the man then left and was only upset that the students were loud. "He pulled the gun in his pocket and shook hands with Masoud.

"He was completely empa-thized with me," Masoud said.

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"We can change the enve-lope of the library," Ena said, "but one of the hopes is to get more light into the first floor," he said.

Affleck-Graves said these three projects have received the necessary funding, enabling the University to begin the initial designs. The Stayer Center and the Library renovations have been completely funded, which is why they are already underway, he said. The University has "some of the money" for the hockey arena, so they are in the pre-elimination stage, he said, for an architecture firm for that project.

Affleck-Graves said the University's construction fund- ing is approximately 80 percent of the funds to be pledged, and 75 percent of the funds to be paid, with the remaining 25 percent due within the next five years, before any work can be done. "I can't put a spoked wheel on the ground until these three conditions are met," Affleck-Graves said.

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with a degree in English Literature, has served on the Board of Trustees since 1998, including a term as chair from 2004-2007. She has also served on two presidential search committees, the Madelevee Steering Society committee and has served as both the vice president and president of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors, according to the release.

Schweitzer currently serves as a member of the board of directors for John Deere's World Headquarters museum.

"I have great pleasure to serve the College these past 16 years," Schweitzer said in the press release. "My Saint Mary's education transformed my life and being able to give back to the College has been a real privilege. I am honored by this wonderful honor and tribute."

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Immigrant accused in Levy's death

Police issue arrest warrant for Salvadoran for murder after nearly eight years

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

An arrest warrant was issued Tuesday for an imprisoned Salvadoran immigrant in the killing of federal intern Chandra Levy, nearly eight years after he disappeared and ended the career of a congresswoman.

The warrant accuses Ingmar Guandique (gwan-DY-kay) of killing Levy on May 1, 2001, as she jogged through Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C. Guandique, 27, is already serving time in his district, was sitting on a bench in a federal prison in Adelanto, Calif., for attacking two women in the same park in the weeks following Levy's disappearance.

"We take solace in the fact that he will be held responsible for his actions and finally truly rest in peace," Levy's parents, Bob and Susan, said in a statement given to The Associated Press. "Thankfully the individual responsible for this most heinous and terrible crime will finally be held accountable for his actions and hopefully unable to hurt anyone else ever again."

The break was a long-awaited development in an investigation that had gone cold for years after destroying the career of former U.S. Rep. Gary Condit of California. Authorities questioned Condit, her congressman, in the disappearance, but he was never a suspect in her death. Condit, a popular Democrat for a dozen years in the district, was reportedly having an affair with Levy. The negative publicity from the case was closed as the main reason for his overwhelming general election loss in 2002.

Condit was questioned and had just completed an internship with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons when he was seen leaving her city park.

The Modesto, Calif., woman was wearing jogging clothes when she vanished, and a man walking his dog found her skull and bones in the park a year later.

The warrant suggests that the killing was a random act of violence, and indicates interviews investigators conducted with 12 witnesses gave them some of the evidence they needed to pursue a case.

Key to breaking the case appeared to be interviews with witnesses who claimed Guandique had bragged to them about killing and raping women, and in two cases, specifically acknowledged killing Levy. And when police questioned Guandique, who was in jail cell, they made another chilling find: a photograph of the young, dark-haired Levy ripped from a magazine.

According to an affidavit supporting the arrest warrant, one of the witnesses said Guandique said that he and two male teenagers were sitting on a bench in a park smoking marijuana and cocaine when he saw Levy jogging. The witness said Guandique thought Levy "looked good" and told the two teenagers that he was going to "get her."

The witness told police that two teenagers said that they followed her along a path and at one point grabbed her and took her into the bushes. Guandique allegedly told the witnesses that he started screaming and fighting back, at which point he grabbed her by the neck and shook her to death, so that people nearby would not hear the struggle.

Police said her clothing was strewn from the path, down a steep hill toward the bottom of a ravine. Her shoes were unearthed. Her clothing was turned inside out. Her tights were knotted together. She reappeared sitting, her pants rolled up in the water rather than head inland, recordings released Tuesday indicated.

Recordings of conversations between federal air controllers and the pilot of the F/A-18D reveal that the pilot at least twice was offered a chance to put down the plane at the Naval Station Coronado. The base sits at the tip of a peninsula with a flight path over water.

Instead, the Federal Aviation Administration tapes disclose that the pilot decided to fly the jet, which had lost one engine and was showing signs of trouble, past the second, to the Inland Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, which is about 10 miles north of Coronado.

Associated Press

Gunmen ambush cricket team, kill six

LAHORE, Pakistan — A team of heavily armed gunmen, some trav­ eling in rickshaws, ambushed Sri Lanka's national cricket team Tuesday as it arrived for a match, killing six police guards and wound­ ing seven players. The brazen attack heightened fears that Pakistan is becoming increasingly unstable.

The assault bore striking similari­ ties to last year's three-day hostage drama at the Imperial Hotel in Indian financial capital of Mumbai.

Working in pairs, the attackers in Lahore repeatedly ambushed officers and backpacks stuffed with water, dried fruit and other high-energy food — a sign they anticipated a protracted siege and may have been planning to take the players hostage. The bus sped through the ambush, but the gunmen's prepara­ tions indicated they may have been plan­ ning to hijack the vehicle. Interior Ministry chief Rehman Malik told The Associated Press some of the gunmen were killed and all appar­ ently escaped into this teeming eastern city.

Even though the bus was per­ ped with 25 bullet holes, none of the cricket players were killed. The attack was among the highest-pro­ file terrorist strikes on a sports team since the 1972 Munich Olympics, when Palestinian mili­ tants killed 11 Israeli athletes.

In addition, by targeting not only a major Pakistani city but also the country's most popular sport, the attack was sure to resonate throughout the region, where cricket has been an obsession since it was introduced by the British dur­ing the colonial era.

In targeting the sport, the gunmen were certain to draw international attention to the government's inability to provide basic security as it battles militants linked to al-­ Qaeda and the Taliban and faces accusations that it is harboring ter­ rorists.

The attack ended Pakistan's hopes of hosting international cricket teams — or any high profile sports events — for months, if not years. Even before Tuesday, most cricket squads chose not to tour the coun­ try for security reasons. India and Australia had canceled tours, and New Zealand announced Tuesday it was calling of its December tour.
Man shoots family before killing self
Wiley, who stabbed first wife to death years ago, was paroled in 2000

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A man who stabbed his first wife to death more than two decades ago used a Civil War replica rifle to kill his wife and son six years later, according to news reports at the time. He was paroled in 2000.

In 2000, according to news reports at the time, he stabbed his first wife and son and was convicted and sentenced to more than two decades in prison for the killing.

Police said Wiley, 54, apparently killed his wife and stepson Saturday afternoon after he returned home from a trip

Wiley was paroled in 2000 but is now back in prison after what police said was a domestic dispute.

Canine DNA tests now available

Owners, veterinarians able to determine ancestry of mixed-bred dogs

Associated Press

AIVADA, Colo. — When Will Colosimo adopted a dog Allie in 2005, he knew he was getting a mutt. She looked like a black and white Dalmatian and a Basenji, but when the Denver Fire Department's Animal Rescue team arrived, Colosimo and his wife, Susan, were surprised to find out the dog was a mix of several breeds.

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Barnanke testifies over latest bailout

Lawmakers grill Federal Reserve Chairman about helping financial markets

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Irritated lawmakers grilled Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke Tuesday over the latest bailout of American international Group, even as the Fed chief warned that an economic recovery hinges on the government's success in stabilizing markets and their major players.

"I share your concern," he told the Senate Budget Committee. "It's a terrible situation, but we're not going to bail out AIG or their shareholders. We're doing this to protect our financial system and to avoid a much more severe crisis in our global economy."

The Treasury Department and the Fed on Monday threw a new $200 billion lifeline to the ailing insurance giant, which marked the government's third effort to stabilize AIG since September. Both Democrats and Republicans expressed skepticism over whether the action would work, as they were worried that more taxpayer money would be needed to rescue the company and demanded more accountability and openness.

Bernanke defended the government's repeated rescue attempts of AIG, saying "the failure of major financial firms in a financial crisis can get very astrous for the economy." The U.S. will be better off "more aggressively" to solve economic problems because the Fed's behavior would be "a prolonged episode of economic stagnation," Bernanke said.

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Lieutenant General James "Bo" Kershaw, the head of the 82nd Airborne Division, called the mission a "a difficult, dangerous and deadly mission." The mission was conducted to "save the lives of our men and women, to protect our nation's interests, and to prevent any further attacks." He added, "I am proud of our troops and their courage in the face of adversity."

Meanwhile, a US ArmyBranch said it had received a "final report on the status of the search," but added that "no information on the location of the missing personnel has been provided to date." The Branch said it would continue to work with the State Department and other agencies to locate the missing personnel.

In Brief

Obama tries to lift nation's confidence

WASHINGTON — Trying to pump up the nation's confidence, President Barack Obama said Tuesday that Wall Street has been hammered so hard that "buying stocks in a po-tentially good company," and investors are top aides to Capitol Hill to defend his plans for pulling the economy out of its deep recession.

The stock market slipped ever lower, and Republicans suggested Obama was "cooking the books" to stave off recovery predictions. After all being accused for weeks of being too negative about the state of the economy, Obama recently has shifted to a more positive tone. He and his aides still say recovery won't come quickly, but they are becoming more aggressive in declairing that the government's efforts will work.

They better work, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said. The country faces "a prolonged episode of economic stagnation" without bold policy moves, he told the Senate Banking Committee. "It's a big problem for the American people, for the economy and for our economy."

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First-quarter earnings were up 18 percent from a year earlier, with earnings for the quarter at $3.51 billion, compared with $3.07 billion a year ago. Sales were up 22 percent to $13.2 billion, compared with $10.8 billion a year ago. The company said it expects second-quarter earnings to be in the range of $3.40 to $3.60 a share, with sales of $11.5 billion to $11.7 billion.

"We're seeing a sharper, faster recovery than expected," Chief Financial Officer James P. Hackett said in a statement. "We're seeing stronger demand for our products and services, which is driving our growth. We're also seeing improved operating margins and better cash flow, which is helping us to invest in our business and return capital to our shareholders."

In February, General Motors said it plans to invest $4 billion in its North American operations over the next three years, including $1 billion for a new plant in Lordstown, Ohio. The company also plans to hire 2,000 new employees in North American manufacturing, marketing and engineering.

"We have a strong balance sheet and a solid financial plan," Hackett said. "We're also seeing a stronger outlook for the industry, which is driving our confidence. We're seeing a recovery in the auto market, and we're seeing a stronger outlook for the economy."

However, the company also warned that it could be hit by higher commodity prices, lower margins and increased competition.

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The college experience

I think what I really mean is college is like this four-year period you have when you can try anything — and everything — and if it goes wrong, there are no consequences. College is the only time you can really experiment, and at a certain point, when you leave, when you gradu­ate or whatever, everybody’s memory like evaporates.

This is a quote from a character in a book I recently read, “I Am Charlotte Simmonds by Tom Wolfe.” I think it aptly sums up the way a lot of us feel when we’re in college. Many of us arrive at college determined to have the quintes­sential “college experience.” I think, on some level, we want to make mistakes and make poor decisions sometimes because we think that that’s all part of the experience. We think that the nights we can’t remember or the hookups we don’t care about are part of what makes us normal college kids. For women, I think this can also mean sacrificing the sorts of meaningful relationships we’d prefer because they’re not compatible with what is supposed to be the “college experience.”

In light of viewpoint letters I have read throughout the year, I’m speaking primarily to the women of Notre Dame. I don’t have too much to say to the men. I am neither blaming them nor exoner­ating them for the way I’ve observed men and women relating to each other lately. I just want to emphasize to the women of my hall and of this campus that men will give you as much respect as you demand from them. Dressing scandalo­ously and matching a guy drink for drink, and going back to his room to hook up may get his attention for a night, and it may even seem fun. And many times, it may not have any serious consequences. But at the end of four years, where will it get you? The prob­lem with my character’s quote is that our experiences and memories from college really don’t just evaporate at the end of four years. At the very least, you may graduate wishing you had spent more time trying new things or meeting different kinds of guys. You may wish you had tried to find more fulfilling relationships in some of the places that Laura Godlewski pointed out in her let­ter (“Personal responsibility, ladies” March 2). You may wish you hadn’t wasted so much time trying to gain the attention of guys you won’t end up car­rying around and letting them dictate the terms of your interaction or take advan­tage of you, even if you are under the impression that they are equally in control.

And at the very worst, we’d be foolish not to acknowledge the times where participating in this culture does have serious consequences. If you read your college crimes from Officer Keri Shibata you have to know that really bad things do happen on this campus. The connec­tion between serious issues like sexual assault and a college culture that treats sex as casual and not as something to be cherished in marriage may seem attenuated. Clearly there is never, ever an excuse for sexual assault, but the more that women continue to partici­pate in a “college experience” of ran­dom, drunken hookups that doesn’t afford the respect and dignity you deserve or want, the more you put yourselves at risk for horrific and inexcusable things to happen to you.

I know when I was here as an under­grad, I felt like I had spent so much time looking forward to college as the best four years of my life, that I didn’t even really stop to think about the fact that I’d be leaving some day. But even though it’s hard to remember that someday you’ll have to leave this place, the day after graduation you will have to wake up as the person you spent four years becoming. Who do you want that person to be? Even if the choices you made didn’t end up being particularly traumatic or life-ruining, will the way you lived in college be as glamorous to you then as it is now?

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I finally happened. It took me four years to actually get around to meeting him face-to-face, but I finally did. Father Jenkins holds office hours and I went through all the administrative rig­marole and, with a little luck, secured a time slot with our president.

When I first heard about the chance to meet him I thought that it would be an excellent way to round off my years here at Notre Dame; go to school for four years, get the president to agree to meet me and, with a statement to the effect of, "Please wake up to their senses, they need to carry out orders as mindlessly, and cannot be doubted, and are often stated most simply. Indubitable arguments are not the source of their strength, nor of their truth."

A misunderstanding, in word

This letter is a response to Jeremy Lamb's Letter: "A misunderstanding, indeed" (March 3). Mr. Lamb is eloquent, idealistic, and passionate, but I am afraid that his conceptions of logical arguments are not really those of logic, but of religion. Validity, logically speaking, is not established by a "proverbial nail in the coffin" at the end of an argument, but rather by a relationship between its premises and conclusion; if all of its premises are true, then the conclusion must follow. Validity is about construction, not about truth. Emotions and "the ability to experience homosexual culture in a way that they probably haven’t before, the University is failing to provide us a true education would then be a failure of education in accordance with Catholic theology. The sort of "cultural interaction" Mr. Lamb seeks does not require an institutional setting or sponsorship; students can and will interact with whatever they choose, as long as it is not preventing organizers from undertaking to host this festival or any other at some other venue. What is at issue here, then, seems not to be cultural interaction, but rather an attempt to alter the policies of a Catholic institution as derived from Catholic theology. If the mission of a Catholic university is to cultivate in its students the understanding of the inter-relatedness of all the parts of the universe in one integrated whole, which can only be achieved through the study of essential subjects. Far Newman, the most important of these subjects was Theology, which is the knowledge of things in their proper place in relation to God. A Catholic university, then, would be a university of Theology as that subject which bears on and unifies all of the other various subjects into one integrated whole.

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Rich Williams, the lead guitarist of Kansas, is the only band member who has been on every tour and studio album since the group’s debut. Whether playing acoustic or electric guitar, Williams adds a melodic and lush element to Kansas’ unique violin-infused sound. Williams is notable on stage for his eye patch, which is a result of a childhood incident. Kansas, is the only band member who has been on every tour and studio album since the group’s debut.

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While most of us hope that we'll see sun, nights, and scenery — or at least the warmth of home — over spring break, there is not always enough luck to go around. I am happy to say that this year I'm headed back to the old homestead, but I've spent plenty of breaks on campus. But all is not lost. There are plenty of ways to make a week in the Bend a true vacation.

1. Head to a show. You have options within three ranges of distance. First, you can look to the DPAC. Over spring break the DPAC will have a performance by the South Bend Symphony Orchestra and showings of the films "Shumdog Millionaire" and "Waltz with Bashir." Moving further away from campus, you can check out South Bend. A good place to start is with South Bend's art Web site: www.artseverywhere.com. Some of the highlights from the week of spring break include "Cabaret" at the South Bend Civic Theatre, the "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" by the Broadway Theatre League at the Morris Performing Arts Center and the opening of the South Bend Museum of Art's "Scalability" exhibit.

Finally, if you're willing to really go the distance, jump on the train (definitely the most efficient option) and head to Chicago. Some venues, like the Lyric Opera, have student deals and tickets if you are willing to register and be a bit flexible.

2. Become a foodie. Again, there are plenty of options within different ranges. First, try your own hand at whipping up a meal. Use a dorm kitchen or borrow a friend's apartment and do your best to imitate your favorite chef. When it comes to groceries, Martinis is a bit of a trek, but within walking distance. For a fun trip in itself, head to the South Bend Farmer's Market. Second, test out all the little cafes on campus. There are more than you would think and each has its own personality. Make sure their hours don't change over break. After that, head out into South Bend. Avoid the chains and try some of the local restaurants. If you don't have a car, a great option within walking distance is Lulu's Café.

3. Check out the Snite Museum. The Snite has an excellent collection, and many students miss out on it. Best yet, it's free and nearby.

4. Go skating. Take a turn around the Howard Park Ice rink, located near campus.

5. Cheer on the Irish. Hockey, lacrosse and may other teams have games over spring break. Throw on your Notre Dame colors, grab some tickets and support our players.

6. Catch up on your movies and TV. Before your friends leave for break, ask them if you can peruse their collect and borrow some of the films you've missed. If you're more of a TV buff, see what Hulu.com has to offer. It may not be glamorous, but who doesn't like curling up with the TV and cup of hot chocolate every once in awhile?

7. Head up the Dunes. Most people think of the Dunes in the summer, but the national park offers programs during the colder months as well. Check out the National Park Service Web site for more information.

8. Head outside. South Bend's weather is notoriously bad, but hopefully you'll get a couple of nice days over spring break. You might have to settle for an activity that keeps you moving. Like running or a game with friends, but if the sun is out, take advantage of it.

9. Catch up on your reading. So often we spend the entire semester reading what we're supposed to. Take a break and read something you want to. Don't have a book, on hand? What else is that library for?

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Whether you're soaking up the sun on a beach, hanging out at home, or finding things to do in South Bend, sometimes you need something to groove to. Here's a selection of songs to get yourself into the spring break mindset.

Spring Break Mix

by Ellie Hall and Stephanie DePrez

1. "Relax, Take it Easy" - Mika
2. "Take Back the City" - Snow Patrol
3. "Two Step" - Dave Matthews Band
4. "Sex on Fire" - Kings of Leon
5. "When You Were Young" - The Killers
6. "Poker Face" - Lady Gaga
7. "These Are the Days" - 10,000 Maniacs
8. "Send Me On My Way" - Rusted Rood
9. "Island on the Sun" - Weezer
10. "Walking on the Moon" - The Police
11. "Mother We Just Can't Get Enough" - The New Radicals

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Giants might bring back Burress

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Plaxico Burress could be welcomed back by the New York Giants — if the Super Bowl star can straighten out his legal problems stemming from a weapons charge and get his life back in order.

"Right now he is still a Giant and if things work out and he's on board with what we want coming back, we'd love to have him back," general manager Jerry Reese said Tuesday.

Burress' future is cloudy because he faces an illegal weapons possession charge relating to a self-inflicted gunshot wound at a New York City nightclub in late November. He faces a mandatory 3½ years in prison if convicted.

Barring a plea deal, the case is scheduled to return to court at the end of the month.

The 31-year-old, who signed a five-year, $35 million contract in September, also faces a possible suspension by the NFL for violating its personal conduct policy.

Burress, who has been living in New Jersey and Florida in recent months according to teammate Brandon Jacobs, has not commented publicly on his future with the Giants since the shooting.

His agent, Drew Rosenhaus, has refused to respond to at least a two dozen telephone calls by The Associated Press seeking comment during that period.

Since the Giants season ended, Reese has left the door open for a potential return by Burress, the only deep threat among their receivers. The team was 11-1 with him in the lineup. It lost four of its final five games after his season-ending suspension, including a 23-11 loss at home to the Philadelphia Eagles in the second round of the playoffs.

Without the threat of Burress beating them, opponents crowded the line of scrimmage and slowed down New York's running game and severely limited its offensive production.

Reese could have made a strong statement that the Giants planned to end their four-year association with Burress by signing a deep-threat receiver when free agency opened last week. Instead, the Giants turned all their attention to their defense and signed line­backer Michael Boley, defensive end Chris Canty and defensive tackle Rocky Bernard.

Reese also noted that the Giants made a serious offer — a little less than $80 million — to former Giants' defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth.

In Brief

Athletics close to signing Garciaparra

OAKLAND, Calif. — Nomar Garciaparra is nearing agreement on a one-year contract with the Oakland Athletics.

The 35-year-old infielder could finalize a deal within a few days, a person familiar with the negotiations said Tuesday, speaking on condition that the contract was not yet final.

Garciaparra has been free agent since he was non­tendered by the Boston Red Sox after hitting .266 with 15 home runs and 77 runs batted in last season.

Garciaparra will have a chance to be the Athletics' starting shortstop.

Bonds' agent trying to find spot for home run king

Barry Bonds is open to making a comeback. Whether any team wants him, that's the tricky part.

Now that Bonds' federal trial has been delayed at least until July, the agent for baseball's home run king plans to contact all 30 major league clubs once again to determine whether there's a place for the slugger.

"I'm still not optimistic," agent Jeff Borris said Tuesday by telephone from spring training in Arizona.

The 44-year-old Bonds last played in 2007 with the San Francisco Giants. The Tampa Bay Rays toyed with the idea of signing Bonds for 2008, but he sat out while under indictment for lying to a federal grand jury when he testified he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs. Bonds has pleaded not guilty.

Running back Derrick Ward signs with Bucs

TAMPA, Fla. — Derrick Ward feels he's a perfect fit for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who want to get younger, tougher and more potent on offense.

The free agent running back signed a four-year, $17 million contract Tuesday, joining a team that's trying to build a new identity after watching an aging defense falter during a season-ending collapse that cost the Bucs a playoff spot.

"I'm a variety of things. I can be a power back, I can be a pass-receiving running back," Ward said. "I can do it all," said Ward, who joins former Pro Bowl tight end Kellen Winslow as prominent additions since the end of the season.

"I think my style of running, my style of play will fit in perfect. We have all the key components for a great offense," Ward said.
Bills scores 34 in first game back in Detroit

Four Bobcats post double figures in victory over Bulls; Howard leads Magic to win in battle of big men

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — It was a victory sweetened by the welcome return of a popular former teammate.

The Detroit Pistons got the warm welcome they deserved and the Pistons’ win was a night they will remember.

Bills scored a season-high 34 points in his return to suburban Detroit after missing seven games with a neck injury.

In the first half, the Piston played like the team that was in the thick of the playoff hunt.

But in the second half, the team struggled to contain the Bobcats. By the end of the game, Detroit had won three straight games since losing seven straight.

"I was shocked, seriously, shocked," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said of O’Neal’s flop.

"And very disappointed cause he knows what it’s like. Let’s stand up and play like men, and I think our guys did that tonight," Rashard Lewis said.

"It’s not really my role," Jaren Jackson said.

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Spartan victory clinches Big Ten

No. 19 Clemson flies high in victory over Virginia

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Tom Izzo spent most of Tuesday night scratching his head.

Now he can worry about post-season — his son-to-be clean skull.

On a night No. 8 Michigan State was anything but razor-sharp, Kalin Lucas and Raymar Morgan dug down and strangely enough, the Spartans to 64-59 Big Ten title-clinching victory at Indiana to set up Izzo’s haircutting appointment after the NCAA tournament.

"Yeah, I don’t lie to my students," Izzo said reluctantly, referring to the promise he made last fall to shave his head if the Spartans won their first outright league title in a decade.

 Losing the locks was the least of Izzo’s concerns Tuesday.

He winced at his team’s uncharacteristic sloppiness, its inability to put away the short-handed Hoosiers and the continual calls from officials.

Izzo even drew a technical foul during a second-half television timeout for arguing with the referees.

But after this decade-long drought, during which the Spartans (24-5, 13-4) made three Final Four appearances and won a national title, they’ll take anything they can get — even the hair.

"It would be kind of crazy to see Coach Izzo bald and nobody’s ever seen him bald before," said Lucas, who led the Spartans with 15 points. "That would be a different look for him."

Unfortunately, for Indiana, this game had a familiar script.

The Hoosiers stayed close most of the night and even rallied from a 13-point second-half deficit before running out of gas. They missed eight free throws and couldn’t take advantage of four opportunities to tie the score or take the lead in the final 2:31.

Verdell Jones led the Hoosiers with 15 points. Nick Williams and Malik Sykes each had 14 and Booker his team to protest one no call from officials did not like.

Izzo said reluctantly, "It didn’t start out that way, though. Virginia, which checked the then 12th-ranked Tigers 85-81 last month, was ahead in this one 33-32, early in the second half.

Boozer got things started with a dunk that gave Clemson a 38-33 lead. Sykes, one of two seniors in the Tigers starting lineup, followed with a right-handed extended slowdown moments later.

Grant, the son of former Oklahoma star Harvey Grant, added a dunk to stretch the lead to 44-35.

Boozer used the left hand for his next jam, sending Littlejohn Coliseum into a frenzy and putting the Tigers ahead 50-35. For just fun, Boozer used both hands to jam it home with 3:54 left and his team up 73-51.

You know what, it’s a special team when you have guys with that kind of athleticism," Oglesby said.

In all, Clemson jammed it home six times after the break.

"It fueled the energy. It fueled the crowd," Virginia coach Dave Leitao said.

It didn’t help that Virginia’s star freshman, Sylven Landesberg, was held to three foul shots. He came in averaging 17.4 points, but missed all six shots he took as the Cavaliers (19-17, 13-12) lost their fourth straight.

Leitao said opponents have come to run players at Landesberg in waves. For Clemson, K.C. Rivers and David Potter did most of the work around the perimeter with the 6-foot-9 Sykes waiting inside.

"It has led to a little bit of frustration," the coach said.

That was obvious for the Cavaliers, called for three technical fouls — one each on Leitao, Calvin Baker and John Brandezbon.

Leitao strode out near the 3-point line to protest one no call on Jeff Jones in the opening half.

Baker showed his angst slamming the ball hard to the floor after a foul call, although Leitao added his guard was mad at himself and the situation and not the official.

Finally, Brandenburg took the forlorn screech after blocking Demontriz Satt’s shot that the officials did not like.
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was family.
"Mike was a part of our family," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "I missed my progarme interview with him Friday and all I could think about was the fact he won't be there. I missed him being on the bus on Saturday, with his giggles and his laughs about some of the bad movies the kids watch. Just his pleasant demeanor and being somebody who was around every day at practice and games, he was somebody you learned to appreciate just by the man's soul."

Mike was more a part of the team than he was a member of the media, but he did his job well and was respected by his peers, as several blog posts on uscho.com have paid tribute to the announcer who was family.

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"As it settles in, you just start thinking about the good times you had with him, what he meant to the program and all the games he did for us. We'll definitely never forget him, and it gives us something else to play for."

Friday was senior night, but as much as Condra and his classmates have accomplished over the last four years, Friday was about Mike. He'd been around the Irish program since before Jackson or any of the current players arrived, and he'd seen the team go through the lows of a five-win season and a coaching change to the highs of conference titles and a Frozen Four run.

Jackson said the brief audio tribute, which was followed by a moment of silence in Mike's honor, was just the first of several ways the Irish hope to honor Mike.

The team wore "MC" stickers on the backs of their helmets over the weekend and will continue to do so the rest of the year, and Jackson said he's planning a service next week to remember Mike. A picture of Mike calling a game now hangs in the Joyce Center press box.

But for everyone close to the Irish program, it won't be the sound clips, the stickers, the service or the picture that help them remember Mike. It won't even be his jokes or his laugh.

It will be his friendship.
"I used to listen to his broadcasts and just laugh sometimes because of some of the comments he'd make or nicknames he'd have. But I said it the other night — it's a lot more than the voice, it's about the man behind the voice," Jackson said. "He was very loyal to this group of kids and to this program, and I think there was a relationship there. More than a professional relationship, it was a friendship, and we're going to miss him a great deal."

We already do, Mike.

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Janusz Bednarski predicted a new College competition, so they will try once again because of this resurgence from the Buckeyes. After his team's first weekend, Janusz Bednarski continued from page 20, "There are so many factors we can't control, especially on a young team. But anything can happen if you make it to the Bloody Four." Bednarski chalks up the competition, the different type of team who has ing the Irish in played a busy collegiate schedule but still have little NCAA regulations will limit the championship roster size from years past. "We are a little bit more talented and we have a bigger bench than Penn State, but it will play for them because their first two fencers are from the national team and are very good," Bednarski said.

Facing that adversity, the Irish will have to rely on the one constant that has carried the team for most of the year — the talented core of underclassmen fighters. Bednarski chalks up the youngsters' success to an unparalleled work ethic and a growing sense of community between the seniors and the newcomers.

"They are adjusting very quickly to the different type of competition, the different type of bouts because definitely it's a different system," Bednarski said.

But in the end it may come down to a combination of luck and talent to determine the winners.

"It's very hard for coaches to predict," Bednarski said. "I've been in this business for so long. There are so many factors we can't control, especially on such a young team. Anything can happen if we make it to the Bloody Four."

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NHL

Capitals lose second straight at home in rout

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Whatever the reason — distracted by the impending trade deadline, playing too individually instead of as a team, looking for individual glory — the Washington Capitals suddenly are no longer the dominant team at home. They're rather ordinary, in fact.

And the Carolina Hurricanes were the latest visitors to enjoy full advantage.

Carolina's Patrick Eaves scored twice, and the Hurricanes produced all sorts of goals — penalty shot, short-handed, power play, even strength — in a 5-2 victory Tuesday night, the Capitals' second consecutive loss in Washington.

"We're going through this funk right now," Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau said. "It looked like there was a complete lack of energy.

The Southeast Division-leading Caps own the Eastern Conference's best home record but now have lost four of their last six games in Washington, including a 6-2 defeat against Florida on Sunday.

Starting goalie Jose Theodore left after allowing four goals in the first period of Sunday's game; he was a late scratch Tuesday because of the flu, and rookie Michal Neuvirth allowed four goals in the second period on route to a 5-0 defeat a day before NHL teams' last chance to make deals.

"I wish I could put my finger on it right now. I don't know if it's because of tomorrow, and people are worried, they hear rumors. I don't know," Boudreau said. "I know poor Michal didn't know he was playing until he got here tonight. Maybe that had something bearing on his ineffectiveness."

Eric Staal scored on a penalty shot, Eaves and Matt Cullen put in short-handed goals less than 4 minutes apart, Chad LaRose tallied during a 5-on-5, and Eaves' power-play goal lifted the Canadiens to 5-0 with about 2 minutes left in the second period.

"We scored in probably every way you could, and it was good," said Eaves, who entered the night with three goals in 57 games this season and nearly doubled that output in 10 ½ minutes. "We needed that."

A crowd of 17,903 — ending the Capitals' home sellout streak at a record 11 games — showed their team with scattered boos, replaced by sarcasm and booting when the announcement came over the PA system that there was only a minute left in the second period.

"Tonight we got outworked. Bruce always talks about 'will and want are going to win you hockey games.' And tonight they had it, and they executed, and we didn't do it," Capitals forward Brooks Laich said. "It's not an easy thing — we pride ourselves on our work ethic."

Alexander Semin's 100th career goal — sending the Whites to the bench, I'd be going:"

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"That was pretty embarrassing," Washington's coach said. "I'm sure if I was on the Carolina bench, I'd be going: "Look at these idiots."

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Michigan, which rebounded from losses. The Irish fell at Wisconsin, 4-3, Sunday, while the Wolverines lost matches to No. 13 Pepperdine and Washington last week.

After a 4-0 start, Michigan has lost six of its last seven, but still boasts a strong lineup.

"They are coming off their spring break in California, and I'm not sure what that means as it affects our match," Bayliss said. "Jason Jung is very strong at No. 1 [singles]. [No. 2 singles] Andrew Mazlin has one of the biggest serves in the country and a big forehand to back it up. [No. 3 singles] Mike Sroczynski also serves big and rips his forehand.

Notre Dame's one weakness has been inconsistency, and that can, in part, be accounted for by the team's youth. Brett Helgeson, the team's No. 1 singles player, is the only upperclassman who regularly starts for the Irish.

"In evaluating things to date, I believe we have done well considering that the majority of our matches have been against highly ranked teams," Bayliss said. "All but one of our top-10 players are freshmen and sophomores and that partially explains how we can beat No. 13 Texas A&M on Friday and lose to No. 30 USC on Sunday."

But Notre Dame has been competitive in nearly all its matches, which gives Bayliss reason to see promises for future success, he said.

"Half of our matches have been 4-3 decisions and I expect that trend to continue," Bayliss said. "The nucleus for future greatness is here, and my job is to see that our guys continue to improve."

After the Irish host Michigan, they will travel to La Jolla, Calif., over Spring Break to compete in the Pacific Coast Doubles tournament March 5-8.

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Do you consider the word "motivated" an understatement? We thought so.

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and is second in points.

Byers is the only Irish player to ever score at least 50 goals and 66 points in a season three straight times. Last season, she became Notre Dame's all-time goal-scoring leader with 179 in three seasons, and her 52 draw controls broke the school record as well. Last year, she also ranked 14th in the nation in points and was tied for seventh in goals.

"She gives a lot of positive recognition to our program," Coyne said. "Jill is very special. She is an extremely hard worker and is very team-oriented, but what I think she'd like to have even more is a Big East championship. She is still focused on the team goals and accomplishments."

For Byers, breaking records and making a name for herself started before even stepping foot on Notre Dame's campus.

Coming into her Freshman year, she held her Long Island high school's records for goals and assists in a career and was among the top four in goals and making a name for herself in a Big East championship. She is still focused on the team goals and accomplishments.

She is a three-time first-team All-American and unanimous first-team All-Big East selection, and was named to the 2009 preseason All-Big East team with Notre Dame's teammates Shannon Burke and Shalyln Blaney.

Byers, along with Blaney, has been nominated for the esteemed Tewaaraton Trophy this year, the top collegiate lacrosse award in the country. She is the fourth Notre Dame player to be nominated.

"Being named to the All-Big East team is great because our conference keeps getting more and more competitive each year," Byers said.

Byers' accomplishments are well worth her efforts, and only hopes to help her team accomplish even more as the season progresses.

"I would love to look back on my college career and have something tangible to show for all the hard work I have put into lacrosse. A Big East championship and a national championship are always on my mind and leaving a legacy of tradition and excellence for those younger than me is something I strive to do each and every day," she said.

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Happy Birthday: Nothing will be as it appears. Unexpectedly dire situations and your fate may puzzle you but you will also be glad that you are in a direction that will satisfy your needs. This is a good time to reassess decisions that you have made and change them if you need to. Love is a positive force and moves forward with certainty. Your numbers are 15, 16, 19, 20, 26, 30, 34, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Consider what you want in your relationships, career and romance. You can make some decisions based on the outcome you know with people from different backgrounds. Use your time in a humanitarian cause.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Surprise others with your decisions. You have to lay one step ahead of everyone else and not give up on great projects. Take a chance and show them how your decisions benefit society.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Everything will be out in the open and easy for you to see. Don't get caught up in what is or is made to look up as you can adjust if you are over-focused on what you want. Add responsibilities for younger or older relatives or friends can be expected.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The time to look for a new job is not to get involved in a project that is all about you and expand your horizons in time. Don't give up that your's should get told and you know how to go about it. Change is apparent but in may not seem.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Gatherings, travel or even a conversation will be to some interesting contacts. Don't be fooled if someone from your past plays a role in a decision you have to make regarding love, contracts or partnerships. 3 stars

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't give in to a wishy washy, emotional. Stand your ground and show your own, it's a win. You can make headway with the people you have to deal with. Serious talks will bring about change.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Everything is fine now to make, make improvements or enjoy your past. Just make the effort. An encounter with someone who is ready for it will form life-changing plans. 3 stars

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't be fooled by a fast talker or someone who wants too much from you. Self deception will be your enemy, as you are to make one meaningful step. They may show the possibilities of what you are safe to try this out. 3 stars

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You need to make some changes regarding your career position and see the way you are doing things currently. Don't talk or act on something without the evidence. Someone of what you calls for you, and you will encourage more to move in the direction that you have. 3 stars

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You don't have to be aggressive to get what you want. Don't let a personal endeavor or someone who has some special commitment with what you need to do get stop. Children will be a source of inspiration. 3 stars

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Experience can be gained by getting involved in something that is different from you are doing. Your friends are likely to have a better direction for you. 3 stars

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your emotions well hidden. Observing others will help you make the right choices. Someone you respect will open your eyes to the reality you are facing regarding your current relationship with someone from your past. 3 stars

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Sports

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Rewriting the record books

Byers now school's all-time points leader

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Scoring goals is how Jillian Byers plays the game, and Notre Dame's senior captain showed it Saturday when she scored five to set the all-time Irish record for career points.

"I am someone who is very passionate about the sport of lacrosse, so it is nice after four years to have something to show for all of the hard work and sacrifice that everyone has made along the way," Byers said. "It's definitely a great accomplishment." Byers passed former team­mate Cristy Foote, class of 2006, to become Notre Dame's all-time leader with 238 points after entering the season with

225, good for third.

"She is a very graceful play­er," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "She makes it look effortless when it's not and she has a lot of work into it. She is an exciting player to watch. She generates the feeling that some­thing special is going to happen on Saturday."

Byers has been making an impact on the field for the Irish since the start of her freshman season in 2006, when she played alongside Foote. Byers scored 54 goals and picked up 24 assists for 78 points, second on the team behind Foote's 114, in a sophomore season with 66 points on 58 goals and 8 assists led the Irish. She led the team again this season, Byers leading the Irish in goals with 13.

ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Miller becomes program's fastest swimmer in team's win

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame won its 13th consecutive Big East Championship on Feb. 21, it wasn't without a little individual glory.

Sophomore Amywren Miller broke the Irish record in the 100-yard freestyle, making her the fastest female swimmer in school history with a time of 22.37 sec­onds.

"The best part of the sport is going for your best times — when all your hard work pays off for something that takes less than a minute, that's wonderful," Miller said. "That's what drives most of us."

Miller was also a crucial mem­ber of Notre Dame's first-place 200 medley relay team, which edged Louisville's group by only .59 seconds. Miller said the team, which also included sophomores Colleen Fotsch and sophomores Kellyn Kubikle and Samantha Maxwell, used its closeness to suc­ceed in the water.

"Team bonding happens natu­rally around here, and that's my favorite part about this team," Miller said. "We stand on one another and hold everyone accountable to work hard for the team and push themselves."

In fact, she said, that's what makes being on a relay team so rewarding.

"Being at Notre Dame has taught me how special it is to be on the relays and be a part of something that represents the team," Miller said. "Relays defi­nitely pump up my adrenaline, and that's what makes me swim my best."

Both the 800 free relay and the 200 medley relay teams won their events on the first day to get the Irish off to a solid start in the Big East meet, but the relays didn't stop dominating after the first day. The next day, the 200 free relay of Miller, Fotsch, Maggie Behrens and Christa Coyne took second, and the 400 medley relay of Miller, Behrens, Kubikle and Maxwell took first by almost a second over second-place Louisville.

Aside from her personal victory in the 50 free, Miller proved her dominance as a sprinter when she came in second in the 100 free, behind only Kayla Andrews of West Virginia.

Hockey Commentary

In Lockert, Irish lose announcer and friend

Erik Condra's eyes began to tear up when clips from Mike Lockert's last Irish hockey radio broadcast were played over the loudspeakers after Notre Dame's preg­ame introductions Friday. But it's not Lockert's on-air catch­phrases or nicknames that Condra will remem­ber most about the Irish play­by-play man, who died early Friday morning of an apparent heart attack at 43.

"When we were on the bus watching 'Family Guy' or some funny movie, he had the loudest laugh and you knew he was hav­ing a good time," Condra said. "You could hear him from the front of the bus or the back of the bus. It didn't matter where you were, you knew Lockert was on the bus. That's how I think most guys will remember him."

To say Mike Lockert was Notre Dame's radio play-by-play man for the last seven years wouldn't scratch the surface of what he meant to the Irish hockey pro­gram.

On most days, he'd be the only member of the media at practice, but he wouldn't be taking notes, conducting interviews or chasing a story. He'd ride the team bus to road games, but he wouldn't be using his insider access to divulge any juicy gossip on the air.

Mike was just there because he wanted to be. Because people wanted him to be. Because he

Fencing

Buckeyes waiting for battle

Notre Dame still No. 1, but Ohio State a prime contender for nat'l title

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Despite another successful weekend for top-ranked Notre Dame, the road ahead will only become more treacher­ous as the mid-March NCAA Championships fast approach.

Reigning national champion Ohio State has to be feeling confident heading into the upcoming NCAA Midwest Regional. The Buckeyes had Notre Dame's number at the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships, finishing the event in first place with 1,130 points and edging the Irish by 20 points. That performance earned Ohio State its fourth

Men's Tennis

Wolverines set to visit No. 25 ND

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will continue its brutal early-season slate when it hosts Michigan today. The No. 25 Irish (7-7) and the No. 18 Wolverines (16-6), who will meet at 4 p.m., have both played highly competi­tive schedules and are fairly even-matched, Irish coach Bobby Bayless said.

"Down the line they are very solid and have plenty of depth with very strong doubles," Bayless said. "It should be another very close match."

Both teams will be looking see MICHIGAN/page 18

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