**Group petitions Office of the President**

By MADELINE BUCKLEY  
News Editor

Members of the Campaign for Human Dignity presented the Office of the President a petition asking that sexual orientation be added to nondiscrimination clause of the University's insurance. Currently, the insurance states that the University does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status or age.

Group members and students gathered outside the Main Building to present a unified front according to Sophomore Mary Dewey, chair of the campaign.

Dewey said the group garnered over 2,300 student signatures supporting the aims of the petition.

“We wanted to show solidarity,” said sophomore Bridget Flores, president of the Progressive Student Alliance. “We wanted to show that this is something a lot of students care about.”

The group took similar action last spring and received about the same amount of signatures, but did not get a response from the administration. However this time, Flores said Jenkins has agreed to a meeting on March 30.

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By ASHLEY CHARNLEY  
Saint Mary’s Editor

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News Writer

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INSIDE COLUMN

NCAA: Day One

No matter what the Super Bowl may claim, the best sports day of the year is really two days. Today and tomorrow. The first round of the NCAA Tournament. Even though Notre Dame didn’t get invited to this year’s Big Dance, my friend and I have enough snacks on hand to last me all 12 hours of college basketball goodness. I know Douglass Farmer did a March Madness rundown yesterday, but let’s take a look at the most interesting games of Day One as picked by Fantasy Sports Editor Sam Werner.

Fantasy Sports

- 12:20 p.m. (9) Butler vs. (8) LSU — The classic 8/9 matchup to start it all up, but can the Bulldogs win against Tigers, Midmajor vs. weak major. There’s a legitimate chance the Horizon League was almost as good as the SEC this year, and Butler’s loss in the conference tournament hurt them more than it should have. Pick: Butler

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- 5:00 p.m. (13) Mississippi State vs. (4) Washington — Two schools coming out of week conferences — even President Obama said the Pac-10 was down this year. Both teams, though, are coming in red-hot. The Bulldogs are only here because of their run through the SEC tournament, and the Huskies have only lost three games in the past two months. Expect the Bulldogs to make it interesting, but come up just short. Pick: Washington

- 9:50 p.m. (11) VCU vs. (6) UCLA — Even President Barack “Chalk” Obama picked this upset (if you don’t get that last joke, go check out Obama’s picks on ESPN). VCU upset Duke in the first round two years ago, and the Rams might have another one in them this year. The Rams have to travel across the country, and a sluggish start will cost them. Pick: VCU

- 9:55 p.m. (12) Western Kentucky vs. (5) Illinois — The last game of the day could end up being less each year between the Big Ten and the Ohio Valley Conference. But the Hilltoppers return to travel across the country, and a sluggish start will cost them. Pick: VCU

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QUESTIONS OF THE DAY:

“What’s the worst thing about the day after St. Patrick’s Day?”

Carolyn Hersh
junior
Welsh Fam

Mayra del Rio
junior
Welsh Fam

Sue Daily
junior
Fl.

Chris Vanderhurst
senior
off campus

Mark Lyons
junior
off campus

“Living near my roommate.”

“Everything.”

“$9.30 a.m. Spanish class.”

“Having to wait until p.m. to drink acceptably.”

“St. Patrick’s Day’s coming up!”

OFFBEAT

Women allegedly punches, bites her son’s principal

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A Rhode Island woman faces charges after allegedly punching and biting her 11-year-old son’s school principal after being told the boy would be suspended. Police said 30-year-old Aloyda Uceta also hit an officer trying to arrest her after Friday’s incident at Roger Williams Middle School in Providence. She was charged with assault on school officials, assault on police officers and resisting arrest.

Principal Rudolph Moseley Jr. was allegedly assaulted after he told Uceta that her son would be suspended for three days for refusing to go to a room for misbehaving students. Police said Uceta punched Moseley in the face and hit his left arm. Attempts to reach Uceta by phone for comment were unsuccessful.

NC woman hopes she can cash in after dog’s death

APEX, N.C. — A North Carolina family’s dog didn’t eat the children’s homework, he ate mom’s money. Kelley Davis said she had an extra $400 in cash to deposit after working extra hours as a physical therapist. She told the News & Observer of Raleigh that on Friday she planned to deposit the money, but it wasn’t in her pocket.

She remembered leaving it in the bedroom and it occurred to her that the family’s 2-year-old greater Swiss mountain dog, Augie, might have eaten it.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

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MBA fellowships offered

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

The University will offer eight fellowships, ranging from $10,000 to $20,000, to students entering the Executive MBA (EMBA) program this year.

Barry Van Dyck, the director of degree programs in Executive education, said this will open doors for highly qualified applicants who may have trouble financing their education.

"We always have highly qualified applicants to the EMBA program where funding is a challenge," Van Dyck said. "Our purpose with these fellowships is to provide services to students."

The fellowships will be awarded based on a combination of merit and need and will function similar to undergraduate awards of the same type.

The announcement of these fellowships has been a few years in the making, Van Dyck said. "Our purpose with these fellowships is to provide services to students."

The program has been around for almost 30 years, graduating its first class at the South Bend site in 1984.

According to its Web site, Notre Dame Executive Education "provides leaders in the executive and management ranks the opportunity to develop and strengthen their leadership abilities and business acumen skills through both degree and non-degree programs."

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Speakers discuss role of religion in development

By LIZ LEEFYRE
News Writer

Decisions made toward global development must be informed by a religious understanding of human nature, Scott Appleby, director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, said in a lecture on "The Impact of Religion on Development," Wednesday evening.

"Religion is a far broader and richer category than mere economic and material progress," he said. "A cultural and spiritual dimension must be a basis for informing decisions about development."

The Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity presented the second part of its lecture series on "Religion and Development" Wednesday evening.

The discussion also featured theology professor Fr. Paul Kollman, who explored the ways in which religion influences that challenge of global development.

Appleby began his portion of the lecture by explaining the term "theological anthropology," which is the view that religions should have an anthropological view of what constitutes human nature.

Appleby said for development to succeed, there needs to be a cultural understanding of human nature.

"Religion comprehends the whole human person," Appleby said. "Religion sees a fundamental orientation to each person as a child of God."

Appleby made this point in reference to Roman Catholicism, which holds the view of the human in relation to God, rather than seeing each person as an isolated individual.

In addition, Appleby discussed how religion is internally contested and how various religions question different aspects of development.

"Religion can reinforce development priorities in theory and practice, and religion can also challenge and question these priorities," Kollman said.

The next part of the "Discussions on Development" series will take place April 1. The event will address the topic of "Science, Technology, and Development" and will feature Mary Ann McDowell, professor of biology, and Steve Stollman, professor of engineering.

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LDS starts interviews

By LAURA MCCRYSTAL
News Writer

Loyal Daughters and Sons, the annual examining gender relations at Notre Dame, does not show again until November, but the writers of the 2009 show have already begun conducting interviews and collecting stories for the production.

Scott W. Murphy and Kevin Stein, who are both juniors and former cast members of the show, are the writers for the 2009 production.

"Content-wise, we are looking for experiences and opinions in the spheres of the following topics: sexual assault, eating disorders, homosexuality, chastity and healthy relationships," Murphy said.

Stein said the show is entirely based on real experiences of students and that the writers are currently looking for students who would like to share their thoughts or stories on these issues.

"We have conducted a few interviews already, but anticipate many more to come in," he said. "We are definitely still looking for students to interview. Anyone should come and talk to us, even if they don't necessarily think their story or experience is worth hearing - we think it has something worthwhile to offer."

After the writers' Korea trip in March, Stein said, they will spend the summer transforming the collected interviews into scenes that preserve the truth behind the experiences. Murphy said.

"All of the stories we tell are based on testimony from members of the community here," he said. "While we may change some minor facts and names, we do not change the content of the interviews."

Approximately half of the 2009 show will be based on the interviews, while the other half will be from previous productions of the show, Stein said.

The Department of Film, Television, and Theatre will help the writers refine the stories into a final script, which will be finished by the end of the summer. Auditions and casting for the show will take place in September for the November show.

Stein said he became involved with Loyal Daughters and Sons "because I was so perfectly at home in a place that was so different from where I'm from."

In addition to generating conversation, Murphy also said the show aims to bring "a wider, stronger, healthier community."

"I really hope that people take advantage of this," he said. "Because it's not just some other place that we're going to, it requires the participation of the community to survive and be successful."

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DSLC begins at SMC

By EMILY DABISH

SMC’s fourth annual Diversity Student’s Leadership Conference (DSLC) kicked off Wednesday to address issues of diversity in philanthropy, education, and leadership.

Senior Sarah Barnes, Vice President of the Student Diversity Board, helped to explain the important of understanding diversity in today’s world.

“With globalization, the interconnection of numerous different ethnicities and cultures will increase in the future,” she said. “There is a need to improve the art of thinking independently together and the need to work for social justice to become fully human.”

A more complete understanding of diversity is important because “the more perspectives that are brought to bear, the better the preparation for your future,” according to College President Carol Ann Moore.

Dr. Jennifer Fluri, faculty member at Dartmouth’s women’s studies department, introduced the topic of “women’s studies”.

Fluri discussed how important it is to critique world leaders. She said we have a right to question, to critique world leaders. She also wrote, “They have asked many departments to work hard to merit that place in us. We do, and will continue to work hard to merit that place.”

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Tuition

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quality of education at Saint Mary’s,” Meyer said.

In a letter to students’ families, Saint Mary’s President Carol Ann Mooney informed parents that she recognizes the many family cur- rently struggle to pay tuition.

“We are aware of the financial hardships faced by many of our students’ families. We realize that many of you may make significant sac- rifices in order to allow your daughter to attend Saint Mary’s. You can give her no finer gift, nor can you make any better invest- ment in her future,” Mooney wrote.

Raising tuition as well as room and board fees is not the only way Saint Mary’s is trying to increase revenues for the future.

In a press release earlier this week, the College said it is also working to cut expenses in areas that do not affect the classroom experience or student services.

They have asked many depart- ments to lower expenses by elimi- nating funding for administrative travel, cutting positions and cap- sulating salaries, Meyer said. The savings will go toward mak- ing tuition more affordable for stu- dents, Meyer said.

“All money saved from the budgetary restraints will be put toward financial aid,” said the College. “The college will do everything possible to assist our current and future students in these difficult times,” Meyer said.

The Board would like for par- ents to view the tuition increase as a long-term investment that will benefit their daughters for years to come.

“In trying economic times we want families to understand that this economy will improve and the investment in their daughter’s education will pay off,” Meyer said.

Mooney also expressed confi- dence that the College will contin- ue to work to provide good edu- cation for students in her letter to parents this week.

“Thank you for the trust you place in us. We, and will contin-ue to work, hard to merit that trust,” she wrote.

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Raid

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“Everybody was delighted to see us,” Hinder said. “The professors were smiling, the Huddle workers were cheering us on.”

But it also meant that NDSP reacted negatively to the parade.

“We were spreading merriment on the campus, and the students were simply, everybody except NDSP loved us,” Chapman said.

Student Senate

Senate discusses iTunes U

By MADELINE BUCKLEY

Manager for academic technolo- gies Paul Turner presented at Wednesday’s Student Senate meet- ing about iTunes U — an off- shoot of Apple’s iTunes that pub- lishes materials from top universi- ties — to distribute campus lec- tures, sporting events and more for free online.

Turner said many prominent universities such as Vanderbilt, Duke and Stanford publish content on iTunes U.

Student government has been working with the administration to create a Notre Dame iTunes U site. Although there is no official launch date for the site, Turner said the University has a contract with Apple and material lined up to be published. There is already a Web site, itunes.nd.edu, but the links will not be activated until everything is finalized with the Office of the Provost and the Office of Public Relations.

“iTunes works like the iTunes store, but the main difference is that we have complete control over brand, content and descriptions,” Turner said. “It’s our con- tent, our brand.”

Turner said the University chose to have a branch of iTunes U avail- able to the public and a branch that is only accessible to students and faculty. The bulk of the mate- rial will be in the private sector of the site, he said.

“In my mind, the private site is the students’ site,” he said. “It will be a faculty site, but I want stu- dents to have a major impact on what the site looks like and what goes on there.”

The site will feature two buttons, one accessible to the public and one that will require a Notre Dame net ID for access, Turner said.

Turner said it will be up to facul- ty to post lecture materials if they choose.

“Our job is to make it easy for those faculty members to record that content,” he said.

Turner said the material in iTunes U will be organized by College, subject matter, semester and topic to make it easier for peo- ple to navigate. He said students will have the option of subscribing to topics that interest them.

“You can subscribe to individual Colleges, like Business or Arts and Letters, or even individual sections within the College,” he said.

Student Senator Lauren Cummings asked Turner how stu- dents would go about posting con- tent on iTunes U.

Turner said this is a process his team is still examining.

“There’s got to be some level of review. The question is, what’s that level and who does it,” he said.

“We really don’t want to be in the content-policing business, but we are worried about copyright infringement.”

The University’s contract with Apple states that all material pub- lished on iTunes U must adhere to copyright laws, Turner said.

In other Student Senate news:

‖ Student body vice president Grant Schmidt announced both of the Last Lectures, delivered by Professors James McKenna and Carl Ackermann, are available online at the student government Web site.

‖ Student Outreach Committee chair Sarah Bots said the student survey, set to close Wednesday, garnered about 3,500 responses from students. Bots said the num- ber is down from the last survey student government conducted, so the survey will remain open until Friday to receive more input.

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RILEY PRIEST

In ART HISTORY CRITICISM

Current Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students are invited to submit essays on any topic in the history of art or art criticism for consideration in the competition. CASH PRIZES.

Rules governing the competition are available in the Art Department Office, 306 Riley Hall. Due in the Art Department Office by 5:00 pm, Monday, March 23.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

incestuous father pleads guilty
ST. PETERSBURG, Russia - Josef Frizel abruptly pleaded guilty to all of the charges against him Wednesday -- a surprising twist amid disclosures that the photographer imprisoned for 24 years in a dungeon where he bore three children secretly sat in on per-trials.

Adding intrigue to a case that has drawn worldwide attention, Fritzl calmly acknowledged his guilt, including to homicide, and said his change of heart came after hearing his daughter's heartbreaking videotaped testimony.

"I declare myself guilty to the charges in the indictment," Fritzl, 73, told a panel of judges, referring to what he called "my sick behavior."

Filipino woman alters testimony
MANILA, Philippines -- A Filipino woman whose accusations of rape led to the high-profile conviction of a U.S. Marine altered her testimony, saying in an affidavit that she may have led him to believe she wanted sex.

The woman moved to the U.S. this week and is in Pittsburgh to talk about the case, her lawyer said Wednesday. Lance Cpl. Daniel Smith, convicted in 2006 of raping the woman and sentenced to 24 years in prison, remains detained at the U.S. Embassy while pre-trial motions are considered.

The case strained U.S.-Philippine military relations and became a rallying point for anti-American protesters who called for the scrapping of a pact that allows the U.S. to pursue an appeal.

Associated Press

IRAQ

War end in sight, Iraq's future shaky
Violence down, but still prevalent; power struggles among sects

WASHINGTON -- Six years after the U.S. invaded Iraq, the end of America's costly mission may be in sight given a more hopeful future of this tortured country is much less clear.

With violence down sharply, most Iraqis feel more secure than at any time since the war began March 20, 2003 -- March 19 in the United States.

But violence still continues at levels that most other countries would find alarming. Last week, suicide bombers killed a total of 60 people in two separate attacks in the Baghdad area, and an American soldier was fatally injured Monday on a combat mission in Mosul.

Fighting still rages in Mosul and other areas of the mostly Sunni region in northern Iraq, a Competition for power and resources among rival religious and ethnic groups is gearing up, even as the U.S. military's role winds down.

In this March 10, 2009 photo, eight-year-old Hiba Mohammed is being treated in a Baghdad hospital after an attack in Abu Ghraib, Baghdad.

Both the Sunni and Shiite communities face internal power struggles that are likely to intensify ahead of national elections late this year. Sunnite-Shiite violence has abated, but genuine reconciliation remains elusive.

"If Iraqi leaders don't reconcile and work togeth­er, the nation will deterio­rate," veteran Kurdish lawmaker Mahmoud Othman said. "There is no harmony among Iraqi lead­ers. Their work depends on their mood."

At the same time, U.S. combat troops are due to leave by September 2010, with all American soldiers gone by the end of the following year.

In the early stage of the war, America's challenge will be to prevent ethn­ic and sectarian competition from exploding into vio­lence on the scale that plunged the nation to the brink of all-out civil war two years ago.

U.S. commanders suc­cessfully lobbied President Barack Obama to maintain a substantial combat force in Iraq through parlia­mentary elections at the end of the year in hopes of curb­ing violence as the coun­try's religious and ethnical­ly based parties compete for power in the national bal­loting.

Damage control is a far more ambitious goal than the Bush administration foresaw when the U.S. launched the invasion with an airstrike on Dora Farms in southern Baghdad in a failed attempt to kill Saddam Hussein.

Missing Saddam in the opening moments of the conflict set the tone for what became a war of mis­steps and disappointments before the tide turned in 2007.

The war was launched to deny Saddam weapons of mass destruction and when events proved he had none, the goal shifted -- to estab­lish a Western-style democ­racy in the heart of the Middle East. That goal has only partially achieved.

Now, the U.S. hopes that it can leave without the country disintegrating into chaos. The Americans hope Iraq will be strong enough to fend off interference by neighboring countries -- notably Iran -- and protect itself from a resurgent al-Qaida.

Prospects for a reasona­bly stable Iraq are cer­tainly brighter than they were before the U.S. troop surge of 2007, when cars bombs shook Baghdad daily and gangs of Sunni and Shiite gunmen ruled the streets.

Violence is down 90 per­cent since early 2007. In February, the U.S. military recorded 367 attacks nationwide, compared with 1,286 for the same month last year, according to Lt. Col. Brian Tribus, a U.S. spokesman.

Local News

Shuttle crew commences construction

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -- The astronauts aboard the linked space shuttle and space station began their high-pressure joint operations Wednesday, a two-day job that will culminate with the installation of new solar wings at the orbiting outpost.

They cranked up the robot arm on the shuttle's end-effector to perform installation and used it to latch onto the 45-foot-long, 31,000-pound frame structure that flowed up aboard shuttle Discovery. The framework, which holds the folded-up wings, was then hoisted out of the shuttle payload bay.

Discovery's robot arm assisted with the work.

The $300 million girder -- which has a radiator along with the solar wings -- is the last major American-made piece of the space station. And the pair of wings are the station's last.

The new wings will bring the 10-year-old space station to full power, which is critical for boosting science research and allowing the crew to double to six.

In between chores, station skipper Mike Fincke, shuttle commander John Yeager, and the two former schoolteachers on board, Joseph Araca and Richard Arnold II, shared their space experiences with Channel One, a newscast for teenagers.

Arnold and Araca, who are making the first double educator-astronaut flight, fielded the food and toilet ques­tions. Arnold held up a bag of candy and potatoes and Araca held up a bag of candy and potatoes and ate it.

As for using the bathroom in orbit, Araca said it's like camping but takes more effort, and stressed the impor­tance of a good seal on the commode.

"The last thing we want to have is our commander seeing something floating around the cabin," Araca said.
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in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana to race.

The races, who will race in the Men's B, is set to complete a 50-mile road race Saturday and a 40-
mile time trial Sunday. He has eight individual victories under his spandex belt, and traveled to Nationals his sophomore year. He is one of the dozen or so seri­ous competitors who dedicate hours each week to training.

Senior captain Tim Campbell, an A cyclist, has been racing for National while since his freshman year. He said he and his team­mates are excited for their first race at home.

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movement. Christine Romero, a junior and Chairman of Legislative commission, called the bill "extremely radical, really draconian," and said that through the postcard cam­paign, students can "let our con­gressmen know that we feel it is important." Romero said the club is working with both FOCA and Campus Ministry to facilitate the effort. Postcards, which are produced by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, are sent to congressmen, stating the campaign's opposition to FOCA.

The club ordered 12,000 post­cards, Romero said. She noted that other groups are able to send three postcards to members of Congress — one to a senator and two to a representative.

Wednesday night, representatives from the club gathered signatures outside both South and North din­ing halls.

"We had a really great turnout," Romero said. She estimated around 1,200 individual postcards were signed.

In addition, Romero said that Campus Ministry has outlined the distribution of postcards to every dorm through Campus Ministry commissioners.

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Dewey said she believes the group submitted the petition too close to the end of the year, which contributed to the lack of a response from the administra­tion. Dewey said this year, the group sought to present the petition earlier, which the administra­tion has ample time to respond.

"FOCA's next step depends on Jenkins' response," Dewey said. "They need to keep up with the administration in this matter." Dewey said. "If we get a neg­ative response, we want to demonstrate that there is student support with actions like rallies, but that is really a last resort." Dewey said.
WASHINGTON President Barack Obama said Wednesday no one in his administration created the mess at giant AIG, including the much-maligned executive bonuses, but that "the buck stops with me" to fix it.

Standing on the White House lawn as he prepared to go to California, Obama vigorously defended his embattled Treasury secretary, Timothy Geithner. Some have speculated that Geithner could be in danger over his handling of the millions of dollars in bonuses that American International Group Inc. is giving its executives — even in the midst of a massive federal bailout.

"There has never been a secretary of the treasury, except maybe Alexander Hamilton, right after the Revolutionary War, who's had to deal with the multiplicity of issues that Secretary Geithner is having to deal with, all at the same time," said Obama, with Geithner standing at his right elbow.

"And, you know, he is doing so with intelligence and diligence. Nobody's working harder than this guy," Obama said.

The president told reporters that Geithner "is making all the right moves in terms of playing a bad hand.

In more pointed terms than before, the president assailed AIG for its business practices that led to the failure for an infusion of tens of millions in taxpayer dollars.

"I don't want to quell anger. I think people are right to feel angry," the president said. "What I want us to do is to go after the anger in a constructive way.

He said he and his economic team have begun discussions with leading congressional players to fast-track legislation creating another regulatory entity to govern the dissolution of large financial institutions such as AIG, which merely liquidated could reverberate disastro­usly through the financial system.

The so-called "resolution authority" would have powers similar to those of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation over banks, allowing for the protection of creditors, depositors and consumers without taxpayers left holding the bag.

Obama said this broader authority would allow the government to prevent "the kinds of systemic risks that we've seen taking place" at AIG.

Obama said the new authority would be part of a broader regulatory reform agenda that his administration is preparing to send to Congress in an effort to deal with lax oversight that must be blamed for creating the current financial crisis, the worst to hit the country in seven decades.

The broad outlines of the overhaul are expected to be unveiled before Obama attends the Group of 20 meeting of major industrial countries and developing nations in London on April 2. European countries have pushed the administration to take a tougher approach to financial reg­ulation, believing it was lax enforcement in the United States that led to the crisis that has now pushed the global economy into recession.

Fed to buy billions in long-term bonds

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve announced Wednesday that it will inject $1.5 trillion into the economy in a bold effort to help the battered housing market and lift the economy from recession.

At the same time, the Fed left a key short-term lending rate at a record low of between zero and 0.25 percent.

Economists predict the Federal Reserve will hold the rate in that zone for the rest of this year and for most of next year and for most of next year.

In a new program, the Fed said it will buy up to $300 billion of long-term mortgage rates to drive down their rates. That would ripple through and lower rates on other kinds of debt.

The last time the Fed set out to influence long-term interest rates was during the 1960s.

And expanding an existing program, the Fed said it will buy more mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The central bank will buy an additional $700 billion, bringing its total purchases of these securities to $1.25 trillion. It also will boost its purchase of Fannie and Freddie debt to $200 billion.

"This is not only going to keep mortgage rates low for a long period of time," said Greg McBride, senior financial analyst at Bankrate.com.

"The mere announcement may pro­duce a honeymoon effect and bring smaller business lending could be expanded to include other financial assets.

The program — which is rolling out this week — currently is focused on spur­ring lending for autos, education, credit cards and loans for business equipment. The government already has announced an expansion to include commercial real-estate assets. Any broadening of the program would be beyond that area.

The Fed's action kept Wall Street's batter­ed housing market and other sectors of the economy from sliding further under pressure.

The 30-year fixed mortgage rate, which was 5.08 percent last Friday, fell to 4.99 percent Wednesday. The rate on a conventional 30-year fixed mortgage fell to 5.14 percent from 5.23 percent.

The benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 3.01 percent late Tuesday.


CHINA

Soldier's story offers a new look at Tiananmen

Associated Press

TENGZIBU — Even 20 years later, the who, why, how and death of the final assault on Tiananmen Square remains vivid in the mind of former soldier Zhang Shijuan. Today, he has become one of the few to publicly relate his story.

In bearing witness about his role in the military crackdown on the 1989 student pro-democracy movement in Beijing, Zhang says he hopes to add momentum to calls for an investigation and reassessment of the protest movement — and to further its ultimate goal of a democratic China.

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AIG heads say execs are returning part of bonuses

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under intense pressure from the Obama administration and Congress, the head of bailed-out insurance giant AIG declared Wednesday that some of the firm’s executives have begun returning all or part of bonuses totaling $165 million.

Liddy called “outrageous bonuses.” Still, he said, “The buck stops with me.” He said that “my goal is to make sure that we never put ourselves in this kind of position again,” and he disclosed the administration was considering a provision with Congress on the possibility of creating a new agency to govern the largest financial institutions such as AIG.

He also gave a strong vote of confidence to Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner, who has been the target of growing Republican criticism.

Later, at a town hall meeting in Costa Mesa, Calif., Obama said that when his administration was addressing the AIG bonuses specifically, he said he wanted to “make sure we don’t find ourselves in this situation again, where taxpayers are on the hook for losses in bad times and all the wealth generated in good times goes to those at the very top.”

Obama spoke as congressional Democrats worked on legislation designed to recoup most or all of the $165 million in bailout aid the firm has already received. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said the new 90-day executive bonus tax would apply to any bonus money paid to employees earning more than $250,000 at firms that have received more than $5 billion in federal bailout funds. Mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are covered by the proposal.

Liddy said that on Tuesday, he had “asked those who have received retention payments in excess of $100,000 or more to turn those payments over.”

Some have "already stepped forward and returned 100 percent," he added.

Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said the House bill would be voted on under rules requiring a two-thirds majority of Democrats are in comfortable control of the House but do not control two-thirds of the seats, meaning the outcome of the vote would probably be determined by Democratic leaders.

Republicans raised pointed questions about the content of Geithner’s advance knowledge of the bonuses, and stressed they had been locked out of discussions earlier this year when Democrats decided to jettison a provision from legislation that could have revoked the payments.

The fact is that the bill the president signed, which protected the AIG bonuses and others, was written behind closed doors by Democratic leaders of the House and Senate. There was no transparency," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, the senior Republican on the Senate Finance Committee.

On Wednesday, Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, acknowledged that his staff agreed to dilute an executive compensation provision that would have applied retroactively to recipients of federal aid. Dodd told CNN that he spoke from officials at the Treasury Department whom he did not identify.

While the House and Senate reconciled their stimulus bills last month, the Treasury Department expressed concern with a Senate restriction on bonuses, noting that if it applied to existing compensation contracts it could face a legal challenge.

"The alternative was losing, in my view, the entire section on executive excessive compensation," Dodd told CNN. "Given a choice — this is not an uncommon occurrence here — I agreed to a modification in the legislation, reluctantly.

"The legislation does include a provision that allows the Treasury Department to examine past compensation payments to determine whether they were contrary to the public interest," Geithner said on Tuesday. He was using that provision to review AIG’s bonuses.

Liddy’s presence in a congressional hearing room was evidence of a bipartisan opposition to the bonuses, although his status as a $1-a-year CEO called out of retirement last year to try and untangle AIG’s financial mess made him a less-than-easy target for expressions of outrage.

"No one knows better than I that AIG has been the recipient of generous amounts of government financial aid," he said. "We have been the beneficiaries of the American people’s forbearance and patience," he added, acknowledging the patience was wearing thin.

Asked by Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., whether he would turn over the names of individuals who received the bonuses, as well as the amounts, Liddy said he would do so only if assured the information not be made public.

When Frank said he might seek a subpoena, Liddy said he was concerned about the safety of the employees and their families, and read aloud from a death threat received by one of them.

Frank said he would be guided in part by security considerations, but Ackerman later noted that Andrew Cuomo, the New York attorney general, was already seeking the names with a subpoena

Liddy said he had not yet consulted with several several times when asked whether he would, and finally said "it would be our intent to do so."

Cuomo swiftly issued a statement saying Liddy’s pledge was "simply too little, too late." Rather than take half-measures, AIG should immediately turn over the list, which we have subpoenaed, of who got what and when.

Separately, a New York state judge ordered Bank of America Corp., to disclose information about bonuses given to employees at Merrill Lynch & Co. just before the bank bought the brokerage company. Cuomo, who has been investigating with the bank over release of the information, said the decision "will now lift the shroud of secrecy surrounding the $3.6 billion in premature bonuses Merrill Lynch rushed out in early December."

"AIG should take heed and immediately turn over the list of bonus recipients we have subpoenaed," he said. "The deadline for responding to our request is tomorrow."

AIG spokesman Mark Herr said he could not say how many executives had turned back the money. "Bear in mind, the bonuses were only just paid," he said.

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Lenten Day of Recollection

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What is a “Day of Recollection”? It is an opportunity to set some time aside for God. We are all busy! Sometimes in the midst of all our activity, it is good to take an opportunity for some time apart, time for guided prayer and meditation. Time with God and reflection on our lives. The Day is structured around two “customized” retreats (public talks by Fr. Daley) offered by the retreat director, one morning and one afternoon. Each is followed by guided meditative and conversational response for the group, and opportunity for individual prayer and reflection afterward. The day ends with Mass and dinner.

Who is invited? All faculty members interested in deepening their relationship with God. The retreat is in the living tradition of Catholic spirituality. It can be meaningfully experienced from a variety of perspectives, including those with no previous exposure. The only requirement is commitment to the whole day’s experience.

For further information and to register: The Day of Recollection is a project of the Institute for Church Life, which assumes all costs. Simply email: cavadiniJ.@nd.edu.

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Please recycle The Observer.
The Federal Reserve kept Wall Street’s big rally in check Wednesday when it refused to extend long-term government bonds as it has in recent months.

Both markets surged Wednesday after the Fed said it would buy more than $1 trillion in long-term government bonds on Wall Street to help revive the housing market. The plan incorporates up to $1 trillion in long-term government bonds during the next six months.

Investors expect the move to drive up bond prices even higher than recent levels, but others believe it will have limited impact on the credit card rates. The Dow Jones industrial average reversed early losses to end up 91 points and the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note plunged, indicating strong demand for the note.

The dollar also fell sharply as investors worried the government’s actions would eventually fail inflation.

The Fed’s move, analysts said, is likely to produce an immediate drop in mortgage rates, of 0.25 to 0.5 percent percentage points. The central bank also made clear it would be able to purchase the majority of new mortgage-backed securities for at least the rest of the year, possibly longer.

That’s great news for those borrowers with good incomes and healthy credit scores who are able to qualify for a loan. But dramatically tighter lending standards have made it difficult for many borrowers to qualify.

Still, it was a plus for the housing industry, which many analysts believe must recover in order for the overall economy to prosper again. Homebuilder and financial company stocks shot higher on the news, which came a day after the Commerce Department reported better-than-expected housing starts numbers for February.

The dollar itself strength of the Fed’s proposal “indicates they have a lot of weapons still in the arsenal,” said Bruce McCain, chief investment strategist at Key Private Bank in Cleveland.

The Fed said it would build on a plan to buy mortgage-backed securities announced by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. It also will buy an additional $75 billion, bringing its total purchases of those securities to $1.25 trillion. It also will boost its purchase of Fannie and Freddie debt to $200 billion.

The Fed’s announcement accompanied its decision to keep interest rates at historically low levels. Chairman Ben Bernanke has said in recent weeks that the recession could end this year if the credit and financial markets can be stabilized. Bernanke and other officials have said they would deploy whatever tools necessary to revitalize the economy.

“They are certainly, assertively doing everything they can to interfere,” said David Darsih, chief investment strategist of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management Group.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 908.89, or 1.2 percent, to 7,486.58.

Bond market indicators also jumped. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index added 16.23, or 0.2 percent, to 7,957.79. The NASDAQ composite index rose 29.11, or 1.4 percent, to 2,049.22.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies jumped 14.04, or 1.5 percent, to 947.63.

More than four stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where 2 billion shares changed hands Tuesday. The market had traded lower earlier in the day, but rallied as it neared close.

Stocks have risen for six out of the last seven days. Since the market rally began last week, the Dow has jumped 14.4 percent, and the S&P 500 has soared 17.4 percent. There are signs that gains that would normally make for a great year in the stock market.

Government bond prices surged Wednesday on news the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, tumbled to 2.50 percent from 3.01 percent late Tuesday. The yield on the three-month T-bill, considered one of the safest investments, slipped to 0.20 percent from 0.22 percent late Tuesday.

The dollar fell against other major currencies. Gold prices also slid as demand for safe haven holdings fell.

For both the stock and bond markets, the Fed’s announcement was a welcome surprise. The last Fed meeting in January, policy makers said they were considering buying up to $1 trillion in mortgage-backed securities. But investors were skeptical the Fed would actually go through with it.

We’ve suffered over the last month or so with disappointment that a lot of the initiatives out of the administration haven’t materialized, and here is the Fed moving in with very strong actions to get things back on track,” McCain said.

The Fed move — which economists call “quantitative easing” — is another way to push interest rates lower by essentially adding more money to the financial system. The Fed is using this tool now since its other main policy lever, the federal funds rate, has already been ratcheted down as low as it can go.

Bank stocks, including Morgan Inc., Bank of America Corp., Wells Fargo & Co. and Morgan Chase & Co. — got an extra boost after the Fed announcement. The Fed’s actions are intended to keep interest rates low and also to unfreeze borrowing activity, which could be a huge and immediate boost for banks.

Otto and Bank of America each gained more than 22 percent, while Wells Fargo rose 17.5 percent and JPMorgan added 7.8 percent.

Home builders put up huge gains as well. Homebuilders Enterprises Inc. jumped 56 percent to $1.44, while Toll Brothers Inc. rose 5.7 percent. Home improvement retailers jumped as well. Home Depot Inc. rose 3.5 percent and Lowe’s Cos. added 4.7 percent.

Technology stocks rose on news that International Business Machines Corp. is in discussions to buy Sun Microsystems Inc. for at least $6.5 billion in cash. Sun stock rose 7.9 percent, to $8.89. IBM fell 96 cents, or 1 percent, to $91.95.

Investors are growing more hopeful that the rally in stocks and the stock exchange power grid have many remain cautious. Stocks gained 20 percent from late November until the start of the year, only to come crashing down to levels not seen in more than a decade as worries grew about the stability of the financial system and the economy’s ability to turn higher.

Associated Press

Yemen

The South Korean Foreign Ministry confirmed Wednesday’s attack and said the convoy was also carrying relatives of the victims of Sunday’s attack. They were in the country to recover the bodies of those killed in that attack and were headed to the airport for a flight to return to South Korea when the bomber struck.

Yemen, an impoverished country in the southwestern corner of the Arabian Peninsula, is Osama bin Laden’s ancestral homeland and has long been a center of militant activity. A Yemeni security official said South Korea’s ambassador to the country was also in the convoy hit Wednesday, but in Seoul, the Foreign Ministry did not.

The bomber walked into the road between two of the vehicles and blew himself up. The convoy was traveling to the airport outside the capital, Sana’a, the Yemeni official said. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the press. The blast shattered the windows of the vehicles.

Yemeni authorities said al-Qaida was behind Sunday’s suicide bombing near the ancient fortress city of Shibam and that 12 suspects were arrested.
NEW YORK — Natasha Richardson, a gifted and precocious heiress to acting royalty whose career highlights included the film "Patty Hearst" and a Tony-winning performance in a stage revival of "Cabaret," died Wednesday at age 45 after suffering a head injury during a beginners' ski lesson.

Alan Nirohu, the Los Angeles-based publicist for Richardson's husband Liam Neeson, confirmed her death in a written statement. "Liam, Micheal, 13, and 12-year-old Anna are shocked and devastated by this news," the statement said. "They are profoundly grateful for the support, love and prayers of everyone, and ask for privacy during this very difficult time."

The statement did not give details on the cause of death for Richardson, who suffered a head injury and fell on a beginner's trail during a private ski lesson at the luxury Mont Tremblant ski resort in Quebec. Seemingly fine after the fall, about an hour later she complained that she didn't feel well. She was hospitalized Tuesday in Montreal and later flown to a hospital in New York, where family members had been seen coming and going.

Vanessa Redgrave, Richardson's mother, arrived in New York in the early morning. "I have no boundaries," she said. "My daughter's death is as much as anything like a personal death."

Richardson's mother, arrived in New York, an elegant blonde with large, lively eyes, a bright smile and a hearty laugh.

If she never quite attained the acting heights of her Academy Award-winning mother, she still had enjoyed a long and worthy career. As an actress, Richardson was equally adept as passion and restraint, able to portray besieged women both confessional (Tennessee Williams' Blanche Dubois) and confined (the concubine in the Futuristic horror of "The Handmaid's Tale").

Like other family members, she divided her time between stage and screen. On Broadway, she was a Tony for her performance as Sally Bowles in a 1998 revival of "Cabaret." She also appeared in New York in a production of Patrick Marber's "Closer" (1999) as well as 2005 revival of Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire," in which she played Blanche opposite John C. Reilly's Stanley Kowalski.

She met Neeson when they made their Broadway debuts in 1993, co-starring in "Anna Christie," Eugene O'Neill's drama about a former prostitute and the sailor who falls in love with her.

"The astonishing Natasha Richardson has proven to be the performance of the season as Anna, turning a heroine who has long been portrayed (and reviled) as a whore with a heart of gold into a tough, ruthlessly unsentimental spouse of O'Neill's tragic understanding of life," The New York Times critic Frank Rich wrote. "Miss Richardson, seeming more like a youthful incarnation of her mother, Vanessa Redgrave, than she has before, is riveting from her first entrance through a salon doorway's ethereal shaft of golden light."

Her most notable film roles came earlier in her career. Richardson played the title character in Paul Schrader's "Patty Hearst," a 1980 biopic about the kidnapped heiress for which the actress became so immersed that even between scenes she wore a blindfold to better to identify with her role of a real person.

"Natasha Richardson ... has been handed a big unwritten Richardson ... gives what may and she fills it," wrote The New Yorker's Pauline Kael. "We feel she fits into it."

Valerie Kaur was a 20-year-old college student when she sat out across America in the aftermath of 9/11, camera in hand, to document hate violence against Sikhs, Muslims and Arabs. She continued to capture unreported stories as a student until she joined writer-director Sharat Raju and his team in 2004. With grassroots donations, the team retraced Kaur's steps in 2005, revisiting her original interviewees and speaking with scholars and lawyers about the larger historical and political context. From the still-shocked streets of Ground Zero to the desert towns of the American West, her epic journey confronts the forces unleashed in a time of national crisis — racism and religion, fear and forgiveness — until she finds the heart of America, halfway around the world.

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The rescue happened Monday at busy Pennsylvania Station, where Lindsey was waiting for a train as he headed to a theater downtown. He said he saw a man who appeared drunk come very close to the platform, rock back and forth, then pitch headlong onto the tracks.

The man struck his head on the rail and began bleeding profusely, Lindsey said. He said he jumped down to the tracks and tried to rouse the man. When he didn’t respond, Lindsey lifted him under the arms and hoisted him onto the platform, with the help of others standing on the platform.

The rescue, first reported in The New York Times, lasted about 30 seconds, bringing Lindsey some instant — and overwhelming — public attention.

“I’m an actor. I’ve spent most of my life trying to get attention, and then I do something that’s a no-brainer, and now I have more than 1 news story,” he said Wednesday.

Lindsey stars in an off-Broadway musical, “Kaspar Hauser.” He said the role prepared him well for the emergency because he’s required in the play to repeatedly lift a character who can’t walk. He said he could see the light of the train approaching and about 15 seconds later — after the man was saved from the platform — the cars arrived in the station.

Someone had already called 911. After giving police a quick report, Lindsey boarded the train, where passengers greeted him with applause.

Lindsey said he didn’t know if his newfound fame would boost his career.

“I really wasn’t thinking about that at the time. I really wasn’t thinking about it at all even afterward,” said Lindsey, who also works as a proofreader. “I sort of just did it and thought afterward, ‘Well, that’s just a pain, now I’m all dirty and bloody.’”

The injured man was treated at a hospital and released. The rescue was reminiscent of another subway hero, Wesley Autrey, who in 2007 jumped on top of a man who had fallen onto the tracks after having a seizure. The train passed over the two of them.

Autrey, a construction worker, was awarded the city’s highest civilian honor and invited to President George W. Bush’s State of the Union address.

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MEXICO

Mexican tariffs take effect on U.S. products

**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY** — U.S. officials are assessing the cost of new Mexican tariffs that take effect Thursday in retaliation for a U.S. decision to cancel a cross-border program that gave Mexican truckers access to their northern neighbor's highways.

The tariffs affect about $2.4 billion in annual trade and 89 U.S. products, ranging from fruit and wine to washing machines, according to the Mexican government. Assistant Economy Secretary Beatriz Leycegui warned the list could grow unless there is progress toward resolving the trucking dispute.

The U.S. was required under the North American Free Trade Agreement to grant Mexican trucks full access to its highways by January 2000, but domestic opposition led U.S. legislators to delay the opening until a pilot program allowing some trucks was instituted in 2007.

The U.S. ended that program last week — a move that Mexican Economy Secretary Gerardo Ruiz Mateos called "wrong, protectionist and a clear violation" of NAFTA. The 1994 agreement allows Mexico to introduce retaliatory tariffs equal to the amount of trade lost by the truck ban.

Many U.S. officials and exporters responded with concern.

"In good times, an economy may be able to weather this kind of thing. But now it's devastating," said Rep. Dave Camp of Michigan, whose district is home to cherry farmers, manufacturers and chemical producers such as Dow Chemical Co. that will be affected.

The tariffs apply to 36 agricultural and 53 industrial products, including onions, strawberries, shampoo, toothpaste, pet food, books, pencils and dishwashers. The only item facing a 45 percent tax is fresh grapes. Some 55 other products will be taxed at 20 percent, and the remaining 33 items at 10 to 15 percent.

NAFTA normally exempts agricultural products from such duties.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture was still assessing the cost of the tariffs and the state regional groups and agriculture trade advisory groups so that we can continue to work with them as we assess the effects the tariffs will have on the markets," said Nayera Aller, a USDA spokesperson.

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Lent and getting over myself

My mom casually asked me, "How's your Lent going?" Like, in the same tone she would ask, "How are the Irish doing?" I wonder, does she ask my younger brother how his Lent is going, or is this a question reserved for her son the priest? How's my Lent going? How do you answer that? 

Funny what I learned while I listened to myself answering my mother. The only way I could think to evaluate my Lent was whether I had faithfully refrained from eating chocolate. "Pretty good so far," I answered. I guess I could have determined if I had eaten meat on any Friday's, but being an Italian pasta-lover, this isn't a particularly difficult practice for me, and so hardly a helpful measure of the successfulness of my Lent. With that quick Lenten scan, I was ready to move on, allow my mother some time to recite her litany of grandfather stories.

A few days later, however, I found myself bugged by our conversation, or more specifically, by my evaluation of Lent. Is that all there is to Lent? A contest to check my self-restraint? I'm all for an annual self-examination, but at the end of the day, if the only person I have thought of during Lent is myself, have I really entered into Lent? 

With this question in mind, I was preparing the readings for Mass last week, and unsuspectingly had my world rocked by the first reading. It was from Isaiah, and he wasn't happy: "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit others... Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, says the Lord? It is only for... lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter?..." 

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Tonya and the red shoes

Trinity College runs on trimesters. Spring Break is three weeks, and Spring Break last year, for some of us, was 10 days overseas. In some ways, we’re still in the middle of that one, too. Some of you have just gotten back from the same trip. If you’re anything like me, music and bread are, for some time, going to sound and taste like they never have done before. You may be a while, too, in forming any coherent responses.

This, after a while, was mine.

I only recently started to like shoes, so my collection, though it fills the floor of my closet, could still be called limited. Most of mine are brown or black: one pair is silver. But there are girls who’ve been building their accessory portfolios much longer, who have a double layer of flats on their closet floors, maybe even a pair of heels and one of flats to match every sweater.

I did end up finding a pair over last Spring Break. But they belong to someone else.

I don’t really know who she was, or how frequently she liked to wear them, or what she wore them with. But almost 70 years after she took them off for the last time, I found them in a place I’d never expected.

We’d been studying this place in class. It was horrible. We would have two places like it, and we’d read and heard so much about the horror that the stories had begun to repeat themselves. I thought at this point, when we walked through these places, I might actually be numb to them.

At that point it was only history. After half a semester of readings, lectures, and quizzes, last year’s Holocaust class left for our Spring Break trip to Europe. On the second day we visited Majdanek, a concentra­tion camp a few hours outside Warsaw. Majdanek isn’t as big as Auschwitz, or even as much of a tourist draw. But still, as we heard once again on the bus ride over, it’d hosted cruelty enough.

Some of us would go on to write papers about it. But in my case it spent the past weeks trudging from building to building through snow and ice, the wind cutting straight through our heavy jackets. Now, still shaking off jet lag, we were trudging from building to building through mud and very cold rain.

We talked later about what work­ing barefoot in that weather would be like. I almost went through the tour coatless, for solidarity, but decided that’d be melodramatic and unneces­sary. And I was cold enough as it was. Toward the beginning we went through the men’s “bath house”, and saw the delousing tubs, and the show­ers. Then, in the same building, we saw a gas chamber. There were turquoise stains on the walls.

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And a model of the whole camp. And then at some point we walked into a barracks that was filled with racks and racks of shoes.

That was when I stopped feeling cold.

Most of the shoes were brown with decay. From a distance they all looked alike. Up close they varied in size and detail. Some had empty holes for laces. Some may have once been pret­ty sandals. Some were like rags or work boots. Some belonged to chil­dren.

And then, right in the middle of one rack full of brown, there was a splash of very bright red.

It was a woman’s high heeled shoe. Only the back was visible. But it was clearly a woman’s.

These were statement shoes. They might have been defiant when they’d been new, and they might still be defi­ant now.

They matched the ribbon belt on my dress.

I stared at the shoe for a long time. I thought about who might have worn it.

She was a sophisticated, single Polish Jew. She was sociable. She was fashion-conscious. She went by two names, Tonya to her gentile friends, and Leah to her family. She owned a black suit with red piping, and for the evenings a red dress to go dancing in. Her red shoes matched both.

They were her favorites. They made her feel confident, and beautiful, and strong. When she was being “deport­ed”, she might have only happened to have been wearing them. Or she might have known where she was going, and put them on for a reason.

She’d wear them while standing up in a moving cattle car for a week. She wore them when she arrived at Majdanek.

I knew the rest from class. And I couldn’t see Tonya surviving it. But at last now I knew Tonya. I’d found her shoes.

So I’d found a perfect pair of red shoes last Spring Break, even though I couldn’t put them on.

But I can wear them again.

If I ever find red shoes of my own, I’ll share them with Tonya, just like she shared hers with me.

She was probably a better dancer than me. Hopefully, when we go out, that’ll rub off.

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Combating Mexican drug violence requires effort from both sides of the border

As University of Connecticut students return from the fun in the sun, and tens of thousands of other college students from across the country make their way south on spring break, there has been a growing amount of coverage here in the U.S. about the rapidly escal­ating violence in Mexico. Hardly an event goes by without a report about a bloodbath shootout between Mexican authorities and drug cartels in towns and cities mere miles from the U.S. border. Some colleges and universities have even made official statements advising their students against traveling to Mexico due to the deteriorating situation there. Much of this increased coverage is the result of the growing concern that it is only a matter of time before the violence in Mexico makes its way over the border into the United States.

This escalation in violence has been brewing for years; ever since Mexican President Felipe Calderón took power from Vicente Fox back in December of 2006, Calderón has waged an aggressive war on the all-mighty drug cartels. This offensive has been an effort to bring the cartels to their knees, and to cut off the major source of revenue for the drug cartels of Mexico for decades. By taking the cartels head-on and working to weed out the deeply rooted corruption in his country, President Calderón has made admirable progress in his anti-narcotic efforts.

So great has the war come at a very high price, however: the drug cartels have fought back with ruthless violence. Thousands have been slaughtered, many of them innocent women and chil­dren caught in the crossfire of the bloody cartels. Cities and towns have been terrorized by the brutal violence. President Calderón is attempting to destroy the cartels’ extremely lucrative trade, and cartel bosses are not going to surrender easily.

With 90 percent of the cocaine in the United States passing through Mexico on its journey here (not to mention mari­juana and heroin), the sheer volume of illegal drug trafficking makes President Calderón’s goal nearly impos­sible to achieve. Corrupt officials on both sides of the border are making the cartels even more difficult to bring down.

The U.S. has already sent $400 million to Mexico to help them train forces and provide equipment for the war against the cartels. Unfortunately, that is but a drop in the bucket, and our government officials know it. Drug cartels are com­peting for more money than $400 mil­lion to secure their profitable trade, and they will stop at nothing to protect their business. Significant financial cost and innocent human lives are merely expendable commodities that are just a part of everyday business to the brutal drug lords who command the cartels.

The only way for a war against the drug cartels to be successfully waged is with a legitimate commitment from the United States. Mexico can do its best to fight the cartels within their borders, but without a more significant commit­ment of American tactical and financial support, their efforts will prove futile.

Ultimately, American border officials (those in border towns and states) will pay the price when the rampant, unbridled violence pours over our borders. The nation has grown so severe that Texas and Arizona are already dis­cussing the idea of putting the National Guard along the border to help keep the violence out.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano use their visits as a starting point for a meaningful, legitimate working relation­ship between our two countries, a rela­tion­ship that is absolutely critical to the security of our nation.

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Help ND go green
Most people on campus have heard of Taylor Swift. Swift is also the biggest-selling American artist of 2008. Time Magazine described her as "one of pop's finest songwriter-voicists, country's foremost pragmatists, and more in touch with her inner life than most adults." Her hit music video, "Love Story," is an Internet sensation (and the inspiration for a certain romantic on-campus proposal). But most college students don't realize that this talented 19-year-old is younger than most of us. And even though she is famous, Taylor Swift is very easy to relate to. Let me tell you why.

After researching Taylor for this column, I came to one conclusion: the girl is adorable. If you want proof, read her MySpace journal entries, or check out the cute home videos she has posted, which are also on MySpace. The journal entries are funny, well-written and interesting. They have titles like, "While I was in L.A., my mom re-arranged my bathroom" and "Putting off packing by curiously, really, my reunion didn't. The videos, too, reveal her sarcastic sense of humor.

In short, Taylor Swift is an incredibly genuine and down-to-earth person — qualities that really come through in her albums.

For starters, Taylor Swift writes all of her own music. All of it. How many pop artists can say that? A few songs on her two albums are co-written, including a soulful collaboration with Colbie Caillat on her second album, "Fearless" that's worth checking out. None of her songs are entirely written by someone else. What's more, every one of Taylor Swift's songs is based on her own life — really. She also doesn't hesitate to use the actual names of friends and ex-boyfriends.

Taylor has also crossed a lot of drama. For instance, Taylor wrote the hit song "Teardrops on My Guitar" about a boy named Fred who she crushed on in high school. As the song says, he had a girlfriend at the time and never dated Taylor. But in one interview, Taylor Swift revealed that he showed up on her driveway — single — after the release of her first album. Unfortunately, her friends didn't work out. Too much time had passed, and they had grown apart. It's still a crazy story, isn't it?

A entire story surrounds the fourth track on "Fearless," called "Hey Stephen." The song is about singer Stephen Barker Liles of the Nashville band Love and Theft. The band toured with Taylor last summer, and she developed a crush on Liles. But she didn't plan to write a song about him. Liles was reportedly quite surprised when the album came out.

The lyrics include such lines as, "Hey Stephen I could give you a reason Why I should be the one you choose! All those other girls are beautiful But would they write a song for you?"

No word yet on a developing romance between the two, but Liles did say in a past interview that, "I think everyone would agree she's a total sweetheart and anyone would be lucky to go out with her." Stay tuned.

And, of course, Taylor's breakout single — 2006's "Tim McGraw" — has its own story. She wrote this heart-rending tune in math class, during her freshman year. Yes, of high school. This kind of story makes me wish that I had used my high school math classes more productive — to write hit songs, for instance.

Other proof of Taylor Swift's adorability is her secret messages into her albums, which are fun to unravel. For instance, track three on "Fearless," "Fifteen," is a bitter-sweet take on her freshman year. Its secret message? "I cried while recording this."

How's that for honesty?

I could go on and on about how amazing this young star is, but I'll wrap it up in Taylor's own words. Here's an excerpt from her recent interview with Philadelphia Magazine:

PM: When did you realize that you weren't just successful — you were a humongous music deal?
Taylor: Um, I never came to that realization, actually. My biggest pet peeve is when people who feel they've entitled to success and fame. I haven't reached the point where I'm like, "Hey, man, I've made it!" And I hope I never do get to that point. We hope it doesn't either. Taylor, stay just the way you are — adorable.

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Fearless
Taylor Swift
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Warning: For those of you who con­ sider yourselves faint of heart, stay away from "Rachel Getting Married." If you’re uncomfortable with the re­percussions of a psychological jour­ney that will not only take you through emotional highs and lows, but will also have you sympathiz­ ing with opposing characters while hat­ ing them for their emotional incompre­ hension, steer clear.

On the other hand, for those of you who want to see a kick-butt performance by Oscar nominee Anne Hathaway, or are drawn to a movie that feels so true and real you’ll forget you’re watching a film — and aren’t actually a member of the complicated but loveable Buchman family — then waste no time in renting this newly released film.

Home from rehab for the weekend, recovering addict and semi-psychedelic Kym (Hathaway) travels back to her roots to witness the wedding of her sis­ ter Rachel (Rosemarie DeWitt) and fiancé Sidney (Tunde Adebimpe). Kym dives back into the eccentric and sometimes over­ whelming atmosphere that family life inevitably brings. Upon Kym’s return, the tension between the two sisters boils to the surface. Kym, paradox­i­ cally charming and painful, throws sarcastic, offensive and sometimes-funny com­ ments Rachel’s way. She constantly forces the spot­ light on her own miracu­ lous return from exile, in spite of her sister’s role as the weekend’s blushing bride.

Rachel’s inner jealousy for the amount of attention paid to her prodigal sister mirrors common themes of sibling rivalry and sisterly drama.

By contrast, Rachel (DeWitt) is unmatched by much of what is cur­ rently in theaters. Don’t miss out on this momentous event can change the course of a life, or even end it.

A contemporary cinematic accom­ plishment, "Rachel Getting Married" dares to take an in-depth look at why and how families grow apart, finding eventual reconciliation and powerful reunion.

Director Jonathan Demme elicits stellar performances from his cast, and each member plays with the complexi­ ties of family very well.

Through ups and downs, joyous mo­ ments and times of heartbreaking sadness, "Rachel Getting Married" presents life in its raw, inharmonious and beautiful existence. The feeling of fullness this film gives is unmatched by much of what is cur­ rently in theaters. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to escape from the confining strictures of daily life — join Kym’s journey back into the world of freely shared emotions and realities in their most unprocessed forms.

The DVD of "Rachel Getting Married" was released on March 10. Among the special features, fans of the film can enjoy a director’s commentary with Demme, an additional commentary featuring DeWitt, several deleted scenes and a series of production fea­ tures.

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Mark Duval and the Brothers Kalama­ zov; 9:00 pm; The Livery; $5, Free for ‘Mug Club’ Members

For a fun and chill start to the evening, head to The Livery this Friday night for an eclectic and versatile performance by the folky rock band Mark Duval and the Brothers Kalama­ zov. With a wide variety of instruments ranging from a guitar and banjo to a flute and saxophone, be pre­ pared to hear surprising combinations of multiple styles influenced by Celtic, blue­ grass, and jazz sounds. As spring finally starts to come out of hiding, get up and get off campus for a night of entertaining music.

Tickets: $6, $5 faculty/staff, $4 seniors, $3 all students

Waltz with Bashir; Vickers Theatre; 9:00 p.m.; Tickets: Adults $6, Students/Seniors $5

Winner of the Golden Globe for Best Foreign Film and the Best Animated Feature award from the Los Angeles Film Critics Association, the tale "Waltz with Bashir," based on a true story, explores the director’s memory as he searches to piece together the events of the Lebanon War in the early 1980s. Eerily animated in a style that depicts the serious subject matter, "Waltz with Bashir" shows his journey into the realms of an event that some think would be better to forget. Join Art Film on his difficult voy­ age of self-discovery.

Tickets: $6, $5 faculty/staff, $4 seniors, $3 all students

Cre na Cille; 6:30 pm; Browning Cinema; Tickets: $6, $5 faculty/staff, $4 seniors, $3 all students

Capitalize on Notre Dame’s Irish pride by exploring the contemporary Irish films being shown at Browning Cinema this weekend. In an adaptation of Marian O’Connor’s book, the cu­ nning and comical "Cre na Cille" (Churchyard Clay) tells a story of sibling rivalry, death and the fascinating journey souls embark after exploring the contemporary Irish films being shown at Browning Cinema this weekend.

Tickets: $6, $5 faculty/staff, $4 seniors, $3 all students

Eden; (2008); Browning Cinema 3:00 pm; Tickets: $6, $5 faculty/staff, $4 seniors, $3 all students

Browne’s Iced Becks explores the rocky period in many marriages when husbands or wives start to question their happiness in their Irish film, “Eden.” What happens when 10 years into your marriage, you discover an intense unhappiness lurking beneath the surface, one that leads you to believe maybe you are not really in love with your spouse? As Breda Farrell (Eileen Walsh) clings to the thinning threads holding her marriage together, her questioning husband (Aidan Kelly) pulls further away, breaking the bonds they once had.

SAL SUNDAY

Hathaway Shines In Rachel Getting Married

Anne Hathaway stars as the prodigal sister in "Rachel Getting Married," written and directed by Jonathan Demme.

Rachel Getting Married

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Starring: Anne Hathaway, Rosemarie DeWitt and Debra Winger

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Paul Pierce scored 36 points and 12 rebounds in win over Kings; Nets win over Knicks after a four-game losing streak

Associated Press

BOSTON — Paul Pierce scored 36 points and the Celtics rallied twice from double-digit deficits as they won their fifth straight game with a 112-104 victory over the 76ers on Tuesday night against the Miami Heat, who played without NBA scoring leader Dwyane Wade.

Wade missed his first game of the season because of a right hip flexor.

But Boston was without Kevin Garnett for the 13th straight game with a strained right knee and Ray Allen, who had sprained his right ankle on Tuesday night in a loss at Chicago.

Rajon Rondo had 27 for Boston. Miami, in its third straight game in its last five, was led by Michael Beasley with 21 points and Mario Chalmers with 19.

With the score tied at 100 and 2.2 seconds left, Eddie House and Pierce hit 3-pointers and Rondo sank a layup for a 108-100 lead.

Then Chalmers made a 3-pointer off House before limping into the West. After that turnover, Pierce hit a free throw, Chalmers sank another 3-pointer from off House with 44 seconds left.

Boston made a free throw and Pierce sank two before Beasley's basket ended the scoring.

Boston improved to 51-18, second in the East.

Second place Philadelphia can win no more than 21 and the Celtics have won the season series with the 76ers 3-0.

In its previous four games, Miami beat Chicago in double overtime, Boston in regulation and Utah in triple overtime before losing at Philadelphia on Sunday.

Wade's injury ended his career-high streak of 66 consecutive games played. The Heat did not say how long he would be out, but coach Erik Spoelstra noted that the team was not ruled out of games Friday night at New Jersey and Sunday against the Spurs.

Boston had a chance to win regulation but missed as the buzzer sounded.

The run began with a free throw by Jermaine O'Neal, who had seven of the 17 points, and ended with a layup by Chalmers.

Daequan Cook, starting in place of Wade, gave Miami its 10th lead, on a 3-pointer with 5:56 left, but Pierce had 12 points in his first quarter when he hit 5-of-6 shots but was scoreless in the second when he missed all three of his attempts.

Bobbcats 104, Kings 88

Gerald Wallace had 25 points and 12 rebounds for the Charlotte Bobcats, who beat short-handed Sacramento 104-48 on Wednesday night. Peretz Bocchino

The Bobcats, who have won three of their last five, were opened a stretch where they will play 14 of their 20 games at home.

The Nets lost the first four of their first five games, including the go-to guy.

The Knicks were green.

Pat Riley, their former general manager, was pinch-hitting for the Nets.

``I don't think we had any offense for the first three quarters, but I think we had some in the fourth quarter and we got a lot of 3s in the fourth quarter. You could just tell the players relaxed more than they usually do."

Besides Garnett and Allen, Pierce scored 23 of his 36 points over the last two weeks after spraining his right knee on Tuesday. Tony Allen, who missed his 16th straight game with a left thumb injury, was back in the lineup on his 20th in the last 23 following a concussion.

The Nets were down at the half 67-48, but in the third quarter, they put up 36 points and ended the Bobcats streak that was so bad that coach George Karl called his team's performance "this was essentially decided." He also was called for a technical foul after a hard foul on Wallace midway through the quarter. He later scored eight straight points on a pair of 3s and a layup to pull the lead into double digits and finished with 17 points in the period, helping New Jersey open a 55-44 halftime lead.

The Nets then hit their first four and seven of their first eight shots in the third quarter, extending the lead to 67-48, and it was never close again.

Nuggets 111, Grizzlies 109

Carmelo Anthony scored 35 points, including the go-ahead short jumper with 3.2 seconds left, as Denver beat Memphis 111-109 on Wednesday night.

Anthony hit a free throw with 5.8 seconds left for a 111-108 lead.

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Associated Press

NOME, Alaska — Make it three Iditarods in a row for Lance Mackey.

The musher from Fairbanks won the 1,100-mile trek across the Alaska wilderness Wednesday in the world's most famous sled dog race. And it wasn't even close.

Mackey slipped hands with fans along Nome's Front Street. About a block from the finish line, he raised both arms in victory and rode that way into the lead dogs, called them the "real heroes."

"This never gets old," he said at the finish line as he hugged two of his dogs. "It's pretty awesome. Pretty cool."

Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin congratulated Mackey by phone.

"We are so proud of you, Lance, and we're considering this the greatest team in Iditarod history," Palin said.

She also told the 38-year-old Mackey, a throat cancer survivor, "You continue to give all of us hope, the adversity that you have overcome, the challenges you've met, believe me, it resonates across our nation and across our world."

Mackey commended his "little superstar Maple," a 3-year-old female who was in the lead for much of the last part of the race. He helped her and 9-year-old Larry, one of his traditional lead dogs, onto the stage with him.

Mackey became the third musher in the race's 37-year history to win in three consecutive years, joining Susan Butcher (1986-88) and Doug Swingley (1999-01).

He finished ahead of the second-place and third-place mushers, Sebastian Schnuelle of Canada and John Baker of Kotzebue.

Mackey increased his lead along the wind-swept western coast of Alaska. Bitter, blowing winds blew in off the Bering Sea, forcing temperatures to 50 below zero. Many mushers waited out the storm in checkpoints.

In Mackey's two previous victories, he headed into the Iditarod about two weeks after winning the 1,000-mile Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race, considered a tougher race.

He didn't run the Yukon Quest this year, choosing instead to train an Alaska Native musher for the Iditarod.

IN BRIEF

Blazers center Oden to return against Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS — Greg Oden will finally play in his hometown as a pro.

The 7-foot center is set to return to the Portland Trail Blazers' lineup Wednesday against the Indiana Pacers after sitting out for more than a month with a bone chip in his left knee, coach Nate McMillan said.

The top pick in the 2007 draft and former Lawrence North High School star sat out last season after microfracture surgery on his right knee, so he missed the Trail Blazers' visit to Indiana last season.

Oden was hurt in a collision during a game at Golden State before the All-Star break. McMillan said he expects the former Ohio State star to play 15 to 20 minutes.

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New jobs, rumors keeping Andretti busy

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Andretti's jobs keep getting more complex.

He's already the co-owner of the only four-car team in the Indy Car Series. He's promoting two races this season. He will be on Danica Patrick's radio when the Indy Racing League season opens and he will spend the next several months, per­haps longer, answering those incessant questions about the future of Patrick at Andretti Green Racing.

"I think we all know what we need to do with Danica, she knows what she needs to do, and we're hoping that she's going to be here for a long time," Andretti said Wednesday. "She hasn't expressed anything to us that would lead us to believe she doesn't want to be here."

That's unlikely to satisfy a racing community abuzz with speculation now that the Illinois native is enter­ring the final year of her contract.

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Mitchell looking to lead No. 8 Tigers far in the NCAA tournament

NCAA BASKETBALL
LSU hoping to make long run

 Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. - Tasmin Mitchell took a feed on the block Wednesday during LSU's open workout, spun around and kissed a layup off the glass.

Getting the Tigers to the NCAA tournament every year was supposed to be that easy, too. Or so Mitchell thought, anyway, after a freshman season in which he helped lead LSU to its first Final Four in two decades.

"Every team goes into the season thinking they can make it to the Final Four, especially if we made it the year before that," Mitchell said. "The sky's the limit for the team. You know, as the seasons played out, it didn't go as planned."

No, it didn't.

A broken leg, a coaching change and a pair of mediocre finishes later, and Mitchell finally has the eighth-seeded Tigers (26-7) back in the bracket. They're preparing for ninth-seeded LSU's (26-7) first-round matchup marked by an intriguing juxtaposition of the teams' experience levels.

Those 2006 Tigers advanced to the national semifinals before struggling enough during the years that followed that coach John Brady was fired midway through last season. It didn't help that Mitchell played just three games that year before taking a medical redshirt and having surgery to repair a stress fracture in his left shin.

"Me and Garrett sit back and talk about it all the time — remember it was like this, remember that game," Mitchell said. "That's over with. We've got to try to get back where we were. The two years after that, you know, we kind of really, really dropped the ball. We really proved to teams that, OK, LSU is not the same as 2006.

These Tigers aren't much like the ones of the past couple seasons, either.

Under Southeastern Conference coach of the year Trent Johnson, LSU won the league's regular-season title by going 13-3. But they slipped into a late-season swoon that included losses in three of four games and probably was responsible for their drop to a No. 8 seed.

To regain their swagger, they'll need to find a way to handle back-to-back teams that built its reputation as one of the nation's most dangerous mid-majors by taking down several teams from BCS conferences.

Since 2000, the Bulldogs have knocked Maryland, Mississippi State, Louisville and Wake Forest out of the tournament. Last year, they broke the Tigers' run by going to overtime before falling in the second round.

"It's in the perception of what people think we should do, is the main thing," forward Matt Howard said.

Associated Press

Boone in need of heart surgery on aortic valve

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Aaron Boone of the Houston Astros will have open-heart surgery to replace an aortic valve.

Boone made the announcement Wednesday, saying he has known about his heart condition since college but tests after his routine physical determined he needed surgery. It is not an emergency, but doctors indicated the procedure was needed.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Northern Iowa ready to go against Purdue

Panthers looking to score big against fifth-seeded Boilermakers in NCAA opening round.

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Ben Jacobson isn't going to sell his Northern Iowa crew short, even if they're made of Cinderellas, bracket-busters or Hoosiers.

"That isn't a card, if you will, that I'd play with my guys," the coach said. "Our guys know what they're about. They know what they're made of. They don't need me to tell them what they're up against."

The 12th-seeded Panthers (23-10) will go into Thursday's game against the fifth-seeded Boilermakers (25-9) with a full realization that Northern Iowa failed to make even the NIT the past two seasons, and was picked to finish sixth in the Missouri Valley Conference. The Panthers met that expectation by starting the season 6-6. But then Northern Iowa took off on an 11-game winning streak. The Panthers lost just four games after the first half of December, and then ran the season with a 60-57 overtime victory over Illinois State to win the MVC tournament title.

So while they have dismissed the doubters and got the added bonus of momentum, coach Jacobson was guarding his team against any delusions for a first-round upset of Purdue. That means no inspirational talk of Cinderellas, bracket-busters or Hoosiers.

"I think it just shows the parity throughout the years," said Purdue coach Matt Painter, "that there's not a whole lot of difference between the five and the 12." The 17th-ranked Boilermakers defeated Ohio State 85-61 on Sunday to claim the Big Ten Conference championship and earn the automatic berth.

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NBA BASKETBALL

Magic defeat Bucks after tough loss to Cavs

Howard has first career triple-double in points, rebounds, and blocked shots; Rose unstoppable in Bulls win over Thunder

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Playing back-to-back road games and coming off a tough loss, the Orlando Magic could have fallen into a trap against a Milwaukee team that had just tripped up another Eastern Conference contender.

Instead, Dwight Howard dominated in the first quarter and the Magic never really let the Bucks back into the game, cruising to a 106-80 victory Wednesday night.

"We came out today with a lot of energy and a lot of effort — which we needed last night, and we didn't do that," Howard said.

Orlando was coming off a deflating 97-93 loss at Cleveland, a game in which Howard scored only 13 points. That turned around right away Wednesday, as Howard scored 18 points in the first quarter on his way to 28 for the game. He added 12 rebounds, and had seven assists, falling three shy of a triple-double.

Cruising to a 26-point deficit into the third quarter.

"He set the tone of the game," said Milwaukee's Charlie Villanueva. "It was difficult because there are four perimeter guys who are desperately trying to earn their final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference and were coming off a home victory over Boston.

Milwaukee fell to 2-3 on its critical and challenging six-game homestand that ends against Portland on Saturday.

"I think there's a lesson learned here for us," Bucks coach Scott Skiles said. "Most scoring offenses are over before they even start, based on the mind-set of the teams that are playing and the players that are playing in it." Skiles said the Magic are a good team, but added, "We really didn't compete at all. It's very disappointing and we need to learn something from this loss."

Howard went after the Bucks early and often after taking only eight shots in Orlando's loss at Cleveland on Tuesday. He scored 18 points in the first quarter alone, putting together his own 10-2 run to end the quarter.

He began the scoring spurt by converting three-point plays on back-to-back possessions, then dunked home a putback. After a pair of free throws by Milwaukee's Richard Jefferson, Howard scored on a layup with 23 seconds left to give Orlando an 18-20 lead going into the sec-

Howard then rested for the first 6-plus minutes of the second quarter, but Milwaukee couldn't make up any ground.

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NHL

Hurricanes take down Devils
Blue Jackets take down the Blackhawks by one in overtime

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — The New Jersey Devils can be excused for this lackluster effort against Carolina as they begin to lose momentum in their chase for the top of the Atlantic Division.

They may have surged since Martin Brodeur returned from an elbow injury on April 26, but the Hurricanes have been playing well and they weren't about to take the Devils lightly.

"We have to be more focused," said Hurricanes coach Peter Deboer. "We have to be more aggressive and get after the puck more."
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Woods to play in the Australian Masters

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MELBOURNE, Australia — Tiger Woods will play at the Australian Masters in November, his first tournament appearance Down Under since 1998. A government spokesman confirmed premier John Brumby's comments in a Melbourne newspaper that Woods would play in the event at Kingston Heath, scheduled for Nov. 12-15.

A news conference was planned in Melbourne later Thursday. "We are delighted Tiger Woods has chosen to come to Melbourne, further cementing our position as the major events capital of the world," Brumby told the Herald Sun newspaper. Melbourne also hosts the Australian Open, the first of four majors each year on the international tennis circuit, and the season-opening Formula One Grand Prix.

Brumby predicted the visit by the world's top golfer would earn Victoria state $19 million in economic benefits, which would offset Woods' $4.54 million appearance fee.

Woods has recently returned from an eight-month layoff following season-ending knee surgery last year after winning the U.S. Open, his 14th career major. Stuart Appleby, among the Australians who regularly compete against Woods on the PGA Tour, said it was a coup for golf Down Under, even in the economic climate.

"It will be great for the game and bring out a lot of people who haven't seen him before — in person, not on a video game," Appleby told The Associated Press. "There's a lot of people hurting in Australia, and they might look negatively that one guy is paid ($4.54 million) just to turn up. The common man won't understand the business model because the government is paying for it. They might not see the money he brings in."

But he predicted huge galleries for Woods at Kingston Heath.

"He not been down here since the Presidents Cup," Appleby said. "He's been to Asia multiple times. He's been to Europe multiple times, I think it's good that he's bringing his game to Australia."

Woods, who was not immediately available for comment, is very selective about his appearances outside of the United States. New Ownership

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MEN'S NIT
Second-half surge helps Baylor past C'Town

Vi. Tech edges Duquesne; Creighton tops BGSU

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — LaceDarius Dunn and Kevin Rogers each scored 20 points and Curtis Jerrells added 19 to lead Baylor to a 74-72 win over Georgetown in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament on Wednesday night.

Jerrells put Baylor ahead 74-69 with a pair of free throws with eight seconds remaining. But Dalmain Summers hit a 3-pointer for Georgetown (16-15) with four seconds left, and Twenty Carter missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity for the Bears.

Summers, who led the Hoyas with 19 points, grabbed the rebound and launched a shot at the buzzer that fell short. Jerrells' layup tied the game at 67 with just under five minutes remaining. He followed with a steal, and Carter's 3-pointer gave the Bears the lead for good less than 30 seconds later.

Behind 72-69, Georgetown's Chris Wright attempted a 3-pointer from the left side with 11 seconds left. Jerrells partially blocked the shot and Dunn pulled down the rebound for the Bears. He nailed the clinching free throws in the final seconds.

Georgetown scored 12 points and Austin Freeman 11 for Georgetown last game.

Trailing 44-34 at halftime, Baylor opened the second half on 13-2 run and took a 47-46 lead with 16 1/2 minutes left to play. Dunn ignited the comeback with 11 points, including three 3-pointers.

Georgetown shot 76 percent from the floor in the first half, connecting on 16 of 21 attempts. Baylor plays Virginia Tech, a 116-108 double overtime winner over Duquesne, in the next round of the NIT.

Virginia Tech 116, Duquesne 108

Ald. Vassallo scored 33 points and the Hokies scored on their first five possessions in the second overtime to overcome a huge night from Duquesne's Aaron Jackson and win their first-round NIT game Wednesday night.

Jackson scored a career-high 46 points, but it wasn't enough to keep the Hokies (19-14) from advancing to the second round, where they will host Baylor.

Duquesne (21-13), making its first postseason appearance since the 1994 NIT, closed out its best season since the 1971 team went 21-4.

Jeff Allen added 23 points for Virginia Tech, which led by six with under a minute to go in the first overtime. But the Dukes rallied and tied the game at 94 on Jackson's layup with less than two seconds left.

In the second overtime, Vassallo scored 10 points and the Hokies made all 10 of their free throws to put the game away.

Jackson, a senior from Hartford, Conn., paced the Dukes with a career-high 46 points. He hit 15 of 25 from the floor, including 8-of-13 from beyond the 3-point arc. He also hit 8-of-9 from the free-throw line and had four assists.

His performance was the fourth-best single-game performance in Duquesne history.

The Hokies led by 13 with seven minutes to go in regulation, but the Dukes used a 17-4 run to the game, and took a 78-76 lead after Melquan Boldin hit the first of two free throws with 28.4 seconds remaining. But Vassallo hit a floater in the lane with 13.1 seconds to go to tie the game at 78.

On the final possession of regulation, Duquesne's Eric Evans drove into the lane. But his contested layup came up well short, sending the game into overtime.

Creighton 73, Bowling Green 71

P' Allen Stinnett scored 18 points, including two big free throws in the final minute, and Creighton came back from behind to defeat Bowling Green in the first round of the NIT Wednesday night.

The Bluejays (27-7) will host Kentucky (27-13) in a second-round game Monday.

Creighton, which trailed by 14 points in the first half and by 8 with 8 1/2 minutes left, went ahead 69-67 with 4:41 to play on Booker Woodfox's 3-pointer. Nate Miller put the Falcons (19-14) ahead again briefly, but Justin Carter's 3-pointer with 1:46 left gave the Bluejays the lead for good.

Stinnett hit two free throws with 35 seconds to make it a three-point game. Miller's fast-break layup got Bowling Green within 72-71, but he missed an inside shot that would have given the Falcons the lead with 19 seconds to play.

Woodfox made a free throw for the final margin.

Carter added 14 points, Antoine Young 12 and Woodfox 10 for the Bluejays.

Miller scored 22 points, Darryl Clemens had 19 points and eight rebounds, and Brian Moten added 12 points for Bowling Green.

Creighton, the Missouri Valley Conference regular-season champion, had hoped to receive an at-large bid in the NCAA tournament after winning 10 of its last 11 games. An ugly loss to Davidson in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament semifinals, combined with upsets in other conference tournaments, left the Bluejays short.

The Bluejays needed to win both first three rounds, and the Falcons led for more than 32 minutes before Creighton rallied.

Bowling Green, which won the Mid-American Conference regular-season title, had a chance to tie or win at the end, but Clements' 23-footer bounced off the rim, and Scott Thomas' tip-in was off the mark at the buzzer.

The Bluejays will be playing a Kentucky team that is in the NIT for the first time in three decades. The Wildcats missed the NCAA tournament for the first time in 18 years.

They advanced to the second round of the NIT with a 70-60 win over UNLV on Tuesday.
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baseman Christine Lux paced the Notre Dame defense with a double, two hits — including two home runs and two doubles — over the Rockets.

"Everybody was being led to good hitting," sophomore pitcher Jody Valdivia, who earned the complete-game victory in Game 2, said. "Everyone knew what they needed to work on, and they went up with a relaxed approach and hit the ball."

"Everyone should work on the mentality we used today and take it to the Big East teams. We don't play down to any opponent."

Jody Valdivia Irish sophomore

Lux hit her second home run of the day to start the Notre Dame offensive onslaught. A light line drive down the first base line by sophomore left fielder Brianna Jorgensborg brought the Irish within two runs of the Rockets. She blasted a home run in the third inning, the walk-off hit.

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man Heather Johnson, and sophomore second baseman Linda Kohan drove home two more with a double to left. Valdivia made quick work on the Rockets in the fifth to secure the victory in Notre Dame's last non-conference matchup before it starts Big East play against St. John's Sunday.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles split doubleheader

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s started slow but came back to split a doubleheader with Manchester Wednesday after junior Ashley Peterson was named Division III Regional Player of the Week.

Manchester took the lead in the top of the first with three runs and held Saint Mary’s (12-2) off the board until the bottom of the fourth. Senior Cathy Kurczak was first at bat for the Belles, leading off with a walk. Three batters later, Kurczak scored on Peterson’s single to left-center field, cutting the Belles’ deficit to 3-1.

The Spartans responded with four runs in the top of the fifth, widening their lead to 7-1 as the Belles stepped off for Saint Mary’s with a pair of hits in Game 2, with Bojorquez scoring off of a hit. Peterson’s current career-high hitting streak moved to 14 games, and Fusaro’s to 13. Peterson’s current pitcher Angela Gillis moved her record to 7-0, allowing nine hits and three runs.

“With the offense in action a week from Thursday, moving the score to 1-1, but not for long. The Belles followed with Bojorquez scoring off of a single — the middle by freshman Kate Mitchell.

After three scoreless innings, Manchester scored three times off of a double and a two-run home run, putting its lead at 4-2 going into the bottom of the sixth. Fusaro led off for Saint Mary’s with a single. Consecutive hits from Bojorquez and freshman Kate Mitchell and a double to left-center from Nelson tied the game 4-4.

Kurczak next came to the plate, bringing in Mitchell for the game-winning run off of a sacrifice fly to right field. The Spartans managed to get one runner on second in the top half of the seventh but weren’t able to score again. The Belles defeated the Spartans 5-4.

“Now, I know how good our pitchers are for staying in two tight games,” Sullivan said.

The Belles followed with Peterson, Mitchell and Nelson each had a pair of hits in Game 2, with Bojorquez scoring twice while Mitchell drove in two runs and scored once. Peterson’s current career-high hitting streak moved to 14 games, and Fusaro’s to 13. Peterson’s current pitcher Angela Gillis moved her record to 7-0, allowing nine hits and three runs.

“I am hoping today’s games were a good wake-up call for us to make sure we play our game and play the sport with passion, the way it is meant to be played,” Sullivan said. “I was also happy with our comeback in the bottom of the 6th to win Game 2. The team showed a lot of heart and a desire to win by scoring three runs that inning.”

The Belles will have a full week off and will return to action a week from Thursday, March 26, with a doubleheader at Franklin College.

“We are working on better communication, fewer mental errors, and smarter base running before we play Franklin on the 26th,” Sullivan said.

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By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

After 10 days off, No. 26 Notre Dame will be challenged at the Blue Gray National Classic in Montgomery, Ala. today — a tournament Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said is one of country’s most prestigious.

“All of the teams are nationally ranked,” Bayliss said. “There will be no easy matches and we will be challenged every time we play.”

The Irish will open play against No. 48 Mississippi State at 4 p.m. today. With a win, Notre Dame would advance to play either No. 22 Boise State or No. 41 Oklahoma Friday afternoon.

Despite having to juggle their lineup due to injuries to several usual starters, the Irish enjoyed a strong showing over spring break at the Pacific Coast Doubles in La Jolla, Calif.

The new combination of freshman Casey Watt and sophomore Santiago Montoya was particularly impressive, Bayliss said.

“Because of a couple of minor injuries we were not able to play all of our regular combinations,” Bayliss said. “But Santiago Montoya and Casey Watt reached the consolation finals and looked pretty good together. They brought interesting chemistry to the table — Santiago’s touch and feel at the net coupled with Casey’s ability to dominate on serve returns, and from the back of the court.”

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Senior Patrick Mulligan has been a force at the top of the lineup already this season.

Jackson is currently ranked No. 21 in the nation in singles, and he and his doubles partner, sophomore Tyler Davis, are also ranked No. 21.

Sophomore Stepehen Havens moved up in the lineup this season, and has played consistently at No. 2 doubles with Watt.

Sophomore Dan Stall also moved up in the lineup this season and has been a force for the Irish.

Dan has surprised everyone with his ability to move from No. 6 last year to No. 3 this year,” Bayliss said. “Because of a couple of minor injuries we were not able to play all of our regular combinations,” Bayliss said. “But Santiago Montoya and Casey Watt reached the consolation finals and looked pretty good together. They brought interesting chemistry to the table — Santiago’s touch and feel at the net coupled with Casey’s ability to dominate on serve returns, and from the back of the court.”

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ABRAS (March 21 to April 19): Problems will get documented, but you can do a good job of working through them. You and your neighbors can help each other out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Don't put energy into或on what has not this. Someone in the family may be in a position to get something out of you. Don't take it. You can make suggestions, but as you face your future, your relationship with this person will be up for grabs.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): The opportunities you will get will not be as fair as some of the people you know. Eventually you will need a clear point to your career and maybe your job.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Set back and let the change go around on you and fall into place. You are much more willing to allow things to be where they are, and you will not be as worried.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Your influence will grow as you pick up on new partnerships that can enhance your personal and professional goals. On the other hand, try not to do anything that you do not think would work. You are the one that will make the difference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Don't cut corners before you have thought this one through. Letting is the line on us and just how the line you have and that you are the one that will make the difference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): A change of plans will suit your tide, but someone you care about may not be happy with the decision you make. Do not take it personally.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Getting involved in a group or organization that will help you to discover what you need to do. Your ability to show others what you have in mind will lead to bigger and better things.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): You will be gradual and cautious. You will not make to your future; you will make your way to your future. With a little push, you will make it happen.

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**BASEBALL**

**Hitting their stride**

By MICHAEL BRYAN

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Notre Dame won its fifth straight and the ninth game in its last 11 Wednesday, rolling Valparaiso 10-4 at Frank Eck Stadium.

Freshman southpaw Steve Sabatino received a no-decision but had a solid start for the Irish (12-5), giving up two runs over 5 1-3 innings. Sabatino struck out four and hit the runners (5-10) scoreless until the sixth inning.

Senior relief starter Ryan Betzler picked up the first win of his career after pitching two innings and giving up no earned runs.

The Irish struck first in the bottom of the opening frame, scoring two quick runs off of Valparaiso freshman Tyler Doeele. After consecutive singles by junior outfielders David Mills and A.J. Pollock, junior first baseman Casey Martin opened the scoring with an RBI single.

Senior shortstop Jeremy Barnes then ripped an RBI double into the left-center gap, plating Pollock and giving Notre Dame an early 2-0 lead.

Sophomore third baseman Greg Sherry said Notre Dame's situational hitting was a big advantage.

"We work on situational hitting all the time in practice," Sherry said. "That's the great part about our lineup, everybody to top bottom just wants to get the job done, whether it's a bunt, sacrifice fly, or getting the big hit."

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**FENCING**

**Men's Basketball**

Notre Dame set to host New Mexico in NIT's second round

By GREG ARBOGAST

Senior Staff Writer

Entering the Big East tournament, Notre Dame knew it needed to win five games in a row to claim the conference title, the Irish did not flinch.

A 17-0 victory over Toledo propelled the Irish to the championship game, where they defeated Rice 66-63.

After winning their first NIT game 70-64 over Alabama-Birmingham Tuesday, the No. 2 seed Irish look to advance to the quarterfinals of the NIT when they host No. 3 seed New Mexico (22-11, 12-4 Mountain West) Thursday night at 7:05 p.m. in the quarterfinals of the NIT.

In an attempt to draw a strong home crowd, the ticket department will be distributing free tickets to the first 1,000 students to attend Thursday's game. That same incentive was in place for the UAB game, but didn't seem to have as much effect, as roughly one-fourth of the 2,064 in attendance were students.

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**FENCING**

**Team sends 12 fencers to NCAA competition**

By MICHAEL BLASCO

Sports Writer

Twelve Notre Dame fencers will compete for a chance at a national title this weekend at the NCAA Fencing Championships in State College, Penn. The No. 1 Irish, alongside rivals No. 2 Penn State and No. 4 Ohio State, qualify six fencers from both the male and female teams.

The event caps a roaring season in which the Notre Dame squads combined for a 63-2 record. Both the men's and women's teams have held at least a share of the top spot in the USFCA Coaches' throughout the season.

This year marks the seventh time the Irish have qualified 12 fencers for the NCAA Championships, a key step toward a national title. Since 2000, teams sending 12 fencers to the NCAAs have claimed eight of nine titles, and in 2003, Notre Dame took home the title with only 11 entrants.

Irish head coach Janusz Bednarski said he hopes that this tournament will mark his third national championship since becoming head coach in 2002, but he acknowledged the pressure and grueling toll that the NCAAs can take on a young squad such as his.

"They'll be OK," Bednarski said. "Although we're young, we have some very experienced fencers who've been fencing all over the globe. NCAA competitions have a level of stress, a different environment, but I believe the young kids will adapt."