State College Dems convene at ND

Students and elected representatives look ahead to policy formation and 2010 elections

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

Five months after helping to turn Indiana "blue" for the first time in 44 years and with their sights set on further change, College Democrats from across the state met Saturday in DeBartolo Hall for the 2009 Annual College Democrats of Indiana Convention to elect statewide officers and instruct members on fundraising tactics.

Congressman Joe Donnelly, a Democrat who represents Indiana's 2nd District, opened the convention by crediting campaign volunteers from last fall's election for helping to shift national electoral trends and for re-electing him.

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INSIDE COLUMN

War on Walsh begins

It has been over a year since the victory celebrated across campus on V-W Day. Those henchmen of Arizona were stopped, their encroachment upon the rights of Otters and those who call Otters friends halted. Our war was just, our fighting superior, our valor unassailable, and our tum­tletries furry and full of shellfish.

But since that victory, we free Domers have been guilty of a grave error. We have been content to rest on our laurels; frolicking, swimming and grooming without a care in the world. We, Sorinites, the vanguard of liberty and fashion sense, have had the wool pulled over our eyes.

Darkness has descended over the land. A darkness that knows no boundaries, no respect. A darkness that treads upon the sacrosanct grasses of God Quad, and uses the feast stairs of the Dome, even though it won't be graduating for few years. A darkness that doesn't smell bad, per se, but that has an odor that makes us uncomfortable.

It began small, with protestation of the terms of the Treaty of Bond Quad. We Otters are a fair breed. The agreement was just; their leaders were trying in an intramura­l court and assigned responsibility for the fighting, and we Otters maintained control over their arms (no more than two per person) as well as exclusive use of the dumpster behind their building.

But the terms set forth, 34 in total, were apparently too much. After align­ing with and eventually arranging the Knights of Columbia has learned their small yet culturally rich neighbor to the south were these women have now threat­ened an invasion of St. Ed's, a historical­ly neutral dormitory to facilitate a game of Assassins with Keenan, a game denounced in a Hall Presidents' Council meeting as "totally lame."

This unacceptable breach of the morality of this University is something for which we cannot stand. For too long we have lain idly by, cracking clams on our stomachs while floating in the lake. The threat is real, and the horror of war around the beginning of May, the price of inaction is too high.

So we will fight. We will fight for honor. We will fight for our children, which we hope will be born within the next few years. So we will fight. We will fight for honor. We will fight for our children, which we hope will be born within the next few years. So we will fight.

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The Sleeping Otter has been awoken.

Steve Kubik
Sports Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What would you rather play Bookstore Basketball, in rain or snow?

ara and Steve San­tay

"Hail, preferably."

"Snow: It's more fun."

"Snow."

"Wintry mix."

"Rolls."

"Definitely snow."

Sophomore James Solit­to­t carries senior Bill Columbus, both of Keough Hall, during the 'Storming of the Castle' event of the first annual Highlander Games Saturday.

OFFBEAT

Company to launch kosher Mexican tequila

NEW YORK — A New York businessman is launching a new kosher tequila in time for Cinco de Mayo. Martin Silver says Agave 99 will be on the market in time for the holiday that celebrates Mexico's defeat of French forces on May 5, 1862. Silver, president of Long Island-based Star Industries, says he wants to satisfy the crate of high-end tequila with one that observant Jews can drink.

Silver says a half million cases of the 99-proof kosher tequila are being produced at a Mexican plant using methods certified by a rabbi. It will retail for $41.95 a bottle. The product launch — with Mexican songs sung in both Yiddish and Spanish — is set for May 5, but it will also be sold earlier for Passover, which starts on sundown on April 8 this year.

Man gets index finger caught in gas tank

SAGINAW, Michigan — A Michigan man has been hospital­ized not to stick his fingers in certain places. Victor Harris, of Saginaw, Michigan, was pouring a fuel additive into his Lincoln Navigator sport utility vehicle Thursday when a piece of paper fell into the gas tank. Harris tried to fish the paper out, but his index finger became stuck in the gas tank.

While TV reported Harris to extract his digit for two hours before friends called the fire department. It took another two hours before emergency responders cut the gas tank tube out of the vehicle.

Doctors later removed Harris' finger from the tube. He received two stitches.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER

Thursday


IN BRIEF

A lecture hosted by the Higgins Labor Studies Program called "Working for Social Justice: From the Fields of Immokalee, Florida to the Fields of Sinaloa, Mexico" will take place today at 7:30 p.m., in 121 DeBartolo Hall. Fair Food Across Borders national campaign coordinator Melody Gonzalez, ND '95, will give the lecture.

A lecture titled "To Cry or Not to Cry: Heritage, Genetic Identity, and the Ambivalence of Belonging in Argentina" will be given Tuesday by Dr. Graciela Cabana of University of Tennessee at 3 p.m. in 117 DeBartolo Hall.

The Center for Asian Studies will host a symposium called "The Church in Asia, Part 1: East Asia" Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium and Great Hall. The symposium aims to explore the past, present, and future of Catholicism in Asia, and will feature three scholars focusing on the Church in Japan, China and South Korea.

The play "Our Town," by Thornton Wilder will be shown Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in Decio Main Stage Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play was first published and produced in 1938, and depicts life in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, transforming the simple events of everyday existence into universal truths. Regular ticket prices: $15 general public; $12 senior/ND faculty/staff. 10 students.

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

Art Comment:
The Observer incorrectly stated the percentage of alumni friends who exhibited support for the decision and 70 percent were supportive of the decision and 30 percent were against. The Observer regrets this error.
GE to receive Hesburgh award

The General Electric Co., a multinational technology and services conglomerate, is the 2009 recipient of the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Award for Exemplary Ethical, Environmental, Social and Governance Practices given by the University of Notre Dame. Keith Sherin, chief financial officer for GE, will accept the award on behalf of the company during a ceremony at 4:15 p.m. on April 1 in the Jordan Auditorium of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business.

Chosen from among 30 companies, GE was nominated by Notre Dame MBA students for its record of ethics and corporate responsibility, said Patrick E. Murphy, marketing professor and co-director of the Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide.

"GE has a long-standing reputation for its strong code of ethics, training programs in ethics," Murphy said. "The company also established its well-regarded reformation sustainability initiative and recently became a signatory of the United Nations Global Compact."

Launched in 2000, the compact is an initiative intended to encourage businesses worldwide to adopt sustainable and socially responsible policies, and to report on their implementation.

This is the first year that a company rather than an individual has received the award, which formerly was known as the Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Award for Ethics in Business. Previous winners include Starbucks Chairman Howard Schultz, and Ronald Grzybinski and Mary Houghton of ShoreBank Corp. The award is sponsored by the Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide, the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, and the Notre Dame chapter of Net Impact.

Preceding the Hesburgh Award ceremony, the Frank Cahill Lecture will take place at 4:15 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium. The lecture will feature a panel of four current MBA candidates representing finance, marketing, accounting and management — speaking on the topic of "Ethical issues Faced by Young Managers." The candidates will discuss an instance of facing an ethical dilemma earlier in their careers and how they solved it. The panel includes: Kerry Doyle, Shanin Durfelle, Chris Owens and Nicole Phillips.

Volcano spews, ash falls on city

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaska's Mount Redoubt continues to spew a thin ash layer, sending plumes of ash tens of thousands of feet into the air that rained down on at least one Alaska town.

Also, for the first time, the volcano spewed a thin layer of ash on Anchorage — enough to force the shutdown of the state's largest airport.

The volcano got started early Saturday by sending an ash plume 50,000 feet into the air.

A second eruption occurred shortly after 2 p.m. and sent ash 25,000 feet. Another occurred about an hour and a half later and sent ash 35,000 feet into the air.

"It is all over," she said. "You can actually see the ash blowing through the air."

Another large explosion occurred at 7:23 p.m. Radar showed an ash plume 45,000 feet high.

After the first eruption, the observatory detected strong seismic activity lasting 20 minutes or more followed by an hours-long low-level tremor.

Alaska Airlines, the state's largest carrier, canceled all flights into and out of Anchorage on Saturday afternoon after Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport was shut down because of the ash.

Since the volcano began erupting last Sunday, Alaska Airlines has canceled about 185 flights. Ash can cause engines to stall.

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The Observer wins 3rd place at ICPA

The Jugger wins "Best Literary Magazine;" Scholastic wins second place for "News Magazine"

Observer Staff Report

The Observer won third place in the Division 1 "Newspaper" category at the Indiana Collegiate Press Association (ICPA) awards ceremony, held at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Other university publications represented at ICPA were: The Jugger, which won "Best Literary Magazine," Scholastic, which won second place in the "News Magazine of the Year" and The Dome, which won second place in Division 1 "Yearbook of the Year."

Aside from its overall award, The Observer won two additional eight awards, including three first places.

By Assistant News Editor Kaitlynn Riely first place in the "Best News Feature Story" category for her article profiling identical twins Donna and Diana Defino who supported, and worked for, two opposite Democratic presidential candidates on Capital Hill.

Photo Editor Ian Gavlick took first place in the "Best Sports Photo" category for his photograph of Irish guard Eric Olsen, used on the Sept. 3 Irish Dome cover, and second place in the "Best Sports Photo" category for an action shot from the Sept. 1 Irish Dome cover used on the 2008-09 NAIA Men's Basketball Championship final.

Former Graphic Editor and current Ad Design Manager Mary Jesse won first place in the "Best News Graphic" category for the two-page spread containing electoral vote maps and graphs she designed for The Observer's post-election Insider.

Former Sports Editor Dan Murphy won second place in the "Best Sports Column" category for his article titled "Irish look like bottom feeders" in which he sustains a horror movie metaphor throughout his post-football analysis after Notre Dame's loss to Pittsburgh.

Former and current Saint Mary's editors Liz Harter and Ashley Charnley won third in the "Best Re-Build" category for their coverage on the Executive Board's sign controversy in Board of Governance.

Former Scene writer and 2006 graduate Cassie Bebek took home third place in the "Best Entertainment Column."

The staff won third place in the "Best Single Issue" category for its Nov. 5 edition and post-election coverage.

Book published on gender and faith

Special to The Observer

Kathleen Spruill Cummings, assistant professor of American studies and associate director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame, is the author of "New Women of the Old Faith," an examination of how women's roles in the Catholic church in the Progressive Era were defined and released by the University of North Carolina Press.

In the book, Cummings places Catholic women at the forefront of two defining developments of the Progressive Era: the emergence of the "New Woman" and Catholic social action to achieve their places in American culture.

Cummings highlights four women: Chicago-based journalist Margaret Louisa Barrett Sullivan; Sister Julis McGeary, S.N.D., Foundress of Trinity College; Philadelphia educator Sister Assistans McEvoy, S.S.J.; and Kathleen Eleanor Conway, a Boston editor, public figure and anti-suffragist. Each story emphasizes that women who were faithful members of a patriarchal church were capable of trailblazing work on behalf of women, but regarded themselves as marginalized Catholics.

"Although many opportunities were presented to women in the 20th century as a result of the suffrage movement, Cummings' subjects said they pursued goals not as "New Women" as daughters of the "Old Faith." Cummings presents a strong argument for the need to devote more attention to religious identity as a factor in interpreting women's lives and building their characters."

Cummings' research and teaching interests center on the study of American women, with a particular focus in the history of gender and Catholicism. She is a regular contributor to Commonweal, America and American Catholic Studies.
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election. Incoming Notre Dame College Democrats co-pri
dent Chris Rhodenbaugh said improved coordination between local politicians and campus groups will be a goal for next year.

Next year the College Democrats will advocate change on issues of education, the environment, health care and labor policy, Rhodenbaugh said.

"I feel that students at Notre Dame don't have a thorough understanding of the labor community," he said.

The 2010 elections will have serious implications for health care funding in Indiana. Rhodenbaugh said. Democrats currently control the Indiana House of Representatives with a 52-48 majority. But if that changes, Republicans will like
elike to be able to control legislation.

"A big deal with health care is that state legislators can control how much money is spent," he said. "If Republicans gain control, they would set income levels lower for the [State Children's Health Insurance Program]."

Lowering the minimum income for eligibility in this program would deprive children of needed health services, Rhodenbaugh said.

Congressman Ryan Dvorak, who represents Indiana's 8th District, talked about the chal
lenges of putting federal stimulus money to the best use when leaders at the state and local levels see different priorities.

"A lot of these programs were set up for the first time in this stimulus bill. While we know where the basic trans
portation dollars are going to go, there are still a lot of mul
timillion pots of money," he said. "It's a little bit of a fight between us and the governor to make sure they don't blow all the money in stupid places."

"The focus did not stay on state politics.

During the luncheon, Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives Patrick Bauer reminded conference attendees of the implications of the 2010 election for long term Democratic Party success in Indiana.

"The next election is the most important in decades, because if we win, we can redistrict," he said. "If we don't, the other party redistricts."

Bauer stressed that main
aining a strong Democratic presence in the state legislature will be key to meeting education needs, while arguing that the commitment of Indiana Democrats to educa
tion funding helped Notre Dame form a partnership with Purdue University for a nan
otechnology research center.

"And it's also important for education in Indiana that we have a Democratic House," he said. "The budget in Indiana helps every school in Indiana. Notre Dame is beginning to get money and that's unheard of. We are getting it through the research way by partnering with other universities."

Congressman Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, taped a mes
sage for the convention, urging Democrats to consider running with other universities.

"We have to be ready in our youth to challenge the underly
ing assumption about what our capabilities and possibilities are," he said.

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1:30-6

Junior Catherine Casey, president of the Women's Running Club, finished sec
ond for women, and senior Megan Flynn was third.

Senior Richard Chapman was behind O'Connor, fol
lowed by junior Matthew Bartindale.

Bartindale, who had been training for the race since Christmas break, said he was expecting to be in the top 10 but was surprised to finish third place and to set a personal record, despite the harsh racing conditions.

"It was a great feeling fin
ishing the race ..." he said. "I was definitely freezing."

The sophomore coordina
tors also reported that the Holy Half received sponsor
ships from Pangborn Hall, Cavanaugh Hall, NDtv, the Women's Running Club, Circle K, the Council of Representatives, the Morris Inn and the class of 2011.

Tate and Kickham were responsible for contacting these sponsors, as well as, designating the course, advertising the race and organizing food and music.

They were extremely grate
ful to their committee who helped them.

"Scan and I did do a lot, but we couldn't have done it without our committee," Tate said. "They were so fun and so positive that it made the hard work bearable."

Tate said it was exciting to watch the runners, which included students, professors and members of the South Bend community.

"I don't think I could explain to you just how amazing it felt," Tate said.

The energetic atmosphere continued as the runners ran around the campus, past the library, along the perimeter of campus adjacent to Edison Road, to the Main Building, and around the lakes to South Quad and then repeated the entire course.

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lot of fun. It was especially fun and exciting for me because I'm from Dallas and I only see my immediate family during the summer and at Christmas. It was special to be able to see my mom during the semester. We didn't have time hanging out, and introducing them to my friends and their moms."

Beckman said her mom attended as well.

"It was a great chance for my friends and their moms to meet and have a good time," she said. "My mom really enjoyed the opportunity to just spend some time with me and to be able to meet all my friends."

Overall, Beckman said she believed that students enjoyed the event.

"I think that overall most enjoyed the event," she said. "With this type of event there are always a few glitches, but overall it was a fun time."

Juniors and their moms were offered a variety of activities to participate in throughout the weekend. Moms were able to take a tour of campus, as well as many other planned events. On Friday, mothers and daugh
ters were invited to a wine and cheese tasting event. Later Friday night, students and ir moms could go bowling.

Saturday's events included yoga and pilates, so mothers could experience a class in Angela Athletic Facility. They also had the opportunity to experience the College's histo
ry by taking a tour of the Heritage Room.

After the daytime events, Moms were held at the Church of Our Lady of Loreto. Then a special dinner was held for the mothers and daughters at the Windsor Park Conference Center.

Junior Moms' Weekend is the prelude to Senior Dads' Weekend.

"I like that Saint Mary's has a weekend for just moms and dads because the dynamic is a little different when you're with just one event, as opposed to both at the same time," Ineich said.

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Eight dead in nursing home shootings

Gunman opened fire on residents and nurses Sunday in North Carolina

**Associated Press**

CARTHAGE, N.C. — A lone gunman burst into a North Carolina nursing home Sunday morning and started shooting "indiscriminately," barging into the rooms of terrified patients, sparking a chaotic rampage with no explanation while killing seven residents and injuring three others.

Authorities said Robert Stewart, 45, of Moore County, with eight counts of first-degree murder and a single charge of felony assault of a law enforcement officer. Authorities offered few other details, allowing only that Stewart was not a patient or an employee at the nursing home and isn't believed to be related to any of the victims.

"I don't know if the emotion or the excitement or the fear, but for his actions, we certainly could have had a worse story," said Mecklenburg County District Attorney Michelle Hunter, who confronted Stewart on a hallway of Pinehale Health and Rehab after he stopped the brutal attack.

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Stewart also wounded three nurses, including the Carthage police officer who confronted him on a hallway of Pinehale Health and Rehab after he stopped the brutal attack.

"We uncovered real-time evidence of malware that had penetrated Tibetan computer systems, extracting sensitive documents from the private office of the Dalai Lama," investigator Greg Watson said.

**National News**

Few flood victims have insurance

MOOREHEAD, Minn. — As the Red River crept within view of their backyard this past week, Denette and Billy Narum had an extra worry creeping within view of their backyard this past week, Denette and Billy Narum had an extra worry.

Fewer than 800 homeowners in the North Dakota and Minnesota communities most threatened by the swollen river held insurance policies covering flood damage despite a decade-long push by state and federal officials to get people signed up, according to federal records obtained by The Associated Press.

Suburban coyote encounters on the rise

DENVIR — A coyote ambling into a Chicago sandwich shop or taking up residence in New York's Central Park under- standably creates a stir. But even here on the high plains of Colorado, where the animals are part of the landscape and figure prominently in Western lore, people are being taken aback by rising coyote encounters.

Thanks to suburban sprawl and a growth in numbers of both people and animals, a rash of coyote encounters has alarmed residents and wildlife officials.

Wildlife officials are working to educate the public. Coyotes have always been here, they've adapted to urban landscapes and they prefer to avoid humans.

**Local News**

State unemployment rate increases

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**North Korea**

U.N. warns against rocket launch plan

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That would be a sharp reversal from June 2009 when the North made a promising move toward disarmament, dramatically blowing up a cooling reactor at its main Yongbyon nuclear complex.

But the regime routinely backtracks on agreements, refuses to abide by international rules and wielded its nuclear program like a weapon when it needs to win concessions from Washington or Seoul, analysts say.

"History has shown them that the more provocative they are, the more attention they get. The more they offer, they're just playing for time," Peter M. Beck, a Korean affairs expert who teaches at American University in Washington and Yonsei University in Seoul, said Sunday.

"They're safe, which is the primary thing."

Beverly McNeill said her mother, Pinehale resident Ellery Chishole, called moments after the gunman stormed into her room and pointed his "deer gun" at her roommate. "They're up here shooting, they're up here shooting," she frantically told her 14-year-old granddaughter, Tasha, over the phone.

Chishole told her daughter she wore a his flip over her shirt so she couldn't see the man or what she expected him to do, McConnell said. He didn't shoot, but left the room and began shooting down the hallway.

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were encouraged to turn off their lights for the hour. "Some students watched movies in the dark or only used the light of the television to do homework," Bunn said. This is the third year of the event, and Notre Dame's second year of participation. Membership in the event is growing at a rapid pace, with the number of cities partaking in the hour increasing almost tenfold this year. In 2007, the first year of the event, Sydney, Australia was the only city to switch the lights off. Last year, over 50 million participated in about 400 cities, including Notre Dame. "This year a whooping 3,900 cities participated," said Bunn. "I am proud to say that Notre Dame is one of them." The event was highly focused on the task of the world in the fight against climate change, Bunn said. She said she hoped the University's participation will show Notre Dame's concern over the issue. "Notre Dame's participation in this event reflects the University's mission to have a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good," Bunn said. "Notre Dame united with the world to show that we care about the state of the climate and that we want solutions to address climate change issues," she said. The event was sponsored on campus by the Notre Dame Environmental Center and GreEND, which had the task of seeing that certain actions were taken on campus to ensure its success. "Our job was to No.1, turn off the lights on the monuments of Notre Dame, the things that symbolize our school and declare our participation," Bunn said. "Also, No. 2, to spread publicity to get the word out to students and staff that no matter where they were at 8:30 Saturday night to turn off the lights." Bunn said the movement to turn off the lights was inspiring and empowering. "Yes, sometimes I wonder if it really makes a difference if I switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs, recycle or ride my bike instead of driving," Bunn said. "Every person can make a difference because this is something we can only do together. With the data collected from this year's Earth Hour, the WWF will go to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen in December to push for legislation on dealing with the climate change situation. "I think it already has made a statement to local and global leaders," Bunn said. "The WWF is going to share the stats from Earth Hour 2009 in December at the Copenhagen convention when world leaders are meeting to figure out the next policy to take the place of the Kyoto Protocol, which hopefully will accurately and effectively deal with the causes and effects and find global support especially from the United States." 

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Other dorm teams participated in events and were awarded with points for their accomplishments. "As a dorm, we really wanted to choose an event that involved the Scottish heritage of the Hall's sponsor, the Duncan family," Duncan Hall president Tom Bacsk said. "The event was chosen to raise money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a charitable organization devoted to childhood cancer research." Bacsk said they wanted to show our support for a fellow resident of Duncan Hall who was diagnosed with cancer this past fall semester, and this was his charity of choice.

Duncan Hall raised $400 for St. Baldrick's, and the dorms who competed in the games raised over $300 in donations, Bacsk said. "These donations were all collected in the last month and really show the great support that has been generated for this event and for the St. Baldrick's Foundation," he said. Despite the cold weather, Bacsk said the event had a good turnout. As a result of the positive response and success of the Highlander Games in this inaugural year, he said, the residents of Duncan Hall look forward to making the Games their annual signature event, and to expanding next year's participation across campus and increasing the charitable contributions.

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Geithner defends bailout approach

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner defended his approach to fixing the country's economic mess Sunday, saying "the market will not solve this" while dismissing a bailout fund for battered banks as unnecessary and the sort of "left and the right" compromise he had used his first Sunday talk show appearances to promote President Barack Obama's massive government spending plan to ease credit, help borrowers and inject billions of dollars into the faltering sector. Long kept behind the scenes, the treasury secretary emerged as the administration's champion of a plan that fueled an uptick in Wall Street markets.

"We came through a period where people borrowed too much and we let our financial system take a lot of risk," Geithner said. "And the consequences of those choices, made over years, were a huge boom. And that boom, the air is now coming out of that and that's causing enormous damage."

Obama and his administration last week announced a program to help banks free themselves of so-called "toxic assets." These investments have tied up capital and kept them from resuming normal lending to consumers and businesses.

Obama wants to focus on economy

WASHINGTON — Getting the economy up and running again. That's job No. 1, President Barack Obama says. Yes, he agrees there will be a term of focused attack over big bonuses at bailed-out companies and says his administration will try to make sure all could it to get some money back.

But the president says it's important to focus on the big picture — the economic recovery, not the minutiae and getting credit flowing again so businesses can hire people.

He tells CBS' "Face the Nation" in an interview airing Sunday that he doesn't want to see a "term focus threading" through every speech he makes, he said the legitimate, but short-term frustrations over some of Wall Street's actions.

He says executives need to show some restraint, show they understand there is a crisis in this country and that everyone must make sacrifices.

**Federal tobacco tax set to increase**

WASHINGTON — However they satisfy their nicotine cravings, tobacco users are facing a big hit as the single largest federal tobacco tax increase ever takes effect Wednesday.

Tobacco companies and public health advocates, longtime foes in the nicotine battle, are trying to turn the situation to their advantage. The major tobacco companies raised prices a couple of weeks ago, partly to offset any drop in profits once the new tax takes effect. Some analysts say $1.01.

Medical groups see a tax increase on tobacco as a goal to give up smoking by his 30th birthday. And 29-year-old Sam Sarkhosh puffed on a cigarette Wednesday.

"Every time that the tax on tobacco goes up, the use of cigarettes goes down," said Sarkhosh, an information systems specialist. "I don't think it will stop me from buying cigarettes every now and then, but definitely not as often." A friend who smokes Camels went out and bought four cartons in advance, he said.

The tax increase is the only first move in a recharged anti-smoking campaign. Congress also is considering legislation to empower the Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco. That could lead to reformulated cigarettes, Obama, who has agonized over his own cigarette habit, said he would sign such a bill.

Prospects for reducing the harm from smoking are better than they have been in years, said Dr. Timothy Gardner, president of the American Heart Association. The tax increase "is a terrific public health move by the federal government," he said.

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Special election seen as first test to Obama

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Two months ago, it would have been hard for the most ardent political wonk to find the state's 20th Congressional District on a map. On Tuesday, it will be the center of the American political landscape, with Republicans hoping desperately a win there will knock President Barack Obama off stride and Democrats looking to build on the momentum of the past two years.

Republican Jim Tedisco, a state lawmaker for 27 years, faces Democrat Scott Murphy, a businessman who has the backing of the president and influential unions. The special election is to replace Kirsten Gillibrand, who was appointed to the U.S. Senate in January after former Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton became secretary of state.

The contest quickly became about issues far beyond the sprawling, mostly rural district, which stretches along the Hudson River valley from just north of the New York City suburbs to just below the Canadian border. Voters will flip levers for the state legislature for 27 years, Assembly's minority leader, as his stimulus package is criticized for a loophole allowing the bailed-out American International Group Inc. insurance company to award millions of dollars in bonuses to its executives. It also would add muscle to his efforts to pass a budget despite tax increases that worry even some Democrats.

Murphy, 39, said he was campaigning 24 hours a day, with a goal of hitting every diner in the district by Tuesday. On Saturday and Sunday he knocked on 400 doors to talk to voters, and he planned to hit all 10 counties in the district in the final three days of the campaign. By Sunday, he'd been in six.

Tedisco lives outside the district, in Glensville, an issue Democrats brought up often, so he can't vote for himself.

Murphy, a Columbia, Mo., native, also was traversing the district over the weekend and got help Sunday from Gillibrand and the state's powerful senior Sen. Charles Schumer, No. 3 in the Senate Democrats' command structure and the architect of Democratic election victories in 2006 and 2008.

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Madonna adopts, refuses to comment

Associated Press

LILONGWE — Madonna toured an impoverished village and discussed plans Sunday for building a new school in Malawi, the central African nation where officials said she would begin proceedings this week to adopt a young girl.

Madonna, casually dressed with a white fedora, walked through the village of Chikhotso holding the hand of her 12-year-old daughter, Lourdes. Dozens of reporters looked on.

The 36-year-old pop star refused to answer questions about reports that she was in Malawi to adopt a four-year-old girl. She said it was "amazing" to be back in the country where she runs a charity organization and from where she adopted her son David, 3, last year.

Then she rushed away in a convoy of at least three sport utility vehicles, as crowds of shouting, waving children ran after her.

A security guard with the convoy said Madonna was speaking to villagers about building a school there, and she was seen looking at an artist's impression of the proposed building. Hours earlier, Madonna landed at the airport in the capital of Lilongwe.

Madonna was expected to appear Monday in court in Lilongwe to sign adoption papers.

A Malawian welfare official and another person involved in the adoption proceedings have said the girl Madonna is hoping to adopt is about 4 years old and her unmarried mother died soon after she was born. The girl's father is believed to be alive but the search to locate him has been fruitless, they said.

They spoke on condition of anonymity because the case is considered sensitive.

A U.S. government official has also confirmed that an adoption bid by Madonna, an American, is under way.

Madonna has faced harsh criticism for years over David's adoption. Children's advocacy groups accused her of wielding her immense wealth and influence to circumvent Malawian law requiring an 18- to 24-month assessment period before adoption.

But locals were not so condemning.

Wilson Kalliwangwa, a resident of Chikhotso, said he would willingly place his own son in her care to ensure the boy a better life.

"We are poor people," he said Sunday. "If a child's mother dies, it is hard for the man to bring the child up."

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Envoy calls for action on climate change

Associated Press

BONN — Once booted at international climate talks, the United States won sustained applause Sunday when President Barack Obama's envoy pledged to "make up for lost time" in reaching a global agreement on climate change.

Todd Stern also praised efforts by countries like China to reign in their carbon emissions, but said global warming "requires a global response" and that rapidly developing economies like China "must join together" with the industrial world to solve the problem.

The debut of Obama's climate change team was widely anticipated after eight years of obdurate participation in U.N. climate talks by the previous Bush administration.

"We're very glad to be back. We want to make up for lost time, and we are seized with the urgency of the task before us," Stern said to loud applause from more than 100 delegates to the U.N. negotiations.

They clapped again when Stern said U.S. recognized "our unique responsibility ... as the largest historic emitter of greenhouse gases" and declared that it had created a problem threatening the world.

The two-week meeting by 175 countries that began Sunday was the latest stage of talks aimed at forging a climate change agreement to replace the 1997 Kyoto Protocol on emissions targets for rich countries, which expires in 2012.

The United States was instrumental in negotiating Kyoto, but failed to win support at home. When George W. Bush took office, he renounced it, calling Kyoto a flawed agreement that would harm the U.S. economy and unfair because it demanded nothing from countries like China or India.

Stern said his team did not want a repeat of the Kyoto debacle. The latest agreement is due to be finalized in December in Copenhagen, Denmark.

"Ultimately, this is a political process," he said. "The way forward is steeped in science and pragmatism."

Stern said no one on his team doubted that climate change is real. "The science is clear, the threat is real, the facts on the ground are unmistakable," he said. "But the total change of tone from his predecessors..."

Scientists warned recently that climate change is happening more rapidly that previously calculated and that the Earth could be in danger of major climatic changes that would trigger widespread social disruption. U.N. scientists saying sea levels caused by global warming threaten to swamp coastlines and entire island states, and predicted increasing drought for arid countries, especially in Africa.

Obama has set aside $80 billion in his economic stimulus package for green energy, promised $150 billion for research over 10 years, and was tightening regulations on auto emissions, Stern said.

"America itself cannot provide the solution, but there is no solution without America," he said.

"It sent chills up my spine seeing the U.S. applauding," Keys Chatterjee of the Worldwide Fund for Nature said after Stern's speech.

It was only 15 months ago at Bali, Indonesia, that U.S. negotiators were booed when they threatened to veto an accord laying down a two-year negotiating process to replace Kyoto.

They backed off when the delegate from Papua New Guinea, Kevin Gnamia, told them if "you are not willing to lead— please get out of the way."
Today, student members of the Camerata for Human Dignity are meeting with Fr. Jenkins to discuss the treatment of, and official policy toward, Notre Dame’s gay and lesbian students and employees.

Whenever the topic comes up, the Notre Dame administration, invariably plays its trump card: The Spirit of Inclusion statement, issued in 1997, which states that the members of the Notre Dame community “prize the uniqueness of all persons,” value gay and lesbian members of this community, “condemn harassment of any kind” and “consciously create an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth.” Alongside the statement, the University published an open letter to the Notre Dame community (which is no longer included in “DuLac”) but which can be found on the Office of Institutional Equity’s Web site. It argued first that a legally binding clause would prevent the DuLac from carrying out Catholic teaching, and that because “neither federal nor state law mandates that sexual orientation be included in nondiscrimination clauses ... like a number of other institutions, our clause does not currently include sexual orientation.”

Now, I’m no expert in the intersection of Catholic teaching and university policy, so others can debate whether adding “sexual orientation” would undermine Notre Dame’s educational mission in the abstract and that debate to others. But the statement of Inclusion and open letter show that the Notre Dame administration has no measurable interest in addressing the concerns of the gay and lesbian members of the Notre Dame family.

First, the “number of other institutions” that didn’t include a sexual orientation clause in their non-discrimination clause has dwindled since 1997. Nearly 90 percent of Fortune 500 companies protect employees from discrimination based on sexual orientation, as does the State of Indiana, as of a 2004 governor’s policy statement. Other colleges and universities now have a legally-binding statement in some form or another, including several of Notre-Dame’s peer institutions (Duke, Vanderbilt, Northwestern, Stanford, Brown) and athletic rivals (Michigan, Penn State, USC). Even other Catholic institutions have followed suit. Duquesne University added sexual orientation to its clause last year and Boston College released a Notice of Non-Discrimination in 2005 that prohibits “discrimination on the basis of a person’s sexual orientation” after acknowledging that its previous policy was “not welcoming enough.”

Notre Dame, meanwhile, remains obstinate.

Equivocally indefensible is the platitudinous, pat-yourself-on-the-back language of the Statement and letter. We are invited to “see, value and welcome all people, to condemn harassment and create a welcoming environment,” not of which “the spirit of inclusion flows from our character.” We are urged, implicitly, to be a community “found on justice and love” and “include all persons of good will.” In other words, we are supposed to think and feel very sincerely and sincerely about the issue, but to never act on those warm fuzzy thoughts and feelings.

Underneath all this talk of principles is the University’s worry about lawsuits. Although the Spirit of Inclusion does not mention it once, the open letter raises the specter of governmental and judicial overreach. This ludicrous bugbear is why the University encourages us to see homosexuals for more than just their sexual orientation, which is just one particular aspect of their character, but does the opposite in its official stance. It is also why the University’s administration is afraid to affirm the dignity of some of its students and staff in its official policy. The real issue is not principles; if Notre Dame adds “sexual orientation” to its clause, and has to take its case to court, it would cost a lot of money even if the University won. So Notre Dame gives out what is essentially a non-response to the issue, leaving the treatment of homosexuals as a pernicious, non-“Vaginita Monologize” political hot potato that always seems to get passed off. In other words, gay and lesbian students are, literally, not worth the trouble.

And so the University continues to rely on this flawless piece of bureaucratic rhetoric. It appeals to our collective concern on the one hand while committing to continued inaction on the other: it is designed to give the reader a sense of complacent well-being and to discourage critical thought about what it actually says and does. It insists that homosexuals are equally valued members in the community but refuses to give them the same legal protection that everyone else gets. It is, to quote George Orwell, a document designed “to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind.” By continuing to fall back on the statement, Notre Dame is not saying that it has done all it can, only that it has done all it cares to. Such is Notre Dame’s “Spirit of Inclusion.”

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Dear Shawnika Giger (“Hip-Hop Night,” March 27),

Over the course of my time at Notre Dame, I have become increasingly impressed with the level of care and thought that the university devotes to students. The administration and the student body have a shared vision of inclusiveness and respect that is hard to find in many larger institutions. I respect the fact that students are encouraged to be themselves, non-science/engineering majors ... your life is not predetermined by the major that you choose. Each person has the right to pursue their dreams and the ability to make a difference in whatever field they choose. As a student at Notre Dame, I believe in the power of education to change the world, and I am proud to be a part of this community.

Amanda Goyer
off campus
March 27
The second round of season two of “Greek” returns tonight as we find our favorite Cypress-Rhodes students returning from summer break on a quick recap of the end of Rusty’s tumultuous freshman year, and then to what to expect from the whole gang this semester.

For those new to ABC Family’s hit, the show follows a super social sister, Casey (Carriker Spencer Glenn) and her awkward, nerdy brother Rusty (Jacob Zachar) as they both navigate college life and the Greek system. While “Greek” also follows the Cartwright’s relationships and those of their friends, enemies and the occasional “trans­men­tary.”

In October, “Greek” left viewers with many things up in the air. The relationship between Casey and Max (Andrew West) was in limbo. Faithful viewers will know that Casey has had her share of men over the course of the show. When we first met the Monte Zeta Beta Zeta (ZBB) girls, she was dating yuppy, Omega Chi member Evan Chambers (Jake McDorman). Then she recheched back to her boyfriend (and possible soul mate), Kappa Tau president Cappie (Scott Michael Foster).

But just last season, Casey met Rusty’s girlfriend but actually hot R.A., Max. He ended up sweeping our girl off her feet with tales of a lost love and his passion for astronomy. But with his acceptance into graduate school at CalTech and Casey’s D.C. summer internship, where does that leave their blossoming love? And what does Casey’s internship mean for her future?

In a startling twist, neither Casey nor evil Frankie (Tiffani Thiessen) was elected ZBB president. The honor went to Casey’s best friend Aubigail (Amber Stevens), who was not even running. Will former social star in the Cartwright family now be able to expect to meet difficulties along the way, especially after Frankie pulle allied and decided to start her own blog? Viewers can excitedly anticipate the turn Casey’s life will take in the season finale.

Meanwhile, will Rebecca (Dilshad Vahabzada) choose to leave ZBB and follow Frankie? Or will she stay true to her roots? Oh, the drama.

And of course, what is our resident funnyman Cappie up to? His relationship will come to a head in the season finale. Will he get the girl? Will they get the ZBB girls? Will the ZBB girls get the Greek system? Will Cappie slip­perly on the dance floor? WillZBB root? Oh, the drama.

Many young people’s experience with classical music is limited to Disney’s “Fantasia” and the opening bar of Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony. The Kronos Quartet proves that college students can enjoy contemporary classical music just as much as they enjoy rock or rap.

The Kronos Quartet is an avant-garde string quartet who has been performing since 1975. The group consists of four musicians who are constantly on the move, performing and recording new compositions and arrangements. They have collaborated with some of the world’s most famous composers and have been recognized for their innovative approach to traditional and contemporary music.

The Kronos Quartet’s performance, which took place in the Zilkha Hall at the New England Conservatory, was a fast-paced, entertaining and run­ning hour of music. The group performed a number of pieces, ranging from classical compositions to world music and electronic music. The Kronos Quartet’s innovative twist on old-fashioned instruments, such as the sarangi, the string instrument of the Indian subcontinent, and the Stroh violin, an old-fashioned instrument, inspired the audience to appreciate the beauty of classical music.

The group created a contrasting medley of classic and amplified instruments, the violin, the viola, the cello, and the double bass. The music was a fusion of Western and Eastern elements, creating a unique sound that was both familiar and new. The Kronos Quartet’s performance was a true celebration of music, as they played their own original compositions and also performed pieces by renowned composers such as Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven.

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Scene Writer

Starting on Tuesday, the Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) will begin the six-performance series of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" at the Declo Mainstage Theatre. Jay Paul Skelton, an FTT assistant professor for the University and the producing artistic director for the Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival, directs the play.

"Our Town" was written by American playwright Thornton Wilder. Set in the early 20th century, "Our Town" tells the story of the fictional community of Grover's Corner in the rural area of New Hampshire. Primarily, the dialogue consists of exchanges between two families, the Webb's and the Gibbs. The story specifically puts focus on the marriage between the children of the two families, George Gibbs and Emily Webb.

Wilder isn't afraid to use his characters to interact with audience, as seen in the role of the Stage Manager. The Stage Manager frequently takes questions from the audience, gives further detail about the setting, and makes key observations that connect the seemingly simple storyline with greater human emotions. The Stage Manager also appears throughout the play in various small roles, including as an old woman and as a preacher.

Wilder was very specific in describing how "Our Town" must be performed, using methods that were quite revolutionary during his time. The play contains very little scenery, no set and only makes use of three types of props throughout the entire show: ladders, tables and chairs, says Wilder. "Our claim, our hope, our despair are in the mind—not in things, not in 'scenery.'"

Part of the reason why "Our Town" has remained relevant to society since its 1930 beginning is because it's central themes revolve around the daily routines and activities of a family. The play is divided into three acts that are titled "Daily Life," "Love and Marriage" and "Death and Eternity," respectively. Wilder's play is a timeless classic because it depicts a familial lifestyle people can relate to still today.

"Our Town" uses it's characters to show that everyday events can reveal universal truths about our human existence. Through charting the lives, loves and heartbreaks of the characters, "Our Town" celebrates the humanity in us all.

In 1938, "Our Town" received the Pulitzer Prize in the drama category. Since then, the play has earned awards for big-time showings, including two awards in 1989 — The Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Revival. and a Tony Award for Best Revival.

In addition to using student actors, Skelton has cast members from the South Bend community for the production. As quoted in the South Bend Tribune, Skelton said, "My philosophy since I got here has always been to bring different groups together toward a common goal ... "Our Town" lends itself to community. I thought, What a great opportunity to bring more folks into the process."

Skelton introduces his own take on the production of "Our Town" by doing away with shoes for the actors and using lighting typically used for dance performances. "We are using light that is considered more appropriate to the dance world. ... My hope is that this will create a more dynamic sense of movement in space, more presence on the part of the actors and an overall sense of being grounded."

"Our Town" begins Tuesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. and runs through Sunday, April 5. Tickets are $15 for general admission and $10 for students.

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'Our Town' is known for the simplicity of its set. Entire scenes can be performed with no more than ladders and chairs. A sample sketch of stage designs, above, shows the play's set.
Cleveland victorious in 12th straight game

James scores 24, takes referee on way to victory; Bibby's 21 leads Hawks over unhealthy Bryant, Lakers

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James ran over an unsuspecting referee. The Cleveland Cavaliers flattened another record.

James scored 24 points with 12 assists while orchestrating Cleveland's 123-108 victory over Dallas. James raised the floor as the Cavs made more than 60 percent of their 165 shots and extended their winning streak to a franchise record 12 straight.

The Cavs, who earlier this week surpassed the club mark for most wins in a season, trailed 30-20 after the first quarter and 49-47 at halftime.

But Cleveland, flexing its defensive muscle, then outscored Dallas 30-11 in the third quarter, 55-25 in the second half and by an astounding 82-56 in the third quarter to mark the second quarter on to improve to a league-best 31-1 at home.

"We just take care of business," said coach Rick Carlisle.

On the way to Cleveland's largest margin of victory in 12 games over Dallas, James plowed over official Derek Richardson. He popped right up, but the collision knocked the wind out of the 6-foot-8, 260-pound superstar.

"Flagrant-2," James said with a smile.

Cleveland is the 61st team to win 60 games in the regular season.

Dion Waiters scored 20 for the Mavericks, who came in with a three-game lead over Phoenix for the No. 8 playoff spot in the West. Dallas was held to a season-low in points.

"Every game counts," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "This is Cleveland's third straight jump as the Cavs' reserves finished off the Mavericks.

Hawks 86, Lakers 76

It was the kind of shot Kobe Bryant might make — a 3-pointer that bounces high off the rim, ricochets off the top of the backboard, then drops through.

Mike Bibby was the one who pulled it off Sunday. Bibby scored 21 points and hatted Los Angeles with his improbable 3, leading the Atlanta Hawks to an 86-76 victory in which they took advantage of an alling Bryant and dropped the Lakers farther behind Cleveland in the race for the NBA's best overall record.

The playoff-bound Hawks nearly the entire way, rebounding from consecutive home losses to two other elite teams, San Antonio and defending champion Boston.

For Los Angeles, it was the lowest-scoring game of the season.

"We just had lost two very important games," said Atlanta star Joe Johnson, who scored only 10 points but locked down Bryant at the defensive end. "We needed to get back on the winning side. This was probably one of our biggest games of the season."

The Lakers secured the top seed in the Western Conference with a five-game winning streak, but Bryant had just 7 points on 7-of-19 shooting. He missed the morning meal and film session because of an upset stomach, then had his second straight subpar game.

"My stomach's OK now," said Bryant, coming off a 14-point performance at New Jersey. "When my medicine wears off, it's going to be interesting."

Bryant picked up two quick fouls and had to sit out most of the first quarter. He might have been better off just staying there, except no one filled the void.

Pau Gasol was the only other Los Angeles player in double figures, leading with 21 points, as the Lakers made just 35 percent (28 of 80) from the field.

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Lebron James after a loose ball in Cleveland's March 29 game against Dallas. James scored 24 in the Cavs' 102-74 victory, their 12th straight.

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Michigan State coach Tom Izzo smiles at a news conference at the men's NCAA Midwest Regional college basketball tournament on Saturday in Indianapolis.

Spartans beat No. 1 seed Cardinals

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Even before Michigan State's first game of the season, coach Tom Izzo gathered his players and spelled out their goal. "Ford Field," he wrote on a dry-erase board. That part of the Motown mission is now complete.

The Spartans gave the Final Four a hometown feel, stopping overall No. 1 seed Louisville 64-52 Sunday to win the Midwest Regional.

Goran Suton had 19 points and 10 rebounds as the second-seeded Spartans (30-6) played the pace game to perfection and reached their fifth Final Four in 11 years — the most trips of any team in the nation during that span. Only 90 miles from their campus in East Lansing, the Spartans will play Connecticut on Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit. A crowd of 72,000, the largest ever for college basketball's signature event, is expected for each game.

"Detroit, here we come," said Izzo, a Michigan native. "I can't tell you how much I'm looking forward to that." The Spartans made it 30 years after Magic Johnson led them to a national title over Larry Bird and Indiana State.

"Detroit needs something, something new," said Izzo, who also had seven shutouts this season. "Michigan needs something to feel good about," said Johnson, who was at the game. "And right now, the whole state is feeling good about this Michigan State team."

Along with advancing, the Spartans prevented a Big East blitz in the Final Four — coach Rick Pitino and Louisville (31-6) were trying to become the third school from the power-packed conference to make it.

"They were the better team," Louisville's Terrence Williams said. "They were quicker than us. Their defense was more physical and we couldn't turn them over like we wanted to."

Next week's short trip will be a special treat for many Spartans — eight Michigan residents are on the roster.

Durrell Summers, who delivered 10 second-half points, grew up in Detroit. Kalin Lucas, the Big Ten player of the year, was raised 10 minutes from the giant stadium.

Michigan has one of the nation's highest unemployment rates and Detroit's economy, which is heavily reliant on the waning auto-making industry, has been reeling. The team is certainly aware of the state's troubles.

In BRIEF

Canucks goalie Luongo gets shutout in win

Ottawa — Roberto Luongo made 26 saves to match his career high with seven shutouts, and Daniel Sedin had two goals and an assist in the Vancouver Canucks' 4-0 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Sunday night.

Alex Burrows had a goal and two assists, and Henrik Sedin had three assists to help the Canucks end Chicago's three-game winning streak and move into a fourth-place tie with the Blackhawks in the Western Conference.

Vancouver also closed within a point of first-place Calgary in the Northwest Division. The Canucks are 7-2-0 in their last nine and 11-3-1 in their last 15.

Luongo, who also had seven shutouts with Florida in 2003-04, made only a couple of tough saves en route to his 45th career shutout as the Canucks checked closely, neutralized the Blackhawks' speed and limited their chances.

Arenas sits game to let injured knee rest

INDIANAPOLIS — As expected, Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas was held out of Sunday night's game at Indiana to allow his surgically repaired left knee more time to rest.

Arenas had 15 points against Detroit on Saturday night in his first game in 11 months, but coach Ed Tapscott says Arenas will not play back-to-back games and his playing time will be limited to about 28 minutes when he does appear.

Tapscott says Arenas was "feeling fine" after playing against the Pistons. "No knee soreness at all, just the muscle soreness that comes with playing your first high-level game in a while."

The 98-96 loss to the Pistons was Arenas' first game since April 27, 2008. The three-time All-Star had missed 136 of his Wizards' previous 173 games and had three surgeries over an 18-month span amid two premature comeback attempts.

Retired NFL coach Lou Saban dies at age 87

He was a star football player in college, a champion pro football coach, a baseball president, a man with a short temper and very long resume, never averse to tackling something new.

Nobody has ever done it quite like Lou Saban, who died early Sunday at his home in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., at age 87. He had heart problems for years and recently suffered a fall that required hospitalization, his wife, Joyce, said.

"He was one of a kind," she said.

There was a reason Saban was dubbed "Much Traveled Lou." In the first 33 years of a career that spanned five decades, Saban held 18 jobs, an average of 1.83 years per stop. Among those jobs was president of the New York Yankees in 1981-82 for his longtime friend, team owner George Steinbrenner.

around the dial

NCAA Basketball

ITA Men's Tennis Division I Top 15

team points
1 Virginia 85
2 Mississippi 77
3 Georgia 75
4 Stanford 73
5 Tennessee 72
6 Ohio St. 70
7 Florida 64
8 Southern California 61
9 Illinois 58
10 Baylor 56
11 UCLA 53
12 Texas 50
13 Kentucky 48
14 Texas A&M 40
15 Florida St. 41

NCAA Women's Tennis Division I Top 20

team points
1 Yale 672
2 Brown 435
3 Harvard 314
4 Michigan State 255
5 Michigan 220
6 Baylor 201
7 Oklahoma State 172
8 Stanford 161
9 UCLA 144
10 North Carolina 125

NCAA Men's Baseball Division I Top 25

team record points
1 Georgia 19-2 793
2 Arizona St. 17-3 692
3 Cal St. Fullerton 16-3 663
4 Miami (Fla.) 18-4 662
5 LSU 17-6 629
6 North Carolina St. 17-4 616
7 Georgia Tech 16-2 576
8 Texas 14-6 499
9 Rice 14-6 474
10 Arkansas 14-6 449
11 Oklahoma 20-5 381
12 Baylor 14-5 359
13 UC Irvine 12-6 333
14 Texas A&M 14-6 335
15 Coastal Carolina 18-4 307
16 Mississippi 15-5 291
17 North Carolina 17-5 277
18 Kentucky 17-3 264
19 TCU 13-6 179
20 Creighton 14-6 162
21 Pepperdine 16-6 157
22 Cal Poly 14-6 127
23 East Carolina 14-6 111
24 UC Riverside 14-4 97
25 Ohio St. 17-2 87
PGA

Woods birdies 18th at Bay Hill for win

Last-hole heroics propel Tiger over Sean O’Hair for first victory since 2008 U.S. Open

Associated Press

ORLANDO — The clutch shot. The late charge. An electric birdie put on the 18th hole at Bay Hill. And Tiger Woods is back. With those familiar back-nine heroics and a putt most everyone knew he was going to make, Woods holed a 15-footer for birdie to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational for his first victory since returning from knee surgery.

Woods closed with a 3-under 69 for a one-shot victory over hard-luck Sean O’Hair, matching his largest comeback on the PGA Tour.

“It feels good to be back in contention,” said the rusty Woods. “It’s been awhile, but God, it felt good.”

Just like last year, when Woods made a 25-foot birdie on the 18th hole at Bay Hill for a one-shot victory, he delivered a high-stakes celebration. Instead of slamming his cap to the ground, he turned and ran into the arms of his caddie, who lifted him off his feet.

Then came the meeting with the tournament host.

“What was it I told you last year?” Palmer said with a wide grin.

Palmer has seen enough of Woods to know what to expect. Woods won at Bay Hill for the sixth time, the third PGA Tour event he has won at least that often.

This one was special.

Woods had not been atop the leaderboard since he won the U.S. Open in a 19-hole playoff last June. He had reconstructive surgery on his left knee a week later, and missed the next eight months.

This with two different results at World Golf Championships, there were questions whether he would be ready for the Masters in two weeks.

Not anymore. He rallied from a five-shot deficit and delivered one crucial shot after another in fading sunlight.

It was the third time Woods

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Tar Heels cruise to Final Four

North Carolina victorious despite Griffin’s 23 points and 16 rebounds

Associated Press

MEMPHIS — Tyler Hansbrough deferred to his teammates — just as he’d hinted he might.

“This was no one-on-one matchup down low. Instead, North Carolina rolled past Blake Griffin and Oklahoma with a total team effort,” Ty Lawson said. “I think one thing about him is he’s one of the best rebounders I’ve played against and so that was very tough. I think he got a lot of stuff off offensive rebounds and his rebounding ability was something I think I’m not really used to seeing.”

Still, it was Hansbrough who was standing on the court after the game, posing for pictures while the Tar Heels cut down the nets. That’s a routine this program has down pat.

North Carolina reached a record 18th Final Four. Oklahoma has been to 18, but the Bruins’ 1980 appearance was later vacated by the NCAA because of rules violations.

This will be the Tar Heels’ second Final Four in a row and ninth in 19 seasons — and it will be played at Detroit’s Ford Field, where they routed Michigan State 86-63 in December.

Palmers also reached the Final Four.

North Carolina lost in the semifinals last season.

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NHL

Suter’s late goal pushes Predators past Red Wings

Defenseman’s seventh goal on the year, Rinne’s 33 saves contribute to victory over Stanley Cup champs

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Nashville Predators capped a big week with a confidence-building victory over the defending Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings.

Ryan Suter broke a tie on a power play, with 4:36 left, and Pekka Rinne made 33 saves to help Nashville win its third straight, 4-3 over Detroit on Sunday night.

Suter missed the Predators’ defeat the defending Stanley Cup champs, who won 3-1 in the Western Conference playoff series, and Wednesday in the Western Conference Conference.

“We beat the conference team, the San Jose Sharks, on Thursday night, and Los Angeles on Saturday night in overtime,” coach Barry Trotz said.

It also was Nashville’s fourth game in six days.

Steve Sullivan had a goal and an assist and Joel Ward, Jerred Smithson also scored for the Predators, seventh in the Western Conference, in the first period.

“Our team is very strong,” Sullivan said. “We’ve still got a lot of work to do.”

Hansbrough was in foul trouble after a couple of interesting if we could’ve made

Henrik Zetterberg, Mikael Samuelsson and Johan Franzen scored for Detroit, who lost second straight and third in four games. Pavel Datsyuk and Nicklas Lidstrom each had two assists, and Chris Osgood stopped 22 shots.

“Sully made a great play coming off the wall,” Suter said. “I thought he was going to go to the other point. But he passed it back to me. I moved in and was looking to make a pass to, I saw Bonkle [Blake Bonk] in front of the net and then I just tried to go far side.”

Franzen tied it at 3 with 2:25 left with a wrist shot from the high slot for his 32nd goal.

Griffin scored 23 points with 16 rebounds for second-seeded Oklahoma, but the Sooners lost 2-0-19 from 3-point range.

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Both goals were the result of Detroit turnovers. The first came when Jonathan Ericsson and Tomas Kopecky almost collided in the neutral zone.

We actually checked our own guy in the neutral zone on the one,” Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. “We found a way to lose the game. That drives you crazy, especially this time of year. It’s the time of year you want to be ramping it up.”
Pierce’s 24, Davis’ 19 lead Celtics over Thunder

Rush contributes double-double in Pacers’ victory; Bosh, Bargnani instrumental in Raptors overtime win

Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston Celtics spokeswoman Jeff Tessi scored it as the first, unofficial triple-double in Glen “Big Baby” Davis’ career: 19 points, 10 rebounds — and 10 stitches.

The Celtics power forward left in the third quarter after being elbowed in the head and returned after getting stitched up to score 15 points in the final 10 minutes and lead Boston to a 103-84 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Sunday night.

“I’m going to have somebody knock some sense into him, like they did,” Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. “Clearly, once they hit him he was a different person. So, either someone else on the other team, or I’m going to carry a hammer around.”

Davis, who has been starting since Kevin Garnett went out with a strained right knee, had just two points in the first half and two more before Kevin Durant’s elbow came down on his forehead with 5:47 left in the third quarter and Boston trailing by six. Davis returned to the bench at the start of the fourth quarter and came back in with 9:42 to play and the Celtics up 77-72.

“Baby’s a bloozer,” said Paul Pierce, who scored 27 points. “I don’t know what’s going on with him. I just know that if we ever get into it, I know where to hit him.”

He then helped Boston score eight of the next 10 points and 13 of the next 18 to break the game open. Down the stretch, he scored 11 straight Celtics points.

“I got hit in the head and it sparked something in me for some reason,” Davis said in the locker room afterward, his feet soaking in a bucket of ice and a square bandage covering the cut on his forehead. “I don’t know how, but I’m glad it did.”

Eddie House scored 14 of his 16 in the second half — nine of them during an 11-1 run in the third quarter when the Celtics took the lead for good. Reserve Mikki Moore scored 12 with 11 boards and Rajon Rondo had 12 assists to help the Celtics win their sixth out of seven despite missing Garnett for the 15th time in 19 games.

Davis doesn’t have any real triple-doubles, but during the last five games he has had three of the top-scoring performances of his career and two of his three career double-byes.

“You don’t want Kevin to be hurt,” Pierce said, “but the experience these guys are getting is going to be huge for us in the playoffs.”

Russell Westbrook scored 23 points and Kevin Durant added 21 for the Thunder, which lost their third straight and fifth of six.

Pacers 124, Wizards 115

Brandon Rush is finally giving Indiana more than one consistent scoring option.

Starting his third straight game, the Pacers rookie continued his late-season tear with 29 points and 10 rebounds Sunday night in a victory over the Washington Wizards.

“It’s being comfortable and just taking shots,” Rush said. “I guess that’s coming from the extra work I’ve been putting in. Me being in the starting role right now makes me more comfortable out there and the guys are looking for me all the time.

The idea is to keep it going. His 29 points matched the career-high he set just one day earlier at Chicago. Against the Wizards, he had 15 points in the first half and another 10 during the first seven minutes of the third quarter, when Indiana widened a 59-52 lead to 84-62. The Pacers led by 16 after the third quarter, built it to as many as 22 early in the final period and never led by fewer than nine the rest of the way. Danny Granger finished with 31 points for the Pacers.

“It definitely gives me more room because all the defenses zone in on Danny all the time,” Rush said. “Somebody else is going to have to step up.”

Rush has averaged 19 points and 6.5 rebounds over the past five games. In just the past two, his 36 points have come on 26-44 shooting with no turnovers over 72 minutes.

“That’s two good games for him,” said Granger, who wants to see more from his rookie teammate. “That’s what we have to expect from rookies — they are going to be up and down. But I think he’s coming along very nicely.”

Jarett Jack added 19 points for the Pacers. Washington was led by Caron Butler with 31 points and 13 rebounds and Antawn Jamison with 29 points. Javaris Crittenton added a season-high 19 points for the Wizards.

“It’s amazing what confidence will do,” Pacers coach Jim O’Brien said of Rush’s development. “It’s playing pretty good basketball. He’s our best athlete and ... can have an impact on the game.”

Raptors 134, Bulls 129

Chris Bosh didn’t panic after watching the Chicago Bulls erase Toronto’s 17-point lead and send the game to overtime.

He just helped the Raptors win in the extra period. Bosh had 31 points and 15 rebounds. Andrea Bargnani scored 28 points and the Raptors beat the Bulls Sunday.

Chicago’s Ben Gordon had 37 points, including a buzzer-beating jumper over Bosh that sent it to overtime.

“Sometimes you can be like ‘Oh my God, we’re in, it went in,’” Bosh said. “You can’t panic. We’re going to overtime whether we like it or not so we might as well regroup and get it right.”

Bosh made sure Toronto got it right, putting the Raptors ahead for good by converting a three-point play with 15 seconds left to play in overtime.

“They came back from an unlikely situation,” Bosh said. “They had all the momentum in the world but we withstood it. I’m proud of our guys for showing composure.”

Jose Calderon had 22 points and a career-high 19 assists, Shawn Marion scored 16 points and Pops Mensah-Bonsu added 13 as the Raptors set a franchise-high for points and extended their winning streak to season-high four games.

Toronto last won four straight between Dec. 9-14, 2007.

“I wish we’d been playing like this earlier [in the season] but you can’t change the past,” Bosh said. “All we can do is dictate what we do now. We’ve just got to keep it going.”
**Ottawa's Elliott posts first career shutout in win**

Berglund contributes goal and two assists against Jackets; Luongo shuts out Blackhawks in victory

**Associated Press**

TAMPA — Brian Elliott got that elusive first NHL shutout on Sunday.

After six brushes with his first NHL shutout, Elliott made 20 saves to help the Ottawa Senators earn a 2-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning.

"That's what you go for every night, so to finally get one, it feels pretty good," the former Calgary Flames goalie said. "I think it's satisfying for the whole team. We come out — if we're ahead — a little sloppy in the third and I think we could have done a bit of that. I just had to make a couple of saves, and I stay focused on that. I put the puck in the net pretty well tonight."

Dave Healey, Ryan Shannon and Jason Spezza scored to help Ottawa, 11th in the Eastern Conference, pull within 10-3-0 in its last 13 games. Tampa Bay has lost three straight and 10 of its last 12.

The win helps Ottawa's slim playoff hopes, though the Senators are 10 points behind the fourth-place New York Rangers and 13 back of eighth-place Montreal Canadiens with 86 points.

"We still aren't eliminated mathematically," Ottawa coach Cory Clouston said. "Obviously, we know there are six teams that we like to get, but our focus is one game at a time."

Healey scored his team-high 35th goal of the season on a power play 9:45 into the first period, and Spezza and Shannon impressed by his goalie's performance.

"He came in and got a shot here and a shot there that could've changed the game," Healey said. "[Elliott] made some big saves when the game was still up for grabs."

Shannon scored at 13:44 on a deflection off a Lightning player. The goal was originally credited to Nick Foligno, but as Shannon scored, Foligno was in the five-hole of goalie Karri Ramo, Matt Lundin's attempt to clear the puck before nailing it back into the net.

Shannon's goal was a four-game goal streak and five-game point streak. He has four goals and two assists in that span.

"Overall it wasn't one of our better outings," Healey following forward Steven Stamkos said. "We didn't play that poorly, we just didn't generate enough offense and when you don't score, you don't win."

Spezza scored his 30th goal of the season on a late power play with 1:24 left in regulation, lifting Ottawa past Ramo's right side. Daniel Alfredsson assisted on the score, giving him 33 assists and 47 career games against Tampa Bay.

Ottawa also took advantage of the Lightning's poor play at home and Claude Lemieux's weak makes on the road win.

"When you're able to shut out your opponent in another team's barn, you've done something pretty special," Clouston said. "It's nice for a goaltender to have that early lead."

With seven games remaining, the Senators will need every point to slip into the playoff spot, and Elliott's shutout from their young goalie will help those efforts.

"It's just going to have a long career in this league," Ottawa defenseman Chris Phillips said. "It's nice to be a part of that, but we're going to keep fighting right to the end and we'll see what happens."
Belles to face struggling MIAA opponent Calvin

By CHRISTOPHER MASOUJD sports Writer

Win over Grizzlies would help Belles’ chances at earning an MIAA playoff birth

“Joe’s doing well,” Sullivan said. “We’re going to let him play this weekend.”

Chances at earning an MIAA playoff birth

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Foger and 3-0 in the doubleheader.

Smith’s SMC Belles to face struggling opponent Calvin

Belles couldn’t care less about first victory of the year by Calvin.

“I believe that we’ve actually been getting stronger, which is good for us,” Sullivan said. “In past years we’ve started really strong in Florida and then fizzled a little bit at the end, but whole theme for this year is finishing the races.”

For the Belles and the Knights, the regular season race to the playoffs begins today at 3:30 p.m. at Gainey Field.

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Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The New Jersey Nets had nothing to lose as they hosted the Timberwolves with a seven-game losing streak and two losses to open the season. The Nets started fast on offense and appeared at ease in the first half as they built a 10-point lead at the break. Randy Foye emerged as the Nets’ leading scorer with 14 points on 6-of-10 shooting.

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Men’s Golf
ND struggles at FAU tourney
By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer
Notre Dame’s final round troubles dropped the Irish to 16th place with a 60-over par 222, good for 27th overall.
“Things really were stink­ ing well,” Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. “He’s a player who has worked very hard the last few months, who brings an approach beyond his years. He does a great job of forming a game plan for the course to be played. I don’t think he ever rubs off on our other guys in those ways.”

Notre Dame will enjoy a time off before the Big East opener against Michigan. The Irish dropped to 10th place in the field with a 15-over par 228.
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Baseball
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Notre Dame (15-7, 294-296-302) at the FAU Baseball Spring Break Championship in Delray Beach, Florida.
McConnell — the first home run of her career — to lead the Irish to victory. "It was a great experience and showed once again how capable he is of playing strong stretches of golf against the nation’s best."
Senior Dustin Zhang rounded out the Irish lineup with a 15-over par 228.
After a grueling schedule, which saw the Irish play four tournaments in an 18-day peri­od, Notre Dame will enjoy a break before the 46th annual Robert Kepler Intercollegiate tournament kicks-off in Columbus, Ohio, April 11.
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points and a number of blocks and rebounds in the victory.
"We're excited about moving in the next round," Holler added. "It feels good to finally get a Bookstore win under our belts."

Cleric in the Frontcourt 21, Biohazard. 1
Religion trumped science on the Sabbaths as Cleric in the Front Court defeated Biohazard. The five men of Cleric used their considerable size advantage to take a quick lead over Biohazard, which consisted of one freshman and four sophomore girls, all biology-related majors.
"The snowy conditions made it a rough game," Biohazard sophomore Katie Pietkiewicz said. "But at the end of the day there were certain biological differences between the teams.
At halftime, Cleric led 11-0. Sophomore Grace Loppnow was able to put a point up for Biohazard in the second half, but the team never mounted a serious comeback.
Fr. Jim Gallagher of Cleric was quick to give the other team its due, however.
"I think faith is very important, but science is good too," Gallagher said.
His teammate, freshman captain Daniel "The Dalminal" Duffy, was less reserved.
"This win conclusively proves that God created the earth in six days," he said.
Cleric in the Front Court will move on to the next round of the Father John Jenkins Sectional and will play Thursday at 5:00 p.m.
"I hope it's colder," freshman Matt "I own ya" Madonia said.
Not too be outdone, freshman Brendan "Big Dawg" Corsones also voiced a complaint about the weather.
"We couldn't wear our ice skates today," he said.

Benedict's Army 21, Scott Milkenson has Diabetes 12
Sunday, Benedict's Army defeated Scott Milkenson who has Diabetes in a highly offensive game, allowing them to advance to the second round.
"Our opponents were pretty good at taking the outside shots," Army team member, Luke Kippenbruck said.
Their defense was also played well, making it difficult to dribble to the basket.

The center on Benedict's Army had a height advantage over the rest of the men and women on the court, which drastically helped out the team's offensive abilities.
"John Garro always stayed near the basket, collecting a bunch of the loose balls that bounced out," Kippenbruck said.
The most challenging aspect of the game for both teams was dealing with the temperature and weather conditions that hindered effective offensive and defensive movements.
"The weather was horri-

Snow Bank 21, Bad News Bears 18
Snow Bank of Keenan Hall defeated the Bad News Bears who hail from Saint Mary's College, 21-18 in what initially seemed like a blowout, but ended up closer than Snow Bank had assumed.
"We got out to a commanding lead but the girls tied it up 13-15 in what seemed like an instant," junior Snow Bank captain Timmy Treadwell said. "We held them off thanks to a remarkable defensive effort from Frank DiCoro down the stretch for a 21-18 victory.
Their comeback was likely due to the offensive success of Grace Sadowski.
Grace "Da Ace" Sadowski made it rain from behind the arc. Bears teammate, Kristin Rhoa said, "Da Ace set the pace early by dropping three-pointers like Lebron James.
Towards the end of the game, team Snow Bank proceeded to adopt a new team strategy where they let each of the girls score a basket, but were still able to win in the end and move on to round two of the tournament.
Team chemistry was comparatively high for both teams Snow Bank and the Bears. Maria Chipman of the Bears credited the chemistry to a single theme developed throughout their short-lived time as a team.
"The common goal of dominating," she said. "It's just what we do."

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Benndi State?'" Jackson said. "I think people know now." The Beavers got on the board early against Ohio State with the first goal just 1:42 into the game. Notre Dame senior goalie Jordan Pearce was attempting to stop the puck behind the net, but it took an awkward deflection before it fell down trying to get back in position. Meanwhile, the puck ended up behind the net and Benndi's Chris McKelvie was right there to punch it home. "It just took a really funny bounce off the boards," Pearce said. "I was able to make a save between his stick and his pads." Jackson said he thought the first goal might have had a lasting effect on Pearce, who made 14 saves on the night. "That first goal threw him off," Jackson said. "It took a funny carom of the boards and it got caught between his stick and his pads."

The Beavers doubled their lead less than 10 minutes later, at 11:03 of the first period. On the powerplay, Benndi State's Brad Hunt broke his stick on an upper body shot from the point, but the puck bounced off Beaver forward Tyler Scofield's skate and right past a startled Pengelly. The 2-0 deficit was a familiar place for the Irish, who finished Michigan by the same score in last Saturday's CCHA Championship weekend game. Last weekend, the Irish fell to Granada Hills, ranked 19 in the nation, 2-0. "We were down 2-0," Jackson said. "It felt like we won down 2-0." The Irish were able to threaten late in the first period, getting pressure on Beavers goalie Matt Dalton, but couldn't put the puck in the net, and went into the first intermission down 2-0. Despite some close Irish chances, the Beavers extended their lead to 3-0 13:19 into the second stanza, when a wrist shot from Benndi State's Ben Kinne beat Pengelly off his own posts. "I thought the third one was a back-breaker," Jackson said. "That kid (Pearce) has been unbelievable for us this year, so in that situation it's no different than when he does get thrown off their routine first thing in the morning. It kind of rattles your day."

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Notre Dame, Michigan and Denver — lost to No. 4 seeds in the first round of regional play, and did so by at least two goals. Unlike in basketball, where a No. 1 seed has never failed to play at least two games, college hockey's best teams aren't handed a "Get out of the first round free" card with their top seed. Our Irish, who lost in Round 1, would be a familiar sight next season. All year, Notre Dame seemed to be better as the years go on. They lost because of shaky defense, but the CCHA champi­ ons — with only 16 players who took the ice with them in the NCAA Tournament win over Tom Serratore's club deserved it. The Beavers outshot­ ed, out­ mented and otherwise out­ classed an Irish squad that had done so much, but they couldn't get their way against opponents since October. More surprising than the loss itself was the way the Irish fell. They lost because of shaky goalkeeping, but senior Jordan Pearce had been one of the nation's best and was perhaps the biggest key to his team's suc­ cess over the past two seasons. They lost because of a lifeless power play, but Notre Dame's man-up unit had been, statisti­ cally, tops in the country all year. They lost because of sloppy defense, but the CCHA champi­ ons' blue­liners had, as Irish coach Jeff Jackson said, "a 5-2 win." Despite some close Irish chances, the Beavers extended their lead to 3-0 13:19 into the second stanza, when a wrist shot from Benndi State's Ben Kinne beat Pengelly off his own posts. "I thought the third one was a back-breaker," Jackson said. "That kid (Pearce) has been unbelievable for us this year, so in that situation it's no different than when he does get thrown off their routine first thing in the morning. It kind of rattles your day."

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You should never be dissatis­ fied with a walk-through period because a walk-through period is a chance to sharpen your game," Weis said. "There were just too many people who were staring at the puck running the plays." The Kingdom's first meeting directly from Notre Dame's maturity, which Weis said was one of the main things he was worried about," Weis said. "There was a huge number of players who haven't turned the corner yet. We've had a walk-through period, when your whole point of emphasis is focused on mental sharpness and they come out there and have that many mistakes, that means we have a ways to go yet." Although there were negative sides, the absence of two of Notre Dame's wide receivers from the scrim­ mage. Michael Floyd missed practice this week with a bone bruise and quadrieps, and Duval Kamara was sidelined by a strained hamstring — both minor injuries, Weis said. "They're both going through individual periods, but it was one of those ones where it wasn't going to go the last half-hour [of Saturday prac­ tice] and ruin it all of next week," Weis said. "And would a press confer­ ence be complete without a big picture question, as Weis so often called them last season?" During Hard Times

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HOCKEY

Irish suffer stunning upset in first round of NCAA tournament

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — If Notre Dame and Bemidji State played 10 times, it wouldn’t be unreasonable to think that the Irish would win nine of the 10. Saturday night, though, was that one time when the Beavers came out on top.

“If this was a best-of-seven, I’d take it,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said after the game. Bemidji State, the No. 16 overall seed in the NCAA tournament, scored the first four goals on route to a dominating 5-1 win over the No. 2 Irish.

“I don’t know how many times I got asked this week. ‘Who is this guy?’” Jackson said.

Defensive unit impressing Weis in spring practice

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

In accordance with NCAA regulations that prohibit him from discussing fifth-year seniors by name at this point in the spring, Charlie Weis’ lips are sealed about a certain player likely to return next fall — kind of.

“On the offensive side of the ball, there is a left tackle that has been one of the more pleasant people for me to look at so far in camp,” the Irish coach said at his Saturday post-practice press conference.

That left tackle would be Paul Duncan, who is likely to return to quarterback Jimmy Clausen’s blind side, where he started the 2007 season, after missing all of last year with a hip injury.

Duncan was one of many players with whom Weis was impressed after Saturday’s practice, which was open to the public. The defense performed particularly well during a 17-play, near-full-speed scrimmage at the end of practice. Weis mentioned, among others, defensive backs Darrin Walls and Harrison Smith, linebackers Brian Smith and Toryan Smith and defensive linemen Eihan Johnson and Kapron Lewis-Moore, all of whom are at or near the top of the current depth chart.

Rising sophomore defensive lineman Hafis Williams, however, stole the show — at least for a while, Weis said.

“Hafis isn’t a big name around here, but he has been one of the guys in practice for the last week that just keeps on showing up,” Weis said. “Now all of a sudden you have a bigger guy out there — an athletic, big guy out there — that can really help us in base defenses.”

It wasn’t all positive for the Irish on Saturday, though.

“I was dissatisfied today with a walk-through period.

FOOTBALL

Team splits two at home

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Opening up their string of five conference games, No.9 Notre Dame fell 14-12 to Georgetown Friday, ending their seven game winning streak, but bounced back with a 5-0 scoring run to beat Loyola (Md.) 16-13 Sunday.

Junior Gina Scioscia paced the Irish with three goals and an assist against the Hoyas, and a career-high six goals versus Loyola. Senior captain Jillian Byers, Notre Dame’s all-time points leader, scored four times with one assist in Friday’s match and added three goals and an assist Sunday.

Sophomore Shaylyn Blaney had five goals over the weekend.

Snowy conditions play big role on second day

By ALEX BARKER, LAURA MYERS, and MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writers

Bad weather? Big problem. The contest that featured the brave souls of Sorry We Party and Chris Brown Beatdown was far from pretty.

“When all was said and done and the snow had settled, Sorry We Party came away with a sloppy 21-15 victory over Beatdown, advancing to the next round in the Daniel Kish sectional.

With puddles covering much of the blacktop surface, neither team ever got into much of a rhythm.

The puddles were terrible to dribble in,” sophomore Dan Carter of Sorry We Party said. “It was nearly impossible to control the ball out there.”

Long-range baskets were hard to come by in the windy conditions and each team struggled mightily on the offensive end.

“It was very tough to score,” sophomore Austin Heller of Sorry We Party said. “The game was probably three times as long as it should have been.”

Heller’s size advantage was a clear factor in the game, which came down to who could get more inside looks in the paint. The 6-foot-5 center accounted for 12

WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish sophomore Shaylyn Blayley sprints down the field in Notre Dame’s 16-13 victory over Loyola (Md.).

By TOM LAO/The Observer

Left: Junior Dan Kissel scores Notre Dame’s lone goal against Bemidji State in the third period of their NCAA tournament first-round game. Right: Senior captain Erik Condron skates past a Bemidji defender Saturday night.

Tough postseason format possible culprit behind upsets

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — If President Barack Obama had filled out a bracket for this NCAA Tournament, it’d be ugly in a year when chalk has prevailed on the hardwood, there was plenty of March Madness on the opening weekend of the NCAA tournament. Three of the four No. 1 seeds —