University addresses community relations

Community Campus Advisory Coalition discusses concerns about off-campus parties

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Issues between students living off campus, their neighbors and police were discussed Thursday at a Community Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) meeting at the South Bend Common Council.

Student leaders, local college officials and community leaders on the Coalition gathered for the first time this academic year. The Coalition was formed just over a year ago to address concerns about off-campus students living off campus in the South Bend area.

Concerns about off campus parties on football weekends was the primary issue discussed, although South Bend Common Council members and residents said this season has been relatively "good."

Coalition chair Al "Buddy" Kirsits, a South Bend Common Council member, said other than a few specific incidents — including the 37 people arrested Sept. 21 at a party on the 700-block of E. Colfax Ave. — on the whole, "things have been good."

Marguerite Taylor, who lives in the northwest neighborhood, agreed, despite concerns going into the school year.

Students currently residing at number 815 E. Wayne St., pictured above, were fined by the Office of Residence life and Housing as a result of hosting a party Aug. 29.

Off-campus seniors fined $1,000 by University after neighbor complaints to SPBD, Mayor

By JENN METZ
News Editor

After moving into their off-campus house in August, Notre Dame seniors Taylor Montgomery, Joey Brown, James DuBray and Lorenzo Reyes, a sports writer for The Observer, threw a party.

Neighbors, concerned with the noise and crowds gathering outside the residence at number 815 E. Wayne St., called the South Bend Police Department (SPBD) twice during the night of the party.

DuBray and his roommates showed The Observer the police records from that night from 9:47 p.m. and 11:18 p.m., stating neighbors' complaints: "Loud music coming from residence, caller would like it turned down" and "large ND party, throwing trash around, throwing bottles at houses," respectively.

Police officers who went to the house that night advised the seniors to stop the loud music and to take the party inside after the first complaint, and upon the second complaint, warned that a citation would be issued if the police had to return a third time.

DuBray said the police did not come back that night, and that no citations or tickets were issued.

"That's why we were kind of frustrated to get a letter from fleslife," he said, referring to the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

Respect Life Week comes to a close

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Although Respect Life Week is coming to a close, its organizers are still eager to spread its message. "Our hope is that every Notre Dame student — every Catholic — attempts to view the issue of abortion in an intellectually honest fashion," said Gerardi, the coordinator of Respect Life Week and member of Notre Dame's Right to Life club.

With the Presidential election only a month away, Notre Dame's Right to Life Club sponsored the week to not only raise awareness of Notre Dame's Right to Life Club, said by the coordinator of Respect Life Week and member of Notre Dame's Right to Life club.

Socially conscious students gathered on the steps of the Main Building Thursday afternoon to deliver a personal letter to University President Fr. John Jenkins demanding that the University divest its funds from HEI Hotels and Resorts — a company which the students say has unfair labor practices.

"We believe that our University is invested in a company that completely disregards the principles that our University seeks to cultivate," said the letter, which was authored by the Coalition for Economic Justice. "HEI Hotels and Resorts has repeatedly undermined the dignity of their employees and denied them their fundamental right to organize in an environment free from fear and intimidation."

Although Jenkins was not in his office, the group handed the letter to his secretary. In addition to the Coalition for Economic Justice, which is composed of three students, nine other campus groups signed the letter — the Meech ND, Notre Dame Peace Fellowship, Notre Dame Voices of the Student Association, Filipinos- Americans, Student Organization, Campus Labor Action Project, Feminist Voices, Human Rights, ND-8 and the Progressive Student Alliance. Coalition member Thanh Le said he first heard about the company's unfair practices while working as an intern with Unile. He here over
INSIDE COLUMN

Balls everywhere!

When one of my roommate's brothers came to visit recently, we decided we needed to do something a little bit different. We needed something new, something fresh, something unique. It all started Thursday night. It was a typical night: "The Office," "Rock Band," a beer ball, someone getting kicked off Notre Dame's campus for life and then arrested his name is Dan and he has hazel eyes. If you have any information about it, please let me know. We don't know what happened.

And after such a normal, almost banal, night, we decided to spice things up on Friday. After playing some beer pong, something magical — something Hall of Fame worthy — happened.

The visiting brother (let's just call him Mike) told us about this great new game he had just come up with. And thus, Balls Everywhere! was born. The game seems simple, but let's be honest. This ain't your father's drinking game.

As many people that fit in the room play split into two teams and stand with their hands under the table on opposite ends. A large amount of ping pong balls are required (at least 30) in a container. We recommend buying the multi-pack from Wal-Mart. Turn the container upside down in the middle of the table, and have one person lift and yell the game's name. Chaos ensues.

Teams try their hardest to shoot balls into a cup on the opposing team's side. As many people can shoot at one time as long as someone on your team is chugging. The game continues until six shots have been made in one cup. It is best to use an enclosed area (a room with four full walls or a make-shift screen over any doorways) is the best.

Beyond these simple regulations, there is only one more rule: There are no rules.

Players can dive on the ground, sweat balls to their side, and do whatever it takes to get the W. In fact, competitors may get so drunk as to strike an opponent right in the nose if need be.

"Play to win, win to play" is the simple mantra of Balls Everywhere!

Perhaps the greatest part of this drinking game is that it should instead be called a drinking sport. This is not the sort of thing you can leisurely do one evening as a precursor to a night on the town — steam showers are a required part of any post-game plans. If nothing else, Balls Everywhere! goes to show the wonder of the American educational system. A brain trust of college seniors and recent college graduates put their heads together and created something so beautiful that it brought a tear to my eye.

If you want to know more about the next great college activity, just go on the town — steam showers are a required part of any post-game plans.

In BRIEF

"Bach's Lunch: A Noontime Concert," a short classical concert featuring advanced students from the Department of Music will take place today at 12:10 p.m. in Ferry Recital Hall in Debartolo Performing Arts Center. The audience is welcome to bring their lunch to this event.

St. Edward's Hall Players are performing "Romance" Friday and Saturday from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Washington Hall. Tickets are $8 for students and $10 for the general public.

The Institute for Latino Studies will host the "Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month: Festa del Sol" today at 7 p.m. There will be music, dancing and food available at Fellfield House for all students.

The Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies will host a lecture called "The Formation of the Irish Historical Consciousness" today at 3 p.m. in Debartolo 118.

L.A. Theater Works, a radio theater company, is presenting "The Best of the Worlds" and "The Lost World" in Debartolo Performing Arts Center at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are $8 for the general public, $6 for faculty/staff, and $3 for students.

There will be a walk of solidarity titled the "Gulu Walk" Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to raise awareness for child soldiers in Uganda. Transportation will be provided at Main Circle starting at 12:30. Donations are encouraged.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to onews@nd.edu.
Undergraduate students present summer research projects

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Notre Dame undergraduates in the College of Science demonstrated how they transformed classroom learning into real world application with the presentation of their summer research projects in Jordan Hall Thursday.

The symposium gives students the chance to talk about the research they have done while at the same time giving other students an occasion to hear about the research opportunities available at Notre Dame, the College of Science's undergraduate research coordinator Dr. Dominic Chaloner said.

Chaloner estimated that about 40 percent of undergraduates in the College of Science participate in research.

"I have always been impressed at the cutting-edge level of research students are doing," he said.

The students in the College of Science from all disciplines of the College of Science, including math, physics, chemistry, biology, Chaloner said.

Students utilized the career center and the College of Science faculty to find research opportunities, he said.

Chaloner said the University strongly encourages undergraduate students to do research.

"We are trying to create a profile of research among undergraduates," he said. "This is not something that just graduate students are doing." While undergraduate research is particularly stressed for students hoping to attend medical school, Chaloner said research will help students gain skills for any career path.

"Doing research is going to help (students) be better in whatever they decide in terms of a career," he said.

Skills like project management, time management, working with a team and gathering and synthesizing information are all formed through undergraduate research and these skills can help a student in any academic endeavor, Chaloner said.

While 40 percent of students doing research is high, Chaloner said the other 60 percent should be also doing research, or at least seriously considering it. "I think all of them can be doing research and should be doing research," he said.

Students learn the science they are studying in a classroom more effectively when they put it into action, Chaloner said.

"My mantra is that the best way to learn is to do, so the best way to learn about science is to do science," he said.

"I think all of them can be doing research and should be doing research," he said.

"We found three compounds that did a good job of stopping the enzyme that aids the reproduction of the Malaria virus. We found three compounds that did a good job of stopping the enzyme function," Culligan said. "We are hoping that in the future, the compounds can be used as anti-malarial drugs."

Senior Thomas Gruffi started researching anti-cancer compounds with his organic chemistry professor.

"I had an interest in what he was researching, so I asked to join his lab," Gruffi said.

The group looked for natural compounds that have the biological activity to kill cancer cells, he said. When these compounds are found in nature, the research group tried to reproduce them synthetically in the lab, Gruffi said.

"I learned a lot of independence in terms of trying to work things out myself," he said.

Gruffi said the research was different than research done in the classroom labs. "There is an actual goal to it," he said. "You can have an actual affect on people's lives.

Junior Dan Reid participated in research in the "middle of nowhere" in Wisconsin through a Notre Dame summer research program. Reid said he studied turtle behavior in the afternoons while taking classes in the mornings.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "I got some credits out of it and I got to do my own experiment."

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On the occasion of National Coming Out Day, October 11, 2008, we, the Core Council for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students, join Notre Dame's gay and lesbian students in gratitude for the love and support they have received from family and friends.

We recommit ourselves to providing educational opportunities for the entire Notre Dame community. Our major educational programs are NETWORK and CommUnity, sponsored in collaboration with the Office of Student Affairs. NETWORK prepares individuals on campus to offer a confidential and respectful place of dialogue and encouragement regarding gay and lesbian concerns. CommUnity focuses on first-year students in an effort to promote awareness and understanding of homosexuality within the Notre Dame community. We also offer opportunities for conversation and fellowship through our monthly coffee hours and informal drop-in sessions with Core Council members.

In the Spirit of Inclusion, we urge all members of our community to redouble their efforts to make our campus a safe and welcoming place, free from harassment of any kind.
Getting Acquainted with Catholic Charities

Fr. Larry Snyder, President of Catholic Charities USA will discuss:

- The mission of Catholic Charities
- Getting involved in Catholic Charities
- Professional and entry-level positions

Monday, October 13, 2008
5:45-6:45 p.m.
Pizza Provided

Francesco Giovanni Commons, Lower Level
Mendoza College of Business

Palin pre-emptes states ethics report, draws near

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE — Trying to head off a potentially embarrassing state ethics report on GOP presidential nominee Sarah Palin, campaign officials released their own report Wednesday saying that her husbands and friends did nothing wrong.

Sen. John McCain’s running mate is the subject of a legislative investigation into whether she hired a friend’s husband to do $180,000 in work for her Alaska home despite a law barring such a move.

Tom Hildebrandt, the commission’s spokesman, said the investigation has been narrowed to seeing if there was a conflict of interest: “We’re looking into whether they had a personal relationship and if there was an improper disclosure.”

The investigation was launched after the former mayor of Wasilla divulged that she used her office to settle a “jurisdictional” dispute between the governor and husband.

“By AMANDA GRAY
New Writer

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Notre Dame is looking for new recruits to be mentors to local area children in need.

“Amateur Radio is a great place to volunteer because it helps in disaster situations. After a hurricane, for example, we can get word out without the aid of wire. It’s not uncommon for stations to show up taking jobs similar to the extracurricular activities they participated in while in college,” Keating said.

“What’s great about Ham radio is that the possibilities are endless — you’re not confined to one aspect,” Kane said.

The club participates in a wide range of activities. In the past, Notre Dame students might have spotted the Amateur Radio Club’s members wandering in the quad with what looked like large TV antennae, trying to bounce signals off satellites. Also, last year the club bought a transceiver kit for each club member that they built together and allowed them to communicate with people around the world.

Later in the year, the club plans to hold their Amateur Radio licensing class, which allows students the opportunity to get their Amateur Radio license in a single day. The class consists of a cram session followed by an FCC administered test, with no longer includes Morse code. Notre Dame’s club has never had a student fail this test, Keating said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Dalai Lama admitted to hospital

NEW DELHI — The Dalai Lama was hospitalized in New Delhi on Thursday, just days after a medical checkup cleared the Tibetan spiritual leader to resume foreign travel.

Tenzin Taklha told The Associated Press that the Dalai Lama's doctors had been concerned about his health and that he was being treated for a cold.

The press trust of India news agency reported "that questions about Democratic rival Barack Obama's relationship with former Vietnam-era war protester John McCain is one of the most sensitive issues." McCain supporters have accused Obama of being associated with domestic terrorist Bill Ayers.

Zimbabwe facing food scarcity

SOUTH AFRICA — More than 10 million people in rural Zimbabwe face a food crisis. The government has declared a national emergency,

The World Food Program appealed for donations to help fight hunger in Zimbabwe, which is one of the hardest hit countries by the global food crisis.

GLOBAL NEWS

Arkansas drops foster ban

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Arkansas plans to reverse course and allow unmarried same-sex couples to take on foster children on a case-by-case basis, even as voters pursue a legal challenge to the issue in November, the state Department of Human Services said Thursday.

The agency said it would end its plan to formalize the prohibition, which has been in place since 1982.

"I think it's time for our society to take a fresh look at what it means to be a family," said Ark. Gov. Mike Beebe, a Democrat.

"It doesn't mean that you have to be married to be a family," Beebe said.

CAUGHT ON TAPE

Musician Jack Johnson

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Singer-songwriter Jack Johnson has been caught on tape using a racial slur in a recording session.

The Associated Press obtained a clip of Johnson using the term "nigga" during a recording session in 2008.

Johnson's representatives said they were "outraged" by the use of the term and were "exploring all possible legal options".

LOCAL NEWS

Shiite leader killed by roadside bomb

BAGHDAD — A roadside bomb killed a prominent member of Muqtada al-Sadr's political movement Thursday, raising fears of internal strife in Iraq.

The bomb struck a convoy carrying al-Sadr, who is seeking to extend his influence in the Iraqi government.

I Attacks on Obama's relationship with former Vietnam-era war protester

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Obama campaign is seeking to portray his relationship with former radical William Ayers as "a clear, radical, false pretense of a political level." McCain supporters have accused Obama of being associated with domestic terrorist Bill Ayers.

McCain criticizes Obama's past

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Republican presidential candidate John McCain criticized Obama's past associations Thursday that questions about Democratic rival Barack Obama's relationship with former Vietnam-era war protester linked to Vietnam-era bombings are part of a broader issue of honesty.

In his strongest personal criticism since the faltering campaign began casting Obama as an unacceptably candidate, McCain told supporters that Obama had not been truthful in describing his relationship with former radical William Ayers. The Arizona senator also said Obama himself has "a clear radical, false pretense of a political level." McCain said he expected more information to be provided about the candidate's past, which he described as "tainted by decades of dishonesty." He also raised questions about Ayers' history of violence and his role in the Weather Underground, a radical group that bombed government buildings 40 years ago.

"This is more than a personal issue," McCain said. "It is a question of the integrity of the man and the man's integrity is the integrity of our country."
Author discusses ‘quest for God’

Johnson talks about new book saying search for divine spirit continues

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

The religious quest for the divine dates back to the earliest human beings, but has not ended with the formation of defined religions. This search for the divine spirit continues today, author Elizabeth Johnson said in her new book “The Quest for the Living God.”

Johnson’s lecture was the second part of The Quest Project's fall lecture series. The Quest Project, managed by Saint Mary's College Center for Spirituality, in cooperation with the John Templeton Foundation and the Saint Mary's College Annual Endowed Lecture Series Fund, hosted the lecture at the Little Theater in the Monarch for the Arts at 7:30 Thursday evening.

Johnson’s book “The Quest for the Living God” covers eight theologies: transcendental, pantheistic, feminist, black, Hispanic, interreligious, and ecological, said Johnson.

“I wrote it (the book) for a broad audience to enlighten and provide food for thought, said Johnson. “There is such a hunger for a mature faith today, which is not always fed by the institutional church.”

During her lecture, Johnson focused on highlighting three of the eight theologies presented in her book: feminist, inter-religious and ecological.

She explained to the theologian that Johnson appreciated this theology as “God acting womanish.” She said that in civil societies and in religious women have been considered the second sex. Most religions give God a male persona with terms such as “king,” “Jord,” and “father,” Johnson said. This poses a problem for women because it is an idea of spiritual power, said Johnson.

“Mystery of the living God is in neither male nor female,” said Johnson, “but in the divine image and likeness of both.”

Liz Pugh, a junior at Saint Mary’s College, enjoyed the feminist theology section of the lecture the most. “I just loved the feminist theology,” said Pugh. “I’ve heard my mom talk about the mother side of God, but for me to hear it somewhere else it was very enriching.”

Johnson continued her lecture with a look at religious pluralism, or inter-religious theology. She described interreligious theology as “glimping another religion out of the corner of our eye while practicing our own.”

The multitude of God is so overwhelming that it allows for a variety of different religions each offering their own view and worship of God, Johnson said. She emphasized that the differences in religion do not mean that the religions are of lesser or higher value or are true or another.

“However committed we are to our own faith, we do not have a monopoly on either truth or value,” said Johnson.

Johnson closed her lecture with an overview of ecological theology. This theology incorporates finding God in every thing, humans and nature. The Church has focused so much on the human world that the natural world remains a backdrop said Johnson.

“In this theology, God creates the world from within. He makes the world by empowering the world to make itself,” Johnson said. She compared God to a choreographer who takes input from the dancers when creating the routine.

Students packed the auditorium for the lecture. Saint Mary’s senior Sarah King, a religious studies major, is modeling her senior composition on Johnson’s work. King said she has been familiar with Johnson for over a year.

“I have been deeply interested in Johnson’s work since last year,” King said. “It really strikes me because I really believe that there are elements of God that we try to restrict, but there are so many aspects that we can’t imagine.”

Johnson said, the quest for meaning is vital for religions to evolve: "The search must be undertaken if religious traditions are to remain vibrant and alive.”

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Black alumnae to return to college

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Saint Mary's College will be hosting the first ever African American Homecoming from coming October 10 and 11. Saint Mary's Director of Alumnae Relations, Kara O'Leary told The Observer that the event invited past students to return to the College "to create dialogue, solicit input, and create a sustainable process or forum to better understand the black student experience on campus and their alumnae engagement post graduation."

According to a schedule provided by O'Leary, the event will hold its official welcome at Saint Mary’s Staphlon Loungo at 5:15 p.m., Friday. O'Leary told The Observer, "Over one percent of our identified African American alumnae are registered."

Saint Mary’s President Carol Ann Mooney will begin the weekend with a formal greeting. The welcome ceremony will also include keynote speaker Juanna Buorray Bay. Bay graduated from the College in 1952, and, according to O'Leary, was considered to be Saint Mary’s first African American alumnae graduate.

Bay will be speaking about her experience at Saint Mary’s and its impact on her life. She will also discuss what Saint Mary’s can do to provide students with better experiences to help them make a difference in the world.

"I am always thrilled when alumnae are invited back to campus to participate in events where their voice can be heard and their opinion and experience are valued. This event will be no different," said O'Leary.

Following the greeting, a reception will be held for the alumnae at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall.

The weekend will also include many panel discussions, roundtable discussions, a campus tour, and an ecumenical worship service. The discussions will allow alumnae to give their input to the College. Alumnae will discuss changes they would like to see at Saint Mary’s, as well as what the College can do to support the alumnae actively involved.

"We are pleased to have such a response for our inaugural African American Alumnae Homecoming," said O'Leary.

According to a press release from College, the event will be held in an attempt to learn how to attract more students from ethnic minorities. According to Saint Mary’s Strategic Plan, presented last fall, the College aspires to expand the enrollment of students from underrepresented minorities. Saint Mary’s hopes to achieve an increase of at least 15 percent within the next five years. The plan stated that, "We hope to increase the racial and ethnic diversity of the student body as well as its economic diversity."
In Brief

Banks borrow record amounts
WASHINGTON — Banks borrowed in record amounts from the Federal Reserve’s emergency lending facility over the past week, while investment firms drew slightly less.

The Fed’s report released Thursday said commercial banks averaged a record $75 billion in daily borrowing over the past week. That was up from $60 billion a week ago and the highest level since the end of the decade.

For the week ending Wednesday, investment firms drew slightly less. The Fed said they averaged $6.6 billion in daily borrowing over the past week. That was up $721 million from the previous week.

States slash budgets due to economy
Many do not know whether their shriveled pension funds recover. If the economy continues to slide, more layoffs and cuts are likely.

With the economy in a slide and the credit markets seized up, states are slashing budgets, eliminating jobs, putting major construction projects on hold and nervously waiting to see whether their shrunken pension funds recover.

They are also weighing lawsuits against Wall Street firms. And at least one state — California — may ask Washington to come to the rescue.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger warned he may have to ask the federal government for a short-term loan to cover operating costs for schools, nursing homes and police if the nation’s most populous state is unable to borrow a short-term $3 billion on the credit market.

Dozens of states are expecting big drop-offs in revenue and are髂pending pension cuts on top of deep cuts earlier in the year when the economy began soften­ing and the mortgage crisis started to unfold.

“I think everybody agrees: The levee is in sight,” said Murray Levy, a Maryland state lawmaker.

New York, the capital of the nation’s financial industry, is grappling with the highest unemployment rate since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks and a $12 billion deficit that could balloon to $2 billion by the end of the fiscal year March 31.

“We’re going to have to take drastic action,” Gov. David Paterson said.
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said. The week kicked off on
Monday evening with a round-
table discussion in the Colman-
Morse Center about the Roman
Catholic Church’s stance on vot-
ing issues. Political Science
Professor Mary Keys facilitated
the discussion, which lasted for
approximately an hour.

She prefaced the discussion by
posing the question, “Why
should we, as Catholics, partici-
pate in public life?”

The attendees’ answers varied,
but all reflected the need for
people to elect leaders who are
honest and who emphasize
morality.

These responses segued into
the topic of discussion, two docu-
ments written by Cardinal
Joseph Ratzinger before he
became Pope Benedict XVI. Each
dealt with Catholic participation
in political life, with the latter
focusing specifically on the topics
of abortion and euthanasia.

“The next event
coordinated for the
week was the nailing
of 600 crosses and
flags into South Quad. The
crosses, which rep-
resent the number of
abortions that take place during a
three and a half hour football
game, were up from early Tuesday
morning until Wednesday after-
noon.

Members of the Knights of
Columbus guarded the flags in
order to protect them from being
vandalized. The Right to Life
Club also held two rosaries at the
makeshift cemetery. Students, community mem-
ers, and faculty packed the
McKenna Hall Auditorium on
Wednesday evening to watch a
debate sponsored by The Center for
Ethics and Culture.

Notre Dame Law Professor
Gerard Bradley of the Catholics for
Sen. John McCain
National Steering Committee and
Vincent Riogous, Notre Dame
Associate Professor of Law
and member of the steering com-
mittee for Sen. Barack Obama’s
Catholic National Advisory
Council took opposing viewpoints
on the issue of political responsi-
bility of Catholic voters.

Moderator John McGreevy,
Dean of the College of Arts and
Letters began the evening by
saying, “It is striking that we’re
here in 2008, thirty-
five years after Roe v. Wade, and this
issue is still with us.

The two profes-
sors then proceeded
to offer testimony
supporting their
viewpoints for
about a half and
hour, which was
then followed by
a question and
answer session by
members of the
audience.

Keys spoke again
Thursday evening
in the Gold Room
of LaFortune, this time focusing
specifically on issues pertaining
to this presidential election.

There will be a talk today by
Professor Adrian Reimers on
Pope Paul VI’s encyclical
Humanae Vitae in the Notre
Dame Room of LaFortune from
6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The final event
of the week will take place on
Sunday when members of the
Right to Life Club will be
hanging out

pro-life prayer
cards at all of the
Basilica
Masses.

The planning for
Notre Dame’s Respect Life Week
began in back in June, with
the group’s effort to coordi-
nate speakers, gain approval
from the Student Activities Office
and send out hundreds of e-
mails to gather volunteers.

Respect Life Week is nationally
recognized by the Catholic
Church to promote the defense of
innocent human life.

Overall, Gerardi said that the
week was a success, but hopes
that voters remember the week’s
mission as they enter the voter’s
booth.

“Right to Life is not asking you
to become a fanatical, single-
issue voter this November. We’re
not saying that other political
issues — the war, the economy,
the environment — are not
important ones.

What we’re saying is that there is a hierar-
chy of issues. If abortion is
wrong, if it is the ending of an
innocent human life, then one
cannot logically give moral
 equivalence between it and other issues.”

John Gerardi
Respect Life Week
coordinator

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Friday, October 10, 2008
Housing (ORLH).

The seniors of the E. Wayne St. house received letters from ORLH on Sept. 9, after a letter was sent to the mayor of South Bend and neighbors circulated through the neighborhood. South Bend and were received by the university that week on Sept. 4.

That letter, dated from Sept. 22, 2008, states that since Septem-
ber 815 have "been friendly and communicate with us effectively-
ly with good neighbors.

The letter described their party in more detail for the Theorner, stating at its peak, "probably 75 percent" filled the party. Brown said the letter "painted a portrait," and that it con-
tained details earlier that night, the set-
ting, the crowd, and the party, and then turned to playing.

"I think there have been students who came into our house before, and the have been pretty irresponsible," the seniors said. The letter was the only evidence against them presented in their meeting with University officials.

Jeff Shoup, Director of the Office of Life and Residential Affairs, said that the Office is unable to respond to questions regarding specific cases. He referred to the党总支 to the policy, stating that the University "will not release information on students that have been assisted by their August party."

In the letter to the seniors, the landlords have been quoted as saying that the house is "a property that is not the property of the University."

"We felt like the police reports indicate that we didn't break any laws," the seniors wrote in the letter with police officers in every way possible.

"We're going to try and control every one of them," Kramer said.

"I'm pretty sure the University does not have the authority to do that," the seniors wrote.

"They were very upset with the students," Brown said.

"There were parties lasting to 3:45, in 4 or 5 or more," the seniors wrote.

Because there had been parties at the house, the seniors asked for a copy of the letter.

The students have been "pretty good neighbors," Kramer said.

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Brown said, "I don't think that anything that we did was malicious, but that there is a "big line in the sand" between being a good neighbor and being a malicious neighbor.

"There have been a lot of town problems, and that is part of it," the seniors said. "We are people who don't want to create any kind of a problem." Brown said, "I think most people would agree that is a fair statement.

"We help them with the lawn, with the leaves," Joe Brown said. "We play with their kids sometimes."

The seniors asked Jennifer and Joshua Martin, the neighbors, to sign the letter along with a letter on their behalf.

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Addressed in the incident was the issue of students who were not taking action to prevent crime. "Our main reason was to enforce the law; to arrest those who violated the law," Boykins said, specifically addressing off-campus parties. "We're always aware of Notre Dame, that they're going to have parties," Boykins said, "and a lot of times we don't have the time to go by the house, unless we get the call."

Boykins said after multiple complaints he decided to take specific action to deal with off-campus student parties. "I decided at that time, we were going to do a task force, and going to ride around on Friday and Saturday nights," Boykins said. Specifically funding off-campus parties, Boykins said, "Our main reason was to enforce the law; to arrest those who violated the law." Boykins also said that the Indiana State Excise Police also addressed student parties around the same time. "The internship that we found out about this company, and that their primarily focus is on university endowments," she said.

South Bend Police Chief Darryl Boykins speaks at the Community Campus Advisory Coalition Thursday.

"As a senior here at Notre Dame, it's kind of amazing how some of us still don't know which companies the endorsement consists of and that Notre Dame doesn't release that. I think we have a right to know, if we're paying so much money to go there every year, where some of that money is going."

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"We were holding our breath," Taylor said, given that the fall season in comparison to last year's season, "I don't think we have anything to party about in September," Taylor said. But she said so far things have been good this season. Assistant Police Chief Commonweal Group's member who lives in the area around Notre Dame campus, said a few particular incidents have garnered much attention. "This fall, we've had a couple of very large parties, and most of you know about a few other incidents."

These widely publicized incidents have sparked students concern, as cited, saying an Observer Viewpoint letter to the editor by a student concerned about the parties off campus. Notre Dame president Bob Reese told Commonweal Group members that he agreed that a few particular incidents have been made public, but on the whole, incidents involving student parties off campus have gone down from previous years. Reese said Student Government must make efforts at improving community relations, mentioning the upcoming neighborhood block parties. In addition, he and student body president Grant Schmidt have addressed the students involved in incidents.

"We've personally made efforts to talk to the students involved in these specific incidents," Bob Reich student body president said. "We talked to students who are being ignored while student parties are being targeted. Several Coalition members were quick to mention that alcohol consumption and crimes are often related to one another. "There's no mention of the contributing factor of alcohol and contribute to danger," Matt Costello, a resident who lives on Notre Dame Avenue, the Coalition member's statement that students are impossible for their own safety. "We're not walk down the street in the morning, sloppily drunk, singing, and expect to be safe," Boykins said. Boykins said students who are intoxicated are "easy vict­ims [criminals can take advantage of them they can bully], and that criminals are looking specifically for stu­dents."

In addition, crimes like thefts and fights are often re­lated by greater action on the part of students, Boykins said, both being proactive — by locking doors and keeping belongings out of sight — and reactive — by notifying police immedi­ately of suspicions or crimes.

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the summer in Los Angeles, California. I'm a senior in Los Angeles, I was able to see the difference of what that company does on its employees," he said. "The Hilton in Long Beach, every place we bring in union business, that company will give us these people millions of dol­lars, but we can't come in and tell the employees for the employees to form a union and those union efforts, I was distinctly bad for the employees themselves."

Coaltion member Michael Angulo said these practices directly contravened the company's unionization state­ment. "We can't be invested in companies that don't respect workers' rights, and workers' rights is something that has been affirmed by everyone from the United Nations to the Vatican." Angulo said.

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Estrada said HEI Hotels and Resorts is actually primarily funded by University endow­ments. "We're specifically concerned with this company invest in companies whose seasonal interns with utilities, a labor union, and through that internship we found out about this company, and that their primarily focus is on university endow­ments," she said. Estrada said the company actually touted Notre Dame as one of its primary investors. "This company has touted Notre Dame as one of the main universities that invests in it," he said.

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"As a Catholic University, Notre Dame is basic­ally founded on Catholic Social Teaching, and based on the Catholic Social Teaching, out­lined by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, we have our own social responsibility investment policy," she said. President of Mecha ND, a group that focuses on Latino special issues, Jamie Luna said he chose to sign the letter because many of the exploit­ed workers are Latino. "It is not necessarily targeted towards [Latinos] but they are suffering as the conse­quence of the acts of several companies, so it was important for us to be with this group," he said. Senator Claretia Negrete, who attended the ceremony, said the issue with Notre Dame is not publicize the companies it invests in. The only reason the group found out about HEI Hotels was because the company touted Notre Dame as one of its chief investors.
The real focus of pep rallies

Dwinding student attention. Little interaction between players and students. A dorm boycott, complete with its own manifesto. The Friday night pep rallies are meant to be an hour or so of cheering, entertainment and school spirit. Between the band, the players and the students, the whole crowd ought to be geared up to get excited. Moreover, the pep rallies should focus on encouraging the team, playing the game and taking down that week's opponent. But in the end, they should focus on the football.

But the focus of Notre Dame pep rallies now feels displaced. The students' biggest role is in weekly competitions between house dorms, organized by a committee of the Hall Presidents Council. While watching your fellow Vermin or Knights dance in ridiculous costumes, it may be fun, it takes away from the real focus of the rally — the game. Why pit students against each other at a time when the student body should band together? Campus dance groups, like the Irish step dancers or clubs, are worthwhile and entertaining, but they don't belong at a pep rally. The pep rallies feel less like a cheer session devoted to the team, and more like a production for the larger community and fans.

If student attendance is any indication, the show can't go on.

Some might argue that student apathy is to blame for the recent rally debate. If more students came to pep rallies, detractors would Diminish, the energy level would skyrocket. It would also be shortsighted and self-centered for current enrollees to think that only they would find a pep rally exciting. Our alumni network is one of the strongest in this country, and alumni are more eager to return to campus and take part in the football weekend festivities. Even outside of the alumni, fans of Notre Dame are far too widespread and numerous, often filling the Joyce Center.

But when the pep rallies start to feel disconnected from the students — and much like the University is putting on a display for alumni, families and visitors, something's not right. Low attendance levels are only the most visible indication of how widespread that feeling is among the student body. Something needs to be done.

A separate question is why pep rallies are exclusive to football at Notre Dame? True, football is the highest profile sport at the University. But our football players are hardly the only athletes of merit on campus.

Men's basketball has the support of the Leprechaun Legion, but why not hold a pep rally in the Stepan Center before a big game? Say, on the Friday before a big Saturday home game. (This year's Connecticut game, with ESPN College Gameday coming to campus would be a perfect time opportunity.) Women's soccer is consistently strong, yet the JACC has yet to be filled with fans cheering them.

Bring the excitement and school spirit. Scream, yell, and maybe even raise the roof for our other, equally deserving athletes. But regardless of the sport, the pep rally needs some revision if they are going to serve their purpose.

Letters to the Editor

Wake up the Echoes

Wake me up by shaking her name. If you would have ever experienced a Notre Dame pep rally in the old field house, you would realize what a sham the current pep rallies are. Let the students watch their videos and sit in their cushioned seats in the JAC. Rally sons (and daughters) of Notre Dame for true pep rallies in Stepan Center.

Tim Roddy
Class of 1990
Oct. 9

Unwillingness to change

I agree with all of the comments of Mike Schlaepfer, Class of 1982, regarding the JACC pep rallies. I am the class of 1981. The JACC pep rallies are just horrible. They were much better during the Holtz era, and the Stepan pep rallies during the Devine era were even better. I watched the Stanford pep rally on the web, and was actually embarrassed by what I saw. Do EVERYTHING Mike Schlaefer, as well as the gentleman from Sorin last week, have suggested!

The thing I hate the most about the way Notre Dame handles certain events is its unwillingness to change. And the students seem to be given very little power to change things, e.g., the format and timing of Junior Parent Weekend. The students are crying out for a change in the pep rally format to the ways of yesteryear. And we 50+ year old alumni agree, so don't use that as an excuse for not changing. Use the JACC or the Stepan. If you must (i.e., so senior alumni have a place to sit and so you can fit in more people), but that is all I would retain regarding the current pep rally format. The team should occupy the seats at one end of the court (e.g., the student section area for basketball games), and the students should be standing on the floor, with stopwatch of "late arrivals" and students and alumni into the balance of the seating area.

I suspect this format will also allow more people to attend the pep rallies, which has also been a problem in the past.

Jerome Koch
Class of 1970
Oct. 9

The past always seems better

I just read a funny line about how many old dominicans it takes to change a light bulb. Three: One to screw it in and two to discuss how much better the old one was. I lived in the Zoo from 1969 to 1973. My first pep rally was in the old field house. Pat O'Brien the act not the clown now on tv and Rocky Blier (just back from Vietnam) They brought the house down. Dirt floor human pyramids and ambu­ lance stations outside. Freshmen in tears. The following day it was raining at kickoff. Crowd starts chanting Ara stop the rain. Look it up, the sun came out! It cannot get better than that but you should try and a start would be a move to Stepan. When we moved to Stepan we were disappointed because it could not replace the old field house!

Go Irish!

Jim Blake
Oct. 9
Earlier this week, this esteemed newspaper reported that a group of Saint Mary's students met with College officials regarding a stipend that the Student Government has placed in the budget to give to all Executive Board members. The president of Saint Mary's student body apparently included eight young women, who ran unopposed for the positions last spring. From the quick math, I believe this means that each member of the board will spend approximately $2,000 of the university's money on pay- ers on money. What might you be doing with this money on you ask? According to the same article, "Last year's Executive Board is provided free food at events and organized pick-up for meat and buns. The students involved in planning/running/working at these events may have died from, hamburgers, seven packs of meat, hundreds of pounds of meat to a shelter or another place it won't go to waste. This is probably going to happen every day until April (when Skirt Day comes along), I'm sure every woman would love to add an extra pair of these most gloriously comfortable leg coverings to add to your wardrobe. Inset:Nude blossoms not included!"

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Emilly Bahnsen senior Oct. 1

Local Political Violence

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The oft-used excuse of voting for the current economic crashes is that we are being reprimanded by bad business practices. This is the theory of home ownership failures are a result of mortgage fraud committed by individuals, mainly "main-street" appraisers, and local mortgage companies or by government interference with their ability to pursue loose lending practices. Instead, these candidates are reprimanding bad business practices and, while handling them a $700 billion check with the left hand and the right hand, they are blaming individual responsibility for their failures. As George Bernard Shaw said, "Liberals mean nothing. That is why most men dread it. This is the travesty and irresponsibility of the American voter. Those students that chose committed 93.7 percent of their vote for Obama, 41.1 percent for McCain are voting men into offices that will continue shifting blamе to other, to other organizations. The oft-used excuse of voting for the lesser of two evils does not apply here. Candidates who have a great deal of freedom, a humble foreign policy or a sound monetary policy are not less evil than those who do not want to continue shifting blame to other, to other organizations. The oft-used excuse of voting for the lesser of two evils does not apply here. Candidates who have a great deal of freedom, a humble foreign policy or a sound monetary policy are not less evil than those who do not want to continue shifting blame to other, to other organizations.

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"Romance" Worth It for the Laughs

By JOSEF KUHN
Scene Writer

Do not be deceived by the title. The play “Romance” is anything but one.

This Friday and Saturday night, at 7:30 in Washington Hall, the St. Edward's Hall Players will be performing the play "Romance" by David Mamet. The title of the play must be one of those intentionally ironic misnomers, like naming a 300-pound linebacker "Tiny." The play is a blistering, broadside attack on the American dream, and beneath the humor, it raises serious questions about justice, prejudice, and the difficulty of human relations.

The plot centers around a court trial that seems pretty typical at first, but as the play goes on, the trials splits further and further into disorder and madness. The colorful cast of characters includes a sneaky Jewish chiropractor, a drugged-up judge, a WASP-ish defense attorney, a gay prosecuting attorney and his emotionally unstable boyfriend. The eclectic mix makes for plentiful hilarious clashes and confrontations. Don't laugh too long, though; Mamet is an equal opportunity slanderer, in the fashion of "American Buffalo"... 

So do not take your grandma to this play. Also, do not see this play if you are easily offended by crude language or racial slurs. Don't worry about being singled out, though; Mamet is an equal opportunity slanderer, in the fashion of "American Buffalo." 

The St. Edward's Hall Players do a great job of getting into their parts. They really couldn't have been cast more perfectly. Under the direction of St. Mary's College senior Lauren Mangiaforte, the play runs like a professional performance. And at only about an hour long, you'll still have plenty of time to go out afterwards. So whether you're the philosophical type or you just want to grab a few laughs, come on out and see Romance this weekend.

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The History of Mamet in One Minute

"American Buffalo" (1976) A team of men plot to stage a coin collection heist in Mamet's groundbreaking 1976 play. Don, the owner of a junk shop, accidentally sells a valuable nickel for less than its worth. Realizing his mistake, Don and Bob, an acquaintance, and later Touch, a cynical friend of Don's, plan to take revenge by stealing from the man who bought the faked nickel. A revival of "American Buffalo" starring Haley Joel Osment was performed in 2005. John Leguizamo and Cedric the Entertainer will debut on Broadway at the end of the month.

"Glengarry Glen Ross" (1982) This play originally debuted in London after Mamet sent the manuscript to famous British playwright Harold Pinter. Pinter liked the play so much that he recommended it to be staged at the Cottesloe Theatre. The play has been hall-marked for its rich, loaded dialogue (often punctuated with colorful language), powerful characters, and deft skill in portraying struggles of gender and masculinity in contemporary men. A 2005 Broadway revival starred Alan Alda ("MA'SH") and Jeffrey Tambor ("Arrested Development").

"Speed-The-Plow" (1988) Visiting a theme he would return to in writing films like "Wag the Dog" (1997) and "State and Main" (2000), Mamet examines the American movie business, with all its blood, sweat and tears. Mid-level producers Bobby Gould and Charlie Fox verbally spar over the issue of artistic merit versus financial gain. Gould is caught between producing a low-quality action film and the adaptation of an apocalyptic spiritual novel. The play was recently revived in London and a Broadway revival begins this fall.

"Romance" Worth It

By JORDAN GAMBLE
Scene Writer

The St. Ed's Players bring their first full-length show of the year, "Romance," by Tony and Oscar nominee David Mamet, to Washington Hall this week. Members of the cast and crew talk about the difficulties and rewards of putting on the show.

Why did you choose "Romance" for the St. Ed's Players fall show?

Lauren Mangiaforte, senior at St. Mary's, director: At St. Mary's College, all senior theatre majors must produce a play in their second semester, and I had been reading a lot of Mamet, this summer in attempts to find a play of his for my senior comprehensive. Matt Goodrich and Meghan Hartmann, the St. Ed's producers, both suggested I read "Romance."

I loved the script. I loved the characters. In Mamet's plays, the dialogue can be unforgivingly harsh, and I like that. At the same time, his plays are full of contrasting places of beautiful earnestness, and I like that just as much. I was hooked.

What is "Romance" about?

Matt Goodrich, senior at Notre Dame, producer/actor: Romance is a courtroom farce that lampoons a smattering of social groups in an equally vicious, hyperliterate manner. Everyone's guilty, everybody lies, and each hates the other. It's David Mamet at his best.

Lauren Lassus, senior at St. Mary's, stage manager: Mamet points out if we can't get along in our day-to-day lives and be at peace with the other, how can we bring peace to the world?

Mangiaforte: Despite its provocative, profane language, "Romance" centers around the idea that peace on Earth starts with peace between individual people. I think we are meant to sympathize with the characters and realize that we are capable of the same harm to our fellow humans as they are.

What about putting together the show has been challenging for you personally and as a team of cast and crew?

Jon McCallie, senior at Notre Dame, technical director: I've always considered myself the resident lighting guy for the Stod's shows, and in the past I have focused my energies on that. This show, however, features myself in a more fluid role in the production. I've had to learn on the fly, but it's been a rewarding experience. I couldn't shouldn't that weight on my own, and I don't think the director wanted me to. Honestly, it has been a completely collaborative effort from the cast and crew in making each of the decisions about the show, from lighting, to costumes, to scenery. I'm not just a prop-ster, to props, and all points in between. We all worked together to tackle our obstacles in preparing this wonderful show.

Joseph Kvarciana, senior at Notre Dame, cast member: Last semester, I was too busy studying and writing my own stuff, putting it up on its feet, changing things around, and things like that. So this whole "normal theater" — if that's even a saying — is quite different for me.

Goodrich: I tell you what, I myself am not really sure what being a producer entails — kind of winging it, figuring it out as I go along. So far I've had to take care of logistical things, running interference, taking care of all the paperwork, financial things with S&O, and just making sure everything comes together. Playing a role doesn't help either. For me, performing requires too much focus to do justice to each task. Personally, I'm spending about 35 hours a week in rehearsal, as I'm currently rehearsing for three shows.

Mangiaforte: The plain fact of the matter is, the play deals in various degrees of seriousness with some pretty inarguably controversial material — Jewish and Christian, between Israel and Palestine, child molestation, and the representation of gay characters. The representation of gay characters in our society, just to name a few. However, as we rehearse, the play's central theme of how to rebel against society is more and more. I think the cast did an outstanding job of finding places of sincerity in the play that highlight the potential for loving the neighbor we all have

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Appaloosa

Starring: Ed Harris, Viggo Mortensen, Jeremy Irons, Renee Zellweger
Directed by: Ed Harris

This cast of characters have one thing in common: their love of the illusive (fictional) band, Where’s Whflty? In an epic search for Where’s Whftly?’s mysterious, concert, New York becomes these teens’ personal playground. Complete with jealousy, emo heart-to-hearts, betrayal, budding romance, and a runaway drunk, Nick and Nora follow each other on a roller coaster pursuit of Whftly, self-esteem, and love.

Overall, this pseudo-epic journey of these lovable losers is cute. While it’s enjoyable to watch and its characters are delightfully hate-able (i.e. Tris) or lovable (i.e. Nick and Nora), while perhaps a tad too bitter, is very relatable. Nick, though maybe slightly pathetic, seems to embody every gritty teenage break-up. Caroline is the prototypical drunk girl that anyone who’s attended a dorm party can identify effortlessly. Tris is stereotypical, and generally boring in her type cast role. The most original characters are Nick’s band mates, who embody a fun combination of shadystoners, hip gay guys, and indie-punk musicians. They are perhaps the most delightful to watch, though their scenes are few and far between.

Unfortunately, “Nick and Nora’s Infinite Playlist” overly relies on cliches. It is entirely predictable, though still endearing. By telling a story of cliches, the film loses much of its substance. Though it has huge potential, the film just didn’t seem to be looking for quality. For the most part, characters and plot points that could have been better developed were neglected. Perhaps some of the TLC given to small indie projects was lost in this, a more mainstream variation of an indie concept. Unlike “Juno” or “Garden State,” “Infinite Playlist” lacks depth and heart. It’s over processed, mainstream vibe doesn’t help. Perhaps this is why the film’s latent potential just didn’t get fulfilled.

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By MICHELLE FORDICE
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“Appaloosa” tries to recaputure the classic western for a modern audience. Cloaking some of today’s stars — including Ed Harris, Viggo Mortensen, Jeremy Irons, and Renee Zellweger — in Western cowboys, butties, and some serious statement mustaches, the film returns to the genre that has fascinated American audiences for so long, exploring its depths without sacrificing its fun.

Beginning in 1882, “Appaloosa” is written opera at its best. Gunmen and peace-makers Virgil Cole (Harris) and Everett Hitch (Mortensen) are hired by the New Mexican town of Appaloosa to reign in an ambitious entrepreneur, Randall Bragg (Irons), who, backed by his less than cleanly ranch hands, is terrorizing the town’s citizens and even went so far as to murder the marshal and his deputies because they got in his way. Cole and Hitch begin to make progress by establishing that their word is law and their will the executioner, but matters are complicated when Allison French, a likeable young widow with a penchant for knowing which man is on the rise and a need to attach herself to him, arrives on the scene. “Appaloosa” addresses many themes, most prominently the distinctions between law and justice and the tension between ourselves and the roles we fill.

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“Nick and Nora’s Infinite Playlist” brings us into the West.

This cast of characters have one thing in common: their love of the illusive (fictional) band, Where’s Whftly? In an epic search for Where’s Whftly?’s mysterious, concert, New York becomes these teens’ personal playground.

Overall, this pseudo-epic journey of these lovable losers is cute. While it’s enjoyable to watch and its characters are delightfully hate-able (i.e. Tris) or lovable (i.e. Nick and Nora), while perhaps a tad too bitter, is very relatable. Nick, though maybe slightly pathetic, seems to embody every gritty teenage break-up. Caroline is the prototypical drunk girl that anyone who’s attended a dorm party can identify effortlessly. Tris is stereotypical, and generally boring in her type cast role. The most original characters are Nick’s band mates, who embody a fun combination of shadystoners, hip gay guys, and indie-punk musicians. They are perhaps the most delightful to watch, though their scenes are few and far between.

Unfortunately, “Nick and Nora’s Infinite Playlist” overly relies on cliches. It is entirely predictable, though still endearing. By telling a story of cliches, the film loses much of its substance. Though it has huge potential, the film just didn’t seem to be looking for quality. For the most part, characters and plot points that could have been better developed were neglected. Perhaps some of the TLC given to small indie projects was lost in this, a more mainstream variation of an indie concept. Unlike “Juno” or “Garden State,” “Infinite Playlist” lacks depth and heart. It’s over processed, mainstream vibe doesn’t help. Perhaps this is why the film’s latent potential just didn’t get fulfilled.

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MLB

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Cowboys’ Jones to play despite incident

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Troubled cornerback Adam “Pacman” Jones is still in the lineup for the Dallas Cowboys after his latest incident involving police.

Cowboys coach Wade Phillips said Thursday that Jones will play Sunday against the Arizona Cardinals, and owner Jerry Jones said the team didn’t plan any discipline after the player got into a scuffle with his bodyguard Tuesday night in the bathroom of an upscale Dallas hotel. Police were called, but there were no arrests or charges filed.

“I am very disappointed in that we’re having to deal with this,” Jerry Jones said.

Phillips said he talked to the team about the incident Thursday morning.

“What I’m trying to do is get this team to focus on this game and the team that we are playing,” Phillips said. “We’re moving on in that direction.”

Adam Jones was suspended for 17 months by the NFL commissioner Roger Goodell for numerous off-field problems. He was arrested six times and involved in 12 incidents requiring police intervention.

Goodell said in a radio interview Thursday that the league was investigat-

ing the matter. He said he didn’t speak with Adam Jones individually during a previously scheduled meeting with the entire Cowboys team Wednesday night.

“I’m disappointed that we’ve even discussing this at this point in time,” Goodell said on ESPN Radio. “But we’ll have to wait for the facts.”

The Associated Press

Dallas police said officers responded to a disturbance late Tuesday night at an upscale downtown hotel.

Officers said the incident was over by the time they arrived and that some hotel employees reported overhearing a scuffle in the men’s restroom in the lobby.

Cowboys corner back Adam ‘Pacman’ Jones catches a pass during Dallas’ practice on Thursday. Jones was involved in a fight with one of his bodyguards the night before commissioner Roger Goodell visited the team. Goodell suspended him for a previously scheduled meeting with the entire Cowboys team Wednesday night.

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CHICAGO MARATHON

Participants hope for cooler temperatures

Heat caused death of one runner in 2007

CHICAGO—Joan Marie Kaye and 45,000 runners gearing up for the Chicago Marathon know that muscle-aching, mind-numbing, hurts-so-bad-you-want-to-die kind of pain almost surely awaits them.

What she and other runners fear Sunday is a repeat of last year's run, during which an ambulance sirens screamed everywhere as hundreds of participants collapsed or vomited in scorching, near-90 degree heat, and a man with a heart disorder died.

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Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Riley Skinner and Wake Forest have played two ACC games and managed just one touchdown. It came just in time to help the Demon Deacons beat another Bowden.

Skinner threw a 7-yard scoring pass to D.J. Holdin with 5:28 left to lead No. 21 Wake Forest past Clemson 12-7 on Thursday night.

He completed 22 of 34 passes for 186 yards, added 74 more yards rushing and led the decisive 15-play, 78-yard drive in the fourth quarter for the Demon Deacons (4-1, 2-0).

The only Atlantic Division team with a perfect conference record won its first two league games for the first time since 1987, but had to go through the ACC's first family to do it. After topping Bobby Bowden's Florida State team on four field goals, they took out son Tommy's Tigers with a dominant defense and some opportunistic play from the quarterback coming off a five-turnover performance against Navy.

"It's just a testament to our defense. The thing is, though, once you look at our yards — we're moving the ball," Skinner said. "It's not like we can't move the ball at all. We're just driving and shooting ourselves in the foot when it gets inside the red zone. It's not like our plays are bad. We're just not capitalizing. Shane Popham — starting in place of injured kicker Sam Swank — had field goals of 22 and 32 yards for Wake Forest, and a dominant defense held the Tigers' vaunted ground game to 21 yards rushing on 23 carries. The Demon Deacons outgained Clemson 342-198 to snap a two-game losing streak in the series.

"This is a game that, me personally, I've wanted for a long time," Skinner said.

Cullen Harper was 15-of-35 for 177 yards with an interception for Clemson (3-3, 1-2). The league's preseason favorites lost their second straight and are one of three ACC teams with multiple conference losses.

"Our backs are against the wall right now big time," Harper said. "There's either two things we can do — we can either quit and lay down, or we can come out swinging (next week) against Georgia Tech."

Harper's 10-yard touchdown pass to Jacoby Ford with 7 seconds left in the third quarter put Clemson up 7-3. It was badly wide right on a 39-yard attempt 1:48 later.

Then, after forcing a punt, it was time for Skinner to rally the Demon Deacons.

Taking over with about 10 1/2 minutes left, he systematically marched Wake Forest downfield by completing seven of nine passes for 69 yards and converting three third downs — including a 28-yard pass to Boldin on third-and-24.

"We got our Riley Skinner back tonight," coach Jim Grobe said.

He then found Boldin in the right flat, and the receiver cut back through two defenders and into the end zone for his first career touchdown. Skinner's 2-point conversion pass for Ben Wooster was batted away.

On its last possession, Clemson got no farther than

its own 39, and linebacker Stanley Arnoux broke up Harper's fourth and 20 pass with about 3 1/2 minutes left to seal Wake Forest's third win over the Tigers in eight tries.

They just generated that one drive," Bowden said. "We kept hoping we could generate one drive to win the game. Wake Forest did it. We didn't."

Instead, the Tigers' offense sputtered once again. They had minus-6 yards rushing at halftime, were stuck in negative total yardage until their fifth drive of the game and were just 2-of-14 on third downs.

Star James Davis finished with 59 yards, 50 below his average, while backfield mate C.J. Spiller had just 10 yards on two carries before injuring his left leg in the second quarter. Those two struggled in the Tigers' other losses, combining for 20 yards in the opening loss to Alabama and gaining a total 31 yards in the second half of the Maryland defeat.

"That's like holding the Patriots," Smith said.

With the ground game struggling, Clemson's offense couldn't generate any big plays until the final moments of the third quarter, with Harper taking advantage of a pass interference call on Tiger quarterback Tommy Bowden, allowing Chip Vaughn to convert his third third down.

Then, he temporarily put the Tigers ahead by finding Ford over the middle. The track star juggled the ball before pulling it in as he crossed the goal line for their only score.

This one probably should have even been more lopsided for Wake Forest.

The Demon Deacons had plenty of early chances to take a comfortable lead, driving inside the Clemson 5 on its first two possessions and then moving to the 22 on its final drive of the first half, but couldn't punch it in. Ryan McManus had trouble with the hold on Popham's 25-yard field goal, and Popham missed a badly wide right on a 39-yard attempt 1:48 before the half.
Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Vernon Gholston used some of the down time during the New York Jets’ bye week to catch up on some heavy reading.

The telephone directory-sized defensive playbook has been a constant companion for the rookie outside linebacker, who’s still trying to learn the Jets’ complex system.

“I just looked over the plays that I’ve had and kind of evaluated myself a little bit, see the things I need to do better and try to get a better grasp of the concepts on defense,” Gholston said Thursday. “We put in a lot of new stuff over the bye week, so I was just trying to get a handle on that kind of stuff.”

Gholston has been trying to do that ever since he was drafted No. 6 overall by the Jets in April. A dominant pass-rushing force at Ohio State, Gholston has shown little of that explosiveness through New York’s first four games.

“It expected it to take a little time, of course, like anything,” he said. “I’ve made a lot of strides since the first day I put on the pads, but I’ve still got a long way to go.”

Gholston was a defensive end at Ohio State, and Gholston is a 3-4 outside linebacker, and the transition has taken lots of getting used to.

“Once I get a full understanding of that and how it should be played and watching tape of other guys and really understanding where I need to be, I can play faster and play with a little more confidence out there,” Gholston said. “I think that’s the biggest thing.”

His introduction to the new position was delayed when he missed minicamp because of an NCAA rule that wouldn’t allow him to practice until Ohio State’s spring semester was completed. He then missed a day of training camp because of a brief contract holdout.

“He’s a rookie, man,” said linebacker Calvin Pace, a former first-round pick of Arizona. “A lot of people put too much pressure on rookies. This is a guy that just came from college, I’m not making excuses for him. ... You’re playing against a lot of different people and sometimes your head spins. Sometimes you go home and you’re like, ‘What happened today? You just really kind of black out.’

Gholston has one tackle on defense, but had four special teams tackles in the Jets’ 56-35 victory over Arizona in Week 4. The effort earned Gholston the Jets’ special teams player of the week award.

“Those aren’t gimmies,” coach Eric Mangini said. “You’ve got to earn that, and he did. I was proud of that fact, especially in an area he’s not familiar with. Now, defensively, we need to see that continued growth as well.”

Gholston hadn’t played on special teams since his first season at Ohio State.

“I think playing special teams has helped him from the standpoint of having him get out there and run around,” Pace said. “Use that to go out there and just hit somebody.”

Gholston has leaned on Pace and Bryan Thomas, both former first-round picks who struggled with expectations and position changes in their careers.

“It’s hard to ask a 21-, 22-year-old guy to go out there and have a Pro Bowl season,” Pace said. “You’ve got different hours, there’s no class—you’re not that guy anymore. Somebody else has that mentality. It’s one of those situations where you need to go play your role and go lean on everybody else.”

Thomas said Gholston’s struggles aren’t unique, but rather a common hurdle for rookies.

“That’s how it is when you’re a rookie and totally learning a new system he’s never played before, at times, it can be difficult. It’s just about being able to adjust to it.”

Gholston has even spoken to New England linebacker Mike Vrabel, who previously held Ohio State’s sacks record.
SMC SOCCER

Struggling squad to host conference foe

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

After suffering its third consecutive loss last Wednesday against Adrian, Saint Mary's will return home to face conference leader Calvin Saturday.

The Belles, who are struggling to find consistency over the last few weeks, belles coach Ryan Cool said: "The number of close results proves we are a team in search of our identity."

The Belles are currently on a five-game losing streak dating back to the North Central Tournament, where they took both of their matches, one in penalty kicks, and the tournament title.

Saint Mary's is currently 1-8 overall with an 0-3 MIAA conference record.

"Our record does not reflect it, but we are a much better team than it shows," Crabb said. "I have full confidence that these players want to succeed and I know they can compete with any team that steps on the field against them."

If the Belles are to finish their season strong, the squad must secure the three games standing at the end of the season, which will allow them to finish in the three-game winning streak against the Mid-West.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles to play mini-tourney

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

After dropping consecutive conferences matches for the second time this season, Saint Mary's believes there is a chance for redemption at this weekend's MIAA mini-tournament.

The Belles (12-7, 5-5 MIAA) open competition Saturday against Olivet (16-4, 6-0 MIAA) in the afternoon before taking on league doormat Olivers (4-16-1, 0-9 MIAA) in the afternoon.

"We have been through a few things offensively, primarily with just learning each other — new setters learning to be strong with their attackers and attackers learning to work with our setters," Schroeder-Biek said. "But players are well aware of what we will take to get to where we want this program to be. We want to be playing for a championship."

Last Friday, the Belles dropped a match against the Scots, who cruised to victory in sets (25-15, 25-19, 19-25, 25-15). Alma's stingy defense held Saint Mary's to anemic 16 kills on 34 attacks while turning 91 digs and 7 blocks; the blocks, in particular, killed several rallies. But despite the help, as the Belles committed 18 errors, including 11 from junior hitter Lorna Sluszczyk-Slupocka, Saint Mary's lead. The Belles' swinging momentum against Alma's consistently strong defense.

Saint Mary's offense, which has been at times inconsistent over the course of the season, failed to put forth any positive effort Saturday against Olivers. The Belles' were held to 21 kills on 60 attacks; the Belles' were held to 21 kills on 59 attacks.

Senior hitter Lindsey Tellen paced the squad defensively with 25 digs, while also tallying three blocks and three assists. Tellen led the entire team in assists and was instrumental in Olivers' struggles and the Belles' ability to roll over their opponents.

"We believe we can play with a lot of emotion against us which makes for a much more enjoyable game," Schroeder-Biek, "Their program has continued to improve over the last few years."

Saint Mary's begins play at 110 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, taking on Olivers at 3 p.m. Olivers is hosting the tournament at its Cutler Event Center in Olives, Mich.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Farleys usually strong Pangborn offense in win

By DOUGLAS FARMER, CHRIS WYNKOOP and TIM LANG
Sports Writers

Farley's defensive effort shuts down Pangborn's offensive attack, giving the Belles their first win of the season.

In its past three games, Pangborn (0-4) has averaged nearly 25 points a game, but the Belles (1-1) held the Falcons to a season-low 0 score until only 3 minutes remained in the game.

Pangborn's first possession was a three-and-out that failed at their own 8 gain yardage.

Sophomore halfback quarterback Gabby Tate did not complete a pass in 3 minutes and a half remained in the first half. Two plays after Tate's first completion, Farley freshman cornerback Katie Smith intercepted Tate's throw, Smith's first of two interceptions on the night.

"It was a real good night," Farley senior captain Jenny Rolfs said. "It was a real good night."}

Farley's defense was usually strong, but it didn't play an amazing job tonight.

"We knew our defense is really strong, and it did an amazing job tonight," Jenny Rolfs Captain

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By CHRIS WYNKOOP
Sports Writer

Chris Wynnkop, and Tim Lang

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"Our record does not reflect it, but we are a much better team than it shows," Crabb said. "I have full confidence that these players want to succeed and I know they can compete with any team that steps on the field against them."

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Squad to face Big East challengers

West Virginia, Pitt to visit in Irish's first conference matches at home

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to continue its hot start in conference play this weekend when the Irish take on conference foes West Virginia and Pittsburgh. Currently, Notre Dame is tied with three teams for first place in the Big East with a 3-1 conference record. One of those teams is Pittsburgh, and Irish coach Debbie Brown said a win against the Panthers would be big for Notre Dame's conference title hopes. "I think it's just really important to win to give us a legitimate shot to win the regular season," Brown said. "We want to make sure we're putting ourselves in the best possible position." Saturday, the Irish play the Mountaineers at the JACC. West Virginia is currently 0-4 in the Big East this year, but Brown said her team should still take them seriously. "West Virginia's had a little bit of a shaky start," she said. "But I think they have some players that are very capable of playing a high level." Sunday, against the Panthers, the Irish will face a tougher challenge. So far, the Panthers have conference wins over Villanova, South Florida and Seton Hall. Senior outside hitter Kelly Campbell leads Pittsburgh with 3.26 kills per set and 233 total kills on the season. "We think Pittsburgh is pretty balanced," Brown said. "They have good middles, good outsides, pretty experienced setters." Brown said the only thing that could affect her team's preparation with Pittsburgh was the fact that coach Toby Reno is in his first season with the Panthers. "You kind of feel like you know a team pretty well, but when a new coach comes sometimes they change the systems up a little bit," Brown said. Brown added that in practice, her team has been focusing primarily on its serving, mostly because the Irish tallied a season-high 17 service errors last weekend against Cincinnati. "We've been working on a lot of things," she said. "Serving, blocking, and defense have been the main things because we think that's the area of weakness that we have right now." This weekend marks the first time the Irish will play a Big East game on its home floor. Brown said that, despite positive results on the road, it would feel good to finally play a conference game at the JACC. "It was tough being on the road for the first four matches," she said. "But overall I think it went very well." Brown said the team sleeping in their own beds and eating their regular food would help, and that an extra day of practice would benefit the players. Junior outside hitter Serenity Phillips had missed two weeks because of an ankle injury, but played last weekend against the Panthers. Brown said Phillips was not yet at full strength, she would have some players that are very capable of playing a high level." Brown said the team's prepa- "I think it's just really important to win to give us a legitimate shot to win the regular season. We just want to make sure we're putting ourselves in the best possible position." Debbie Brown Irish Coach

Winslow misses two practices with illness

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — The Cleveland Browns told the doctor for tests after he missed his second straight day of practice with an unspecified "illness." Browns coach Romeo Crennel said Winslow, who has been plagued by injuries throughout his NFL career, has been sick for two days. Crennel would not say if Winslow would play in Monday night's game against the New York Giants. "He's a valuable piece to this team," Crennel said Thursday. "I know he's going to play, so he'll do everything he can to be able to play." Crennel would not elaborate on Winslow's condition or disclose any medical reasons for putting him on the inactive list. "Not until after doctors take look at him and see if they can know what it is," he said.

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Men's Soccer

Irish look for more success at home

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

After snapping their first losing streak in seven years with a 3-0 win over Michigan State Wednesday, the No. 14 Irish turn their attention to hosting an overachieving Pittsburgh team Saturday at 7 p.m. Notre Dame (7-3-1, 3-1-1 Big East) will host the Panthers (6-2-1, 2-1-1 Big East) in second in the Blue division, which the Irish lead with 10 points. A win would bring the Panthers, who have now seven points, into a first-place tie with the Irish. Pittsburgh has a winning record going into their matchup with the Irish for the first time in five years. Irish coach Bobby Clark said, "This is the best year they've had for quite a lot of years, without question," Clark said. "They'll be feeling very confident, and we've got to handle that. But we've got to worry about our own game, about how we play." The Panthers are riding high after forcing a 1-1 tie at West Virginia Wednesday. At 2-1-3 in Big East play, the Mountaineers are in second in the Blue division with nine points. The Irish have been dominant at home, going 6-0-1 and outscoring opponents 17-2 in those games. Wednesday's win was crucial, as Notre Dame dropped two straight road games before returning home to thump the Spartans.

NFL

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"I never felt we struggled even in the games we lost," Clark said. "It's not our divine right to win games, that's what we have to do, and that's a challenge. Don't get me wrong, we weren't happy with losing two games, but you just take each game as it comes." Senior forward Bright Dike has scored five goals in four games, but Clark said the team's emergence as a go-to scorer has answered the biggest question mark Notre Dame had coming into the season after losing All-American Joe Lapira.

"That's his job, he's the first guy up," Clark said. "Haviong said that, he's done a great job of coming to come with him, and that's the exciting thing. There's still a lot of room for improvement, and we're excited about the possibilities." Though this will be Notre Dame's first Big East game since 2006, Clark said there won't be any rust thanks to the high-intensity of even the Irish's non-conference schedule.

"Every game is a big game for us, and that's the great thing about having schedule we have," Clark said. "There are no games that don't count. Every game is important for us as getting into the NCAA Tournament." Contact Matt Gamber at mgamber@nd.edu

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said. Walsh will rely on its gritty defen­
sive line, highlighted by freshmen and
junior linebacker Molly McGurty. Opponentensively, sopho­menes quarterback Amy Langmacker and receiver Lindsay Schutzer run the passing game, while running back Meghan Halley gets the touches on the ground.

"This year the team's notorious upperclassmen have been instru­mental in leading more freshmen than the team has had in years," coach J.J. Bees said. "The team is coming off a huge last-second win over BP, and the girls look forward to showing Badin their best foot­ball." Lewis vs. Farley

Farley will try to bounce back from a loss to Welsh Family against winless Lewis Sunday. Farley (2-1) would like to finish their season the same way it started — 2-0. With only two games left in the season, captain Jenny Holls is confident that back-to-back wins will land her team a spot in the playoffs. Holls said Farley's strong defensive play was the key to the game.

"We have been playing amazing defense, we have moved a couple freshmen into the rotation and they are doing an excellent job," Holls said.

In order to be successful though, she also said the offense needs to be more consistent in finishing their offensive drives, despite the depend­able play of quarterback Emily Murphy. "It seems like we're always done a good job," Hollis is still playing with as much intensity as they have all season. After losing last week to Pangborn 25-12, the Chiefs' new mission is to ruin someone's season. Lewis has shown steady offensive improve­ment throughout the year, and with the great play of captain Kristie Shushinsky, Lewis could very well play the Chiefs in either of its last two games. Farley's Finest and the Chiefs will face off at 5 p.m. on the Labarr Practice Field.

Welsh Family vs. Brenn-Phillips

Two teams couldn't look more differ­ently right now than undefeated Welsh Family and winless Brenn­Phillips, who play Sunday at 6 p.m. at Labarr Fields. The Philips (0-2-2) come into Sunday's matchup off a tough loss to Welsh last week. The Brenn-Phillips offense finally began to oper­ate on all cylinders and held the lead for most of the game. With 21 seconds left, the Philips led 21 - 19 when Walsh took over on offense. Needing a touchdown for the win, Welsh quarterback Amy Langmacker launched a bomb to receiver Lindsay Shazer who caught the ball unluckily and ran it in for the touchdown that handed a stumped Brenn-Phillips team their second straight loss.

Welsh Family 6-0-0 comes to the match-up following a win over Farley this past Sunday. In the battle­of the unbeatens, Welsh Family emerged victorious, coming from behind to best a strong Farley team and remain undefeated for the sea­son.

Despite this strong performance, Welsh coach Jenny Gargula said she is never satisfied and this attitude is what accounts for much of their success.

"I still don't think we have come close to playing up to our potential," Welsh Family captain Jeni Gargula said.

The Welsh Family team remains determined to perfect every aspect of their game.

"We have been working on the goal line play of our offense," Gargula said. "We've had some mis­takes on extra points the past few games, which should never hap­pen."

Oftentimes, the threat to a team is relying on someone else to ruin someone's season. Lewis has

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"We're fired up and absolutely ready to go," Pillai said. "We can rain P-Dub's season." Howard vs. Cavanaugh

Howard will face the Cavanaugh for the second time this season Sunday, and after losing to the Chaos 7-6 two weeks ago, the Chaos hope to use this game as an opportunity for revenge.

"We are finally getting into the groove of things, the offense is get­ting the ball rolling, and the defense is making some great stops," Cavanaugh captain Katie Dunn said.

Cavanaugh's key players include freshman safety Caroline Walsh, senior wide receiver Laura Geierman and wide receiver Kysa Jeffries. "Jeffries is coming off a really good game, look for her to be mak­ing some great catches out there," Dunn said.

The Bucks will also be relying on their offensive talent to solidify the win.

The receivers had a fantastic game on Tuesday, they ran sharp routes, they made the plays, they are the reason I have my four years of play," Howard captain Kayla Bishop said.

"We're just going to do our thing, our defense is always going to be there," Bishop said.

The Bucks' gameplan, though, remains simple.

"We are just going to do our best and hope it works," Bishop said.

The game should be an equal offensive matchup, putting pressure on each defensive squad to make the stops.

Kickoff is Sunday, 2 p.m. on Labarr Field.

Lyons vs. McGillen

Lyons takes on McGillen Sunday in a matchup of two teams trying to make a statement at the end of the season.

The Lions have used a team approach that emphasizes commu­nication to lead them to victory three times this season.

"It's been a successful season," coach Claire Connell said. "We're happy with how we've played." On offense, the Lions are working on improving their play execution, while they are working on the funda­ments of the game on defense.

Lyons still hopes to improve the mental aspect of their game.

"We just need to keep our focus," Connell said. "If things go wrong in a game don't get down on your­selves.

At this point in the season, Lyons holds a winning record and is hop­ing to continue their season into the playoffs.

"We set high goals for ourselves," Connell said. "But we're going to take it one step a time. We're confident that we can make the playoffs and from there we'll see where it takes us.”

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St. Edward's vs. Zahm

Sophomore quarterback Matt Sorin will be key for St. Edward's and Zahm pits two teams with very different goals. In St. Edward's, Bono is clinching a playoff spot while Zahm just hopes to get its first win. Zahm won the last two meetings between the teams but St. Ed's strong season this year makes the matchup interesting.

"They're a much different team now, and I know they're out for a little revenge," senior running back Theo Ossel-Anto said. "This is going to be a big week for us. I think both teams will be ready.

Last week, Zahm (0-1-1) tied Carroll. The Rabid Bats scored an early touchdown, but Bono turned the game around in a late play yielding a Vermilion touchdown for the 6-6 tie. Their game against Sorin the week before had similar consequences, but resulted in a panther win.

St. Ed's (2-0-0) approaches Saturday with a different battle to face. They beat Fisher last weekend behind an offense based on short passes. A win for St. Ed's would secure a place in the playoffs, getting it one step closer to the championship game. "I thought we played with a lot of heart," junior linebacker Andy Nester said. "We definitely did not play our best game on the other side of the ball, but we did what we had to do to get the win."

The game will be at 2:00 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Dillon vs. Keough

Well on their way to a playoff slot with a victory at Riehle Fields. The Roos of Keough will bring their dynamic running game of szczepanek2@nd.edu and McBrayer at jmichal2@nd.edu, and Steve Michalski at jmichal2@nd.edu, Shane Steinbauer at ssteinb2@nd.edu and Douglas Farmer at dfarmer@nd.edu.

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St. John's coach Hull, Leetch and Richter in the 1998 Olympic Games in Nagano and was an assistant for the U.S. Team in 1999.

"I know Richter best of all of them because I worked with him for a long time on this team, so it will be good to talk to those guys," Jackson said. "Jackson said he was also looking forward to experimenting with some new line pairings and system changes that will allow him to use more up-tempo teams than in the past.

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certainly going to be very well-rested and very anxious and eager to play a game since they’ve been off that long. Regardless, the conference game is likely to be a battle. No. 1 Notre Dame (12-0-0) and No. 17 Georgetown (8-0-2) sit as the only two undefeated teams in the Big East, both playing similar systems that are likely to go head to head. Georgetown coach Dave Nolan is in his fifth season and finally has an experienced team to work with. With eight upperclassmen, the team is mature enough to test Notre Dame’s experience.

“I think they’re just getting a little bit more experience... What you see is just some growing and maturity and their confidence playing against better competition, so you see the team starting to mature... The program is in flux,” Waldrum said.

Georgetown’s last match, a 1-0 win over Rutgers, was last month. The Irish defeated Marquette 3-1 Sunday, but without a little elbow grease. The Golden Eagles buried a goal with just one goal but the go-ahead tally - against the Irish defense, but he hopes Notre Dame experience will be able to swing things in its favor.

“We’ll go out and match our players with theirs and if we can, kind of impose our way on them.”

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

Waldrum knows the Hoyas midfielders are fast and clever and will likely look to shake up the Irish defense, but he hopes Notre Dame experience will be able to swing things in its favor.

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When Notre Dame fell behind by five goals against Marquette last Sunday, the Irish were visibly frustrated and one standout player looked bewildered.

“Some of us were like, ‘Okay, what’s going on?’” senior forward Kerri Hanks said.

The Irish deficit to Marquette did not hold up for long, though. Notre Dame roared back with two goals in less time than it takes for a Deadhead to leave a DMX concert. Within four minutes, the Irish took complete control of the game and built a 2-1 lead.

Marquette, one of the stronger teams in the Big East and with a 3-1-1 conference record, could not even come close to matching up to Notre Dame talent-wise. And Golden Eagles coach Markus Roeders admitted as much after the Irish wrapped up their 3-1 win.

“We can’t honestly say that the Notre Dame talent they have,” Roeders said. “Here, they are one of the teams that gets the real best players.”

Roeders said he thinks the Irish rank among the top four teams in the country, along with UCLA, Portland and North Carolina.

Guess who North Carolina’s only loss in 13 games came against? That’s right, Notre Dame. And that match was played in Chapel Hill.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he would place his top-ranked team among the top five squads in the country.

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Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): The best response from last week's poll: "DEFINITELY STALIN!!!!!!" That's six exclamation points. Somebody was excited.
Hockey
Irish head west to open season with Hall of Fame game

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

No. 4 Notre Dame kicks off the season tomorrow night against No. 6 Denver in the USA Hockey Hall of Fame game.
The Irish take to the ice against a team that returns the core of four senior forwards and two senior defensemen, giving them the experience and youth to blend to create a solid team.

Women's Soccer
Team travels to rested, but ill, Georgetown

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Assistant Managing Editor

The Hoyas have 12 days of rest on Notre Dame, but it wasn't welcomed. The mononucleosis - a stomach virus - infected more than 170 Georgetown students and virtually shut down the campus, athletics included. Whether or not 12 days off means well rested legs or rusty skills remains to be seen.

"That can sometimes be a good thing and that can sometimes be a bad thing, and we would know that till we get out on the field," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "But they're almost exactly six months ago when it lost 4-1 to Boston College in the national championship at the Pepsi Center. This time around the game is only two miles down the road at University of Denver's Magness Arena."

"I'm definitely excited. I've been waiting six months to get back on the ice," Irish captain Erik Condra said.

Condra has led Notre Dame in scoring for the past three seasons, but missed most of the postseason because of a knee injury. Condra said he is back at full health and looking forward to finally getting back on the ice.

Notre Dame, however, will miss two more key players who are still banged up after a long preseason.

Sophomore defenseman Teddy Ruth and center Ben Ryan will both miss the start of the season with various injuries.

"We're not going to be as deep as we will be when everybody's healthy, but we're just going to have to play at a high level," Jackson said.

The Pioneers have one exhibition game under their belts so far this season, where they oustered a 5-4 win over the University of Alberta in the final seconds of the game. Last year they went 2-1-1.

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ND Women's Soccer

Above the rest

By NATHANIEL LEE, BOBBY GRAHAM, CHRISTINA MCDONNELL, ALEX WEST, LIZA NAVARRO and KELLEN MATHERS
Soccer Writers

Radins and Walsh clash this weekend as both teams fight for a ticket to the postseason at 3 p.m. at LaBar fields.

Both teams have gained experience over the season and hope to be bringing on all cylinders for this matchup.

The Bulls have relied on a blend of veteran experience and new young talent to make strides this season. Recent wins have fueled momentum heading into the end of the season.

"This season, we have shown great improvement on both sides of the ball," senior captain Kaila Heacock said. "We are not a team to be overlooked."

On the other side of the ball, the Wild Women have turned a rebuilding year into a possible playoff run. At 3-2, a win Sunday would almost guarantee a spot in the post-season.

"We came into this season knowing that we were going to have to develop a lot of new players," senior captain Cindy Brenner said. "But if we win on Sunday I am pretty sure that we will be able to make the playoffs."

Bucks relies on a strong receiving core to drive its team. Senior Courtney Rails, along with freshmen Ryan Connors and Carli Fernandez dominate the Buckfrog offense.

"We have a lot of talent and we're hoping to utilize all of our offensive and defensive threats," Heacox said.

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Women's Interhall

Bullfrogs battle Wild Women for playoff spot

By NATHANIEL LEE

Richardson's biggest cross-country meet of the season unfolded under the lights Friday night at Northside Park.

The monosyllabic nickname 'Richardson' was given to the meet because of the game's unique setting.

And why not? The huge parking lot was filled to capacity.

On the other hand, the meet was unfortunately lackluster. The majority of the winning teams were the same teams that would have won under normal circumstances.

But despite the lack of excitement, the meet was an excellent backdrop.

Men's Interhall

Playoffs on line for Mob

By RYAN O'CONNEL, CHRIS MCHALESKI, MOLLY SAMMON, CHRIS MASOUD, SHANE STEINBERG and DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writers

This Sunday, Stanford and O'Neill will face off in a game that may have playoff implications down the line.

"Stanford is in the same position that we are and we both realize how important this game is," O'Neill captain Matt Rono said. Both teams suffered tough losses last week, failing to capitalize on opportunities that could have given them wins. Specifically, Stanford (1-1) had problems with their passing game and picking up the confusing blitzing schemes employed by Dillon.

"We've been working on solidifying our kicking game and offensive line protection after last week," Stanford captain John Burke said. "Also, we want to improve our coaching for this game, but the biggest thing is to be consistent and stay mentally focused."

O'Neill has a set of their own problems to work on as well.

"Our team stalem a few times when we were in scoring position, but I take full responsibility for not having implemented the appropriate offense in those situations," Burke said. "We did a poor job in keeping Bobby Powers off his back last week and we've worked to fix that."

Also hindering the Griffins and Mob are key injuries to their players, including O'Neill's running back.

"We lost running back Dave Zimmer last week. But rather than feel sorry for ourselves we are looking to move on," Rono said. "We've got a lot of respect for Stanford, but at the same time, no team in our division is invincible and a win against Stanford would go a long way in helping us rebound from last week."

The Griffins certainly don't lack confidence in their abilities.

"We have the talent to beat O'Neill, but they're a good team and should give us a good game," Burke said. "Last week we felt we should've won the game, and we're hoping to use this game to come out and prove we're a great team."

With both teams coming off losses, both of these very talented teams should come into the game hungry for a
DOES CHRIS STEWART BELONG AT NOTRE DAME?

Father Knows Best

HIS DAD BELIEVED HE DID.
Commentary

Clausen’s learning process nearly done

One of the biggest reasons for Notre Dame’s turnaround so far this season is their new quarterback, Jimmy Clausen.

Obviously, it’s the same person, but I think we can all agree that this year’s signal caller is a sort of a Jimmy Clausen, version 2.0. He’s got more weapons and kinks out of the system. Irish coach Charlie Weis said the new version of Jimmy Clausen debuted after sitting out the Boston College and USC games last year, when he was the “light came on” for the freshman.

Now the light is on and burning bright.

Let’s look at the facts. First of all, the new, and improved Clausen doesn’t go running scared every time there is a blitz. I’m sure all of you have your own personal favorite Jimmy-evading runs and I’ve included the highlights of the ball moment from last season. There were enough for each of us.

But this season, he has a newfound mobility that has been a huge help to the offense. This season, Clausen has lost 55 yards on the ground — all of which are accounted for in the sack yards given up. Last season? He and Evan Sharpley (with whom he split time for most of the season) ran for 447 yards, only 415 of which were from sacks.

While Clausen is by no means the next dual-threat quarterback, he is still making better decisions than his predecessors.

“He’s shown an ability to shuffle in the pocket and get out of trouble and not throw the ball and throw the ball away when he’s supposed to throw the ball away,” Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

These changes are what make Clausen a quarterback and not just a thrower. He is now making split-second decisions during the game — with great results.

Clausen 2008 also gets to run the show offensively. Last season, as part of Weis’ plan for wearing his freshman quarterback into the college game, fifth-year senior center John Sullivan helped run the play-to-play aspects of the offense, such as finding the Mike (or middle) linebacker on a blitz.

But Weis said that, starting after last season ended, Clausen started to develop this necessary skill.

“He just knows that that’s something he should be doing. That’s what the really good quarterbacks do. They control the front as well as the coverage,” Weis said.

But so far this season, Clausen’s development is the real reason that we are graced with a new Clausen this season: increased responsibility and increased confidence.

Last season, Clausen was the leader of the team, and he’s gotten a lot of credit for it. This season, Clausen is playing with confidence. He’s playing with poise.

This is not to say that there were no problems last year. The defense wasn’t quite as good as it was in 2006. But that’s the result of this change is that we are graced with a new Clausen this season: increased responsibility and increased confidence.

Last season, Clausen failed to play well in part because the team was playing with a limit on the field. The line couldn’t protect him, the running backs strained to gain yardage, and the freshman receivers struggled to adapt to the college game.

Weis said he had to put less into the offense for his young players, which in part led to the team’s woes.

“And what’s happened is as we’ve gotten better across the board, it isn’t just at the quarterback position. It’s allowed us to do more and more with everybody. So he’s grown leaps and bounds, but he’s gotten a lot of help,” Weis said.

But part of this growing process was the serious development that Clausen and the other young players went through last season before they could be ready to excel this season.

“There’s not a chance in the world that we’d be 4-1 if he wouldn’t have played last year,” Weis said. “There was a whole bunch of other guys that you would have liked to not play, but I’m glad they did because those guys right now are helping us.”

Clausen’s freshman experiences — and struggles — are the best thing that could have happened for him and the team’s development.

“Now he’s not just the California freshman at quarterback. Now he’s a leader on the offense,” Weis said of his quarterback’s development.

Last season, Clausen learned how to lose. Now he can finally win.

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Fatherly advice

When Chris Stewart questioned his time at Notre Dame, his dad showed him the light

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

It was a step Chris Stewart knew he had to take, but that didn’t mean it was going to be easy.

That step was getting off the plane in South Bend following Stewart’s leave of absence in the middle of Notre Dame’s 2007 season. Stewart had taken a week off to travel home to Spring, Texas, to deal with a variety of issues, some too personal for Stewart talk about now, but one of them was leaving Notre Dame, as some of his other teammates — quarterbacks Zach Frazer and Demetrius Jones — had done and others would later do that season. But Stewart, now a starter at right guard, ultimately decided to come back to Notre Dame and that step off the plane was also a symbolic step — a sign that it was time to grow up.

“I came back optimistic,” Stewart said. “I had this period of teeter-totter — I guess I was saying, ‘Try to make the best of it.’ But I don’t want to say I was dreading coming back, but I knew I was coming back to a difficult situation and I just have to take those punches for as long as it lasts and enjoy it when the fight’s over. But getting off that plane was a really hard thing.”

Fatherly advice

Stewart came to Notre Dame and didn’t see the field at all as a freshman. That spring, the coaching staff attempted to move Stewart to the defensive line, and then in the fall, he moved back to the offensive side, but still wasn’t seeing the field as much as he would have liked.

Then, Stewart said, a number of personal issue arose in his life that were constantly on his mind and at this point last year, Stewart was going through the most difficult part of his life.

“It was a process for me switching to learning how to handle a lot of difficulties in life,” Stewart said. “I was still a teenager, 19 at the time, but growing up to understand and see the world more as an adult. You’re going to have bad times, things not going on well at home and whatnot.

“One of the things with being so far away from home is you never really go home and I’m really big on my family. It was just all kinds of things mixed into one, coming at me at one point and I had to step away for a while, learn how to go back to a situation and see it through. I think it’ll leave a big time mark on the rest of my life.”

To deal with his situation, Stewart asked Irish coach Charlie Weis for some time off, something Stewart said was hard to muster the courage to do.

“The whole situation, going home and being with family, the problems there, it was no cakewalk,” Stewart said.

“So some of my friends joked that I took a week’s vacation when they didn’t, but that was probably the most trying week of stress I ever had in my life ... I would never want to repeat it — ever.

Personal problems are usually hard enough for someone to deal with, but Stewart had all of his obligations as a student and football player piled on top.

“When you’re in season and even out of it, I don’t think people realize how very little time you have for yourself,” he said. “You have class, practice, watching film, working out. I mean, if you really think about it, you have maybe an hour, two hours tops to yourself.

When he got away from football and his father, George, tried to empathize with his son’s situation.

“One of the good things about my dad is he’ll say stuff like, ‘You have to realize where you’re at,’ and he admitted that he doesn’t understand the kind of pressure that I’m under because he’s never been in this kind of situation,” Chris Stewart said.

But while Stewart was prepared to leave Notre Dame, his father had another idea. George helped his son put his life in perspective. He told Chris that he was going to one of the most prestigious univer-

sities in the country — for free.

He said, “It’s probably a huge change for him, if he got to play foot-
ball as well, that was a bonus.

“It did say that the biggest thing for him was that if I did leave somewhere like Notre Dame, to recognize that there are very few institutions that have the same clout as Notre Dame and then have the same kind of football that Notre Dame had,” Stewart said. “He basically wanted me to be happy and go somewhere that I was going to be content and look back and say, ‘I made a great decision.’

“I was very up front about it and he thought that place was here. He had his opinion, but he said

‘Hey, you’re a grown man, you left the house. It’s your deci-
dion.’

That decision, however hard it was for Stewart to make, was to get back on the plane and fly back to South Bend — for good.

Turning a corner

Time helped heal Stewart’s problems and now he said life doesn’t seem so bad.

“Life’s not a piece of cake, it never is, but it’s way less com-
plicated — way, way less com-
plicated,” Stewart said.

“You can say some things, like not doing so well on a test or not doing so well in practice, they’re not inconsequential, but they’re such small things compared to how things could be.”

He also said Weis’ commit-
ment in the spring to becoming a more approachable figure has helped him and the rest of

the team.

“Maybe it was a little differ-
ent for him. I’m guessing, going from the pros where you have grown men, and coming back to college where you have guys transitioning into grown men,” Stewart said. “One of the things that’s changed for the better here is that the level of comfort has changed a lit-
tle bit more. I don’t want to say it was like you couldn’t talk to any-
body around here, but now — we still go to work — but it’s just fun football.”

Stewart has played a pro-
m unent role in the resurgence on Notre Dame’s offensive line this season and last week against Stanford, Stewart was out there pumping up the crowd, enjoying the atmosphere and every minute of Notre Dame’s 28-21 win over Stanford.

“[Going to Notre Dame] puts more of a spotlight on you, so if you go out and have a bad performance, people are going to see that just as much as they see you have a stellar, game-winning performance,” Stewart said. “It’s definitely more pressure, but it’s what you come here for. You come here for the ups and downs, the good and the bad and I think we’ve left the bad and are in a state of transition to the good.”

As a team, Notre Dame may be in a transition, but Chris Stewart has already left the bad behind him.

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Notre Dame

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Cameron Sexton managed to put together a victory in his first start since 2006 in place of injured starter T.J. Yates. He did throw for just 117 yards and an interception, though.

Clemson kept feeding running back Donald Brown in a losing effort, and he eventually piled up 161 yards on 33 carries. The Tar Heels run defense is average, ranked 67th nationally for giving up 144-40 yards per game.

Clausen hasn’t shown a knack for finding the open receiver, but with NFL pedigrees, it’s simply a matter of time before Notre Dame’s receivers show up.

Coaching

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Charlie Weis
head coach

North Carolina

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2008 Schedule

Aug. 30 McNeese St.—W
Sept. 11 at Rutgers—W
Sept. 20 Va. Tech.—L
Sept. 27 at Miami—W
Oct. 4 UConn—W
Oct. 11 Notre Dame
Oct. 18 at Virginia
Oct. 25 Boston College
Nov. 8 Georgia Tech
Nov. 15 at Maryland
Nov. 22 N.C. State
Nov. 29 at Duke

Tar Heels Rushing

When the Cardinals were successful last week, it was when bruising back Toby Gerhart ran straight into - and right over - the defense. Stanford averaged 4.4 yards per carry but, luckily for the Irish, had to abandon the run just two times, ranking 89th nationally with just over 120 yards per game. But Shawn Draugh ran up 199 yards in last week's blowout. Their leading rusher, Greg Little, is a converted wide receiver.

Special Teams

Brandon Walker's much publicized struggles on kick returns have not continued when he missed making the field goals continued when he missed making the tuned of five sacks, and wreaked havoc with a consistent pressure of his own. The blitzes would go a long way in keeping quiet. Notre Dame laid an egg emotionally team. Though the youning Irish are maturing on the fly, they still need to prove they can win a tough game on the road.

TAR HEELS PASSING

Both David Bruton and Kyle McCarthy had interceptions, and Pat Kuntz wreaked havoc with a pair of sacks and a pick of his own. The blizzles worked last week to the tune of five sacks, and consistent pressure would certainly help the secondary in coverage.

INTANGIBLES

This is where Tate can really change a game. He ranks third nationally in punt returns (24.83 yards per return) and all-purpose yards per game (194.6). The Tar Heels have two kickers who have combined to go 5-for-9 on field goals.

The Tar Heels jumped on previously undefeated Connecticut a week ago and are no doubt fired up to rank and playing on the national stage a game with Notre Dame provides.

In the only special teamer on either squad to be featured on ESPN's College GameDay this year, that's a testament to the dinger he pegged as a return man, look up high 40-yard kick return touchdown against the Irish in 2006.

Rosters

North Carolina Tar Heels

North Carolina vs. Notre Dame

Butch Davis
Head coach

Butch Davis
2nd season at North Carolina
career record: 8-9

Record: 4-1
AP: 22

Coaches: NR

Butch Davis

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2. David Swain LB 6-1 240 SR
3. Derick Fwat WR 6-2 205 FR
4. Tyler Caford QB 6-0 205 FR
5. John Zittel WR 6-0 210 JR
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Alison four, the Irish have talked about earning their respect. Well, they certainly haven't earned the respect of pollsters with their 4-1 start. This week is a chance to change that - on the road against an opponent ranked No. 22 in the AP poll and just missed making the Gaels in Notre Dame has the experience of one avid team game under its belt, but this team seems to be burning things quickly from its missteps.

Notre Dame is 4-0 for a win.

Final Score: Notre Dame 27 North Carolina 24

Butch Davis
Head coach

Irish experts
Crunching the numbers

2008 Season Averages Per Game

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What’s your favorite spot on campus?
I’d have to say Walsh Hall. I’ve had some great naps there.

Why did you choose No. 20?
Growing up, I was a tailback and a big Barry Sanders fan. Initially that’s why I wore it. When I switched to defense, it kind of just suited me.

Who's the loudest player on the team?
Definitely Robert Blanton. He just doesn’t stop. Whatever comes out of his mouth is some heavy stuff to him. You just feel the conviction behind his words. And a lot of times, you’ll be like what is he talking about, when is he ever going to stop? I’ve just accepted the fact that he’s just going to keep talking.

Who’s the quietest player on the team?
Mo Crum. Especially when we were freshmen. He talks more now, but when we got here when we were freshmen, a lot of people thought he was mute.

Do you have any pregame rituals?
The night before every game I wear my lucky pajamas. These pajamas that my great-grandmother sent me. She was afraid I would get too cold out here.

What’s your favorite post-game meal?
My mom’s lasagna. She takes turkey ground meat and Italian sausage and double-layers it. She makes a Cobb salad on the side with tomatoes, which is awesome. Then to finish it off is peach cobbler fresh out of the oven with two scoops of vanilla bean on top. It’s flawless.

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How would your teammates describe you in five words or less?
Calm, laid back, funny, cooler than the other side of the pillow.

What's your biggest pet peeve?
People do not lift up the toilet seat when they pee. I hate tinkles on the toilet seat. I’ve socked linemen in the chest over that. It’s just inconsiderate. It’s one arm movement that takes half a second.

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McNeil excited about playing near home

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Raeshon McNeil has looked forward to the North Carolina game since he saw it on the schedule. Little did he know it would force him into a mad scramble to find tickets for his friends and family.

"It's started a long time ago," the junior cornerback said. "We've been swapping and trying to do everything since the summertime trying to get more tickets. We're up to about 20 now. I need as many as I can get.

McNeil grew up in Cooleemee, N.C., about two hours from Chapel Hill. When the Fighting Irish face No. 22 North Carolina in Chapel Hill tomorrow, McNeil's family and friends will get a chance to see him play in person, something many haven't done since Notre Dame played the Tar Heels in South Bend in 2006.

"This will be a great opportunity," he said. "I've got a lot of family and coaches there, so it will be great.

McNeil had to compete with fellow North Carolinians Robert Blanton and Kerry Neal for tickets.

"This is really my first year getting extreme exposure to the game. I feel like I'm making strides as it goes along." - Raeshon McNeil

Irish defensive back Raeshon McNeil makes a tackle during Notre Dame's 28-21 win over Stanford on Oct. 4.

Ranked Tar Heels riding a hot streak and full of confidence

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

North Carolina is 6-1 at this point in the season and has earned the respect of everyone from Notre Dame fans to opponents alike.

"They're pretty good, pretty fast. You always will. So it will be a good challenge for us," he said.

Clausen has gone 109 passing attempts without being intercepted, which was during the second quarter of Notre Dame's 23-7 loss to Michigan State on Sept. 20. His streak will definitely be put to the test tomorrow.

According to Clausen, the key to breaking down the tough zone defense is to be patient and allow his receivers to sit down in the small holes downfield.

"There are tight windows, small windows, and you have to take what they give you," he said.

Against Connecticut, the turnovers and field position allowed North Carolina to put up 38 points despite being held to 263 total yards of offense. The Huskies picked up 10 more first downs than Notre Dame, throwing for more yards than their opponents, but could not overcome their own mistakes.

The Tar Heels started five of their drives in Husky territory, and three more on the 40-yard line or better.

In two short years, Davis has turned around the North Carolina program and has his teams winning games in any way that they can.

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