**LGBTQ Week promotes inclusion, history**

By EMMA DRISCOLL
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Monday marked the beginning of the first ever Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) History Week at Notre Dame, a localized approach to the nationwide LGBTQ History Month that campus groups describe as an effort to increase awareness and historical appreciation.

LGBTQ History Week — co-sponsored by the Gender Relations Center (GRC), Core Council, the Gender Studies Department and the History Department — will host a variety of events to further educate the Notre Dame community about LGBTQ achievements, said senior and event coordinator Casey Scott.

While Scott said she believes an understanding of LGBTQ history is important across society, she sees an "especially important" role for promoting awareness at Notre Dame.

"I think it's very obvious to anyone who goes here that homosexuality is an issue on campus," Scott said.

The week kicked off Monday night with a vigil honoring all of the deceased members of the LGBTQ community as part of the communion of saints, Scott said.

Doline rector Father Paul Doyle presided over the vigil, which was held in the Log Chapel, Scott said.

"In this way, we honor not only those who came before, but we also look forward to that day when all shall be included, rejoicing before Christ's throne," Scott said.

Today begins the LGBTQ Week's ally pledge that will run through Thursday.

Those who make the pledge will be "pledging their commitment to live in the spirit of inclusion," Scott said, including "standing up against discriminatory language and behavior against the LGBTQ community." Members of the Core Council co-sponsored by the Gender Council's (CLC) task forces.

**Washington Hall is notorious for phantom sightings**

By JOE PIARULLI
Assistant News Editor

There it sits, in the middle of campus. It looks innocent, quiet. But they say terrible things happened there. They say if you stay long enough, you might even start hearing things... seeing things.

According to a story featured in the fall of 1994, the haunted house, which has been at Notre Dame since 1882, is known for some.ForegroundColor

"We know Ben Folds was extremely popular at Notre Dame and we were confident we would sell out before Nov. 10," Lund said, "but there is no way we predicted the positive response we got with the immediate sell-out." **Exorcism practiced by Catholic priests, popularized in film**

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Mention the word "exorcism" and, immediately, gruesome scenes from "The Exorcist" come to mind. Media influence has framed the practice with vulgar imagery, using the characteristics of demonic possession as fodder for horror films.

But exorcism is a practice recognized in a wide spread of religions, including Catholicism, although priests say the exact number of exorcisms performed is unknown. "Exorcism is something that's obviously not discussed in wide circles within the life of the church," said the Rev. Thomas Maloney, an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in Washington.

**CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL**

Committees cover du Lac, applications

By KAITLYNN RILEY
News Writer

Midterms and fall break prevented the Campus Life Council's (CLC) task forces from making significant progress since their last meeting Oct. 9, committee chairs told the group Monday.

Without any new business to report, CLC task force chairs described their committees' ongoing work.

Chief executive assistant and Student Voice and Input task force chair Liz Brown said she met with Student Activities Office director Brian Coughlin last week to discuss ways to streamline the application process for students who want to serve on University committees.

Coughlin and Brown decided they could use either the Student Activities Office Web site, S4Online, or insideND to run the program.

Brown said her committee may work with the Office of Residence Life and Housing to develop a summarized version of du Lac for students — tentatively titled "du Lac for Dummies."

"[Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs D. David] Moss just e-mailed me before the meeting to let me know that [Associate Vice President for Student Affairs] Ted Kudlak was working on something similar," Brown said.

**ND, SMC offer flu shots**

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

As winter approaches, so does the onset of flu season — something Notre Dame Health Services and Saint Mary's Health and Wellness Services are prepared to combat this year.

The College and University will distribute vaccinations — Saint Mary's this week, Notre Dame next week — in hopes of protecting students from both common flu and potential pandemics.

"Pandemics go in cycles," Assistant Director of Notre Dame Health Services Patricia Brubaker said. "[Health officials] know that the cycle is due.

"We feel very confident that we are going to get our students the vaccines they need," Brubaker said. **Gipp, ghosts haunt campus lore**

By JOE PIARULLI
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**Candy cravings**

Leaves crunch underfoot, goblins and goblins run amuck in neighborhoods, jack o’ lanterns glow from front porches and mom’s chicken noodle soup simmers on the stove. There’s only one time of year that all of these things come together, and today is that— it’s Halloween.

There are two questions that you have to ask yourself on Halloween. First, what are you looking to dress up as? And the second, which is more important, are you too old to trick-or-treat?

Now, I’m going to assume that since you are reading this you are at least college-age or older, and it’s a little weird to see adults trick-or-treating unless they are standing behind a little princess or a scary monster who is knackering on doors. So unless you have found yourself a small child that you have bribed into splitting half of their candy with you in exchange for taking for trick-or-treating you’re going to have to satisfy your sweet tooth by providing your own candy.

With all the different kinds of sweets being sold (half price or less tomorrow) I’m here to provide you with a little guide so you can exactly the right candy to fulfill your cravings.

- **Candy corn** — The ever-present Halloween garnish. This tri-colored candy is perfect if you want something sweet but not fruity or chocolate.
- **Laffy Taffy** — Each flavor (banana, strawberry, grape, apple and blue raspberry, etc) of these sugar-filled candies packs their own punch. This is the best raspberry (of these sugar-filled candies)
- **Halloween peeps** — If you’re looking for something crunchy, something gummy and fruity. They’re also a low budget addition to your candy bar and can be shared with all the college-age or older, and it’s a little weird to see adults trick-or-treating unless they are standing behind a little princess or a scary monster who is knackering on doors. So unless you have found yourself a small child that you have bribed into splitting half of their candy with you in exchange for taking for trick-or-treating you’re going to have to satisfy your sweet tooth by providing your own candy.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What is your Halloween costume?

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**OFFBEAT**

Batma n helps Ga. town infested with bats

AMERICUS, Ga. — So many bats have infested this town’s historic district that the sky turns black with each sunset and the neighborhood is calling on Batman to come to the rescue.

That’s what the local bat remover goes by. George Perkins often makes public appearances in the caped crusader’s costume and drives his own Batmobile — a retro-styled Chrysler Provuler with bat emblems. Callers to his office in Buflasha, Ala., known as Bat Cave 1, or Union Springs, Ala., known as Bat Cave 2, hear the “Batman” TV show theme while on hold.

**Witch ordered to refund love spell fee**

MUNICH, Germany — A German court has ordered a witch to pay back the $1,275 on the grounds that all of these corrections are unnecessary. The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

**CORRECTIONS**

Due to a reporting error, the article entitled “Business school earns top rankings” in the Oct. 30 edition of The Observer incorrectly identified the past BusinessWeek rankings of the Mendoza College of Business. The publication ranked the college 79th in 2002 and 2003.

**LOCAL WEATHER**

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**TODAY**


**IN BRIEF**

The Notre Dame women’s basketball team will take on Lake Superior State in an exhibition game at 7 p.m. today at the Joyce Center Arena.

The Royal Drummers of Burundi will perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $30 for faculty, staff and seniors and $15 for students.

The Notre Dame men’s basketball team will take on Rockhurst at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Joyce Center Arena.

Margaret Farley, the Gilbert L. Stark Professor of Christian Ethics at Yale University, will speak on “Gender, Faith and Responses to HIV/AIDS in Africa” at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Courtroom of the Law School.

Frank Sharry, executive director of the National Immigration Forum, will speak on “Immigration and the Midterm Elections” at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Annenburg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art.

Tera Hunter of Carnegie Mellon University will speak on “Until Death or Distance Do You Part: Marriage and Slavery in the Nineteenth Century” at 11 a.m. Friday in rooms 210-214 McKenna Hall.

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

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**THE OBSERVER**

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Event deemed a success

Dads' Weekend raises funds for class, commissioner reports postponed

By LIZ HARTER
New Writer

In lieu of commissioner reports, a "Senior Dad's Weekend" recap by Class of 2007 president Kat Kindt highlighted Monday's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting.

Kindt did not know the final count of fathers who attended, but called the weekend "very successful."

The front row seats at the 2007 graduation ceremony were auctioned off for $2,500 Friday night, she said. The money will benefit the senior class' fundraising efforts.

Board members also participated in the residence hall trick-or-treating event Sunday evening.

There was a large turnout of ghouls and goblins accompanied by Saint Mary's faculty and staff in the halls, Residence Hall Association president Amy Dardinger said.

"I can't believe the amount of people who showed up," she said.

She also said she ran out of candy for the trick-or-treaters in LeMans Hall.

Commissioner reports did not occur this week because the full board was not present at the meeting. Student body president Susan Mcllduff said the reports would be presented next week.

In Other BOG News:

♦ This is Depression Awareness Week, sponsored by the sophomore board. Class of 2009 president, Francesca Johnson said. Students can pick up a yellow ribbon to support the cause outside of the Dining Hall.

♦ The Saint Mary's second annual Battle of the Bands will take place Dec. 2 to benefit the Saint Mary's Dance Marathon and Riley Hospital for Children.

♦ The senior board will sponsor the 12 Days of Christmas event once again this December. The event raises money to provide Christmas gifts for area families.

"We're going to be posting '12 signs soon to begin to raise awareness," Kindt said.

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Exorcism

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The line between someone suffering from psychosis and someone possessed by a demonic spirit is sometimes unclear, said psychology professor Patrick Utz, making it difficult to say whether exorcism could really work.

"I believe exorcism could be effective for people who believe in exorcism and find someone who shares that belief," Utz said. "However, in terms of scientific evidence, there is no well-known support of exorcism as a real event."

There are other tensions surrounding the practice of exorcism, including the idea that it relies on superstitious principles typically shunned from the Church.

"I think exorcism can be an example of how the Catholic Church has been misguided through history and that it kind of compares Christianity to superstitions that we apparently try to avoid," freshman Dan Savage said.

But it's possible, Vierling said, that aspects of the two can coexist, especially with the notion of Christ himself carrying out exorcisms as part of his performing of miracles.

Vierling believes if a person is truly possessed, exorcism will be effective.

"The ritual of the Church is based on the power of Christ, and the power of Christ is always effective."

Ronald Vierling

priest

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Brits warn about global warming

LONDON — Unchecked global warming will desolate the world economy on the scale of the world wars and the Great Depression, a British government report said Monday, as the country launched a bid to convince doubters that environmentalism and economic growth can coincide.

Britain hired former Vice President Al Gore as a special envoy to argue the case. "The climate-change crisis has no borders, and it is not political," he said. "The challenge is for all nations to join together to stop the world from heating up, while satisfying our current economic and social needs."

The U.S. newspaper circulation declines

Washington — U.S. newspaper circulation declined by 5 percent in the last six months, the Audit Bureau of Circulations said Monday, the sharpest drop in at least 20 years.

"The decline in newspaper circulation is the steepest since the Audit Bureau began tracking the figures in 1974," said Scott H. Smith, bureau president. "This is a clear sign of struggle as newspapers try to hold on to paying readers."

Pilot ignored foul weather warnings

A small plane crashed Monday in a remote area of the southwestern United States, killing five people who had been on a cross-country trip.

"The weather was shifting in a very, very short time," said Mark A. Luy, a Colorado Department of Public Safety spokesman. "The winds were mostly gone and we're getting an onshore flow that's keeping the temperature up."

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New York — Daily circulation fell 2.8 percent at U.S. newspapers in the six-month period ending in September, an industry group reported Monday, the latest sign of struggle as newspapers try to hold on to paying readers.

Sunday circulation fell 3.4 percent in the same period, according to the Newspaper Association of America's calculations of data supplied by the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

LOCAL NEWS

Cyclist trial enters closing stages

Martinsville, Ind. — Closing arguments were heard Monday in the trial of a man charged with killing an Indianapolis University student more than six years ago.

Monica Goodwin, 19, was murdered on Aug. 30, 1995, while she was riding her bicycle to a basketball game at the University of Indianapolis. The suspect was charged with murder and marijuana possession.

IRAQ

Bomb blast kills 33 in Sadr City

Baghdad — A bomb tore through a market and a marketplace, killing at least 33 people, including a female vendor, officials said.

"The blast tore up the market, and the buildings were destroyed," said Gen. Shaiku al-Sulaiti, the Iraqi military's top military official.

Meanwhile, new details emerged about a U.S. soldier who disappeared last week, sparking a massive manhunt.

A woman claiming to be his mother-in-law said Monday that the soldier had been in a Baghdad military hospital, where he had been treated for a head wound.

"We are looking for the man," said a U.S. military official. "We are not giving up."

PAKISTAN

Al-Qaeda school center leveled

Pre-dawn raid kills 80 suspected militants; locals claim victims were civilians

Associated Press

CHINAGAI — Pakistani troops backed by missile-firing helicopters on Monday struck a religious school used as an al-Qaida training center, killing 80 people in what appeared to be the country's deadliest attack against suspected militants.

The school's top Islamic political leader said American planes were used in the pre­­dawn strike against the school, known as a madrassa, and called for worldwide protests Tuesday, "claiming all those killed were innocent students and teachers."

Both Pakistan and the U.S. military officials denied any American involvement in the attack in northwestern Pakistan, less than two miles from the Afghan border.

An al-Qaida-linked mili­­tant who apparently was a primary target of the strike had left the building a half hour beforehand, a Pakistani official said.

Anchors said an overhead missile struck a building on the second floor of the madrassa, killing at least 80 people, including 50 to 60 foreigners and 30 to 40 locals. The official said an attack was expected Monday, but a Pakistani military spokesman said there was "no information available on the location or time of the strike."

"It was an American plane behind the attack and Pakistan is taking responsibility because they know there would be a civil war if the American responsibility was known," said Ahmed. In Afghanistan, U.S. mil­itary spokesman Maj. Matt Hackathorn denied the U.S. was involved in the strike.

"It was completely done by the Pakistani military," he told the AP.

Strikes by Pakistani forces Monday destroyed a house in Chingal village near the tribal area along the Afghan border.

Associated Press

BEAUMONT, Calif. — The Santa Ana Winds propelling a wildfire that killed four firefighters had all but disappeared Monday morning, leaving officials confident a "red flag" blaze would be soon be fully contained.

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Folds

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students wondering why the event was not held in a larger campus venue, such as the Joyce Center.
Budgetary constraints, Land said, will not allow the project to be able to cover the significant cost increase of relocating the center to the Joyce Center this year. With Stepan as the best possible option, SUB has worked with Notre Dame Security and Campus Safety Management to increase capacity from 1,500 to 1,800, Land said. The success of last year's Stepantastic concert, including a popular student president, said, and reports

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At a Bill Walsh and the Office of Residence Life event on Monday, students were interested in learning about the changes taking place at the center. "We're trying to update all vending machines so they take Domer Dollars," Smith said. The committee is also exploring ways to let students use Domer Dollars at various off-campus locations.
Student body vice president Bill Andrlik said he canceled the safety task force's meeting last week but said the committee will continue to focus on problems surrounding dorm "dis-orien-
tations."
Hall President Council co- chair Katie Cordelli said she complained of a number of problems with the Student Safety Ad Hoc task force meeting last Monday. After talking to Orange team staff members, she said she has decided that an advisory council will be set up to recommend improvements to those concerns, and to send written letters to Student Safety Board addressing this topic.
Notes:
- Student body president Lisa Shappell stressed the need to pass a resolution that would point out problems with and recom ment improvements to new cable, wireless and cellular technology in residence halls. This issue, Shappell said, should be dealt with outside the CLC.

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that it is a great venue for a pianist-vocalist such as Ben Folds.

What most students will not see is the hard work behind the scenes, said Land.
"We are grateful to concert coordinator Joe Melrose and Matt Larre who have worked incredibly hard to make this concert possible," said 2007-08 president Patrick Vassel, who also thanked the staff of Student Life/Office of Residence Life for keeping the ticket line moving last Thursday.
Approximately 80 SUB members will join the crew at Stepan Center, including food service workers, trucks, set up equipment, prepare the artists' green room and assist the professional technical staff.
Folds has made significant efforts to bring an artist of this caliber to Notre Dame and this is another big step forward," Vassel said. "We are very excited to offer students low cost tickets at $15 and [are] happy with the positive response."

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Ghost

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Performing Arts Center two years ago.

The ghost stories began in 1920, according to security guard and student, Vitek Montenegro, who said he has had "Ghost Stories with Terrific Results." The story begins with the Weinberg Report stating "The Story of Washington Hall: 1862- 2004." "Around Christmas of 1920, people began to report ghosts on Washington Hall's ceiling and died, though the building was not under construction at that time," Land said. "It is a spook that has been around for a very long time, but it is not a particularly scary story and the story is lacking."

Another story that, though well documented, may very well have had natural explanations."The story of when the Alma Mater and went on to the 4th Floor of Washington Hall andContracted the Conduct Awareness machines so they take Domer from 12 p.m. to 3 in Lafayette and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in North and South Dining Halls, Scott said. A screening of the film "Out of the Past" will be shown at 8 p.m. Wednesday night in the Carey Auditorium of Hesburgh Library.

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Flu

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through the creation of a Pandemic Task Force.

Committee Chairperson and Executive Assistant to the President, Susan DeCleene said the committee was created this summer under guidelines set by the American College Health Association (ACHA) to develop a plan that would direct the College through a pandemic or similar health crisis.

Brubaker said during the fall, Notre Dame developed a similar plan shortly after Sept. 11, and both schools developed the plan in concert.

"The avian flu is not a possible threat yet for human-to-human transfer," she said, but noted that "it's just as important as any other vaccine" for students to get vaccinated.

DeCleene said there is a lower possibility that avian flu will become an issue for vaccinations, and although it is possible, if students get a shot, there is "no panic to get the vaccine."

DeCleene said that the vaccine is especially important for high-risk people, including "any group of people or our community with ongoing, chronic illnesses, especially asthma," DeCleene said.

"Any person living in a household with a person who is immunocompromised...should also be vaccinated," Brubaker said.

The College began to offer the flu shot for $15 on Oct. 27 and will continue to offer shots to students from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Health and Wellness Center through Nov. 3.

Compliance with students at Saint Mary's received vaccinations on Oct. 27, DeCleene said, and 127 to 150 students to be vaccinated by Nov. 3. After Friday, the remaining vaccinations of the 250 shots that were ordered will be distributed to Saint Mary's staff.

Brubaker said Notre Dame Health Service's advice to those with underlying conditions and expecting to use the flu shots this year is to seek the three-day distribution on Nov. 7, 8 and 9 at University Housing, and is available to medical and staff. The time of vaccine distribution has yet to be determined.

Vaccinations will first be offered to "the most high risk" health situations, Brubaker said, followed by all eligible people.

"We're thinking of the future needs of our students," Notre Dame students, staff, families, retirees and spouses of retirees.

While both schools urge the public to "Hug the Flue" and get vaccinated, the immunization does not guarantee prevention. "The best thing you can do is not only protect yourself from three or four strains of that year's flu, but also to decrease the percent effective in preventing those strains," Brubaker said.

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Budget cuts a factor in BP explosion

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Internal documents show that budget cuts and a lack of leadership contributed to significant safety problems at BP PLC’s Texas City refinery, the site of last year’s deadly explosion, federal investigators said Monday.

In preliminary findings, the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board said management knew about maintenance, spending and infrastructure problems well before March 2005, when a blast that killed 15 people and injured more than 170.

CSB Chairman Carolyn Merritt said BP did respond before the explosion with a variety of measures aimed at improving safety. "However, the focus of many of these initiatives was on improving procedural compliance and reducing occupational injury rates, while catastrophic safety risks remained," she said. "Unsafe and antiquated equipment designs were left in place and unacceptable deficiencies in preventive maintenance were tolerated."

BP officials said they were surprised by the CSB’s latest findings in its ongoing investigation. "We don’t understand the basis for some of the comments made by the CSB," BP spokesman Neil Chapman said. "We will await the final written report and hope it will include documentation explaining the basis of their statement."

Chapman said BP would not specifically comment on what concerns the company has with the CSB’s latest findings. The CSB won’t issue a final report until March at the earliest.

"We accept responsibility for the explosion and we regret the suffering it has caused," he said. "Those problems were many years in the making. We were working to address those problems prior to the incident."

Last December, BP’s internal report blamed the blast on failures by management at the refinery, saying it didn’t make safety a priority, tolerated risks and failed to communicate.
Implications of Plan B availability

The Food and Drug Administration's approval of over-the-counter sale of the morning-after pill deserves more attention than it received. In August, the FDA approved over-the-counter sales of Plan B, the morning-after pill (Abusol). Its prescription, by pharmacists including pharmacy departments in Wal-Mart and similar stores, to men and women who can prove that they are over 18. Some states had already allowed such sales through procedures such as "open prescriptions" given by physicians to pharmacists.

Plan B is a higher dose of the birth control pill which can be sold only by prescription. Plan B is marketed as an "emergency contraceptive," but that is a misnomer. Like most oral "contraceptives," Plan B operates in three ways: it prevents ovulation; it prevents fertilization, the union of the sperm and the ovum; or, if fertilization occurs, it alters the lining of the womb so as to prevent the embryo (i.e., the new human being) from implanting in the womb. Implantation, five to seven days after fertilization, is necessary for the embryo to draw nourishment and survive. That embryo is a human being. Beyond any rational doubt, the life of each human being begins at fertilization. When Louise Brown, the world's first "test-tube baby," was born in 1978, the whole world knew that this cultural and legal verdict that the intentional infliction of death (e.g., abortion) is not a crime. That embryo is a human being. Beyond any rational doubt, the life of each human being begins at fertilization. When Louise Brown, the world's first "test-tube baby," was born in 1978, the whole world knew that this cultural and legal verdict that the intentional infliction of death (e.g., abortion) is not a crime. That embryo is a human being.

Plan B, incidentally, is not free from its own complications. The package insert notes the following possible reactions: nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, tiredness, diarrhea, dizziness, heart pain, headache and menstrual changes. If one has a personal problem, please contact his or her physician for advice. If one has a personal problem, please contact his or her physician for advice.

The over-the-counter sale of Plan B is an important cultural indicator. The over-the-counter approval of Plan B reflects the decadence of a culture in which the intentional infliction of death upon the innocent as an optional problem-solving technique. Legalized surgical abortion, of course, provides the primary example. Another is the acceptance of the killing of some kinds of patients by starvation or excessive sedation, when the family and caregivers agree that the patient would want, or perhaps ought to want, to depart. The Schiavo case moved this allowance of homicide to a new and compulsory level — Judge George Greer ordered, rather than merely authorized, Michael Schiavo to remove all "nutritional and hydration" from his wife, Terri. Ideas have consequences. The Columbia High School massacre in 1999 was the first of many comparable incidents. If one has a personal problem, homicide is now on the table as a culturally acceptable solution.

The over-the-counter sale of Plan B brings us down to a new level. You can buy an instrument of homicide, such as a knife or a hammer, in any hardware store. But Plan B is different. To use Plan B, like a hammer, according to the manufacturer's directions, necessarily involves a conditionally homicidal intent. The intent is to "prevent pregnancy," including by homicide if the life of the child has already begun. The message is that innocent life is so cheap that its termination can be included in your shopping list, over-the-counter. We can predict the expansion of providers beyond pharmacies to convenience stores, gas stations, mail order, etc. And we can hardly expect that this cultural and legal verdict that innocent life is so cheap will be confined to the unborn.

As Mother Teresa said at the 1994 National Prayer Breakfast, "If we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?" Especially if the potential mother can buy the murder weapon over-the-counter at CVS or Wal-Mart.

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A call for equality in higher education

Elitism, and the many flavors of discrimination, surprisingly, has long been a fixture of American higher education, beginning at the moment when one state of mind took it for the form of the inequality of men over women, or Catholics over racial and ethnic minorities, or Christians over non-Christians. Today, although sometimes masked by refurbishments of these past forms, the discrimination found within higher education is most often expressed by the elitism of wealth especially at Notre Dame and other upper-echelon schools, by intellectual elitism and by the elitism of youth.

All of these forms of bias are reprehensible under scrutiny. However, it is the last of these — the elitism of youth — that I wish to specifically address, because all of these forms of discrimination, it is the most commonly ignored and quite possibly the most preventable. In order to get a handle on the nature of the elitism of youth, consider the connotations implicitly in the phrase "college-aged." Typically the term is used to refer to very young men and women between the ages of 18 and 22 inclusive, whether they actually attend college as undergraduates or not. In reality, however, there is no such thing as a college-aged population, because there is no hard upper bound on the age at which a person can (or should) begin to attend college, nor is there an age at which he or she can complete it (and, for that matter, there is no hard lower bound). Even if one were to attempt to establish the usage as a statistical average using attendance figures, the range would need to be stretched considerably to accommodate the mean. In fact, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education, those outside of the classic range now constitute the majority of all students.

To use the terminology "college-aged" is to employ an increasingly invalid stereotype. Yet the usage remains, and this outdated and narrow understanding of what constituted a college population is still the basis for many of the strategic and academic decisions made on campuses across the nation. As a result, many of the country's top schools, including Notre Dame, still cater predominantly to this single population to the near exclusion of all others.

This is ironic, because the so-called nontraditional student (as members of this population are rather crudely labeled) is a much more iconic embodiment of the "American dream" and the egalitarian principles of the Enlightenment than the stereotypical college student. Nontraditional students must rise to meet and surpass far more forms of adversity than their younger counterparts. Many hold full-time jobs during their college attendance, and very few have parents willing (or able) to share this burden with them. Many are married or have children of their own. All can look forward to reduced opportunities for federal student aid and campus-based scholarships.

All nontraditional students deserve the education they are seeking, and all deserve better treatment as they seek them. America's best universities are not well equipped to assist nontraditional students with their burdens, and even less equipped to incorporate their unique contributions into the social and cultural fabric of their residentially-oriented campuses. Yet if more schools accepted nontraditional students as a desirable component of their cultural landscapes, they would find that once this most difficult barrier has been crossed, accommodating the needs of nontraditional students is neither very complex nor prohibitively expensive in proportion to the social benefits.

Above all, nontraditional students need flexibility. Much of this can be accommodated through careful scheduling and by offering courses during the evening and over the weekend. Flexibility can also be incorporated into a campus' layout by giving preference to family and apartment-styled dwellings, both in the surrounding community and on campus, by providing public transportation to and from the local community and by locating free and low-cost child care facilities throughout the grounds.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poverty initiative starts here

This is in response to the three-part series of Observer guest columns on global health and poverty (Oct. 23, 24, 25).

As Notre Dame students, we have the ability to do our part to fight global poverty. Earlier this year, the student senate passed a resolution requesting the exclusive use of Fair Trade coffee in on-campus venues. What this means is that in the future (with the support of the administration) Notre Dame will be contributing to the well-being of coffee farmers living in extreme poverty. The resolution passed Monday (Oct. 30) can provide an extremely valuable resource for nontraditional students. Universities need to make certain that nontraditional students feel just as wanted on their campuses as their traditional counterparts. They need to make certain there are many opportunities for meaningful interaction between both student populations and between nontraditional students and faculty members. The potential benefits of this integration are significant, and there is no justifiable reason for excluding valuable members of a campus community — explicitly or in practice — simply because of age, employment or family needs.

Nontraditional students are increasingly exploring alternative forms of education. Some schools offer inverted majors, where an individual can enroll with proven background experience in a field (say computer science) which the university certifies and complements by providing a liberal arts foundation. Other schools are increasingly exploring and refining online and distance learning courses, which if carefully executed can provide an extremely valuable resource for nontraditional students.

The people who work all day growing the coffee that we drink five in such extreme poverty that they cannot afford to provide their families with basic needs like food, clothing, shelter and education that we take for granted. Fair Trade helps to alleviate these problems by paying these workers enough money to survive.

The movement to sell Fair Trade coffee exclusively on campus moved to sell Fair Trade coffee exclusively on campus. This move to sell Fair Trade coffee exclusively on campus has already been accomplished by other major universities and has the support of the Catholic Relief Services organization. As the most prominent of all Catholic universities, Notre Dame should make the moral decision to embrace this movement.

The first step was receiving the support of student government. What we need now is to educate the student body. The more the student body learns about and embraces Fair Trade, the more leverage that student government and Amnesty International have in convincing the administration to act.

To find out how you can help support this campaign email Amnesty International at AMNESTY-ND@listserv.nd.edu or contact either Chris Morrissey at cmorrissey1@nd.edu, or Gary Nijak at gnnj@nd.edu.

William Sanchez
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Kroc Hall
Oct. 30

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The Browning Cinema is one of the most advanced theaters in Indiana. It screens mostly art and foreign films, rather than more popular Hollywood releases.

The opening of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center two years ago marked one of the most significant additions to Notre Dame's campus. Brand new mainstages and black-box theaters, a beautiful concert hall, an ornate organ room and a state of the art cinema brought new spaces for performance and academic ventures. Money was poured into the construction, and from the THX certification on the cinema to the organ made in Germany, it would seem no expense was spared in the multi-million dollar building.

But, how many students really make use of the performances that would never come to South Bend, Ind. if it were not for the DPAC? Are the acts brought in of any interest to students here? If not, should they be?

These questions are very pertinent to the success of the DPAC, the betterment of Notre Dame's students and the continued focus on the arts here within the Notre Dame and South Bend communities. Should the DPAC be doing more to find shows that cater to the needs of the students, or should it focus more on being a premier arts venue in the northern Indiana/Chicago area?

From looking at the performers and groups that are being brought in, it would seem the focus is more on the DPAC being a premier arts venue than a place for acts recognizable to the student body. Now, I am not calling for the Rolling Stones to play in the DPAC — the building was obviously not built for performances of that style.

However, when the number of South Bend residents in any audience outnumbers the number of students even with the huge break in ticket price students receive, a problematic situation arises. Some students say it is too far away, others maintain tickets are too expensive, to where they would argue the acts don't receive enough press when they come in and are not recognizable enough to students to justify paying the price.

With the student-run production "The Show" rolls around each fall, there is a noticeable buzz within the student body over who is going to be playing. The acts that do get picked are usually bands or performers well known to most college students. Guster, the Black Eyed Peas and Jason Mraz, to name a few past performers, are bands students are willing to fork over money to go see. Most students aren't going to shell out $15 to see Mark O'Connor's Fiddle Celebration. This is not to say he and the others playing with him are not talented — I am sure they are, or else they wouldn't be at the DPAC. What I am saying is that O'Connor is not a name students have heard of, or if they have, it is a small number of students and does not represent a dependable, consistent audience for the DPAC. The University is spending money to bring in acts that are not drawing consistent student audiences. This is a definite problem.

Now, not everything the DPAC brings to campus is in this vein. Whenever master Irish musicians The Chieftains come to Notre Dame, tickets sell out very quickly from the student body and the public alike.

The Browning Cinema has also instituted the PAC Classic 100, which is a series of 100 films that a committee of professors and DPAC personnel decided to show. They are in the original 35mm format, but more importantly, they are movies people have heard of. Students can pay just $3 to see popular and important films like "The Grapes of Wrath" and "Citizen Kane." Recognizable films presented to students in their original format at a very reasonable price is something great.

However, the Browning still brings in movies that cater to a more art house/film nerd crowd such as "The Philadelphia Story" and "An American in Paris." The cinema shows foreign and experimental films few have heard of. As such, the DPAC should also be able to bring in niche performers who play a rare, largely unknown instrument. There are more than enough days in a year to allow for this type of scheduling.

However, it must be remembered that the DPAC is a regularly operating business. Acts that put bodies in the seats should be the priority, and from where many students are sitting, that does not seem to be the case. It is a sad day when students decide not to see amazing performances by amazing performers in an amazing building.

Should this be the case? Not at all. This column is not about bashing the acts the DPAC brings in. This column is about questioning the decisions the DPAC has made in its programming. When local talent is able to bring in bands students enjoy (many times for free) and SUB can sell out the Stepan Center by bringing in Ben Folds, the question must be asked why the DPAC can't do the same thing.

The DPAC is a Notre Dame building built with funds from Notre Dame alumni and designed to house a department within the Notre Dame academic community (the Films, Television and Theatre Department). Departmental performances from the FTT, Music and other departments are often performed in the DPAC.

More focus on academics is needed. The basement contains classrooms, a rehearsal hall, editing studios, a costume shop and recording studios all constructed with student use in mind. Granted, the building was not built to be a music and acting conservatory. However, the general feeling of disassociation from the DPAC by the general student body is an issue that needs to be addressed. Perhaps the administration and the executive side of the DPAC believe the building should focus more on the region and garner prestige for the University in the wider community. But in the process, Notre Dame has seemingly ignored what its students want — or at least placed that factor on a lower rung of importance.

In order to make the DPAC the vibrant building it deserves to be, programming focused more on student wants and needs has to be placed on the agenda and performed for all to see. Otherwise, the DPAC will languish on the far end of the campus as a tribute to great hopes and aspirations, but nothing more. Don't kick out South Bend, but let's bring Notre Dame back in.

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Acting, story shine beneath NBC's 'Lights'

By CHRIS HINE

"Friday Night Lights" is not really about the game of football, and that's a good thing.

Adapted from the bestselling book and 2004 movie of the same name, the primary focus of the NBC drama is how football affects the team and the lives of the townspeople of Dillon, Texas.

Dillon is a small town where Monday is known as "four days from Friday," when the beloved Panthers will take the field in pursuit of another state championship.

Head coach Eric Taylor (Kyle Chandler, "King Kong") is in his first year as coach trying to produce a winning squad under enormous expectations from the town. Things get complicated when Notre Dame-bound quarterback Jason Street (Scott Porter) is paralyzed in the season opener. Taylor must turn to little-used backup Matt Saracen (Zach Gilford) to save the season and, in turn, protect his own coaching job from the highly critical town.

The show also follows fullback Tim Riggins (Taylor Kitsch) as he struggles to deal with his best friend's paralysis and the romantic feelings he has for Street's girlfriend, Lyla Garrity (Minka Kelly).

The third central thread of the show involves the everyday life of Saracen, who has to take care of his sister, the mother while his father spends a tour of duty in Iraq. On top of all that, he must deal with the pressure that comes along with suddenly being the starting quarterback for the storied Panthers.

Executive producer, director and writer Peter Berg, who also produced the film version of "Friday Night Lights," spends each episode developing the characters instead of focusing on the X's and O's of football with spectacular results. Berg has shown the cultural impact of football on small-town America. In towns like Dillon, football is not just something to do on Friday nights - it's the only thing the town has going for it. Everything closes down when the Panthers take the field, and everyone from politicians to small children lives for Dillon football.

Berg's documentary style of filming each episode adds to the authenticity of being in the moment with the team and experiencing its ups and downs without being invasive. He uses many different camera placements and angles to film the games, giving them big screen treatment on the small screen. Aside from a few editing errors, the footage keeps the drama of the episodes palpable.

What makes "Friday Night Lights" so great is what lies underneath the characters. None of them is a caricature or stereotype, and Berg infuses each with authentic emotional angst and touching storylines.

Chandler does an excellent job portraying the self-doubt that comes along with being the head coach of a heavily scrutinized football team. There is irony in most everything he says to the team. For every pep talk he gives to the team, every motivational technique he employs, there is an underlying sense that he does not believe what he is saying, that in trying to convince his team they can go out and win, he is also trying to convince himself that he is capable of leading them to victory.

TV veteran Connie Britton ("Spin City") adds a touch of humor and depth in her performance as Coach Taylor's wife Tami. On one hand, Tami wants badly to help her husband in preparing for the games, but she also knows that the last thing her husband needs is someone else telling him what to do. Britton does an excellent job balancing Tami's personal struggle with being the coach's wife while also being the support system and strong figure her husband needs her to be.

Lastly, Porter's performance as the paralyzed Street is understated and nuanced. This is an accomplishment given that his storyline holds the temptation for others to overreact in search of the audience's sympathy.

But it is Gilford's heartbreaking portrayal of the backup quarterback Saracen that steals the show. Whether making sure that his grandmother takes her pills or trying to ask Coach Taylor's daughter on a date, Gilford lends Saracen a genuine innocence with just the expressions on his face. A scene with Coach Chandler in the second episode ranks with some of the best television scenes in recent television dramas.

Taylor brings Saracen to the field late one night and tells him the quarterback job is his for the taking. In this scene, neither coach nor player are truly in faith in their own abilities, and it is here that both realize the only way they will be able to perform is to rely on each other. It is one of those magical scenes, comparable to Tony's daughter finding out that her father is a mobster by seeing the blood on his shoes in "The Sopranos," or President Bartlet questioning God over the death of Mrs. Landingham in "The West Wing," where a well-written script and great acting combine to create a moment that transcends words.

The weakest part of the show is the melodramatic love story between Tim and Lyla. In spite of the cliché nature of the relationship, Kitsch and Kelly give strong performances that cover for the tripe and stereotypes. The audience may get a little too invested in the couple, but can usually keep the audience's sympathy with the characters despite the fact that they are betraying their best friend.

Episodic television gives Berg the time span he needs to develop characters, weave multiple storylines together, and give an in-depth portrayal and analysis of the team and players. Every minute each week can allow a series like "Lights" to develop a sophisticated social analysis to study human motives and the psychological impact of winning that a two-hour movie can not.

Berg can give us insight into the universal desire for people to win. The series can give us insight into our inner soul and what compels people to win at all costs, whether in football, business or love. The only question is, how long can "Friday Night Lights" remain on the air?

"Friday Night Lights" is currently suffering from low ratings, but NBC has shown faith in the series by ordering 13 more episodes. The hopes it can find an audience. Hopefully, it will, because with its strong acting and excellent character writing, "Lights" has the potential to become one of the best dramas of all time.

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NHL

Forsberg's two goals lead Flyers past Chicago

Maple Leafs use power play, two goals from Darcy Tucker, to hand Atlanta its second regulation loss of the season

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Robert Esche stayed prepared while

and the Philadelphia Flyers got

off to a rocky start this season.

Peter Forsberg scored twice,

including a spectacular goal in the third period, and Esche

recorded his 100th
career

shoutout in the Flyers' 3-0 victory

over the Chicago Blackhawks on Monday night.

"I think my practices the last

week have been some of my

best practices that I've had all

season," said Esche, who was

making his third start of the season.

Esche stopped 26 shots in his

first win. He was especially

sharp in the second period

when he made 15 saves and helped kill three Chicago power

plays.

It was only the third win in 11
games for the Flyers (3-7-1), off to one of their poorest starts in franchise

history. The Blackhaws have dropped five straight after winning three of

four.

Esche was aided by defense-

man Denis Gauthier, who made

a diving stop of a shot by for-

mer Flyer Patrick Sharp in the

first period.

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Esche said. "They played great.

Our team was magnificent," he

said. "But there's no excuse.

Those first period power

plays were the difference. We

didn't claw our way back.

Ducks 6, Blues 5, SO

The Anaheim Ducks are off to a fast start even though

Teemu Selanne and his line-

mates haven't burst out yet.

If they do, watch out.

Selanne and Ryan Getzlaf

scored in the shootout to lift

Anaheim to a wild victory over

the St. Louis Blues after the

Ducks squandered a two-goal

lead late in regulation Monday

night.

Selanne, who led the Ducks

with 40 goals and 90 points

last season, has just one goal

and seven assists so far for the

Ducks (9-8-3).

"We need the depth obvious-

ly Selanne said. "Our line has

certainly stepped up. Our team

is winning and that's what

matters.

Jean-Sebastien Giguere

made one save in the tiebreak-

er and watched St. Louis' other

goal attempt go wide as the Ducks

shut out idle Buffalo with an NHL-

high 21 points.

Christian Backman nearly

won it for the Ducks in overtime,

but his shot with just over 5

seconds left hit the right post

behind Giguere. Backman gave

St. Louis a 1-0 lead just 31

seconds into the game with his

first goal of the season.

St. Louis erased a pair of two-goal deficits to earn a point in the

standings.

"We feel good about being

eable to come back, but when

it comes down to it, we want two

points," Backman said. "We

don't want to be losing. It's not

dangerous to be playing.

Anaheim defenceman Scott

Niederlander snapped a tie with a 5-on-3 power-play goal

at 2:51 of the third period and

Dustin Penner pushed the

Ducks' lead to 5-3 with another

man-advantage goal 43 sec-

onds later.

The Blues then set up for their

second comeback.

Keith Tkachuk netted his

first of the season on a power

play at 5:10 remaining in the

third period, and Radek Dvorak got St. Louis even at

18:56.

Officials reviewed that goal

for several moments to see if

Dvorak struck the puck with a

high stick. But he was credited

with his fourth of the season.

The five goals marks a sea-

son-high allowed by Giguere,

who entered with a 1.83 goals

against average.
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Tom Brady beat Minnesota's relentless rushing defense by simply throwing over it, over and over again.

Brad Johnson? He was no match for New England's unflappable quarterback, making a handful of uncharacteristic mistakes.

Brady passed for 372 yards and threw touchdowns to four different receivers, quieting another loud crowd and leading the Patriots past the Vikings 31-7 Monday night.

"We were playing a great defense on the road, and the plan was to come out and put the ball in the air a little bit," said a grinning Brady. "The receivers made a lot of great plays, and it was a lot of fun, needless to say."

Johnson, intercepted three times, was 20-of-33 for 185 yards. Minnesota's only score was a 71-yard punt return by Mewelde Moore, but New England rookie Laurence Maroney — playing in the stadium where he became a college star — answered with that 74-yard kickoff return.

The Patriots (6-1), who have won six straight on the road, host Indianapolis 31-7 on Sunday.

The Vikings (4-3) proved they weren't in their opponent's class just yet. Playing their first Monday night home game in five years, they were consistently outclassed and outworked.

Brady hasn't lost in 10 NFL games indoors, but he's usually pretty good wherever he plays. Save for an up-for-grabs pass up the sideline that Darren Sharper snagged for a one-handed interception as he fell down in the first quarter, Brady was brilliant.

"You come into this environment and you see the fans leaving midway through the fourth quarter," Brady said. "We played better than we've been playing."

Patriots make statement against Vikings

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PARIS — Roger Federer pulled out of the Paris Masters because of fatigue Monday, and tennis officials promised to take steps to make sure the game's elite players abide by commitments to the top tournaments.

The withdrawal by the game's No. 1 player came a day after he won the Swiss Indoors for his 11th title this year. No. 2-ranked Rafael Nadal said Sunday he would not compete in Paris because of an abdominal injury. Andy Roddick and David Nalbandian also have withdrawn.

"Roger phoned this morning to say he is suffering from a general fatigue," tournament co-director Alain Riu told ."He's scared of pushing too hard, so he'd rather not take the risk."

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Pro Bowl quarterback directly comes back, does commercials with ease

There are only so many times an athlete can make you sit up and take notice.

Most are lucky if those moments linger for a game or two. Sometimes a season. A handful sustain it over the course of a career.

A few do it so often we take those performances for granted. Perhaps Manning is that guy right now.

That's not to say he's unappreciated, or overlooked. Manning was the league's MVP in 2000, when he threw a career-high 41 touchdowns and a new career-high 5,084 yards. He led the league in completion percentage, 61.1.

But before all the attention shifts toward what's coming up, take a moment to savor some of what Manning left behind: a wrecked Denver defense that was the stingiest in the league, tailored to neutralize his favorite weapon, by trading for one corner, Champ Bailey in 2004, and using its first-round pick on another, Darren Williams in 2005. And none of it made a difference.

Manning doesn't project Brady's cool, Michael Vick's flair, Brett Favre's intangibles or even Brett Favre's intangibles. He is a different category of quarterback.

Former German coach Jürgen Klinsmann has been named one of the finalists for the head coaching job of the United States' national team.

Klinsmann, who coached Germany to the World Cup semifinals this year, last week said he had started talks with USSF president Sunil Gulati.

"Eighteen months ago or two years ago, obviously the German federation saw something very special in Jürgen," Gulati said. "He hadn't coached until then and they asked him to guide the national team. He was very successful."

Gulati said he started with an initial pool of 13. He did not identify any finalists but said the USSF had not asked for permission to speak to Russian coach Guus Hiddink or Portugal coach Luiz Felipe Scolari.

Klinsmann, a star for Germany's national team during the 1990, 1994 and 1998 World Cups, was hired in July 2004 by Germany's soccer federation, the Deutsche Fußball-Bund. It was Klinsmann's first professional coaching job.

"The DBF looked at a terrific player, a terrific personality, a great leader and said, 'This is the way we want to go,'" Gulati said. "Franz Beckenbauer when he coached the German national team, I think they have a lot of coaching experience." Klinsmann lives in suburban Los Angeles and is regarded by many as the favorite to replace Bruce Arena, who was hired as the American coach in late 1998. Arena led the U.S. to the quarterfinals in 2002, its best performance since 1990. But the Americans were eliminated from a tough first-round group this year. Klinsmann resigned as Germany's coach three days after the tournament, saying he wanted to spend time with his family, and Arena was told in July that his contract wouldn't be renewed.

"Jürgen brings a lot of very positive qualities to the possibility of coaching the national team," Gulati said. "He had also indicated a desire to take some time off and has said that he's now taken some time off and he'd be open to having a discussion."

Gulati said "track record of success" is the most important criteria and that "helping us sell the game internationally" is another factor.

Klinsmann fits both categories, and his hiring would boost the national team's level of attention. While Gulati wants the new coach to speak Spanish, he acknowledged "it may not be on the first day of the job."

All five finalists gave the USSF the go-ahead to enter the national team in next year's Copa America, South America's championship, for the first time since 1993. That tournament will be played in Venezuela from June 26-July 15, immediately following the CONCACAF Gold Cup, the championship of North and Central America and the Caribbean (June 6-24).

Because both tournaments fall in the middle of Major League Soccer's season, Gulati discussed the matter with MLS commissioner Don Garber.

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The Griffins executed McLeod's strategy perfectly. From the very first play, the point-after attempt revealed its determination by securing the line and putting good coverage on the Green Wave's receivers. While Stanford was able to force an early turnover, it could not capitalize on the opportunity and gave the ball back to the Green Wave.

Fisher then began a long, steady drive down the field led by senior quarterback Matt Sullivan, who found holes in Stanford's defensive line for big gains. With the ball on the 30-yard line, quarterback Pat Gotchek - who took over as starter after Kevin Rahib suffered a broken ankle in Fisher's last regular season game - looked downfield and connected with his receiver. Kicker Thomas Rhoades successfully converted the extra point and gave Fisher an early 7-0 lead.

The Stanford offense was eager to put some points on the board before the end of the half, and it got the perfect opportunity to do so when Fisher fumbled a punt return that the Griffins were able to recover just 20 yards from the end zone. With just five seconds left in the half, Rahib recovered his own teammate's fumble on the 3-yard line and charged into the end zone.

Because the Stanford team didn't have a kickoff, it was forced to go for two, but the Green Wave stopped the run, giving Fisher a 7-0 advantage heading into the half.

The second half was marked by strong defensive performance by both teams. Both Stanford and Fisher had to punt the ball away on every series but one. Rahib was disappointed with the outcome of the game, but he credited the Griffins with putting up a great fight.

"We knew we had to take it one game at a time," he said.

Siegfried 3, Keenan 0

After finishing regulation to a 0-0 tie, Keenan and Siegfried came down to two legs.

Keenan drove the ball to the Siegfried five on two runs by Alex Gonzalez, and when its pass sailed incomplete in the end zone, the field goal unit tried onto the field. Strong surge, coupled with a bobbled snap, enabled the Ramblers to block the kick, knocking off the No. 2 seeded Knights Sunday.

The Ramblers took possession first in the overtime period, and advanced the ball at the Keenan 10-yard line. Unable to move the ball, the Ramblers failed to try a field goal. The pressure fell on the shoulders of the emergency kicker Brandon Burkh, who was filling in for an injured Pablo Nava. Burke, boosted the 27-yarder, setting the stage for the dramatic finish.

Following the game, an elated Siegfried coach Matt Wopperer, was at a loss for words.

"It's like, "Wow," Wopperer said. "They [Keenan] were a darn good team, but our defense really held it together." Despite gaining 141 yards to the Ramblers' 70, the Knights were unable to finish drives, turning the ball deep in Siegfried territory three times, including two crucial red zone fumbles in the fourth quarter.

"Give all the credit to Siegfried," Keenan coach Matt Gibson said. "They came to play today. They out-felt us, and we just couldn't overcome the big mistakes."

Led by middle linebacker Will Jourdan, Siegfried forced three punts and a turnover on downs in addition to three fumbles.

"The defense provided the heart," Wopperer said. "They kept the game within reach."

But even the bend-but-don't-break style appeared not enough to contain the dominant Keenan offense.

Despite the constant offensive missteps, Keenan quarterback L.J. Vega - 5-for-14 for 56 yards - led his team into the red zone in the game's final minutes. Following completions of 18 and 17 yards to Jim Zeekor and Hal Munger, respectively, as well as a seemingly disasterous pass interference call on the Ramblers, Vega positioned the Knights for a game-winning field goal on the last play of the game. But the 34-yard attempt sailed wide left, leaving the window of opportunity open for Siegfried.

Despite the heartbreaking loss, Gibson remained encouraged for the prospects of next season.

"We return all but five players;" he said. "We'll be back and ready to play next year."

Wopperer expressed a sense of redemption for his team and dorm.

"We lost to Keenan two years ago in the semis, so this was a bit of payback," he said.

O'Neill 21, Carroll 8

Sending players in motion, irregular snap counts and lines of scrimmage check downs were all part of O'Neill's strategy during its 21-8 win over Carroll Sunday.

The most telling play in terms of O'Neill's execution and versatility came in the fourth quarter, during the running game to the offense.

Morrissey went ahead 7-0 and got to be in the fourth quarter. The Mob had a first-and-10 on the Vermin 21-yard line. O'Neill quarterback Chris Stroh saw the defensive alignment and took a leap down by fullback Mike Rahill, who was down for a 43-yard strike down the right sideline for Zahm's only touchdown.

That pass set up a one-yard touchdown run by running back Brian McKeever to make O'Neill's lead 21-8.

"We gained the ball up the middle, and the corners were up tight," Stroh said. "I thought our receivers could break the corners off the ball, and I saw the middle linebacker blitzing."

Stroh's pump fake worked wonders.

"We called the pump fake special," Stroh said. "We ran a hitch-and-go, and thought we could hold the corner."

The Mob's first three plays of the game set the tone for the style of play it would employ all game long. Receivers went in motion, forcing Carroll's 4-3 defense to reorganize. First play, first down, first player eight yards — seven of which were runs — resulted in a corner's mistake, a touchdown down by fullback Mike Mattingly. After an offensive penalty, the Mob, in a 1-8 attempt, had to punt the ball to the corner, where a Roland Cordero fumbled it. McKeever decided to go for two and converted on a Matrixing run.

"We've been stressing the run offense," Mob captain Pat Conley said.

The Mob varied the snap count throughout the game, a measure that many times caught the Vermin defense off guard.

Despite Klein performing well, control of the running game to the offense.

Morrissey came out firing in the second half. After forcing a three-and-out, the Rambles put together a 21-play, 65-yard drive that lasted for the rest of the game and half of the fourth quarter.

Zahm put togethe ran intercept in the last 138 flashes, leading to a touchdown run by the Rambles' 9-yard back, Carl Anderson on the fifth play of the game. The Rambles' game-winning field goal was blocked.

"They had a great line," he said.

"The big run was a result of our game plan, in the grind out," Cortez said.

Despite the strong opening, McKeever threw an interception on the next possession, setting up a 13-play drive by the Rambles. The Rambles were up 14 after the Mob went three and out.

Klein was happy with the way the Mob threw the pass.

"We'd rather have them bend and not break, than give up the big play," Klein said. "In Zahm never broke a big play."
Caitly Shepherd picked off Dunn's first pass of the drive. The effort was a continuation of the scoring chance for the Finest who scored on their drive's only play — a long Baron pass to wide receiver Annie Farrell.

The drive began as time expired in the first half, affected the morale of both teams and Chas seemed flustered by the surprising throughput of the game and appeared frustrated beginning play in the second half. Barons coach Mike Mealy ruefully shook his head. "This isn't over yet."

On the opening drive of the second half, two Chas drives ended with three-and-out situations, and three Barons' attempts to score.

This problem was magnified as the game wore on and Cavannah was unable to create any offensive opportunities. Pangborn's passing game was a key factor in the first half. Pangborn's defense continued to flex its muscles, taking away any scoring opportunities for the Finest.

For the Finest, the win means a trip to the playoffs after a decade of waiting.

"This is the farthest that we've ever gone," Farley said. "We're just a young team."

Farley coach Mike Healy pointed to the remaining games, "The win means a trip to the playoffs after a decade of waiting.

"We were able to score on a short strike to the front of the field, right on the edge of the sideline," he said.

Cavannah's defense stepped up in the second half, allowing its offense to attack for the first time all game.

Walsh's offense, which was able to move the ball effectively in the first half but failed to put points on the board, started the second half with an incomplete pass followed by an interception, giving Pasquailla West the ball deep in Wild Women territory.

Pasquailla West star quarterback Carra Davies was able to put the ball in the end zone for a touchdown. After a successful extra point, the Wild Women were able to score on a short touchdown pass.

Once the second half began, the Pasquailla West defense struck again, allowing its offense to attack for the first time all game.

Walsh's offense, which had been struggling in the first half, finally came to life. The offense moved the ball down the field and Walsh's quarterback, Katie Mooney, scored a touchdown. After a successful extra point, the Wild Women were able to score on a short touchdown pass.

On the fifth play of the ensuing Badin drive, Pasquailla West's defense intercepted Sam Ziegler's pass, putting the ball on the 40-yard line. Walsh's offense capitalized on the opportunity, scoring on a touchdown.

On the opening drive of the second half, Pasquailla West's defense used their running game to set up a touchdown. Behind four straight running plays, Walsh's quarterback, Carra Davies, scored a touchdown. Walsh's running game was effective, but the defense's shutout performance was equally important.

"Our defense played awesome," Meany said. "They really stepped up."
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52nd overall. Junior Jane Lee matched Mauu's first round total with a six-over 78 and is seven-over in her second round with three holes to play, putting her in 69th overall. Freshman Kristin Wetzel rounds out the scoring with a 14-over-par performance through 32 holes.

"Our ball striking was good, but the short game failed us. We didn't convert some easy up and down," Holt said. "The last ten days we've been up and down, but the short game failed us. We didn't convert some easy up and down, but we're fortunate enough to have the indoor facilities on campus to practice in. We didn't take advantage of our practice in there."

She emphasized the need to relax on the golf course — especially during the last several holes — in a team meeting last night.

"Sometimes the harder you try, the worse it gets. Don't make it harder than it needs to be out there," she said. "They need to have faith in their abilities."

Nakazaki, the program's all-time stroke average leader, echoed the need to finish the rounds strong.

"It's different for everyone out there," she said. "One person might be putting too much pressure on herself, and another might lose focus out there.

"But if I knew the answer to finishing well, I'd be playing a lot better."

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Irish golfer Lisa Maunu reads the green before a putt during the Lady Irish Invitational Sept. 23 at the Warren Golf Course.

Irish guard Breona Gray drives to the basket against Connecticut Feb. 19 in a 79-64 loss to the Huskies. Gray is one of two captains this year along with senior guard Tulyah Gaines.

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for the Irish. In a recent poll of Big East coaches, Notre Dame was picked to finish 11th in the 16-team league.

McGraw, however, has confidence in her squad.

"I've seen so much from last year to this year that it's amazing how much better everyone has gotten," she said. "I feel as though they kind of took it upon themselves to work on their game (and) they all came back better."

The Irish will be led this season by captains Breona Gray and Tulyah Gaines.

"Tulyah [Gaines] has become so much more vocal, [and] she's really taken charge of the team," McGraw said. "[Breona Gray is] more of a leader by example, by her work ethic, and I think she's done an excellent job as well."

Against the Lakers, McGraw will likely start a veteran lineup of Gray, Gaines, Allen, senior forward Crystal Erwin and junior center Melissa D'Amico.

The returning veterans will also be joined by a talented group of freshmen that includes Women's Basketball Coaches Association High School All-American Ashley Barlow and Indiana Miss Basketball runner-up Melissa Lechlitner.

"I've got pretty high expectations for our freshmen," McGraw said. "I expect a lot out of them because I think they're capable of doing a lot, so I would say that I really am expecting them to look comfortable a little sooner than most groups would.

Ultimately, McGraw believes today's exhibition will help the Irish determine where they stand internally.

"We want to find out about ourselves," she said. "We want to find out which groups work together (and) what kind of groups look good in certain offenses."

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Gervais Rosalinde, 38, Kathleen Cody, 52, Henry Wilcke, 60, Grace Sleek, 86.

Happy Birthday: Times are changing, and you can do the things that you weren't able to do in the past. Recognize and act upon any opportunities that come along. You will have the chance to do something on a grand scale. However, at some point you may need to go past the past and learn to listen to others and yourself if the failures you have endured. Your numbers are 9, 12, 22, 34, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can do something to improve your financial situation if you sit down and think about your spending habits and your investments. Money comes to you when you are ready for it, but it is what you do with it that will count.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can actually get a lot done. A project that has been on your mind for some time will be completed. Smooth your professionalism in everything you do to be what counts. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): If you cash in today, you will have everyone eating out of your hand. Possibilities for love are increasing, so take advantage of this by taking the stage. You will impress someone you are attracted to.***

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Let hypnosis be hypnosis. It will be a waste of time if it seems in shifty or vague. Open your heart to someone who has more in common with you. Get involved in groups of interest and start talking.**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be your usual entertaining self today, and this will put you in the spotlight. Your impressive way of dealing with others will give you the edge you need to boost your confidence.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do your best to take care of everyone's best interests today. Some matters can be resolved if you refrain from spending irresponsibly.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): So much can happen if you mingle and mix with people who are self-styled. A money deal is apparent, or at least the chance to consider changing your professional or financial direction.****

SCORPION (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What you need to know to make a decision will be made available to you. Keep an open mind, and don't let anyone back you into a corner. You can make money if you consider adjusting the way you do things.*****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be in a prime position today that will allow you to get yourself on the line and make headway. Don't exaggerate about what you can do or supply. You are better off playing down what you can offer.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take the safe route and you won't fret or be sorry. Work to the moment, not to the unpredictable future. You have too many exciting things on your docket.**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Overspending is in any way will come back and cause you grief, so exercise discipline. Love and romance can be yours if you are looked. An unusual turn of events may show you a new financial or business direction.**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do your best to take care of everyone's best interests. Your material approach may surprise everyone, but the outcome will be impressive. A love relationship will take a positive turn.*****

Birthday Baby: You are outgoing and charming yet sensitive and loyal. You have done all in your power to follow through creatively, making an impact on everyone you meet along the way.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Top three scorers absent as ND opens season

Irish face Lake Superior State tonight at 7 p.m.
By ERIC RETTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame begins its season home today with an exhibition game against Lake Superior State — and it will do so without its top three scorers from last year. The Irish lost seniors Megan Duffy and Courtney LaVere to graduation after last season. Sophomore guard Lindsay Schrader, who was second on the team in scoring last season with 10.5 points per game, suffered a season-ending knee injury in practice two weeks ago. "We've lost a really good player in all ways [in Schrader], but its an opportunity for someone to step up," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think we're equal opportunity on offense. Last year we relied on Megan, maybe a little bit too much, but now is the chance for other people to shine."

Junior guard Charel Allen is the leading returning player for the Irish after averaging 8.5 points a game off the bench last season. After a long preseason practice schedule, McGraw is looking forward to seeing the team play against someone else. "It's just a great chance to face a team that hasn't seen you play," she said. "You tend to not play when you play against your own offense, so it'll be a good change of pace for us." Lake Superior State finished 21-9 and advanced to the Div. II regional quarterfinals coming out of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference. The Lakers return three players who averaged more than 10 points a game last season, including senior forward Mandi Johnson, who led all returning players with 13.3 points per game a season ago. Coming off of an 18-12 season and without their three top scorers, many have predicted that this year will be a rebuilding one.

INTERHALL PLAYOFFS

Any given Sunday, any given dorm

By KATE DONLIN, COLIN REIMER and BILL BRINK
Sports Writers

With just minutes remaining in the game, Stanford tailback Tregg Duerson once again broke through the Fisher defensive line and burst into the end zone. Stanford tailback Andrew Fisher Sunday. Stanford used its rushing attack to defeat the Green Wave. Stanford's upset victory over No. 1 Fisher Sunday.

After a 2-2 regular season, the Griffins knew the undefeated Fisher team would be a tough matchup. Despite Fisher's dominance throughout the season, Stanford captain Brandon McLeod was confident in his team's abilities.

"If we had long drives and kept the defense fresh, our chances of beating Fisher were very high," he said.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Notre Dame trails by 13 strokes after first day of Palmetto

Irish golfer Stacy Brown puts in the Lady Irish Invitational Sept. 23. Notre Dame is 33-over-par in the Palmetto Tournament.

Nakazaki in sixth at 3-over with two to play
By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame ended day one of the Edwin Watts Palmetto Intercollegiate Tournament in sixth place after 34 holes Monday at the College of Charleston in Kiawah Island, S.C. The Irish shot a 20-over-par 308 in round one to finish in a tie for 11th, and are 13-over par so far with only a few holes left in the second round. "We're doing OK. We didn't finish well in the morning," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "Of the four scores that counted in the first round, we played the last two holes 7-over-par." Senior Noriko Nakazaki led the Irish in round one with a 1-over par 73 and is 2-over with two holes to play in round two. She is currently in sixth place overall with a total score of 3-over-par.

"It was all right out there today," Nakazaki said. "It wasn't that exciting, but I did have four birdies." Freshman Annie Brophy is currently tied for 4th tied overall. After struggling in the first round with a 10-over 82 — the highest score of the five Notre Dame participants — Brophy is one-under through 15 holes in her second round. Sophomore Lisa Maunu is third on the Irish, with an 11-over-par through 34 holes, good enough for a tie for 21st.

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Griffins quarterback Brian Salvi hands the ball off to running back Rick Loesing in Stanford's 12-7 win over top-seeded Fisher Sunday. Stanford used its rushing attack to defeat the Green Wave.

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