University creates new vehicle pool

† System attempts to change off-campus transportation

By TERESA FRLISH
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In an attempt to provide more services and increase usage among students and staff, the University has created a new vehicle motor pool over the summer as part of the Transportation Services department. This is an honest attempt to address some long-standing concerns about providing safer and more reliable vehicles for all users of University vehicles," said Jim Paladino, associate director for program and resource administration at the Center for Social Concerns.

This new vehicle pool, which was created at the start of this school year, transferred all of the vehicles, including cars, minivans and passenger vans, owned by the CSC to the new pool under the control of Transportation Services. Any Notre Dame student or staff member now has the option to request use of Transportation Services vehicles for University business. Groups or departments on campus can now rent vehicles at the rates of $35 per day for a mid-size car or $50 per day for a van, a cost that officials feel is fair compared to other car rental services.

"The price is extremely competitive, (and) the vehicles are clean and ready to provide safe and reliable transportation," said Marty Savage, manager of Transportation Services. While some of the older vehicles previously in the CSC's vehicle pool were removed from service, the University also purchased new vehicles to add to the motor pool and has access to others as well.

"We have 12 University-owned vehicles available for rental," said Ogren. "In addition we have on-site vehicles from a local car agency.

The campus department most affected by the new system has been the CSC, and the large number of service groups and community-based learning classes and seminars operated through the Center. While schedulers at Transportation Services have been able to accommodate most of the CSC's vehicle needs, the CSC must now pay a rental fee for vehicles it previously owned. "The long term cost issues are a huge concern for the CSC," said Paladino. "The University has been good about making this first year somewhat affordable.

In addition to increased budget costs, other groups have been affected by the new definition of which clubs are permitted to use vehicles at no cost through the CSC. "The Center has needed to be more discriminating in its definition of what constitutes service vehicles," said Paladino. "It's difficult to inexpensive accommodate some social justice activities where students would routinely be able to use a few vans at no cost ... now must raise funds."

Last year, administrators recognized the need to centralize all the vehicles owned by various departments of the University and streamline the process of using them. This summer, a committee worked to determine the best way to organize a new vehicle system.

They recommended that we could lease our vehicles by making them available to multiple groups of users rather than have vehicles dedicated to one group," said Ogren. "While we realize that certain departments need dedicated vehicles, the goal is to use our University vehicles in the most efficient manner possible.

Overall, students using vehicles through the new system say the changes are welcome. "The cars are in a lot better condition," said Molly Savage, president of Circle K. Savage said the CSC has been helpful in allowing Circle K to request vehicles centrally through the club so that members do have to obtain vehicles individually.

Dana Aldrich, secretary of the Special Events Club, said the new motor pool has helped to streamline the process of using vehicles for service actions. "It's easier than it has been," she said.

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TRICK OR TREAT

Children on the prowl for goodies pause to pose during their trick-or-treating trip to campus residence halls on the eve of Halloween

NDTV broadcasts first show, vies for club status

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

After seven months of planning, the first cable access show produced by Notre Dame students will air this evening.

The show, titled "New Dimensions Television," will fill Channel 3's 5 p.m. slot with five segments intended to appeal to Notre Dame students and the South Bend community.

The segments include an interview with head football coach Tyrone Willingham, a spotlight on the Notre Dame Marching Band, a news segment on the Senate race between Democratic Chris Chocola and Republican Jill Long Thompson, a short political film produced by senior Brian Bircher and a roaming reporter segment that interviews people tailgating during the Stanford football game.

Bircher, who also conducted the interview segment with Willingham, said he anticipates that he and other interviewers will talk with a wide range of people on campus.

We hope to keep it interesting and exciting throughout the year," he said.

After the first round of production, Chamberland said the show is ready to air, but the process to get to this point was challenging.

"It was sort of like walking through a very large room with the lights off," he said.

NDTV's four executive producer are senior Alex Gruneswald, juniors Liam Dacey and Lance Johnson and sophomore Chris Chamberland. They, and the 50 to 60 students who are also helping with the show, are hoping that NDTV becomes popular with students.

Even more importantly however, the NDTV producers, whose show is currently unaffiliated with the University, want to become a Notre Dame student-broadcasting club and get more funding.

Chamberland said much of the show's
Americans will go to polls across the country to elect the 108th Congress and hundreds of other state and local officials. The week before Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s went on fall break, millions of Iraqis also went to the polls. But the elections in this backwards country were somehow very different than next week’s American election will be. The ballot looked somewhat like this: “Saddam Hussein” was printed at the top, and then voters had the option of checking “yes” or “no.” Surprisingly enough, the incumbent Iraqi president (or corrupt authoritarian dictator, as some might call him) was re-elected by nearly 100 percent of voters with 98.2 percent of Iraq’s electorate participating. Of course, voting is compulsory for all males over the age of 18. One also has to wonder how many of that 1.8 percent supporting any action the government wants to take and I wonder how many of that 1.8 percent support. The last presidential election was a prime example of the electoral process gone seriously wrong. The United States should have gained real world experience. But when you criticize your country, don’t forget about the millions of people in the world who can’t say a word against theirs. Don’t forget that you live in one of the freest countries in the world. Be thankful that, when you go to cast your vote, you have a great chance of being the only candidate on the ballot and you probably won’t have to confront armed guards waiting outside the voting booths. The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Teresa Fralish at fralish@nd.edu.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING @ ND**

- Lecture: “Can anyone believe in God and Galapagos?” with Edward Larson, 4 p.m. in room 214 Doherty Hall.
- Movie: “Monsoon Wedding,” 7 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library.
- Lecture: “NAFTA: The human face of trade,” 7 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library.
- Psi Chi meeting, 6 p.m. in Haggerty College Center in the Welsh Parlor.
- HIIA Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Haggerty College Center in room 304 SCA Board room.
- SAC meeting 8 p.m. in the Haggerty College Center in room 304.

**WHAT’S COOKING**

**North Dining Hall**

Today Lunch: Boiled thin spaghetti, tri-color rotini, mostaccioli, pasta salad, meat sauce, vegetable lasagna, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, vegetable pizza, four cheese pizza, cherry turnover, Texas chili, cream of broccoli soup, tomato soup, chicken and dumplings, vegetable lasagna, pizza, Texas chili, tomato sauce, chicken and dumplings, grilled pork chops, broccoli rice casserole, cheesy cumin, California blend vegetables, baked potatoes, jasmine rice, butternut squash and chinese noodles.

Today Dinner: Boiled thin spaghetti, tri-color rotini, mostaccioli, vegetable lasagna, pizza, Texas chili, tomato soup, chicken and dumplings, baked breaded jambalharrie, mexican rice, tater-taki, garlic mashed potatoes, philly steak sandwich, steakhouse fries, onion rings and sweet and sour chicken.

**South Dining Hall**

Today Lunch: Meatless baked ziti, meatball stroganoff, elbow macaroni, supreme pizza, pretzel sticks, noodles, romanoff, mixed vegetables, roast beef, turkey broccoli bake, pork loin with apples, cherry crisp, grilled vegetables, black’s sea nuggets, steakhouse fries and onion rings.

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**Saint Mary’s Dining Hall**

Today Lunch: Smoky southwestern minestrone soup, cream of chicken soup, cheese pizza, spicy thai chicken pizza, cool ranch turkey loader, but dog, french fries, taco salad, Mexican rice, stewed tomatoes, grilled vegetables, rocky road cookie, coconut fruit squares and fruit gelatin with banana.

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In Chris Fredeme’s “Hurling: the fastest sport on Earth,” it was reported that teams are filling. The hurling program is a cultural division of the Gaelic Society and is not competitive in any way. There are no couples or squads and it is not an athletic club.
Political Science creates program

By MELISSA LOU
News Writer

Notre Dame's Political Science recently established a new program in American Democracy that seeks to increase understanding of democratic politics and policy making within the United States.

The director of the program, Christina Wolbrecht, hopes it will help raise the profile of the work already being done at Notre Dame in American politics.

Wolbrecht pointed out that the idea behind the program is to encourage research as a way of facilitating teaching. "It is all about teaching," she said. "The more we, as faculty, improve our research, the better teachers we become; the more interaction we have with students, the better our research goes. For all this to occur we need to improve the vibrant intellectual life of this campus. This is what our program is about, fostering discussion within this field."

The program focuses on the politics of democratic inclusion by studying groups that have or have not participated in the political systems and how well they were included and leadership in public policy by analyzing the role of people in making politics work.

The program will serve undergraduates by supplementing their education through panels that help improve their knowledge of the subject. For graduate students and faculty members, the program will provide research capabilities and foster greater interaction with colleagues at other universities.

"The program focuses exclusively on politics in America and compliments studies begun by the Kellogg Institute," Christina Wolbrecht American Democracy program director said.

The program is not intended to be an addition to the existing American Studies major, which broadens the range of studies by including literature, sociology, political science, history and political philosophy. "The program focuses exclusively on politics in America and compliments studies begun with the Kellogg Institute, with their studies on Democracy around the world and Latin America, and the Kroc Institute, with its studies on the role of democracy in the world," Wolbrecht said.

On the short term, the agenda includes founding fellowship programs, hosting visiting faculty members and conferences. Long-term goals include organizing specialized conferences, speakers, graduate student workshops designed to help students present their research and working paper series that will publish works in progress.

Wolbrecht speculated the program could someday separate from the Political Science department and become an independent institute affiliated to the department, such as the Kellogg Institute.

She also plans on instituting thesis prizes for undergraduate students as well as graduate level awards, in addition to hosting conferences and panel discussions on a regular basis.

The Political Science department inaugurated the new program by hosting a conference on the politics of inclusion over fall break.

"This meeting, and others like it, help to connect our faculty and students with each other on and outside the University, it was an exchange of ideas between all of the groups present," said Wolbrecht.

Wolbrecht added that the program might publish and edit a book based on the papers presented and the conference last week.

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SMC holds alcohol awareness week

By SARAH NESTOR
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In an effort to educate Saint Mary's students about the dangers of alcohol and the policies of the College, the Residence Hall Association organized a week of alcohol awareness events.

The College has sponsored alcohol awareness events in the past but it had been several years since students have organized events for themselves.

"This is the first year it has been done in awhile, but with all the alcohol problems on campus and the changes in Notre Dame's politics, we thought this was needed," RHA president Jillian Kamiski said.

Saint Mary's alcohol policy is that anyone 21 or older may consume alcohol in their dorm room, but anyone under the age of 21 is not allowed to be present if alcohol is in the room. Students are allowed to drink alcohol in their rooms only if they're 21 or older, and they are not inhabited by other dorm residents. When alcohol is present, room residents and guests must be prepared to present proof of their age.

Saint Mary's students visiting Notre Dame or Holy Cross College must adhere to the policies of the institution they are visiting. Information on Notre Dame policy violations is shared with the Saint Mary's judicial coordinator, who handles investigation of any violations.

One of the purposes of the awareness week is to make sure that students of legal age remember that this does not give them the right to abuse the privilege of being able to drink on campus, but to be conscious of their decisions.

"There are a lot of people who have gotten in trouble for drinking, because many students don't know the drinking policies," RHA health awareness chair Lauren Hofer said. "They think that because they're 21 they can do whatever they want, but that's not true."

Today in the dining hall, RHA will have Fatal Vision Goggles available for students to try on. The goggles stimulate what it feels like to be intoxicated and then a series of sobriety tests will be given.

Students who participate in the designated driver bracelet program on Friday or Saturday night will be entered into a raffle.

On Sunday, RHA will finish the awareness week at 7 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium, with the movie "28 Days," followed by an open discussion on Saint Mary's alcohol policies.

Saint Mary's policies regarding alcohol can be found in the student handbook.

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Saint Mary's holds women's health forum

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

"You really need to know how important it is to love yourself," Dr. Patricia Kelly-Holmes said, setting the tone for the Women's Health Forum Wednesday night at Saint Mary's.

Over 60 students gathered to hear panelists speak and ask the experts their health questions. The women were encouraged to take an active role in their health life in these early, seemingly healthy college years.

"To have balance is the bottom line and it is something that you have to seek out," Kelly said.

Most panelists emphasized the resources Saint Mary's students have while at school.

"Go visit Health and Wellness even when you are healthy to learn how to stay healthy. We have a nutritionist, a massage therapist, we will teach you how to give a self exam and much, much more," Cyndie Horton-Cavanaugh, practicing nurse in Health and Wellness, said.

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"My illness gave me the opportunity to learn how many people cared for me that many people do not have," Peters said.

Peters advised students to do monthly self-exams and to team up with a friend to help remind them to do these important exams.

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Panel members additionally fielded questions about gynecologist visits, proper body weight, diet, osteoporosis, and other common issues in women's health.

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Mondale announces his run for Minnesota Senate

Associated Press

Former President Bill Clinton and his wife Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton greet Walter Mondale at the public funeral for the late Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone. Mondale announced that he will run in Wellstone's place against GOP candidate Norm Coleman for the Senate seat.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Russian government admits using gas: At the Kremlin's urging, Denmark arrested a key aide to Chechen leader Aslan Maskhadov in the deadly 2002 Moscow theater attack - further evidence of Russia's success in isolating a rebel movement whose envoys were once received in capitals around the world. Washington. Russia also acknowledged for the first time Wednesday that the powerful opium poppy was used to rescue operation that killed at least 117 hostages.

Belarus officials find mass WWII grave: Authorities discovered a mass grave on a military base with the remains of up to 12,000 people killed during World War II, defense officials said Wednesday. The grave is in the town of Slutsk, nearly 60 miles south of the Belarus capital of Minsk, said Leonid Zakharenkov, press secretary for the defense ministry.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Jeb Bush pressed to release Haitians: A congresswoman pressed Gov. Jeb Bush on Wednesday to ask his brother, the president, to order the release of 200 Haitian immigrants detained in Florida after they jumped off a freighter and waded ashore. The Republican governor was confronted during a campaign stop by Rep. Carrie Meek, D-Fla., who said the Haitians should be treated like Cuban immigrants.

Powell strict with UN on U.S. Iraq policy: As U.N. deliberations on Iraq dragged on, Secretary of State Colin Powell declined Wednesday the United States would not permit itself to be "handcuffed" by the world organization. "At no time will the United States foreclose its ability to act in its interest in accordance with its constitutional obligation to protect the nation and protect the people," Powell said.

Further questioning of snipers stopped: Questioning of the two sniper suspects was halted when federal agents took control of the pair, possibly preventing investigators from obtaining information about the shooting spree, a local law enforcement source complained Wednesday. Maryland U.S. Attorney Thomas DiBiagio disputed that, saying neither suspect was "yielding any useful information." He also said federal law required they be taken before a federal magistrate once they asked for a lawyer.
Lecture addresses child militants

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Human rights activist Jo Becker spoke at the Lebanon Center Wednesday evening about the modern proliferation of children in combat. Becker is the director of the Children’s Rights Project for Human Rights Watch.

Becker described the exploitation of children as soldiers in dozens of countries around the world. The lecture, entitled “Law, Human Rights and Children in Armed Conflict,” focused on remedies for this modern phenomenon.

According to Becker, some 300,000 children under age 18 are conscripted, many by force, to fight for governments and rebel groups in countries like Sierra Leone, Sudan, and eastern Congo.

Becker told the story of one particular child, a Ugandan girl named Charlotte, who was kidnapped from her boarding school along with 139 classmates.

The rebels took the children to southern Sudan, and forced them to undergo military training.

"Girls often fare worse than boys in these situations," said Becker, director of the Children’s Rights Project.

Children are vulnerable, easy targets for recruiters.

"Children are often pregnant as a result of her frequent rapes, and nearly died during childbirth. She remains in rebel captivity to this day, five years after she was conscripted.

Becker went on to praise the late Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.) as "our first, best, and most powerful ally" in the Senate.

Wellstone was killed last week when his plane crashed while on a campaign trip. The Henkels Lecture Series on "Children, War, and Peacebuilding" is sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

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International students seek voice

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
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Gennie Peterson Miller, assistant director for international student services, spoke at Wednesday’s senate meeting about the role of international students at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame hosts over 1,000 students from about 100 countries. Only a fourth of these students are undergraduates. Miller said those students bring a mix of diverse cultures to Notre Dame, increasing the campus’ overall quality of life.

The International Student Services office seeks to serve international students, scholars and their families, said Miller. The office sponsors various programs to ease the students’ transitions such as Conversation Circles/ Writing Labs and Conversation Exchange Partners, which strengthen their grasp of the English language, said Miller.

International students wish to seek representation on campus and familiarize themselves with the culture. “They want to know the thrill, chills and spills of the American culture such as how to get a driver’s license,” said Miller.

Many of these students strive to maintain and display their own culture while they are here on campus. Miller said many international students come to the office for counseling aid or because they feel isolated or lonely. “They would like to have a voice, even though it is small,” said Miller.

In other Senate News:

• Senators decided to table the election of a Senate representative to the University Committee on Libraries because senators wished to review their schedules before making a commitment. This committee handles such issues as the library budget, the recent increase in the price of photocopies, and the selection of materials that are available to students.

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If you have any questions please contact Karen Akema in the Student Activities Office at 631-7908.

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**IN BRIEF**

Boeing decides to layoff employees

Boeing Co.'s Shared Services division, which handles computing, telecommunications, building maintenance and other in-house jobs for the aerospace company, plans to cut 1,200 to 1,500 jobs in the next six months. The cuts, which will come through layoffs, attrition and eliminating contract workers, amount to nearly 9 percent of the Bellevue-based division's work force, spokeswoman Barbara Murphy said Wednesday. Most of the unit's employees work in the Puget Sound region.

The reductions come on top of the 30,000 jobs that Boeing plans to eliminate by the end of 2002 due to slashed commercial jet production and the weak airline market since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Boeing chairman Phil Condit said earlier this month that Boeing will continue to reduce its work force over the next 18 months, but the company has not released a target figure.

Groups try to block WorldCom bids

Nine labor and advocacy groups have united in an attempt to block WorldCom Inc. from winning future government contracts.

The groups sent a letter to the General Services Administration Wednesday urging the government to suspend WorldCom from bidding on federal contracts.

"WorldCom's behavior has harmed both the telecommunication sector and the larger U.S. economy and it should be punished for its actions," the letter said.

Enron raises $3.3 million in auction

Enron Corp. raised $3.3 million with its two-day auction to help pay off creditors.

The bankrupt former giant energy trader will hold another auction in December, featuring items similar to the two-day auction to help pay off creditors.

**Club spends break travelling**

The Finance Club of Notre Dame spent fall break in New York and Chicago meeting with investment bankers from some of America's top firms.

Although Lee Svetz from the Career Center helped to set up some of the meetings, Finance Club Vice President Tom Kolinski, a junior finance major, primarily planned the trip. The Finance Club's annual trip gives potential finance majors a chance to talk to recruiters, learn about possible careers in finance and gain learning experience as well as understanding of how investment banks work.

"I think that this [the trip] provides more experience to members of our group than a one week in New York and Chicago than most clubs could provide in a year of weekly meetings at Notre Dame," Kolinski said.

Senior Grant Kreizenbeck agrees, "It was great exposure to see finance in the real world rather than just from a book.

Kolinski would like to bring in more speakers this year, "to help further the first hand experiences of the Finance Club. The purpose of the club is to educate through meetings and interactions with those in business in order to better understand what careers in finance are all about." The Finance Club centers on their annual fall trip, which is offered by email to all finance majors, although others are welcome.

Junior Marie Kochert is a marketing major who heard about the trip through her roommate, but still feels she gained good experience from the trip.

She said, "The most interesting part was actually seeing firsthand all the activity that goes on in the financial powerhouse of New York. And almost every company had a fellow donor in there." The sixteen juniors and seniors began their trip in Chicago, where they met with representatives from Goldman Sachs Investment Bank and Northwestern Mutual Financial Services.

The students then flew to New York and joined a group of MBA students on their financial excursion. They met with business professionals affiliated with Leverage Finance Group of Bank of America Securities and investment bankers from Citigroup/ Salomon Smith Barney. Also the club members and MBA students met with the technology division of the Lehman Brothers investment bank, members of the NICEU Financial Management Program. They then met with employees of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and salesmen and traders from the equities and fixed income divisions of Morgan Stanley.

**Tommy Hilfiger to close 37 stores**

Associated Press

**NEW YORK**

Tommy Hilfiger Corp., harpered by declining sales in denim and men's wear and children's wear, warned that earnings for the second half of its fiscal year will be well short of Wall Street expectations and announced plans to close most of its U.S. full-priced retail stores.

Thirty-seven of the company's 44 U.S. specialty stores will be shut down following the holiday season, as the company continues to consolidate and reduce opportunities in Europe, officials said Wednesday, even as they announced better-than-expected second quarter results but offered the gloomy forecast.

About 500 people — about 75 percent of them part-time workers — will lose their jobs, according to Ruth Pachman, company spokeswoman.

Shares plummeted nearly 20 percent, or $1.85, to close at $7.50 each on the New York Stock Exchange.

"After a good July, sales softened in August and weakened further in September," said chief executive officer Joel Horowitz. Although the trend stabilised a bit in October, he said he anticipates that the company will face the pressure of discounting merchandise more heavily than anticipated to entice customers to buy.

The fashion company posted a 27 percent increase in second-quarter earnings buoyed by the continued strong performance of its Tommy Hilfiger Europe division. For the three-month period ended Sept. 30, the company reported earnings of $61 million, or 67 cents per share, compared with $47.9 million, or 53 cents per share a year ago. Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call expected 59 cents per share.

Sales were virtually unchanged at $546.5 million, compared with $546.4 million in the year-ago period.

The company's wholesale segment was down 2.9 percent. Within the division, sales for women's clothing were up 2.6 percent, while men's wear sales declined by 8.4 percent and its children's wear business was down 0.7 percent.
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Look beyond the numbers.
Haiti turns to spirits for help in crisis

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE

Shaking bundles of pungent leaves and swaying to a frenzied drum beat, hundreds of Haitians flock to a temple to beg the spirits for U.S. visas and lucky lottery numbers.

At a time of deepening poverty and despair, many people in this Caribbean country see only one way out. “Voodoo is Haiti’s only hope,” says Solange Patrice, a 95-year-old street vendor who took Wednesday off to make mognon offerings of coins and candles at a voodoo temple. “We have nothing else — unless you’re willing to risk your life to make it to the United States.”

On Tuesday, more than 200 Haitians did just that, jumping from a ship that ran aground in Miami with the Coast Guard in pursuit.

The journey was one of hundreds each year by Haitians who break the sea in rickety, overcrowded boats. Dozens have died in such attempts this year. And unlike Cubans who reach dry land, Haitian migrants usually are returned home. “We are all desperate,” said Marie Pierre, a 35-year-old vendor in Port-Au-Prince’s chaotic marketplace who sells leaves, candles and moonshine as offerings to the spirits.

The government blames the situation on the lack of internation aid, suspended after the Lavalas Family party of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide swept flawed elections in 2000. Two years later, the country is locked in a political stalemate. Two-thirds of workers are unemployed and crime is on the rise.

Until foreign aid is restored, people will continue to flee to U.S. shores, said government spokesman Mario Dupuy. “But even in the best of times, Haiti is a country of scant resources, with much of its arable land ravaged by decades of deforestation.”

For people who make do on less than a dollar a day, voodoo understandably has strong appeal. “Voodoo has always been about survival when hope seems lost,” said Laennec Hurbon, an anthropologist and author of several books on the religion that evolved in the 17th century when the French brought slaves to Haiti. “When people feel abandoned, that desperation manifests itself in voodoo.”

On Tuesday at the Desermitre temple, songs asking the gods for U.S. visas and lucky lottery numbers reverberated against the concrete blocks as believers stopped their feet. Some fell to the ground, believing they were possessed.

“Open the door for us if it is closed!” worshippers wearing brightly colored satin scarves sang in Creole as they waved white candles.

Practitioners believe in a supreme God and spirits who link the human with the divine, and who are petitioned by offerings that include everything from rum to roosters.

“Every day we make offerings and people come to see me,” said Exilien Francois, 75, a voodoo priest or houngan. “Even though they don’t have much to give me or the spirits, we will be praying. We have to.”

Voodoo, or Voudou, as preferred by Haitians, only became recognized as a formal religion in 1987, under a new constitution that recognizes the rights of all religions. But this fusion of West African beliefs has long been seen as a path toward emancipation.

In 1791, an escaped slave named Boukman gathered thousands of followers in the forests of northern Haiti and sacrificed a wild boar. He pledged that with the spirits’ help, he would liberalize his people and free Haiti.

After 10 years of bloodshed, slavery ended and Haiti became the world’s first republic, making Boukman a hero and giving special prominence to the religion.

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production has come out-of-pocket. The four executive producers also received broadcast guidance from Film, Television and Theater professor Christine Becker.

“We have very limited funding, that being zero,” Chamberland said. “It’s been a lot of trying to piece together what little resources we have.”

In addition to the issues of attracting an audience and getting official University club status, the group has yet another hurdle to jump: the limited cable access on campus for students.

Currently, students only have cable in the residence hall lounges, but NDTV producers have been hoping for cable in the dorm rooms so that students will have better access to the program.

“T’d like to be an open door,” Chamberland said. “That would cause a lot more students to watch.”

Until then, students can catch episodes of “New Dimension Television” with hosts Tony Easterlin, a sophomore, and junior Cheryl Turse. Thursdays at 9 p.m. with a new episode every other week and re-runs late Tuesdays.

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EDITORIAL

Advocate a just wage for workers

It was with considerable disgust that I read John Litle's Oct. 1 column, "Workers have one right." Particularly appalling was Litle's generalization of low-wage workers as disloyal employees underpaid because of their inability to maintain steady employment. That Litle must resort to such senseless stereotyping is indicative of a frightening ignorance of the realities of low-wage employment in this country.

Had Litle taken the time to actually speak with employees prior to tackling the issue of workers' rights, he would, one hopes, be far different. This very campus could have provided him ample opportunity to pursue this interaction. Every day hundreds of underpaid men and women labor to create the environment we too often take for granted at Notre Dame. We should all take the time to share with them our appreciation for all that they do and our willingness to stand with them in the fight for better working conditions.

Christian McNamara
Notre Dame, IN 46556

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wondering if ‘real life’ is something worth working for

(If I realize it’s probably against the rules to begin a column with parentheticals, but we here at Marlayna Inc. are about nothing if not thinking outside the box. I just wanted to let you, my readers, know that while this column involves the discussion of the age of 21, I have lost all drive and can’t remember who we are, either. Where are they? Are they still here? Are they real? I mean, look at real life. It has to offer. I’ll go to grad school, and my parents will stop giving me money on a regular basis. I will accrue more student loans, which people will want me to pay back at some point along with the $25,000 I already owe for my Notre Dame education. I will eventually buy a house, and someone will expect me to pay a mortgage for 20 years. I will take out a second mortgage after 18 years to pay for my kids’ college educations at Notre Dame, and someone else will expect me to pay that back for another 20 years.

In the meantime, I’ll marry some guy who seems great until he leaves our reception early to play PlayStation. Next come the kids, which will involve being teeth, colic and poppy diapers. They will get old, and I will panic constantly about them. Are they? Are they being raped or murdered? What was that substance they just ingested? They’ll go off to college; I’ll be left with my spouse, to whom I haven’t said full sentence since the kids were born. We’ll find that not only do we have nothing left in common, we also can’t remember who we are, either. We’ll take up sleeping 14 hours a day for lack of anything else to do.

Being good Catholics, we’ll stay married and continue our lives of non-speaking, telling ourselves it’s a comfort because our kids will never come home, except to me up for money, and I will have new sympathy for my parents. Speaking of my parents, they’ll be ready to go into nursing homes at this point. As they are divorced, I may have upwards of four parents to take care of. They’ll suck up money like morphine, leaving me with nothing left to do but take care of my kids anyway.

My spouse and I will finally pay off our house, only to realize it’s too big for us. We’ll move to a smaller apartment and retire, planning to travel. Instead, both of us will be struck by cancer, that disease that kills you if nothing else does first. The kids will put us in homes and we’ll die there. Alone. So that’s what I have to look forward to in life. None of that looks great to me. I’m sure the real world is all it’s cracked up to be. In fact, I’m pretty sure it’s not. Why would I want to do this? Why would I willingly take the necessary steps? Why would I not just live on my couch?

Seriously, I want to know.

Marlayna Soenemaker is a senior psychology major who would like to say hi to the folk in Adolescence who requested it. Now they are famous. She will also be accepting paying offers to do nothing at msoenm@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily The Observer.
I am deeply offended by Joe Muto's 01-05-02 column, "Terming Saddam 'huggable' reveals an utter lack of taste." I do not see how an analogy between a president and a symbolism of love and peace can be justified. The comparison between Saddam Hussein and a teddy bear is blasphemous and disrespectful. It is an insult to the memory of the thousands of lives lost in Iraq and to the pain and suffering experienced by the Iraqi people.

I believe that it is important to recognize and condemn such irresponsible journalism. Words have power, and they cannot be used lightly. We should be held accountable for the messages we spread.

If you agree, please take a moment to sign the petition and share this message with your friends and colleagues. Together, we can make a difference.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Joe Licandro

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"The Exorcist." The film looks like it belongs on a stage dark and chilling, it doesn't need any sort of traditional scares.

When a local boy dies mysteriously on a school picnic, suburban housewife Christine Penmark goes to confront her picture perfect daughter Rhoda who was her classmate and winner of a penmanship medal that Rhoda coveted. But Rhoda's perturbing coolness when confronted with the issue is brought to a head when Christine discovers the penmanship medal in her daughter's possession. Slowly, Christine must question whether her sweet and innocent daughter could really be a bad seed.

"The Bad Seed" takes a dark look at the nature versus nurture argument and asks some questions that are so horrific that the answers seem unfathomable.

"Eyes Wide Shut" (1999)

"Dream Story," "Eyes Wide Shut" follows the beautiful but troubled couple, Dr. and Mrs. Harford (Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman) through two nights of mystery and madness. Confronted with his wife's darker side, Dr. Harford embarks on a sexual odyssey, which takes him to the edge of Hell and back again. The slipperly slope Harford dances upon culminates in a visit to "The House" — a place where beauty and magic are coupled with sacrifice and death and is far more chilling than any haunted one could be.

The terror in this film is found within the living and lies always behind masks and within dreams. Audiences will not be able to name the thing that frightens them most in "Eyes Wide Shut," which is what makes this film a stylistically disturbing masterpiece.

"The Exorcist" (1973)

"The Exorcist," directed by William Friedkin, is enough of a pop culture staple that it is often considered too simple or cliché to be truly disturbing. A 12-year old girl (Linda Blair) is possessed by the Devil and her distraught movie-star mother (Ellen Burstyn) calls a priest (Jason Miller) to save her. Cue infamous pea soup and head-spinning special effects.

This view, however, does not fit the view that what's actually a very subtle story. "The Exorcist" balances its unrelentingly horrific intensity with the mature acting of its stars and a veteran supporting cast including Lee J. Cobb and Max von Sydow. Partly because of that intensity, it is easy to miss the importance of almost every detail: the girl's passion for art, the divorce and the mysterious silver medallion. "The Exorcist" is a great film that was overrated for so long it has now become underrated.

"Requiem for a Dream" (2000)

Darren Aronofsky's "Requiem for a Dream" varies between soporific ecstasy and torturous agony. The movie follows the down spiral of four addicts whose stories are intertwined but are not dependent upon one another.

The disconcerting aspect of "Requiem for a Dream" is that it relates the desire for a high from drug addiction to the same tendency in sober life from another source: The payout is neither as big as the junkie needs nor as long as he requires. "Requiem for a Dream" is unsettling to the point that it makes one question whether the ideals toward which we direct our everyday efforts are ultimately as futile as those of the movie's characters.

The grip Aronofsky's hypersensitive filming at once drifts the audience through a drug-induced fantasy and then slams them against a hard-edged reality. The movie is composed and plays like a symphony dedicated to the final destination of a futile life.

"Diabolique" (1955)

According to film lore, Alfred Hitchcock made "Psycho" to prove he
could compete with Henri-Georges Clouzot, director of "Diabolique." A French film made in 1955, "Diabolique" is in some ways a typical suspense film of its period: a slow start, gradual increase of tension, a twist, a fantastic climax and a major plot twist. "Diabolique" is about Michael Delassalle (Paul Meurisse), a sadistic boarding school principle who is murdered by his wife Christina (Vera Clouzet) and his mistress (Nicole Horner). The women dump his body in a pool. But when the pool is drained, no body is found.

Christina becomes convinced that Michael is haunting the school and will somehow get his revenge. Is there a ghost or is it merely her guilty conscience? Vera Clouzet, the director's wife, is magnificent as a woman driven by her unhappiness and anxiety. The film's use of dramatic irony is what makes it both good and terrifying — most of what takes place is known to the audience but not to Christina. "Wait Until Dark" is a classic thriller that is sure to keep audiences on the edge of their seats until the final scene.

"Session 9" (2001) In a somber New England town, a team of asbestos removal experts is hired by the local government to prepare an abandoned state mental hospital for renovation. In a burst of confidence the team declares that they can complete the job in a week. The team leader, Gordon (Peter Mullan), cobbles together his crew, along with a newcomer. But, the strain of the job along with the group's injured past relationships and the disconcerting ramshackled hospital quickly leads the group to become separated and self-interested. Most notably, Mike (Stephen Gevedon), stumbles upon nine audio recordings of repression therapy sessions with a deeply disturbed young woman who has everything to do with the hospital's history. But as Mike slowly listens to the session, the atmosphere of the hospital takes a dark turn and bizarre occurrences begin.

"Session 9" says more by using the things that are not explicit in a scene to get a reaction from the audience than clubbing them over the head with something overly scary. The movie slowly boils over with angst, and by the end, audiences will most likely feel physically nauseated. Even so, most viewers will have trouble describing exactly what is so disturbing. About "Session 9," but that's OK, because they probably won't want to talk about it anyway.

— Jack Watkins

One stormy evening, Gerardo Escobar's car breaks down. A mysterious stranger (Ben Kingsley) takes him home and Gerardo invites him to sleep the night on the couch. That evening, Gerardo's wife, Paulina (Sigourney Weaver) overhears the men's conversation and is convinced that the man who picked up her husband is the same man who tortured and raped her while blindfolded 15 years before. She wants revenge. The only trouble is that she has never seen his face before.

Roman Polanski's "Death and the Maiden" is a supremely elegant and disturbing film. Kingsley and Weaver are two brilliant actors and give some of their best-ever performances. Based on the play with the same title, the film is beautifully unified. The plot is centered on one subject, at one location and in one night. "Death and the Maiden" is a must-see for audiences interested in the darker and more complex side of humanity.

— Anne Hamilton

"Eraserhead" (1977) David Lynch's first full-length film, "Eraserhead," thrusts the viewer into a nightmarish world of strange worm creatures, bleeding dinners and mutant babies. Made over the course of five years due to extreme budget limitations, "Eraserhead," is not for the purveyor of blood-and-guts or special effects wizardry. Lynch relies instead on a sparse script and an eerie soundtrack to create a sense of unease that becomes terror in the climax.

While most horror films choose some kind of alien power or social deviant as the focal point of the horror, Lynch's targets are closer to home: he makes marriage, family and work horrifying. Parenting in particular is made horrific through the agency of the sinister mutant baby. "Eraserhead" is best understood as a dream filled with Freudian imagery of death and sex. It is full of bizarre characters and seemingly inexplicable symbolism, making it a dark and uniquely disturbing film.

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"Wait Until Dark" (1967) When Susie Hendrix (Audrey Hepburn) is given a mysterious doll by her husband with instructions to hide it, the recently blinded woman is suddenly thrown into a sordid world of crime. What Susie doesn't know is that the doll contains within it thousands of dollars worth of heroin. Throughout the course of the day, Susie falls victim to the deceptions of people trying to get back the doll. She finds that the only way to ensure her survival is to "wait until dark."

Hepburn gives one of her most intelligent and beautiful performances ever. The film's use of dramatic irony is what makes it both good and terrifying — most of what takes place is known to the audience but not to Susie. "Wait Until Dark" is a classic thriller that is sure to keep audiences on the edge of their seats until the final scene.

— Anne Hamilton
Associated Press

TOKYO

Michael Jordan played so poorly he got laughed at. Morris Peterson scored 20 points and Jordan went scoreless in the second half — and even missed a dunk — as the Toronto Raptors opened their season with a 74-68 victory over the Washington Wizards on Wednesday.

Jordan, coming off the bench, scored just eight points in 25 minutes. After missing two free throws with 4:06 left, he missed a breakaway dunk as the ball clanged off the back rim. The crowd laughed at Jordan, who turns 40 in February.

The Wizards, down by 12, never recovered.

"I'm pretty sure everybody is going to look at the guy," Jordan said. "I felt like I exploited pretty good. I got hit on the knee, but I still should have finished it. Other than that, I think I played pretty well.

Jordan finished 4-for-14 from the field.

"I've never seen Michael miss a couple of free throws and a dunk late in the game like that. Normally, that's money in the bank," Washington coach Doug Collins said.

The only positive for the Wizards was Yao Ming, who had 18 points in 20 minutes.

"I thought I did a great job on Yao," Jordan said.

The Wizards started the game with four new starters in their lineup, including Jermaine O'Neal, who had a career-high 18 rebounds, 12 points and five blocks.

"Everybody was fumbling the ball," Jordan said. "It was pretty ugly on both sides.

Vince Carter had 18 points in his first game since surgery on his left knee in March. Peterson also had a career-high 12 rebounds from new center Jelani Stackhouse, who had a career-high 12 rebounds.

"I thought it was a great job on Jordan," Peterson said.

The Raptors led the first half after a hard fall. O'Neal played without Shaquille O'Neal and Rick Fox. The Lakers were further hurt when they lost Kobe Bryant for several minutes in the second half after a hard fall. He returned and led the Lakers with 25 points and 10 rebounds.

The Trail Blazers hosed Los Angeles in the second straight blowout. It's the first time since 1990 the Lakers have opened a season with two losses. Bryant returned before the half, but at times had a noticeable limp and wore a wrap under his right knee. The Trail Blazers paddled their lead by as many as 22 points when Wallace's 3-pointer made it 56-34, and went into halftime with a 60-40 advantage.

Wallace put the Blazers up 77-54 with another 3-pointer late in the third quarter. O'Neal started the season on the injured list after surgery on his right big toe, while Fox was serving a six-game suspension for fighting with Sacramento's Doug Christie.

That meant the always-anticipated matchup between O'Neal and Portland center Arvydas Sabonis would be on hold.

The 7-foot-1, 335-pound O'Neal is expected to miss at least seven games. Sabonis is returning to the Blazers this season after taking a year off. One of the reasons the Trail Blazers wanted the 7-foot-3 Lithuanian back was to defend against O'Neal and some of the West's other big men, including Sacramento's Vlade Divac and newcomer Yao Ming.

In three of the four games that the Lakers played against the Trail Blazers last season, O'Neal averaged 33 points and 14.3 rebounds.

Associated Press

Michael Jordan comes up short on a dunk attempt in the second half of the Wizards 74-68 loss to the Toronto Raptors.

NBA

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NYA
Prosecutors respond to Jayson Williams' defense

Associated Press
FLEMINGTON, N.J.

While cursing at a limousine driver, a drunken Jayson Williams showed off for friends by flipping closed a shotgun that killed the other man with a spray of buckshot pellets, prosecutors said in court documents filed Wednesday.

Prosecutors responded to a defense motion to dismiss charges against Williams by giving the most complete picture yet of what they say happened at the former basketball star's mansion early Feb. 14. Williams, 34, is accused of recklessly handling the gun that killed Costas "Gus" Christofi and trying to make it look like a suicide. He could face nearly 45 years in prison if convicted on all charges, including first-degree manslaughter. He remains free on $270,000 bail.

Last month, defense attorneys asked a judge to throw out the indictment, saying the prosecutor gave an incomplete account of what happened and biased grand jurors by repeating that Williams exercised his right to remain silent.

Prosecutors said there was no misconduct and, unless such behavior is extreme, an otherwise valid indictment should not be dismissed.

The judge has said he hopes to rule on motions by mid-December.

Christofi picked up Williams' friends at a Harlem Globetrotters game in Bethlehem, Pa., buying a disposable camera to photograph the athletes, court documents said.

When the party reached a restaurant, several Globetrotters invited Christofi inside, where he sat apart from Williams' friends.

"At one point during the evening, the defendant singled out Gus and began cursing at him. The defendant's conduct was such that several of the witnesses were uncomfortable with what appeared to them to be an uncalled for public humiliation of Gus by the defendant," documents said.

When Christofi got up to leave, Williams said he was only joking.

The liquor bill for Williams and nine adults totaled $627, documents said. Two children also were present.

Tests on a blood sample taken from Williams eight hours after the shooting found a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.11 percent, slightly above the legal threshold for intoxication in New Jersey.

An expert for the prosecution has concluded Williams was severely intoxicated at the time of the shooting, with a probable blood-alcohol concentration of between 0.18 and 0.22 percent.

Later, guests persuaded Christofi to tour Williams' Alexandria Township mansion, and he snapped photos of memorabilia inside.

Jayson Williams appears in court earlier this year. Prosecutors responded to the defense motion to dismiss charges.
Get to Know Me

■ by Fr. Kevin Russeau, C.S.C., Director of Freshman Retreat Program

My name is Fr. Kevin Russeau, C.S.C.. I am a Holy Cross priest and I’m in my first year working here at Notre Dame. For the past two years I had been serving at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Phoenix Arizona. But in July of this year, my provincial asked me to move back to South Bend and to serve as the Associate Director of Vocations for our province.

What a great time I have had so far!

Upon my arrival in July, I was fortunate to work with ND Vision for two of their four week conferences. ND Vision is a program that started this past summer to help high school students find their place in the Church’s life and mission. Seventy of our students worked together as counselors and musicians to facilitate great discussions, skits, prayer services, and fun activities to bring home the point that each of us are called to live a vocation of holiness.

Shortly after ND Vision ushered home the last group of high school students I went on a bus to Toronto to see our Holy Father Pope John Paul II! This was an amazing pilgrimage. Over 200 students from various Holy Cross schools and parishes (University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary College, Holy Cross College, University of Portland, Our Lady of Solidad Parish in California, Hoban High School of Ohio) gathered at a Catholic grade school about 75 minutes from the heart of Toronto. We used the school as “home base.” Not only were we from many different schools and parishes, we were also from different countries. A large group from Chile was with us, a group from France and Mexico joined us, and we joined a “host” Holy Cross group from Montreal. Despite our different origins and the challenge of having three languages (French, Spanish, and English) we had in common our Holy Cross heritage.

The Congregation of Holy Cross, as Brothers, Sisters, and Priests, serve in 15 countries on 5 continents. For our founding in 1837, we were sent as missionaries to be “educators in the faith.” It was a great experience to come together from so many different places for a common purpose. We came to pray together, to learn more about our faith, to meet other young people excited about their faith, and we came to hear what the Pope had to say! World Youth Day 2002 Toronto will remain a fond memory for me. I highly recommend that you go on a pilgrimage if the opportunity arises – the next World Youth Day will be held in Germany in 2005!

Since the summer (which went by very quickly) I have been unpacking and moving into my room and offices. I live in 220 Keenan Hall and I work for Campus Ministry and in the Holy Cross Vocation Office. Many of your have hosted me in your dorms for Sunday and weekday masses. Thank you! It is so great to be back at Notre Dame for our liturgies!

I also direct the freshman retreat. Our first retreat was in September and it was awesome – ask around! Our next retreat is November 8-9th – a “must experience” for all Freshmen. It’s a 25-hour getaway where participants meet and make some of their best friends on campus. The simple application can be picked up in room 114 Coleman-Morse or printed from our webpage "www.nd.edu/-ministry". Any questions can be directed to me russeau.3@nd.edu (E-mail me if you would like to be on our next team!)

I spend the rest of my time in the vocation office at Moreau Seminary. I talk to young men who are exploring the possibility of becoming a priest or brother for the Congregation of Holy Cross. I am humbled and inspired by God’s grace working in our young people.

But since most people I talk to will answer their calls to live a holy life in other ways besides religious life, I also give talks about our baptismal duty to become holy! Each of us are called to live our lives so that we become saints! What a generous invitation God gives us and an awesome responsibility – one that is possible when we support each other in our community. We have a great opportunity here at Notre Dame to become holy women and men.

I hope that I get the opportunity to meet you. Stop by my office at Coleman-Morse or visit me at Keenan Hall. Know of my prayers for you.

—Fr. Kevin Russeau, C.S.C., Director of Freshman Retreat Program

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Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Edgerrin James might miss Sunday’s game against Tennessee because of a partially torn right hamstring. The Colts listed James as doubtful Wednesday, and coach Tony Dungy said James would not practice this week so he could rest. James watched practice from the sideline Wednesday afternoon.

“It looks like it will be a while,” Dungy said. “There’s some damage; we’ve got to let it rest up.”

James was injured in Sunday night’s 26-21 loss at Washington but continued to play until late in the game, when he took himself out. James had an MRI done Monday, and Dungy said the results showed a partial tear of his right hamstring.

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It’s going to be a tournament at Augusta National, said the tour’s commissioner Tim Finchem, who was named as an official event and he expects his players to compete.

Commissioner Tim Finchem said Wednesday the PGA Tour will have a fully sponsored schedule for 2003, although it might lose one opposite-field event in the fall.

He also announced the PGA Tour is changing the name of its 50-and-over circuit to the Champions Tour with hopes of appealing to a broader base of fans.

During his annual “State of the Tour” message, commission­er Tim Finchem said the Champions Tour would have at least three fewer tournaments to keep the schedule from running the same weeks as major championships and other big events.

The developmental tour will change names for the fourth time since its inception in 1990. What was the Buick.com Tour will be called the Nationwide Tour, reflecting a new five-year sponsorship deal.

The PGA Tour logo of a player swinging a golf club will be included in the branding of all three tours.

Finchem did not disclose any sponsorship deals for the PGA Tour, saying the 2003 schedule would be announced after the tour’s board meeting next month.

That brought a sharp reply from the National Council of Women’s Organizations, whose leader accused Finchem of “stonewalling” on the issue of Augusta’s all-male membership.

“If I were his board, I would be asking who he works for: Augusta or the PGA Tour?” Martha Burk said Wednesday.

“Clearly, the position he has taken is going to be an apolo­gist for Augusta.”

Burk has accused the PGA Tour of creating a double stan­dard by counting the Masters among its official events, even though the tour has a policy not to hold tournaments on courses that discriminate.

In an Aug. 20 letter to Burk, Finchem said the tour does not have a contract with the club, cannot require Augusta National to follow tour rules and had no plans to stop rec­ognizing the Masters as one of golf’s four major champi­onships.

During a 45-minute news conference at the season-end­ing Tour Championship, Finchem declined to elaborate beyond the letter or be drawn further into the debate over whether Augusta National should admit a female mem­ber.

“As far as I know, there’s going to be a tournament at Augusta — the Masters — and it’s going to be on CBS television, and our players are going to go play,” Finchem said.

“What else happens, I’m not going to speculate on that.”

At one point he said, “I know you’re going to move me out of the confines of my state­ment. You’re not going to be succeeded.”

Later, Finchem told a group of reporters he was comfort­able with the tour’s position.

“It is a position based on the evaluation of all factors,” he said.

The PGA Tour controls 45 tournaments a year, although it doesn’t run any of the four majors — the Masters, the U.S. Open, the British Open or the PGA Championship.

It considers the majors as official events, and counts money earned toward the PGA Tour money list. Winners of the four majors received a five-year exemption on tour.

The tour stopped playing its events at male-only clubs in 1990, eliminating Cypress Point from the rotation at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, and leaving Butler National at the Western Open outside Chicago.

Some of the players rallied behind Finchem.

Former PGA champion David Toms said while he thought Finchem could be more vocal, the commissioner should not stop counting the Masters as official.

“God, that would be totally giving in to this liberal cause,” Toms said. “We made a stance several years ago when we stopped going to clubs that discriminate. We’ve made our case and that’s why the Masters is Augusta National can take care of Augusta.”

Charles Howell III, who grew up about five miles from Augusta National, said the tour should focus on its own events.

“We’re going to run golf tournaments for us,” he said.
Hilliard will miss season with dislocated shoulder

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — New York Giants receiver Ike Hilliard will miss the rest of the season with a dislocated right shoulder suffered on a hit by All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins of the Philadelphia Eagles.

An MRI on Tuesday disclosed a tear in both Hilliard’s labrum and pectoralis muscle. He will undergo surgery in about a month and will at some point be placed on injured reserve.

The normal rehabilitation period for the surgery Hilliard will undergo is three months.

“He’s been a playmaker for us,” coach Jim Fassel said. “He does an outstanding job on third downs. He’s been one of our consistent players get hurt, period, in all the games. We’re not going to miss him.”

Fassel said that he asked referee Bill Carollo whether Dawkins should have been ejected following the hit near deep in Giants territory Monday night.

Fassel said Carollo told him that the official who made the call didn’t believe it warranted a disqualification. Dawkins is a good, aggressive player, but I think there is a line that he crossed. He really did,” Fassel said of Dawkins.

Giants quarterback Kerry Collins said of Dawkins: “He know that (Hilliard) was defenseless. I know it’s football, it’s part of the game, and I’m not saying he intentionally tried to hurt him because I don’t think he did. … You’re not going to hear Ike say anything bad about it, but it could have and should have been avoided.”

Amani Toomer, the Giants’ No. 1 wide receiver who will certainly be the league does anything else or whether or not it was a dirty hit,” the former Florida product has 259 career catches for 21 touchdowns. The reception total is the ninth-most in team history.

Hilliard was hurt in the third quarter of New York’s 17-3 loss in Philadelphia when he was hit by Dawkins after a pass from Collins fell incomplete. Hilliard had 27 catches for 386 yards and a team-high two touchdowns. Despite missing almost all of his rookie season after undergoing neck surgery, the former Florida product has 259 career catches for 21 touchdowns. The reception total is the ninth-most in team history.

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Ron Dixon, Carter and fellow rookie Daryl Jones will be used to replace Hilliard.

Hilliard is the second starter lost in as many games. Defensive tackle Keith Hamilton was lost for the season with an Achilles’ injury on Oct. 13.

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Dodgers’ Brian Jordan exercises right to demand a trade

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LOS ANGELES

Brian Jordan, who hit .347 and had an NL-leading 30 RBIs in September to help keep Los Angeles in playoff contention until the season’s final weekend, exercised his right Wednesday to demand a trade.

“This is not an expression of anger or disenchantment with the organization,” Jordan’s agent, Jim Turner, said from his St. Louis office. “He thinks it’s a great team with great management and field staff and three million good fans. This is about what’s important to him and his family.”

Turner spoke with Dodgers general manager Dan Evans about a contract extension last week and his request was denied.

Jordan, who hit .285 with 18 homers and 80 RBIs in 128 games, was traded to the Dodgers by the Atlanta Braves last January with pitcher Odalis Perez and a minor league pitcher for outfielder Gary Sheffield.

As a player traded in the middle of a multiyear contract, he is allowed to file a trade demand during the 15 days following the World Series. If no deal is reached by March 15 and Jordan does not rescind his request, he becomes a free agent and loses $11.5 million of guaranteed money. If he is traded, he loses three years of potential free agency.

Most trade demands are rescinded by players before the deadline.

Jordan, who turns 36 next March, is under contract for $9 million for next year and has a $10.5 million contract for the 2004 season that can be bought out for $2.5 million.

“I don’t have any problem with what he’s doing whatsoever,” Evans said. “At the same time, I don’t anticipate making any changes in his contract. We fully expect him to be our opening-day left fielder next season.

“Our respect for Brian Jordan is huge. We love him on the field, we love him off the field. This doesn’t change our feelings for him whatsoever. We understand it’s his right. It doesn’t mean anything has to come of this. He’s doing what he has to do, it’s a chess move for him.”

Jordan, hampered by injuries throughout his career, played a career-high 153 games with the Braves in 1999, when he hit .283 with 23 homers and a career-high 115 RBIs. He underwent surgery on his left knee Oct. 2 and is expected to be fully recovered before spring training begins.
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Over the summer, Irish coach Mike Brey approached Thomas and told him to take on a more vocal leadership role — a role Thomas didn’t have to adopt last year, with four upperclassmen in the starting lineup. The change wasn’t tough for Thomas, who Brey expects to join seniors Matt Jones in filling the leadership void created by the graduation of Ryan Humphrey, David Graves and Harold Swanson.

"I really enjoyed hearing that from coach," Thomas said. "Last year, I took more of a more reserved role, and it’s not just going to be myself speaking, the captains will too. I think the guys will respect me being more vocal."

The addition of freshman guard Chris Quinn could also mean a new role for Thomas on the court as well. Brey said he wants to tinker with the Irish lineup, meaning that Quinn could give Thomas rest from point guard duties at times. The chance to get some rest would be a change from last year, where Thomas often played all 40 minutes of a game and even played all 60 minutes of a quadruple-overtime victory over Georgetown.

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Thomas is eager to defer to his teammates and talk about team goals for the season, but he knows that his success last season means he enters this campaign as a marked man. It’s a challenge he’s more than willing to accept. "People are going to talk a lot more and try great things, but it’s not anything that I haven’t had experience with," he said. "It’s a little bit more pressure because you’re in a bigger spotlight, but I like it. I enjoy it, even though I feel like I’m disciplined enough to put out to the side and focus on our main goal."

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back and the Irish defense looked nothing like itself. "It was disappointing," defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "I don’t like finishing that way. We’re a better football team than that."
The defense has had as one of its main goals this season to keep opponents scoreless in the fourth quarter. The Irish allowed 14 points in exactly one minute against the Seminoles.

"It’s easy," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "It’s part of the human shortcoming that we all have. If you’re up 24 points with five minutes on the clock, I would say it’s reasonable to assume that you’re going to win that football game. Therefore you’re subject to slight letdowns. Our football team did that."

This week, finishing for Notre Dame will be about more than just playing 60 minutes of football. It will be about finishing off a big upset against Florida State and not letting their focus down. It will be about not just playing football for 60 minutes, but playing good football for 60 minutes.

"Last week we were embarrassed in the end," safety Glenn Earl said. "Guys kind of got ahead of themselves in the celebration, the hoop-lah that was happening. But we know that we have to play 60 minutes and this week we’re definitely going to finish the game off strong."

If any member of the Irish team watches a replay of the 1993 Notre Dame-Boston College game, he’ll get a reminder of what happens when teams don’t finish they lose. "That’s not something this team is willing to accept."

"That just makes us realize that you can never settle for mediocrity," Sapp said. "You just want to get better each week. We’re kind of playing against ourselves."

Last year’s loss to Boston College is also a lesson in finishing for the Irish. Notre Dame controlled all the statistical categories last year, but still lost the game. This year, they’ll use that as a reminder not to accept mediocrity.

"Last year we started OK, but we didn’t finish a championship team," Sapp said. "This year the team does a better job of finishing games a lot better and that’s kind of what we’re working on — starting and finishing games really well."

Come Saturday, the Irish will be looking to do just that.
**FOOTBALL**

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Senior outside hitter Erin Jones led the Redbirds with 16 kills and had 10 digs. As a team, the Redbirds had 15 service errors. The Redbirds came out firing in game one by taking an early 12-8 lead. After Irish coach Brad Brown tried to slow down the Redbirds with a timeout, the hosts only got hotter.

Illinois State went on an 11-2 run that included seven kills to win game one.

"I think we had a slow start. We had been working on trying to come out strong and we didn't do that. We picked it up well and came back. We could have played better, but we got the job done." —Lauren Kelbley

Irish volleyball player

The Irish turned the match around in game two with their own run. Outside hitter Emily Loomis had three kills and an ace in a 10-4 run that gave the Irish a 20-12 lead they wouldn't surrender.

The improved play for the Irish led to the basics.

"It was passing and mostly serving," Kelbley said. "We picked up our serving in the second game and that was the difference."

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Senior outside hitter Erin Jones led the Redbirds with 16 kills and had 10 digs. As a team, the Redbirds had 15 service errors. The Redbirds came out firing in game one by taking an early 12-8 lead. After Irish coach Brad Brown tried to slow down the Redbirds with a timeout, the hosts only got hotter.

Illinois State went on an 11-2 run that included seven kills to win game one.

"I think we had a slow start. We had been working on trying to come out strong and we didn't do that. We picked it up well and came back. We could have played better, but we got the job done." —Lauren Kelbley

Irish volleyball player

The Irish turned the match around in game two with their own run. Outside hitter Emily Loomis had three kills and an ace in a 10-4 run that gave the Irish a 20-12 lead they wouldn't surrender.

The improved play for the Irish led to the basics.

"It was passing and mostly serving," Kelbley said. "We picked up our serving in the second game and that was the difference."
**JUMBLE**

Uncramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: June Penley, Dan Rather, Debbie Hart Lightfoot (Caledonian). Happy Birthday! Focus on your personal life this year. Make things right that may have been off kilter with others. The conditions that face you are not ideal, but just focus on you and move forward. It will be a key year for you in terms of career and personal relationships. This will be a year when you have to go the extra mile. This is not the year to let the status quo taking you. You can far more than one device. This can be a very exciting year for you. ***

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FOOTBALL

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Starting and finishing, that's what it's all about this week for the Irish.

Starting as the underdog and finishing on top. Starting the game with a small lead and ending with a big lead.

Starting and finishing.

"Our goal is just finishing," safety Gerome Sapp said. "Starting and finishing."

The Irish have been within one score of their opponents in the fourth quarter in six of their last eight games. So playing with a 24-point lead with five minutes remaining was something of a new experience for the defense. It showed in their play.

With 1:12 remaining in the game, Florida State scored two touchdowns and recovered two onsides kicks. Despite the fact that the Irish still finished the game with a 10-point victory, some members of the Irish defense feel differently.

"I myself was disappointed with the way the game ended Saturday," Sapp said. "I almost felt like we lost the game."

The Irish defense, which has been a strength this season, showed what it could do against Florida State for the first 58 minutes of Saturday's football game. Notre Dame held the Seminoles to 93 rushing yards, forced two fumbles and intercepted Chris Rix twice. As time ticked off the clock, victory was all but guaranteed.

But in the final minutes, Seminole head coach Bobby Bowden sent in a new quarter-

MENS BASKETBALL

Thomas focuses on the season ahead at Notre Dame

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The questions swirled around Chris Thomas over the summer. Questions about his future and how long he would stay with the Irish. Questions about his plans for the NBA.

Questions that Thomas ignored. "It's not tough for me, and I don't even think about it now," the sophomore point guard said. "I'm just focusing on the season, that's how I'm going to be."

Yet Thomas can understand all the attention surrounding him and the Irish, especially following his sensational freshman season. After helping the Irish reach the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season and earning Big East Rookie of the Year honors, Thomas is anxious for the new season to start. The Irish play their first exhibition of the season Friday.

Part of Thomas' enthusiasm has to do with how he spent his summer. In addition to staying on campus with the rest of the team, Thomas attended the prestigious Nike basketball camp as a counselor - a role he dreamed of being in after participating in the camp as a high school student.

At the Nike camp, Thomas competed against top college guards like Arizona's Jason Gardner and Xavier's David West — something he feels helped him improve over the summer.

"Back then, I went and always looked up to the college coaches and always wanted to be considered among the elite college players," Thomas said. "It was a great experience."

VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame 3
Illinois State 1

The Irish came back from a first-game loss to top Illinois State in the next three games.