Conference to connect disciplines with Faustian themes

Scholars from Cambridge, Columbia, UPenn, ND will explore Faustian influences in literature, science, film, philosophy

By CLAIRE REISING

Scholars will connect disciplines ranging from literature to physics at an academic conference Friday and Saturday, as one of "Faust at Notre Dame’s" concluding events.

German and Russian professor Robert Norton, who will speak at the conference, said that visiting and Notre Dame professors will show how Faustian themes relate to their academic fields and in some presentations, how these themes remain relevant in today's society.

"One of the [best] things of the Faust [theme] is it's not confined to a single culture or a single theme," Norton said.

Mathematics professor Alex Hahn, who organized the conference, said a group of Notre Dame faculty members began searching in November 2006 for a variety of academics with a background in Faust. The conference will feature six presenters, including Norton, and guest speakers will come from the University of Cambridge, the University of Chicago, Columbia University, Northeastern University and the University of Pennsylvania.

"We were looking for powerful scholars who had published substantial treatises on these themes, [such as] literature, history, science, philosophy and film," Hahn said. According to Norton, his presentation will cover the influence that German intellectual Johann Gottfried Herder had on Johann Wolfgang Goethe, who would eventually go on to write Faust. Norton said that Goethe was a law student when he met Herder, but Herder helped convince him to choose poetry and writing as his vocation.

"He had a great influence on a whole generation of thinkers," he said.

‘Entourage’ analyzed in women’s issues debate

By THERESA CIVANTOS

Men Against Violence (MAV) teamed up with several different campus organizations and departments Wednesday to present "The (Un)holy Trinity: Ensorcise. Media, and Men," an event that examined the portrayal of relationships between men and women by the media.

A screening of the "Entourage" television series "Three's Company," followed by a question-and-answer session with a panel of faculty and students.

Mallory Morgan, former editor of the Boston Globe and adjunct professor of American Studies and Journalism, Ethics, and Democracy served as moderator. The panel included Dr. Eileen Rotting, director of the Gender Studies program; Dr. Agostie Fuentes, associate professor of Anthropology; Dr. Cathy Kaveny, law and theology professor; and Father Mark Poorman, theology professor and vice president of Student Affairs. The panel also included two students: freshman Maggie Molitor and senior Michael Redding, a political science and philosophy major and president of MAV.

Storin opened the conference with a screening of the "Entourage" episode "Three's Company," followed by a question-and-answer session with a panel of faculty and students.

ROTC holds Pass in Review

Student cadets, midshipmen receive awards, salute Jenkins at ceremony

By ELIZABETH KUHN

University President Father John Jenkins watched more than 300 members of the ROTC program march and salute him and other commanding officers during the annual Pass in Review ceremony at the Joyce Center Wednesday.

A staple of the program's tradition at Notre Dame, the ceremony provides members of the Navy, Army and Air Force ROTC branches with an opportunity to demonstrate their precision and discipline. The regiment's reviewing officer,
INSIDE COLUMN

English and wet

LONDON — It took three months and a bucket’s worth of water, but yesterday I developed a stiff upper lip.

Since January I have been living in London, but I think my American citizenship has been obvious, at times painfully so. However, I wanted to immerse myself in the culture, so I’ve changed some of my behavior and habits so I don’t stick out quite so badly.

Now, I only wear tennis shoes—trainers, as I’m exercising, and not when I’m just walking around the city. I don’t soccer; I play football. I go to google.co.uk, not google.com.

But as soon as I open my mouth and reveal my accent, the game is up. And I’ll never get used to the unspoken rule that no one talks on the Tube. Also, try as I might, I just don’t enjoy drinking tea.

Since I am doing an internship here two days a week I am the sole American in a building full of mostly Brits. On those days, I am far more aware of my obvious American-ness than on the days when I am in the classroom building with 1,100 other Notre Dame students.

Yesterday, one of my co-workers dabbled into the office where I was working to take me to lunch. I grabbed my coat and headed out the building toward the restaurant to meet up with a man who frequently does work for the organization. We were planning on spending the lunch talking about a project I had been doing for them.

Liz and I were walking down the street toward the restaurant, when all of a sudden, seemingly out of nowhere a cloudless sky, I was completely drenched. I was completely drenched. I looked up, and saw that water had poured out of a spout in the building. All over my head! Liz had doubled over laughing, and three girls sitting on the bench across the street were laughing as well. As soon as I was sure I hadn’t just been denounced by sewage, I laughed, too.

I’ve found Notre Dame’s Career Center very helpful in the past, but if they give advice about what to do when, on your way to a business lunch, you find your hair and coat soaking wet because you’ve walked under a drain, I haven’t seen it. I did what I could to dry off, and then Liz and I continued on to our lunch meeting with Jim, where we mentioned what had taken place. Jim was impressed by the way I had taken my game to lunch. I had showered early; I made sure to steer clear of the water spout. Liz mentioned she was impressed by the way I had taken it in stride, and then, Jim, who is Scottish, chimed in his brogue.

“How very English of you,” he told me.

A quick recovery from a sudden, unexpected downpour and my immersion into British society is complete.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD BE ANY KIND OF DINING HALL FRIES, WHAT WOULD YOU BE AND WHY?

Josh Bartrom
Junior
Dillon

"Sweet potato fries 'cause no one would want to eat me."

Christina Zoccoli
Junior
McGinn

"Carly's so I could spring into the ketchup."

Desiree Zamora
Senior
Walsh

"Seasoned, because I've been here for four years."

Colin Reimer
Junior
Dillon

"Krinkle Cut, 'cause they're like regular fries only different."

John Haravan III
Junior
Dillon

"Seasoned, cuz I'm hot and loved by everyone."

OFFBEAT

Man raises lion in back yard until neighbors complain

BUCHAREST, Romania — Romanian media say a man was raising a lion in his back garden until neighbors decided they had heard enough roaring and called police.

Reporters were told by one of the neighbors.

The agency’s report yesterday said the 25-year-old man is being charged with illegal possession of wild animals and could be sentenced to up to a year in jail.

Gas company’s customers have smelly problem

ERIE, Pa. — National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp. crews have been busy with a smelly problem in about 850 Erie-area homes. The gas company says too much mercaptan was added to the natural gas.

Customers say they have to open windows and doors to get rid of the smell.

The utility started getting calls Monday night and through Tuesday had logged some 850 complaints. By law, the company had to send crews to each home to make sure the problem was just too much mercaptan and not an actual gas leak. NFG officials say crews did find small leaks at a few homes but, in most cases, the extra mercaptan was to blame for the smell.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.
The Student Senate discussed the possibility of using Domer Dollars at off-campus locations at its meeting Wednesday. Student body vice president Grant Schmidt said he wanted the body vice president Grant
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Student the possibility of using Domer Dollars off campus, receiving a discount from stores or restaurants for using Domer Dollars, using Domer Dollars for food delivery and receiving stu-

dent discounts off campus without using Domer Dollars. He said that Domer Dollars would be lim-

tied to stores that do not sell alcohol or tobacco products.

"Some of the advantages are to get students immersed in the community... the convenience of being able to use your ID [and] the flexibility of food options," Schmidt said.

It would also benefit off-cam-

pus students or those without easy access to ATM machines, he said.

Despite the advantages, Schmidt mentioned some possi-

ble drawbacks to the off-campus use of Domer Dollars, such as taking students away from cam-

pus life. And students who have debit cards may not view off-campus Domer Dollars as a necessity, he said.

Campus Technology chair Devin Fee stressed the need to consider how much this initiative would cost.

"The infrastructure to build the system is going to cost the University a lot of money," he said. "It's going to cost the busi-

nesses a lot of money to go out there and do it."

Some senators said that student discounts may be more helpful that using Domer Dollars. O'Neill senator Kevin Kimberly said that at his Hall Council meeting, the majority of people favored discounts.

"Last night I brought this up at the Hall Council... and it was an overwhelming response that they would rather have student dis-

counts than Domer Dollars, either for delivery or for [purchase]," he said.

Rather than use Domer Dollars at restaurants and stores, Carroll senator Nick Rusf suggested using them to pay for taxis and spars students the inconvenience of carrying dollar bills.

Lewis senator Robin Brown, however, said this may cause students to favor cab companies that accept Domer Dollars, allowing those companies to increase their prices.

"It could almost put a monop-

oly on taxi companies," she said.

"Then, only taxi companies that are willing to go through this process...would be in charge of it."

The Senate also elected liaisons to other student organi-

zations during the meeting. Austin Holler, Patrick Kane, Michael Sayles and Katie Weber, from Morrisey, Dillon, Sorin and McIlhine Halls, respectively, will serve as liaisons to the Council of Representatives, with Brown as an alternate.

Welsh Family senator Kaidyn Maloney, Lyons senator Catherine Flynn and Keenan senator Gus Gari were elected to the Campus Life Council, with Cavanaugh senator Robin Link as an alternate.

Howard senator Stephanie Mulhern was elected as liaison to the Judicial Council, which regu-

lates student government elections. Knott senator Greg Sailer and Pasquerilla West Senator Megan Senett will work with the Financial Management Board, which allocates funds to student groups.

In other Senate news:
- The Senate passed a resolu-

tion proposing an amendment to the Student Body Constitution to "reorganize the structure of The Shirt Project." One aspect of the amendment would make the president of "The Shirt" an ema-

nated position. A student can only hold one enumerated posi-

tion, so senators favor to elimi-

nate and conflicts between dif-

ferent jobs' responsibilities.
- Professor Thomas Noble, Elementary Senate liaison, an online Teacher Course Evaluation sys-


tem will be implemented next fall.

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Security

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with a shiny, bald head" was walking on the road behind Regina at 11 p.m. on April 5. The Saint Mary’s student, who is a resident of Regina Hall, requested anonymity for fear of her safety from the man whom she saw on the roof. The Observer respected her request for anonymity in order to give a more detailed account of Saint Mary’s Security’s response to this incident. Another Regina Hall resident who corroborated the student’s account also asked to remain anonymous for fear of her safety and for fear of disciplinary actions from Saint Mary’s Security.

"Whenever a car would drive down [Aiguza Drive] he would move up against the building, so I knew he didn’t belong," said the student who placed the calls to Security.

The student then said the man tried climbing onto a construction truck parked near the hall. At about 11:00 p.m., she placed a call to Security and spoke with a dispatcher. However, according to the student, this first call was not answered promptly.

The man then climbed onto the construction vehicle and onto an awning and used the awning to propel himself onto the lower roof of Regina Hall. The student called Security again at 11:04 p.m.

"I was told something to the effect of ‘Well, I know they are doing some work on the roof, so he is probably just a worker, but we will send somebody out to do a spot check shortly.’ (By the security dispatcher)," the student said.

According to a security alert issued to Saint Mary’s about the event on April 7, the initial responding officer saw a male who fit the description the student had given Security and called for backup, which arrived shortly thereafter.

Gariepy said Security responded quickly to the student’s call. The student said she saw a Saint Mary’s Security guard arrive at approximately 11:10 p.m. when she parked her car on the south side of the building and walked north while looking at the roof. The student said she saw the security guard and ran toward the south side of the roof, away from the officer and looked back toward the Security car.

"I’m guessing he saw that it was a Security car because he literally ran to the front of the building," she said. The student lost sight of the man. Saint Mary’s Security said they don’t know who the man is and there has been no additional information indicating the man is still on Saint Mary’s campus.

The student then left her room on the second floor and informed the residents on her floor of the situation. She then told the Regina front-desk worker what was occurring and asked that she call the Security Department as well.

The student said she saw the Security Department physically check the roof though the man had escaped sometime between the time she went to the front desk and when the security guards climbed to the roof.

"The front desk worker said the situation had been cleared," she said. "I told her that they definitely did not catch the man so she called [Security] again and they said they were in the middle of something and would call her back later.

The alert said ‘there should not be anybody working on the roof of buildings during nighttime unless Security has been made aware of it.’ The student did not think the man was a construction worker because he was not wearing work m a n’s attire.

‘He had no tools, no flashlights and was wearing casual clothes,’ she said.

The student said she was dis­appointed with the student’s call.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

India prepares for Olympic protests

NEW DELHI — The death of thousands of police patrolled central New Delhi, guarding against anti-China protests for the Olympic torch relay, has shocked the heart of the world's Tibetan exile community. About 100 Tibetan exiles tried to breach the security cordon Wednesday around the Chinese Embassy, and police dragged away about 50 of them, leaving their vehicles intact, but not before they manage to spray paint "No Olympics in China" on a street near the embassy.

After decades of frosty relations, New Delhi is trying to forge closer ties with China, and Indian officials are desperate to avoid the chaos during torch runs in London, Paris and Beijing.

Admitted Nazi hit man faces charges

BERLIN — A German prosecutor has filed new murder charges against an admitted Nazi hit man who has avoided jail for nearly six decades despite being convicted in the Netherlands of killing civilians in reprisal for resistance attacks during World War II.

Dortmund prosecutor Ulrich Maass told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the charges involve the 1944 murders of three Dutch men while Heinrich Boere was a member of a Waffen SS squad in south in last month that Maass had quietly reopened by beginning his own investigation of the 86-year-old Boere.

Boere has acknowledged involvement in the killings.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Bush announces climate change plan

WASHINGTON — President Bush called for a halt Wednesday in the growth of greenhouse gases, acknowledging the needed to head off serious climate change.

The plan came under fire immediately from environmentalists, who said Bush had not acknowledged the needed to reduce carbon emissions, cut into environmentalists, who said Bush had not acknowledged the needed to reduce carbon emissions. Bush in a Rose Garden address for the first time called for a legal and political action to reduce emissions. In brief remarks on the Paris accord to meet climate goals by 2020, Bush said Thursday that he has committed to a binding international agreement on long-term reductions as long as other countries sign on as well.

Supreme Court approves lethal injection

WASHINGTON — U.S. executions are all but certain to resume soon after a nationwide halt, elections are approaching and political candidates are weighing in.

Virginias immediately lifted its moratorium; Oklahoma and Mississippi said they would seek execution dates for convicted murderers, and other states were ready to follow after nearly seven months without an execution in the United States.

Voting 7-2, the conservative court led by Chief Justice John Roberts rebuffed the latest assault on capital punishment, this time by foes focusing on other states were ready to follow after nearly seven months without an execution in the United States.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Michelle Obama defends husband

WASHINGTON — Michelle Obama fought back Wednesday against criticism that her husband is elitist, painting the presidential candidate as an average American despite being convicted in the Netherlands of killing civilians in reprisal for resistance attacks during World War II.

It was the end of a heady day for Benedict, who drew an enthralled crowd of 13,500 people to a South Lawn arrival ceremony at the White House earlier Wednesday. The event turned into an 81st birthday party for the pontiff, complete with singing and a cake prepared by the White House pastry chef.

But the warm feelings didn't stop the pope from gently nudging the U.S. in a White House speech to use diplomacy to resolve international disputes. And despite other issues also were apparent.

America has traditionally shown herself generous in meeting immediate human needs, fostering development and offering relief to the victims of natural catastrophes," the pope said. "I am confident that the concern for the greater human family will continue to foster new initiatives in support for the patient efforts of international organizations to resolve conflicts and promote peace and prosperity." Benedict and President Bush spoke alone in the Oval Office for 45 minutes after the ceremony, and a joint statement said the two reaffirmed their total rejection of terrorism as well as the manipulation of religion to justify immoral and violent acts against innocents."

It also said the leaders "touched on the need to confront terrorism with appropriate means that respect the human person and his or her rights," a reference White House press secretary Dana Perino could not explain.

Benedict has been critical of harsh interrogation methods, telling a meeting of the Vatican's office for social justice last September that, while a country has an obligation to keep its citizens safe, prisoners must never be demeaned or tortured.

On Iraq, the discussion steered away from the war itself to focus primarily on worries for the Christian minority in the Muslim-majority country.

Bush spoke alone in the White House speech to use diplomacy to resolve international disputes, asking for the "preservation of freedom calls for the cultivation of virtue, self-discipline, sacrifice for the common good and a sense of responsibility towards the less fortunate," he said. "It also demands the courage to engage in civic debate and to bring one's deepest beliefs and values to reasoned public debate."

In brief remarks on the South Lawn, Bush showed off America, ticking off what he said are its best virtues, calling it a nation of prayer and compassion and one that is most "innovative, creative and dynamic country on Earth" but also among the most religious.

**GAZA**

Fighting leaves over 20 Palestinians dead

GAZA CITY, Gaza — Israel struck hard against targets in Gaza on Wednesday, killing at least 20 Palestinians in a day of heavy fighting that also saw three Israeli soldiers die in a Hamas ambush.

American Pontiff Benedict XVI moved Wednesday from a jubilant visit to the White House to where he defended religion in the public square to a dignified prayer service at a national Catholic shrine, where he was expected to tell bishops that they must heal the divisions within their church by clergy sex abuse.

Benedict arrived at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to deliver remarks to hundreds of U.S. prelates during a vespers service.

The surge in violence came after a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. The Israeli military had declared a truce, though punctuated by Palestinian rocket attacks, some of which struck Israeli air bases.

Since then, Israel and Hamas appeared to be honoring an informal truce, but punctuated by Palestinian rocket attacks, some of which struck Israeli air bases and border skirmishes.

That changed dramatically Wednesday with no apparent trigger, indicating the relative calm was more coincidence than plan.

In the day's deadliest attack, an Israeli helicopter fired four missiles at a house near the Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza, witnesses said. At least 12 Palestinians, including five children aged 12-15, were killed, said Dr. Moaia Hassanain of the Palestinian Health Ministry.

Reuters cameraman Fadel Shana was killed while filming Israeli tank movements, apparently in an airstrike in the same area. Two bystanders also died.

Other cameramen who rushed to the scene said they saw the Reuters jeep on fire, and Shana's body lying next to it. They said that his jeep was marked "press" and that the cameraman was wearing an identifying flak jacket.

As colleagues rushed toward Shana, another missile was fired, said Wassam Nasser, a photographer with the Maan news agency. "There was an airstrike. We were thrown back, myself and another person."

Dozens of Palestinian journalists converged on the hospital where Shana was pronounced dead. Shocked, many still carrying their cameras, they wept and leaned on each other for support.
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Jenkins, then thanks them for their service and confers several awards — consisting of officers’ sabers — on the top cadets from each unit.

“We are proud to have you here at Notre Dame,” Jenkins told the units. “This is a day of celebration for all of your hard work and accomplishments. While only some receive awards today, you are all deserving.”

Besides the 13 individual awards that were handed out (mostly to senior students who served in leadership positions during the 2007-08 year), Jenkins also awarded the Tri-Military Commander's Cup to the Navy branch.

A year-long competition between the program's three branches, the Commander's Cup aims to develop cadets and midshipmen physically, mentally and morally, according to the ROTC Web site.

Individuals GPAs, participation in community service and performance at inter-branch games and fitness drills determine each branch's cumulative score.

By encouraging healthy athletic competition, camaraderie among the units and leadership in the community, the Cup is preparing the program's cadets and midshipmen to assume high responsibilities in both the military, their workplace, the community and the government, the Web site said.

Jenkins touched on this mission during his address by reminding them to continue from page 1

“The question is whether they should pursue what's scientifically possible, as a scientist ought, or not [pur­

sue it] for moral and ethical reasons because they real­ized the disturbing po­

tential of nuclear fission,” he said.

Hahn said that one can connect the risks — one takes when pursuing nuclear physics to Faust's story. “Nu­

clear physics is, in a way, a bar­

gain with the devil,” he said.

The confer­

ence will take place throughout the day on Friday and Saturday in room 210 in McKenna Hall.

Presentation by Robert Norton in McKenna Hall room 210 will go directly to the discussion. A schedule can be found online at

http://www.nd.edu/~faust. For further information, visit the FAUST website.

The Shir t 2008

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008

$15.00

The Shirt To Be Revealed

Friday, April 18, 2008, The Shirt 2008 will be officially unveiled at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

Highlights of the event are listed below. In the event of rain, the Unveiling Ceremony will be held inside of the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

FREE BRATS & VitaminWater @ 4:30 PM

Free food before the ceremony, while supplies last

UNVEILING CEREMONY @ 6:00 PM

featuring speech by Mike Golic and official unveiling

STUDENT DISCOUNT WITH ND ID

pay just $11.00 for The Shirt when you show your valid Notre Dame Student ID. Friday only, limit 2.
**Wall Street rallies after credit crisis**

Quarterly results from JP Morgan Chase and other industrials encourage investors

**Market Recap**

**Dow Jones**

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| Pork Bellies (cwt/b.) | +1.80 | 78.15 |

**Exchange Rates**

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| Canadian Dollar | 1.0694 |
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**Business**

**Wall Street rallies Wednesday after better-than-expected quarterly results from JPMorgan Chase & Co. and two other Dow Jones industrials.**

Investors have been growing more confident in recent weeks that the Federal Reserve's efforts to boost the economy and the troubles in credit markets are helping the economy avoid a recession. The Dow rose more than 250 points as investors shrugged off any concerns about oil passing $115 a barrel for the first time. A market anxious about corporate earnings and their effect on the economy was relieved after JPMorgan Chase & Co., Coca-Cola Co. and Intel Corp. all topped first-quarter profit projections. The three companies are among dozens posting quarterly results Wednesday. The battered financial sector, advanced after JPMorgan said itsanchise analysts' expectations despite a 50 percent drop in quarterly profit. The nation's third-biggest bank, which is in the process of acquiring ailing Bear Stearns Cos., reported $2.6 billion of write-downs tied to its loan portfolio. You've had a combination of JPMorgan and all these other strong earnings from there from a broad range sectors, and that's helping the buyers. We're seeing it, said Todd Salomon, director of trading and vice president of research at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "This is an unwinding of all the negativity that we saw ahead of the earnings season coming. Salomon and other analysts have been hoping that strengths in corporate earnings would act as a catalyst for a stock rally, as the market has managed a choppy ascent since hitting lows in early March.

Coca-Cola has managed to address the concerns raised. "I don't believe that stopping the torch run is in any way over the long run going to be the right thing to do," Liddell said.

Proposed to agree to use the company's influence in putting pressure on the Chinese government and Olympic officials, Liddell said flatly. "We are not a political organization." China was cited in Coke's earnings report as a growing market for the company. The IOC has said it will review plans for the remainder of the Beijing Olympic torch relay and consider the international portion of the event for future games. International Olympic Committee officials have expressed concern about the disruption caused by anti-Chinese protests during the relay. The IOC has said there are plans for canceling the rest of the relay, which has been a magnet for protests since the flame embarked March 24 on its 85,000-mile journey from Ancient Olympia in Greece as part of its 21-stop, six-continent tour.

The torch relay is expected to end in mainland China on May 4. The Beijing Olympics start Aug. 8. Earlier Wednesday, Coca-Cola reported that its first-quarter profit rose 19 percent due to acquisitions and overseas growth, offsetting impairment losses in its home North American unit that were affected by fewer people going out to eat because of fuel prices and the slowing U.S. economy.

The results beat Wall Street expectations. The world's biggest beverage company said its profit was $1.50 billion, or 64 cents a share, in the three-month period ending March 28. That compared to a profit of $1.26 billion, or 54 cents a share, a year earlier. Excluding one-time items, Coca-Cola said it earned $1.38 billion.

**In Brief**

Drug company cuts more than 500 jobs

Indianapolis — Drug maker Eli Lilly and Co. plans to cut up to 500 jobs to streamline the manufacturing of some insulin products and the osteoporosis drug Forteo.

The Indianapolis-based company offered a "voluntary exit program" to about 2,000 employees in central Indiana on Wednesday with a goal of trimming its workforce by about 5 percent to 550 people, spokeswoman Phil Belt said. All the cuts will be made through the voluntary program, she said.

"There's no plan right now to supplement it with a layoff or anything like that," she said.

The voluntary program includes a severance package based on the employees' length of service. Belt declined to offer more details.

The actions come a month after the company ended its development program for inhaled insulin. But Belt said productivity improvements drove the cuts.

Proposal benefits bumped fliers

WASHINGTON — Like almost everything else related to air travel in recent weeks, government proposals unveiled Wednesday ranked airlines and could be bittersweet for an already sore travailing public.

Under one new rule, passengers who get bumped off overbooked flights will be eligible to claim twice as much compensation from U.S. airlines. But ticket prices are expected to spike as a result of another rule designed to ease congestion tied to the New York-area's clogged airports.

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The industry has its own bittersweet scenario to stomach. Although there's never a safer period in history to travel on domestic airlines, they are buckling under record fuel prices and have fewer options available to ease financial losses.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street rallied Wednesday after better-than-expected quarterly results from JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Intel Corp. all topped first-quarter profit projections. The three companies are among dozens posting quarterly results Wednesday. The battered financial sector, advanced after JPMorgan said its franchise analysts' expectations despite a 50 percent drop in quarterly profit. The nation's third-biggest bank, which is in the process of acquiring ailing Bear Stearns Cos., reported $2.6 billion of write-downs tied to its loan portfolio. You've had a combination of JPMorgan and all these other strong earnings from there from a broad range sectors, and that's helping the buyers. We're seeing it, said Todd Salomon, director of trading and vice president of research at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "This is an unwinding of all the negativity that we saw ahead of the earnings season coming. Salomon and other analysts have been hoping that strengths in corporate earnings would act as a catalyst for a stock rally, as the market has managed a choppy ascent since hitting lows in early March.

Coca-Cola has managed to address the concerns raised. "I don't believe that stopping the torch run is in any way over the long run going to be the right thing to do," Liddell said.

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The torch relay is expected to end in mainland China on May 4. The Beijing Olympics start Aug. 8. Earlier Wednesday, Coca-Cola reported that its first-quarter profit rose 19 percent due to acquisitions and overseas growth, offsetting impairment losses in its home North American unit that were affected by fewer people going out to eat because of fuel prices and the slowing U.S. economy.

The results beat Wall Street expectations. The world's biggest beverage company said its profit was $1.50 billion, or 64 cents a share, in the three-month period ending March 28. That compared to a profit of $1.26 billion, or 54 cents a share, a year earlier. Excluding one-time items, Coca-Cola said it earned $1.38 billion.

**Coca-Cola defends support of Olympics**

ATLANTA — Coca-Cola gave investors Wednesday good news on the Olympic front, saying that its support of the Summer Olympics in Beijing as usual shareholderutsche and protesters outside the company's annual meeting questioned the beverage maker's business practices. The company believes the torch relay is in any way over the long run going to be the right thing to do," Liddell said.

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Entourage

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with a few words regarding his time at Notre Dame. He attended Notre Dame before it became co-educational.

"I went to Notre Dame at a time when it had no gender relations. There was only one gender. Since then, I've been making up for lost time," joked Storin.

After the episode screening, the panel members fielded questions from audience members and expressed their own views on "Entourage" and men.

"This show is about a very real phenomenon of male bonding; they like to travel in packs that are very male-centered, with women on the margin," Hotting said.

Dotting also compared the four central characters and their agent to a family, with each playing different familial roles.

"In this show, as in Hollywood, females are pretty much eye candy, they're peripheral. It automatically relegates all females to a lesser role," Puentes said.

His words directly applied to the episode shown, in which two women propose having mutual sex in a "threesome" with a central character.

"There aren't any strong female characters," Molitor agreed.

"I have to give thanks to this project for introducing me to a show I probably would not have sought out on my own," said Poorman to audience laughter.

Kaveny commented on the immaturity of the four central characters, asking, "What comes after this for these characters?"

She asked audience members to compare their adolescent relationships to the relationship between Abigail and John Adams as seen on the show "John Adams."

"What would need to be true for these guys for them to have that kind of relationship?" she asked, expressing doubts that any of them could have such a relationship.

"We're hoping to have students think more about gender issues, give them some food for thought," said Molitor of her involvement in the project. "It's interesting to see the interactions between men and women."

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Images show police armed for raid on polygamist retreat

Associated Press

SAN ANGELO, Texas — Police showed body armor, torso automatic weapons and were backed by an armored personnel carrier for a raid on a West Texas polygamous retreat, photos and video released Tuesday show.

Four still photos and a slice of video were released to The Associated Press by Rod Parker, spokesman for the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which owns the raided Yearning for Zion Ranch near San Angelo in Eldorado.

Seventeen photos and video during the first few days of a seven-day raid that involved police agencies from six counties, the Texas Rangers, the state highway patrol and wildlife officers. Authorities were looking for a teenage girl who had reported being abused by her 50-year-old husband.

A sect member whose wife shot the video said sect members got the impression that state officials "were doing something more than they said they were going to do." The man declined to give his name for fear that speaking out would cause problems for his children, who are in state custody.

Tela Mange, a state Department of Public Safety spokeswoman, said officers are trained to protect themselves.

"Whenever we serve a search warrant, it's never a matter of when or where, we are always as prepared as possible so we can ensure the operational safety of the officers serving the warrant as well as the safety of those who are on the property in question," Mange said.

The armored car was precautionary and designed to remove someone from the property, not to enter onto the ranch, she said.

Parker said rumors have circulated since the 1950s that the FLDS would respond with violence to threats on their way of life. "It's been very substantiated at all. Nobody who knows the people could possibly believe that," he said.

"It's not in their nature," he added.

Parker said that if there was any suggestion that the FLDS would respond to police with violence, there would have been a cache of firearms found during the raid. "Instead they responded by singing and praying," he said.

While there were hunting rifles at the ranch, search warrants filed in district court in Tom Green County don't show that police seized any weapons.

Eldorado is about 200 miles southeast of Waco, where federal and local authorities tried to arrest Branch Davidian leader David Koresh for stockpiling guns and explosives in 1993. Four federal agents and some members of Koresh's sect died in the shootout that ensued. After a 51-day standoff, Koresh and nearly 80 followers died in an inferno that the government says was set by the Davidians but that survivors say started when authorities fired tear gas rounds into their compound.

Law enforcement surrounded the FLDS ranch April 3, carrying a warrant seeking a 16-year-old girl who claimed she was trapped inside the church and had been beaten and raped by her husband. The search also revealed that a woman believed underage girls were required to consummate their spiritual marriages to much older men.

More than 400 children—all of whom lived in the large, dormitory-style log homes—were seized in the raid on suspicion they were being sexually and physically abused. They are being held in the San Angelo Coliseum and are awaiting a massive court hearing Thursday that will begin to determine their fate.

FLDS members carefully documented the raid in notes, video and still pictures of police and child protection workers talking with families, but much of that material was seized when police executed one of two search warrants on the ranch, Parker said.

"We've known from a little bit of experience to document it and prepare to have that presented in court or wherever it's to our benefit," said the FLDS member who declined to give his name. Law enforcement was not presented in Arizona and Utah raid sites in 1985, 1994 and 1953.

Texas Children's Protective Services spokeswoman Marleigh Meisner said officials decided that children are more truthful in interviews about possible abuse if their parents are not around.

"I can tell you we believe the children who are victims of abuse or neglect, and particularly victims at the hands of their own parents, certainly are going to feel safer to tell their story when they don't have a parent there, that's coaching them with how to respond," Meisner said.
It was at the Dillon Hall Mass at 10:30 Sunday night when I first saw it. I opened the Eucharist with the Sign of the Cross, and as I looked up in greeting — "The Lord be with you!" — it was staring back at me. Later, many eyes followed. And stress. You mumbled "And also with you" with an energy and interest that reminded me of my last PLS Seminar before Senior Week — not a good time to assign The Brothers Karamazov. So, I mentally cut my homily in half, and doubled my volume, but the message was clear — "Father, we love Jesus, but unless He's writing my papers this week, please keep it short!"

I've always found it hard to know what to pray for during stressful days — and the last weeks of the semester are almost inevitably stressful — some of the most difficult days of the year. I often find myself, on days when the heat is on and I'm behind, sending up prayers of desperation — prayers that ultimately only feed my stress, and of course produce no paper-completing miracles. Days of performance-induced stress offer a particular spiritual challenge, and the way to meet that challenge is never clear.

Why is it so hard to pray confidently during stressful times? Perhaps because, though Jesus does offer us a way of peace, it is not a simplistic way. On the one hand, Jesus continually offers us words of comfort, like "But they that wait upon the Lord shall inherit the land." And many other consoling words and images — Jesus calms the storm or "Do not let your hearts be troubled" and the like. But this is only part of his message. Pop spirituality books take snippets of the image of God is a Divine Taskmaster, who demands and accuses only our continual excellent performance while contributing little to the endeavor — and for my fellow perfectionists, this is always a temptation — we run the risk of praying to a God who is merely a projection of our own ambitions, or other authority figures in our life.

That stress is not relieved by such prayer is hardly surprising. But this God too is not to be found in the prayers of Jesus. Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane is a beautiful example for our purposes. For it seeks peace without escapeism — "Father, if this cup can be taken from me."

Perhaps the perspective and hope that makes this work meaningful: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall inherit the land." Perhaps one answer, which is not always as simple as it sounds, is to try not to allow either of these two realities — Christ's consolation and Christ's call — to eclipse the other.

"Stress is the awareness of disappointment and increase of stress. Jesus constantly searches in prayer for the presence and consolation of his Father, and we can see the peace and boldness with which this Presence fills Him, especially at stressful moments. Yet, in these prayers, Jesus rarely asks His Father to do things that make his life easier. Rather, He asks for the reassurance of God's presence and clarification of God's will, or often asks the Father for the ability to complete works that relieve other people's sufferings. This understanding of his work as fitting into the plan of God, and as ultimately benefiting others besides himself, brings Jesus peace."

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Viewpoint

Thursday, April 17, 2008

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear ND Student Athletes,

I want to personally thank all of those student athletes that participated in the "Fit for Fun with the Irish" at the Michiana Family YMCA. Those athletes who were at this special event showed their enthusiasm, spirit and caring to each of these hurting people who came through the doors of the YMCA on Saturday, April 12.

Special thanks to Harold Swanagan for all of his help in securing all of the athletes and his special help with the event, Notre Dame Athletes represented the four character values of the YMCA, Caring, Respect, Honesty and Responsibility, in the way that they handled themselves at this special Michiana Community Event.

The Notre Dame Family should be very proud in the way that these athletes represented the University. Thank you all for being such great role models for our young people. Go Irish.

Thomas J. Coxey
Executive Director
Michiana Family YMCA
April 16

Swinging for the Lord

As we enjoy spring at Our Lady's University, we feel that there is something missing here, and it's something that really needs to be addressed. You've probably already realized it on your own. If not, let me enlighten you: Notre Dame needs a swing set.

Take a moment and consider the vital role that a swing set plays at a Catholic university.

Part of what many of us value about Notre Dame is the strong sense of community on our campus. But look at what is happening around you. People spend less time outside in God's creation, and more time tucked away in sticky, dour "rooms." "Whee" is being replaced with "Will." A swing set (or two or three) could help stem this tide of inactive, isolationist behavior.

Will you need to do is look at how perfectly having a swing set aligns with Catholic Social Teaching. 1. The Principle of Human Dignity — Each person has a claim on membership in a community (a.k.a. the Notre Dame family, a.k.a. the new civilization of love). In the same way, each person at Notre Dame has a claim on the use of a campus swing set. 2. The Principle of Association — Every person is not only sacred but also social. A swing set with three swings is the perfect symbol of community, reminding us of the eternal loving community of the Holy Trinity. 3. The Principle of Participation — The swing set will transcend every barrier of language, race, and culture. John Paul II said so, and he is inculcible. 4. The Principle of Preferential Protection for the Poor and Vulnerable — It's free, and it's fun. 5. The Principle of Solidarity — We are one human family gathered around a swing set; you push my back, I'll push yours.

6. The Principle of Stewardship — Not only does swinging protect God's creation (what greener form of recreation is there?), but each upswing brings you closer to the Lord. 7. The Principle of Human Equality — We're transcending barriers... one size fits all people. 8. The Principle of the Common Good — As a sense of community is eroded, concern for the common good declines.

It's only a few weeks until graduation, but we think this cause is worth investing in without any further delay. Let us commit as a campus community to the procurement of a swing set. How about it Class of 2008? Notre Dame ... Fighting for a Swing Set. What would you fight for?

Jessica Brock and Joni Michaud
aw students
off campus
April 15

Electoral College needs to go

As the primary season drags on and the election is upon us, I can’t help but think of who our next president will be. And what a slight burden to be a close election. If it is going to be so close, what if the worst happens again — we elect a president who did not win the popular vote. We are electing the “Leader of the Free World,” but can it possibly not be elected democratically? Is that, by a majority? Isn’t this a bit hypocritical? A majority of Americans did not get who they voted for. They were essentially cheated.

Voting is our most important right as we are participating in our governmental process. Shouldn’t it be fair? Shouldn’t my vote count if I am a Republican in New York or a Democrat in California? Should I even bother voting if I am a Democrat in Texas? Why should the election be decided by how few lucky swing states? I believe the candidates running for president should appeal to all Americans, in every state, not just those states that are undecided.

The Founders created the Electoral College for two reasons: one, because they did not trust the citizens to make an informed decision and two, because they thought since the U.S. was such a big country, too many states would be nominated from each state and there would not be a majority candidate, which think this system is completely outdated.

First, we as citizens are intelligent and can make an informed decision as to who our President should be. We have evolved as a people to place greater trust in the masses, not the elite.

Secondly, we are a unified nation and have a party system, both of which could produce a more just society. All the Electoral College is doing now is inflating our rights as Americans; it is violating our right to have a government run by the people.

George W. Bush from 2001-2004 could not technically represent the will of the people since he was elected by the minority. Some argue that the Electoral College keeps campaigning despite candidates only have to go to certain states. I believe our rights are more important.

If you want to help stem this discussion, go to the Pi Sigma Alpha Academic Forum: “Should the Electoral College be Abolished?” on Monday, April 21st at 5 p.m. in the Sorin Room with Professor Patrick Flavin and Dr. Josh Kaplan.

Maggie O’Connor
January
Pawlowski Hall
April 16

Frozen Four congratulations

I would like to offer a hearty congratulations to Coach Jeff Jackson and the entire hockey program on a phenomenal season. I was lucky enough to attend the Frozen Four matches in Denver, and I wish I could properly convey the emotions of these thrilling contests.

This team embodies the fighting spirit for which Notre Dame is so famous. How great it was to see our Irish strongly support and that includes the terrific support from the “other” ND — North Dakota. Kudos, also, to the best post-band of the Frozen Four teams.

A sleeping giant has been brought out of his slumber, and Notre Dame hockey has arrived. I cannot wait to attend future Frozen Fours and cheer on our Irish. Go Irish!

Patrick Reymann
alumni
April 16
British politics continue to fascinate ND Parliamentary interns

STUDENTS LOOK BEYOND AMERICAN POLITICS

By BOB COSTA
Scene Writer

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Learning new fields "Senior Stephanie Yoshida, who interned for Shona Mclsaac, a Labour MP, was inspired to study a new field during her internship. "Shona came in with the 1997 all-women Labour short-lists, which were extremely controversial," said Sullivan. "I looked into that controversy and ended up writing my senior thesis on women's ability to represent women in government."

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Stephanie Yoshida Senior

"Meeting the Prime Minister "Junior Natasha Wong spent last semester as an intern for Labour MP (Member of Parliament) Claire Curtis-Thomas in London. Wong wasn't making coffee and copies during her London experience; she was meeting with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown to talk public policy.

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"This internship program is part of the internationalization of Notre Dame," said O'Boyle. "It gives an international perspective rooted more in sorrow than joy."

He sings, "All these streets I walk / They go / I live alone and in to bed I go again / I wish I could tell you just how I felt / I don't pray / I shower and say goodnight to myself / And when I close my eyes / I feel like a page with a crossed-out name." It's vintage Adams, recalling the "Heartbreakers" and "29" records that so masterfully documented a sense of misfortune set to beautiful music.

So I know I've written a lot about Ryan Adams over the past few months, from CD reviews to an entire article dedicated to reviewing his now-defunct YouTube account called "Horror74." While Ryan hasn't released any new records lately and has remained largely out of the eye of the press, he has created a blog. It's complete with home videos recorded on his digital camera, numerous photographs of himself at home and wandering around New York City and even a few video productions with new music playing in the background.

Unfortunately, Adams has already decided to end the blog. However, unlike the time when he disabled his YouTube account, he has not deleted the blog address and almost all the information and media is still accessible. He cites the reason for disabling the account as: "The sad truth is this blog, it's what happens when one day you don't have that person you talk to everyday anymore. They leave. And you get desperate. And pathetic. And you don't know who to talk to. Life goes on without you. That is what this is. This is a horrible loneliness. I hate it. I hate it so much I do it every day. So I quit." In case you're curious, the person that thought I had a very deep existential grasp for what 'devolved' politics really looks like and what Scottish independence would mean for both England and Scotland was "[MP Mundell] and I would often swap views on the upcoming American election, favorite restaurants, plays, and films," said Fox.

"Brits have an enduring fascination with America," said O'Boyle, a Brit himself who previously spent many years on campus teaching at Notre Dame. "That fascination takes different forms and shapes. It's gone from 'real politics' to cultural symbiosis."

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Bourn's homer lifts Astros to narrow win over the Phillies; Braves lose to Marlins, drop third consecutive game
Knee surgery sidelines Tiger Woods

Associated Press

The U.S. Open figured to be the closest to a sure thing for Tiger Woods in the majors this year, but maybe not anymore.

Two days after his quest for a Grand Slam faltered at the Masters, Woods had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee for the second time in five years and will miss at least four weeks while he recovers.

The announcement, which Woods made Tuesday night on his Web site, was a surprise to everyone except those around him.

"He's been having a lot of trouble," swing coach Hank Haney said. "He doesn't talk about stuff like that. He doesn't want to use excuses, you know? I don't think it affected his play. It affected his practice a little bit."

Tuesday's surgery was performed in Park City, Utah, by Thomas Rosenberg, who also operated on Woods' left knee in December 2002. Woods also had surgery in 1994 on his left knee to remove a benign tumor.

"I made the decision to deal with the pain and schedule the surgery for after the Masters," Woods said on his Web site. "The upside is that I have been through this process before and knew how to handle it. I look forward to working through the rehabilitation process and getting back to action as quickly as I can."

But he will not be able to defend his title in two weeks at the Wachovia Championship. And he most likely will miss The Players Championship the week after, one of only three non-majors he has never missed since turning pro. Provided rehab goes as expected, Woods hopes to return at the Memorial on May 29.

The U.S. Open begins June 12 at Torrey Pines, where Woods won four straight points to claim the Open in 2008. Indeed, Woods went on to an eight-shot victory in his first round at Torrey Pines, where Woods has won six times in the Buick Invitational. Such is his dominance on the cliff-side course north of San Diego that when he opened with a 67 on the South Course this year, a caddie standing behind the 18th green remarked, "He just won two tournaments with one round."

Indeed, Woods went on to an eight-shot victory in his 2008 debut, the first of four straight victories this year.

But it was not necessarily a pain-free affair.

"Tiger has been experiencing pain in his knee since the middle of last year, and when he had it looked at by his doctors, arthroscopic surgery was recommended," said Mark Steinberg, Woods' agent at IMG. "Tiger has played through the pain in the past, but knew it would be better for him to have the procedure done as early as possible."

Massa defeats Querrey in Clay Court Championship

HOUSTON — Nicolas Massu rallied to beat fourth-seeded Sam Querrey 7-6, 6-4 Wednesday and advance to the second round of the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship.

The Chilean and Querrey traded breaks early in the third set but Massu, who is ranked No. 108, broke the American in the ninth game to serve for the match at 5-4. Massu won four straight points to claim the win.

Querrey, ranked No. 50, hit a return of serve long to end the match.

"It could have gone either way there," said Querrey, who got only 44 percent of his first serves in. "I didn't have my game. I wasn't able to make a break. Not maybe as good as I could have been."

Massa is set to face 22nd-seeded Stephane Robert of France in the Round of 16.

The win was the 13th of Massu's career, and he improved to 4-0 at the event. Querrey was making his debut in Houston after missing three straight weeks with a shoulder injury.

"I'm very happy with the win," Massu said. "It's been quite a while since my last one."

USADA to launch body chemistry tests

CHICAGO — The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency has launched the opening phase of a voluntary pilot program it hopes will improve the accuracy of doping tests.

The anti-doping agency will profile the body chemistry of 12 participating athletes using a series of blood and urine tests, and those measurements will be used as a baseline for subsequent tests.

The program was described to The Associated Press by two people familiar with it, but who did not want to be identified because final details are still being worked out.

At a news conference Wednesday, track athletes Bryan Clay and Allison Felix each announced they were part of the project, called "Project Believe."

Cyclist Kristin Armstrong had previously told AP she was asked to join a USADA pilot program.

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Men's Tennis

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NCAA Men's Basketball

Former UK guard to take over at OSU

Cowboys name UMass' Travis Ford next coach

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma State will turn to another coach with Kentucky ties to reside in postseason success to its basketball program.

Massachusetts coach Travis Ford, a former Wildcats guard, agreed Wednesday to coach the Cowboys. Oklahoma State confirmed the hiring and planned a Thursday news conference to formally introduce him.

Ford will replace Sean Sutton, who resigned under pressure April 1 after leading the Cowboys to first-round NIT losses in his only two full seasons as head coach.

The 38-year-old Ford led UMass to a 25-11 record this season and an appearance in the NIT championship game, which it lost to Ohio State. He directed the Minutemen to a 62-35 mark in three seasons, including NIT bids the past two seasons.

But his roots run back to Kentucky.

He grew up in Madisonville, Ky., and started his college career at Missouri before transferring to Kentucky after Eddie Sutton left the school and eventually returned to Oklahoma State, his alma mater.

Ford then got his first major head coaching position at Eastern Kentucky and guided the program to its most successful season in 2005. He parlayed that first-round loss to Kentucky in 2005 into the Massachusetts job, and it appeared as recently as last week that he would remain with the Minutemen.

Ford turned down a job offer from Big East school Providence, and UMass athletic director John McCutcheon announced that Ford had agreed to a new contract.

Six days later, Ford was preparing to move on.

Oklahoma State's last major coaching search also ended with a Kentucky connection, with Eddie Sutton returning home to his alma mater and proclaiming himself clean after running into trouble with NCAA violations and alcoholism.

The Cowboys went to the NCAA tournament in 13 of the last 16 seasons, including Final Four appearances in 1995 and 2004, before the elder Sutton stepped aside following a drunk-driving accident in 2006.

The Cowboys ended that season with a first-round loss in the NIT under Sean Sutton, who had played for his father at Kentucky and Oklahoma State before becoming an assistant on his coaching staff. That season and the next two all ended with first-round exits in the NIT.

Upon announcing Sean Sutton's resignation, athletic director Mike Holder called him "one of the leaders of the evolution set by his father."

Ford, though, has struggled to get into the NCAA tournament on a regular basis. As a coach, his only appearance in the NCAAs came in his final year at Eastern Kentucky in 2005.

Oklahoma State originally pursued Kansas coach Bill Self for the position, but he turned down his alma mater last week and instead signed an extension to remain with the national champion Jayhawks.

NBA

Detroit ends season with victory

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Chauncey Billups looked up from his chair in Detroit's crowded locker room and addressed the days ahead.

"The real season," he said, "is about to start."

Playoff time. For the Pistons, that's all that matters.

With its record of losing most of the minutes, Detroit closed the regular-season Wednesday night with an 84-74 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers, the team that beat the Pistons four straight times last season and denied them a trip to the NBA Finals.

One year earlier, the Pistons didn't reach their title when they were eliminated in Miami.

Billups can't imagine coming up short again.

"We know what it's like to lose, and how we've lost the last two seasons," he said. "Hopefully we won't have that feeling again."

For the finale, LeBron James rested his back and sat on his scoring title.

Cleveland's All-Star forward spent the game in street clothes, resting up for a first-round matchup with Washington.

Guard Aaron Afflalo scored 15 points, Jason Maxiell had 13 and Rodney Stuckey 12 for the Pistons, who will meet the Philadelphia 76ers in the first round starting Sunday.

Wally Szczerbiak, who has struggled to find his shooting touch, had 13 and 10 rebounds.

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For the Piston's last major coaching change. Mike Brown didn't activate his star center, Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Cavaliers coach Mike Brown didn't activate his star center, Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Cavaliers coach Mike Brown didn't activate his star center.

Cleveland All-Star forward James left the lockers after the game and spoke of a "meaningless regular-season finale for two playoff-bound teams."

"This isn't about another couple of wins or losses for us," he said.

"It's about 100 percent getting ready for the playoffs, the days ahead."

James, Jordan and Oscar Robertson are the only players to average 30-7-7 in a season.

All those stats will be meaningless beginning this weekend, when the Cavaliers attempt a second run at the Eastern Conference championship.

"We're ready," Cava guard Daniel Gibson said. "We know what it's like. It's going to be the same thing, the same passion."

Magic 103, Wizards 83

The Orlando Magic paid more attention to the guy trying to make a half-court shot for $100,000 than their coach during a third-quarter timeout Wednesday night.

They couldn't be blamed. The game didn't matter to them or the Washiongton Wizards, anyway.

J.J. Redick scored a career-high 18 points and Marcin Gortat had a career-high 12 points and 11 rebounds, leading the Magic in a meaningless regular-season finale for two playoff-bound teams.

Both teams rested their starters. Gilbert Arenas, Caron Butler and Antawn Jamison didn't play at all for the Wizards, and Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy pulled Dwight Howard after the first quarter, then Rashard Lewis and Hedo Turkoglu at halftime.

"We wanted to obviously limit the minutes on some of our starters and get a lot of minutes for some of the other guys," Van Gundy said. "And then play them until the buzzer.".

Andray Blatche led Washington with 20 points and 11 rebounds, while Nick Young scored 14, Darius Songaila, Roger Mason and Oleksiy Pecherov each scored 10 points for the Wizards, and Pecherov had a career-high 10 rebounds.

Lewis had 19 points in 17 minutes. Redick, a Magic fan favorite who rarely gets off the bench, was 0-for-5 from the field to start, but finished 7-for-14. Turkoglu scored 13 points and Keith Bogans added 10.

The Magic, the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference, will play the No. 6 Detroit Pistons in the first round of the playoffs, while No. 5 Washington will play at No. 4 Cleveland.

"We're ready," the Orlando guard said.

"The playoffs start and the top eight or nine guys seem to be ready and healthy."
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**NHL**

**Staal’s goal pushes Rangers past Devils**

Crosby, Malkin lead Penguins to series sweep

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Marc Staal scored his second straight game-winner, this time he did it into the right net.

The rookie defenseman pushed the New York Rangers within a win of the second round with a good old slap shot. The timing couldn’t have been better.

Just three days after a puck eluded his skate and went in for New Jersey’s winning goal in overtime of Game 3, Staal snapped a tie with 3:13 left to give the Rangers a 3-2 victory over the Devils and a 3-1 series lead Wednesday night.

“Toward the right,” Staal recalled. “I had the puck on my stick. It’s definitely gone through something and I ended up winning.”

“They said don’t worry about it,” Staal recalled. “All the guys were understanding about what happened and what kind of goal it was.”

Scott Gomez had two goals and, Martin Straka and Chris Drury also scored for the Rangers, who could end the series Friday with a win at New Jersey. New York took the first two games there before splitting two at home. Rodeur and the Devils this end of this year’s playoff series.

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They handled us pretty well last year, Crosby said. “They were physical and they were hard to handle. I think we’re starting to take them over. We’re starting to become a good team. It feels good for sure.”

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**Penguins 3, Senators 1**

The Pittsburgh Penguins were on the happy side of the traditional handshake line at the end of this year’s playoff series with the Ottawa Senators.

Evgeni Malkin and Jarko Ruutu scored second-period goals, leading Pittsburgh to a win over Ottawa on Wednesday night to complete a four-game sweep of their first-round series.

Sidney Crosby scored into an empty net with 7.5 seconds remaining and had an assist, and Marc-Andre Fleury made 21 saves for the Penguins, who got their first sweep in 16 years and their first playoff series win since 2001.

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The moment of silence was very special. It’s the kind of thing you can’t get used to, said Barnes.

The score remained 4-4 until the top of the eighth, when Barnes led off with a deep fly to the warning track center.

Huskies center fielder Pat Minogue was able to make a long run under the ball but could not make the catch, allowing Barnes to advance to second. Senior pitcher Tony Langford pitched a 1-2-3 eighth inning and junior Kyle Weiland secured the win in the ninth to pick up his sixth save of the season.

Barnes led the Irish offense, going 3-for-4 with an RBI and three runs scored, including the winning run. 

"It's a sign of a good team when many players can lead the team each night," said Dave Schrage, Irish coach.

The Irish will put their win streak on the line again this weekend with a three-game series against Big East foe West Virginia in Morgantown.

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**Bulls, Thomas dominate Raptors**

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Long after the final buzzer sounded, Ben Gordon was waiting for reality to hit.

He expects it to smack him now that this dismal season is over and the Chicago Bulls are playoff spectators instead of contenders.

"It’s very bitter," he said. "It’s just tough to swallow.

While the Bulls entered what figures to be a busy offseason, the Toronto Raptors turned their focus toward the playoffs after finishing the regular season with a 107-97 loss at Chicago on Wednesday night. If they get more performances like this from T.J. Ford, they’ll be in good shape.

Ford finished with 18 points in 18 minutes, but Tyrus Thomas scored a season-high 26 to lead Chicago in what might have been interim coach Jim Boylan’s last game with the Bulls.

With the sixth seed in the Eastern Conference and a first-round playoff matchup with Orlando locked up, the Raptors used their starters sparingly.

Ford made the most of his time, shooting 7-for-9 — and 6-for-8 while scoring 16 in the first quarter. Chris Bosh finished with eight points in 15 minutes.

Andrea Bargnani came off the bench and scored 13, while Kris Humphries added 14 points in a decisive victory.

"I just wanted to come out and be aggressive," Ford said. "Try to get my mind-set ready for the playoffs."

The Bulls kept all but one of its starters — Jamario Moon — on the bench and scored 13, while Kris Humphries added 14 points in 15 minutes.

Philadelphia locked up, the Raptors entered the playoffs.

The game got off to a rough start when it really hit me that I’m not in college anymore, said the bench the second quarter,

Hinrich and Gordon — did little as a woeful season came to a merciful end.

Now, the makeover starts.

The Bulls’ first move could be dismissing Boylan, who’s scheduled to meet with general manager John Paxson on Thursday. He went 24-32 after taking over for the fired Scott Skiles in late December, and Chicago finished 33-49 following three straight playoff appearances.

**NBA**

**Bulls guard Thabo Sefolosha goes up for a shot during Chicago’s 107-97 win over Toronto Wednesday.**
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homerun was her only hit of the day.
Sophomore outfielder Ashley Ellis had two hits and two runs and junior DH Beth Norwood had two hits and one RBI.
The first three innings appeared to be a pitching duel between junior starting pitcher Britney Bargar and Wisconsin pitchers junior Leah Vanvechoten (4-19) and sophomore Lexi Alvarez. Things started off bleak for the Irish. Bargar (1-8), who allowed five runs (12-33; 2-10 Big Ten) in the top of the fourth, created a 5-0 deficit for the Irish, reminiscent of their shutout loss just a day before. Only two of those runs were earned, as Bargar went the distance, striking out six in the win.
The Irish had no problem responding, however, coming up with six runs on six hits in the bottom of the inning, sparked by Kohan's lead-off home-run and followed up by the homeruns from Lux and Pleury.

SMC WOMEN'S TENNIS
Belles host Bulldogs for conference match

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's continues conference play this afternoon as the Belles host the Adrian (5-11, 2-5) for their third consecutive home match. Saint Mary's (8-9, 2-3 MIAA) defeated conference foe Tri-State 4-1 this past weekend and beat cross-town rival Beloit-Tuesday 7-2.

With each match, Saint Mary's has shown improvement in both the doubles and singles divisions. On Saturday against Tri-State, Saint Mary's won two of the three doubles, and swept the singles play. The Belles followed up Tuesday by winning all three doubles matches, and going 4-2 in singles play.
The No. 1 doubles duo of sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley won their 8th match as a pair with their 8-2 triumph over Beloit junior Bree Oles and junior Walus. Gebert and Hurley moved to 8-8; 2-3 MIAA as Saint Mary's top doubles team. The No. 2 doubles pair of sophomore co-captain Lisa Rubino and freshmen Betsy Reed beat Sherra Millender and Lindsey Dixson 8-3, while freshmen Jessica Camp and Franca Peluso stepped up for the Belles in the No. 3 doubles spot for their second match as a pair. Camp and Peluso won 8-3 over Carrie Edison and Serena Frey.

Saint Mary's singles maintained the momentum they gained in the victory over Tri-State as they defeated Rehfeld 4-2 to win the division. No. 1 singles Gebert beat Oles 6-0 in one set before Oles removed herself from the match due to shoulder problems. At No. 2 singles, Hurley won her 14th match of the season, defeating the Walus 6-0, 6-2. No. 3 and No. 4 singles for Saint Mary's weren't as successful. No. 3 Reed lost 6-1, 6-2 to Edison, while No. 4 freshman Jessica Kostinski was defeated 8-6, 6-1 by Millender. No. 5 singles Rubino kept up her consistency as she defeated Julia Horn 6-4, 6-2 in her seventh singles win of the season. Freshman Laura Arnold made her first appearance at No. 6 singles for Saint Mary's, defeating Frey in a tie-breaker third match 10-8 after losing her first match 2-6, and winning her second 6-2.

"We played strong doubles Tuesday, so hopefully we can start the match off again by getting three wins in doubles." - Lisa Rubino, Belles co-captain

Saint Mary's, South Florida can be seen on the road on Saturday and Sunday against Louisville (23-15; 9-3 Big East) and South Florida (36-15; 11-1 Big East), the number one and two teams in the Big East. The double-header against Louisville will be televised nationally on CSTV at noon, and the games against South Florida can be seen regionally on Catch 47 Sports TV.

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through No. 6 seeds in the tournament. The victims include No. 41 Longwood and Florida Tech of South Florida, and No. 56 DePaul are ranked nationally. Combined, the Irish won their five conference matches 32-3, including shutouts against DePaul and Marquette.

The Irish have rebounded from their first three losses on the road, the Irish got back on track.

"We felt like we could have won those matches, so the kids have worked hard, especially at the end of the year going into the NCAA's and the Big East (Tournament). The big thing has been the hard work and that a lot of the kids have been around the last few years and played in a lot of big matches," Louderback said.

Postseason experience is an advantage the Irish will hold over their less experienced opponents.

"Making the quarterfinals in the NIT the last few years and the experience they have gotten in all the big matches will be key," he said.

The team arrived in Florida, the site of the tournament for the fourth straight year, late last night. Since the Irish have been regulars at the tournament, they have a bit of a routine.

"Our kids are familiar with the courts and surroundings and everything," Louderback said. "The last three years we have gotten into a good routine with when we eat, where we eat, and the timing of everything."

While doubles has definitely been the team's strength for the season with nationally top-ranked duo of senior Brooke Buck and junior Kelsey Tefft, the team has also made a routine lately of dominating singles play.

The newest polls recognized the impressive individual play, as Notre Dame will enter the postseason with three ranked singles players: No. 44 Tefft, No. 84 sophomore Cami Ciobanu, and No. 89 Buck. The tournament rankings placed fourth-seeded Marquette in Notre Dame's half of the bracket. Louisville is the second seed, sharing the bottom half with third-seeded South Florida.

The Irish will play their quarterfinal match on the Varsity Courts at South Florida this Friday morning at 9 a.m. against either Rutgers or Pittsburgh. If they advance, their semi-final match will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday. The final match is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Sunday.

The season also is a consolation bracket set-up, but Notre Dame does not plan on being a part of that. The Irish have their sights set on taking their third Big East title in four years. "We are excited to get there and play," Louderback said.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE
Squad falls to Vanderbilt
By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer
For the second straight year, No. 8 Notre Dame couldn't handle No. 13 Vanderbilt despite coming off a big win over conference rival No. 9 Georgetown. The Commodores (11-4, 4-1 American Lacrosse Conference) hold the high-powered Irish (10-5, 3-1 Big East attack in check for most of the game, never trailing in their 9-6 victory at the Loftus Center Wednesday afternoon. Junior attack Jillian Byers led Notre Dame with three goals, while senior Caitlin McKinney, Alexia Billings and Shaylyn Blaney each scored single goals in the loss.

"It has been a dream of members of my family for me to attend Notre Dame. After receiving recruiting interest, my family and I came to visit Notre Dame for the first time after my junior year in high school," he said. "I felt home the minute I stepped on campus."

Postgraduation, Podgajny faced several solid offers to play lacrosse from top universities, such as Princeton, Penn State and Notre Dame. Despite his Polish last name, Podgajny comes from an Irish Catholic family, and has always dreamt of attending Our Lady's university.

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For the second straight year, the Commodores took the Irish down with a patient offense that spread the field and chewed the clock. Each team scored once more time to reach the final 9-6 tally.

Carter Foote scored three times in the Commodores, who managed the victory despite losing the turnover battle 16-10.

Last season, a Notre Dame loss to Vanderbilt began a three-game slide from which the Irish never recovered. Coach Tracy Goyne's squad will look to avoid that same fate beginning Sunday, when the Irish travel to Piscataway, N.J., to take on Rutgers.

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we met and played along side each other. The memories I have from high school lacrosse are some that I will never forget."

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"My experience at Notre Dame has been remarkable. Having made friends and memories for life, I could not imagine life any differently," he said.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't take matters too seriously, even if a change in order to get past something or someone who is blocking you. If the stakes get too high, back away and work with entirely different members. Learning and putting what you know into play should be your goal. Look in the mirror with optimism. These numbers are 12, 15, 34, 47

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll keep your competition and acquaintances guessing. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You've been working hard on your personal arrangements at home, you will feel better about yourself and your current situation. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): No matter what you do, you will always be attracted to others. So think carefully about your actions. Love is on the rise and you will be tempted to get involved with someone that you find very attractive. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): No matter what you do, you will always be interested in others. Your numbers are 12, 20, 23, 32, 34, 47

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Ten spot

ND plays for charity at U.S. Cellular Field

By MICHAEL BRYAN

CHICAGO — After playing a level above their opponents over the past month, it was only fitting that the Irish extended their winning streak at a venue usually reserved for the next level — U.S. Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox.

Notre Dame won their tenth straight game Wednesday, defeating Northern Illinois 5-4 in a special matchup organized by Huskies coach Ed Mathey and Irish coach Dave Schrage, who spent four years coaching at Northern Illinois.

4,600 were in attendance at U.S. Cellular to see the Irish battle the Huskies, with proceeds from the game benefiting the Northern Illinois February 14 Scholarship Fund. The money raised will be used to establish scholarships in memory of the victims of the tragic shooting this year on Northern Illinois' campus that injured 12 students and killed six.

Schrage said the game was especially emotional for him given his years coaching at Northern Illinois.

"It hit me hardest standing in front of the fans today," Louderback said. "So I’ll get a chance to play us," Louderback said. "That was the first time I’ve seen NIU/page 20

Men’s Lacrosse

Podgajny finishes final year

By ELLYN MICHALAK

Senior Michael Podgajny wasn’t always aware of his innate lacrosse abilities.

"I grew up in a baseball family, with my father as the coach and older brother as the star player," Podgajny said. "I followed those footsteps."

The Ridley Park, Pa. native now serves as a crucial member to the No. 11 nationally ranked Irish squad. Appearing in 37 games and starting since his freshman year, Podgajny earned All-America accolades his junior season and has compiled 70 points for his team (43 goals and 27 assists).

After lacrosse became popular in the Philadelphia area, Podgajny decided to give the sport a shot.

"My father suggested that I play, and I instantly fell in love with the game," he said. "So I began playing lacrosse during 5th grade."

Podgajny went on to attend Ridley High School where he led his team to three consecutive Pennsylvania state championships, became an All-American lacrosse player his senior year, and was named MVP during the 2003 season.

"One of my best memories from high school was playing against [my current teammate and roommate] Ross Zimmerman at the Boy’s Latin School tournament," he said. "That was the first time I’ve seen BIG EAST/page 21

ND Softball

Irish clobber Wisconsin

By JARED JEDICK

The Irish blasted their way out of a slump with a one-hitter 11-5 win over Wisconsin Tuesday. The stellar performance at Melissa Cook Stadium included 13 strikeouts and four home runs.

The three home runs in the fourth inning were the most ever by the Irish (27-13; 7-3 Big East) in a single inning, and the four in the game is the most for the Irish this year.

Junior third baseman Linda Koren hit two dingers in the game, one in the fourth and the other in the sixth. Koren came in with three hits and four RBIs on the night.

Also going the distance for the Irish were freshman shortstop Chris Fleury and sophomore utility player Christine Lux. Fleury finished the day two-for-two with two runs and two RBIs, and Lux’s two-run home run

ND Women’s Tennis

Squad travels to Florida, begins Big East tourney

By DAN MASTERTON

Squad Winner

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