**Record numbers to flock to ND Career Fair**

Employers, recruiters plan to attract career-seeking students

By EVA BINDA

Many seniors believe they have a chance to squeal pre-graduation jitters today by attending the Winter Career Fair. Representatives from over 100 employers representing more than 18 industries will flood the Joyce Center from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. intending to recruit Notre Dame students. 

Career Center Associate Director Anita Rees said the fair, which she organized, is "one of the largest and most diverse career events in the history of Notre Dame." 

The Career Fair will be preceded by a Diversity Reception from noon to 2 p.m. in the Monogram Room of the Joyce Center — an event intended to allow students to introduce themselves to employers. 

"The Diversity Reception provides an opportunity to more casually talk to employers and make an initial connection with them when they see them at the fair," said Latonia Ferguson, Career Center counselor and the organizer of the Diversity Reception - a prelude to the Career Fair — invited all students to the fair to talk to potential employers, including those who may feel unsure of their majors and future career path. 

It may be difficult for freshmen to gain internships as oftentimes employers are more interested in hiring upperclassmen, she said. However, Ferguson still encouraged freshmen to start the process early to establish the contacts they'll eventually need in the internship search process that awaits in their sophomore year. 

**Students shed clothes to benefit homeless**

By STEVE KERINS

As temperatures plunge it becomes exceedingly rare to see a student sporting sandals, but unlockeders should not be surprised to see sophomore Robbie Bernardin sprinting across campus in shorts and flip-flops today. 

Bernardin will be joined by fellow Siegfried residents, including Hall president junior Tom Martin, in their parade against the harsh elements as part of the first annual Day of Man — an effort of solidarity intended to raise awareness of those who cannot afford a winter coat. 

"Bernardin was doing a jog around campus wearing his shorts and a T-shirt and he said, "Hey, it's cold out, but I feel pretty manly,"" Martin said. 

It wasn't long before Martin transformed his idea into an effort to aid those in need. Bernardin and Martin posted a flyer in Siegfried asking residents to participate by agreeing to wear only shorts, flip-flops and the event's T-shirt as an effort of solidarity for those who cannot afford a winter coat.

"Bernardin and Martin spent about 30 minutes debating two possible budgetary adjustments to the constitution. Vassel said the part of the encyclical, "Miss classes," Jenkins said that he may have to "mix a class or two" because of travel engagements.

A short reflection paper each week and attendance at all five sessions is required to earn the course credit. The Office of the President is also holding an essay competition and a student conference about the same encyclical this spring. 

"As for future plans, Jenkins said he will "certainly be teaching more classes," but it is just a question of finding time in his busy schedule.

"It will be a juggling of the various demands of my time and I'm teaching it with a way to teach," he said. 

Jenkins will be making another effort to carve out time from his busy schedule this semester by offering open office hours to "any undergraduate or graduate student who is interested," said Frances Shavers, the executive assistant to the president.

"One of the great joys of when he was teaching was to register undergraduates to law school," Jenkins said.
South Asian suave

No, it isn’t the pungent odor of curry or any abundance of semi-outrous Bollywood films all containing pretty much the same plot. Forget tales about All Baba, magic carpet rides or spitting camels. Visiting India is so intriguing, not because the society is existic, but actually chaotic. And I love it.

You can watch Bend-It-Like-Bekham on screen to get a vicariously second-hand experience of what Indian culture is somewhat like. But I, first-generation Indian-American citizen, cannot deny my fatherland only to return with humoruous anecdotes to share with my American friends.

So my Christmas break entailed a three-week vacation to New Delhi, the hometown of my parents and extended family. I braided myself for the culture shocks that would inevitably occur.

The havoc commenced at Chicago’s O’Hare airport. Indians are notoriously impatient, particularly in the context of travel. At 8:43, the expected departure time of our Air India flight, the gate agent was nowhere to be seen. A throng of Indian passengers had already lined up to board. When the one employee nonchalantly appeared and called one passenger to reconfirm their seat, all 400 passengers stood up in anticipation. Upon hearing that the flight wasn’t ready to board yet, uproar ensued amongst passengers. What a mess.

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Senior retreat aims to ease anxieties, stress

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

As graduation nears for nostalgic yet anxious seniors, many may find refuge and spiritual guidance in this weekend's senior retreat.

"We try to help the seniors think about the challenges they face when leaving Notre Dame — challenges in relationships, their spiritual life, and living outside of the Notre Dame community," said retreat director Fr. Joe Carey.

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He said the retreat team, a "diverse cross-section of the senior class that unites a varsity athlete, a member student government, a student in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program and members of various campus organizations under one banner — will build on the tradition.

Carey and Lichon said the diversity in the retreat's leadership was not serendipitous but rather a conscious effort to attract an assortment of participants.

"I can remember senior retreats thirty years ago, but we've made it consistent in the last few years, once a year every first weekend in February," Carey said.

Driehaus awarded to Robertson

Special to The Observer

Jaquelin T. Robertson, a New York-based architect and urban planner whose work is found worldwide, has been named the recipient of the Notre Dame's fifth annual Richard H. Driehaus Prize for Classical Architecture. He will receive $100,000 and a model of the choragic Monument of Lysikrates in Athens during ceremonies March 31 in Chicago.

A partner in the firm Cooper, Robertson & Partners, Robertson founded the New York City Urban Design Group. He served under former New York City Mayor John Lindsay as director of the Mayor's Office of Midtown Planning and Development and worked as a New York City planning commissioner. In 1975, he directed the design of Iran's new capital center, Shabestan Palavi.

Committed to introducing "human values into urban plans," Robertson founded the Jeffersonian Restoration Advisory Board and the Mayor's Institute on City Design. He has been a consultant to the Ford Foundation, the government of Jamaica, the Federal Highway Administration, and the National Capital Development Commission in Canberra, Australia.

To "learn more about the DNA of American architecture," Robertson accepted an appointment as dean and a chaired professor of architecture at the University of Virginia in 1980, a position he held for eight years.

Robertson has received numerous design awards, including the 1998 Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medal in Architecture and the 2002 Seaside Prize for his contributions to American urbanism. A Richmond, Va., native, Robertson earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Yale University and was a Rhodes Scholar at Magdalene College, Oxford.

Edward Perry Bass, president of Fine Line Inc., a private diversified investment and venture capital firm in Fort Worth, Texas, will receive the $25,000 Henry Hope Reed Award in association with the Driehaus Prize. Bass is recognized as a leader in one of the most successful urban revitalization efforts in the nation. He and his family developed Sundance Square into a successful mixed-use urban core in Fort Worth. As chairman of Performing Arts Fort Worth, Bass led the development of the Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall, which opened in 1998 to international acclaim.

Richard H. Driehaus, the founder and chairman of Driehaus Capital Management in Chicago, endowed both awards through the Notre Dame School of Architecture. Robertson earned his master's degree at Yale University and was a Rhodes Scholar at Magdalene College, Oxford.

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just the connection with the students." Shavers said. "You don't have as much natural opportunity to meet with students as you do if you were a teacher."

There will be open visiting hours in the Office of the President in 75-minute blocks on three dates to start out — Feb. 19, Mar. 20 and Apr. 2.

Shavers said the time can be used by students who want to discuss a certain issue with Jenkins, who just want to introduce themselves or who may just want to see the office.

Shavers said that there will also be the option of reserving a time to meet with Jenkins during his office hours on the president's Web site.

"It's definitely looking forward to it and is excited about it, but we have no idea whether one person will show up or whether twenty people will show up," she said. "It's definitely sort of a trial this semester and we'll see if it's responded to well."

Shavers also said that Jenkins will be visiting a different dorm each month. Student Body President Lizzi Shappell will be going around to dorms to "get names of anyone who is interested," Shavers said.

"I am excited about the office hours," Jenkins said. "It's just a chance to talk to students and listen to their concerns and interests."

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Intern continued from page 1 and junior years.

"It would be beneficial for freshmen to attend the Diversity Reception to network and meet employers so that when they're sophomores, they're more prepared for the whole process of landing an internship," she said.

The Diversity Reception and Career Fair will gather a variety of employers ranging from ProcWaterhouseCouper to Abercrombie & Fitch to the Central Intelligence Agency.

"This fair is so diverse that I don't see one particular internship that all the students are applying for," Career Center Associate Director Anita Rees said. "We have a representation of at least eighteen different industries and within those industries, there are different divisions. For example, we have an energy firm that is hiring for a supply and trading position.

In addition to narrowing a wide range of employers and industries, students will also have to decide whether to stay close to home or live in a new place.

"It depends on the student and their situation," Ferguson said. "Some students want positions in their hometowns and others want to explore other opportunities."

For students that may even want to intern abroad, the Career Fair may be a good starting-off point. Several of the employers attending today's fair — such as Goldman Sachs and KPMG — have international offices.

"I want to intern away from home so I can get the experience of actually working in the real world," said freshman Patrick Bears, a psychology and Italian major with plans to intern in Italy in the near future.

Sophomore Patrick Voll echoed Bears' enthusiasm about traveling.

"I want to get an internship in the engineering field away from home," the mechanical engineering student said. "I've looked into internships with an international corporation."

In addition to the Career Fair, students interested in internships abroad can explore opportunities on campus through the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the Students in International Business Council. All of these organizations sponsor internship opportunities around the globe.

The Career Center also offers help to students trying to find internships through GÇôIRish — its career online database — and various workshops and seminars throughout the semester.

"We talk to students about what they are passionate about, what they've already explored, enjoyed," Rees said. "If it's an internship, we ask them about the kind of experiences would they like to garner while they are undergraduates. We take them from that point to learning to network, to interviewing to learning etiquette."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Venezuelan president gains power
CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez was granted full powers Wednesday to accelerate changes in broad areas of society by presidential decree — a move critics said violated Venezuela toward dictatorship.

Convening in a downtown plaza in a session that resembled a political rally, lawmakers unanimously gave Chavez sweeping powers to legislate by decree and impose his radical vision of a more egalitarian socialist state.

The law gives Chavez, who is beginning a fresh six-year term, more power than he has ever had in eight years as president, and allows him to rule over 18 months to transform broad areas of public life, from the economy and the oil industry in particular, to "social matters" and the very structure of the state.

Iraq implements new security plan
BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq indefinitely halted all flights to and from Syria and closed a border crossing with Iran as the government prepares for a new security crackdown aimed at crushing violence in the capital and surrounding regions, a member of parliament and airport officials said Wednesday.

The airport official said flights to and from Syria would be canceled for at least two weeks and that service had been interrupted on Tuesday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to reveal the information.

Hassan al-Sunaidi, a legislator and member of the parliament Defense and Security Committee, said the move "was in preparation for the security plan. The state will decide when the flights will resume."

UNITED KINGDOM

British terrorism plot foiled
Police arrest nine suspects in alleged kidnapping attempt in Birmingham

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM — Police foiled a major kidnapping plot, the first of its kind in Britain, with the arrests Wednesday of nine terror suspects who reportedly planned to torture and behead a British Muslim soldier and broadcast the killing on the Internet.

The alleged plot, said by British media to mirror the brutal executions of foreign hostages in Iraq, was in its final stages and uncovered during a six-month surveillance operation by anti-terror officers in this city of more than 1 million in the heart of England.

The arrests came in a pre-dawn raid on homes and businesses in several Birmingham neighborhoods, which were mostly Pakistanis.

"The threat from terrorism remains very real," said Assistant Chief Constable David Shaw, who would not confirm reports from the British Broadcasting Corp. and other media outlets that the intended victim was an army soldier to be killed in an "Iraqi-style" execution and broadcast on the Internet.

Britain has been at the heart of several thwarted alleged terror plots, including a scheme by a British Muslim to blow up the New York Stock Exchange and the twin towers Tuesday that reduced the store to a pile of splintered debris and twisted metal.

Lewis attributed the mistake to erroneous information from hospital officials. "I recognize this could be confused at four different times, and they confirmed it each time," he said.

Senator censured for groping page
PIERRE, S.D. — The South Dakota Senate on Wednesday refused to expel a lawmaker accused of fondling an 18-year-old legislative page in a motel bed, but voted to censure him instead.

Democratic Sen. Dan Sutton had admitted sharing a bed with the page last winter but never shared a bed with the page last winter but never

The censure amounts to a public reprimand that has no effect on Sutton's legislative powers.

The motion to expel Sutton failed 14-20, and the censure vote was 32-2.

LOCAL NEWS

Gay marriage amendment advances
INDIANAPOLIS — A proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage advanced out of committee Wednesday after three hours of debate and a group of gay rights activists being shouted down by conservative legislators.

Propositions said the amendment was needed to stop same-sex marriage and other options in Boston threw a scare into the city Wednesday in what is expected to be a keying campaign for a late-night cable cartoon. At least one of the devices depicted a man with his hands over the face of a woman.

The packages in question are magnetic lights that pose no danger," Turner said in a statement. It said the devices were put in place for two to three weeks in 10 cities: Boston, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, Seattle, Portland, Ore., Austin, Texas, San Francisco and Philadelphia.

"We regret that they were mistakenly thought to pose any danger," the company said.

Police said only that they were investigating where the device came from. The Department of Homeland Security said there are no credible reports of other devices being found elsewhere in the country.

An angry Mayor Thomas Menino said a stiff penalty will be pursued against whoever was responsible for the devices.

"It's about keeping a city on edge. It's about public safety," he said.

Authorities said some of the devices looked like circuit boards or had wires hanging from them.

Suspicious devices cause scare

Associated Press

BOSTON — Nine blinking electronic devices planted by unidentified people in and other spots in Boston threw a scare into the city Wednesday in what is expected to be a keying campaign for a late-night cable cartoon. At least one of the devices depicted a man with his hands over the face of a woman.
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Fair
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organizer of the Diversity Receptions.
Rees said students should be prepared for the fair, and
she suggested reviewing the list of employers and posi-
tions available on the GORISH web-
site.
"Pick three to five employers that you want to know a
lot about so that when you meet the rep-
resentative, you'll ask the right questions and make a
good impression," she said.
Expecting the unexpected is also part of the fair, Rees
said, who suggests students should check out employers
that catch their attention.
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the University of Maryland College of Veterinary
Medicine hosted a job fair for veterinary students
and veterinary technology students.

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SUB's budget that allows to "policy-based program-
ing" could be moved so it falls under the student gov-
ernment's budget. Student body president Lizzie
Shappell said student govern-
ment was already using the
fund.
"It's our money," Shappell said. "We ask for an allo-
ca
tion, then when we are using it, we go over to
SUB's comptroller. It's basically our fund to use."Vassel also brought up a section of the constitution that states that any event with budgeting costs that exceed $5,000 must be approved by the Financial Management Board (FMB). He suggested raising the approval limit to $10,000 because, he said, SUB often books events that cost more
than $5,000 and they need to move fast to reserve the
act or the performer. The delay incurred when SUB has to go to the FMB of each request, though not a sub-
stantial one, may prevent SUB from booking the group,
Vassel said.
"We've offered our opinions on these two points before sending the issue to Chris Dullin, chair of the Senate Oversight
Committee, for further review.
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The underdressed Ramblers will each carry a cup to solicit donations for the South Bend Center for the Homeless.
We're also setting up a booth in front of Siegfried," Martin said. "We're hoping that students will come forward (we're) doing it in a few dollars to help the home-
less.
Today at 6 p.m. the Center for the Homeless will send a representative to give a presen-
tation about the organiza-
tion's mission and organ-
izations for Day of Man participants.
"We want for (participants) to get noticed by others, but also know what they're fiting and realize how blessed we are," Bernardin said.
Bernardin said the Day of Man has received national attention and support from the residence hall since its incep-
tion.
"There were almost 100 guys who signed up for the first day," he said. "Now it's almost 120." Martin said Siegfried's rec-
tator and hall staff also plans to participate in the Day of Man events.
"We've had a lot of support from Siegfried's staff," Martin said. "It's not just something the residence hall does, but something that (students) really take it to heart.
Sales for Bernie's Black Friday of Man T-shirt have been high, and friends of participants -
including many dorm residents - have also been generous with moral and financial support.
"The word spread pretty quickly. For (students) to get it on the front of Siegfried has been one of the
manliest dorms on campus," Martin said. "We wanted to set an event together to showcase our incredible man-
ness. One person said, 'Once people heard about that, it kind of publicized itself.'"
The Day of Man organizers also sent e-mails to service commissioners in each resi-
dence hall to let interested students know in advance of the event. Only students who sign up will be required to participate. Martin and Bernardin were both opti-
mistic Wednesday for a posi-
tive reaction to the Day of Man, with support.
"I think this is a big reason this event has real-
taken off is that there aren't many things manlier than being cold and help-
less, quite literally," Bernardin said.
NEW YORK — President Bush challenged corpo- rate America Wednesday on the lavish salaries and bonuses paid to chief executives, saying their pay should be tied to how much they help their companies succeed.

"America's corporate bosses are in a position to earn a extravagant pay packages, recently in the news, but distiguished Tobins of U.S. workers who will never come near such deals.

"You need to pay atten tion to executive compen sation packages that you approve," Bush said. "You need to show the world that American business people are a model of transparency and good corporate governance.

Bush's comments came during a White House press get-together focused on the economy at the time when others issue command attention — including the Iraq war and all the candidates running for his job.

He spoke at Federal Hall, a venerable site just blocks from where ter rors destroyed the World Trade Center.

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U.S. Airways drops 88.8 billion bid. Delta bid ATLANTA — U.S. Airways Group Inc. dropped its $9.8 billion hostile bid for Delta Air Lines Inc. on Wednesday after a key group of the bank­rupt carrier's creditors said Delta would be better off emerging from Chapter 11 on its own.

With the dual decisions, Atlanta-based Delta cleared a big hurdle in its effort to exit bank­ruptcy by the middle of this year as a stand-alone company. But it isn't out of the woods yet.

Smaller cred­itors could ultimately vote not to approve Delta's reorganization plan, and some have already filed objections to the disclosure state­ment to the Delta plan.

A Feb. 7 hearing in bankruptcy court in New York is scheduled to discuss the disclosure statement. If the statement is rejected by creditors, Delta could begin solic­iting votes for approval of its reorganization plan.

Domino's chief executive Bob Nardelli was earning an average of $25.7 million a year — excluding stock options — before he was forced out in a furor over his compensation. He left with a severance package worth about $210 million.

The New York Stock Exchange faced an uproar over former CEO Richard Grasso's $187.5 million severance pack­age. Former New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, now governor, sued members of the NYSE board over the package given to Grasso when he quit as chair­man in 2003.

Beyond targeting gold­en pay packages, Bush reiterated the themes of his economic message these days — trade, health care, energy and education. All require help from a Democratic Congress, which is fas­hioning its own plans for a mainstream domestic agenda.

"Criticizing CEO pay won't do anything to raise the wages of aver­age Americans," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., the new chairman of the Joint Economic Committee. "Middle-class families would be best served if the president joined us in crafting bold policy solutions that address the real insecuri­ties they feel in our chang­ing economy."

Bush touted new fed­eral rules that give investors access to clear­er and more detailed information from public companies on their top executives' pay packages and perks.

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In BRIEF

Google triples fourth-quarter profits

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc.'s fourth­ quarter profit nearly tripled amid another burst of breathtaking growth that enabled the online search leader to sprint past $3.29 per share, during the final three months of 2006.

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Bush, in a speech on economy Wednesday, has made significant progress in bridging the gap between those who feel in our country and those who feel in our country.

Yet in a nod to the business community, Bush said his administration was working to improve how those rules are being enforced so that the burden isn't oppressive on industry.
Orlando sparks trend with anti-homeless laws

Dallas, Gainesville and Atlanta among cities with laws restricting or prohibiting the feeding of homeless

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — At Lake Eola park, there is much beauty to behold: robust palms, beds of cheery begonias, a cascading lake fountain, clusters of friendly egrets and swans, an amphitheater named in honor of Walt Disney. But when the sun goes down, there’s a less pleasant sight. A sign proclaims that feeding the homeless is illegal.

"Feeding the homeless only encourages more homelessness." "Justin Credible" blogger

In August, the American Civil Liberties Union filed suit challenging the Las Vegas ban, saying it violated constitutional protections of free speech, right to assembly and right to practice one’s religion. A federal court in Nevada has prohibited the city from enforcing the ordinance until a final ruling is issued.

Advocates for the homeless feared it wouldn’t be long before other cities passed similar laws. As it happens, they were right. Already, the cities of Dallas, Fort Myers, Fla., Gainesville, Fla., Wilmington, N.C., Atlanta, and Santa Monica, Calif., have laws restricting or outright prohibiting the feeding of the homeless. In Fairfax County, Va., homemade meals and meals made in church kitchens may not be distributed to the homeless unless first approved by the county. Other cities, including Miami, are considering similar anti-feeding measures.

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Berlusconi pleads for his wife’s forgiveness

Associated Press

ROME — Former Premier Silvio Berlusconi, challenged in an open letter by his wife over flirtatious comments he reportedly made to other women, publicly apologized to her Wednesday, saying he never meant to hurt her dignity.

"Forgive me, I beg you. And take this public show of my private pride giving in to your fury," she said was behavior that damaged the letter from Berlusconi as an act of love.

In a separate interview, Berlusconi said his wife is a "special woman." "Veronica has been an absolute passion; when we met, she made me lose my mind," he told the women's magazine A, which released excerpts of the interview Wednesday.

"She has been and is a wonderful mother. She has no embarrassed me, never," Berlusconi said. "And she is so lenient ... What more could I want?"

Lario largely kept out of the public eye during Berlusconi's five-year premiership, which ended with the defeat of hisconservative coalition in April elections.

But she occasionally expressed positions that were not in line with her husband's, such as defending pacifists protesting the war in Iraq, which Berlusconi supported.

Berlusconi and Lario were married in 1990, but had been living as a couple for a decade before then. A former actress, she is Berlusconi's second wife. The two are rarely seen together.

The other two candidates — one a political novice, the other a community activist who hosts a radio talk show — have often praised Berlusconi's ability to "move the country forward" with the "big picture" in mind.

"My dad was a great man, too. It's just that people don't know him," Cole said. "He had a way to make everyone feel appreciated, from his own family to his visitors, his workers. He had a way of connecting with people, and his shadow still looms large.

"By the time Pope John Paul II retired in 1997 after 26 years — his father's name has a special meaning for the former pontiff, his shadow still looms large.

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**Dems push budget toward vote**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats say they are making the best of a bad situation as they bring to the House floor a massive bill cobbling together $462.5 billion in unfilled budget business.

The bill, combining the budgets of 14 Cabinet agencies, won praise this Tuesday from Democratic Party allies such as activists pressing the fight against AIDS overseas and advocates for boosting education funding.

Lawmakers in both parties hailed the bill for freeing highway construction funds, even as the White House complained that the budget was swamped once again by a $250 billion in the maximum Pell Grant, to $4,310.

"After five years of broken promises from the administration, this is an important down payment by Democrats on our commitment to help families with high college costs," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

State and local law enforcement agencies, meanwhile, won increases in grants for new equipment and hiring new officers.

Community development block grants, however, were frozen at current levels as was Amtrak. Advocates for these programs took them down as a victory relative to Bush's budget submitted a year ago.

Activists prosing for big boosts to combat AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis won over $4.5 billion increase — to $4.5 billion. That's enough to fund the president's $225 million initiative to fight the disease.

Democrats sought to focus the bill's success in the area of science, but always small — funding basic research. The House Appropriations Committee, which funds rural sanitation, education and other infrastructure projects in Alaska, then the Senate's refusal to reduce $45 million in funding for an indoor rainforest project in central Iowa, even though local officials have demonstrated their willingness to pay for it. Congressmen from both parties agreed to fund major projects.

Sports-savvy ladies are brushing up on their football lingo and planning couples events around the games. There's red carpet treatment for the devoted.

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Paula Duffy sports writer

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And a great way for single women to snag a guy, said Duffy, who estimates about percent of her clients fall into that category. Several professional and college soccer fans are also giving women the play by play. The Buffalos Bills host NFI 101, a during going past camp, which includes lessons on how to catch and throw and a tour of the locker room.

Jan Wannstedt, wife of University of Pittsburgh's coach Dave Wannstedt, leads Football University, a one-night introductory class for women. The College Bengals and the Green Bay Packers also host Football University, 101, where attendance is in the hundreds. Gwen Araffles, 23, was one of 600 who attended the University of California at Berkeley's women's football huddle led by head coach Jeff Tedford last August.

It was definitely fun. They had us practice kicking, field goals from five different spots on the field," said Araffles, a public relations expert for the school. "A woman can say what is a safety does. I can understand how a running back gets stripped of the ball."

But what about the women who don't care as much about the game, but still want the camaraderie? Christine Cheng hosts a couples football and cooking party and hires a gourmet tailgating chef. The ladies learn to make mini Kobe beef burgers, salmon quesadillas, homemade sweet potato fries and crab cakes which they later serve the boys.

A Brooklyn was looking to keep the spokes flying long after the coin toss with four plasma screen TVs, food and a full bar for the men and chocolate massages and facials for the women.

When the game is over, couples can reunite in Body by Brooklyn's thermal hot tub. "It's a great way to relax," said Bush and last year's GOP-dominated Congress. The part-time vets lobby won a $3.6 billion increase for medical care, earning praise from veterans groups and the White House, while low-income college students would receive a $250 boost in the maximum Pell Grant, to $4,310.

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Still, the White House signaled to the House debate on Wednesday promises to be bitter, and Speaker apparently is to pass on a partly-lame vote. But what about the women who don't have to huddle around candles and be dressed in all your clothes to be comfortable in a house powered by solar energy, said Robert Schubert, associate dean of research for the College of Architecture and Urban Studies at Virginia Tech.

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — State Sen. Frank Wagner is trying warm at his temporary address, even in below-freezing weather and without a traditional power supply or fireplace. The Virginia Beach Republican, a proponent of alternative energy sources, is living for a week outside the Science Museum of Virginia in a solar-powered house designed and built by Virginia Tech students. He moved in Wednesday.

Using a remote control and a computer, Wagner is testing whether the award-winning home can generate enough electricity from the sun to run everyday home appliances, and will still have enough left over to send to Richmond's power grid or charge an electric car.

"The house is designed to be self-sufficient, but there's a lot of things that could be adapted into existing houses today," be said Friday, after spending his second almost glitch-free night in the 800-square-foot home. The house is warmed by heat that comes up through the floor, and has a rainwater harvesting system and automated mood lighting. It also features a wide-screen TV and kitchen appliances chosen for their energy efficiency.

These features can be manipulated while sitting on a couch and tapping on a tablet computer connected to the building's control system. All of it is powered by the sun's energy, which is gathered by rooftop photovoltaic panels and stored in the home's battery system.

"We want to show that you don't have to huddle around candles and be dressed in all your clothes to be comfortable in a house powered by solar energy," said Robert Schubert, associate dean of research for the College of Architecture and Urban Studies at Virginia Tech.

**Solar home plays host to Va. senator**

**Eco-friendly home designed, built by students**

**Would you like to work with kids after graduation?**

The MercyWorks program at Mercy Home for Boys & Girls seeks highly motivated men and women who wish to acquire social service experience while making a difference in the lives of hurting children. Benefits include room and board, health insurance, professional training and supervision, loan forbearance and an AmeriCorps Education Award.

For more information contact the MercyWorks Program Manager at 312-738-6390 or visit www.mercyhome.org. Representatives will also be at the ND Winter Career Fair on 2/1 from 4-6pm.

**Ladies game too: Footbal faithfull not solely male**

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**Lady's charter card reader, trapeze artist and chick flick**

DIYNetwork.com is planning a marathon airing "Kitty Griff," and encouraging knitters to trade tips over the Internet as they make scarves, shawls and blankets for charity.

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International travel into U.S. loses popularity

Sept. 11 attacks, long lines at customs, visa difficulties, subsequent security policies cited for drop in American tourism

WASHINGTON — Visiting the United States isn't as popular as it used to be mainly because of delays and difficulties in getting visas, long lines at customs and aggressive promotional campaigns from other countries.

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Walking to do

When Dean Kamen unveiled his Segway Personal Transporter in December 2001, much of the grandiose hype and bloated expectations surrounding the invention focused on how the new device would revolutionize the way modern cities are built. Pretty lofty goal, sure, but no one in their right mind accuses Kamen of doing anything by half. When the device was officially unveiled, people discovered that it was a motorized scooter. A pretty sweet scooter that can balance itself, true, but still ... a scooter.

The Segway is a really nifty device, true. It's fast, cheap, easy to change and use, and it almost erases pollution when compared to a car. For the average American city-dweller, the machine really serves all your daily needs, provided it can reach the workplace and nearby stores. But Kamen's ballyhooed invention understimates the sterling and durable method of transportation that humankind has possessed ever since evolution proped us upright: walking.

The human gait is a fine thing when you think about it. You just push your legs forward and back, one foot in front of the other. As the steps add up, feet turn into yards, yards into miles, and miles into -- many miles. There are no emissions besides your exuding breath, and none of the noise that clogs up otherwise serene cities. The footprint of the average human person is less than an automobile, and even the Segway can't best a person for space-saving. The speed may not be quite as great as a Segway or a car, but it gets the job done. The energy supply lasts a lot longer than a charge on Kamen's brainchild, and fuel is remarkably cheaper than what Ford's offspring demands (even if you prefer fine dining). All those years of planning and inventing, and here we are: the whole time we've been sitting there -- or standing -- on the most efficient vehicle of all. Until our descendants colonize the moon and start scooting around in hover cars, it's the best means of transport we've got.

Kamen's vision did bring to mind a remarkable aspect of modern life: we design our cities and neighborhoods around transportation, and that transportation is always a car. Older cities were built with narrow streets, where buildings hunched closer together, and they gave you an easier walking experience. In our time, however, everything modern is subject to where a car can go. This means our more state-of-the-art cities possess a great deal of convenience for us, but that convenience comes at a price. Cars are the de facto method of traveling, even within cities and suburbs, and we're left with little choice. Just think about getting around in South Bend and Mishawaka. Walking around campus or close to it does not trouble us, but try walking to Meijer and carrying back your purchases. Sure, you can do it, but it's a pain.

This pain, however, may be worth it. Living in a city may not provide the healthiest lifestyle in many aspects, but it beats suburban sprawl when it comes to weight and daily exercise. A national study published in American Journal of Preventive Medicine last December found that teenagers who grow up in suburban neighborhoods walk far less in their daily routines -- relying instead on a car to get to and from school, work and friends' houses -- and therefore are far more prone to obesity. They are, in fact, twice as likely to be overweight when compared to city teenagers.

I'm studying in Rome this semester, and as my first long-term city living situation, it has definitely changed my habits. When you're here, it's true, there's a whole lot of walking to do. Just going from our residence to school and back every day probably adds up to four or five miles every day. The plight of suburban dwellers seems much more credible to me, because I now understand how little walking I used to do. Once you get here and start walking everywhere, though, the convenience of it really becomes apparent. You're mobile, independent and environmentally-friendly.

Most European cities are built on the same premise -- they existed long before cars, and the largest thing the streets had to accommodate was an occasional horse and carriage. Here, walking is your best option for getting around. Modern cities have tons of advantages -- better city planning and waste disposal, more suitable land, easier transportation of goods -- but they force you to hop in your car whenever you need a carton of milk or a loaf of bread.

Fighting our handicapped modern city design isn't an easy task. Residential areas don't spring up overnight, so we can't expect our neighborhoods to change their layout that quickly. We can, however, choose to walk to the store or work whenever we can. In the process, you can save energy, get a workout, create less noise and just enjoy your town.

You could buy a Segway, but why waste the money? Use what you already have, and try walking. Your grandchildren living in redesigned moon-cities may thank you one day.

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Guess how many school days remain until the end of the semester? Any ideas? The correct answer is, of course, the number which you, having gained acceptance to Notre Dame, will have to cook it yourself! Beautiful churches and what's not to like? Unfortunately, circumstances seem to conspire to make "an attitude of gratitude" difficult. We face disappointments in love, academics or employment; we worry about ailing family members far away. Perhaps underlying all these worries, we worry about the future. The obligation to choose a major, figure out a career, obtain summer jobs — or for those of you facing commencement, real jobs — weighs heavy on our minds.

From beautiful and classic prayers by saints and holy men and women to the scores of self-help books on the Amazon or Barnes & Noble Web sites you can find endless suggestions, from profound to insipid, for how to "live in the now." How about just living each day with gratitude rather than try to find something to be grateful for each and every day — something about being here, now, for which you give thanks? If you're a senior looking forward to Commencement (in 108 days), perhaps you especially will want to try the "daily gratitude" plan. For example, one of your classmates has returned to campus this semester after battling cancer and looks forward to graduating in May — cancer-free. That seems to me to be worth a big heap of gratitude.

We may create countdowns or spend all our time waiting for the future to happen out of worry or anxiety. We may also do it because we've just come to take our present situation for granted. If you feel like you've used up all Notre Dame has to offer, then it's time to make a new friend: go to a Mass or prayer service you've never been to before; make a retreat (see below); attend a lecture or concert you never thought you'd try, or best of all, find some small, new way to give something back to this community.

Kate
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Border patrol is not
what we need

This is a country that has a love-hate relationship with its immigration problems. Do we want them to fix our slab or to clean our kitchens. But we hate when they've earned a place in the suburbs, when their kids' "steal" our kids' spot at the university or even, perhaps, when their daughter marries our son.

In defending the Minuteman Project, Geoff Spiess made some hasty speculation about the group's vigilante behavior ("Bigot" is an unfairly applied term, Jan. 29). In their Web site, the group is frank, explaining that the "nation is being devoured and plundered by the menace of tens of millions of invading aliens." They describe how Durch, a "single culture of consumerism, assimilated, squabbling cultures with no common bond to hold them together, and a certain guarantee of the death of this nation as a harmonious whole." That line reveals that the Minuteman Project is not simply concerned with illegal immigration, but ALL immigration. After all — "legal" immigrants are just as likely to run the "harmless melting pot" as illegal ones. An immigrant is an immigrant — differentiating some as legal will not create harmony.

Spiess also posits a mistaken notion that better protection along the U.S.-Mexican border equals better protection from terrorism. In The Wall Street Journal, Daniel Griswold explains that "before Sept. 11, the government had stationed more than four times as many border enforcement agents on the Mexican border as along the Canadian one, even though the Canadian border is more than twice as long and has been the preferred border of entry for Middle Easterners trying to enter the United States illegally." Thus, if the United States were to war on terror, it should build a more efficient and fair system of immigration, not fences. The current regulations make legal immigration impossible for millions who want to come legally — not coincidentally, the same group willing to accept the jobs that the average American worker would not.

Lastly, for those who decry the "burden" that illegal immigrants place upon social services — immigrants pay taxes too! Legal immigrants pay sales taxes when they shop, they pay property taxes when they buy homes and they pay income taxes when they work.

Catholic Social Teaching principles can also contextualize immigrant use of social services. The principle of Option for the Poor and Vulnerable urges Catholics to place the needs of the poor and vulnerable ahead of economic concerns. The principle of Solidarity urges Catholics to promote justice through the recognition that all belong to the same human family, regardless of race, class or economic citizenship. And the principle of Participation reminds Catholics that all persons have the right to access those institutions necessary for their human fulfillment.

The issue of illegal immigration will not be resolved until the U.S. accepts the principle of "legalization" through amending political action across the world. It will require future leaders to fight global conditions of extreme poverty that are creating millions of immigrants. Are we up to that challenge, Notre Dame?

Michelle Muhon
Senior
Off-campus

Support the team
let 'the box' live

College sports' fans stand out from the crowd, so to speak, in their passion for the team and willingness to travel great distances in support of that team, and consume their knowing the high school stats of a junior tailback in North Dakota, who may or may not go to their school someday. And if you look around in the students' section of most college games, you can see spectators dressed extravagantly and borderline leonine. The leprechaun isn't the only mascot that Notre Dame basketball has. Many have seen him, but few understand the simple brilliance until getting a closer look. Right in front of Notre Dame's biggest games this season has been "the box." That blob of white down in the first row of the center aisle is not a marshmallow but a foam box. Willing to camp out sometimes 12 hours before game time for the coveted seat, "the box" garnered a bad rap from the security staff worried about the younger audience. (Mind you, the box is short for the Halloween costume "box of wine" which comes complete with a spigot.) They fear that small children will think of the spigot as a phallic symbol. And although it is important to protect our children, honestly, how many kids are old enough to know what it symbolizes, but young enough to still be offended? With the costume turned inside out, people only see a foam blob or as one ESPN commentator recently called him, "the hubble box.

"The box" must be set free and allowed to be worn in good harmless fun. There are three Irish home games remaining and in order to keep the streak alive and keep the Leprechaun Legion as great as it is, let the box live.

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Freshman
Keough Hall
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EDITORIAL CARTOON

SHOULD SPANKED HIM WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE!
YOU LAY A HAND ON THAT BOY AND I'LL CRACK YOUR SKULL
Jaa’s ‘Protector’ ruined by Americanization

By TAE ANDREWS
Assistant Scene Editor

Tony Jaa burst onto the scene with 2003’s “Ong Bak,” an instant classic that flew at audiences like an elbow strike to the face. Jaa portrayed his character in the best way possible as a bonsa fide martial arts super-star. Utilizing vicious elbow and knee strikes in the Muay Thai martial art style, Jaa dispatched one on one enemies with panache and their reminiscent of (dare we say it) the late and great Bruce Lee, the greatest kung fu movie star of all time. Along the way, he managed to make the movie title a verb in the popular slang, as in, “Oh man, he just got Ong Bak’d right in the face!”

Jaa is like a real-life version of ‘The Matrix,’ performing impossible flips, somersaults and aerial acrobatics, usually ending with one bad guy or another getting massive punishment to the face from one of Jaa’s many limbs and joints. The bow, in the distinctive Muay Thai style, the sheer creativity of Jaa as a martial artist matches pretty much anything Quentin Tarantino could dream up short of Pat Mei’s Five-Point Exploding Heart Technique.

The high-flying Thailander is like the Tazmanian devil, a whirling dervish of fists, feet, elbows and knees unleashed upon enemies everywhere. At the very best part of all is that Jaa is the real deal. As the DVD proudly proclaims, Tony Jaa has “no stunt doubles, no wires, no CGI.” In other words, what you see is what you get.

Normally, watching Jaa in action is a kick in the pants, or more accurately, a flying knee strike to the dome. So naturally, Jaa’s next movie should have been as sure of a thing as one of his signature monster elbows to the face, right?

Wrong. Enter “The Protector,” one of the worst put-together movies of all time. Somehow, Bruce Lee is doing backflips in his grave after the release of this sloppy jollyp. The original Thai film, entitled “Tom Yum Goong,” is a fine piece of cinema. Unfortunately, the various clowns at the Weinstein Company headquarters decided to cut a different version of the film for its release in the U.S.

Perhaps the studio was trying to simplify the film for American audiences, but ironically enough, the plot is very standard fare. Jaa reprises his role from “Ong Bak” as their lead and protagonist. Most of the dialog has been done good. This time around, he finds himself risking life and limb in a suit of pachyderm protection, guarding a vulnerable line of elephants from evil poachers.

Dumbed down and sped for American audiences, the movie was apparently cut and spliced together by a glue stick-eating first grader with construction paper, chewing gum and Scotch tape. The editing is just awful — it’s choppy, devoid of any coherent structure and makes the plot impossible to follow. “The Protector” skips from fight scene to chase sequence back to fight scene regardless of plot.

Amazingly, the fight scenes remain breathtaking, with audiences sure to ooh and ahh at Jaa’s many insane moves. Jaa still stirs and dazzles, delivering a scintillating performance almost in spite of the atrocious editing.

Throughout its confusing and distorted narrative, the film even manages to jump between dubbing and subtitles seemingly at whim, which is just adding insult to injury. Even for a film genre known for its cheesy dialogue and worse acting, “The Protector” manages to disappoint at every turn.

The sole redeeming feature of the DVD set is that the generous folks at Dragon Dynasty DVD decided to add a second disc of the original film, “Tom Yum Goong.”

Although there is plenty of Tony Jaa inflicting his typical pain on heads, shoulders, knees and toes, all that bone-breaking and name-taking is ultimately wasted, as not even the talented Mr. Jaa can save “The Protector.”

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‘Iron Man’ falls far short of invincible namesake

By TAE ANDREWS
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For those college students socially adept enough to have never picked up a comic book in their lives, Iron Man doesn’t carry the same superhero name recognition as a Batman or a Spider-Man. As such, most undergraduates may be unaware that Iron Man’s alter ego is billionaire playboy Tony Stark.

When Tony Stark was an accidental test pilot, he created the suit of his dreams, a high-tech armor with a mind of its own. Although the use of artificial intelligence was apparently cut from the final showdown somewhat less than gracefully, it’s just an interesting angle to try at making an Iron Man movie.

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Unfortunately, by the time The Invincible Iron Man saddles up and reaches the final showdown somewhat less than epic, the movie is a disaster.

Tony Jaa stars in his latest high-flying martial arts film, “The Protector,” where he exhibits his mastery of Muay Thai, a fighting technique native to Thailand.

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The legacy of Time's latest 'Person of the Year'

Looking at the future of user-generated sites like YouTube

By BRIAN DOXTATER and MARTY SCHROEDER
Scene Writers

Time Magazine recently declared "you" to be the "Person of the Year," primarily because of the Internet phenomenon of YouTube. YouTube is a Web site that allows surfers to post and watch Internet videos at no cost, and is one of the biggest and most well-known Web sites.

"Every video ever is on YouTube," joked comedian Dane Cook on SNL (a clip that was, ironically, removed from YouTube at NBC's request). Cook may not have been far off. The site is now home to countless videos, ranging from simple home movies to complex commercial endeavors.

YouTube was founded by Chad Hurley, Steve Chen and Jawed Karim — three former PayPal employees — in 2005. By summer of 2006, it was one of the world's most popular Web sites, and in October 2006 it was sold as a subsidiary of Google.

Easy copy-out Remarks aside, Time Magazine's selection raises some serious questions. "You" may be the director of your own destiny and YouTube videos, but how long is it going to be before advertisers catch wind of this and reach their tentacles into this supposedly egalitarian and personally driven Internet phenomenon? A look into where websites like YouTube were and where they are now reveals much about where they will probably be going.

This may be cynical, but is there any industry in the United States that has not been taken over by corporations? Time said we are the "Person of the Year" because we are creative, original and exactly what corporations are not.

The "Saturday Night Live" cast members Chris Parnell and Andy Samberg star in the digital short Lazy Sunday, which has repeatedly been pulled from YouTube by NBC.

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This may be cynical, but is there any industry in the United States that has not been taken over by corporations? YouTube is our generation's Mom and Dad. Any form of creative community that could have come out of YouTube will have to go somewhere else and the website that bore "Shoes" and the Star Wars kid will be a hunting ground for advertisers trying to get "you" to spend "your" money.

Time said we are the "Person of the Year" because we are creative, original and exactly what corporations are not. If we want to live up to the legacy Time has given us, we need to find more men like Leroy Jenkins.

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Celebrities and cultural icons out of so-called "viral videos." Accidental clips like the Star Wars Kids (YouTube search: star wars kid), Leroy Jenkins (YouTube search: leroyjenkins) and the Numa Numa video (YouTube search: numa numa) contrast with "real" videos like the "Shoes" video (YouTube search: shoes) or the SNL digital shorts. Whether they know it or not, these "common people," who have not gone through the traditional flaming hoops to stardom, are the latest fads without being in the public eye.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Hoosiers erode Badgers' 17-game win streak

Ratliff scores season-high 20 points, White adds 16 as Indiana upsets No. 2 Wisconsin. Hoosiers rushed the court after the win.

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A.J. Ratliff’s scariest moment came after the game was over. Ratliff scored 18 of Indiana’s season-high 20 points in the second half and Indiana held off No. 2 Wisconsin on Wednesday night, ending the Badgers’ 17-game winning streak. But before Ratliff and the rest of his teammates could get off the court, several thousand fans rushed the Assembly Hall,•

Ratliff was even scarier for the Badgers. He scored 11 of his game-high 14 points in the first half before stepping off the bench in the first 3½ minutes of the second half and running a game-high 12 points off the bench during a 13-1 run and another 3-pointer that gave the Hoosiers (16-3, 6-2 Big Ten) a 53-43 lead with under 10 minutes to play.

A rebound basket by Alando Tucker, who led Wisconsin (21-2, 7-1) with 23 points, and two 3-pointers by Kam Kronmiller helped the Badgers get the game to 54-50 at 7:54. But Tucker scored Indiana’s next eight points, including two free throws with a minute to go to tie for a 60-60 lead, and the Badgers never recovered.

Ratliff, a junior guard who has been in and out of the lineup all season, said he wasn’t worried about the crush of fans as the game ended. “I just wanted to get to the locker room. It was funny, but it was kind of scary at the same time,” Ratliff said.

Ratliff’s biggest offensive contribution game, you’ve got to make sure the kids have a lot of energy, gave them a boost,” said Indiana coach Tom Crean.

The Big Ten is scoring at 19.6 points per game. They scored 26 points and hit three 3s to lead Miami, which shot 36 percent and fell behind by as many as 43 points late in the first half before tying for the longest league game.

Miami coach Frank Haith was ejected after being whistled for his second technical foul after reacting to a no-call on a block by Hairst with 7:48 left. The call came just before an official timeout and the Tar Heels leading 73-51, allowing Hairst to walk to the Tar Heels huddle and shake Williams’ hand before leaving the court.

"We think they’re the best team in the country,” Haith said. “They come at you in waves... He’s got a great team. Trust me, he’s got a great team.”

Rutler 11

Youngstown State 58

Butler coach Todd Lickliter looked at the box score and shook his head over his team’s 10 turnovers.

“Maybe that’s kind of perfectionism that led to the Bulldogs’ best three months of basketball in school history,” said Lickliter.

Mike Green scored a season-high 30 points, Perry Ellis added 23 and Butler won its seventh straight, holding Youngstown State to 38 points.

The Bulldogs were playing their fourth game in seven days but didn’t look like it. They dominated the Penguins with their 3-0 shooting in the first half, then attacked the rim in the second half with the same result.

With the victory, Butler (21-2, 9-4 Horizon League) surpassed the 20-win mark for just the third time. With No. 2 Wisconsin falling to Indiana, the Bulldogs are tied with the Badgers for the most wins in the nation.

But Lickliter didn’t want his players to enjoy it.

“We probably won’t be able to fit on that plane — big head,” he said.

The Bulldogs had managed to go unscathed through one of the toughest portions of their schedule — four games in four states in seven days.

But Lickliter was still worrying about the 10 turnovers — a lot for a team that entered the game leading all Division I schools in fewest turnovers per game (9.7). “We had lapses where we struggled, but we would top on of those moments and we didn’t fall down,” Lickliter said.
Giants outfielder Barry Bonds had his contract sent back by the Commissioner's office. Major League Baseball opposed additional language in the contract related to a personal-appearance provision.

**League rejects Bonds’ contract**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Barry Bonds’ contract with the San Francisco Giants isn’t final just yet.

After the commissioner’s office rejected Bonds’ $15.8 million, one-year deal because it included a personal-appearance provision, the team sent revised documents to his agent, Jeff Borris.

“At this time, Barry is not signing the new documents,” Borris said.

Baseball’s Uniform Player Contract states a player “agrees to cooperate with the club in any and all reasonable promotional activities.” Bonds’ contract had additional language that the commissioner’s office rejected.

Borris did not detail the provisions in dispute, but a baseball executive, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was a personal-appearance element.

Giants executives did not immediately return telephone calls seeking comment.

Bonds and the Giants, who agreed to financial terms Dec. 7, said Monday the drawn-out agreement had been finalised.

Still, they disagree on the meaning of an unusual provision in the deal relating to Bonds’ potential legal problems. In the contract, a list of criminal acts is spelled out in a section.

“Player acknowledges and agrees that an indictment for any criminal act under that section is proper grounds for termination of this contract,” Bonds’ contract states.

The language in the contract was read to The Associated Press by a person with a copy of the agreement.

“Player also acknowledges and agrees that he will not agree to cooperate with any criminal act as a result of player’s indictment for any criminal acts specified,” the language read.

Giants head coach Mike Hargrove at Saint Joseph’s Power Plant in Homestead, Fla. — Pilots who stray into a no-fly zone around the Super Bowl on Sunday can count on an immediate, robust response from F-16 fighter planes, helicopters and lots of high-tech gadgetry aimed at countering any threat.

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**In Brief**

**Cowboys will wait until Super Bowl to name coach**

DALLAS — The Dallas Cowboys won’t name Bill Parcells’ replacement until after the Super Bowl.

In his first public comments since Parcells retired Jan. 22, owner and general manager Jerry Jones said Wednesday he wouldn’t have a decision on a new coach until next week.

Jones has already interviewed eight candidates, and said he might add to that list.

“We’ve got a good football team, and I’ve got to get this right,” Jones said.

“We’ve got to make a good decision when we select the next coach. We’re going to have the opportunity and a plan in place that will allow us to do that.”

Hall of Fame linebacker Mike Singletary, the assistant head coach for the San Francisco 49ers, interviewed Tuesday. That came two days after 49ers offensive coordinator Norv Turner.

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**NASCAR changes provisional qualifying spot rule**

CONCORD, N.C. — NASCAR changed its Nextel Cup past champions provisional Wednesday to limit it to only six uses per season.

There had previously been no limit to how many times a past Cup champion could use the provisional to ensure a spot in the field each week. The provisional was set aside for the 43rd spot in the race to the most recent former champion who did not qualify based on speed.

Now, a driver can only use the spot six times in a year, and the limit also applies to the entire team so that a car owner can’t use multiple past champions in the course of one season.

"As NASCAR seeks to place more emphasis on competition, we have decided the time is right to limit the number of provisional allowances," said Robin Pemberton, NASCAR’s competition director.
FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ALL FIRST ROUND GAME TIMES FOR LATE NIGHT OLYMPIC TEAMS. ADDITIONAL TIMES WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE END OF EACH ROUND.

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Olympic athletes will now be tested for HGH

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Olympic athletes soon will have their blood tested for human growth hormone, but the NFL and baseball officials insist they are stymied by union contracts that prohibit taking blood tests.

Critics question whether the pro leagues truly are intent on rooting out HGH, thought to be widely abused because no one currently is testing for it. But baseball and football officials say they are stymied by union contracts that prohibit taking blood tests.

The two leagues recently awarded grants worth a combined $1 million to develop a urine test, but even the scientist who ran the project says the research money concedes an effective urine screen is years away, meaning players can continue using HGH with little fear of getting caught.

"It's a difficult proposition," said Don Catlin, chief of the Olympic Analytical Laboratory at UCLA. "It's going to take a while.

This blood feud over how to root out cheaters has opened a deep schism at the highest levels of amateur and professional sports.

The World Anti-Doping Agency plans to test the blood of elite amateur athletes by the end of this year. The agency's chief, Dick Pound, dismissed efforts by the NFL and Major League Baseball and their unions as "a piddling little amount" spent on unproven technology to combat a major problem.

"Our view is that it's out there being used with impunity because of the lack of testing," Pound said. But anti-doping agencies that police amateur athletes say the NFL's investment is a mere $10 million over the past decade to develop a blood test to detect synthetic growth hormone.

"All the experts we have consulted told us to forget about urine tests," said Olivier Rahin, the anti-doping agency's top scientist. "In urine you will find less than 1 percent of human growth hormone than you will find in the blood."

Human growth hormone occurs naturally in the body and synthetic versions taken by injection are chemically identical, making detection difficult. The new blood tests are designed to find higher-than-normal hormone levels that can be reached only by taking synthetic versions.

Rahin said the blood test can detect the presence of synthetic growth hormone for about two days after it's injected, which requires the agency to conduct unannounced, random samplings.

Some 300 athletes at the 2004 Olympics in Athens underwent blood testing without a positive result. But Rahin says testing deterred human growth hormone use because athletes knew the tests were coming.

An NFL official, however, said that proves the tests were unreliable.

"Our indication is that there are outstanding issues with respect to the availability and the reliability of the blood test," league spokesman Greg Aiello said. Donald Fehr, head of the baseball players' union, said: "We would have nothing to say about it until it came out and we had an opportunity to review it."

Human growth hormone is produced in the pituitary gland, a pea-sized structure at the base of the brain that controls growth and other functions. In the mid-1980s, scientists at the biotechnology pioneer Genentech Inc. figured out how to produce the hormone by genetically engineering human genes into bacteria.

Since then, the global market for human growth hormone has reached nearly $1 billion annually with seven companies, including Eli Lilly & Co., Pfizer Inc. and Novartis, producing similar versions. Its uses include treating pituitary gland tumors and growth disorders in children.

Dr. Donald Catlin, professor of molecular and medical pharmacology at UCLA, sits in the UCLA Analytical Laboratory Jan. 23. The lab will begin to test Olympic athletes for the hard-to-detect human growth hormone.
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Yankee Stadium to go out with All-Star salute

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Yankee Stadium is going out with an All-Star salute. The beloved old ballpark will host the 79th major league All-Star game on July 15, 2008, the final season before the New York Yankees move into a new stadium being built across the street in the Bronx.

"It's hard to get ready for spring training. It's been selected for the honor in 2008," said Derek Jeter, a seven-time All-Star, play in an All-Star game in his home ballpark.

"I'm sure it would be special for anyone, whether you're a Yankee or not. It would be more special for a Yankee," Jeter said at the team's complex in Tampa. Bloomberg said the city estimated that the 2008 All-Star game and its related events will generate about $150 million for New York — in addition to providing valuable exposure.

"Great news for the city. Finally my big chance to enter the Home Run Derby," Bloomberg said, drawing laughs.

"Nobody stages big events like the Big Apple," he added. "We'll put on the best All-Star game in baseball history." It will be the eighth All-Star game in New York. The Polo Grounds hosted the event in 1934 and 1942, Ebbets Field in 1949 and Shea Stadium in 1964. Selig said the cross-town Mets are "on the radar screen" to be awarded the Midsummer Classic once they get their new ballpark, which is slated to open in 2009.

"I cannot tell you the intensity of competition for All-Star games," Selig said. "Ten years ago that wasn't true. Now I have a long list."

The Boss had a scheduling conflict but was feeling well in a news conference. Swindal said Steinbrenner did not attend the news conference. Swindal said Steinbrenner said through spokesman Howard Rubenstein. Steinbrenner also had kind words for the owner's special for the announcement, which had been expected for months.

"When you think of Yankee Stadium it is the most, in my opinion, famous cathedral in baseball — and I think the most famous stadium in the world," said New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg was on hand Wednesday at City Hall for the announcement, which had been expected for months.

"It was impressed and touched by both of their comments about me," Steinbrenner said through spokesman Howard Rubenstein.

"I was touched and were hundreds of thousands of fans who came," Yankees owner George Selig said one of the primary reasons Yankee Stadium was selected was to honor Steinbrenner for the owner's many years in baseball. Bloomberg also had kind words for The Boss.

Yankee Stadium also was the site of historic moments in baseball - and I think the most famous stadium in the world," Selig said. "So we really believe that is the way we can honor a cathedral that has meant so much to this sport for so long."

It will be the fourth All-Star game at Yankee Stadium, which opened in 1923 and underwent an extensive renovation in the mid-1970s. The most recent summer showcase was in The House That Ruth Built was in 1977, when the National League won 7-5 for the sixth of 11 consecutive victories over the American League.

Now, the American League has nine wins and a tie in the past 10 All-Star games going into this year's contest July 15 in San Francisco. The 2009 game will be played in St. Louis.

"We're excited," Yankees general partner Steve Swindal said. "It just seemed appropriate."

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner did not attend the news conference. Swindal said The Boss had a scheduling conflict but was feeling well in Tampa, Fla., and was working hard to get ready for spring training.

Steinbrenner offered his comments in a news release from the commissioner's office.

"It is always a great honor for a team's home stadium to serve as host for the All-Star game," the Boss said. "I am proud and delighted to have been selected for the honor in 2008." He said, "It will be one of many historic moments in the 2008 season as we say goodbye to a great facility and look forward to our new ballpark, where the heritage of the Yankees and Major League Baseball will be extended for decades to come."
FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Irish nab linebacker from Iowa, kicker from Louisville

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Peaching season reached its apex for Notre Dame this week as the Irish stole two prospects from schools that had received verbal commitments from the players.

Players cannot sign binding letters of intent until National Signing Day Feb. 7, but the cycle of recruits reneging on oral promises and going elsewhere continued the past two days. For Notre Dame, it included linebacker Brian Smith of Overland Park, Kan., and kicker Brandon Walker of Findlay, Ohio, committing to Irish coach Charlie Weis.

Smith, a 6-foot-3, 230-pound prospect out of St. Thomas Aquinas High School, originally committed to Iowa over the summer. But Notre Dame made a late surge and nabbed the son of a former Irish fullback.

Smith had 100 tackles, three fumble recoveries and an interception return for a touchdown as a junior.

Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for Irisheyes.com, said Smith wanted to go to Notre Dame all along and the Irish only recruited him late.

"Ultimately, that's what he wanted to do," Frank said. "He thought that ND wasn't an option for him, so he closed that door. ... I think he probably really appreciated Iowa and the opportunity that Iowa offered him."

Smith's father, Chris, played at Notre Dame from 1981-84 and then suited up for two seasons in the NFL with the Kansas City Chiefs. Originally from Cincinnati, the elder Smith is a member of the Monogram Club board of directors and CEO and president of Divine Cleaning LLC, a commercial cleaning contractor.

"He's a very good player," Frank said of the younger Smith. "He was very, very close to committing to Notre Dame." 

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Scratched and clawed

Cagers fumble third straight to Panthers

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Pittsburgh defeated Notre Dame for the first time in 17 tries Wednesday. The Panthers (16-5, 4-4 Big East) erased a nine point deficit to beat the Irish (13-8, 4-4 Big East) 71-62 in Pittsburgh Wednesday.


"We're just incredibly inconsistent offensively right now," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

The Irish came out strong early and looked to be in control during most of the first half.

Behind eight points from freshman center Erica Williamson, who finished with 10 points and eight rebounds for the game, Notre Dame jumped to a 22-12 lead with 5:51 to play in the opening period.

"Erica's been playing really well ... (and) she's doing exactly what we're asking her to do," McGraw said. "Right now, she's somebody we can really count on, (and) for a freshman I think she's doing great."

The Irish lead, however, evaporated within the next three minutes, as Pittsburgh went on a 9-0 run to tie the game at 22 before the Irish recovered and went into halftime with a 28-26 lead.

The Panthers opened up the second half with another big run, going on a 15-5 stretch over the opening 10 minutes to give themselves a 41-33 lead.

Center Jami Sims scored six of Notre Dame's 16 points in the second half.

Irish guard Charel Allen takes it to the basket against Syracuse's Cintia Johnson in Notre Dame's 83-55 win Jan. 20 at the Joyce Center.

HOCKEY

O'Neill keys icer's defense

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Last season the Notre Dame defensive unit opened up the year by allowing five or more goals in three of its first five games. After an 8-5 home loss Nov. 4 to No. 3 Michigan, Irish coach Jeff Jackson decided he had seen enough and benched his top defenseman, Wes O'Neill.

The next night was the first — and only — time that the Ontario native was not on the Irish lineup card in his hockey career. Now a senior, O'Neill has played in 140 of a possible...
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to getting an offer." Brian Smith's best asset, Frank said, is his long history at linebacker. "In this guy, what you've got is a guy that plays linebacker," he said. "That's what he does, and that's what he's always done." Frank said the Irish waited until star linebacker prospects Malcolm Smith of California and Chris Donald of Tennessee announced they would go elsewhere before offering a scholarship to Brian Smith. The Observer was unable to contact St. Thomas Aquinas Athletic Director Sarah Burgess Wednesday. Walker visited Notre Dame this weekend before de-committing from Louisville and giving Weis his verbal assurance that he would go to Notre Dame. Frank said former Louisville coach Bobby Petrino's departure from the Cardinals opened up the Findlay High School product's recruitment. Walker is expected to serve primarily as a place-kicker. "He's got a really strong leg," Frank said. "He can get it to the end zone [on kickoffs]."

Findlay High School coach Clifford Rife did not return phone calls from The Observer Wednesday. Contact Ken Fowler at kfowler1@nd.edu

Notre Dame guard Tulyah Gaines drives for a layup against Syracuse's Cintia Johnson Jan. 20 at the Joyce Center. The Irish beat the Orange 83-55, but have dropped their last three games. Pitt
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her nine points on the game during the run, and guard Shavonte Zellous, who finished with a team-high 17 points, contributed four. "I think we didn't play as well defensively [to start the second half]," McGraw said. "We turned the ball over, gave them a couple of easy shots." A Zellous jumper with 4:15 to play gave Pittsburgh its largest lead of the game at 56-46, but the Irish fought back and cut the lead to four with just under two minutes to play. Just over one minute to play, Notre Dame made it a one-possession game after 3-pointers on back-to-back possessions from freshman guard Ashley Barlow and Allen made it 63-60. The Irish couldn't cut it any closer, however, as they allowed Pittsburgh to pull down the offensive rebound after missed Panther free-throws down stretch. Perhaps the most damage came after Sims missed both of her free throws with 1:04 to go, grabbed her own rebound, got fouled again and then sunk both shots from the line to give Pittsburgh a 62-57 lead. "We have a very small margin to depend on your seniors and right now we've just been inconsistent," McGraw said. "It's how we lost the game." McGraw was not pleased with the play of most of her veteran players. "We're not getting production from the people we need to be getting it from," she said. "We're not getting production from the people we need to be getting it from, and I think our veteran players — with the exception of Tulyah [Gaines] and Charol [Allen] — really aren't contributing right now," she said. "You get to be able to depend on your seniors and right now we've just been inconsistent."

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141 games since coming to Notre Dame in 2003 — a stat matched only by fellow senior Jason Paige. O’Neill, now an alternate captain, called his night off a “wake-up call” from Jackson that allowed him to stay focused throughout the rest of the year.

“It was the first time I’ve ever been benched,” O’Neill said. “But it was good because after that game I played pretty good.”

Since then, he has only helped to anchor the No. 1-ranked defense in the nation, as well as collect his second consecutive CCHA all-star nods.

“I was the first time I’ve ever been benched,” O’Neill said. “Wes has the ability to be the most dominant defenseman in this league,” Jackson said. “It’s just a matter of him being as intense and motivated against every opponent, because if he did that he would dominate.”

Although both O’Neill and Jackson expressed concerns about his consistency, neither can be upset about the contributions he has made to the Irish, won three Stanley Cups in a row.

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The Irish will make a bid to be the top-tier opponents. This year he has also been an offensive threat throughout his career.

“Putting that extra weight has really helped me be able to dominate in front of the net,” O’Neill said. “Anytime you win an award named after a guy like that, it’s pretty prestigious,” O’Neill said. “We have a lot of great defensemen on our team, and any one of us could win it any year.”

O’Neill is a serious candidate to collect his third trophy at the conclusion of this year. He would be the first Irish blueliner to ever achieve the honor three years in a row.

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The 235-pounder is the first Irish blueliner to collect his second consecutive CCHA all-star nods. Since then, he has only helped to anchor the No. 1-ranked defense in the nation, as well as collect his second consecutive Bill Nyrop Award, given to the top defensive player on the team each year.

Nyrop was an All-American defenseman during his four-year career at Notre Dame. He later went on to win three Stanley Cup Championships on the dominant Montreal teams of the late 70s before passing away due to cancer in 1995 at the age of 42.

“Anytime you win an award for a goal sparked an offensive threat throughout his career.”

He was second on the team in scoring his sophomore year, with six goals and 14 assists. The following year he buried another six pucks while adding 19 helpers.

The highly decorated lefty attributes his success to hard work, his vision on the ice and the 40 pounds that he has added to his 6-foot-4 frame since his freshman year.

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The 235-pounder has made a living by punishing forwards parked in front of Irish goal when his team needs him most. O’Neill has played his best games in blue and gold against top-tier opponents. This year he played a big role in wins over then-No. 1 Boston College, Michigan and Miami.

Against the RedHawks last weekend, O’Neill took a low, hard shot from the point, which was deflected past Miami goalie Jeff Zatkoff for a goal when the Irish trailed 2-0. Zatkoff had looked invincible the entire game, but the goal sparked an Irish rally to tie the contest and take a crucial point in a key CCHA series.

“The season ranked No. 55 in singles play.

Clemson is a young team with freshmen comprising half of their 10-player roster, with only one senior — Maris Brio. But the team’s success in recent years offers an exciting challenge for Notre Dame.

“We’re really excited to get a chance to play Clemson,” Louderback said. “We haven’t played them for quite a while. They’ve won well in the NCAA Tournament the last few years.”

Notre Dame began its spring season with a 7-0 win over Illinois and a 4-3 victory over No. 12 Vanderbilt, who is also one of the 16 teams in the tournament this weekend. This year’s team relies on its highly rated doubles teams of No. 11 Catrina and Christian Thompson and No. 5 Brook Back and Kelsey Telff to gain the doubles point and give the Irish a 1-0 start in each match. After that, Notre Dame looks to at least split singles matches to claim victory.

“We’ll be happy to win it. We’ve never lost a dual match,” Louderback said. “Everybody’s looking forward to playing Stanford. There are seniors on the Stanford team who have never lost a dual match,” Louderback said. “Any chance to play them is going to be fun ... but we have a lot of other matches we have to play before them.”

Win or lose, Louderback said his squad should get some quality competition against other elite programs around the country.

“We should get three matches against top-20 teams, which is going to be good for us,” he said. “This is good preparation for when we play top-flight teams at the end of the year in the NCAA Tournament.”

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Congress monitoring steroid investigation
House presses League for better cooperation

WASHINGTON — Congress is monitoring George Mitchell's investigation of steroids in baseball, and could intervene if he doesn't get more cooperation, two lawmakers told The Observer.

The leaders of a House subcommittee that held hearings on steroids in 2005 pledged their support for Mitchell in a letter sent to him Tuesday and released to the media Wednesday. "We sincerely hope that all relevant parties will work constructively to facilitate the completion of your investigation and your ongoing efforts to clean up the sport," wrote House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection Chairman Bobby Rush, a Democrat from Illinois, and ranking Republican Cliff Stearns of Florida.

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**BASEBALL**

Leyland, Counsell to speak at opening dinner

Former star Craig Counsell will speak Feb. 12 at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse with Detroit manager Jim Leyland.

**The Notre Dame baseball program's sixth annual Opening Night Dinner will be held in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse on Monday, Feb. 12 — with 2006 Major League Baseball manager of the year Jim Leyland and former Notre Dame standout Craig Counsell (a two-time World Series champion) to serve as the keynote speakers at the popular event.**

As in recent years, fans are encouraged to purchase tickets early to ensure their spot at the special night, which provides the opportunity to visit with members of Notre Dame's nationally-ranked baseball team. The $40 admission price ($25 for students, youth and seniors) includes a Notre Dame baseball 2007 season ticket (a $50 value, covering 27 regular-season games), a 2007 media guide (15 value), autographed 8x10 photographs of each speaker, and several other advance promotional items. A special "fan pack" price of $100 also is available, providing admission and the other dinner benefits for two adults and two youth.

The "ballpark-style" dinner will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. The night's festivities include the opportunity to win a variety of baseball and sports-related door prizes and introduction of the Notre Dame team members, who will be seated at tables with the rest of the attendees and will be available for autographs prior to the dinner, from 5:45-6:45. The ballpark atmosphere also will include big-screen video highlights and game tapes from previous Notre Dame seasons, plus a musical selection of traditional and contemporary baseball songs. The night again will conclude with a special question-and-answer session, that will allow attendees to interact with Leyland and Counsell.

Leyland is a self-proclaimed Notre Dame fan and a longtime friend of the University's former sports information director, Roger Valdez. His nephew Chris Leyland is a 1999 Notre Dame graduate while Leyland's brother, Father Tom Leyland, is a Catholic priest who performed the wedding service for Jim and Katie Leyland. The keynote speakers have a connection going back to the 1997 Major League season, when Leyland was the manager and Counsell one of the heroes for an upstart Florida Marlins team that won the World Series title. Leyland's 33 total years in professional baseball have included 12 previous seasons as a big-league manager, amassing nearly 1,200 career wins during stints with the Pittsburgh Pirates, Florida Marlins, Colorado Rockies and now the Detroit Tigers. He holds the rare distinction of guiding wild-card teams from both leagues — the 1997 Marlins and 2006 Tigers — to the World Series and he was named the National League's manager of the year for the 1990 and '92 seasons, during which time the Pirates won three straight National League East Division titles (he also was a NL manager-of-the-year honoree in '88).

Counsell — whose father John was a player and assistant coach with the Irish during the 1960s and early '70s — was among the top players who led the Notre Dame baseball program to national prominence in the early 1990s, with his four-year career including a 306 batting average, 204 runs scored, 166 RBI, 50 doubles and twice as many bases on balls (166), still most in the ND record book) as strikeouts (82). As a senior, the versatile infielder was named MVP of a 1992 Irish squad that included 14 eventual professional draft picks, with his impressive final season including a .339 batting average, 63 RBI (nearly doubling his previous career-best), twice as many home runs (12) as he had hit during the previous three seasons combined (6), 45 walks and 13 stolen bases. Counsell was named in the 1992 NCAA all-Atlantic Regional team, after capturing the Irish to within a game of a College World Series. It is recommended that ticket orders for the 2007 event be placed by Jan. 26 to ensure the attendee a media guide and eligibility for the prize drawings. For dinner ticket information, please contact the Notre Dame ticket office at (574) 631-7356. Online order may be placed via the "Tickets" link on und.com.