ND mourns Walton’s death

Basilica's director of music leaves impact on students, colleagues

By SARAH MERVOSH
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Dr. Gail Walton, director of music at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, will be remembered as a dedicated musician, teacher and Catholic who touched the lives of many members of the Notre Dame community.

Walton, an organist and director of two Notre Dame choirs, died last week after a long illness. She was 55.

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Campus strives to end the ‘R’ word

"End the ‘R’ Word Day" is returning to campus for its second year to raise public awareness about the social prejudice faced by people with intellectual disabilities, now with celebrity endorsements and a national consensus, not by a legal release.

"The word ‘dumb’ is a very offensive and very hurtful word," said senior Soeren Puttmann, a native of Germany. "It was really effective to hear that the word is going to be eliminated by social consensus, not by a legal release.

"At the moment of the earthquake, my mom was in Santiago, and my dad and siblings were in Pucón," he said. "None of them were close to the epicenter of the earthquake when it hit."

"Although it didn’t take me too long to reach her, I had never felt [so] desperate in my whole life," said DisiPavlic. "It was a frantic experience."

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Bookstore tournament hopes for record-breaking participation

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

Basketball, the world’s largest outdoor five-on-five basketball tournament, is just around the corner, and the tournament’s organizers are hoping to break their own record by garnering even more teams to play this year.

Registration for the open and women’s tournaments ends Friday at 5 p.m. but the main goal of the tournament’s executive staff is to

Halleluah Holla Back, 2009 Bookstore Basketball Champions, compete in a tournament game last spring.

Chilean student shares stories from earthquake

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

For Notre Dame junior and Santiago native Rodolfo DisiPavlic, the hours after an 8.8-magnitude earthquake ravaged his home country were a frantic experience.

"I found out at 9 a.m. [5 a.m. in Chile] on Saturday when I tried to check the news sites from Chile and they were all down," said DisiPavlic, who is currently studying abroad in Bologna, Italy. "Right after I found out, I tried to call everyone’s cell phones with no luck. Then I called my mom’s home phone and she answered."

According to the release, Earle has spent over 6,000 hours underwater. The New York Times labeled her “Her Deepness.” She led the first all-female team of aquanauts in 1970 and holds the record for the deepest solo dive.

In September 2009, she published the book “The World Is Blue: How Our Fate and the Oceans Are One,” which discusses the need to protect oceans and the work people need to do to keep them clean.

"Dr. Earle is a passionate and forward-thinking woman," said senior Kathryn Johnson. "She wants us to think about what is going on and how we can improve the earth."

Saint Mary’s announces Commencement speaker

Marine biologist Sylvia Earle will deliver the 2010 Commencement address and receive an honorary doctor of humanities degree from Saint Mary’s. Author Lois Lowry will also be receiving an honorary doctor of humanities degree at the ceremony.

"It will be an honor to welcome Sylvia Earle and Lois Lowry to our campus," said College President Carol Ann Mooney said in a press release.
INSIDE COLUMN

Keep on fighting

While almost every student at Notre Dame stepped onto campus as a freshman with a lot of extra-curricular activities they excelled in during their high school years, not all of us had the time and the quick tongue necessary to join the Debate Club. Regardless, Notre Dame students love to debate, and this is never more evident than when one reads the Viewpoint section of this paper.

Many lament Viewpoint wars as a silly way to argue about important issues, but I take a different, more positive view on these week-long arguments. As my academic advisor Dr. Steve Brady told me when we discussed my involvement at The Observer, “It wouldn’t be Notre Dame if people weren’t angry about something.”

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU GIVE UP FOR LENT? HAVE YOU STUCK WITH IT?

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IN BRIEF

An exhibition, “All Art is Propaganda,” will be held in the Special Collections Room of the Hesburgh Library today from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibition is composed of materials from the Special Collections and will continue until Aug. 20. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Joan Frank, the 2010 Sullivan Prize winner in Fiction writing, will read from her book, “In Every Country and Sign books at the Hesburgh Notre Dame Bookstore tonight from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

A colloquium, “Magnetic Dampers Charge Carriers in Colloidal II-VI Semiconductor Nanocrystals,” will be held today from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in 118 Nieuwland Science Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

The Notre Dame Fire Department will hold an open house Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This year marks the 130th anniversary of the oldest university fire department in the nation. Notre Dame faculty and staff are invited.

Children’s Theater: Tomie dePaola’s “Strega Nona” will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The public is welcome and tickets can be purchased online at performingarts.nd.edu or at the Ticket Office.

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

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Council discusses FLEX, du Lac recommendations

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) presented a new initiative for the Freshmen Leadership Experience (FLEX) and discussed ongoing recommendations for revisions to the du Lac student handbook at its meeting Tuesday night.

The FLEX committee presented its draft of a student booklet that will be mailed to incoming University freshmen over the summer before they arrive on campus in the fall.

“The booklet would feature specific details about locations on campus, rankings of on-campus and off-campus eateries, and walking times from one campus location to another,” said student body president Grant Schmidt.

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber recommended that members of COR present the current draft to their individual councils. “This is a good thing for you guys to show your respective groups because not only is it fun to read, but you can get feedback,” she said.

Schmidt turned the topic of discussion to the ongoing revisions to the du Lac student handbook. Schmidt said that while student government does not get to vote on any changes, they can make recommendations to the Office of Student Affairs about issues student government has recognized as being concerns of University students.

“We came up with nine concrete recommendations and so far, four of the recommendations were passed in [Campus Life Council] at their meeting this week,” Schmidt said.

CLC officials recommended that du Lac clarify the use of the word “shaming” in their handbook. Schmidt said they believed it would be more effective to mail the booklet as initially proposed.

Schmidt said everything is in the planning stages, but if the FLEX committee decides on mailing the booklet as opposed to creating a Web site, they hope to include the booklet in one of the initial mailings the Class of 2014 will receive this summer.

Since the FLEX booklet is still in the initial phases, student body vice president Cynthia Weber recommended that members of COR present the current draft to their individual councils.

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Indianapolis law dean set to lecture

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raise money and awareness for Jumpball, a basketball camp that provides free instruction and lunch to children in and around Kingston, Jamaica.

“The more teams that participate, the more funding we get for the camp,” tournament organizer Jack Goonan, a junior, said. “We want to give kids the chance to play because they have limited funds and opportunities to do so.”

Tournament organizer Kelly Flynn, a junior, said Bookstore Basketball funds the entire camp by itself. Last year’s tournament raised $12,000 for the Kingston camp and its satellite locations, making the camp completely free for its participants and providing equipment and personnel for the camp, she said.

One of the camp’s coaches is from the Notre Dame community and two of the tournament’s commissioners travel to the camp every summer.

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Flynn noted that many teams try to be as funny as possible in creating team names, but what is funny for college students is not always appropriate for such a highly publicized University-sponsored event.

The championship title is up for grabs because last year’s open winners, Hallelujah Holla Back, will not be competing this year. Sophomore team member Dayne Grist said, “I can’t play this year because I’m recovering from ACL repair surgery, and [teammate] Joe Fauria transferred to UCLA,” said Grist, a quarterback on the Irish football team. “Team member Jonas Gray can’t play because of a new rule restricting football players from playing basketball.”

Women’s tournament champions Four Girls and a Guy will be back to defend their title, under a new name with an additional teammate, said senior Molly McCarthy, a member of last year’s team who also helped organize the tournament.

She said the team’s victory last year was especially meaningful because her father and teammate Jane Fleming’s father made a surprise appearance at the final game.

“The victory with our dads watching is definitely one of my favorite college memories, but I expect nothing less than a great tournament this year,” McCarthy said. “It’s a good work to get back to the championship, but we look forward to every game.”

The executive staff said they are enthusiastic about the tournament beginning.

“We’ve been working on this since December, so it’s been a long process,” Flynn said. “We’re excited to see how many teams will come out.”

This year’s open tournament will start on March 27 and end April 25. Any student, staff or faculty member from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross is invited to participate.

The large number of teams requires the open tournament to be spread out over the course of a month. Because the women’s tournament only attracts around 70 teams, it begins later than the open tournament.

The semifinals and finals will take place the same weekend as the annual Blue-Gold Game, which is set for April 24.

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hard as other areas, the damage to DisiPavic’s home has been relatively manageable.

“My mom showed me on Skype her apartment. Everything was on the floor and some non-structural walls had cracks,” DisiPavic said. “My dad’s house lost some tiles and some stuff fell inside, and the pool lost its water.”

“It was eerie seeing and hearing all of this and thinking that you’re not safe in your own home.”

DisiPavic said tremors and seismic movement frequently occur in Chile. “Chile is a seismic country. Noticeable earthquakes happen every couple of months. They are part of daily life in my country,” he said. “We even make a difference between the noticeable [tremors] and the destructive [earthquakes].”

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President Barack Obama embraced a handful of Republican health care ideas Tuesday to lure Democratic votes that he needed to pare down his final package for a sharply divided House and Senate where its fate is unsure.

The move is aimed instead at wavering Democrats, especially in the House. Some of them might find it easier to vote for the health care package if they can tell constituents it had bipartisan elements that Republicans should have supported. Yet there is no guarantee that Democratic leaders will incorporate Obama's suggestions in revised legislation.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell warned that Democrats will enact their health care plan at their own political peril, vowing to make it an issue in every congressional race this fall.

In remarks at the White House on Wednesday, the president will describe the final elements of his proposal and then ask Congress to enact it, aides said. He is expected to leave little doubt that, barring an unexpected change in Republican tactics, he wants Congress to pass the legislation using budget reconciliation rules, which prohibit Senate filibusters.

Obama is unlikely to see those exact elements, but Democratic leaders are emphasizing they want to pass a bill with majority votes in the House and Senate.

It takes 60 votes to halt a filibuster, and Democrats control only 59 in the 100-member Senate.

In a letter to congressional leaders Tuesday, Obama said he would consider four ideas floated by Republican lawmakers: sending investigators disguised as patients to uncover fraud and waste in Medicare and Medicaid, expanding pilot programs to bring more predictability to medical malpractice lawsuits, increasing payments to Medicaid providers and expanding the use of health savings accounts.

"I said throughout this process that I'd continue to draw on the best ideas from both parties, and I'm open to these proposals in that spirit," Obama wrote.

In a nod to his 2008 presidential rival, he said he had eliminated a special deal for Medicare Advantage beneficiaries in Florida and other states that drew criticism from Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. But Obama again rejected Republican appeals to restart the health care debate or dramatically scale back his proposals.

"Piecemeal reform is not the best way to effectively reduce premiums, end the exclusion of people with pre-existing conditions or offer Americans the security of knowing that they will never lose coverage," his letter said.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the letter "brings us just another step closer to passing the bill." She said she hopes to incorporate some of the GOP ideas.

Republicans, meanwhile, made it clear the president's overtures will not win their hearts or votes.

Sen. Tom Coburn, an Oklahoma Republican who proposed some of the notions Obama is weighing, said that "merely incorporating these ideas into the deeply flawed House and Senate bills will not bring us any closer to real reform."

In a letter to Obama, Coburn noted that opinion polls show extensive opposition to the Democratic plan, "an all-or-nothing reconciliation strategy will give the American people nothing."

Coburn wrote. White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel, after meeting with top Democrats in the Capitol, told reporters: "Reconciliation is a vehicle that's been used many, many times. This is a normal procedure."

**Dems press Bunning to end budget block**

WASHINGTON — Democrats ramped up the political pressure Tuesday on a Republican stubbornly blocking a stopgap measure to extend help for the jobless and keep federal highways humming, a move that could cost jobs and hurt the economy.

But an impasse involving Sens. Jim Bunning of Kentucky that has caused federal furloughs and threatens the unemployment benefits of hundreds of thousands of people continues. Even as GOP leaders pressed for a graceful exit from the unexpected political tempest — which has subjected Republicans to withering media coverage and cost the party politically.

Democrats used to being on the defensive over health care and the deficit were not in a compromising mood, signaling that they largely want the irascible Bunning to surrender rather than agree to a set of votes on ways to deflate the $10 billion cost of the measure. It seemed increasingly likely that Bunning would relent.

Republican Leader Mitch McConnell — who has a strained relationship with his home-state colleague — said that he is working with Democrats to set up a vote to pass the legislation, which has been single-handedly held up by Bunning despite virtually unanimous support from the other 99 senators.

"We're going to be able to work out the short-term extension in the very near future and we're in the process of working on that," McConnell said.

A law that provided stopgap road funding and longer and more generous unemployment benefits and health insurance subsidies for the jobless expired Monday. Without the extension, about 200,000 jobless people could lose federal benefits this week alone, according to the liberal-leaning National Employment Law Project.

Earlier on Tuesday, Bunning objected to a request by Maine Sen. Susan Collins, a fellow Republican, to pass a 30-day extension of jobless benefits and other expired measures.

When asked Tuesday if Bunning was hurting the Republican Party, Collins said, "He's hurting the American people."

**More information:**

- President Barack Obama speaks about health care reform at Savannah Technical College in Savannah, Ga., Tuesday.
- Associated Press
- Dem press Bunning to end budget block
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pared for marriage and worked with families planning funerals for loved ones, Rocca said.

“The Notre Dame community will miss her dedication, her zeal, her knowledge of the liturgy and music, her expertise,” Rocca said. “And ultimately her gracious presence and her wonderful smile.”

Although Walton dedicated her life to music, it wasn’t for her own benefit, but meant to help others. Vice President of the Liturgical Choir Christie Marden said.

“More than anything, Gail valued sacred music and what it can bring to the liturgy. Even though she spent decades making beautiful music, her ministry was never about herself,” Marden said. “She was always reminding the choir … that our job is to help the congregation pray.”

Schank also said Walton’s focus was on helping others strengthen their faith.

“Gail always stressed that our work in the Basilica was always a ministry and never a performance,” he said. “The choir climbs the stairs to the loft each Sunday morning to help others pray, to enter more deeply into the magnificent mystery of the Eucharist.”

Jenky said in his homily Walton’s impact on her students extended beyond her knowledge of music.

“She taught those choir members not only music, but how to live and how to love,” he said.

Both Schank and Marden said Walton made an impact on their lives beyond music.

“The Notre Dame community has lost a fine woman, mentor, friend and musician. Her warm smile and kind heart will be sorely missed,” Schank said.

Marden added: “I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to get to know such a beautiful woman. She will be missed.”

Jenky encouraged those at the funeral to model Walton’s dedication to her faith and music during this period of grief.

“When all our human explanations seem inadequate to describe all that we experience, we worship to the Lord,” he said. “Where our words fail, we sing to the Lord … in terrible grief and sorrow, it is music that clearly expresses what we cannot say.”

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A firestorm over racially and ethnically charged incidents at several University of California campuses spread Tuesday as UC San Diego announced a KKK-style hood was found on campus and students in Los Angeles and Irvine demonstrated against intolerance.

What kind of campus promotes an environment that allows people to think it’s acceptable to target people for their ethnicity, gender or sexuality?” said Corey Matthews, one of about 200 mostly minority UCLA students who held a lunchtime rally. “It’s something about the tone of the environment that allows this.”

At UC Irvine, about 250 people gathered for a “student solidarity speakout” to condemn the recent spate of racist incidents at UC San Diego that targeted black students and another incident last month at UC Davis, which targeted a Jewish student with a swastika carved on her door, said Marya Bangre, an event organizer.

The protests came on the same day UC San Diego announced the discovery of a white pillowcase fashioned into a KKK-style hood — the third racist incident around the campus in as many weeks — and a day after UC Santa Cruz officials found an image of a noose scribbled on the inside of a bathroom door.

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Officials found the hood, which bore a hand-drawn circle and cross, on a statue of children’s book author Dr. Seuss, outside the main campus library late Monday. A rose had been inserted between the statue’s fingers.

Detectives were analyzing the pillowcase for fingerprints and DNA evidence, a university statement said.

UC San Diego Chancellor Marye Anne Fox vowed to punish the culprits to the fullest extent of the law. “We will not tolerate these despicable actions,” she said in the statement.

Students rally at the UCLA campus in Los Angeles Tuesday to protest after racially tinged incidents exposed what they say is an intolerant atmosphere at University of California campuses.

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“… ‘retarded’ and its isolating effects on those with intellectual disabilities, Palumbo said.

“We expected to get about a dozen pledges for the first year of the campaign and ended up [getting] 45 universities and even a dozen schools involved in last year’s campaign and ended up…”

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Apple sues iPhone competitor

SAN FRANCISCO — As Apple Inc.’s iPhone faces stiffer competition in the lucrative mar-
ket for smart phones, the company is going after one of its main rivals with patent law-
suits claiming theft of touch screen technology and mobile software.

The complaints, which Apple filed Tuesday, cover a range of models made by Taiwanese
phone maker HTC Corp., including the Nexus One, G1 and myTouch 3G — all among the free,
roiden mobile operating software from Google Inc. Non-Android phones include HTC’s
Touch series.

But consumers shouldn’t worry about buying or using any of those phones, Patent cases can take months or years to resolve — sometimes longer than the life of these phones — and agreements on licensing and royalty pay-
ments often emerge.

Still, it shows Apple’s get-tough strategy as a significant competitor emerges.

We can sit by and watch competitors steal our patents intended, or we can do some-
thing about it,” Apple CEO Steve Jobs said in a statement. “We’ve decided to do something
about it.”

Apple has infringed on 20 of its patents covering aspects of the iPhone’s user
interface and hardware.

Yahoo CEO: Rebound could take years

SUNNYVALE, Calif. — Yahoo CEO Carol Bartz says she hopes investors growing impa-
tient for her to turn around the slumping
company are becoming more optimistic about the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average edged up 2.19 points Tuesday but closed off its best levels. The Dow had managed to erase its losses for the year during trading but was down 230.54 points as of 2:00 p.m. EDT by the close. Broader indexes pushed into the black for the year on Monday and extended their gains Tuesday.

More merger activity and a plan by Qualcomm Inc. to buy back stock brought reassurance that business leaders expect the recovery to continue. The economy’s health had been in doubt in recent months after reports indicated the pace of improvement was slowing and as countries including
Greece struggled with heavy debt loads.

In deal news, CF Industries Inc. made a new offer for fertilizer maker Terra Industries, which last month agreed to be sold to Norway’s Yara for $4.1 bil-
don. Dow Chemical Co. sold its Styron plastics business to private equity firm Bain
Capital for $1.63 billion. Investors often see takeovers as signs of confi-
dence in the economy.

Meanwhile, Qualcomm said it would buy Back $3 billion in stock and raise its dividend by 12 percent. Shares of the maker of wireless chips and other
mobile technology rose 6.7 percent.

Investors got a lift from upbeat economic reports abroad and growing hopes European leaders will patch up a bailout for Greece. The stimulus package is scheduled to detail deeper spending cuts on Wednesday.

Manufacturing exports in India rose for a third straight month in January and new orders
reached an 18-month high last month. Japan’s unem-
ployment rate dropped for the second straight month in January and household spending grew.

The array of reports about dealsmaking and global economic readings are clues for investors who are trying to determine how fast a recovery will take place. A long climb in the stock market began to stall in mid-January follow-
ing mixed economic reports and concern about debt in Greece and other relatively weak European economies like Portugal and Spain.

Major stock indexes stand at their highest levels in more than a month but the gains have come in light trading volume. That indi-
cates many investors are staying out of the market as they wait for more evidence about the economy.

Darell Krasnoff, manag-
ing director at Bel Air
Investment Advisors in Los
Angeles, said the rebound
after the slide in January and early February is a sign that the market need-
ed a break before it could proceed. Still, he said that investors feel burned by the slide in 2008 and early 2009 and have concerns about the economy.

“THERE is still tremendous anxiety about the state of the
global economy,” he said. “It doesn’t take much to rekindle the animal spir-
ts of the bear market.”

The Dow rose 2.19, or less than 0.1 percent, to 10,405.98. It is up 85 points in three days and is at its highest level since Jan. 20.

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February auto sales exceed expectations

WASHINGTON — The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has announced a recall of 18,000 Toyota models since Toyota suspended sales of eight models last month, besting some analysts’ predic-
tions that its sales would fall by double

Bartz said the challenges she has faced in her first 14 months as Yahoo’s CEO have been compounded by the worst U.S. recession in 70 years.

Nevertheless, Yahoo is making modest progress. Bartz expects the company’s first quarter to show the first revenue gains since the summer of 2008.
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U.N. campaigns against HIV

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations launched a global campaign Tuesday to prevent girls and women from contracting HIV, now the leading cause of death and disease among women worldwide between the reproductive ages of 15 and 49. The U.N. AIDS agency and Scottish singer and AIDS activist Annie Lennox unveiled a five-year action plan amid a two-week meeting to review a 1994 platform to achieve equality for women. The platform was adopted by 189 countries at a historic conference in Beijing and included a call for increased action to prevent HIV in women as well as treat and care for them.

The U.N. Millennium Development goals, adopted in 2000, include halting and reversing the AIDS pandemic by 2015. But Michel Sidibe, the executive director of UNAIDS, said the agency’s latest report in December showed the proportion of women infected with HIV has risen in many regions of the world over the past 10 years. According to UNAIDS, HIV is the leading cause of death and disease worldwide among women of child-bearing age from 15-49.

In sub-Saharan Africa, 60 percent of people living with HIV are women, and in southern Africa the prevalence of HIV among women aged 15-24 is on average about three times higher than young men of the same age, UNAIDS said. Lennox said a “bold move forward” is needed.

I see this agenda for action as a great opportunity to bring the realities faced by many women and girls into the forefront and to call attention to the injustices faced by many women and girls, placing them at a higher risk of HIV, she said.

Nearly 30 years into the HIV epidemic, Sidibe said, growing inequality between women and men and human rights violations against women including “brutal rapes” and trafficking for prostitution are putting women and girls at greater risk of HIV infections.

He told a news conference that 400,000 babies are born every year with HIV in Africa and 30 percent will die before their first birthday without medicine, “but it also means 400,000 women have not been checked for HIV” and had no treatment “to at least avoid the transmission from mother to child.”

What we are trying to do is create a new movement, to mobilize the world around a new urgency — urgency which has been present all along — increasing violence against women … an urgency which will call for a new mobilization of leaders in order to reduce the number of new infections among girls and will target more services to women, Sidibe said.

The Agenda for Action launched Tuesday calls for the U.N., governments and voluntary organizations to work together to combat violence against women, analyze and address the factors that prevent women and girls from protecting themselves against HIV, and scale up engagement with men’s and boys’ organizations to support the rights of women and girls.

Sukma Ratri, who has HIV, and is a member of Indonesia’s Positive Women’s Network, said she believes the agenda will help countries strengthen services for women and girls — including those with the virus that causes AIDS.

If the agenda is implemented by every country, she said, “gender inequality between men and women will slowly vanish” and women will be empowered, even HIV-positive women.

Sidibe said he believes the plan will work because it was not developed just by the U.N. but by governments and voluntary groups and has a timeline with targets.

For the first time, he said, countries will be reporting back and there will be a “scorecard” and “goals” which can really show what type of progress has been made.”

Votes debate future of Yankee nuclear plant

Associated Press

WAITSFIELD, Vt. — In their annual town meeting on Tuesday, folks in this Vermont ski town voted on a town budget, debated the need for a new roof on the fire department building and adjourned at lunchtime to nosh on Tracey Coutts’ famous “yummy chicken pieces” casseroles and cherry pie.

But at this year’s annual exercises in New England-style democracy they also weighed in on a debate that has consumed lawmakers in Montpelier and dominated radio talk shows and newspaper opinion pages: the continued operation of a nuclear power plant whose “leaks and lies” are fueling a push to close it.

People in Waitsfield and 13 other towns approved resolutions urging the state Legislature to pull the plug on the Vermont Yankee plant.

One town voted against the measure and another opted not to take it up Tuesday. Though nonbinding, organizers hope the votes will give further momentum to a movement to stop it from operating past 2012.

Voters here have had this direct democracy privilege since colonial days.

The 38-year-old power plant, which supplies about one-third of Vermont’s electricity, is scheduled to close in two years, but owner Entergy Corp. is seeking permission to run it for another 20 years.

Normally, the decision would be solely in the hands of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Not in Vermont. With the state’s electricity now in state hands, the state legislature is considering a law giving the Legislature a say in the relicensing of a nuclear plant.

And on Tuesday, regular people had their say, too.

Last week, the state Senate voted overwhelmingly against continuing the plant and admissions by plant officials that they misled the public about the plant and admissions by state health officials and residents that the plant is safe and can be run properly.

“I’m very much in favor of nuclear power, but I’m not in favor of continuing Vermont Yankee,” said Dave Beach, 81, a retired Eastman-Kodak camera designer who lives in Stowe. “I’m in favor of nuclear power, but I’m not in favor of Vermont Yankee.”

On Tuesday, the state Senate voted overwhelmingly against continuing the plant. A couple of senators said it’s easy to say that we need to close it up, but we all use energy, so it’s kind of hypocritical. But when it starts polluting the Connecticut River, it just can’t go on.

The relationship has soured in recent weeks with the discovery of leaking radioactive tritium at the plant and admissions by plant officials that they misled the public about the plant and admissions by state health officials and residents that the plant is safe and can be run properly. It’s just that Vermont Yankee’s not being properly managed.

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Why I'm a hockey fan now

Every time the Olympic Games roll around, all kinds of sports pick up new fans. It has almost become cliché to talk one’s love of curling after the winter games or a newfound respect for the modern pentathlon (pistol, riding, epee fencing, 200 meter swim, 20 kilometer cross country race) following the Summer Olympics. However, with the passing of the Vancouver games, I have found myself a newly minted hockey fan.

As a Kansas City native, the opportunity to play hockey never really presented itself. There were fewer rinks in the city limits than I could count on my two hands. My high school had a club team, but I don’t have any idea who they played. The closest I ever got to getting into hockey was when Kansas City, Mo. built a puck-shaped arena downtown, and subsequently failed to woo the Pittsburgh Penguins to town. I wasn’t really heartbroken.

However, after watching five or six games over the past two weeks with my hockey-loving roommates, I have to say it is definitely a different kind of sport. While the championship game between the U.S. and Canada ended the Olympics on a thrilling note, it was all the games and personalities in between that got me.

First, I never watched a game closely enough to realize how fast it moves. As a former lacrosse player, I understood how players were subbed in “on the fly” and lines frequently changed to keep the speed at a max. I was not prepared for how seamlessly these changes took place. Collegiate lacrosse is known for wasting tons of time while changing lines, with players often holding or passing the ball around while players move in and out. In hockey, it is not even possible to see when the lines are changing.

Second, the play of goalees is incredible. American goalie Ryan Miller finished the tournament saving 94.6 percent of shots that came his way. With pucks moving off of sticks, feet and walls all around the rink, being able to keep an eye on the puck as a viewer is sometimes impossible. In fact, it seemed that the only bad shots were the ones I could see on TV. Watching these athletes in action is a seminar in action. Any hockey fan will look at these reasons and probably glout. After all, they’ve known this for years. But for me, when taken together, these are all more than enough reason to start watching some hockey in my free time.

With a move to Ann Arbor on the horizon, it might be even more important to pick up a team, if only to make sure I can find friends. I’ve heard the Red Wings aren’t bad. Of course, this could fade as fast as any Olympic fan’s curling dreams, but I have a feeling my newfound enthusiasm is here to stay.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Be aware of the R-word

I agree with yesterday’s column (“Spread the word to end the word,” March 2) on the Letter to the Editor, (“The hurtfulness of one word,” March 2) on the recent efforts to end the careless use of the words “retard” and “retarded.” On March 1, I called for everyone to be aware of the use of these words and to be vocal in combating them. There are three main ways these words are used. First is when the R-word is used as a derogatory term for someone with intellectual disabilities. This is hurtful, crass and just plain low. Although it’s the most obvious use of the R-word, it’s not the most common use on campus. We should pay attention to the other, more insidious uses of the R-word. One is the use of the R-word for something annoying, worthless or undesirable (e.g. “Parietals use of the R-word”). We should be aware of the insidious uses of the R-word. One is the most common use on campus. We should be aware of the use of these words and to be vocal in combating them.

Katherine Pierret, alumna
Class of 2006
March 2

Chile earthquake

I am a 2009 graduate living in Santiago, Chile since May of last year. It is with incredible frustration that I write to you today, as 80 percent of the population of my country has been affected by one of the greatest natural disasters recorded in history. An 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck the morning of Saturday, Feb. 27, leaving thousands in the streets. What was not destroyed by the heavy shaking was taken down by a massive tsunami merely 20 minutes after the images are sadening, to say the least. Thankfully, Santiago took the cataclysm quite well, with only a few buildings suffering terminal damage, and a couple highway over-passes collapsing. Concepción, however, did not pass unharmed. Though multiple buildings collapsed, leaving many trapped in the ruins, it is not the physical damage what is affecting the region the most.

Thousands of new-homeless people have resorted to rioting and violence to get a hold of prime necessities like food, medicine, water and fuel. But there are even more people using the situation only to create chaos. Grocery stores have succumbed to the masses, just like department stores, drugstores and gas stations. People are taking everything they find in their way. News stations have shown images of people carrying refrigerators on their backs, LCD televisions, and even refrigerators. Some who haven’t found what they were looking for have lit those places on fire. Concepción these days is as close as many of us will get to hell while alive.

It is to end this situation, that many, including myself, have resorted to campaigning to get help from any source we can find. Many Web sites have been established to receive donations directed to the building of emergency housing, a prime necessity to keep the people in Concepción off the streets while the rescue teams are trying to get to those still trapped.

Please go to standforchile.org and donate whatever you feel you can to help ease the situation here.

As an alum, I know the Notre Dame family is especially sensitive to those in need. And Chile needs us now. So, on behalf of the entire Chilean people, I will be eternally grateful to you for helping us.

Always Irish,

Gonzalo Brenner
Class of 2009
March 2

Nothing turns me on like short hair and charity

As most of us know, Spring Break is the ultimate time for getting hair cut. Whether it’s convenient to make an appointment at your home hairdresser or you want to look good for Panama City, the locks usually drop. The purpose of this article is quite simple: to convince every female on this campus to cut her hair until April 21.

Now all you lovely ladies may be a little confused as to why such a huge sacrifice needs to be made. On April 21-23, many campus clubs and dorms (such as Sophomore Class Council, Duncan Hall, to name a few) will be joining together to host the annual event “The Bald and the Beautiful.” The money collected from head shaving and hair cuts will go towards cancer research. For those not brave enough to shave their heads, Pantene Beautiful Lengths asks for eight inches of hair with the aim of making a wig for cancer patients who have recently undergone chemotherapy.

If you aren’t convinced yet, then maybe you should take my word on the matter. Having sported everything from a bleach-blonde Mohawk to a handprint shaved into my head, I know what it takes to make hair look good. If nothing else, hair should be an extension of your personality. So, if you really want to wow that guy in your seminar, let him notice your great, new haircut after April 23. Once he finds out you sacrificed your hair for charity, you’ll have gained a little respect.

Ben German
sophomore
Dillon Hall
March 1
The 2010 Winter Olympics figure skating competition showcased amazing athletic artistry, but along with triple toe-loops come the costumes. They ranged from blandly tasteful to perfectly ludicrous. Here's a small sample of the standout outfits from the men's, women's, pairs and ice dancing competitions.

Evan Lysacek (above)  
USA  
Men's short program  
The gold medalist's outfits were designed by Vera Wang (who was also a competitive skater when she was young). If Lysacek had ditched Wang's feathers, the all-black effect would have been magnetic—as is, it's just silly and distracted from his routine.

Evgeni Plushenko  
Russia  
Men's freestyle program  
The silver medalist turned in a clunky routine, then whined that he didn't get the gold. Good thing he makes up for his bad attitude with a Lite Brite tuxedo.

Oksana Domnina and Maxim Shabal  
Russia  
Ice dancing folk program  
Domnina and Shabal performed a routine based on the dances of the Aboriginal peoples in Australia by wearing brown-face illusion netting and fabric leaves (and these are the toned-down costumes). They took cultural insensitivity to whole new level, considering they were competing against skaters actually from Australia.

Cheltzie Lee  
Australia  
Women's short program  
Both of Lee's outfits had lovely color and just enough sparkles. She brings to mind the elegant but sporty looks of Kristi Yamaguchi and Michelle Kwan.

Miki Ando  
Japan  
Women's short program  
What's with the giant cross on her chest? If the rest of the costume didn't already look like Dracula's bride, I'd say she had it to ward off vampires.

Xue Zhao and Hungbo Shen  
China  
Pairs short program  
This married couple—and eventual gold medalists—definitely brought their romance into their routine with these lovely costumes.

Joannie Rochette  
Canada  
Women's freestyle program  
Rochette won the bronze just days after her mother died, and her emotion was visible in all her routines. She moved into the top three with this sophisticated Princess Jasmine number.

Kevin van der Perren  
Belgium  
Men's short program  
Van der Perren must be going for the "crypt keeper on ice" look but forgot pelvic bones and about four ribs.

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As with much else on the Internet these days, YouTube has become a part of life. Just as "Google" became a verb several years ago, we now use the word "YouTube" in precisely the same way.

Do you want to see the latest music video from your favorite artist? "YouTube it!" Do you want to watch "Charlie Bit Me" for the 10,000th time? "YouTube it!" Did you miss that epic thing that happened on TV last night? "YouTube it!"

There is no doubt YouTube has become a cultural phenomenon. It has entirely changed the way people use and share video. And while it may be a struggle for YouTube itself to monetize its content, many individuals are capitalizing on this invaluable resource at their fingertips.

Sam Tsui and Kurt Schneider, both students at Yale University, have done just that, creating a slew of YouTube videos that have accumulated more than 20 million hits. Their winning recipe, which combines Tsui's impressive singing voice with Schneider's production skills, was not actually the duo's original intention.

According to an interview on "The Bonnie Hunt Show," Tsui and Schneider grew up right down the street from one another. Upon coming to Yale, Schneider began producing videos and thought Tsui would be perfect for an upcoming project he was planning. The song, "Can I Have This Dance" from the film "High School Musical 3," was intended as a duet between a boy and a girl, but when the girl stood them up, Schneider had the idea to record Tsui singing both parts. From there, he decided to shoot two Tsuis in the video — essentially, Tsui singing a duet to himself. And a brilliant idea was born.

Tsui and Schneider decided to continue collaborating after their initial success. Having found a formula that worked for them, Tsui and Schneider have produced more than 15 videos and have many more planned for the future.

The first video to put them on the map, their version of Journey's "Don't Stop Believing," has accumulated more than 5 million views alone. Several of their videos are must-sees, especially for the pop music fan. Their Lady Gaga medley features several of Lady Gaga's top hits mixed to near perfection. This video, above all, exhibits the brilliance of Tsui's voice. He delivers an inspired performance, belting out Lady Gaga's songs almost better than the pop diva herself.

Perhaps the best example of Schneider's production skills, their Michael Jackson medley features no less than six Tsuis on stage singing the Prince of Pop's greatest hits, impeccably strung together. Anyone who is a Michael Jackson fan or loves a good medley will have a hard time watching this video just once.

Future plans for Tsui and Schneider are sure to include music. Recently they performed on "Oprah," and they have recently released an album of their covers on iTunes. The album includes the Michael Jackson medley, the Lady Gaga Medley, "Don't Stop Believing" and seven other fantastic tracks.

From Britpop to punk, one might argue that England has produced the best and most influential music over the past five decades. London, Manchester and Oxford alike have produced bands, singers and musicians with astounding musical ability and creativity. This playlist comprises just a broad representation of the best music from across the pond.

12 songs,
1 weekend,
43 minutes, 8 seconds of music

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No. 1 Syracuse tops St. Johns by 19 points

Reynolds puts up 17 points in Villanova’s victory over Cincinnati; Jenkins, Ogilvy lead Vanderbilt victory over Florida

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Fifth-year seniors Andy Rautins and Arinze Onuaku made their final home game at Syracuse memorable, combining for 35 points and the Orange beat St. John’s 85-66 on Tuesday night in their first game in two seasons as the No. 1 team in the nation. Syracuse (28-2, 15-2 Big East) beat No. 9 Villanova 55-77 on Saturday night before an NCAA record-on-campus crowd of 34,616 to move from No. 4 to the top spot on Monday. It was the first time the Orange were there since a six-week stint in 1989-90 and they apparently like the view. They closed the regular season on Saturday at Louisville looking to finish 9-0 on the road. Their only losses this season were at home to the Cardinals and Pittsburgh. Onuaku finished with a season-high 21 points and had eight rebounds. Rautins had 14 points and seven assists. Wes Johnson had 13 points, four rebounds and four blocks and reserves Kris Joseph and Scoop Jardine combined for 23 points.

D.J. Kennedy led St. John’s (15-14, 5-12) with 19 points, while Paris Horne had 18. St. John’s dropped to 0-7 against ranked teams this season, but the Red Storm beat Louisville at home and Notre Dame on the road in consecutive games just over two weeks ago and kept pace with the Orange clearly early. Horne hit two 3-pointers and Kennedy hit another to move St. John’s within 23-20 with 8:27 left. But the Red Storm lost theirs second leading scorer and top outside threat midway through the first half when Dwight Hardy twisted a knee and was carried off the court by two teammates. Syracuse finished the half on a 19-8 run, and Rautins led the way. After driving and dishing off to Onuaku for a layup, Rautins hit a 3 from the top of the key and set up Joseph with a perfect lob to boost the lead to 33-22 with 4:55 to go. St. John’s found some openings in the Syracuse zone at the outset as Anthony Jones Jr. and Justin Brownlee converted lobs from Malik Southe. But the Orange began to extend their defense and the Red Storm struggled, getting called for a shot clock violation and backcourt violation on consecutive possessions. Syracuse extended its 42-28 halftime lead to as many as 16 points in the first 5 minutes of the second when Brandon Trich drove and put up 3 in transition to make it 52-36 with 16:27 left.

Johnson hit his fourth 3 of the game to cut the margin to 11. Jardine converted it with a three-point play, and Onuaku’s follow of a missed 3 from the lane with 54.9-remaining led 12 with 27.13 left. Johnson’s soaring slam down four of his baskets by Onuaku — a slam off a pass from Johnson, a put-back, and consecutive lays off Featns and Jardine — had Syracuse 72-54 with 7:31 remaining.

Villanova 77, Cincinnati 73

Scottie Reynolds scored all of his 17 points in the second half Tuesday night, and Villanova let most of its late 16-point lead slip away before holding on for a 77-73 victory over Cincinnati.

The struggling Wildcats (24-5, 13-4 Big East) got their second straight win after losing five games, and it didn’t come easy. Villanova was coming off a 95-77 drubbing at No. 1 Syracuse, a low point of its season.

Down by 16 points with 6 minutes left, Cincinnati (16-13, 7-10) regrouped for a 14-run that cut it to 66-65 with 2:17 to go. Reggie Redding hit two free throws and a 3-pointer that blunted the comeback. Reynolds finished it off with two free throws with 3.2 seconds left. Rashad Bishop had 19 points and Deonata Vaughn, one of two Cincinnati seniors honored before the game, kept the Bearcats in it with 14 points in the first half and 3 that sparked the late run.

Vanderbilt 64, Florida 60

John Jenkins scored 18 points, including four 3-pointers, and No. 13 Vanderbilt beat Florida 64-60 on Saturday night, delivering a blow to the Gators’ NCAA tournament hopes.

Vanderbilt’s Jermaine Beal chipped in 10 points for the Commodores, including a key free throws with 6.2 seconds remaining.

Vanderbilt (23-6, 12-3 Southeastern Conference) swept the season series for the first time since 1997 and won their second win in their last three games against ranked teams this season, but the Red Storm against ranked teams this season, but the Red Storm.

Vanderbilt even tipped in the go-ahead basket. Dan Werner, the team’s lone senior who was recognized before his final home game, tipped one through Vandy’s hoop with 1.3 left.

Werner somewhat made amends with a blocked shot on Vandy’s next possession, but Florida struggled down the stretch and lost for the fourth time in its last seven games.

The Gators have dropped two straight and play the Wildcats in the regular-season finale Sunday. Florida turned the game with a 16-2 run midway through the second half, and Cincinnati downed most of the work.

Erik Murphy had a tip-in, and the duo found Alex Tyus and Macklin for layups on consecutive tips. Macklin followed with a one-handed jam off Boynton’s miss, and then Boynton tipped in a shot to give the Gators their first lead of the game.

Jeffrey Taylor silenced the O’Connell Center with a dunk on the other end, but Florida kept it going when Tyus hit a short jumper and Macklin got fouled on his 4th of the game that made it 53-48 with 9.24 remaining.

The Commodores got it back to 55-54 on a 3-pointer from the corner, Vandy’s eighth of the game. Jeffery Taylor hit another one about a minute later — his fifth — and Florida had it tied again, 60-54, and Ogilvy credited for the basket that Werner tipped home.

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**Hickman turns down chance for pro career**

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Jacob Hickman rejected an invite to the NFL Combine, saying, “I didn’t feel the need to continue playing. That was a consideration. But just as important — and Hickman can’t express exactly why — he didn’t have the stomach for pro football.

“There are so many guys who deserve and want to be at this level that a guy whose heart is only halfway into it isn’t going to be successful,” he said.

NFL draft consultant Gil Brandt, who has worked in the league since the 1960s, said it happens about every year that a player expected to be drafted calls it quits after college. He said Hickman is probably a sixth- or seventh-round pick.

People who haven’t played football at the major college or pro level can’t understand the toll it takes on the mind and body. Hickman said the 6-foot-4, 290-pound Hickman already has developed arthritis. He played through a painful hip pointer last season. He’s had surgery on a knee, ankle, hand and elbow.

“I’ve got 14 screws, two plates and a washer in me,” he said.

Hickman is 23. He knows his income potential would have been great in the NFL if he made a team amid the drudgery. But he was afraid he couldn’t make it. He played through a lack of desire and the risk of a debilitating injury, he’s walking away while he can.

“I know a lot of guys who have similar injury issues like me tend to have a lot more surgeries once they get to the league,” he said, “and it’s not something I was looking forward to.”

Hickman, who is from Bakersfield, Calif., was recruited to Nebraska in 2006 by former coach Bill Callahan. He admitted to having thoughts about quitting from time to time the past four years. He couldn’t bring himself to do it until after his senior season and he’s glad he stuck around as long as he did.

Bo Pelini took over Callahan’s moribund program and in two years built it into a 10-game winner that came within a point and last-second field goal of beating Texas in the Big 12 championship game.

Hickman talked to Pelini and a couple assistants, his wife and his father before deciding to hang it up. He was among the first wave of players to receive invitations to the scouting combine, which caused him to re-think his decision.

“Getting one as early as I did makes you think you have a pretty good shot,” Hickman said. “I wanted to make sure that if I decided to quit that it wasn’t because subconsciously I was afraid I couldn’t make it. I know I had a chance to make it, and I still decided I didn’t want to pursue it.”

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Nets defeat Braves 4-2 in first exhibition game

Associated Press

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Cross another last off the list for Bobby Cox.

Atlanta’s longtime manager got two scoreless innings from Tommy Hanson, but the New York Mets spoiled Cox’s last spring training opener with a 4-2 victory over the Braves Tuesday.

Cox announced last September that he plans to retire after his 21st consecutive season in Atlanta’s dugout — the longest tenure of any active manager — and 25th overall. He hasn’t decided if he’ll serve as a consultant for the team after he steps down.

On a damp day in Florida, the 68-year-old Cox seemed happy to be off the field running with another round of spring games.

“Just getting ready,” he said. “It’s business as usual and nothing has changed. I don’t look at it that way. It’ll hit me the last week or so.”

New York’s day was riddled by injuries last year, scratched Jose Reyes and all of their regulars from the lineup when morning showers drenched the field.

“When it rains like that and wind and (the forecast) is this and that, and I just feel it wasn’t necessary to do it,” Mets manager Jerry Manuel said.

Jason Pridie, Jesus Feliciano and Ruben Tejada each drove in a run in the fifth inning for New York, which is scheduled to play Atlanta in Kissimmee on Wednesday. Russ Adams homered in the eighth.

Hanson allowed a leadoff single to Feliciano before retiring six straight batters. The right-hander struck out three.

“That was a good confidence booster out there today,” he said. “I wouldn’t say I didn’t expect to do well, but it went better than planned.”

Hanson went 11-4 with a 2.89 ERA in 21 starts last year as a rookie, despite spending the first month of the season at Triple-A Gwinnett.

Another Braves phenom, Jason Heyward, walked twice, singled and stole a base.

Heyward is 20 years old and has never played in the majors, but could be Atlanta’s starting right fielder on opening day.

“He’s got great instincts,” Cox said. “That’s why he’s ahead of the 20-year-olds. He does a lot of other things, other than just hit. He had a great day.”
Iverson will not play for remainder of season

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia 76ers have said goodbye to A.I.

Allen Iverson's second stint with the team once led to the NBA finals ended with a whimper Saturday when the Sixers announced he would not return for the rest of the season.

Iverson has mostly been absent from the team for a month now due to a knee injury and is left with his family as they deal with an undisclosed illness of his 4-year-old daughter, Messiah.

Iverson, who returned to the 76ers as a free-agent in December, has not played since Feb. 20.

"After discussing the situation with Allen, we have come to the conclusion that he will not return to the Sixers for the remainder of the season, as he no longer wishes to be a distraction to the organization and teammates that he loves very deeply," team president Ed Stefanski said. "It has been very difficult for Allen and the team to maintain any consistency as he tries to balance his career with his personal life."

The former NBA MVP and four-time scoring champion averaged 13.8 points in 28 games this season. He started the season with Memphis but only played three games before he announced a short-lived retirement.

Coach Eddie Jordan said it was practice he was best for Iverson to move on and put his focus on his family.

"I think it was the right thing to do at the right time," Jordan said. "His body of work has proven to be a terrific body of work in the history of the NBA." Iverson's agent, Leon Rose, did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

Other attempts to reach Iverson were unsuccessful.

The 34-year-old Iverson made a tearful return to Philadelphia eager to prove he wasn't finished after disastrous stints in Detroit and Memphis. He returned to a sold-out crowd dotted with No. 3 jerseys, but he only showed flashes of his former playing self when he ruled the NBA as one of the best guards around. He scored at least 20 points six times — including a 23-point effort in a game against the Lakers that turned into a throwback 1-on-1 duel vs. Kobe Bryant.

"Before it was like, give him the ball, everybody spread out and let him do his thing," Sixers center Samuel Dalembert said. "Now, he's like, you have to run this, you have to get him involved. He was still learning the offense. There were a couple of games where it was a struggle offensively, but other games he got the feel for it. You got the flash of A.I."

Iverson said at a Feb. 15 practice that it was emotionally draining to leave his family to play basketball.

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Philadelphia 76ers' guard Allen Iverson sits on the bench during a 76ers loss on Feb. 20. Iverson will not play for the 76ers again this season.

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Woods returns home after counseling session

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.— Tiger Woods is at home after a week of family counseling in Arizona and is trying to get into a routine that includes golf and fitness, a person with knowledge of his schedule said Tuesday.

Woods returned to his home near Orlando on Saturday and has been hitting balls on the range at Isleworth not far from where he ran his SUV into a tree in a middle-of-the-night accident on Nov. 27 that set off revelations of his extramarital affairs.

The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because only Woods is authorized to release information about his condition, said there is still no timetable for golf's No. 1 player to return to competition.

Woods was photographed hitting golf balls at Isleworth on Feb. 18, the day before he ended nearly three months of silence by speaking to a small group of associates in a 13½-minute statement that was televised around the world. Those photos of Woods were arranged to counter the paparazzi trying to follow his every move since Thanksgiving.

Woods has not practiced in earnest since winning the Australian Masters in Melbourne on Nov. 15 for his 82nd victory worldwide.

"I do plan to return to golf one day," Woods said Feb. 19 in his statement at Sawgrass. "I don't rule out that it will be this year."

Woods said he was leaving the next day for more therapy, without saying what kind. The person who spoke to The Associated Press said he went to Arizona for a week of family and marriage counseling with his wife, Elin.

Woods said at Sawgrass of his infidelity, "As Elin pointed out to me, my real apology to her will not come in the form of words, it will come from my behavior over time. We have a lot to discus; however, what we say to each other will remain between the two of us."

Woods is not likely to play next week in the World Golf Championships at Doral, where he has won three times.
**BBA**

**Wade leads Heat in win over Warriors, 110-106**

Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade had 25 points and six assists, and the Miami Heat snapped a four-game slide by digging deep late to beat the undermanned Golden State Warriors 110-106 on Tuesday night.

Quentin Richardson scored 15 points for the Warriors, who lost the last two with two more on the schedule.

Guillen said. “I think he’s got the stuff, gave up four runs on three hits and three walks in one inning. He figures to be the third or fourth starter in Cleveland’s rotation.”

“arly. Michael Beasley also had 15 points, while Jermaine O’Neal and Carlos Arroyo each added 14 for Miami, which moved a half-game ahead of Charlotte in the race for the No. 8 seed in the Eastern Conference.

The Heat also got within two games of the eighth-place New York Knicks. 

Mark Biedrins (sports hernia), both (sore back) and center Andris Williams, who was signed earlier Tuesday to a 10-day con-“I want Gavin Floyd to win 20 games later this week,” adding: “I threw out our ‘stupid picks’ a couple of years ago.”

“Sometimes the best move,” Laich said, “is not making a move at all.”

That said, all is not perfection — 28 pitches, 12 for strikes.”

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Washington Capitals entered the Olympic break atop the NHL standings. That doesn’t mean life will be easy as they prepare for their first game in 18 days.

On Wednesday, the Capitals will face the Buffalo Sabres and Ryan Miller, MVP of the Vancouver Olympics and silver medalist as goaltender of the U.S. team.

It just also happens to be the day of the league’s trade deadline. And the Capitals are playing with a superstar who’s even more motivated than usual. And there’s only 20 games over the next 40 days to settle on a No. 1 playoff goalie.

“Let’s get to work as well as we can when we hit the playoffs,” forward Brooks Laich said.

The next 20 games are going to be used to iron out how we’re going to play, and identify our strengths and our weaknesses, and then we want to have momentum going into the play-offs.”

First, there is Wednesday’s trade deadline, a date that’s been a significant milestone in seasons past but is now being downplayed by nearly everyone in the organization. There might be a minor move or two — more depth at the blue line could be a priority — but there seems little longer before chemistry of a team that set a franchise record by winning 14 straight games in January and early February.

Team owner and blogger extraordinaire Ted Leonsis post-“We want to be playing as well before the break, allowing an average of five goals for per game. That’s why defensive play has been the message of the last few days. ‘We were winning, we were all doing the right things, and then we just got away from doing the right things, and then it’s like a runaway train,’” coach Bruce Boudreau said.

“Your start scoring goals, and you get so hungry scoring goals that you forget about the other end of the ice.”

Boudreau also has three potential No. 1 goalies to juggle, each with nine wins. Veteran Jose Theodore has as many starts (31) as youngsters Semyon Varlamov (15) and Michal Neuvirth (16) combined.

Theodore has a 10-game personal winning streak that tied the franchise record, but his goals-against-average and save percentages are the worst of the three.

Injuries and inconsistency have kept Boudreau for settling on a definitive No. 1. Last year he entered the playoffs with Theodore as his starter, only to yank him in favor of Varlamov after only one game.

“We’ll have somebody when we’re going into the playoffs as the one that starts,” the coach said.

“The good thing is we’ve got guys that are ready to go if that person isn’t successful.”

That’s our stance, and I think last year we showed we’re not afraid to make a change. We want to win, so, whatever we have to do to put the best team on the ice in my mind to win, we’ll do.”

**NHL**

**Capitals hopeful after break**

**White Sox shape up new pitching rotation**

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Gavin Floyd went 6 1/3 innings for the Chicago White Sox teammate Daniel Cabrera was wild once again Tuesday during a practice game against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Dodgers won 4-2 in a seven-inning game at the spring training complex they share. Both teams play their first regular-season opener later this week.

Floyd was on one hit, two walks and hit a batter. He figures to be the third or fourth starter in Chicago’s rotation.

“I want Gavin Floyd to win 20 games,” Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said. “I think he’s got the potential to do it.”

Cabrera, trying to regain his form, gave up four runs on three hits and three walks in one inning.

Control problems have plagued Cabrera the past two years. He was 7-13 last year and struck out just 99 in 145 innings, compared with the Washington Nationals and Arizona Diamondbacks.

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Cabrera dismissed this performance — 28 pitches, 12 for strikes — as only being the first outing of spring training.

“Understand, it’s been a while since we’re efficient while pitching,” Laich said. “It’s just going back out there and pitching and hopefully doing better next time.”

Guillen expressed disappointment in Cabrera’s performance.

The White Sox are trying to convert the hard-throwing righty into a long reliever.
Butler looks to make name for himself in KC

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — If Billy Butler’s breakthrough season of 2009 had come in New York, Los Angeles or Boston, the barrel-chested first baseman would likely be one of baseball’s most celebrated young hitters.

Fame is hard to come by in a major league backwater like Kansas City, which hasn’t hosted a post season game in 25 years — even for young athletes who achieve a level of excellence known only to an elite few.

Until Butler came along last season, just seven men who were 23 or younger had hit 50 or more doubles in a season. You may have heard of Hank Greenberg, Enos Slaughter, Stan Musial, Alex Rodriguez, Albert Pujols, Grady Sizemore and Miguel Cabrera.

Toss in Butler’s 21 home runs and the list drops to only five men in the modern era of the game who legged out 50 doubles and hit 20 homers before turning 24.

It was one of the finest seasons in Royals history. And to many people, even serious baseball fans, it went virtually unnoticed. Even many of those in Kansas City failed to appreciate what their hardworking young first baseman was doing because attention was riveted on Zack Greinke, who won a Cy Young Award with a major league-best 2.16 ERA.

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jon Diebler once again put up Illinois from behind the arc, hitting seven 3-pointers for 21 points, to lead No. 6 Ohio State to a 73-57 victory on Tuesday night that assured the Buckeyes of at least a share of the Big Ten title.

It was the third conference title in the last five years for Ohio State (24-7, 14-4), winners of four straight overall and 13 of 15.

William Buford added 17 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Evan Turner contributed 16 points and 12 rebounds and David Lighty had 15 points for Ohio State.

DeMetriz McCamay had 18 points for the Illini (18-12, 10-7), who have lost two straight and four of five.


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The crowd chanted “One More Year!” for Turner, a front-runner for national player of the year, and several players ran over to their families to celebrate with them.

The Buckeyes’ lead hovered around four points until Kyle Madsen hit a baseline jumper and, after an Illinois turnover, Lighty took one quick step in to the basket and scored on a left-handed layup while Illini big man Mike Tisdale picked up his third foul. Lighty’s three-point play pushed the lead to 58-49 with 9 minutes left.

After McCamay picked up his first points of the half on an 18-foot jumper, the Buckeyes hurried the ball down the court and Buford hit a short jumper — with Tisdale collecting his fourth foul. Buford’s accompanying free throw made 61-51.

Buford then stole a pass and drew fouling out Tisdale, before hitting both free throws. Illinois had made just 4 of 24 3-point shots in the earlier matchup, but came out connecting at Value City Arena. They hit 6 of their 10 shots behind the arc and set the pace early.

O’Neal promises return for 2010 postseason

Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Now that his regular season is all but ended, Shaquille O’Neal promises he’ll make it up to Cleveland in the playoffs.

The Cavaliers center had surgery on his injured right thumb Monday and seems likely to miss the rest of the regular season. He should return about eight weeks, the team said. He was expected to be a Sunday by specialist Dr. Thomas Graham at the National Hand Center in Baltimore, who operated Monday morning.

He was acquired in a trade by the Cavs in the offseason to help them win the NBA Finals in LeBrunner James’ final year under contract in Cleveland. Shaq immediately took to the challenge, saying he was there to win LeBron his first NBA title.

“Will be the biggest. When I return it is on,” O’Neal posted on his Twitter account Monday morning. “Win da ring for da king! Luv my team, Cavs baby!”

O’Neal was averaging 12 points and 6.7 rebounds in 53 games. He injured the thumb Thursday at Boston when he was blocked by Glen “Big Baby” Davis with just over 7 minutes left in the first half.

Making things worse for the Cavs, they had just traded away longtime center Zydrunas Ilgauskas, who had come to overlap roles with O’Neal.

The recovery timeline means O’Neal, who is 38 on Saturday, may not be ready for the start of the playoffs April 17. The Cavaliers acquired him last summer with an eye toward the postseason, after Dwight Howard and Orlando eliminated them in the Eastern Conference finals.

He feels like he let us down, but we understand injuries happen in the game,” Cleveland’s Kyrie Irving said. “We rally around being out. ... He let us know it’s time to continue playing basketball and he’s going to be all right.”

Cavs general manager Danny Ferry said O’Neal will wear a splint for the next two weeks, then begin his rehab.

Ferry said O’Neal has done a very good job of stepping up this season. We are confident they will do the same in this situation,” Ferry said. “We are fortunate to have some depth in our front court that can keep us moving forward while Shaq recovers and returns to play for the post- season.”

Andersen Varajaro will continue to start at center for Cleveland, which has the NBA’s best record at 44-16. J.J. Hickson and Leon Powe, who recently returned from knee surgery, are also options.
WASHINGTON — As he has done many times in the month of March, Gilbert Arenas took off his shirt in a building full of adoring fans.

The time, though, was not a simple change into a T-shirt with the words of(UI) A's logo, not removing his Washington Wizards jersey to toss into the crowd on the way to the locker room after a game. Suspended by the NBA for the rest of the season for bringing guns to the locker room, he was giving away used fur coats to women in need on behalf of one of the few groups still proud to be associated with him: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

“I have a lot of free time on my hands,” Arenas said when one of the organizers thanked him for coming.

After the coats were handed out, Gilbert spoke to The Associated Press, his first interview since pleading guilty to a felony gun possession charge in January. Appearances such as these are helping pass the time until the next big date on his calendar: March 26, when he’ll learn whether he’ll go to jail for his crime.

Asked if he was nervous, Arenas shrugged. “If the judge goes off with the story the papers write, then, yeah,” Arenas said. “But if he goes off the actual real story, then I have no problems with it.”

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“Ink, Not Mink” the very week March, Gilbert Arenas took off his Washington Wizards jersey to toss into the crowd on the way to the locker room after a game. Suspended by the NBA for the rest of the season for bringing guns to the locker room, he was giving away used fur coats to women in need on behalf of one of the few groups still proud to be associated with him: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Arenas helped the women try on the furs, giving advice on size and looks. Several asked for autographs, photos or hugs — or a combination of all three — and he complied every time. He was called “my favorite basketball player” by one woman and told by another how much the last-place Wizards need him back.

PETA approached Arenas about becoming a spokesman for the organization early in the season. It was coincidental that the organization released a photo of his tattooed bare chest with the slogan “Ink, Not Mink!” the very week he was initially suspended by NBA commissioner David Stern. “Nothing that allegedly happened had anything to do with how animals are treated on farms or the issues that we advocate for as an organization,” said Dan Shannon, director of campaigns for PETA. “If he wants to speak out about the cruelty in the fur industry, we want him to do that.”

Arenas said he’s never owned a fur. Being welcomed by PETA is a welcome change. The Wizards have kept their distance and his shoe company, Adidas, has dropped him altogether.
The Irish finished the regular season with the top-ranked men’s and women’s teams. Both sported an undefeated record, the first time this has occurred since 1991.

Although the Irish have passed every test so far, they are aware that these events will decide how far we will be able to effectively run this emotional rollercoaster during the conference championships.

“Beyond [Meinhardt and Hurley] we have a big group of individuals who can win anytime and against anybody,” Bednarski said. “They are prepared physically and mentally and they are one unit, one team that wants to win.”

As they head into the conference championships, the already decorated team has grander aspirations and expects that it can do great things.

“In the sport of fencing, it is not an easy win, only dropping one game in a victory at No. 2 singles, No. 19 Watt did not have such an easy time with his opponent at No. 1 singles. No. 109 Marek Czerwinski defeated Watt 7-5, 6-4. Freshman Blas Morns was the next Irish player to fall, losing 6-4, 6-3 at No. 6 singles. Anderson lost again at No. 4 singles in a tough three-set match by a score of 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. Anderson was coming off of a big win for the Irish as he beat a seeded freshman on the Wisconsin team over the weekend to help lift the Irish to a victory.

No. 72 junior Dan Stahl fought to a three-set finish with No. 66 Anderson as he jumped out to an early lead with a 6-2 victory in the first set and then dropped the second set 6-4, and was tied 6-6. The Irish have 10 days off before they travel south to take on South Florida and Florida State over Spring Break.

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Belles prepare for trip to Orlando to train

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

After only three matches, the Belles will take their annual spring trip to Orlando, Fla., March 6-13. The trip will allow the team to work on several aspects of their game that have been a focus during training.

“We have been working really hard to improve our doubles and also improve our conditioning going into the trip,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said.

The weekend trip will test the Belles’ (2-1) mettle and training. Over six days, the Belles will face Ursinus, Carriage, Wesleyan, Wartburg, St. Francis and Wheaton.

“We will be playing six matches in six days which should challenge us physically,” Campbell said.

Although the season is young, Campbell said he has already noticed some improvements in his players, such as maturity on the court, better concentration and adjusting play in the middle of matches.

Despite the progress made in the short period of time, Campbell said more improvements must be made as the team looks to continually advance its game heading into MIAA conference play.

“We still need to get stronger to face the top teams in our conference,” Campbell said. “Our doubles has to get more aggressive and have a stronger presence, as well as make our opponents react to us.”

The trip will give the Belles an opportunity to get some much-needed experience against non-conference competition similar to that which they will face in league play.

Nonetheless, the spring trip is invaluable in preparing the team for tougher stretches ahead.

In terms of expectations, Campbell said he just wants his players to get better.

“My expectations are to improve and have the most effort possible,” Campbell said. “The wins will come but we have to get better, improve our doubles teamwork and continue to play a higher level offensively in singles.”

The trip offers the Belles a chance to work on their short-term goals.

“We want to improve our footwork, selection and placement of shots at all times, and continue to believe in our ability to play a match at a higher level,” Campbell said. “We have the talent to be able to do that.”

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biggest win of his career against Luke Russ O’Cannon [of Wisconsin],” Bayliss said. “Sam’s ability to finish at net a year ago cost him, came in a lot, and made a big difference. Put us on the board, home court advantage.”

Havens also came away with an easy win, only dropping one game in a victory at No. 2 singles. No. 19 Watt did not have such an easy time with his opponent at No. 1 singles. No. 109 Marek Czerwinski defeated Watt 7-5, 6-4.

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The Irish, Brey said, are preparing as though they will not have Harangody, who missed the last four games because of a bone bruise in his knee. Brey said the team will evaluate the injury on a day-to-day basis rather than a week-to-week basis rather than a day-to-day basis.

“A bone bruise takes time,” Brey said. “Each guy’s different and you have to be really, really cautious with it.”

Brey said if Harangody could not play Wednesday, he could not see him playing Saturday on the road at Marquette and that his status would be re-evaluated next week in preparation for the Big East tournament.

In Harangody’s absence, junior forward Carleton Scott has stepped up and performed. He scored 17 points and had nine rebounds in Notre Dame’s 78-64 win over No. 19 Georgetown on Saturday, stepping up for big minutes. Scott had the best game of his career against the Hoyas on Saturday, stealing offensive rebounds from Georgetown players and throwing down big dunks.

Cooley, who probably has been asked for autographs by people who might think he actually is Harangody, has resembled the big man not just with his appearance but with his play. Cooley played an incredible game and led the Irish in scoring in four of the past five games, averages 14.8 points per game and scored 28 points in a 78-76 loss to Louisville Sunday.

For the Irish, junior forward Tim Abromaitis has continued to fill the void left by Harangody, and more experienced players like Tory Jackson and Ben Hansbrough have stepped up their scoring and leadership.

The future without Harangody also suddenly looks brighter, as returning big men like Tyreme Nash, Carleton Scott, Jack Cooley and Mike Broghammer have stepped up for big minutes. Scott had the best game of his career against the Hoyas on Saturday, stealing offensive rebounds from Georgetown players and throwing down big dunks.

The game tonight is close to an elimination game for both teams. Connecticut is more experienced, more talented and more athletic, yet if the Irish continue to play with the intensity and heart of the past two games, they should pull it out. Either way, one team tonight will leave Purcell Pavilion one step closer to the NCAA Tournament, and the other one step closer to hosting round one of the NIT.

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NHL

Pens and Leafs complete trade

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Penguins made their second trade in as many days as they look to make another deep playoff run, picking up left wing Alexei Ponikarovsky from the Toronto Maple Leafs for forward Luca Caputi and defenseman Martin Skoula.

Penguins general manager Ray Shero was pleasantly surprised to add a productive wing with good size — Ponikarovsky is 6-foot-4 — without dealing any top-line players. Shero said Tuesday night. “This gives us a chance to be a good team again. I was happy with our team. We didn’t have to take anything off our team.”

On Monday, the Penguins acquired defenseman Jordan Leopold from the Florida Panthers for a second-round draft pick. He made his Penguins debut during a 3-2 victory over Buffalo on Tuesday.

Ponikarovsky has 19 goals and 41 points in 61 games and needs one more goal for his fourth 20-goal season. He has more goals than any wing currently on the Stanley Cup champion Penguins’ roster. Bill Guerin, who plays on Sidney Crosby’s line, has 17 goals. In 477 career games, Ponikarovsky has 19 goals and 143 assists. 257 points and a plus-56 rating. He had 23 goals last season.

Ponikarovsky was held out of Tuesday’s game because of a bruise in his knee. Brey said the injury was not serious.

“Certainly starting, I think, helps,” Brey said. “We either have transition or continuity.”

Tip-off is at 7 p.m. in Purcell Pavilion.

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Notre Dame now the hot team in rematch

By BILL BRINK

Sports Writer

Connecticut has had an up-and-down season, but Notre Dame has yet to meet the Huskies when they’re down.

The first time the teams met, the Huskies had won five of six games, and beat the Irish 82-70. Later, they lost five of six.

But now, Connecticut (17-12, 7-9 Big East) has won three of four, and comes to town to face a hot Notre Dame (19-10, 8-8) squad on Senior Night.

“We’re playing the UConn that started the year now,” Irish coach Mike Brey said.

The Irish recently beat two top-15 opponents without senior forward Luke Harangody and are making a push to be in consideration for the NCAA Tournament.

The power of the Big East always presents itself with play-half dominance it has in recent years, but the Irish know the most important challenges still lie ahead.

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“The Border Olympics is a course where if you drive the ball well, you’ll have a number of birdie chances,” Kubinski said. “If we can limit our mistakes to bogey at worst, we’ll have a chance to win. Like in any event, if we putt well, we’ll place well.”

The Irish have enjoyed a successful season so far, recording their first tournament win since 2006 and receiving several contributions from underclassmen, including sophomores Max Scodro and Chris Walker.

The Irish will also need to count on solid contributions this weekend from the seniors, many of whom have battled through up and down seasons.

“We’ve had some tough weeks this season but if we can get our seniors to play to their potential, I think we’re a team capable of competing favorably against the nation’s best,” Kubinski said.

**MEN’S GOLF**

Team looking for strong showing at Border Olympics

By LUKE MANSOUR

Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to get the second half of its season off to a good start at the Border Olympics tournament this weekend in Laredo, Texas.

The Irish will look to improve upon their 11th-place finish at Purcell Pavilion. Even though star Harangody is without star Harangody.

Team experiencing a rebirth without star Harangody

This senior class has won more Big East games than any in Notre Dame history, but tonight’s showdown with Connecticut might be the biggest of their careers.

A week ago, this Irish team looked dead. Luke Harangody, their All-American, All-Everything forward and leader, was out far longer than anyone expected with a bone bruise. While the Irish showed their resiliency and mettle in a double-overtime loss at Louisville, the bad blows to Rutgers, St. John’s and Loyola Marymount looked to doom Mike Brey’s squad to a second straight NIT appearance.

Then everything clicked. The Irish made every open shot and locked down Pittsburgh’s offense in a blowout at Purcell Pavilion. Even playing with Stephen. Nothing was down.

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**FENCING**

New challenges await squad

By LUKE MANSOUR

Sports Writer

Undefeated Notre Dame has enjoyed the same kind of regular-season dominance it has in recent years, but the Irish know the most important challenges still lie ahead.

The Irish (33-0) will face the first of those challenges Saturday when they host the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships at the Purcell Pavilion.

Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said he knows his team has a target on its back as it heads into postseason play on its home turf. “It is sometimes easier to fence on the road and easier to organize a group when you stay out of the