Eck gives $20 million to disease center
Gift will benefit CGHID, multi-disciplinary research on global health crisis, biomedical sciences

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Notre Dame alumnus Frank Eck has given the University a $20 million gift to support the Center for Global Health and Infectious Diseases (CGHID), which will be renamed the Eck Family Center for Global Health and Infectious Diseases.

"This endowment is going to put the Center on a much more formal footing. It... will allow for more formal planning which we haven't had in the past," said Fred Collins, director of the CGHID.

Collins said the CGHID brings together several different colleges and departments at Notre Dame, focusing its research and teaching on human pathogens diseases caused by these organisms and the impact of these diseases on human society. Members of the CGHID are concerned with a broad range of research topics, from biomedical science to human issues, such as the impact of infectious diseases in developing countries.

Eck's gift will give the Center "a number of opportunities we haven't had before," Collins said. "There are a number of faculty who are affiliated with the Center, all of their funding is for very specific research programs," Collins said.

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Collins said the Center plans to use the money, in part, to send graduate and undergraduate students overseas to participate in research projects.

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Forum debates immigration, just policies
Panelists generally agree on mistreatment, contributions of undocumented workers to economy

By KATIE PERALTA
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The themes of salvation, faith and knowledge will be examined on campus during the next two weeks as this year's academic theme "Faust at Notre Dame" is explored through an opera, a play and a conference.

According to Arts and Letters Associate Dean Stuart Greene, German Professor Ian Hagin suggested making Faust this year's academic theme because 2008 is the 200th anniversary of Part I of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's play of the same name. Faustian themes can transcend academic disciplines, such as literature, science and religion Greene said.

"The issues of our day are increasingly complex, and it makes sense to cross boundaries," he said. "The issues are complex and rich enough that we should be looking at a play like this from multiple perspectives."

In addition to performances of Goethe's play, events of the "Faust at Notre Dame" initiative center on Christopher Marlowe's play, "Doctor Faustus." In both Goethe's and Marlowe's versions of the Faust story, the title character desires to rise above human knowledge, and, after turning to magic, forfeits his soul to the Devil in exchange for the Devil's service during his life.

Arts and Letters Dean Mark Selden and students from relevant to the Notre Dame
Mama, I'm a big girl now

In about a month I will be both officially a college graduate and officially unemployed. But my panic about the latter is the topic for another column.

Today I want to focus on the good.

On my progress toward becoming a real grown up. I can say this university almost four years not a girl, but not yet a woman. All I needed was time, a moment that was mine while I was in between.

And of course I got everything but that. During my freshman year I got really fat, I got hooked on Facebook. I got bombarded with Cs in most of my engineering classes and I got excited about dorm parties.

Sophomore year I got some divine inspiration and transferred to business, got on a diet and I got a fake. And so the age of Fever began.

Junior year I got addicted to working at TheObserver; I got a little bored of Fever and I got a boyfriend. The best one ever.

Senior year I got hung and totally bored of Fever.

So yes, I would say that my time in college has been marked by some very dramatic events, and that the complexity and richness of my moral and psychological evolution is paralleled only by that of maybe Saint Paul or holding Timbuktu.

I really am proud of the person I’ve turned out to be and just to fill up some space, here are a few of the reasons for that:

I can now go have a meal at the dining hall by myself. This wouldn’t have been the case the year before because I was young and weak. Today, I proudly announce that I am an independent woman, capable of eating by herself — even at South — without worrying whether people will think I’m a loner or not.

If that isn’t inner strength then I don’t know what is.

I know more big words because I’ve had a chance over the last four years to watch almost every “West Wing” episode at least twice. If anyone deserves to meet Martin Sheen at commencement, it should be me.

I’ve discovered that the best way to lose weight is to drink lots and lots of coffee. If it doesn’t make you lose your appetite entirely, it will at least speed up your digestion. And no one can say you will be these:

all you younglings out there, but I’m running out of space and time. So my last words to you, dear readers, will be these:

Don’t be a fake because getting through four years in South Bend is a little bit easier that way. Drink lots of coffee, find friends that will take care of you if you’re drunk and may God bless you every day.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD YOU RATHER LOSE, YOUR CELL PHONE OR YOUR KEYS?

Sarah Galgano
Senior Staff Writer

“Tide over much to lose my keys, so probably my phone.”

Diego Silva
Sophomore Off-Campus

“I’d lose my keys — then I’d have a good excuse not to go to class.”

Christine Lynch
Sophomore Pasquerilla West

“I’d rather lose my cell phone because ‘best roomie of my life’ will come to my rescue.”

Frank Vento
Sophomore Stanford

“I’d rather lose my cell phone because then I can still go to Taco Bell.”

Matt Gibson
Senior Off-Campus

“I’d rather lose my cell phone — I’ve lost it four times already this year, so I’m used to it.”

Football head coach Charlie Weis eats breakfast with students at North Dining Hall Tuesday. He will also be eating breakfast in the dining hall from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. next Tuesday and Wednesday. Students can sign up to eat with him online.

OFFBEAT

Vodka company apologizes for offensive ads

MEXICO CITY – The Absolut vodka company apologized Wednesday for an ad campaign depicting the southwestern U.S. as part of Mexico amid angry calls for a boycott by U.S. consumers.

The campaign, which promotes ideal scenario under the slogan “In an Absolut World,” showed a 1930s-era map when Mexico included California, Texas and other southwestern states. Mexico still resents losing that territory in the 1948 Mexican-American War. The fight for Texas independence.

But the ads, which ran only in Mexico and have since ended, were less than ideal for all manner of issues from their southern neighbor.

Postal workers attacked by wild turkeys

EDISON, N.J. — Rather than rain or snow, or even dogs, postal workers in a West Side neighborhood near Owen Conservation Park are being pestered by wild turkeys this spring. Mara Willhite, manager of the Hillside Station Post Office, said she expected to deal with all manner of issues when she went to work for the U.S. Post Office. But that was not one of them.

About five to 10 of the birds have been pecking at the postal workers as they make their rounds, and some of the birds have attacked the letter carriers with the sharp spurs on their legs. One of the birds went through the open door of a mail truck and scratched the driver.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Rev. Robert Dowd will give a lecture today titled “Religious Factor in African Politics,” christiane@nd.edu.

Dr. Brandon Zabukovic of Memorial Hospital and Charlie Comosy, professor of theology, will host a discussion entitled “Governing for the Least of Us Healthcare and How it Affects the Most Vulnerable groups in the U.S.” tonight at 6 in the Montgomery Room of LaFortune.

The play “The Magical History of Doctor Faustus,” a Christopher Marlow play about a professor who sells his soul to the devil, will be performed April 8-13, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theater at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Donna Smith, from Michael Moore’s movie “Sicko,” will speak about her experience in the documentary and the current state of healthcare Thursday at 6 p.m. in DeBartolo room 126.

Anne Thompson, Chief Environmental Correspondent at NBC News, will give a lecture called “Green is the new black,” but will it stay in style? Friday at 10:40 a.m. in Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Candlelight service to remember VT victims

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY

Saint Mary's Board of Goverance (BOG) discussed the upcoming one-year anniversary of the Virginia Tech shootings at the first meeting Mickey Gruscinski and Sarah Falvey led as the Saint Mary's student body president and vice president Tuesday.

The anniversary, which is April 16, will be marked by a candlelight memorial service after the 9 p.m. Mass in Holy Spirit Chapel in LeMans Hall, chief of staff Laura Thenis said.

BOG will also be handing out ribbons in the Student Center during lunch and dinner hours to commemorate the event, Thenis said.

The group also discussed their sponsorship of a woman living in Kosovo through the Women for Women International program.

Program sponsors provide $27 per month to support a woman in war-torn regions of the world for one year, missions commissioner Sarah King said.

King said the Division for Mission is sponsoring this woman in accordance with the theme of justice they have chosen to focus on for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Division for Mission is encouraging clubs around campus as well as groups of students to sponsor their own woman, King said.

In Other BOG news:

♦ Next week is Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week, King said. E-mails will be sent to the student body announcing activities for the week.

♦ The junior class will host a Kentucky Derby themed dance April 17 from 9-11:30 p.m. at Dallaways Coffee House, Class of 2009 President Jenny Antonelli said. "It's just a fun themed dance on the Kentucky Derby themed dance that a lot of people will enjoy.

♦ The panel agreed that solutions to these problems are not simple. "Any decision we make must be comprehensive," Carmona said. "I think the situation will get much better.

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The areas of genomics and bioinformatics, which are the
subject of the academic elec-
mores and computer sci-
ology respectively.

"The [gift] will go a long way in provid-
resources for people who
have a compo-
and bioinformatics in
research. We are
get-organisms
and understanding
what they code
for is going to
be key in understanding how diseases are
manifested." Schorey
said.

According to Schorey, the
money donated will allow the
CGHID to focus on long-term
research efforts.

"The problem with granting
agencies is that you have to get
results and papers pub-
lished so you can [obtain]
grants. With the endowment,
we will be able to circumvent
this process," Schorey
said.

Collins said the Center has been
conducting research on infectious and tropical dis-
ases for the past 40 years, but
that the University has only
recently taken interest in the
CGHID.

"There has been a 40-
plus year tradition of
research on this campus. The
actual name of these activ-
ies has changed over time,
but there has been a long-
term continuum in spite of the
same changes," Collins
said.

Collins said that the late
biologist George Craig Jr. and
the late Paul Weinzin, who
was a professor of biological
sciences at the University,
were vital to the overall research
efforts in these fields at Notre
Dame.

"Those two people were
really instrumental in putting
everything together in a very active pro-
gram of research and train-
ing in the areas of tropical
disease and global health at
Notre Dame," he
said.

Collins and others empha-
sized that the study of infec-
tious diseases continues to be extremely
important today — especially in developing
nations where
five million people die from
HIV, malaria and tuberculosis
each year.

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accurately represent Gounod's
original idea and to include the
dialogue Gounod wrote.

"Performances of the original
Faust were said to be more infi-
mate in scale than the grand
opera version, with dialogue that
enhanced the 'human' dimen-
sions of the story, a more com-
plete development of the plot
and an alternate and, we think,
more compelling sequence of
scenery," he said.

According to Beudert,
the company had to reconstitute
the dialogue in English and edit the
score to create Opera Notre
Dame's version.

Only two of the 56 cast
members are professional actors.
Beudert said it was a challenge
to cast undergraduates in an
opera that professionals usually
perform.

The Film, Television and
Theatre (FTT) department is also
celebrating the Faust theme with
an opera that professionals usually
perform.

Although Markow wrote
this play more than 400 years ago,
this production strives to make
Faust relevant to a modern audi-
cence. Christine Szczygielski, FTT
outreach specialist said this
process involves projecting mod-
eren images on a screen after acts
end to reinforce the plot and the
themes, she said.

Junior Kathleen Hession,
the assistant director of the play,
said the production relies only on
costumes and technological
effects to modernize the play and
uses a combination of the two
versions of Marlowe's text. She
added the performance will fea-
ture Faust during different time
periods.

"We travel through the various
ages that Faust has been popular
in literature and come at the end
of the spring semester," she
said.

Toward the end of the play,
this version will connect Faust
to today's world by portraying the
"Second Life" Internet virtual world,
which allows participants
to "do all the things they've not
able to do in reality," she said.

In addition to opera and the-
ater performances, FTT profes-
sors Anton Juan and Mark
Pilkington, and English professor
Jesse Landler will host a seminar
entitled "Doctor Faustus: Selling
One's Soul to the Devil," dis-
cussing issues in the text and
performance of the play today
at 9:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m.

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Haitians storm presidential palace

PARIS — Police sprayed tear gas Tuesday at thousands of students marching from Paris’ Elysee Palace to protest teacher job cuts. While most demonstrators marched peacefully, dancing to music and carrying signs like “Teachers, an endangered species,” a small group clashed with police.

President Ahmadinejad announces test of centrifuge

TEHRAN, Iran — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced major progress in Iran’s push for nuclear power, saying Tuesday that his nation was testing sets of uranium-enriching centrifuges and testing a much faster version of the device.

Ahmadinejad said scientists were putting 6,000 new centrifuges into place, about twice the current number, and testing a new type that works five times faster.

That would represent a major expansion of uranium enrichment — a process that can produce either fuel for a nuclear reactor or material for a warhead. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice cautioned, however, that the claim could not be immediately substantiated.

Diplomats close to the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency say Iran has exaggerated its progress and sees problems operating the 3,000 centrifuges already in place. One diplomat said Ahmadinejad’s claims of a more advanced centrifuge appeared to allude to the IR-2, which the agency said Iran had begun testing.

While expressing concern that Iran continued to defy a U.N. resolution on enrichment, a diplomat said that Ahmadinejad’s announcement “seems to be little more than a publicity stunt.” He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to comment publicly.

The IR-2 is believed to be the second most advanced centrifuge. It sees problems faster than the centrifuges currently in use, and its claim that the machine was five times as quick added to the skepticism of the diplomats.

Permanent members of the Security Council, which has already imposed three sets of sanctions against Iran for its refusal to suspend uranium enrichment, were divided in their response to the announcement.

The United States and Britain quickly condemned Iran, dismissed the need for a new round of sanctions and said the program would lead to arrests and violent measures by Chinese officials trying to stifle dissent.

“President Ahmadinejad appears to be far less about these negotiations and more about a public stunt,” said a diplomat on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to comment publicly.

The IR-2 is seen as a “breakthrough” and a “major expansion of Iran’s nuclear program” that is past the underground nuclear facility in Natanz. That is the commonly accepted figure for a nuclear enrichment program that is past the experimental stage and can be used as a platform for a full industrial-scale program that could churn out enough enriched material for dozens of nuclear weapons over time.

During a tour of the Natanz facility in ceremonies marking the second anniversary of Iran’s first enrichment of uranium, Ahmadinejad announced the start of work on installing the 6,000 new centrifuges. Later in a nationally televised speech, he announced the testing of the new, more effective device.

Ahmadinejad said a “new machine was put to test” that is smaller but five times more efficient than the F-1 centrifuges that are currently in operation at Natanz.

He called the development a “breakthrough” and the “beginning of a speedy trend to eliminate the big powers’” dominance in nuclear energy.

The U.N. has passed three sets of sanctions against Iran for its refusal to suspend uranium enrichment.

Meanwhile, the United States and China condemned Iran’s actions, but the European powers “dominate in the current International Atomic Energy Agency. They have been picketing a Vietnamese-language newspaper that threatened The Nguoi Viet Daily News’ employees, The Vietnamese-language newspaper editor Ahmadinejad delivers a speech in Tehran, Iran on March 8. News

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad delivers a speech in Tehran, Iran on March 8. Ahmadinejad announced major progress in Iran’s push for nuclear power Tuesday.

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Schellinger reveals health care plan

INDIANAPOLIS — The state would provide incentives for small businesses to provide health coverage and increase preventive screenings at schools under a proposal Schellinger announced Tuesday. Schellinger said he also would push for federal approval of a program that helps states provide health insurance to children from low-income families. He’s said the plan is to get more eligible children enrolled in the program in Indiana.

“I get my support across this state ... I have consistently heard from countless Hoosier families who have struggled to gain access to affordable health care,” said Schellinger, president of an Indianapolis architecture firm, who faces former U.S. Rep. Jill Long Thompson in the May 6 primary.


carded to protest China’s human rights policies and a recent crackdown on Tibet have been protesting along the torch’s 85,000-mile route since the start, of the annual relay from Ancient Olympia in Greece to Beijing, host of the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Rogge told The Associated Press he was “deeply saddened” by violent protests in London and Paris and concerned about Wednesday’s six-mile relay in San Francisco, where activists expressed fears that the torch’s planned route through Tibet would lead to arrests and violent measures by Chinese officials trying to stifle dissent. The flame arrived in San Francisco shortly before 4 a.m. and immediately put in a vehicle to be whisked away to a secret location. San Francisco Olympic Torch Relay Committee spokesman David Perry said the decision was heightened because several protests were planned before the relay.

“We treated it like a head of state visit,” airport spokesman Mike McCormann said.

No protesters greeted the flame at the airport, but hours later hundreds gathered in United Nations Plaza, a pedestrian area near City Hall, to call on China to cease its heavy-handed rule of Tibet. They also expressed fears that the torch’s planned route through Tibet would lead to arrests and violent measures by Chinese officials trying to stifle dissent.

In San Francisco, the flame appeared to have no effect and was immediately placed in a vehicle for its journey to Los Angeles.

In Los Angeles, thousands of people put down their work and traffic slowed as thousands showed their support for Tibet.

The torch is now in the hands of the Los Angeles police who are following it all the way to Beijing.

In London, there were no protests, but some people showed their support for China on the streets.

In Paris, thousands of French people gathered to peacefully protest against China’s human rights record.

In Beijing, the torch was carried without any problems until it reached Tibet.

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experience for good work to flourish," O'Hara said.

Executive associate dean and law professor John Robinson praised O'Hara's leadership and commitment during the last decade.

"Like her predecessor, Dean O'Hara has been fully committed to this law school's being recognized as both a top flight law school nationally and as one that, in the Catholic tradition, invites serious and sustained consideration of the normative dimensions of the law. She has invested an enormous amount of time and an equal amount of intelligence and imagination in achieving that objective," O'Hara's contributions to Notre Dame, however, were questioned in 2007, when the Law School dropped from No. 22 to No. 28 in the U.S. News and World Report Law School rankings. This was the program's largest drop since 2000.

"The rankings are notoriously controversial, and several leading legal academics and law schools have pointed out the lack of consistency in the computation of these rankings," said Katherine Kirkpatrick, second year law student and secretary of the Student Bar Association. She said it's natural for schools' rankings to shift from year to year. This year, U.S. News and World Report ranked the Law School again at No. 22.

"I was confident that the Law School would rebound, and we did, back to a very solid No. 22," O'Hara said. "I think that reaffirms the notion that no one person or dean was responsible for a temporary slump." O'Hara said she is not currently preparing to comment on her tenure because she still has a full year as dean ahead.

"There are 15 more months before I step down as dean, and much to do," O'Hara said. "But I am not ready to reflect back on my tenure as dean just yet," O'Hara said.

But in her statement she did reflect on the ways the University's Catholic identity influenced her leadership.

"I can assure you that there has not been a day since I became dean that I have not thought about what needed to be done from the viewpoint of preserving and enhancing that Catholic legacy, not only for the students and faculty of the present time and for the current staff and alumni, but also for the future generations of students, faculty, staff, and alumni we cannot know, but to whom we owe as great an obligation as that we owe to those who came before us," O'Hara said.

Her decision to step down was announced more than a full year before the completion of her tenure so University Provost Thomas Burish has enough time to assemble a committee to look for a replacement, O'Hara said. After taking a sabbatical she said she expects to return to teaching at Notre Dame as a part of the Law School.

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in other COR news:

- COR unanimously approved freshman Nicole O'Connor as the Student Union representative and junior Denise Bayona as the SUB co-director of programming.

Bayona's nomination was originally delayed due to a rule that says no person can hold two different positions in student government. Bayona decided to step down as vice president of Walsh Hall. This was an tough call and I had trouble sleeping that night," Bayona said. "But ultimately, I decided on which position would best help me strengthen my relationship with people."
Wednesday, April 9, 2008

House Dems debate housing crisis

Party split over response to homeowners while Senate focuses on businesses

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats are split over how to respond to the housing debate, with House leaders focusing on helping homeowners facing foreclosures while the Senate moves to take care of businesses impacted by the subprime crisis.

The Senate could pass its bipartisan, business-friendly measure, which showers some $25 billion in tax breaks on home builders and banks, as early as Wednesday. That's also when a key House panel is expected to consider a rival Democratic plan that instead steers tax breaks toward first-time home buyers and investors in low-income rental housing.

The emerging rift clouds the prospects for a broader housing rescue plan that would have the government step in and insure $300 billion in restricted loans for homeowners staring at foreclosure. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the Banking Committee chairman, begins hearings on that measure Wednesday.

The housing debate is unfolding as Democratic leaders are considering using an upcoming war spending bill as a vehicle for additional economic aid, such as an extended jobless benefits and food aid for the poor.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid are crafting the rescue package, which should be debated during February, including $300-$1,200 rebates for most wage earners, to be followed up with another so-called "stimulus" plan.

"We're going to look to the supplemental not only for the war funding, which is about $109 billion, but also what we can do ... for summer jobs programs, extending unemployment benefits, some things that would be stimulative to the economy," Reid told reporters Tuesday.

On housing, Pelosi has made little secret of her distaste for the Senate's approach. "Hopefully, the balance will swing to being more in favor of the families who are in danger of losing their homes," she told reporters last week.

The House plan would give first-time home buyers a 10 percent credit — up to $7,500 — on the purchase of a home. It is targeted toward lower earners, with those making $70,000 for $15,000 for a couple receiving smaller credits.

"We need to provide relief to the buyers and families themselves, not just the banks and builders," Rep. Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y., the Ways and Means Committee chairman, said Tuesday. "The House bill puts families first — offering a refundable tax credit to first-time home buyers, essentially a zero-interest loan to help defray the cost of purchasing a house."

Rangel's panel is scheduled to consider the measure Wednesday, and House leaders plan to add it to the broader housing overhaul expected to come to a vote in May.

The Senate measure — which easily cleared a procedural hurdle Tuesday after it fell short by a 92-6 vote — instead proposes awarding a $7,000 tax credit to people who have foreclosed homes or homes on which foreclosure has been filed.

A bank-owned home is seen for sale in Elk Grove, Calif., Tuesday. House leaders spent Tuesday focusing on plans that would help homeowners facing foreclosures.

The energy bill

Energy Dept. predicts gas price increase

Baker-Hostetler

WASHINGTON — Fifty-two deaths now are being linked to contaminated batches of the blood thinner heparin, triple the previous estimate, the Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday.

That doesn't mean people still are dying — the latest tally of FDA illnesses occurred in February, the month Baxter International recalled contaminated batches.

But dozens of deaths weren't reported to the agency when they happened, only later after the labeling of the blood thinner became a problem.

On Tuesday, the FDA posted a month-by-month mortality count on its Web site, showing that a sudden jump in alteringiple deaths actually began last November — possibly signally the onset of the contamination.

The FDA's investigation found a compound derived from animal cartilage snuck into supplies of raw heparin coming from China. Although scientists haven't yet proved the compound triggered the reactions, it is the chief suspect.

Energy Department analysts predict that gas prices will average $3.60 per gallon this summer, it is possible that prices at some point will cross the $4 per gallon threshold," the EIA said.

However, prices could rise much higher than at times, "It is important to note that even if the national average remained within $3.60 per gallon this summer, it is possible that prices at some point will cross the $4 per gallon threshold," the EIA said.

The government had previously estimated that average monthly prices would peak near $3.50 a gallon. Many analysts predict prices will peak close to $4 a gallon.

The EIA said on Tuesday, gas prices slipped slightly to a national average of $3.314 a gallon from Monday's record of $3.339, according to the Oil Price Information Service. Prices are $3 cents higher than a year ago.

Diesel prices, which are already averaging more than $4 a gallon nationwide, will average $3.62 a gallon this year, up 74 cents from 2007, the EIA said. Diesel fuel is used to transport the vast majority of the world's food, feed, consumer and industrial products. High diesel prices are one of the reasons food prices are soaring.

Crude oil prices are the biggest reason for high fuel prices, the EIA said. Oil is now expected to average $110 a barrel this year, up from the EIA's previous projection of $94. Next year, the EIA expects oil to average $92.50 a barrel, up from a previous projection of $86.

On Tuesday, light, sweet crude for May delivery sold 13 cents in $100.06 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. But prices fluctuated as investors kept an eye on the dollar, which announced plans to expand its uranium enrichment program. Prices rose to a trading record of $111.80 a barrel last month.

While high prices are damping demand in the U.S., petroleum consumption remains strong in China, India, Russia and the Middle East, the EIA said.

A combination of rising world oil consumption and low surplus production capacity is putting upward pressure on oil prices, the EIA report said. "The flow of investment money into commodities has contributed to crude oil price volatility."
As I write this, the Kansas Jayhawks are battling the Memphis Tigers for the NCAA Men’s Basketball Championship. I’m an enthusiastic fan of college basketball, and as I watch these two exceptional basketball teams compete for this most prestigious and improbable Tournament victory, and despite this dazzling display of quickness and skill, I am filled with great sense of regret. For I know that this is not really college basketball that I am watching and that these exceedingly talented basketball players are not really student-athletes.

In fact, though they represent their Universities so well in this great competition, few (perhaps NONE) of these players that I am now watching will actually earn degrees from their schools. According to the NCAA website, in the 2000-2001 school year, of those Memphis Men’s Basketball players who had exhausted their eligibility, only 33 percent graduated. On average, the Memphis basketball team has graduation rate of 30 percent. Kansas graduates a paltry 40 percent of its basketball players, on average. And perhaps saddest of all, none of the African-American basketball players at the University of Memphis graduated in 2000-2001. None. Only one-third did so at Kansas in the same year.

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Speaker ignores students’ wishes

Unlike Joanna Cornwell (“Appreciate your speaker,” Apr. 7), we actually are upset that neither Bono (nor Stephen, nor Benedict, nor George W.) were selected as our commencement speaker.

Since the only large gatherings on campus must be pre-approved by the University (and thus a Continental Congress is out of the question) it would seem that the most effective way of expressing our grievances is through a Viewpoint article. You may call us snotty, you may call us arrogant, but you can’t call us wrong.

This isn’t a matter of whether or not a speaker is “good enough,” his credibility, or his credentials. Instead, this is a complaint about what we see as one of a long list of instances in which the University administration ignores student opinions and desires in its decisions and operations.

We are not complaining that Cardinal McCarrick has nothing to say to our graduating class — in fact, he probably has a lot to tell us. In choosing Cardinal McCarrick, though, it is clear that the University made no authentic attempt to consider student wishes, even though the administration asked for our input. It seems unrealistic to expect that the University will select the exact candidate that we request. Sure, it would have been nice to see Stephen Colbert wishing us well, but we’re not complaining because the fine DFA wasn’t selected.

Rather, we are frustrated that the University asked for our opinion and then took no consideration of it whatsoever. It stands to reason that if there was a genuine concern for our desires then our speaker would at least be similar to one of the speakers we requested. This demonstrated lack of regard for students characterizes the administration’s request for student “input” as nothing more than indulgent patronization. While we can’t say that the administration never had any intention of listening to us it does not take a high school diploma to figure out that the end result is far from ideal from the view of the class of 2008.

So, while this wordful attempt at a semblance of democracy may be basically unremarkable, the administration’s cavalier attitude toward our requests screams of tyranny. At this point it seems far too late to change anything for our commencement (though throwing a “Boston Tea Party” on the quad during Senior Week may heal our wounded hearts, but I hope that by voicing our concerns, the administration will take heed of student desires in future issues, including, but not limited to commencement.

In the meantime we resign ourselves to simply this message (unless of course they attempt to put a stamp tax on our diplomas, in which case we would fear a confrontation leading to the North Quad Massacre), and we call upon the fervent under-graduate patriots who will succeed us to take up our rallying cry. No tuition without representation! Sic Semper Tyrannis!

Andrew Hayes
Conor Kelly
Camille Gabriel
seniors
on campus
April 7

Shredding boxes woefully insecure

OIT: Please remove or replace your sensitive document shredding boxes from the residents halls. The current version of these boxes has an inexpensive lock that can be picked open with little training. An unscrupulous student can very easily open these boxes and have access to supposedly secure private data.

While I commend your dedication to student privacy concerns, your current attempt was woefully inadequate.

Andrew Carter
senior
Fisher Hall
April 6

Alcohol the cause of numerous social ills

I am writing to honor Kelsey Robertson on her deep and courageous commentary “Consumption thought out,” Apr. 8) on the problem of alcohol consumption that has ravaged the campus (or is it campus?) of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s.

While I agree completely with Robertson, I firmly believe that she should have taken it further. It is not just often I find myself disgusted at the behavior of good people under the influence; it is always.

People should respect themselves as humans and intellectuals for I am sure that no intellectual has ever had a drink. No one should willingly surrender body and mind to a liquid or video game or even an animal. Like Ms. Robertson, the “recreational consumption of alcohol is something I will never understand.” Unlike Ms. Robertson, my problem is not with being awoken by “drunk girls shrieking in the hallways at 4 a.m.” or even vomit on the sidewalks.

Tae Kang
senior
Kearns Hall
Apr. 8

GOP not pro-life

I’m tired of the hypocrisy of so many so-called Catholic pro-lifers that feel they must vote Republican in order to preserve the sanctity of life. What about capital punishment? Torture? Unjust treatment of homosexuals? Of women? Of the poor and disadvantaged? The lack of contraceptives in Africa? The ongoing destruction of our only Earth?

Do these not also affect the sanctity of life? I hope people will rethink their decisions to assume that the GOP is the beacon of truth and light in the political arena.

Francisco Zarama
Inches
Graduate Hall
Apr. 7

Word usage

I am only a guy and thus know less than nothing about woman things. Also, I’d always hoped my first Viewpoint could be about something a little more pleasant than this. In reading Michayla Sullivan’s letter (“Absurder was being satirical,” Apr. 7), I wondered why she was “bewildered” to find that a girl found the front page of the Absurder offensive. Don’t worry, I won’t reuscitate the Monologues debate. I’m only chiming in regarding Absurder disagreement—namely, the other half of the play’s title. And yes, I’m afraid I am among the ranks of those “several people” who minimize naming in public what seems to be the protest of said play.

Doubtless this will seem overly Catholic to many students, and overly Puritan to many Catholics. Maybe it is. Give me a chance.

Michayla applauds The Observer for satirizing a certain “embarrassment” and “fear” on campus about using the word. Well, satire is satire, I do know that, but I also know that many who support the article find this “embarrassment” not only laughable, but wrong. It seems they feel that such “embarrassment” has been responsible for past opposition to women. A tool for continued violence against them, and that encouraging more people consistently to use three syllables in everyday conversation will help to end both those trends.

That shouldn’t be made to feel ashamed of their anatomy, I agree. Of course I agree. My great silence is actually not meant to make my female friends ashamed of them—assuming respect. They in their place, unless that place is the station of respect that theirs as women. Resistance to name “it” is simply reluctance to make the word something common, casual, worthless, dime-a-dozen, because it’s not, and neither is any girl.

What next? Does our culture’s insistence on clothing likewise imply that women have something to be “ashamed of”? If people want so much to make the body part common parlance, simply because hiding something results in unhealthy shame, then the next step might as well be a petti-coat nation.

Somehow I’m guessing this would stop neither objectification nor sexual violence. As it is, the one-track attempt to get people to say the word so often can only damage what still remains of respect for girls as human beings. Having now mastered Michayla by my stubborn exclusion of the term as much as she maddened me by her use of it, we’re probably about even. It seems that what some would call an unhealthy embarrassment, I call a healthy respect. Most will probably say they don’t need my stinking respect. They’re right, they don’t. It ain’t worth much. But you know what? Too bad. They have my respect anyway.

Will Erickson
supercilious
Moorsey Hall
April 7

Let’s have a drink for peace

Contact Kara at kking5@nd.edu
So far this season: The "TGS" crew returns to work after the summer off, but Liz will still haven’t gotten over her breakup with boyfriend Floyd. In a moment of panic and desperation, she buys a wedding dress she doesn’t need and his rock bottom. Jenna comes back with some extra weight after having to eat 32 slices of pizza a week starring in "Mystic Pizza. The Musical!" She loses the weight and a good storyline. Tracy’s wife kicks him out of the house, but Kenneth helps the couple get back together. Jack starts dating a democratic congresswoman named C.C., but the star-crossed lovers struggle to stay together as C.C. is committed to her duties in Washington and Jack faces pressure at work and a possible promotion. Jack chooses work over love and reminds Liz that she did the same thing.

Stand-out episode: "MILF Island." While the "TGS" writing staff is obsessing over the season finale of reality hit "MILF Island" (25 super hot moms, 50 eighth grade boys, no rules), the Page Six column leaks that a staffer on the program technically only lasts two seasons. But instead it was just funny. Jenna comes back fat storyline was perfect for the vain character obsessed with her image. It’s a storyline that could have come across as cruel, but instead it was just funny. Jenna increased her celebrity for accepting the fat and she even got her own T-shirt modeled after a truly stupid "Me want food!" idea. The episode is worth just to see Andy strung the lyrics to the "Kit Kat" song, The pair won’t break up this season on good terms. Meanwhile, Jack helps Tracy through therapy, and Alec Baldwin guarantees himself the Emmy after his one-man role play of Tracy’s family.

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So far this season: Elliot and J.D. don't hook up in the season premiere, but Elliot realizes she doesn't want to marry Keith, and J.D. realizes that he needs to stop sabotaging his life. Kim gives birth to Sam, but J.D. doesn't love Kim so they end their relationship as a couple and begin their relationship as parents.

Nurse Shirley appears during Kim's labor, looking remarkably like Laverne, who passed away last season. J.D. struggles with growing up now that he is a father, but Turk encourages him to keep some of his inner child.

Dr. Kelso's real age of 65 is revealed and a board member tells him that he must step down as Chief of Medicine since 65 is the standard retirement age. Dr. Kelso wants the search for a replacement kept secret, Janitor gets a girlfriend, but we still don't know Janitor's name, J.D.'s brother is no longer a loser, and Dr. Cox is still Dr. Cox.

Stand-out episode: "My Growing Pains." It's a standard "Scrubs" episode—goofy with a dash of sentimental drama. We see Turk and J.D. use their babies as puppets in the park and we find out about the existence of a third college friend — Caramel Bear — who disappeared after a prank gone wrong. After Dr. Cox chastises J.D. for not growing up, J.D. resists the temptations of Turk's many pranks. J.D. eventually gives in and we are treated to another appearance by "World's Most Giant Black Doctor." The episode ends on a low note — Dr. Kelso must retire.

Stand-out character: Dr. Kelso. Every once in a while an episode homes in on the life of Dr. Kelso — a character who at first seemed cold and heartless, but over the seasons has become increasingly multidimensional. He's the last person one would think would accept a gay son and even though he appears to hate his job, he really loves it. That's why it is so heartbreaking in this season to realize that Dr. Kelso is mortal — his time at the hospital is running out because he is being forced to retire. Can Sacred Heart survive without him? Maybe, but it sure won't be the same.

Tomorrow's episode: "My Bad Too." Turk tries to learn Spanish to surprise Carla for the anniversary of their first date. Meanwhile, J.D. treats a burn victim and has to decide whether or not to allow the patient to attend his graduation.

End of the season predictions: This could be the last season for "Scrubs." NBC didn't put the series on its fall lineup, but there's still a strong possibility that it will move to A&E since it is produced by ABC's Touchstone Television. But just in case this is the last season, here's what will happen. J.D. and Elliot will not get together. These two have never made a relationship with each other work and they are better together as friends. Elliot will reunite with Keith, but put marriage off. J.D. will either realize he loves Kim or he'll end up alone because he's too whiny. Dr. Kelso will retire but will be appointed to the hospital's board of directors. Dr. Cox will finally tell J.D. that he's like a son to him. It will be weird. Turk and Carla will forever be both funny and adorable. J.D. and Turk's guy love will live for all eternity.
Phillies beat Mets in last Shea Stadium opener

Boston celebrates World Series win with Hall of Famers Orr and Russell; defeats Detroit 5-0 in home opener

Associated Press

Carlos Delgado and the New York Mets botched the final strike of the game in the same way they squandered that big lead in the NL. Just last year, April or September, doesn't seem to matter. The Mets can't find a way to hold on in Philadelphia.

Jamie Moyer pitched six effective innings, Jayson Werth hit a tiebreaking single and the Phillies rallied past New York 5-2 Tuesday with the help of Delgado's key error in the seventh.

"Definitely not the start we wanted to get off to," Mets star David Wright said.

It was another late comeback by Philadelphia, which took advantage of the Mets' epic collapse in the regular season and division title. New York led seven games to 17 with 1-2 deficits in the playoffs.

The Mets lost their third straight, wasting Delgado's first homer and a solid outing by Oliver Perez as they got off to a disappointing start in the final season at Shea Stadium, which opened in 1964. The team is set to move into an intimate new park next year — run to 1-2 deficits in the playoffs.

New York dropped to 30-17 in home openers and 7-1 in Shea Stadium openers against Philadelphia.

"If we're in their head, we're in their head. It's not for me to say," Philadelphia's Shane Victorino said. "We're not going out there saying, 'We own the Mets.'"

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MI. MVP Jimmy Rollins was booed loudly, as usual. Mets reliever Scott Schoeneweis (0-2) gave up a single, a walk and a double in the third inning before Tom Gordon gave up a sacrifice fly on a ball hit by Ryan Howard, who cut a grounder to Delgado at first base.

Delgado tried for a double play, but his throw to second deflected off Utley and rolled toward center field for an error that allowed the tying run to score.

"I thought I had a lane. He also had a good slide to the outside part of the bag," Delgado said. "Maybe I could have thrown it a little more to the side and there would be no error out of the outside.

Worth put Philadelphia in front with a two-out RBI single off Jorge Sosa.

Aaron Heilman walked the leadoff batter in the eighth, and the Phillies capitalized with Rollins' running single and Utley's RBI double.

"We got a break and we ran with it," Rollins said. "Hopefully here, it feels good." Rollins departed in the eighth with a sprained left ankle.

Born 17 months before Shea Stadium opened, Carlos Delgado (1-0) held New York to four hits.

Bobby Abreu and J.C. Romero each worked a scoreless inning, and Gordon got three outs for his first save.

"What happened last year is done," Moyer insisted. "The pitch to Delgado was right down the middle, but I pitched pretty well.

"Perez pitched three-hit ball for 5-2 innings. He hasn't allowed an extra-base hit in 11 2-3 shutout innings this season.

Delgado led off the second with his 432nd home run, breaking a tie with Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. for 37th place. Delgado is 30-for-63 (.484) with eight homers against Moyer.

Ryan Church added an RBI grounder in the fourth for New York.

"That's one straight loss in 20 straight games. That's one cold spell," Wright said. "That's all we're concerned with. We'll be okay, done with," Wright said.

Red Sox 5, Tigers 0

The Red Sox trotted out the championship banner to celebrate their latest World Series win, with Hall of Famer Bobby Orr and former Red Sox Manager Butch Huskey among those carrying their sports statues to the Fenway field to join the two won by the Red Sox.

"I've probably never been in tears for somebody else on a baseball field. I think that was just the most unbelievable thing," Youkilis said.

"I wanted to shake his hand, because that's a true man in life."

There was red-white-and-blue bunting hanging from the stands, a Green Monster-sized American flag on the left-field stands, a Green Monster-sized American flag on the left-field stands, a Green Monster-sized American flag on the left-field stands, a Green Monster-sized American flag on the left-field stands, a Green Monster-sized American flag on the left-field stands.

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In the good ol' U.S. of A., the Red Sox haven'taten

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Detriot, the only winless team in baseball because of the way we are playing, in all areas of the game," Rogers said. "I wanted to go out and see how things go around. Every player in the locker room wants to be that guy.

J.D. Drew singled and scored in the second innings, and Manny Ramirez added a three-run homer in the sixth before the Red Sox left the field for the last time in the regular season.

Boston added two more runs in the sixth to make it 5-0 when Jason Varitek gave up two hits and three walks.

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**RAVENS place-kicker Matt Stover celebrates after kicking a field goal against St. Louis on Oct. 14. Stover said he wants to replace Gene Upshaw as executive director of the NFLPA.**

**Veteran kicker challenges Upshaw**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Matt Stover, the Baltimore Ravens’ veteran kicker, has begun a campaign to replace Gene Upshaw as executive director of the NFL Players Association by next March.

Stover’s action comes at a time when the union could be heading for critical negotiations with the league on the collective bargaining agreement.

“I feel that the board must begin to prepare for a change in leadership immediately,” Stover said in an e-mail to the union’s executive board and player representa-

tives that was obtained Tuesday by ESPN. "I believe we have the prop-
er environment with our teammates and leader-

ship within the board to execute the process of this selection."

Union president Kevin Mawae of the Tennessee Titans said that Stover’s opinion does not reflect the opinion of the players. Upshaw, whose con-

tract runs through 2010, has said he will not leave until the union gets through its latest negotia-

tions with the owners, who are expected to opt out of their March 2009 agreement with the union next November. That would trigger a new round of negotiations.

March 2009, the begin-

ning of the last year with a salary cap if the con-

tract is voided, could be a critical time in those talks. The 40-year-old Stover, entering his 19th NFL season, said in a state-

ment issued by the Ravens that it was not his inten-

tion for his e-mail to be made public.

"I am going to respect the process of our union leadership, executive committee and player reps. I choose to handle this matter privately," he said in a statement issued by the Ravens.

Mawae, elected last month as the union’s new president, dismissed Stover’s letter.

"Matt Stover’s letter does not reflect the view of the entire executive committee or the board of player representa-

tives," he said in a state-

ment issued by the union.

"The board is in the process of preparing for the possibility of a work stoppage and under-

stands the importance of having Gene, with his experience and history, lead the direction of the NFLPA."

Added former NFLPA president Troy Vincent: "It’s absolutely ridicu-

lous."

**IN BRIEF**

Drugmaker to donate $10 per
strikeout

NEW YORK — Major league pitchers will soon have added incentive to strike out batters. Drugmaker Bayer AG will announce plans Wednesday to donate $10 to prostate cancer research for every strikeout during the regular season this year.

Major League Baseball estimates the four-year partnership could add up to a little more than $300,000 per year. There were 32,189 strikeouts during the regular season in 2007, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Bayer, based in Leverkusen, Germany, will give an additional $1 million to the Prostate Cancer Foundation if a pitcher sets a new record by striking out 21 batters in a game.

Bayer’s One-A-Day vitamins for men are marketed as a way to maintain prostate health.

James to miss practice for second day in a row

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — LeBron James didn’t practice for the second straight day in order to rest his troubled back before the Cleveland Cavaliers begin their final push heading into the NBA playoffs.

James, who has been dealing with back spasms for a few weeks, received treatment while his teammates prepared for Wednesday night’s game against the New Jersey Nets. Coach Mike Brown said Tuesday it’s possible James could sit out.

James was not available for inter-

views. He was still on the massage table when the club wrapped up its post-

season media sessions.

"We want him healthy in the playoffs," Brown said. "Yes, we want the fourth seed, but to get the fourth seed and have an unhealthy LeBron throughout the playoff run wouldn’t do us any good. We’ve got to make sure that he’s healthy and he’s able to help us."

Penn State wide receiver thrown off team

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Suspended Penn State receiver Chris Bell was kicked off the team Tuesday after university police charged him with threatening another player with a knife.

The 21-year-old from Norfolk, Va., faces charges including terrorist threats and simple assault, both misdeme-

anors, after the encounter Monday night at a team dining facility. No one was hurt.

"Chris Bell, who had been previously suspended from team activities, is per-

manently removed from the team and will not be reconsidered to be a part of the team in the future," said a one-

line statement released by Penn State athletics.

Defensive end Devon Still told police he had spoken with Bell earlier Monday and suspected that the backup receiver had taken a cell phone case from his locker, according to the criminal com-

plaint. Bell denied the accusations.
**NBA**

Stoudemire leads Suns in 127-113 win over Grizzlies; Powell scores career high 18 in Heat's 95-88 win over Bulls

Associated Press

Mehmet Okur had 22 points and 17 rebounds to help the Utah Jazz clinch the Northwest Division and snap the New Orleans Hornets' 11-game home winning streak Thursday in 77-66 win on Tuesday night.

Deron Williams had 16 assists and outplayed Chris Paul as the Jazz took a 20-point lead early in the fourth quarter and cruised from there, holding New Orleans to its lowest point total of the season.

Raja Sluijkojev scored 15 points for New Orleans, which shot a woeful 3-of-14 on three-pointers and 37 percent overall as its 3-of-14 on three-pointers and 37 percent overall as its season.

Three quarters on 8-of-16 shooting, but two of his points in the first half.

Jazz led 70-50.

Oklahoma City's Andrei Kirilenko and Paul Millsap each scored 44 percent and outrebounded 10 points for Utah, which won four straight and moved a half-game behind eighth straight over the Grizzlies.

Utah took advantage with a 9-0 run in a seesaw first half after the Memphis Grizzlies scored the first 10 points of the fourth quarter, bringing a 3-point lead to 91-88 with 8:42 left. But a 3-pointer by Shelden Williams and Paul Millsap each on the perimeter of the Grizzlies.

Stoudemire dominated the inside against the Grizzlies. In the second half, the Suns added the outside shooting of Bell with help from Barbosa and Gritzer, and Memphis never really threatened after Phoenix built the lead to double digits in the third period.

Gritzer had a game-high 28 points for Memphis, Mike Conley finished with 19 points and five assists before fouling out in the closing minute, and Kyle Lowry had 13 points off the bench.

Heat 95, Bulls 88

Back in the NBA, Back in the NBA, the Miami Heat the type of effort they've lacked most of the season.

Powell scored a career-high 18 points, leading the Heat to a 95-88 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night that snapped a seven-game losing streak.

Ricky Davis and Chris Quinn each added 16 points as five players scored over double figures for the Heat, the day after coach Pat Riley was elected to the Hall of Fame.

"We got in such a fight of playing with talent only and thinking that talent was going to take care of the lack of effort," Riley said. "These guys are just unadulterated. Effort is a big part of what our culture is."

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NCAA Basketball

Kansas worried about coach leaving for OSU

Associated Press

Kansas coach Bill Self slept for less than an hour after the Jayhawks stunned Memphis in one of the more memorable finals in NCAA tournament history, wrapping up their first national title in 20 years.

The details of the Jayhawks' 75-68 overtime victory will soon be etched in Kansas lore. After Memphis missed a series of free throws, Kansas guard Mario Chalmers hit a 3-pointer with 2.1 seconds left to send the game to overtime, where the Jayhawks overwhelmed the Tigers.

Now Kansas fans may begin losing sleep over whether their coach is headed for Oklahoma State. Less than 12 hours after cutting down the nets, a bleary-eyed Self returned to the Alamodome on Tuesday morning and faced questions about whether he's interested in the job at his alma mater, which parted ways with Sean Sutton on April 1.

As he has for a week, Self said he plans to meet with Kansas officials soon about a contract extension.

"What I'd like to have is like everybody'd like to have," Self said. "I'd like to have some security. I don't know what even Kansas would remotely be talking about. We haven't even talked about that. When I say security, I mean years, so hopefully that'll happen.

Glimpse factors such as Kansas' rich hoops tradition, Self said, "I'm not looking for more than what Kansas provides on a daily basis."

The school gave Self a five-year contract extension last season, increasing his annual compensation to more than $1.3 million with a chance to make another $350,000 each year if he meets incentives.

But Self could likely command far more money from Oklahoma State, whose billionaire alumnus Boone Pickens gave $165 million to the school's athletic department.

Self said he hasn't met Pickens and wasn't familiar with details about Oklahoma State's program. But he drew a chuckle from reporters when he said, "From the outside looking in, it appears that they have great resources."

Kansas fans have become accustomed to a certain amount of anxiety over losing a talented coach. Roy Williams flirted with, and eventually left for, his alma mater, North Carolina.

Kansas followers exulted when their team defeated Williams and the Tar Heels in the national semifinals, but Williams turned up at the final wearing a Jayhawks sticker on his shirt.

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Weather cancels game against Illinois-Chicago

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s game against Illinois-Chicago Tuesday afternoon was cancelled due to rain in the Chicago area.

The game was originally scheduled for March 27th at Flames Field, but the game will not be rescheduled again.

The Irish (12-10, 5-1) will be back in action against Eastern Michigan Wednesday in a double-header at By Field beginning at 4 p.m.

The Irish will need to have good pitching against a potent Eagles’ offense. EMU senior Ashley Strauss is hitting .300 in her last two games, including going 4-for-5 with a double, a home run, an RBI, and three runs scored against Central Michigan.

Also hitting well for the Eagles is sophomore outfielder Jenny Schemmer. Schemmer has been monotonic for the Eagles this year against Michigan, where she was named MAC Player of the week last week.

The Irish offense broke through for four runs in the sixth, as the Crusaders answered with a cycle against San Diego.

Senior second baseman Katie Laing has been a force in the Irish lineup this week, helping the Irish in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game.

The Irish will then begin their MAC season this week.

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Belles to face Hope after week-long break

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

After a week off from competition, Saint Mary's is looking for its second conference win when it takes on Hope in Holland, Mich., Wednesday.

The Belles (5-8, 1-2 MIAA) are currently in sixth — just behind the sixth-place Flying Dutch (8-5, 1-1 MIAA) — in the MIAA.

"Hope is a very good team," Saint Mary's head coach Chuck Rubino said. "They lost to Albion 5-4, and we lost 6-3 so that tells you where they are in relation to us. I feel like if we can win two of the doubles we have a great chance to beat them in 3-4 singles matches."

Before its break from competing, Saint Mary's swept Olivet 9-0 for its first conference win of the season on April 1. The Belles won both the singles and doubles divisions, which they had previously done only in non-conference competition.

Sophomore co-captain No. 1 singles Camille Gebert led Saint Mary's in the singles win, defeating Olivet's Jaclyn Mumaw 6-1, 6-2.

Freshman No. 2 singles Jillian Hurley won her 11th match of the season, beating Abbie Uberg 6-3, 6-1, putting her personal record at 11-2. No. 3 freshman Betsy Reed defeated Celeste Gruber 6-0, 6-0. No. 4 freshman Jessica Kosinski beat Katie Griffes 6-3, 6-2; No. 5 freshman Jamie Griffes 6-1, 6-2.

Co-captain Lisa Professor Mummaw 6-1, 6-2.

Saint Mary's will try to carry its domination in both divisions forward, putting themselves into position on getting off to a good start and putting themselves in the top 10.

"Our goal is to improve our consistency, and staying in the match mentally, it's going to be a close match either way with possibly some tiebreakers and third matches that we're going to have to win," Rubino said.

Saint Mary's will try to carry its momentum into both divisions today, with the Belles goals for today's match, recognizing what his team needs to improve to win.

"Our goal is to improve our consistency, and staying in the match mentally, it's going to be a close match either way with possibly some tiebreakers and third matches that we're going to have to win," Rubino said.

Saint Mary's will compete in the first MIAA qualifier of the spring season Wednesday. The Belles have their eyes set on getting off to a good start and putting themselves into position to qualify for the NCAA tournament.

After the qualifiers are over, the top team in the standings will represent the MIAA in the national championship event in Iowa in singles, respectively. Stille went 2-1 this past weekend at the GLCA tournament at Oberlin, Ohio, putting her at 8-4 for the season. Garcia is only at 3-10 for the 2008 season, but holds an 18-23 record for her career at Hope so far. Werley also went 2-1 over the weekend, putting her at 6-7 for this year.

"A lot of the matches will probably be close, we have to work to get over the hump and win those matches," Lisa Rubino said. "I think we are ready to compete again, after having some time off. It was nice to be a break, but we are excited for the challenges ahead."

Coach Rubino outlined the Belles goals for today's match, recognizing what his team needs to improve to win.

"Our goal is to improve our consistency, and staying in the match mentally, it's going to be a close match either way with possibly some tiebreakers and third matches that we're going to have to win," he said.

"Hopefully we have enough mental consistency to beat them at that point."

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SMC GOLF

Squad to compete in first MIAA qualifier

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will compete in the first MIAA qualifier of the spring season Wednesday. The Belles have their eyes set on getting off to a good start and putting themselves in the top 10.

The fall season, the Belles had to work to get over the hump and place well individually.

Saint Mary's will compete in the fall, finishing third in the GLCA to turnament at Oberlin. The Belles finished well, placing third out of 11 teams.

Tri-State, who finished second at the MIAA in fall, finished 11 strokes behind Saint Mary's in fifth place.

In the fall, the Belles had to count on senior Katie O'Brien to single-handedly lead the team. Now, others have begun to step up and place well individually.

Freshman sensation Rosie O'Connor has used the spring to show-off her improvements from the fall season. O'Connor has shot near or better than O'Brien in the Belles' last two tournaments.

Freshman Emily Gore and Junior Perri Humea have also been playing both better taking 11th and 25th respectively in the Tri-State Invitational.

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SMC TENNIS

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onship for 14 years. I certainly feel at home there. It's a great course and I think it set up well for us."

After shooting a 1-under 71 in the first round, Park rebounded from a second-round 76 to shoot a team-low 69 in the third round. Comway tallied a second-round 74 in addition to her first and third round 74s.

Sophomore Kristin Wetzel bounced back from a first-round 78 to card a 10-over 228, good enough for 30th overall. Fellow sophomore Annie Brophy also rebounded in later rounds, responding with second and third-round 74s after shooting an 80 Monday. She finished tied for 37th with a 12-over 226.

Junior captain Lisa Maunu contributed a 1-under 28 to end up 47th overall.

Notre Dame hits the links again on April 20 at the Big East Championship in Batavia, Ohio.

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I try now has 161 goals in just 46 career games, and she has scored 52 times this season, good for second in the nation.

"We're in such a focused team mentality that there hasn't really been any discussion about the record," Coyne said. "There will be at the end of the season because it's a great accomplishment and Jill's worked hard for it, but I think right now our focus is to get ourselves into the NCAA tournament and win the Big East.

I try will have some help

when the Irish take on the Wildcats. Senior captain Caitlin McKinney has scored a point in 51 consecutive games, a streak that dates back to her freshman year and is the second longest in the country. Her 144 career goals rank her third in Irish history.

Freshman midfielder/attack Shaylyn Blaney has been solid with 28 goals, including four against Duke, while sophomore attack Gina Scioscia leads the Irish with 21 assists.

Notre Dame's road trip concludes Saturday, when it travels to Washington, D.C., to take on a Big East foe for the first time in 2008.

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expects it to have a special atmosphere.

"It definitely will have a post-season feel. They're in the same spot we were in at this point last year," Louderback said.

On April 9, 2007, the Irish were 20-1, in the midst of a 15-game winning streak, and had already defeated Northwestern, 4-3. Later, in their second meeting of the season, the Wildcats got their revenge with a 5-2 win.

"It should be a great match and our kids are really excited," Louderback said. "They did a great job the last couple matches not looking ahead to Northwestern. They've talked a little bit the last few days, and they are definitely ready for it."

Louderback is fully aware of the elite competition coming into town but knows few teams are perfect. "They're really good at the top — their top three are all ranked nationally, and they're deep," he said. "They have been switching their doubles around, so I think winning the doubles point will be the key for us because our doubles [team] has been really good the last half of the season."

Northwestern's top three singles players are nationally-ranked No. 3 Marta Mozolova, a freshman from Moscow, No. 5 junior Georgia Rose, and No. 25 sophomore Samantha Murray.

In addition, the Wildcats have sophomore Lauren Lai, who, at No. 42, is their fourth best singles player. For comparison, Notre Dame's singles attack, which is strong and has consistently been winning five or six points a match, boasts just two ranked players — No. 41 junior Keely Tefft and No. 122 sophomore Cosmina Ciubani.

The Irish lineup shifted around for the 2008 win over Syracuse on Sunday because Louderback opted to have Tefft sit-out per NCAA rules for playing too many matches in the fall.

The lineup shift moved sophomore Kali Krisik up to No. 1 doubles alongside senior captain Brook Buck and put freshman Denise Ellison on the court for the first time this dual season alongside junior Katie Potts.

Sophomore Colleen Rieley and Ciubani stayed together in the No. 2 slot, and all three pairs triumphed. Ellison also made her singles debut in the No. 6 hole, losing in three sets, 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (10-1), 1-0 (11-9).

Louderback was pleased with Ellison's performance.

"It was great for her to get her first match in. She played really well in doubles and just lost a close one in singles," he said. "I think a lot of that was just it being her first singles match, but it was great for her to see what it's like playing out there."

The shuffling also pushed Buck into No. 3 singles, and she triumphed easily 6-0, 6-1.

The team is deep and even, but the prominent senior leadership of Buck is undeniable.

"She played well in singles, and did great in doubles, too. She and Kali [Krisik] had not played together besides one match in the fall, but [Brook] did great in both," Louderback said.

The team's momentum has led to clinching matches early, but Louderback said the competition has been anything but weak and likes that his players keep the pressure on all match long.

"We've had a couple of matches recently that we've won 6-1 and 7-0 that were still good matches — Indiana, Iowa, and Syracuse. Especially in the Iowa match, we just played really well," Louderback said.

The growing momentum has also coincided with the matches starting to move outdoors.

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That scrambled words game, by Mike Arnold and Jeff Kuzman

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PASSAGES: MATTHEW 21

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MICHAEI MIKUSKA

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THE DISAPPEAR IS THAT WHEN
WHOSE MONEY THE PRIVITY
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"SAY TO RANBRiT";
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THE SINGLE LIFE

LINA PAEK

A Recurring Affair

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A Recurring Affair

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**Baseball**

**Crushing the crusade**

By MICHAEL BRYAN

Kyle Weiland became the all-time saves leader at Notre Dame Tuesday after sealing the Irish’s 8-6 comeback win over Valparaiso at Eck Stadium.

Sophomore center fielder A.J. Pollock started for the Irish in the win, going 3-for-4 at the plate with a crucial solo homer as well as making several spectacular plays in the field.

With the Irish down 5-2 in the fifth inning and the Crusaders threatening with two men on, Pollock chased down a long drive to right field to make an incredible catch. The center fielder then gunned down a Valparaiso base runner retreating back to first base on a crucial double play.

“…we’re seeing a lot of his talents on display,” Irish coach Dave Schrage said. “He’s phenomenal, and his double play might have been the most important play of the game.”

Freshman Brian Dupra made the start for the Irish, and lasted just 1.2 innings against the Crusaders. The right-hander struggled out of the gate, working into a bases loaded jam with none out in the first.

A passed ball and a single by Crusader sophomore Josh Wallace gave Valparaiso an early two run lead. Dupra then settled down somewhat, inducing a double play that allowed a run and a pop out to third to escape the inning down 3-0.

The Crusaders continued to rough up Dupra in the second, getting three hits and two more runs to chase the freshman from the game. Freshman reliever Todd Miller worked out of the inning after replacing Dupra, who gave up four earned runs on six hits.

Despite being down 5-0 early, Schrage said the team was still confident.

“They feel like they can win any game,” Schrage said. “They always believe they can win and never panicked.”

Valparaiso junior John Snellon entered the game against the Irish with a 12.60 ERA but turned in a solid start for the Crusaders.

**Women’s Tennis**

No. 1 team comes into town

Top-ranked Northwestern puts 13-game winning streak on the line

By DAN MASTERTON

Something is going to have to give this afternoon as the No. 1 Northwestern bring its 13-game win streak to Notre Dame to face the No. 20 Irish (16-7) and their nine-game win streak.

Northwestern’s only loss of the season came at the hands of No. 2 Georgia Tech in the finals of the National Team Indoors in early February. The Wildcats (15-2) have been ranked No. 1 in six straight national polls dating back to Feb. 20 when Georgia Tech ranked No. 2.

Irish coach Jay Lounderback recognizes this is the biggest game of the year so far and...