Construction of new dorm begins

Unnamed women's hall second of four residence buildings to be added to campus as part of plan

By JOHN TIERNEY
Newtswriter

Construction has begun for a new women's residence hall adja­cent to the Hammes Bookstore, the University announced Wednesday. The yet-to-be-named residence hall is scheduled to open for the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year and will be 74,600 square feet and house 248 female students, according to a University press release.

The residence hall is the second in a series of four new dorms cur­rently mandated by the University.

The first new dorm in the plan is Duncan Hall, a men's dorm, which is scheduled to open in August. Construction on Duncan Hall is on track for completion in time for students to move in for the fall semester and interior con­struction is ahead of schedule, said Jeff Shoup, director of the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

Assistant Rectors and Resident Assistants for Duncan Hall were selected for other halls.

A rector has not been selected for Duncan, but Shoup said that the Office of Student Affairs is in the beginning phases of the process. An announcement may not occur until the summer, Shoup said.

The other two planned resi­dence halls in the University plan — one male, one female — will be located on part of what used to be Juniper Road, east of Pasquerilla East and Knott Halls, Shoup said.

There is no specific timeline for construction to begin on the Juniper Road dorms, he said.

The University is adding the

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Professor honored by SMC students

Marcy receives sixth annual 'Women Honoring Women' award; fellow co-workers honored

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Theresa Marcy, professor of political science, received the "Women Honoring Women" award Wednesday night during Saint Mary's sixth annual Women Honoring Women cer­emony.

Marcy was joined by fellow finalists biology professor Doris Wait and Welcome Center Receptionist Ann Sheldon, who were selected from the faculty, staff and administrators nominated by students for their dedication to Saint Mary's core values, said event organizer Kelly Payne, student body vice president and Student Academic Council (SAC) coor­dinator.

"These are women who the students believe exemplify the core values of the College, particularly in the intellectu­al, spiritual and personal realms," Payne said.

Like last year, the event was open to students who nominated the finalists. Originally, the event was only attended by members of SAC, a professor of their choosing, two students from each aca­demc department and the finalist and her husband.

The event included a cock­tail reception and formal din­ner after which the students who nominated each finalist

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Gruscinski, Falvey begin tenure

Juniors take over Saint Mary's gov't as Hodges, Payne near graduation

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

After officially assuming their roles as Saint Mary's student body president and vice president April 1, juniors Mickey Gruscinski and Sarah Falvey are off to a running start.

Both attended the annual student government retreat this past weekend with most of the women who will join them in making up the Board of Governance (BOG) for the upcoming school year.

The retreat gave them a chance to begin planning events for next year and get to know their staff, Gruscinski said.

"Not everyone made it to the retreat but we talked about next year and bonded," she said.

Gruscinski and Falvey plan to continue the work of their predecessors, and work to improve even more.

"We recognize we have big shoes to fill, and we'll try to continue what Kim and Kelly started, but we also have some ideas of our own," Gruscinski said. "We've got an enthusiastic group of women with a multitude of ideas.

Gruscinski, a history major from Cleveland, Ohio, said she and Falvey are looking forward to holding BOG meet­ings to begin working towards accomplishing the goals they laid out in their platform.

"We really have to wait till our board starts meeting before we can really accom­plish anything," she said.

Those goals include extend­

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Student Senate

Committee chairs, chief assistant named

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

The new student senators and executive council took office Wednesday at the first meeting of student body president Bob Reish and vice president Grant Schmidt's term, and created two ad hoc committees designed to improve communication between Student Government and other organizations on campus.

Reish and Schmidt were sworn into office last weekend, and Karen Kessley will serve as the Chief Executive Assistant.

Reish issued executive orders creating ad hoc com­mittees on Student Outreach and Campus Technology to address problems on cam­pus. The Student Outreach Committee, a part of Reish

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Catechist recognized

for Echo

Conference honors faith-formation program

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

The National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) will recognize the Notre Dame Center for Catechetical Initiatives (CCI) and its director, theology pro­fessor Gerard Baumbach, with the 2008 Catechetical Award at an NCCL meeting in Houston April 8. The award, given each year for "exempla­ry contributions to the minis­try of catechesis," recognizes Baumbach's work at the CCI, a part of the University's Institute for Church Life, an NCC conference release said.

The Center's director since its inception in 2003, Baumbach helped create the Echo Faith Formation Leadership Program, a two-year program where Notre Dame graduates, as well as participants from colleges across the nation, can explore their faith and grow as Catholic catechists through service projects at partner dioceses.

Baumbach said Echo stands out because it combines spiri­tual, professional and aca­demic work, as the program also puts participants on the road to obtaining a Master's degree in theology from the University.

The apprentice catechetical leaders will "work in parish catechetical teams for two years while simultaneously pursing a Master's degree in theology from Notre Dame," he said.

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Construction of a new women's residence hall has begun behind Welsh Family. The new dorm will be completed by 2009.
INSIDE COLUMN

March weather: just mean

It seems like every year I get proven wrong on predictions involving my favorite sports teams, which has led me to believe they have to tease me. The past three years, I thought the Yankees were a lock to play in the World Series. I guaranteed my friends last March that Notre Dame's Men's Basketball team would be a lock for the Elite 8. This year, I thought the New York Giants' ceiling would be a first round playoff victory. At most sports fans could tell you, I was wrong on all three counts, but luckily for me, the Giants exceeded my expectations and won the Super bowl.

This year, my bad predictions carried over from the sports world into the unpredictable nature of spring weather. As it's now April, and March is finally over, we can only hope that April brings sunnier days. I'm sure I'm not the only person on campus out for. I had finally predicted some snow to end since. However, I beg you not to blame me if it indeed snows tomorrow.

The debauchery that is weather in March continued the next week as the temperature slowly rose, and we finally hit March 27th, as chance would have it, early rain had sent the temperature dropping, and the next day was almost as warm, before I knew it, it was snowing on Good Friday. The sun came out and people were living on. The next day was almost as warm, but then we saw temperatures drop, and the temperature before it was. He was shocked and couldn't believe that dreary all South Bend had better weather than Long Island. I told him to get ready, because it had to get even warmer when he got out then in the first week of April.

As I get to the end of this lengthy rant about March weather, I'm left with that crazy fluctuation of weather last month drove me crazier than our winter weather this year. For every day that we were teased with temperatures in the 60s, we had another where it seemed an inch. For every day that I broke out the shorts, there were two more that I had to pull my winter coat on. I'm sure I'm not the only person on campus that was annoyed by the weather, but now that March is finally over, we can only hope that April brings sunnier days. However, I beg you not to blame me if it snows tomorrow.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Mike Gotimer at mgotimer@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error the article "Comedy show support group clears" sweetheartly spelled Brooklyn Leonard Jones name. The correct spelling error, the article "Gratowski, Fabry prepare for office." Knoph, A is the admissions counselor, not the stu­ dent ambassador commissioner. Also the new board took office on April 1, it will be commissioned on April 28 at the Church of Lourdes. The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE STRANGEST FOOD YOU HAVE EVER EATEN?

Anthony Salpino
Barbara Ho
Catherine Pinnaro
Christina Lee
Elise Bartzen
Rachel Heneghan

senior  off-campus
sophomore  Farley
senior  off-campus
senior  off-campus
senior  off-campus

A "friend of mine made beer and cheese soup. It was disgusting."
"When I was a kid I used to down KFC gravy."
"Sweetbreads – I liked it until I found out what it was."
"Cactus ... in a margarita. It tasted like margarita."
"I tried rattlesnake when I was twelve."
"Chicken pate – it was absolutely disgusting."

OFFBEAT

Chilean mayor interrupts Bond filming

SANTIAGO — There's an unlikely new villain in James Bond's life. Carlos Lopez, the mayor of a remote northern Chilean town, burst onto the film set of the latest installment of the fictional superspy's adventures, "Quantum of Solace," on Tuesday and was detained by police.

"He got angry, entered into a private enclosure ... and caused public disorder and was detained," a police official said by telephone from Baquedano, declining to be named. "Now it is in the hands of the procurator."

Lopez said he drove onto the set between the cameras and Bond actor Daniel Craig, interrupting filming, because he was angry at what he called an excessive police presence in the small town because of the filming and the fact Chilean soil was being used to represent neighboring Bolivia.

Burglar plays dead in funeral home

MADRID — A burglar who broke into a funeral home tried to fool police by playing dead, but two things gave him away. First, he breathed. Plus, he was grungy clothes rather than the Sunday best of those settling in for eternal rest.

Police and the Crespo Funeral Home said Wednesday they had no idea what the 23-year-old Spanish man was trying to steal in the March 17 break-in at Burjasot, a small town just outside Valencia.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.
Prof receives Truman book award
Father Miscamble recognized for study of origins of Cold War

Special to The Observer

"From Roosevelt to Truman: Potsdam, Hiroshima, and the Cold War," by Father Wilson D. Miscamble, professor of history, has received the 2008 Harry S. Truman Book Award from the Harry S. Truman Library Institute for National and International Affairs.

The award recognizes the institute's selection of the best book published within a two-year period that deals with some aspect of the public career of Harry S. Truman or the history of the United States during the Truman presidency. An earlier book by Father Miscamble, "George F. Kennan and the Making of American Foreign Policy," received the Truman Book Award in 1994.

"I am very honored to receive this award," Father Miscamble said. "My book examines a crucial period in the Truman presidency and helps explain the major transformation in American foreign policy during it. I'm grateful to the staff and benefactors of the Truman Library, whose valuable resources and generous support of my research helped make the book possible."

"We believe that Professor Miscamble's book will become a standard work on the origins of the Cold War," Jeffrey Gall, chair of the award selection committee, said. "It directly challenges the argument held by some historians that Truman's actions as president represented a sharp break with the diplomatic policies of his predecessor, Franklin D. Roosevelt, that he was reckless in his dealings with Stalin and the Soviet Union, and that he unnecessarily provoked the Soviet dictator and helped bring on the Cold War."

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Jeffrey Gall
chair of the Harry S. Truman Award selection committee

"From Roosevelt to Truman" is a critically important addition to the historiography of the Cold War that will figure importantly in the historical debate about this period in American history for years to come. A priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Father Miscamble was ordained in 1988 and joined the Notre Dame faculty the same year. He served as chair of the history department from 1993 to 1998. Most of his teaching and research concerns American foreign policy since World War II and the role of Catholics in 20th century American foreign policy. He also is the author of "Keeping the Faith, Making a Difference," editor of "Go Forth and Do Good: Memorable Addresses," and co-editor, Marzalek, of "American Political History. Essays on the State of the Discipline."

The award recognizes the book as "a unique and important work that provides a new perspective on the most critical and controversial era of the 20th century." The book was nominated for the award by John D. Murworth, who is professor of history and director of the Seeds for Peace Program at Texas A&M University. Murworth said he nominated the book because it "is a profound study of the origins of the Cold War and the decisions made by leaders such as Truman, Stalin, and Churchill."

Father Miscamble's work provides a fresh look at the origins of the Cold War, Murworth said, and the book is "an important contribution to the field of modern American history." The book was published by Oxford University Press in 2007.

Miscamble said that he was "honored and humbled" to receive the award and that he was "thankful to the students who have inspired me over the years to continue researching and teaching about the Cold War."

"I am very grateful to the faculty and students who have supported me in my research and teaching," he said. "The award is a testament to the importance of the study of American foreign policy and the role of Catholics in it."

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Visiting the Student Center hours, making an online calendar of College events for students to access and getting reliable wireless access in the dorms.

"We recognize we have big shoes to fill, and we'll try to continue what Kim and Kelly started, but we also have some ideas of our own." Mickey Gruscsinski
Saint Mary's student body president

Revision of the constitution will help to clearly define the roles of BOG members, Falvey said. Gruscsinski believes not being on BOG in the past is a benefit for next year's board. "I'm aware there's a lot we need to learn, but most of [our board] is new to BOG so we're all really excited," she said.

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four dorms in an attempt to alleviate problems in some of the existing dorms. Shoup said.

"We're not adding beds of overall beds in the new dorms, but we're making the other halls more livable," Shoup said.

In building the new West Quad dorms, the University is looking to remove beds from some of the overcrowded, older halls, such as Zahm, Morrissey, and Alumni, he said.

"People are stacked in too tight," Shoup said.

The second phase of dorm construction— the Dwyer Road dorms—is focused on renovating halls that do not currently fit with the University's idea of residence life, he said.

Dorms such as Keenan and Stanford Halls are especially in need of renovation, Shoup said.

It is Shoup's goal to make it possible for students to live in whatever halls they choose to live in, he said.

"We're not planning to close any of the halls... Even if we did major renovations, our goal would not be to close the hall for the renovation. We'd do it over the summer," he said.

The University's desire to keep all its residence halls open during the school year, even while renovating, is unique to Notre Dame, he said.

"Most other places would take a hall offline for a year, but we don't want to do that. It disrupts the community—it might significantly change the way a community would interact with each other."

Jeff Shoup
director of Residence Life and Housing

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and Schmidt's platform, will be able to give feedback to the Senate and suggest future initiatives through a survey issued each semester.

"During the course of our campaign, Grant and I realized that there's definitely a gap that we thought we could bridge between students and the administration, more importantly between students and student government," Reish said.

"We're hoping that through this committee, we'll be able to get more of a sense of what students want to be working on.

Because of the range of technology-related issues discussed this past term, the Campus Technology Committee will improve communication between the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) and Student Government and allow all technological issues to be concentrated within one committee.

Reish and Schmidt also announced new committee chairs. McIlhinney sophomore Sarah Rodts was approved as chair of the Student Outreach Committee, and junior Devin Fee, from Stanford, will head Campus Television.

The Senate also unanimously approved the nominated chairs for the already-existing committees. Ryan Breiholder, a sophomore in Stanford, will be the new Academic Affairs chair.

He served on the committee last term and said this term's agenda will include planning Majors Night and making more business courses available to non-business students.

Gas Gari, last term's Keenan Hall senator, will serve as chair of the Community Relations Committee. Committee and plans to address the use of Dormers off-campus and problems with trash services during the term.

Kenglish sophomore Patrick Tighe will remain the co-chair of the Gender Issues Committee, and Lauren Cummings, a junior in Cavanaugh, will also serve as co-chair when she returns from London. In addition to the annual Health and Body Image Conference, Tighe said the committee also plans to look into policy that affects gender relations, such as the double-standard between men and women regarding dorm parties. He also wants to address the addition of sexual orientation to Notre Dame's non-discrimination clause.

"Our community needs to figure out a way that we can make this issue and maybe present it to the University that there is discrimination going on based on sexual orientation, instead of just letting this be a nice tradition that we pass this resolution and nothing ever happens," Tighe said.

Ian Secviar, a sophomore in Knott, will continue to serve as Oversight Committee Chair and said he plans to concentrate on increasing efficiency in student government.

Cavanaugh sophomore Joy Hwang will lead the Residential Life Committee and said she will pursue free DVD rentals in The Huddle, better water quality in the Rockne Center, and better workout facilities. Hwang said that when she looked at Princeton Review Rankings, she was disappointed that Notre Dame did not rank No. 1 for "Happiest Students.

ND was only No. 20 for happiest students, and that makes me wonder why we're not No. 1," she said. "I feel like next year, I want to try to get us up there to No. 1."

Cavanaugh junior Michelle Byrne will head the Social Concerns Committee. Byrne said she will continue last year's initiatives, as well as strengthen Senate's relationship with the Center for Social Concerns.

Ashley Wright, a junior from Lewis Hall, will chair the University Affairs Committee when she returns from studying abroad in London. She has previously served on the University Affairs and Campus Relations committees.

Besides welcoming new leaders, the Senate approved resolutions awarding Liz Brown, Maris Braun and Sheena Plamostill for their service to the Senate. Sheena Plamostill will serve as student body president, vice president and chief executive assistant, respectively.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

France to help Colombian hostage

PARIS — France will send a mission Wednesday to help an ailing hostage held by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, but her release has become a cause celebre in France.

The Colombian politician has been held in a jungle camp for two years, and the French president announced that the French government will send a mission to help.

The announcement came as the hostage held by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, has started negotiations with the government, in liaison with international organizations.

The hostage, held by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, is a great friend who would make a great contribution to the area, according to the French president.

Irish prime minister in May

Dublin, Ireland — Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, the common-touch Dubliner who tended Ireland’s economic boom and the.bucket that McCourt was déspondent over the situation, announced his resignation Wednesday after a darkening cloud of financial scandal.

Mr. Ahern, who governed Ireland through 11 years of growing prosperity at home and peace in Northern Ireland, maintained his innocence.

NATIONAL NEWS

Explosion destroys Wisconsin church

OCONOMOWOC, Wis. — An explosion and fire in southeastern Wisconsin on Wednesday destroyed a church and injured seven people, including three firefighters, authorities said.

Razor convicted of comrade’s death

ROCKVILLE, Md. — A Maryland jury has convicted a man of second-degree murder in the shooting death of a former Army Ranger who was found guilty of second-degree murder.

The defendant, 30-year-old Michael McCourt, was convicted by a jury in Montgomery County of second-degree murder.

McCourt was found guilty of second-degree murder in the shooting death of a former Army Ranger who was found guilty of second-degree murder.

Local News

Kernan endorses Schellinger in race

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Former Indiana Gov. Joe Kernan has endorsed Democrat Jim Schellinger in the race for governor.

Kernan says he's known the Schellinger family for many years and that Schellinger is a great friend who would make a great governor.

Kernan was lieutenant governor in 2003 when then-governor Frank O’Hair died after suffering a stroke. Kernan filled the remainder of O’Hair’s second term and ran for governor in 2004, but lost to Republican Mitch Daniels.

Zimbabwe

Dictator may have stolen election

State paper predicts presidential runoff, acknowledging Mugabe wasn't re-elected

Associated Press

HARARE — President Robert Mugabe’s long-ruling party, which holds a majority Wednesday, bolstering opposition claims that his empowerment Zimbabweans voted for change in this strategic Southern African nation.

The opposition also claimed victory for leader Morgan Tsvangirai in Saturday’s presidential vote, but the state-controlled newspaper predicted a runoff — the first official admission that Mugabe, the sui generis African leader for 28 years, had not won re-election.

The Movement for Democratic Change expressed confidence Tsvangirai could win a runoff with an even larger margin, but there were fears an embattled Mugabe would roll out that optimism on Wednesday to considerable political and government arsenal to stay in power.

Election observer Imani Counts of the Washington-based TransAfrica Forum told The Associated Press that the most frightening conversation she has had in Zimbabwean elections was the official of the ruling ZANU-PF party discussing a runoff.

“He was very calm and cool but made it very clear that if there was a runoff, that ZANU would use all the state organs at its disposal to make sure that that is, very, very worrisome,” she said.

Counts, whose group promotes Africa’s interests in the United States, said the powerful elite that has benefited from Mugabe’s patronage is too well entrenched in the West to be taken lightly in ensuring an election is free and fair.

The 84-year-old Mugabe, who hasn’t commented on the results, has been shown in recent days of stealing previous elections that Western observers said were marred by violence, fraud and intimidation.

This election was different because local results were posted outside polling stations for the first time. That let independent monitors and representatives judge for themselves independent of the official electoral commission, which reported no figures in the presidential race while slowly releasing results in parliamentary contests, including losses by eight Cabinet ministers.

The Electoral Commission announced final results for parliamentary elections after midnight, giving the opposition the 97 seats to 97 for Mugabe’s party, plus one seat to an independent in the 210-seat parliament.

One seat must be decided by by-elections since candidates died or withdrew. Eight Cabinet ministers have lost their seats, according to official results.

Tendai Biti, secretary-general of the opposition MDC, said the party’s contention of local returns gave Tsvangirai 50.2 percent of the votes in the presidential contest, against 43.3 percent for Mugabe. Simba Maseki, a former ruling party stalwart whose defection brought an internal rift over Mugabe’s leadership into the open, got about 8 percent.

“Mr. Mabona and I have won the presidential election outright without the need for a runoff,” Biti said at a news conference. But he added the opposition would take part in any runoff ordered — and expected to do even better in a two-way race.

But the figures Biti gave at the news conference did not back up his contention that Tsvangirai won. Biti said 2,382,243 votes were cast, and Tsvangirai got 1,171,079, which is 49 percent. Concluded soon after the news conference, Biti could not explain the discrepancy.

The constitution provides for a runoff within three weeks of the election if no candidate wins more than 50 percent plus one vote.

The Herald newspaper, which reflects government opinion and ZANU-PF thinking, said Wednesday that "the pattern of results in the presidential election shows none of the candidates will garner more than 50 percent of the vote, forcing a rerun."
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But training to become a successful catechist involves more than just having faith or the right degree, so Echo emphasizes the importance of being in touch with the community's needs and also of living by the faith proclaimed.

"To my knowledge, we're the only university developing apprentice catechetical leaders in this way in the nation, if not the world," he said.

Echo students take classes over the summer and are assigned to dioceses across the country for the duration of the academic year. During that time, they are expected to immerse themselves in their assigned communities while taking online courses, he said. John Fulby, a graduate student in theology not enrolled in Echo, agreed that the simultaneous and perhaps unique professional work distinguished the program from its peers.

"Echo is a great program," he said. "From what I understand, it provides a great way to develop two kinds of skills: practice, [and] the ability to succeed in the day-to-day challenges of ministry, and the academic. I think that's an innovative way to learn," he said.

Anne Roat, the Director of Ecclesial Lay Ministry for the Diocese of Lafayette, agreed that the initiative was groundbreaking.

"It is unprecedented and unparalleled in forming catechetical leaders. Jerry [Baumbach] is an authentic catechetical pioneer," she said.

One such innovation is the program's use of mentors and learning covenants to guide apprentice catechetical leaders. Baumbach said "each of our students works with a mentor, a parish staff person who also serves in parish ministry." This individual is often the parish's catechetical leader, he said. With the help of the mentor, each apprentice prepares a "learning covenant, which helps the apprentice identify his or her areas of responsibility within the parish," he said.

These areas of responsibility might include directing a children's catechetical program, a program for adult faith formation or a special needs program, he said. Baumbach said learning covenants were important because they provided a way for the CCI to "work with [apprentices] in their formation for ministry, even though they are serving in dioceses across the country."

The Echo experience is formative and perhaps unique as a shared experience and partnership between the University and the Diocese and the Diocese and the parish," he said. In its four years of existence, 47 graduates have begun or completed the two-year Echo apprenticeships. More than 80 percent of Echo graduates have chosen to stay in ministry-related fields.

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Arlene Forney Saint Mary's junior

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Saint Mary's junior

Watt is never afraid to ask questions and encourages her students to do the same, Forney said.

"She explores complex issues with an open mind and encourages the women of Saint Mary's to continue to search for truth through questioning, observing and engaging their community," she said.

Watt challenges and encourages each woman to search for realistic answers to pacify their curiosity, Forney said.

Next, senior Kristy King spoke about why she nominated Sheldon. Sheldon's title of Welcome Center receptionist does not fully illustrate her vital role on campus, King said.

"I have come to know her as the warm face that greets every prospective Saint Mary's student and campus visitor," she said. "(She) has a constant ability to put anxious students and parents at ease and make them feel at home at the beginning of their Saint Mary's experience."

Finally, senior Casey Cetta said she nominated Marcy because of her dedication to the College.

Marcy has been a part of the Saint Mary's community since she was a student in the 1950s, Cetta said. She has been a fixture of the political science department for decades.

"Her consistency and commitment has been an asset to both the administration and students of Saint Mary's," she said. "([She has] had an impact on my life by pushing me to achieve my academic potential."

Cetta said she took an upper level course taught by Marcy in her freshman year at the College and was really impressed with her. Marcy helped and encouraged Cetta to write a semester long research paper that she was proud of.

This was so sinking to me because up to this point in my academic career I simply cared about completing assignments, doing them well was just a bonus," Cetta said.

Marcy said she was surprised to achieve the award because she only teaches a few courses a semester.

"I can remember when I served on endless committees that voted awards and how much we appreciated the recommendations from students," Marcy said."I really appreciate the fact that this is a student award and that students determined it."

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Bipartisan bill aims to boost slump in housing market, help families avoid foreclosure

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan Senate bill designed to ease the slumping housing market won wide support Wednesday, and even its top sponsor acknowledged that much more is needed to help millions of families threatened with foreclosure.

The scaled-back proposal unveiled by Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., contains an amalgam of ideas aimed at reducing the demand for housing and helping homeowners saddled with subprime mortgages avoid foreclosure.

The plan contains $4 billion in grants to local governments to buy and refurbish foreclosed homes, a new authority for states to issue bonds to be used to refinance subprime mortgages, and a temporary $7,000 tax credit for people buying new homes or properties in foreclosure.

Those provisions, and others, were the product of a bipartisan negotiation that produced a narrow, compromise-oriented approach to the crisis.

"There's a lot more that needs to be done," Dodd said. "But it's a step in the right direction."

The White House weighed in with serious doubts about the plan, and economic analysts across the spectrum were skeptical that it would do much to ease the wrenching crisis in the housing market and the wave of foreclosures spreading across the country.

White House spokesman Tony Fratto said the administration likes some provisions, such as issuing mortgage guarantees and modernizing the Federal Housing Administration to boost access to FHA-insured loans. But the administration "has serious concerns" about other provisions such as the homebuyers' tax credit and aid to local governments to purchase foreclosed homes.

"Some of these provisions that are purportedly to help homeowners actually would not help them and in some cases could hurt them," Fratto said. For example, he said, the tax credit for buyers of foreclosed and newly constructed homes could force down prices for many other sellers.

While supporters said the measure would boost demand for housing, helping people refinance adjustable-rate mortgages and help communities beset with abandoned homes, many economists cautioned that the measure's benefits would be modest — and would help banks and homebuilders while doing hardly anything for people facing foreclosure.

"They're good steps, but they're small steps and certainly not big enough steps to solve the problem," said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody's Economy.com.

"I don't think it's going to be enough to solve the housing problem, at least not in 2008," Zandi said.

The measure also contains a provision dropped from February's stimulus measure that would permit homebuilders and other money-losing businesses to reclaim previously paid taxes, new disclosure requirements aimed at preventing unscrupulous buyers from being duped by mortgage brokers, and additional money to provide counseling to people threatened with foreclosure and help them in negotiating with their lenders.

Senate leaders agree to ease crisis

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan Senate bill designed to ease the slumping housing market won widespread support Wednesday, and even its top sponsor acknowledged that much more is needed to help millions of families threatened with foreclosure.

The scaled-back proposal unveiled by Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., contains an amalgam of ideas aimed at reducing the demand for housing and helping homeowners saddled with subprime mortgages avoid foreclosure.

The plan contains $4 billion in grants to local governments to buy and refurbish foreclosed homes, a new authority for states to issue bonds to be used to refinance subprime mortgages, and a temporary $7,000 tax credit for people buying new homes or properties in foreclosure.

Those provisions, and others, were the product of a bipartisan negotiation that produced a narrow, compromise-oriented approach to the crisis.

"There's a lot more that needs to be done," Dodd said. "But it's a step in the right direction."

The White House weighed in with serious doubts about the plan, and economic analysts across the spectrum were skeptical that it would do much to ease the wrenching crisis in the housing market and the wave of foreclosures spreading across the country.

White House spokesman Tony Fratto said the administration likes some provisions, such as issuing mortgage guarantees and modernizing the Federal Housing Administration to boost access to FHA-insured loans. But the administration "has serious concerns" about other provisions such as the homebuyers' tax credit and aid to local governments to purchase foreclosed homes.

"Some of these provisions that are purportedly to help homeowners actually would not help them and in some cases could hurt them," Fratto said. For example, he said, the tax credit for buyers of foreclosed and newly constructed homes could force down prices for many other sellers.

While supporters said the measure would boost demand for housing, helping people refinance adjustable-rate mortgages and help communities beset with abandoned homes, many economists cautioned that the measure's benefits would be modest — and would help banks and homebuilders while doing hardly anything for people facing foreclosure.

"They're good steps, but they're small steps and certainly not big enough steps to solve the problem," said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody's Economy.com.

"I don't think it's going to be enough to solve the housing problem, at least not in 2008," Zandi said.

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BOSTON — Officials of 18 states are taking the EPA back to court to try to force it to comply with a Supreme Court ruling that rebuked the Bush administration for inaction on global warming.

In a petition filed Wednesday, the plaintiffs said the 5-4 ruling in April 2007 required the Environmental Protection Agency to decide whether to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, including carbon dioxide, from motor vehicles.

The EPA has instead done nothing, they said.

"The EPA's failure to act in the face of these incontestable dangers is a shameful dereliction of duty," Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley said.

The petition asks the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to require the EPA to act within 60 days.

In last year's decision, the Supreme Court ruled the EPA had the authority to regulate emissions from new cars and trucks, but the justices gave the administration until December to begin.

They said the reasons the EPA gave for declining to do so were insufficient.

EPA spokesman Jonathan Shradar said the Supreme Court required the agency to evaluate how it would regulate greenhouse gas emissions from cars and other vehicles but set no deadline.

The EPA plans to include the evaluation in a broader look at how to best regulate all greenhouse gas emissions, not just those from vehicles, he said.

Otherwise, a mash of laws and regulations could emerge rather than the "holistic approach" the administration favors.

"We want to set a good foundation to build a strong climate policy of potential regulatory and legal ramifications for states that can work toward and actually see some success," Shradar said.

At a press conference Wednesday, David Brooks, deputy director of the Sierra Club, one of 11 environmental groups involved in the suit, said the petition was "a holistic approach to climate change for years.

"In fact, they have done absolutely nothing except stand in the way of everybody else's efforts," he said.

Last week's announcement by the EPA of the formal rule-making procedure signaled the agency wanted to get greenhouse gas regulation "on indefinite hold," said Jim Milkey, chief of environmental protection at Coakley's office, who argued the case before the court.

"Every day that goes by without a solution, the window of opportunity to fix the problem closes a bit more," he said.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said the EPA "has failed to lead, it has failed to follow the states' lead and we are prepared to force it out of the way in order to protect the environment."

The plaintiffs in the latest court action include Coakley and attorneys general from Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington.

They claim the EPA's announcement of its plan to regulate greenhouse gases was insufficient.

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Massachusetts attorney general's chief of environmental protection

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — A Jamaican arrested after trying to check lug­gage containing pipe bomb-making materials onto a flight home explained that he wanted to show his friends how to make bombs, authorities said Wednesday.

Investigators were questioning whether Kevin Christopher Brown had ever been to Iraq — where he told them he'd seen similar bombs — and if he had been indoctrinated by the al-Qaida network.

He told a uniformed subordinate to watch the man, and soon after that officer called another for backup.

Behavior detection officers Frank Skowronski and Jose Zengotita wouldn't specify what Brown did that looked suspicious, saying it would undermine TSA's strategy.

He also said a draft regulation was being circulated internally, then abandoned. EPA administrator Stephen Johnson has said the issue had to be re-examined because of tougher automobile mileage requirements enacted in December.

The plaintiffs want the find­ing about the dangers of car­

bon dioxide to be within 60 days so the process for regu­

lating vehicle emissions can begin. They said final rules wouldn't be ready until the next administration takes over.

In Washington, the House Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming voted 12-0 Wednesday to issue a subpoena for all drafts and documents on the issue.

"The EPA has made no effort to accommo­


Shradar declined to say whether the agency would produce the documents the subpoena will request. "We will review this petition and respond appropriately," he said.

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Bill Clinton makes third campaign trip to Indiana

About 1,000 in town of 18,000 attend rally, hear former president speak; Obama to appear in Muncie Friday

SEYMOUR, Ind. — Bill Clinton’s third campaign swing through Indiana in three weeks brought out stalwart supporters of his wife, along with many people interested in seeing the former president in their town.

Clinton made a four-stop trip Wednesday in a pocket of southern Indiana where the race between Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama for delegates in the state’s May 6 primary almost takes a back seat to seeing a bit of hometown history.

The trips, though, are aimed squarely at voters like Jay Clark, a 41-year-old Seymour factory worker who never voted for Bill Clinton in his presidential runs. “I just wanted to be able to tell my boy I saw a president,” he said. But he also said he would probably vote for Hillary Clinton after hearing Bill Clinton’s hour-long speech.

“I respect him for taking the time to come to a small town. They mean business. They are trying to win an election.”

Jay Clark

Seymour resident

about 1,000 people packed the Columbus fire station for Clinton’s first stop Wednesday morning, with several hundred more watching through the glass doors to see him. Three bus loads of students from East High School showed up there, and dozens of others were in the crowd for his next stop at Seymour High School.

Kate Jolly, a 16-year-old senior at Seymour’s Trinity Lutheran High School, attended Clinton’s speech with some friends, even though she’s not inclined to vote for Hillary Clinton.

“It’s a great opportunity to see the president, but I don’t know that it will necessarily change my decision on Obama,” she said.

Veronica Miller and her husband, Bill, had their choice of Clinton events to attend at his stops in Seymour and Columbus were both within a half-hour of their home. Veronica Miller, 70, wore a Hillary Clinton T-shirt and button for Bill Clinton’s Seymour speech.

“I thought he was one of the greatest presidents we ever had and I think she’ll do even better,” she said. “I would have come down and camped out if I needed to get in.”

The Clintons have already crossed much of the state with more than a month remaining before the Indiana primary, including stops all of its television markets.

Hillary Clinton has visited nine cities over three days since March 20, while Bill Clinton has been to 11 cities in his three daylong trips since March 18.

But it might be while before Indiana voters become blaze about the campaigning.

“You wouldn’t think someone like this would come here,” said Dermis Celi, who said before Clinton took the stage in Seymour, “The issues are important, but it’s also about someone like him who would come to a place like this.”

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Former President Bill Clinton greets attendees during a campaign stop for his wife, Hillary, at Seymour High School Wednesday.

Sunday's events included stops in Seymour and Columbus Wednesday evening, and a rally in Bloomington Friday.

But it might be weeks before Clinton fans in Indiana can see the former president in person.

Customs, border protection drone patrol program takes off

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. — The pilot has gone through his checklist and taxied his plane into position for takeoff. He gets clearance from the control tower, throttles forward and — from the ground — guides his unmanned aircraft into the sky along the Mexican border to watch for drug traffickers and illegal immigrants, part of a bird’s-eye patrol that authorities hope to expand.

Four Predator II drones have become fixtures over Arizona since October 2006, and two more will join them soon, Juan Munoz-Torres, a Customs and Border Protection spokesman, said Wednesday.

Once those six are in place, the agency wants Congress to fund six drones along the Canadian border and six more on Florida’s Gulf Coast and the Caribbean, said Douglas Koupash, who heads Customs and Border Protection’s drone program.

“Very effective,” McNall said. From October 2006, through Feb. 16, the drones had helped in the apprehension of 3,587 illegal immigrants and the seizure of more than nine tons of marijuana, according to the most recent statistics available.

Those numbers don’t include apprehensions and seizures credited to different kinds of drones tested in Arizona in 2004 or to a Predator B that flew from October 2005. That drone crashed the following April, the National Transportation Safety Board ruled pilot error as the likely cause.

Koupash said his agency intelligence gathering drives each flight, and critics question whether the aerial surveillance doesn’t abuse the privacy of American citizens.

Lee Tien, senior staff attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation in San Francisco, said the flights are likely to create “a civil liberties-free zone along the border.”

His organization has not received any complaints about Predators, but Tien said he assumed “that’s because they can’t see them or aren’t aware of them.”

“It’s Catch-22,” said Barry Steinhardt, director of the American Civil Liberties Union’s Technology and Liberty Project. “How do you tell someone you’re being pictured if you can’t tell whether you’re being surveilled?”

Koupash said he hasn’t dealt with any specific inquiries over privacy concerns, but noted the drones are flown primarily over remote border territory, not large cities.

The first flights outside Arizona are begin this spring. A drone from Arizona will patrol the Canadian border out of Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D."

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**NO PROBLEM, I'M GOING WORK FOR THE CHINESE WHEN KOREA OVERS.**

### Observer Poll

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- Jimmy Clawson's new haircut: 10%
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## The Observer

**At the movies with Hillary**

By John Everett

One of the worst things to happen to television in recent times, perhaps, only surpassed in atrocity by "The Hills," is the trend of cable networks straying from their stated purpose. TV Land is supposed to show episodes of classic television series, but good luck finding Happy Days or The Dick Van Dyke Show. Instead, they've got a bunch of people who graduated high school together 20 years ago in the same house. Indeed it seems sometimes that C-SPAN is perhaps the last channel left resisting this ignoble trend, although I hear if you want to see the really good legislation, you have to go to C-SPAN 2.

The worst offender is American Movie Classics. Their level of complacency is so disturbing because by including the word "classic" in their name they imply that anything they air has attained the level of classic, when in fact I once stumbled upon Catwoman, the 2004 Halie Berry vehicle, on the network. Now, I have no problem with that movie being shown on television, but isn't there a Starz: Reputation-Wrecking Performances Channel where they could show such films? For every Catwoman that AMC shows there, would there be a much better movie they could be showing in its place, something that might in some circles be considered, you know, a classic. The result is that the public becomes less conversant on classic film, a problem recently encountered by the real subject of this column, Hillary Clinton.

When I recently encountered the real Mrs. Clinton, I was projecting all of my immediate thoughts to The Godfather. Michael Corleone wouldn't let anything stand in his way, and neither would Hillary. However, a google search of "Hillary Clinton+ Godfather" returned mixed results at best, so I let that one go.

Other unflattering comparisons came to mind, mostly to female Disney villains, until I found that I was ashamed of myself. I was being mean to Mrs. Clinton. I was projecting all of the worst qualities I could think of onto her, and using that to form my comparison. No, the best way was to take the candidate at her own words, get to know her as she presents herself, and think of a more appropriate character that Mrs. Clinton could claim connection to. I must admit that my immediate thoughts turned to The Hinchcliffe. Godfather Michael Corleone wouldn't let anything stand in his way, and neither would Hillary. However, a google search of "Hillary Clinton+ Godfather" returned mixed results at best, so I let that one go.

One of the worst things to happen to the world affairs. The Clinton campaign needs to keep reminding us of this, to keep the flame alive, before Apollo Creed, I mean Barack Obama, puts it out forever.

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we’re approaching the time when students get the chance to evaluate their professors. this has me wondering whether, after judgment day, God will be able to fill out TCEs on God? i’d be happy to complete a form for the instructor’s evaluation, but i wonder if God would rate on a few of the other criteria.

“when asked questions, the instructor can answer them,” an eyewitness reports. “Teacher, where do you live?” “answer: Copley square,” then, you, ask the next question. in fact, i’m not sure he ever did answer one. furthermore, while some of God’s communicaties seem disproportionately over-the-top (see parting of the Red Sea, the incarnation, etc), he also, in these post-biblical days, seems to skip office hours with alarming regularity — maybe he already got tenure.

scripturally, during these 50 days of Easter, we are immersed in the heart-stirring narratives of the resurrection — Mary Magdalene at the tomb, the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, Doubting Thomas. this should be a prime opportunity for God to answer the big questions clearly. for example, is there a greater human question than the one other side of our deaths? if God can answer this one, perhaps we can forgive each other around which he responds to many of our smaller inquiries.

God has great material to work with here. He resurrected his son from the dead. High scores on “The instructor material stimulates creative thinking.” if God is more powerful than death, then all kinds of horizons open up. if death is our question, the resurrection is a definite, and adequately welcomed, answer.

the difficulty is that, in the days following the resurrection, the disciples are plagued by a striking amount of ambiguity, fear, and doubt. and, furthermore, Jesus’ words and actions often seem to feed that ambiguity. for example, the evangelist Mark, probably the earliest canonical recorder of the resurrection, indicates a rather unexpected reaction from the first witnesses to the empty tomb and the announcement that the question about the question of death is more, and better, life. “do not be amazed,” says the angel at the vacant tomb. “Jesus has been raised; He is not here. go tell the others.” an reassuring answer, to say the least. and, yet, we read next “so the disciples fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. and they said nothing to anyone: for they were afraid.” incidentally, Mark’s original Gospel probably ended on this rather somber note, which apparently fails to include any positive appearance by the resurrected Christ. only later generations of Christianity were able to add the more positive endings of Jesus’ appearance and commissioning of the 11. these latter Christians were, perhaps, as per received as i am regarding Mark’s rendering of God’s pedagogical method.

later evangelists’ accounts confirm both of Mark’s original themes — the reality of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead, but also the lack of absolute clarity that this definitive answer should have provided for the disciples. Matthew captures the nearly contradictory experiences by recording that the disciples left the tomb “fearful, yet overjoyed.” what kind of an answer produces simultaneous fear and over- abundant joy?

in records that the resurrected Jesus appeared to two disciples walking to the road to Emmaus, took the time to explain patiently the scriptures to them, then revealed himself fully in the breaking of the bread. this would have been a good time to hand out the TCs — right after having the students over for that end-of-semester dinner. but not after he mysteriously vanished from their sight, which happens in the next verse. John likewise reports that when Jesus revealed his resurrected self to Mary Magdalene, but when she lovingly moved to embrace him, “the discolorations” seemed to skip office hours with alarming regularity — maybe he already got tenure.

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Looking for a movie in which a barber kills off all of his clients? Or maybe something that makes you laugh as someone fantasizes about her love life with someone who won't even hold her hand? Then "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" is right up your alley.

"Sweeney Todd" follows the story of a barber who returns to London after 15 years in Australia, where he was exiled on false charges. When he returns, he has lost both his wife and child to the depredations of the vile Judge Turpin. The movie chronicles his growing obsession with getting revenge on the judge at any cost.

The movie has elements typical of director Tim Burton in it. The dim lighting, gothic costumes, deathly pale characters with heavy eye makeup, fall of blood and excessive gore are all examples of Burton's style present in the film. While appropriate to the movie, the excessive bloody and gory scenes sometimes take away from the story of Todd's revenge on the despicable Judge Turpin. Scenes that would have been poignant if not for the CGI blood and excessive violence turn into darkly humorous scenes under Burton's direction.

Even then, the dark humor has its place in the movie. The movie is not supposed to be a pleasant one, but one-liners and antics from Helena Bonham Carter's Mrs. Lovett help elevate the mood in other otherwise disturbing moments. In particular, her faux-expressions in "By." Of course, you can't disregard Depp's acting in that particular scene as "Southside" is his moment when he is not playing avengeable character. And the entire movie isn't just focused on Todd's single-minded desire for revenge. It is lightened by the love unfolding between Turpin's shipmate, Anthony Hope, and his daughter, Johanna. There is also a sweet, though eerie, mother-son bond that appears in "Not While I'm Around."

There's something entrancing about watching Todd's descent into an obsessive revenge.

"Sweeney Todd" slashes its way to DVD.

By JAMES COSTA
Scene Writer

Apparantly Moby isn't done clubbing. After almost 25 years of frequenting the New York City club scene, digesting the beats, pulses and rhythms of electronic light and reverberating circles, he offers his newest album, "Last Night," as a tribute to his many experiences of the past and his unquenchable thirst for finding new inspirations in the beat of the music.

The album marks a return to the style of his extraordinarily popular 1999 release, "Play." While his last two releases, 2002's "18" and 2005's "Hotel," moved away from the dance music formula that "Play" utilized to enthral his audience in an atmospheric and near semi-conscious realm of listening, "Last Night" capitalizes on the best elements of "Play" by offering listeners a new record of pure dance music. It's a bumping, emotional and invigorating series of tunes that never quite lets up for even a moment. The tunes blend into each other rather fantastically, not allowing for any respite from the constant away of the beat, which is exactly what Moby was going for—executed to near-navigation.

A concept album, "Last Night" highlights the moments of an all-night clubbing experience. While its fancy to imagine a grown man in his 40s still exploring the metaphorical bedrock of dance music in its gritty and most beautiful details, Moby pulls it off with characteristic ease and experiance.

It's not hard to trace the progress of the evening through the tracks on the record. Beginning with "Ooh Yeah," the song features a repetitive vocal track simply singing "Ooh Yeah" over and over again. The music starts slowly, building to a joyful frenzy, celebrating the beginning of an evening and all its promise and mystery, still waiting in the club shadows, ready to flash across the dance floor with the playing of the night's first song.

Throughout the record, Moby barely makes an appearance himself at the microphone, and this is a good thing. While his skill with the mixer and beat machine is unquestionable, his vocals often have had a somewhat boring and dulling effect on previous albums. You just have to think back to "Play's" hit "Southside," a duet with Gwen Stefani, to remember why Moby shouldn't ever be adding his own voice to a record. As the album progresses, the pulsing of the evening become more evident. Things start to slow down just a little bit with the rather melancholy track "Degenerates." Following the first 10 tunes, it highlights the trance-like sensation of being awake and confused, surrounded by strangers and even stranger stimuli. It's not a bad track, but it's a bit boring.

"Degenerates" come "Sweet Apocalypse" and "Mothers of the Night," while when you listen to Todd's hilarious moments and musical flourishes, you can't help but be drawn into his obsession, his passion for revenge.

There's something entrancing about watching Todd's descent into an obsessive revenge.

"Last Night" by Moby goes clubbing in.
Waiting game ends as shows return

When the writers' strike ended a month and a half ago, I rejoiced in the metaphorical streets in my mind. My favorite TV shows were returning and I could begin to blow off my homework and social life again so I could re-watch episodes of "30 Rock" four times. But what I was really in for was a long wait until television shows resumed production and began airing new episodes. I couldn't have been happier when "How I Met Your Mother" returned on March 17, but that only meant that I would still have to wait until April for the rest of my shows to finally come back. Guess what? It's April, and these are the shows I can't wait to see again.

"Samantha Who?"
Monday, April 7, 8:30 p.m.

This freshman comedy charmed me from the first moment Samantha Newly awoke from her coma. Christina Applegate stars as a former bad girl who's trying to make good after forgetting her identity and past misdeeds. Samantha is joined by her childhood best friend she abandoned after gaining popularity, her bad-girl partner in crime who tries to get her to remember her naughty ways and her ex-boyfriend who she still harbors feelings for. In each episode, Samantha remembers a little something about her past and learns a new lesson. The format could get old, but "Samantha Who?" manages to keep it fresh and funny.

"The Office"
Thursday, April 10, 8 p.m.

Was I disappointed in "The Office" this season? Heck yes. But am I still excited for "The Office" to return? Of course. I stuck through "Friends" and "The West Wing" through all their rough patches so I won't abandon "The Office" just because I think Michael Scott has lost all ground in reality and Jim and Pam are so boring. There are so many things to look forward to in the show, like Kelly and Darryl's blossoming relationship and Angela fighting her feelings for Dwight. And then there's Toby. I really miss Toby.

"30 Rock"
Thursday, April 10, 8:30 p.m.

What have I done without Liz Lemon and Jack Donaghy all these months? I'm not really quite sure. "30 Rock" has become my new " Arrested Development." Jack Donaghy is my new Lucille Bluth, and the second season was on fire until the writers' strike put it out. "30 Rock" has surpassed "The Office" in comedy and excellence, and it's about time viewers started noticing. Thankfully, the show that brought us the dance hits " Werewolf Bar Mitzvah" and "Muffin Top" will be back in my life soon. My biggest hope? That the Floydster returns to Liz Lemon before she dies and meets a super-cute guy in heaven.

"Gossip Girl"
Monday, April 21, 8 p.m.

I know that I was probably the only one who watched the fourth season of "The O.C." (and people still don't believe me that it was awesome), but I was quite sad when the soap opera drama was cancelled. And then "Gossip Girl" came to me in all its Upper East Side wealth and glamour. "Gossip Girl" has all the conniving, pretty people that "The O.C." had without Marissa (I hated her). I just hope that Serena gets less boring soon because right now, this show is all about Blair.

"Ugly Betty"
Thursday, April 24, 8 p.m.

Is it okay that I like Gio more than Henry? Because I think Betty does too. And with Henry running off to Tuscan soon to be with his baby mama (or is she?), Betty needs someone in her life who won't get anyone pregnant. This is a love triangle that probably won't go away any time soon, and I'm OK with that. I'm really just excited to have Wilhelmina, Marc and Amanda back in my life. My Thursdays aren't complete without their catty quips and sinister dealings.

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April's Must-see Movies

Leatherheads - April 4

John Krasinski and George Clooney team up for some old-fashioned football.

Forgetting Sarah Marshall - April 18

Jason Segel stars in the comedy he wrote. It helps that Judd Apatow produced it too.

Baby Mama - April 25

Tina Fey and Amy Poehler make a baby.

Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay - April 25

Three words: Neil Patrick Harris.

Gio, left, and Betty's personalities may clash, but this duo's chemistry is enough evidence that these two belong together. Henry doesn't stand a chance.
Lester, Ortiz help Red Sox blank Athletics

Bannister shuts down Detroit’s vaunted offense as Kansas City improves to 2-0 for the first time in 28 years

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — After opening a three-game exhibition weekend in Los Angeles and yet another opener in Thailand, the Boston Red Sox are finally headed back east from the Far East.

And they still off to a rock-solid start to their crazy season.

Jon Lester pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning, David Ortiz broke open a scoreless game with a two-run homer and the Red Sox beat the Athletics 5-0 Wednesday.

Kevin Youkilis had a double and a run and an RBI single while setting the major league record for consecutive errorless games by a first baseman as the Red Sox defeated the A’s for the third time in a four-game series that began last week in Tokyo. Boston won two straight in Oakland, with Harden and Youkilis carrying the Red Sox until their hitters perk up.

“I certainly not on all cylinders,” manager Terry Francona said. “That may be part of the reason, but I believe they did today was good enough.”

The Red Sox still aren’t done with a 16,000-mile trip that includes two two-week stints against Japanese teams and a game in front of 115,300 fans at Los Angeles’ Memorial Coliseum. Boston has a three-game series against the Mariners in Toronto before finally getting back to Fenway Park.

Lester (1-1), who lost his season debut in Japan, didn’t allow an Oakland runner to reach base in seven innings of the first inning. He retired 10 straight batters before Eric Chavez hit a single to right field with two outs in the seventh. That was left to a standing ovation from a crowd made up of 25,755 percent Red Sox fans.

“I don’t think the whole Japan thing automatically just because everybody is making it out to be a little bigger,” said Bannister. “Sure, it was a long flight, but we had a few days to adjust, and now I think it’s Red Sox.

Jason Varitek added a ninth-inning homer for Boston, and relievers Bryan Carter and Manny Delcarmen completed the shutout for the World Series champions, who held the A’s to one run in the last two games.

Ortiz was hitless in his first 12-at-bats this season before a fifth-inning single. He followed with a drive over the right-field fence against former Red Sox reliever Alan Embree (0-1) as the A’s bullpen wasted Rich Harden’s second-strong start.

“I always do, I don’t know why,” Ortiz said of his pen-frustrant four starts. “It’s about the same this year. It might be a little more crazy because we’ve been out of the country for a while.”

Lester was matched by Harden, the injury-plagued right-hander who started last year’s American League wild-card game for the Angels. Harden faced each other last month in Tokyo, with Harden getting the win with nine strikeouts in six innings of two-hit ball.

Youkilis played his 194th consecutive mistake-free game at first base to break Steve Garvey’s record for errorless games at his position. Youkilis even made a running, over-the-shoulder catch of Bobby Crosby’s foul popup to end the seventh, and he adeptly fielded Jack Cust’s groundout to end the game.

The A’s gave first base to Youkilis in appreciation, and the ball used on his final putout was sent to the Hall of Fame.

Royals 4, Tigers 0

If Brian Bannister were a lefthander, people would call him funky. Instead, he’ll have to settle for effective.

Bannister tied the Detroit Tigers’ heralded offense Wednesday, allowing two singles in seven innings as the Kansas City Royals won.

“That’s a very good lineup, and they are going to score a lot of runs, but I also know that they have a lot more expectations than we do,” Bannister said. “That’s why I wanted to put them under pressure early.”

Bannister doesn’t try for a lot of strikeouts, preferring to induce grounders and fly balls.

“I get criticized for the way I pitch, but I believe in it, and it’s working,” said Bannister, who went 12-9 with a 3.87 ERA as a rookie last season.

Kansas City is 2-0 for the second time in 28 years. The Royals won their first nine games in 2003 en route to their only winning season since 1993.

“This isn’t the time to get cocky,” new manager Trey Hillman said. “Bannister pitched very well today, and this is a nice start, but that’s still a very good team and we’ve got to face them again tomorrow.”

Detroit’s high-paid attack has only scored four runs in 20 innings. The Tigers moved one runner into scoring position Wednesday and are hitting .191 with 19 strikeouts through two games.

“If we got shut out by someone—hanging breaking balls and leaving pitches in the middle of the plate, I’d be concerned,” Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. “When a guy locates like he did today, that’s the way it goes. You aren’t going to wear out good pitching that locates. You’ve got to take advantage of mistakes, and we didn’t do that. Edgar Renteria had Detroit’s only hit, all singles.”

“He was always strike one on everybody, and when you do that, you get in a rhythm,” said Gary Sheffield, who went 0-for-3. “Let’s just hope that was the last shutdown. We’ll turn around.”

Bannister (1-0) gave up leadoff singles to Renteria in the first and fourth innings, didn’t walk a batter and struck out four. Leon Nunez and Joakim Soria each threw a scoreless inning of relief.

“I haven’t gone farther than this yet this spring, and the way our bullpen is throwing, I’m happy to hand the ball to those guys,” Bannister said. Kenny Rogers (0-1) dropped to 0-5 in nine starts since he beat Cleveland on July 4. He allowed two runs and five hits in six innings.

“I am disappointed that I did not hold us in there enough, but all in all, those are the type of results you’ll take every time out,” he said. “Over the season, this is an expectation that I’ll win a few times.”

Rogers matched Bannister for the first five innings, allowing only one single, but got into trouble in the sixth.

Mark Grudzielanek doubled with one out, improving to 12-for-20 (.600) against Rogers. Jose Guillen doubled with two outs and Billy Butler hit a 400-foot double to center for a 2-0 lead.

“The second run was not very good pitching,” Rogers said. “It was a dumb pitch, and Butler crushed it.”

Kansas City added two more runs in the eighth. Zach Minner struck out Alex Gordon and Guillen with runners on the corners, but Carter and Mark Teahen followed with RBI singles.

“If you can keep scoring runs with two out, you’ll be a pretty good ball club,” Butler said. “Benny was so good today that when we finally got some runs, it seemed huge.”

Athletics outfielder Emil Brown hits a homerun off Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester in the third inning of the opening game of the season at the Tokyo Dome in Tokyo, Japan on March 26.
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Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championships
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Chicago at Cleveland
6 p.m., TNT
Houston at Portland
10:30 p.m., TNT

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announced in late February that starting this year, first- and third-base coaches must not cross the lines toward home plate or the field until batted balls pass them. Only then can they take up other spots to guide runners.

Bowa tossed, suspended after dispute
Bowa was ejected from Tuesday night's game against San Francisco in the sixth inning by umpire Ed Montague, who had told him to keep within the boundaries of the coaching box.

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LeBron fouls out in Cavs victory over Bobcats

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — LeBron James scored 29 points before fouling out for the only the fourth time in his career, but the Cleveland Cavaliers made several big plays down the stretch and held off the Charlotte Bobcats 118-114 on Wednesday night to snap a six-game road skid.

James was called for his sixth foul when he reached in on Charlotte’s Jason Richardson at the top of his drive to the basket with Cleveland leading 104-101 with 3:56 left.

The crowd cheered as James went to the bench, then watched Wally Szczerbiak, Devin Brown and Zydrunas Ilgauskas step up.

Szczerbiak hit a jumper, Brown hit two free throws and Ilgauskas had two baskets as the Cavaliers took a 113-110 lead. Richardson hit two 3-pointers to get the Bobcats to 116-114, but Brown made two free throws with 20 seconds left to put it away.

Brown finished with 20 points, Anderson Varejao added 17 points and 12 rebounds and Ilgauskas had 16 points and 12 rebounds for Cleveland, which improved to 17-25 on the road.

Richardson had 31 points, Ilgauskas matched a season high with 25 and Gerald Wallace scored 21 for the Bobcats, who lost their second straight game amid questions of coach Sam Vincent’s future.

With the Bobcats out of the playoff picture, part-owner Michael Jordan hasn’t said if Vincent will return next season. And on the same day Vincent made a passionate plea to keep his job, the Bobcats couldn’t take advantage of James’ absence.

Early on James wowed the crowd which included Davidson guard Stephen Curry. Ear on James wowed the crowd.

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The Celtics lowered their magic number to figure out how to win with him.

Gilbert Arenas made a surprise return Wednesday night after 66 games away, but Ramon Sessions provided the Arenas-like dramatics with a 19-foot jumper at the buzzer to give the Milwaukee Bucks a victory over the Wizards.

The Bucks, who never led by more than one point, set up the perfect inbounds play to win the game. With 1.1 seconds left, Royal Ivey threw the ball in to Andrew Bogut, who found Sessions open in the corner.

There was barely a tick left on the clock as the ball left Sessions’ hands, but the shot was clearly good upon instant replay review.

Sessions gave the Bucks a chance to win by chasing down a loose ball in the backcourt after losing a jump ball to Caron Butler with 6.3 seconds left. Butler tipped the ball toward teammate Antawn Jamison, but Jamison had to dive into the second row of seats to save it inbounds, keeping it alive for the bustling Sessions.

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The Celtics added Garnett in the offseason and have won 60 games for the first time in 22 years. They were 57-15 in 1985-86, when they won the most recent of their 16 NBA championships. That was their sixth 60-win season in a seven-season stretch.

Boston won its fifth straight and increased its Eastern Conference lead to 67 games over Detroit, which was idle. The Celtics lowered their magic number for clinching the No. 1 seed to two.

Indiana dropped 37 games behind Atlanta for the final playoff spot in the East with each team having seven games remaining after Wednesday night, when the Hawks faced Toronto.

The Pacers were led by Danny Granger with 14 points and Mike Dunleavy and Jermaine O’Neal with 12 each. O’Neal came off the bench for the second game since missing seven straight with a bone bruise on his left knee.

Ray Allen had 15 points and Leon Powe had 14 with nine rebounds for the Celtics.

Boston hit its first four shots of the game and Indiana missed its first six as the Celtics never trailed. They took a 35-24 lead with 7:26 left on a 3-pointer by James Posey and led by at least 10 points the rest of the way.

Celtics forward Kevin Garnett, right, defends Indiana Pacers forward Danny Granger during Boston’s 92-77 victory Wednesday.
Hurricanes forward Chad LaRose, right, and Lightning defense­man Jussi Jokinen, left, fight for the puck Wednesday.

LaRose's hat trick leads Carolina over Tampa

**Associated Press**

RALEIGH, N.C. — After missing nearly two months with a broken leg, Chad LaRose is making up for lost time. His latest effort helped the Carolina Hurricanes stay one step ahead in the Southeast Division race.

LaRose scored three goals to lead Carolina past the Tampa Bay Lightning 6-2 on Wednesday night.

"Sitting out for so long was so tough, and I promised myself that I would get back that I'd be great every shift," LaRose said. "I'm trying to work at it."

Eric Staal and Tuomo Ruutu each had a goal and an assist, and Scott Walker also scored for Carolina, which broke a 1- all tie by scoring four straight goals. The Hurricanes lead Washington by two points in the Southeast race with one game left. The Capitals have two games remaining.

The Hurricanes could wrap up the division crown and the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs by beating Florida on Friday in the regular-season finale or by having the Capitals lose one of their final two games in regulation.

"One more game to win, and we look forward to the challenge against Florida," Staal said. "We need to come out with that same energy and passion that we did tonight, and just take it to them."
OLYMPICS

Olympic torch begins journey in Kazakhstan

ALMATY, Kazakhstan — The president of Kazakhstan ran with the Olympic Flame Wednesday in a tightly guarded ceremony that he praised as a "display of his country's light relationship with China," the host of the Summer Games.

French athletes and officials promised decent over Chinese policy after the torch reaches Europe, saying that athletes carrying the torch through Paris would wear badges celebrating free expression. The mayor of Paris said a banner supporting human rights would hang on city hall.

Kazakhstan was the first stop for the Olympic Flame on its 130-day global tour. Protests against China's policies toward Tibet and Sudan were expected in several of the 21 stops ahead of the Beijing Summer Games, including London and San Francisco.

About 4,500 policemen were deployed to guard the ceremony in Almaty, the economic capital of the oil-rich nation former Soviet republic, which has become increasingly dependent on its economic and political clout.

"The fact that the city of Almaty is the first stop of the Olympic Flame's run proves China's good attitude toward Kazakhstan," and Chairman Hu Jintao's good attitude toward China, President Nursultan Nazarbayev, dressed in a white sports outfit, said before his short symbolic torch run at a mountain resort.

Thousands of spectators waved flags and cheered.

"We are grateful for such great feelings toward Kazakhstan," the 67-year-old leader said.

A crowd greeted the chartered plane that brought the torch to Kazakhstan. About 80 runners participated, including Kazakh athletes and government officials.

The cheering crowd mostly consisted of university students who were given a day off to participate in the festivities.

Several said that they sympathized with Tibetans who have been protesting against Chinese rule in recent weeks, prompting demonst of the Beijing Summer Games, according London and San Francisco.

The 85,000-mile torch relay is a record length, meant to showcase China's growing economic and political clout. But the Games have also focused attention on China over the protests in Tibet, the biggest challenge to Chinese rule in the Himalayan region since 1989.

Davidistles, a two-time French gold medalist in judo, said torch carriers in Paris will wear badges as a "distinctive sign" celebrating free expression. The French government said it would not say what will be written on them.

Mayor Bertrand Delanoîe said city hall will display the banner because "Paris defends human rights all over the world."

Activist group Reporters Without Borders had promised to protest China's crackdown on recent demonstrations in Tibet.

Robert Menard, the group's president, condemned China as the "biggest prison in the world" and said his members would be "protest in Tibet". The banner was "an image of the five rings of the Olympic logo transformed into two hanging handover the M arlin s. "W e 're getting after it, " Mets manager Willie Randolph said after Wednesday night's 13-9 win over the Marlins. "W e 're going to miss him. I'm not trying to downplay losing Pedro. It's unfortunate. He did hard to get back to this point. I know he was looking forward to being in the clubhouse around this team to help us win."

The Mets will need Oliver Perez, who threw six shutout innings Wednesday night, and John Maine to pitch well until Martinez returns, and find another starter.

"We're looking forward to those guys stepping up," Randolph said.

Mariano allowed four runs in 3 1-3 innings during a 5-4, 10-inning defeat on Tuesday, limping off the mound after injuring himself during a pitch.

"Everyone feels bad about that," Perez said. "We just have to be prepared and continue to play."

The Mets filled Martinez's roster spot by purchasing the contract of pitcher Nelson Figueroa from Triple-A New Orleans. They could use Figueroa in the rotation to start against Philadelphia at home next week. Jorge Sosa is a long shot possibility for the rotation.

"You can't feel sorry for yourself," Mets third baseman David Wright said. "When somebody goes down in the lineup the hitters rally around another and pick up the slack. I expect the same from the pitchers."

Mets pitcher Pedro Martinez walks off the field after being injured in a game against the Florida Marlins Tuesday.
Set against the backdrop of the chaos and civil war that enveloped 1990s' Sierra Leone, *Blood Diamond* is the story of Danny Archer (Leonardo DiCaprio), an ex-mercenary from Zimbabwe, and Solomon Vandy (Djimon Hounsou), a Mende fisherman. Both men are African, but their histories and their circumstances are as different as any can be until their fates become joined in a common quest to recover a rare pink diamond, the kind of stone that can transform a life...or end it.

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Silverhawks and the Irish tied a portion of ticket sales would toward cancer research and the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation to fight Niemann-Pick Type C Disease.

"I just appreciate the Silverhawks to give us this opportunity to play," Schrage said. "Silverhawks President Joe Kernan and (Field manager) Mark Haley are both very sensitive individuals. The people of Michiana got a chance to put baseball on the spotlight tonight, and raise money for a great cause."

Freshman Brian Dupra took the mound for the Irish, and from the first inning showed he was not shaken by the pressure. Dupra opened the game by striking out the side, effectively using his 92-mph fastball. In all three at-bats Dupra located the fastball for a first-pitch strike, and threw only 11 pitches in the inning. "I knew if I could keep Brian said that he should have signed his pro contract coming out of high school," Schrage said. "He got hit a lot in the second, but it was a good line and overall he played great."

The Irish received even more production out of their talented freshman class, as they showed the team was good enough to compete with a minor-league squad. Evan Daniell threw a shutout inning, while Ryan Sharpley made up one run but struck out two in an inning of work. Freshman Matt Seicosa, hitless on the year entering the game, came up in a big way with a game-tying two-run double in the fifth inning, and classmate Cameron Mcconnell ripped an RBI double to the gap.

"It's certainly a weight off my shoulders, it's a relief to finally get the hit, get my feet wet a little bit, especially in a clutch situation like that," Seicosa said. "It helps to stay close with a pro-team like this, it helps give us more confidence, a little bit more of a swagger."

The Irish used six other pitchers throughout the rest of the game, getting scoreless innings from freshmen Todd Miller and Joe Spizzirri, sophomore Andrew Schvid, and senior Justin Gingrcher. Junior Brett Grally gave up two unearned runs, while classmate Sam Elam gave up one earned run in his outing. Dupra lead the team with four strikeouts in two innings of work.

Dupra gave up eight runs in his collegiate debut. "It was cool to come in and pitch against minor league pitchers, because you hear about all these guys signing pro-contracts and all that," said Dupra. "But after the way my first college inning went and the way the first inning went tonight, it was tough to hold back a smile walking towards the dugout."

The Irish will look to keep the momentum and the smiles going as they entertain Big East rival Rutgers at Frank Eck Stadium for a four game series beginning this Friday at 5:02 pm. Junior David Phelps is slated to take the mound in the first game. Contact Pat Synes at psynes@nd.edu.

 Jury relief Kyle Welland delivers a pitch in Notre Dame's 4-3 win over Cincinnati at Eck Stadium on March 29.

Duke
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against the nation's elite teams.

Leading the Blue Devils offensively are junior attackers Carolyn Davis and Meagan Del Monte, who have combined for 55 goals on the season. Davis has also tallied 11 assists and leads Duke in points with 42.

Coyne said the team enjoys facing top competition like Duke outside of conference play.

"This is why we play the game," Coyne said. "We're not here to just be winning. We want to beat the best teams because we want to be the best, and that's how you make that happen."

Notre Dame has certainly proved itself capable against lesser opponents, as it thrashed winless Connecticut 18-11 in its last game. Junior attack Jillian Byers scored seven goals in the contest, extending her season total to 49 — best in the country and eight shy of William & Mary's Jaime Sellers.

"In the Connecticut game, she was definitely in the flow," Coyne said. "We were wide-open and they were finding each other. Her off-ball movement is excellent, and she was getting herself open and capitalizing on her opportunities."

Despite Byers' outstanding individual achievements and play, Coyne said the junior's focus remains on doing whatever it takes to win.

"If you asked her whether she wants to be leading the country in scoring or winning a national championship, she'd definitely say a national championship. The records don't really matter to her ... it's all about winning."

Byers was recently named Big East offensive player of the week for registering her performance in wins over the Huskies and Hofstra. The Irish hope Byers' success will continue when they face off against the Blue Devils at 4 p.m.

The Irish will travel to play at Northwestern and Big-East foe Georgetown next week before returning home to play a non-conference contest with Vanderbilt on April 16.

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SMC SOFTBALL
Poor conditions move Belles game one day

The MIAA conference game between Saint Mary's (11-3) and Olivet (5-11) scheduled for Wednesday was postponed due to poor field conditions in Olivet, Mich.

Observer Staff Report

The doubleheader has been pushed back one day and will now be played today with first pitch scheduled for 3:30 p.m. The Belles are 7-5-1 on the season, 2-0 in MIAA play. Olivet brings a 5-1-1 record into today's game.

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having this many backs, Weis said, is that you can be confident going with any of the three of them in any situation. "That's one of the positions on the team where you can put three guys out there and feel confident that you are putting a top-flight player out there," he said.

Weis also said that the running backs themselves will "dictate how much they play" based on their performance in spring camp. But regardless of who is standing in the backfield for the first snap, Weis said that all three can expect to see playing time in each game.

Weis said that he is not looking at anything in particular during the spring; rather, he is doing an overall evaluation of the various skills necessary for a running back to succeed. "I'm just looking period. I'm just watching. I'm watching blitz pickup. I'm watching run reads. I'm watching routes. I'm watching their hands. I'm watching their knowledge. I'm watching for mental errors. It's all encompassing. I'm looking at everything they do," he said.

Aldridge said this system is "bittersweet" because it means more rest, but with that fewer carries. "You can get into a flow when you get 20, 25 carries but you also can get tired after a while," he said. "Naturally a person's going to get tired. Coming in and having fresh legs is also a good thing. I've always been a big fan of fresh legs." Aldridge said he understands how the system works and that he supports Weis' decision to play whichever tailback seems most ready for that week's game.

"I know coach Weis is a big fan of seeing who has the hot hand and that's who you go with. That's smart, I can't argue with that," Aldridge said. "He pretty much leaves it up to us to see what we can do."

Aldridge also said the unit has worked to develop the "swagger." Weis said he wanted to instill in the team this season, in large part because of offensive coordinator and running backs coach Mike Haywood.

"Our swagger is up there because we all run with an attitude. And that comes from the coaching. Coach Haywood coaches the running backs and his personality comes out through us."

He's a high-tempo coach, big time attitude guy and that's how we're running the ball."

**Notes:**

- Kal llen Wade's mother Valerie Wade passed away this week.
- Saturday's practice and coaching clinic has been moved to 7:30 a.m. at Wade's sister's request so his teammates can join him at the funeral Sunday afternoon in Cincinnati.
- Weis and special teams coach Brian Polzin visited Virginia Tech on Tuesday to talk with Hokies head coach Frank Beemer, whose teams are known for their great special teams play. Weis came in return he talked with Virginia Tech's offensive coaching staff.

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from a scrape on the knee after a loose ball, and there were many more tipped balls. However, the Champs were not to be stopped on this day.

Throughout the second half, they opened up the offense, running out on the fast break and drawing several number of jump shots from outside.

"We'd like to make it to at least the round of 32," said Garcia. "I think we really surprised some people."

As for the Cams, however, their flight game marked the end of the road.

**So Money 21, Spitzer's Callgirls 7**

The bright yellow jerseys worn by So Money might initially draw a viewer to watch their game. Their play, however, will certainly keep you watching.

Showcasing athleticism and team organization not normally seen in the Bookstore Basketball, So Money disposed of Spitzer's Callgirls, 21-19.

The game, particularly the opening 10 minutes, was very much a defensive contest. The teams traded baskets at the beginning, which resulted in a 4-4 tie. From there, however, So Money would take control.

Improve was definitely a factor for the seniors. LeNoir said, "They had a definite age advantage for the seniors."

The weather conditions proved to be somewhat of a disadvantage for both teams. "It was nice outside, but the wind was a bit of a tough factor," Mat Spencer of Bagkehrbach said.

The game was closely contested. The teams traded baskets for most of the game and neither held a lead greater than three. Thanks to a string of jump shots, Bagkehrbach took an 11-8 lead into halftime.

The experienced seniors refused to give in and fought their way back to tie the game at 16.

As fatigue began to set in, the younger freshmen displayed their superior fitness and pulled away to win by two. "We need to work on the age thing in the offseason," LeBlanc said shortly before being reminded of his pending graduation. "They started making jump shots and we didn't."

Spencer is looking forward to the next round.

"It was a good win for our team," Spencer said. "We still need to work on our zone offense before next round's game."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish sweep Boilermakers

Team clinches match with four early wins, holds off Purdue's rally

By DAN MASTERTON  Sport Writer

The Boilermakers staged a strong comeback, pushing three Irish singles player to three-set matches, but the drama was already over. Notre Dame sealed Wednesday's match early, winning all four early matches handily and then preventing all three Purdue comebacks for a 7-0 sweep. The Irish (14-7) flexed their muscles early, taking the doubles point on their way to sweeping the match. The dynamic pair of senior Brook Buck and junior Kiley Tefft started the sweep with an 8-2 win. Buck and Tefft were ranked the No. 1 doubles pair in the national poll for the third straight time this week. They have won 12 of their last 13 matches. Sophomore Colleen Rieley and Cosmina Ciobanu fell from the national doubles rankings this past week, but extended their win streak to seven. Their 8-4 win over Cigdem Duro and Joanna Craven improved their record to an impressive 14-1 on the dual season and gave the doubles point to Notre Dame for the eighth straight match. Sophomore Kali Krisik most often plays No. 3 doubles with freshman Kristen Rafael. But Rafael has been out since having to retire during the first set of her singles match on March 22 at Texas A&M. Against Purdue, Krisik played with junior Katie Poits for the second straight match. The duo lost against Indiana in a tiebreak but bounced back to win 6-4 over Purdue's Whitney Reys and Alejandro Boeker to complete the doubles sweep.

However, the momentum did not immediately carry over to the singles matches. Purdue started strong, winning the first two sets but the tide turned quickly. Poits made a statement by dropping a 6-0, 6-0 "bagel" on Purdue's Boeker. The junior extended her personal winning streak to three and gave the Irish the momentum they needed to take the match. Krisik fell out of the national rankings this week but continued to play like one of the country's best. After rolling to a 6-1, 6-4 first set victory, Krisik pulled out a 7-6 win in the second set to improve to 18-3 in the dual season. Krisik is now 43-10 so far in her two years at Notre Dame, and her .811 winning percentage is good for third in school history. Tefft made short work of Purdue's No. 1 player Brooke Beier, winning 6-3, 6-1. Tefft is now 10-4 in the No. 1 lineup slot, and her two-set win clinched the match for Notre Dame.

Rieley was next off the court, rebounding from a two-set loss at the hands of Indiana's Lindsey Sturkey to win in three sets over the Boilermakers' Craven, 6-3, 6-2. Ciobanu battled through a three-set thriller of her own. After splitting the first two sets, Ciobanu and Duru played an abbreviated, tiebreaker third set, which Ciobanu won 10-7. She has now played 35 singles matches this year, the most on the team.

Buck capped the sweep by recovering from a 6-7 loss in the first set to win the last two 6-0, 6-3. Buck increased her personal win streak to six, the longest active streak of any Notre Dame player. The 7-0 win put Notre Dame a season-high seven games above .500. The Irish will try to carry the momentum on the road with them as they travel to Iowa City, Iowa to face the No. 46 Hawkeyes. First serve will be Friday at 4 p.m.

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**FOOTBALL**

Three-Legged race

Trio of running backs to compete for carries

By JAY FITZPATRICK

Last offseason, one of the biggest questions for Notre Dame's offense was who the starting tailback would be. Darius Walker, who accounted for three quarters of the team's rushing yards and 60 percent of its carries, defeated for the NFL after his junior season, leaving a void in the backfield going into the spring.

This year, running back is one of the most solid positions in the Irish offense, with three experienced rushers ready to handle the load. Rising junior James Aldridge and rising sophomores Robert Hughes and Armando Allen each bring different styles to the Irish offense. Hughes is a stereotypical "power back," who mostly ran dives up the gut. Alridge was a combination of the two, showing both speed and strength at different times. None of the backs received as much playing time as Walker did two seasons ago, but their even carries created similar results. Aldridge carried 121 times for 463 yards. Allen was second on the team with 86 carries and 348 yards, and Hughes rounded out the group with 294 yards on 53 carries. As a unit, the trio carried 260 times for 1,105 yards, or 4.25 yards per carry. By comparison, last season Walker carried the ball 255 times for 1,267 yards, and average of 4.96 yards.

Left, rising junior running back James Aldridge sprints during practice Wednesday. Right, rising sophomore running back Robert Hughes runs through drills.

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**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

Laxers travel to take on No. 7 Blue Devils

By MATT GAMBER

No. 12 Notre Dame will battle its second top-10 opponent of the season tomorrow when it takes on No. 7 Duke in Durham, N.C.

The Irish (18-3, 2-1 Big East) will try to take the momentum they have built over the past few weeks as winners of three straight and five of their last six. The Blue Devils, on the other hand, have lost two straight, including their first home loss in two years.

"I think we're in a good position going in because we do have the momentum — not just because of the games we've won, but how we've won them," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "We struggled early but we've learned a lot as a team, whereas Duke is in the midst of their struggle — but I still think they're very well-coached and very athletic. And traditionally, we haven't beaten them, so I don't care what their record is.

Notre Dame's only blemish since two consecutive losses in California came when the Irish lost their Big East opener to No. 6 Syracuse 16-13 in overtime on March 16. With important Big East games and the conference tournament on tap, the Irish hope to prove they can compete at a high level.

**ND SOFTBALL**

Laing, pitching key in 2-1 win

By JARED JEDICK

The Irish squeaked out a 2-1 victory over Toledo Wednesday behind outstanding individual performances from senior second-baseman Katie Laing and one-two pitching punch of freshman Jody Valdivia and junior Brittany Bargar.

"A win is a win," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "We took care of business today to beat Toledo, but I feel like we could have done a better job of finishing the game and not leaving runners on base."

Laing single-handedly accounted for almost the entire Irish offense on the day, batting 3-for-3 with a solo home run, a double, a single, a run, and

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