Haiti Program faculty, staff safe after earthquake
Emergency responders use University facilities in Léogâne to conduct relief efforts; ND raises funds

RA urge juniors to apply for position

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

With the beginning of spring semester comes a very important deadline — the one for resident assistant (RA) applications.

This year's RA applications consist of four short essays, three online surveys filled out by the applicant's professors or employers and an interview process that differs according to each residence hall. RA decisions will be made close to Spring Break at the beginning of March, although the exact date varies with each dorm.

There are many different reasons for applying to be an RA. Lindsey Zimmerman, a current RA in Cavanaugh, applied because her interactions with her RA freshman year made her want to take on the job.

"She really had an impact on me and changed my Notre Dame experience," Zimmerman said. "Your support system is totally removed when you go to college, so I think it's really important to establish a welcoming environment for everybody, but especially for incoming freshmen."

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group addresses fundraising for Haiti crisis
Council discusses Sunday's assault near Transpo 7A bus; Schmidt wants 'safe' service

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) addressed the student efforts to raise money for relief in Haiti and Transpo safety in its first meeting of 2010 Tuesday.

"The magnitude of the crisis in Haiti is very significant," student body president Grant Schmidt said. "It merits a response from the University." Initial fundraising efforts have included setting up donation boxes in all campus dining areas and on prominent locations and creating a link on haitidisaster.nd.edu to donate money online.

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said the total collected for the weekend was around $4,500, with $2,500 coming from the online donations.

COR members were pleased with the results but discussed other ways of raising awareness and funds for the people of Haiti.

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INSIDE COLUMN

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Saint Mary’s takes part in book drive

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The news of “invented spelling” in Indiana are over, as Sen. Richard Lugar implemented a book drive to benefit local elementary schools. The second annual book drive is part of the statewide outreach program to increase literacy in local schools through the donation of gently used children’s books, for readers ranging from infants to third graders.

Saint Mary’s College is one of the locations accepting book donations. Donation boxes are located in the lobby of the Student Center and in LeMans Hall’s Reinegeaux Lounge.

“The drive gives my kids and I the incentive to go through the books on our shelves and make a pile of the ones that they have outgrown and can bear to let go,” Saint Mary’s director of media relations Gwen O’Brien said. “My incentive is to help children become more successful academically by gaining a greater proficiency as a young reader.”

“Books should be enjoyed again and again,” O’Brien said. Coquillard, Warren and Lincoln Primary Centres are the main beneficiaries of the book drive.

Janet Martin, who originally bought several books for her grandchildren, decided to put her purchases to a better use by donating them to the book drive.

“I decided my grandkids had enough books,” Martin said. Students who benefit from the drive might develop an earlier understanding of words, better pronunciation or a general expression of interest in reading.

“There is nothing compared to the first page of a book and to know you are about to embark on a journey that costs you nothing but time,” Martin said.

Hall’s Reignbeaux Lounge, Student Center and in LeMans located in the lobby of the locations accepting book donations. The drive was offered at three different times Tuesday and will be held again Wednesday at noon and 7 p.m. in Vander Vennet Theatre in the Student Center.

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economics at Notre Dame, gave a familiar account of his memories as a student in the 1980s.

"Like any Notre Dame student, I had a ball. I fell in love with this place," Scully said.

But Scully found something else at Notre Dame, which changed his plans to follow in his father’s footsteps and attend law school.

"I fell in love with Notre Dame because I fell in love with the priests of Holy Cross," Scully said. Scully requested to attend law school after seminary, but his Superior sent him to Chile instead.

"My entire imagination of what my priesthood would be about came crashing down," he said.

But Chile was a new revelation, Scully said. "I fell in love with Chile, with its people, geography, song and culture," Scully said. "God has such a funny way of pointing our feet in the way of God’s plan."

But not all of Scully’s reflections were fit for a homily. In one account, he remembered being marched around the chapel as we loved the Eucharist, the things and achievements that had been in my thoughts for some time, thoughts that I would wanted to avoid and had avoided for so long. But they could no longer be avoided.

Cloistering priesthood was just the beginning of Haag’s vocation. When it came to choosing an order, Haag couldn’t find anything right, he said.

"Every time I went out, I couldn’t wait to get home. I couldn’t wait to leave. I began to think that this just wasn’t me and I thought the same thing was going to happen when I came to Holy Cross,“ where he said something was different.

"I caught myself saying I wish I didn’t have to go home,“ Haag said. "My eyes were open to see where I was supposed to be and that was at Holy Cross."

This exciting discovery was not the end, but a new beginning, Haag said.

After spending most of his early years in the priesthood at St. Gregory Parish in Phoenix, Ariz., Haag moved on to a new assignment as rector of St. Edward’s Hall, which he has found to be "never a dull moment."

"There’s always something going on at St. Ed’s,“ Haag said. "To be able to be present in this life from the most mundane to the most profound, I have discovered is a rare gift and a rare opportunity. The residents have become your own in a certain way and in time, you find that they have been changing your own heart and mind."

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"What I’ve learned through this all is that I really haven’t given up family or home. It’s like the Gospel says, I’ve gained so much more,“ Haag said.

For Doyle, the issue of leaving his family behind was also of concern when choosing a religious order.

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"But the Lord has provided,“ Doyle said. "If we just step out in faith, the answers come."

Doyle’s answers came from what he called “surprising encounters” from the Spirit throughout his childhood and early adult life.

"God comes to us in all sorts of disguises,“ Doyle said. "Incarnate. He takes on flesh."

With his discussion of family, Doyle emotionally recalled his last conversation with his father.

"He said to me, ‘God bless you, son.’ I think, through my parents, God has touched my heart."

Doyle also discussed what a special role family plays in the mission of Holy Cross, mentioning his admiration for the Congregation’s care of the elderly.

"I have found that after 40 years, these people are more than friends; they are brothers,“ Doyle said. "I look around the chapel as we pray together and I say ‘I love these guys.’"

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Brown wins Massachusetts seat

Upset costs Democrats the supermajority, threatens Obama’s healthcare plan

Associated Press

BOSTON — Four years ago, the Massachusetts lieutenant governor passed Scott Brown as a potential running mate in her bid to replace then-Gov. Mitt Romney because she and her staff saw him as a political lightweight.

On Tuesday, Brown pulled off a stunning upset, defeating Democrat Martha Coakley — in one of the closest states in the country — to succeed the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

Brown not only regained control of a seat the Democrats had held for over a half-century, but gave the GOP the vote it needed to break the Democrats’ Senate supermajority and block the health care overhaul nearly finished by President Barack Obama. He was the first Republican elected to the Senate from Massachusetts since 1972.

Those who know Brown are not surprised.

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Retrenchment is a skill Brown has used throughout his career, seizing opportunities where they found him. As an undergraduate, he traded on his matinee good looks for work as a model, and while still in law school, he posed nude for Cosmopolitan magazine — in a photo spread with a strategically placed crease in the magazine.

Later he enlisted in the National Guard and launched a political career that took him from the Wrentham Board of Selectmen to the Massachusetts House and Senate.

Brown said his dedication to hard work and family grew out of a difficult childhood.

“I didn’t come from a lot of protected status. Some were told to come here, and then were told to go. And the government made no efforts to deliver visas to many of the people who needed them.”

Brown, who was raised in Wrentham, said Coakley was given the advantage of being “born in the right place” and “having the resources to fight against the woman of the people.”

In a six-week race, he was given the advantage of having the field to himself for the first four weeks,” she said. “He was able to define himself, define the race and define her, and nobody ques-

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Scott Brown speaks to reporters after voting in the special election Tuesday in Wrentham, Mass.

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Brown said his ties to his home state run deep.

“I was raised here and I’ll probably die here,” he said.

Haitians already in U.S. seek protection

Associated Press

MIAMI — Haitians are so eager for information about a federal designation that will let illegal immigrants work temporarily in the U.S. that they bombarded a Catholic church here even though the program doesn’t start until Wednesday.

More than 1,000 Haitians lined up this week outside the Notre Dame D’Haiti Catholic Church in Miami’s Little Haiti neighborhood to ask questions about how to apply for the newly pro-

Brown addressed a crowded church, mostly in Creole. He told some that family mem-

ber would be able to come from Haiti and seek the status, and that applicants likely wouldn’t qualify for college finan-

cial aid. Generally, government benefits aren’t available for those with the tem-

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McGrory said a fee waiver was available, though he discouraged it because it could delay an application.

Although the government has cau-

ted the protection is temporary — 18 months — some of those applying hoped it would lead to a longer reprieve. Immigrants from Central American countries have had the designation for more than a decade after a hurricane.

Applicants must prove their Haitian citizenship as well as their residence in the U.S. before the earthquake struck Jan. 12. Advocates urged people to col-

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How to Prepare for the Career Fair

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   - There are many off-site resume reviews scheduled; visit http://careercenter.nd.edu/events to learn more.

2. Prepare, Prepare, Prepare
   - Attend a "Prepare for the Career Fair" workshop.
   - Determine your objectives for attending.
   - Review the list of companies attending the fair and position descriptions on Go IRISH.
   - Visit company websites and review mission statements, annual reports, and products or services.
   - Develop and refine networking skills.
   - Develop your "Thirty Second Message" (introduce yourself, your year and major, and interest in industry/career field).
   - I'm interested because... (explain your interest in & knowledge of the company)
   - I can... (match your skills with their needs).

3. At the Fair
   - Dress in business attire and bring several copies of your resume in a portfolio.
   - Review the map of employer booths and take a bag for "giveaways".
   - Be proactive by approaching employers.
   - Speak with both young alums and experienced representatives.
   - Demonstrate confidence and enthusiasm in delivering your "Thirty Second Message".
   - Ask the representative how to sign up for an interview (i.e. "After reviewing your company information and the position, I am interested in speaking with you further. How can I obtain a slot on your interview schedule at The Career Center?").
   - Obtain the representative's business card.

4. Following the Fair
   - Send an email thank-you to the recruiters with companies of interest within 3 days of the fair.
   - If you obtain an interview:
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     - Review The Career Center's Interview Guide and practice sample interview questions at http://careercenter.nd.edu/fer-undergrads/resumes-cover-letters-interview; also watch a videotaped interview workshop.

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**Citigroup reports massive losses**

**Despite financial problems, banking firm still plans on large executive bonuses**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Citigroup Inc. became the latest bank to take a cautious view of consumers’ credit problems, reporting a $7.77 billion fourth-quarter loss due to defaulted loans and the costs of repaying $20 billion in government bailout money.

Even with the loss, Citigroup, the hardest hit of the big U.S. banks during the credit crisis and recession, plans to give big bonuses this month to its top employees.

The earnings report Tuesday, which met analysts’ expectations, reflected Citigroup’s struggles and changing status in the banking industry. The company was forced to set aside $8.18 billion to cover the loans that were newly delinquent or about to default, joining other big lenders who are still missing money on loans. But Citigroup, having been forced to shed its big investment banking and brokerage businesses during the banking crisis, lacked those buffers against losses that other major financial companies still have.

The company’s focus, therefore, is on loans, which are deeply troubled but showing some very early signs of improvement. For example, the addition to Citigroup’s loan reserves was down 10 percent from the third quarter, and 6.6 percent from a year earlier.

And John Gerspach, Citigroup’s chief financial officer, noted during a conference call with the media Tuesday that the number of mortgage and credit card loans that were newly delinquent or about to default, or between one and three months past due, had started to stabilize and even drop in some of its lending portfolios.

However, “the U.S. credit story is still very much developing,” Gerspach said. Gerspach’s caution was similar to that of JPMorgan Chase & Co., when it reported Friday that it earned $3.28 billion during the fourth quarter thanks to its strong investment banking unit. JPMorgan said it set aside $7.28 billion for failed loans during the quarter, nearly identical to the amount it reserved for bad loans during the final quarter in 2008. It also warned that it didn’t know when it would be able to stop adding to its loan reserves.

Greg Smith, a senior managing director at restructuring firm Conway MacKenzie, said Citigroup’s results show the lending business is stabilizing. But he also noted it will be a long time before banks like Citigroup are strong enough to lend at historical norms. Many economists and investors are concerned that this trend could slow the economic recovery.

“They’re just clawing out of the ditch now,” Smith said of banks.

2009 was a year of drastic change at Citigroup, and it may turn out to have the poorest fourth-quarter showing among the big banks because it lacks the big investment bank and trading operations that have helped other companies like JPMorgan Chase get back on track.

The bank’s loss for the year, $17.2 billion, was its biggest in at least 20 years, and it does not include a $17.7 billion after-tax charge for a loss on a stake in a hedge fund. The company has writedown losses of nearly $50 billion in the past year and is still struggling.

Even with its losses, Citigroup’s results showed that the company had $23.9 billion in core capital, which the government would like to see on the balance sheet of every systemically important financial institution.

“Based on its capital strength, Citigroup should be in a better position than many of its peers to weather the recession,” said Robert Drury, a senior managing director at Sandler O’Neill & Partners.

To provide a comprehensive response to questions that have been raised by members of Congress, the Federal Reserve would welcome a full review of GAO of all aspects of our involvement in the AIG bailout,” Bernanke wrote in a letter to the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

Berner said the Fed already has provided information to Congress on the AIG rescue, has made “a large amount” of information available to the public and provided information to other oversight bodies such as the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

Congress passed a law last year giving the GAO authority to review Fed documents in the AIG bailout. The GAO said Bernanke’s request will be weighed against other demands on the agency’s time.

Rep. Darrell Issa of California, the top Republican on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, sounded a skeptical note about Bernanke’s interest in openness.

“If the Fed is as vested in oversight and transparency as they claim in this letter they should be quick to provide us with all the support we need to complete this bipartisan investigation,” Issa said.
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"We are privileged in a way to have a relationship with this group through the Relief program and with the Congregation of Holy Cross," said Keith Ruhlmann, RA in McGinn, applied for similar reasons.

"I first thought about being an RA freshman year because I loved my RA," Karam said. "I'm a people person and I love giving advice, so I thought that on an RA you would have to help freshmen adjust to life at Notre Dame.

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"I first thought about being an RA freshman year because I loved my RA," Karam said. "I'm a people person and I love giving advice, so I thought that on an RA you would have to help freshmen adjust to life at Notre Dame.

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A Call for Aid

The worst earthquake in over 200 years has caused death and devastation in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, adding to the misery of so many people who live in severe poverty.

All collections at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart this weekend and last will be forwarded in their entirety to provide assistance to the victims of this latest natural disaster.

Campus Ministry will continue to accept and forward donations all this week at 319 Coleman-Morse Center.

The Haiti Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, which is composed of 75 Haitian priests and 22 professed seminarians, works with the poor through schools, parishes and social service ministries.
**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"I shall not waste my days in trying to prolong them."

— Ian Fleming, British author

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Art is the desire of a man to express himself, to record the reactions of his personality to the world he lives in."

— American poet Amy Lowell

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According to Ford, the film was inspired by his own relationship to the movie "Titanic." Yes, it’s a cliché love story, as are about 90 percent of love stories, and the only reason why "Titanic" is "epic" in scale and in a purely visual sense, Charlie, is that the same time, the word "epic" and all of the connotations it carries is something I’m unwilling to apply to "A Single Man". Light years away from Earth, the film is set on Pandora, a life-harboring planetary environment where an all-powerful corporation is mining an extremely valuable mineral that is being used as the solution to Earth’s growing energy crisis. For numerous reasons, the company has created the Avatar program, where genetically engineered copies of the natives are used as surrogates for human scientists and military men alike. Jake’s proactive edition is sent with a team of scientists and special forces to Earth’s energy crisis. For numerous reasons, the company has created the Avatar program, where genetically engineered copies of the natives are used as surrogates for human scientists and military men alike. Jake’s proactive edition is sent with a team of scientists and special forces to Earth’s energy crisis.

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I could rush over the special effects and write all starry-eyed about the mesmerizing world that is James Cameron’s stunningly rendered, decade-in-the-making brainchild, “Avatar.” I could do that and also almost coincidentally forget all about the film’s overly clichéd plot, rubbery overlong runtime and atmospherically bland attempt at social commentary. But I won’t. Because while Cameron’s latest epic is groundbreaking in an aesthetic sense, it falls short of the lofty bar it sets for itself in every other way. I’m not going to rain on the “Avatar” parade, which has seemingly gone on without an end in sight for many a month now, by trash-lining the film, because frankly, I have a nice spot reserved for it in this year’s top 10 list. That being said, and I don’t think that this theater crowded with even so much as surprise anyone, “Avatar” is no “Titanic.” Yes, “Avatar” is “epic” in scale and in a purely visual sense, Charlie, is that the same time, the word “epic” and all of the connotations it carries is something I’m unwilling to apply to “A Single Man.”

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What actor/director Zach Braff created with 2004’s “Garden State” was so heartfelt that its title character has probably become one of Hollywood’s most beloved characters, which is truly a point of pride. This is one of those rare films that even the coldest of hearts can’t keep from cheering for.


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Pulse-pounding and stylish like no other, the story of the “Godfather” is uneven but packs enough visceral power and tension-filled suspense to make it very close to exceptional. The acting is raw and believable, and the direction is shot with heart-stopping pacing, but the real gem here is no individual character, but rather the slums of Rio de Janeiro itself. Such a lawless land where money and drugs rule all and the only hand of redemption involves a bullet in the head, and such a portrayal at that. Stunning — flawed in ways, yes — but stunning.


Clint Eastwood has extended an already exceptional acting career with another truly exceptional performance, and he has become one of Hollywood’s finest at that. “Million Dollar Baby” is a simple yet affecting underdog tale that deserved every bit of the accolades it received. It’s no masterpiece, but a small gem headlined by Hilary Swank being the real discovery. It’s passionate — a gliding free-falling tale of vengeance, greed, and downright stupidity is one of the most exciting films of the decade. A truly “real” film in every sense of the word. “The City of God,” coupled with “4 Months, 3 Weeks, 2 Days,” has signaled a Renaissance in Romanian filmmaking.


Writer/director Rian Johnson’s neo-noir set in a high school follows all the rules of a classic detective thriller … other than the fact that the cast is made up of lunch-period-druggies, grade-hacking, extra-curricular-participating high schoolers. This is truly original and inventive stuff, and it plays just as well as, if not better than, anything of its kind made in the hay-day of detective thrillers. That’s because at the end credits, what “Brick” is an incredilble, superbly acted, and brilliantly toned thriller that is unveiled with a keen detective’s eye.


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You probably don’t know who Darren Aronofsky is, and that’s a shame, because this talent deserves to be up there with the best of them, even as his career is only about 10 years old. “Requiem” represents his way of saying “I’ve got some flashy tricks and I’m about to give you a heaping taste of them.” What results is an audacious, horrifying, experimental and utterly amazing drug film of drugs and dreams of a better life, and the deadly combination of mixing the two. Using his camera in ways we never dreamt of before he makes us feel the free-fall that is taking hard drugs, becoming an addict, and then resting one’s entire self on a hope that is hopeless.
Senators top Blackhawks in fourth straight win

Two goals by Kovalchuk help Thrashers beat Maple Leafs 4-3; Crosby, Malkin lead Penguins over Islanders 6-4

Associated Press

OTTAWA — Peter Regin had a goal and an assist and Brian Elliott made 29 saves to lead the Ottawa Senators to their fourth straight win, a 4-1 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Tuesday night.

Regin restored Ottawa’s two-goal lead late in the second when he beat Chicago’s Cristobal Huet on a wraparound after Zack Smith and Ryan Shannon scored in the first to put the Senators up 2-0.

Mike Fisher scored a power-play goal 16:45 into the third to seal the win and extend Ottawa’s streak.

 Marian Hossa scored his third short-handed goal of the season earlier in the second for the Blackhawks, who ended a three-game winning streak.

Chicago, which held a 20-18 advantage in shots, entered with San Jose for No. 1 overall in the NHL with 72 points after beginning a season-high eight-game trip with wins in Columbus and Detroit over the weekend.

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Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews was in the penalty box. Chicago, which entered tied with the Sharks for the league lead in short-handed goals, became the first team to reach eight this season.

Regin, who assisted on Shannon’s goal 12:31 in, restored Ottawa’s two-goal lead in the first when he drew the right side and went around the back of the net to put a backhand into an open left side with 1:55 left in the second.

Elliott came up with a big stop on Patrick Kane’s shot off a rebound with just over 4 minutes remaining in the third. Elliott survived a close call earlier in the third when he recovered to make a sprawling stick save on Jussi Jokinen just over 6 minutes into the third after he mis-played a puck behind his net.

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Thrashers 4, Maple Leafs 3

Ilya Kovalchuk scored two goals, giving him 30 for the season, and the Atlanta Thrashers beat Toronto on Tuesday night to extend the Maple Leafs’ road woes.

The Thrashers scored four straight goals after Alexei Ponikarovsky’s two first-period goals in a span of 32 seconds.

Rich Peverley’s power-play goal at 1:58 of the third period broke a 2-2 tie. Kovalchuk’s second goal gave Atlanta a 4-2 lead 2:40 into the third period.

Toronto’s Niklas Hagman scored 1:23 later, but Ondrej Pavelec, who stopped 37 shots, held on for his third win in his past four starts.

Vesa Toskala stopped 28 shots in his first regulation loss in nine career games against the Maple Leafs.

Kovalchuk and Evander Kane had second-period goals for Atlanta.

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Evgeni Malkin broke out of a slump with three goals and Sidney Crosby scored twice while figuring in every Pittsburgh goal. Penguins recovered after blowing a three-goal lead to beat the Islanders on Tuesday, ending New York’s four-game winning streak.

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Penguins backup goaltender Brent Johnson, out two games with an undisclosed injury that forced the Penguins to use an amateur goaltender during their careers that Crosby, the 2007 NHL scoring champion, and Malkin, last season’s champion, each scored multiple goals in the same game.

Malkin has four goals in two games after going 11 consecutive games without a goal following his last previous three-goal game Dec. 23, during an 8-2 victory over Ottawa.

Crosby’s six points matched his career high and topped his previous season high of five points Nov. 28 against the Rangers. He has nine multiple goals games this season — three in seven games — and, with 32 goals,

there's an old man sitting next to me

It's nine o'clock on a Saturday

When I was a younger man's clothes.
Jim Brown wants LeBron to stay put

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The most famous football player in Cleveland history hopes the city’s most celebrated basketball star stays put.

Browns Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown said Tuesday night that he hopes LeBron James remains with the Cavaliers.

James, the NBA’s reigning MVP, can leave Cleveland as a free agent after this season. He has never indicated he will sign elsewhere, but speculation has centered on him signing in a new, long-term contract in a larger market.

Brown, who played his entire NFL career in Cleveland, would like to see James do the same.

“Looking at the fact that it is a business, I put that first,” Brown said. “But having said that, I would love to see him be here. I think it’s a terrific marriage. He does so much for this city and I think he has an owner (Dan Gilbert) that tries to do everything he can. When you have an owner who is trying to do the best he can do and a player, it’s a terrific set of circumstances. But the best is the business.”

James and Brown met with the media before Tuesday night’s game against the Toronto Raptors. They were brought together as part of the Cavaliers’ celebration of Black Heritage month.

Brown praised James for helping give opportunities to others and for making the most of the chances he has received.

“What Dr. King worked for was to give young men like him an opportunity and when you get an opportunity you can’t squander that,” Brown said. “You see that so much in the league now, young men that have great opportunities to make a lot of money and they squander it. But this young man hasn’t done that. “Although he’s a young man, he’s way beyond his age.”

IN BRIEF

Indians and LHP Rafael Perez avoid arbitration

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Indians kept their arbitration streak intact by coming to terms with reliever Rafael Perez on a $795,000 deal.

The club was scheduled to exchange salary figures Tuesday with Perez, the only player on Cleveland’s roster eligible for arbitration. The Indians have not gone to arbitration since 1991.

Perez, who can earn another $25,000 with an All-Star appearance, was a major disappointment last season. The left-hander went 4-3 with a 7.31 ERA in 48 innings with Cleveland and was twice sent down to the minor leagues.

The Indians are counting on him to regain the form that made him one of the AL’s premier setup men. In 2008, he was Cleveland’s most reliable reliever and in 2007 he had a 1.78 ERA in 44 appearances.

Royals reach deals with Gordon and Tejeda

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Third baseman Alex Gordon and right-hander Robinson Tejeda bypassed arbitration, agreeing Tuesday to one-year contracts with the Kansas City Royals.

Gordon gets $1.15 million after making $457,000 last season.

He was the second pick in the 2005 amateur draft and was once thought of as the cornerstone of the team’s future. But his career has been slow to develop and he missed 79 games last year after undergoing hip surgery. He wound up batting .232 with six home runs and 22 RBIs in 49 games.

Tejeda got a raise from $437,000 to $950,000. He can earn another $50,000 in performance bonuses: $25,000 each for reaching 23 and 24 starts.

Pitching out of the bullpen most of the year, Tejeda was 4-2 with a 3.54 ERA in 35 games last season.

Jones says Phillips will be back next year

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones is going every indication that he is picking up coach Wade Phillips’ contract option for the 2010 season, and likely keeping him longer.

“We don’t have any funny business here guys. There’s nothing funny going on here, at all,” Jones said Tuesday. “We just want to do this when we both can do it and both get it stated the way we want to state it.”

Standing on the field where next season’s Super Bowl will be played, after a spectacular news conference announcing a March 13 boxing match between Manny Pacquiao and Joshua Clottey at Cowboys Stadium, Jones said that he had a “good visit” with Phillips on Monday.

As for Phillips’ coming back for his fourth season, and maybe more after that, Jones said he would answer all those questions at a season wrapup news conference later in the week with "both him and me there.”
Bengie Molina returns to San Francisco Giants

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In an unexpected twist, Bengie Molina is coming back to the San Francisco Giants. The free-agent catcher reached a preliminary agreement with the Giants on a one-year contract, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press on Tuesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the agreement was pending a physical and had not been completed.

It’s a surprising move for both sides, because Molina had been negotiating a deal with the New York Mets only days ago. The Mets offered one year with a vesting option, but Molina wanted two years guaranteed. He had hoped to land a three-year contract this offseason, and Giants general manager Brian Sabean had said the veteran catcher wouldn’t return.

“That ship has sailed,” Sabean said at the winter meetings last month. KPIX TV in San Francisco first reported Molina’s deal.

The Giants also agreed Tuesday to a $2.1 million contract with left-hander Jonathan Sanchez, avoiding arbitration. Sanchez threw a no-hitter in July 10.

San Francisco has two players in arbitration. Sanchez threw a no-hitter on July 10.

Associated Press

The Buffalo Bills team he's taking over hasn't made the playoffs in a decade and its fans have been clamoring for Bill Cowher during a coaching search that seemed to take forever.

Instead of landing one of the big-name coaches with loaded resumes such as Cowher or Mike Shanahan, Gailey — who coached the Denver Broncos for two less-than-inspiring seasons — was introduced Tuesday as the 15th head coach in Bills history — and fifth in 10 years.

“I can’t say anything to change anybody’s mind. All I can do is try to help us win football games,” Gailey said. “We win football games, everybody’s minds will be changed, right?”

Gailey was hired by first-time general manager Buddy Nix, ending a two-month search to replace Dick Jauron, who was fired in November. He takes over a Bills team coming off its fifth straight losing season following a 6-10 finish, and in the midst of a 10-year playoff drought that is tied with Detroit as the longest active streak in the NFL.

“I’ve been around enough winning programs ... that when I walk on the field I expect to win. I don’t just hope to win,” Gailey said. “But the bottom line is we’ve got to do it on the field.”

Gailey has spent 15 of his 35 years of coaching in the NFL. In his two years coaching the Dallas Cowboys, he went 16-14 and led the team to consecutive playoff appearances — both losses. He was dismissed after the 1999 season, and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has acknowledged his mistake in firing Gailey.

For Nix, it was Gailey’s extensive experience that impressed him and met most of the criteria the GM set out when he took over the search two weeks ago.

Nix was eager to find someone with previous head-coaching experience and who had an offensive background.

“Without any doubt in my mind, we got the best qualified guy, a guy that was on the list early,” Nix said. “We got the right guy for us. I’ve got full confidence in him to answer your question.”

Gailey also got a big vote of support from Jones in Dallas. The Cowboys owner on Tuesday not only congratulated Gailey upon his return to the NFL, head coaching ranks, but Jones also reiterated that he still regrets firing Gailey.

“I’m proud for Chan Jones,” Jones said. “I’m glad to see him have the opportunity to get back as head coach in the NFL. He did an outstanding job at Georgia Tech. He’s really a top coach and will do a great job.”

Gailey has been out of football since he was removed as the Chiefs’ offensive coordinator in August, two weeks before the season opener. He was entering his second season with Kansas City after a six-year stretch as Georgia Tech’s coach, during which he went 44-33 before being fired in 2007.

Nix is already being second-guessed for how he conducted the coaching search, during which Jets offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer turned down the Bills job as an interim coach for an interview last week. And it was a search that featured several prominent candidates who had raised fan expectations.

The Bills spoke to Cowher in a bid to lure the former Steelers coach out of his career in broadcasting. Fans raised $1,125 to rent a billboard in Buffalo last week urging team owner Ralph Wilson to hire Cowher. The team also interviewed former Broncos coach Shanahan, who instead chose to coach the Washington Redskins.

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MIAMI — Of the 119 players on the NBA's 3-point accuracy chart this season, the Indiana Pacers might be surprised to learn who ranked next-to-last.

Dwyane Wade might not stay there much longer.

Only a 27 percent shooter from long range, Wade made his first four attempts from beyond the arc — including one that counted after goaltending, of all things — and scored a game-high 32 points as the Heat easily beat the Pacers 113-83 on Tuesday night.

"I've been feeling good about my shot lately," said Wade, who topped the 11,000-point mark for his career on a second-quarter layup. "I think my first shot was a 3, which I normally try not to do. But I was in rhythm, shot it, hit it and after that the confidence was up." Wade shot 12 of 20 for the game and scored 18 of his points in the first quarter for the Heat (21-19), who ensured they would reach the midpoint of their season Wednesday in Charlotte with a winning record. Michael Beasley scored 21 for Miami, a winning record. Michael

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ensured they would reach 3 points in the first quarter for the Heat, who rested No. 5 spot in the Eastern Conference.

"We don't want to oversate this," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "We have a battle tomorrow. And we understand that. They're waiting for us and we're looking forward to this game."

Dahnatt Jones scored 13 and Roy Hibbert added 12 for Indiana.

Just about everything that could go wrong for the Pacers did, including a pair of bizarre occurrences involving 3-pointers.

Wade was credited with one of his 3-pointers with 3:49 left in the opening quarter when Murphy got called for goaltending, a rarity on any shot from the outside to begin with. The try rattled around the cylinder, and Murphy grabbed the ball when it was coming off the rim.

"That's a first," Wade said.

And then the Pacers lost those three points in the third quarter, 6 minutes after thinking they had them.

Rush's 3-pointer early in the quarter got Indiana to 63-46. Already down by 22, the Pacers bolted to their own 3-point shot midway between the 10:25 and 6:30 marks.

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TENNIS

Kuznetsova defeats Pavlyuchenkova in straight sets

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MELBOURNE, Australia — French Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova became the first player into the third round of the Australian Open with a 6-2, 6-2 win Wednesday over fellow Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

The 24-year-old Kuznetsova was dominant after taking a 5-1 lead in the first set by breaking Pavlyuchenkova’s first two service games.

She got on top of most rallies with a strong forehand and had 27 winners against only seven for Pavlyuchenkova.

Kuznetsova, who won two Grand Slam singles championships — adding the French Open last year to her win at the 2004 U.S. Open — has a chance to reach the No. 1 ranking for the first time if she clinches the Australian Open title.

In eight previous trips to Melbourne Park, Kuznetsova has advanced to the quarterfinals twice, including last year when she lost to eventual champion Serena Williams after being up a set and a break.

This year, the Russian is feeling more confident of winning.

“Yes, definitely, I know all the way how to go — I’ve done it twice,” Kuznetsova said. “It’s exciting. You always have different motivation at the Grand Slams — I love to play here.”

No. 4 Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark, who lost the U.S. Open final to Kim Clijsters in September, had a 6-4, 6-2 first-round win over Canada’s Stephanie Dubois.

In other first-round matches carried over from the rain-interrupted opening days, No. 7 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus beat French wild card Stephanie Cohen-Aloro 6-2, 6-0.

No. 9 Vera Zvonareva beat Kristina Kucova of Slovakia 6-2, 6-0 and No. 16 Li Na of China, a quarterfinalist at the U.S. Open, beat New Zealander Marina Erakovic 6-2, 6-0.

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“In tennis I think we’ve been able to do really well with having fought so hard to get equal prize money,” said Williams, who last year became the first woman to surpass $6 million in prize money in a season. “I think that’s really good,” she said. “But I think we still sort of, say, live in a man’s world. Some incidents can bring you back to life and back into reality.”

Williams acknowledges that “what I did wasn’t right, but I turned that around. She set up a charity auction with the aim of raising $92,000 for “ladies, women ... schools in Africa ... Haiti.” Sister Venus Williams contributed a memorabilia item for the sale.

Venus, seeded sixth, opened with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Lucie Safarova. Also advancing were No. 8 Jelena Jankovic, No. 11 Marion Bartoli, No. 13 Sam Stosur and No. 19 Nadia Petrova. Melanie Oudin, the 18-year-old from Louisiana, who made a surprising run to last year’s U.S. Open quarterfinals, lost 2-6, 7-6, 7-5 to Alla Kudryavtseva of Russia.

Roger Federer hadn’t dropped a set in the opening round of a major for six years and was on track to continue that run when he was a break up against Igor Andreev, whose girlfriend Maria Kirilenko ousted 2008 champion Maria Sharapova on the opening day at Melbourne Park.

Russian tennis player Svetlana Kuznetsova celebrates her entrance into the third round of play at the Australian Open.

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SPokane, Wash. — Sasha Cohen has risen much higher than her earlier success. The Olympic silver medalist and world champion is now in contention for a third Olympic appearance.

Cohen had not competed in the Olympics since 2002, when she placed fourth. She has missed the Olympics since then, but her performance at the 2010 World Figure Skating Championships in San Antonio should make her a strong contender for a spot on the American team at the 2010 Winter Games.

"Sasha is in the mix," said coach John Nicks. "She's made a lot of progress since the last Olympics. She's got a lot of experience and a lot of confidence. She's ready to go."

Cohen, who is 30 years old, has been training for the Olympics with coach John Nicks and has been working on her skating style. She has also been focusing on her mental preparation, which is key for an athlete of her level.

"Sasha is very focused," said Nicks. "She's very determined. She's very driven. She wants to be the best."

Cohen has already made history in her career. She is the first American woman to win an Olympic medal in figure skating. She also won the silver medal at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy.

"I think she's performed well in every event this season," said Nicks. "She's been consistent. She's been effective. She's been competitive. She's been strong. She's been determined. She's been focused. She's been driven. She's been improve
d.

Cohen's next step will be to qualify for the Olympic team. She will have to compete at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in January to earn a spot on the team.

"Sasha is ready to go," said Nicks. "She's ready to compete. She's ready to win. She's ready to take the next step."
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years as a student at Notre Dame. We thought about what she was doing and we were really happy with the spring season.

When our team has a lot of variety compared to other schools," Frilling said. "We also have a strong doubles lineup and really focus on that a lot.

Also, we all get along really well and our team dynamic is great. Frilling and I are both members of the Irish women's tennis team made it to the semifinals of the NCAA Championship last season.

"Last year we had the best season (Notre Dame) has ever had, and I hope to do the same or better this year," Frilling said.

Currently in the middle of the season, the coming semester of play will determine if the Irish can do what it takes to do better than 2009.

"The middle of a season is a grind, but it helps to look forward and get ourselves for the ultimate goal, the Big East Championship and NCAAs," Frilling said. "Our spring season will be busy. We have a tough schedule and a good amount of traveling, but everyone is really excited for the upcoming season."

Frilling and the Irish will kick off the spring season Saturday on the road against Iowa.

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pretty neat for me as a person and for my family with all the hard work and respect we have for this university and what it’s all about.

After winning a Division I national title as Kelly's defensive coordinator, Martin took over the coaching position at Grand Valley State and compiled a 74-7 record. He was excited to team back up with his former head coach.

"[Martin] took a program that had a lot of history and number of championships, and believe it or not, built on that," Kelly said. "He knows how to get the best out of his players. And the success that he had at Grand Valley State is unparalleled across the country.

While he coached the last decade at the Division III level, Martin was confident that his coaching abilities would be able to easily translate to a higher level at Notre Dame.

"It’s still 18 to 24-year-olds kids and still a process of developing those kids. They’re bigger, stronger and faster but I’ve coached Division I, Division II and Division III and other than that the principles are the same," Martin said. "They have a lot more God-given talent, but still wants to develop the head coaches, and understanding the language. Whenever he speaks you’re at and whatever the previous defensive circumstances were, the style will stay the same as it has.

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Former Wisconsin coach Cooks takes over linebackers

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Making the transition from one position to another can be a challenging process for any college coach, but for outside linebackers coach Kerry Cooks, switching from defensive backs to coach Brian Kelly believes Cooks is more than capable of making the necessary adjustments to develop the outside linebackers. "I think the risks are when you take a coach that's only coached that position, he becomes almost a specialist in one area," Kelly said. "I don't want specialists. I want great teachers and great educators that can communicate across the board. So first and foremost, what I try to do is put together a staff that have that ability to coach different positions.

Cooks spent the last four seasons at Wisconsin, helping the Badgers attain a 38-14 record and developing ten all-Big Ten honorees. Last season, Cooks coached a defensive backs unit that limited an explosive Miami offense to less than 200 yards passing in the Badgers' 20-14 victory in the Champs Sports Bowl. "In a very short period of time he took over defense and the defensive backs, in particular, and turned them into a strength in their [Badgers'] unit," Kelly said. "I think their last bowl game was evidence how well they played in the back end of their defense against a very, very skilled football team." 2010 marks the second time Kelly has attempted to add Cooks to his coaching staff. Kelly previously offered Cooks a position on his staff while at Central Michigan in 2005. Four years later, Kelly offered Cooks a position with his staff while at Central Michigan, but he declined in favor of an opportunity to coach at Michigan, but he declined in favor of an opportunity to coach at Michigan, but he declined in favor of an opportunity to coach at Central Michigan and Cincinnati — two Division II National Championship programs. "I thought this was the greatest place on the planet since I don't even know what that age, but since the first time I figured out that Notre Dame existed," Martin said.

Then, with Kelly now at his dream destination in South Bend, Martin accepted the offer to lead the defensive backs. And the coach with two Division II National Championships couldn't be happier. "I thought this was the greatest place on the planet since I don't even know what that age, but since the first time I figured out that Notre Dame existed," Martin said.

When they broke out the green jerseys against USC, we were out in the backyard pretending we had green jerseys putting it on USC. It's existed," Martin said. The Observer

McGraw nets 600th victory

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

After suffering the first loss of the season at the hands of Connecticut on national television, many wondered how the Irish would perform facing the possibility of its first losing streak. But following Tuesday's 78-60 thrashing of Louisville, No. 4 Notre Dame (16-1, 3-1 Big East) effectively silenced the critics.

Despite shooting poorly in the first half, strong defense highlighted the Irish comeback. Notre Dame forced 20 turnovers and held Louisville scoreless for over eight minutes in the second half as the Irish rebounded to its dominant form.

Frilling hopes to lift Irish to championships

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Only a few days away from the beginning of the spring season, sophomore standout Kristy Frilling is hoping to lead the Irish to the NCAA Championships in May.

"Kristy is one of the top doubles players in the country and has a chance to do really well this year in singles and doubles," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "She is left handed and has a very good serve."

Last year during her freshman season, Frilling made an appearance in both the NCAA singles and doubles tournaments. Frilling hopes to lift the Irish to the NCAA Championships, earned NCAA All-American status and was named the Big East Freshman of the year, all which contributed to one of the best seasons in Irish women's tennis history.

Frilling, a psychology major, began playing at the age of 5 with the help of her mother. Though she did not play for her high school, Frilling made appearances at the Junior U.S. Open, Junior Australian Open and Junior Wimbledon tournaments. She was lured to pursue playing for the Irish after visiting many times during her brother's