**High demand prompts ticket change**

Parents granted access to only one game next season

By JOE PIAULLI
Assistant News Editor

Football at Notre Dame will undergo some changes next season, but not all of them will take place on the field.

As a result of record-high ticket demand in the 2006 season, the University has made some ticketing changes, according to a Sunday press release.

Parents are now guaranteed tickets for only one game, but may apply for tickets to two football games.

Nov. 3 against Navy or Nov. 10 against Air Force.

According to the press release, "parents who apply for tickets to only one of those two games may design the games of their choice — and they will be guaranteed two tickets to that game.

Parents who apply to both games "will be guaranteed tickets to at least one of the two games, but will not be able to specify the game for which tickets will be guaranteed."

Parents would be entered into the general alumni lottery for the second game.

The parents' game for incoming students will be announced in June.

"We're making changes based on the record-setting demand from last year to make sure that we can preserve access for all of our constituency groups," said Josh Berlo, director of Ticket Operations.

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By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

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"Students have a rather long break, compared to high school years, so they have more time to serve," he said. "And the Advers season calls us to action for a more just world."

Carrie Call, director of civic and social engagement at Notre Dame, echoed Brandenberger's sentiments.

"Christmas lends itself to a general feeling of 'good will toward all' and people seem to be more cognizant of those who have greater needs during the holidays," Call said.

Sewa Plamotol, student senate social concerns committee chair, attributed an increase in volunteerism to the holidays, as well as the principles of each school.

**Teach for America draws seniors**

1-in-10 students expected to participate in service programs

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

As spring semester draws near, seniors are exploring their post-graduate options, and for many Notre Dame students, this search leads them to teaching service programs like Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) and Teach for America.

One in 10 Notre Dame graduates will enter into one or two yearlong service programs after graduation— including graduates who enter into teaching programs, according to the Center for Social Concerns.

Notre Dame founded the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) in 1985. The Alliance educates and develops students to be effective leaders and agents of change in disadvantaged communities throughout the world. The Alliance, located in San Francisco, has more than 3,000 alumni who are serving in 100 countries.

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"I highly recommend that students consider service opportunities before they graduate. Not only is it a great way to give back to others, but it provides students with a valuable educational experience," said Murti.

**USC game draws fans, band to coast**

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

After watching Notre Dame's fifth consecutive loss to USC on Saturday, students returned to campus from Thanksgiving break disappointed by the football team's final regular season performance and fans' lack of energy.

Junior Ge Wang and sophomore Thomas Mader were among the several hundred students and 75 band members who traveled to Southern California over the break.

"The trip was a lot of fun, besides the game," Wang said.

Mader said he noticed a lack of enthusiasm in the Notre Dame stadium section.

"There was a lot of energy at the start, but the combination of being on the road and being down by so much so quickly took the energy away after the first quarter," Mader said.

"Everyone sat down."

Irish coach Charlie Weis personally requested the University marching band play at the USC game because of the impact the band had at Michigan State earlier in the season. Weis' handwritten request has been hung in the band room.

Band president JohnCogill said that the band was used to playing in enemy territories: "But we expected a big USC game like last year where we could make more of a difference," Cogill said.

Students said they went to the Coliseum expecting a closer score than the 44-24 Trojan victory.

"We were outmatched," Wang said.

**Moreau named for beatification**

Holy Cross founder will be honored by Pope

By MARCELLA BERRIOS
News Writer

Earlier this year Pope Benedict XVI green lighted the beatification of the Venerable Father Basil Anthony-Marie Moreau in Le Mans, France for next year, but the healing miracle the Vatican has attributed to him was hardly the only marvel he left the Catholic community.

Father Moreau was also busy during the late 1830s and early 1840s founding the congregations of priests, brothers and sisters of Holy Cross, in the likeness of the Holy Family as well as the Maristines.

He died in 1873, but the paper work for his beatification was not filed until 1955, after the recovery of a bedridden Canadian mother suffering from complications from a premature birth was attributed to his divine intervention.

"It was an illness following childbirth that was healed so quickly it could not be explained medically," said Sister Jeanette Festig, the representative of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in the Vatican's beatification committee.

"Once the promulgation of the miracle was approved by His Holiness Pope John Paul II it could start thinking about proposing Father Moreau's beatification," Beatification signals the Catholic Church's recognition of the person's accession to the Kingdom of Heaven.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Strikethrough Saturday

The Christmas season is now officially upon us, which means one thing — lists. Present, party guests, Steve Spurier's ballot — whatever. Ultimately, they're all rash and petty. That's why you should set your sights on more important things, whose allotted duration of execution is infinitely more forgiving. Like forever. Everyone needs a list of 100 things to do before you die. Besides making you feel more anal-retentive, it also teaches you a lesson in procrastination on a whole new scale. Most importantly, on that rare occasion where you do accomplish one of your life's goals, no matter how insignificant others think it is, it just feels so good to take out that batter. Oh, I'd yearned for this for upwards of my long-oppressed childhood dreams. My scalp points the way.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THANKSGIVING DISH?

Julie McElroy
s enior
Gree n-Phillips

“Ramen noodles. Thanks, Mr. Pilgrim, thank you!”

Meghan Paladino
j unior
Pangborn

“Ramen. It’s a tradition in my mouth.”

Regina Gesicki
j unior
Lynx

“Chinese food because it’s the only one I know.”

Santiago Garces
f reshman
Stanford

“Green Bean Hot Dish.”

Shawn Finlen
j unior
Sorin

“Tofu. Because it is the way I like it, uh huh, uh huh.”

Tim Rohman
j unior
Stanford

“I don’t have taste buds.”

Sports Writer
Tim Dougherty

OFFBEAT

Jail web cam jeopardizes security

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — An East Tennessee county that has beamed live 24-hour video from its jail on the Internet for nearly six years may soon be forced to shut down the live feeds. Authorities are concerned that the footage could be reproductions of the industrial revolution was just a fad. Like John Henry, except small, white and with an injury liability form for a hammer.

Some viewers have been using the cameras to harass female jailers by calling them on the telephone and taunting them as they work, according to Anderson County sheriff's officials.

In other cases, viewers are tracking inmate movements and using the information to coordinate deliveries of contraband to prisoners on work details outside the jail.

"It shows the public what we are doing. I like that idea," said Anderson County sheriff Paul White.

Turkeys try for fast train out of New Jersey

RAMSEY, N.J. — Some wild turkeys, it appears, were trying to get out of New Jersey before Thanksgiving Day. A spokesman for the NJ Transit said train officials reported a dozen or so wild turkeys waiting on a station platform in Ramsey, about 20 miles northwest of New York City, on Wednesday afternoon. The line travels to Suffern, N.Y.

"For a moment, it looked like the turkeys were waiting for the next outbound train," said Dan Stessel, a spokesman for NJ Transit. "Clearly, they're trying to catch a train and escape their fate."

Transit workers followed the bird's movements on surveillance cameras. "I have no idea how they got there," Stessel said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press

IN BRIEF

The Gender Relations Center is sponsoring an event called "We Can Do It! Women & Leadership at ND" on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall. The program features the only three female student body presidents in the history of the University.

Pasquereilla East Hall is holding their annual Silent Auction Wednesday at 7 p.m. in LaFortune Ballroom.

Indiana State Senator John Broder, a 1987 Notre Dame graduate, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Hammes Student Lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center about his service on the Indiana Assessment Team of the American Bar Association’s Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project.

A Thai and Cambodian fundraising dinner buffet will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room at the Lord Casino in LaFortune. Heather Connell, producer of the TV show "Samantha's Voices," will discuss her work with Cambodian orphans and show clips from her upcoming film beginning at 7 p.m. A $5 donation is suggested for the dinner.

Mike Henry, actor, writer and supervising producer for the show "Famly Guy," will be speaking Thursday at 8 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu
At the end of the week, the trees will also be donated to the local families. Student Services commissioner Kelly Maas announced that "vogue" mugs will be sold Tuesday and Thursday this week outside the dining hall. Mugs will be sold for eight dollars and proceeds will benefit the Senior Board's "12 Days of Christmas" event. "After buying the mug you get free refills from the dining hall for the rest of the year," student body president Susan Mcllduff said.

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Group offers $750 in co-sponsorship grants
By LIZ HARTER
News Writer
Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) members awarded a total of $750 to two different co-sponsorships at their meeting Monday night.
The Saint Mary's Modern Language clubs were awarded $300 to assist with the costs of the Three SOPRANO VOICES recital they held Monday in the Monroe Little Theater. The recital included Spanish, French, Italian and German students at the College.
The senior seminar in the sociology department also received a $550 co-sponsorship to help with the cost of its annual trip to the North Central Sociological Association and Midwest Sociological Society joint meeting in the spring of 2007. The sociology department will send six students to the conference in Chicago titled "Social Policy, Social Ideology and Social Change."

Members also discussed upcoming events that will take place over the next two weeks, including the "12 Days of Christmas" event sponsored by the Senior Board, which raised money to help local families buy Christmas presents and decorations during the holidays.
The five Christmas trees that the BOG pledged to donate to the event were bought and will be decorated in the five residence halls this week. At the end of the week, the trees will also be donated to the local families.

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Campus Life Council
Shappell pushes for results
By KAITLYNN RILEY
News Writer
At the Campus Life Council's (CLC) last meeting before winter break Monday, student body president Lizzi Shappell told members she expected the four task forces to present resolutions to the Council in the spring as evidence of their planning this semester.

"I would like all the task forces to try to meet, if not Monday, then before the end of the year to draft a plan for next semester," Shappell said. "I hope that second semester is when we have a lot of resolutions coming out of brainstorming in the fall."

Task force chairs briefly outlined their group's current undertakings at the short meeting.

Welsh Family rector Candace Carson said her ad hoc committee has made progress correcting problems in a resolution passed in the spring of the American student population at Notre Dame.
The resolution — passed unanimously by the Student Senate Nov. 2 — failed to pass through the CLC to Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman. Carson raised the concern at the last CLC meeting that points in the resolution — calling for changes in academic areas and proposing the creation of an advisory position — fell outside the purview of the CLC.
The Council voted to defer the resolution to a committee for further discussion.

Carson said this committee hopes to meet once before winter break to work on the wording of the resolution. The committee aims to present a reworked version as the first order of new business at the CLC's meeting Jan. 22, Carson said.
The ad hoc student safety task force has not met since the last CLC meeting, said chief executive assistant Liz Brown, and she and the other task force chairs presented reports of their committees' ongoing work.

Brown, student voice and input chair, said her task force has made good progress with their initiatives since the start of the semester. After speaking with Ryan Willerton, the assistant director for facilities in the Student Activities Office, Brown decided to set up a new Notre Dame e-mail account where committee applications can be sent.

"It's going to be a relatively simple process, but it should do a lot to streamline the application process," Brown said.

Her committee should have a working draft of the tentatively titled "duale for Dummies" — a student-friendly guide to dual- regulation — before winter break starts, Brown said.

Alumni Hall senator Danny Smith said the student concerns task force's resolution regarding Donor Dollars is in its finishing stages. The resolution will be presented after break so it is not rushed and so it can first go through "all the proper channels," Smith said.

Student body vice president Bill Andrichik continued to look at dorm dispositions with the conduct awareness task force. He sent a survey out to a compiled e-mail list of every dorm's resident assistants to find out what alcohol and behavior education information is given to freshmen in each resident hall.

"I have a good amount of responses from that, some better than others as far as disclosure of more information," Andrichik said.

His committee will make a final assessment of the responses and will work toward making recommendations next semester, Andrichik said.

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Wednesday, November 29
South Dining Hall Oak Room (2nd Floor)
7-8:30 p.m.
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year will be the senior alumni game and the Nov. 17 game against Duke will be the alumni family game.

The press release stated: "Notre Dame contributing alumni who graduated 35 or more years ago receive priority status on their alumni ticket application for the designated senior alumni game."

If the demand from senior alumni exceeds supply and it is not possible to provide guaranteed ticket access for that game, "ticket sales will be allocated in descending order to most senior alumni."

In other words, older alumni will be given higher priority for tickets than younger alumni.

For the alumni family game against Duke, contributing alumni will be able to apply for up to four tickets on their lottery application.

Berio cited several reasons for growing ticket demand, and despite the graduation of many of the team's stars, he does not foresee a drop.

"Certainly it's a combination of our growing alumni population, their loyal support and the success of our wonderful program," he said. "I think that interest, demand and support for Notre Dame football will remain high."

According to Associate Athletics Director John Heisler, there are worse problems than figuring out which 80,000 bodies to put in the stands.

"The last thing you'd want to have to worry about is how to move tickets," he said. "What we're trying to do is get in a position where we're going to satisfy as many people as possible, and that's never going to be easy, but those are the kinds of problems that you like to have."

Heisler said the high demand made it clear that some changes would have to be made to the previous system.

Part of it is just trying to make as many people happy as you possibly can, in terms of having some access," he said. "In some of these cases, as with the general lottery, some access may not mean four or six tickets, it may only mean two, but that may give us, in general, the ability to satisfy more people than we have before."

More than ever, the ticketing system is based on demand, and, he said, Heisler believes that the demand remains high even after players like Irish quarterback Brady Quinn and receiver Jeff Samardzija have graduated.

"The success of our team and the excitement that has surrounded the whole program... have been a big part of that demand," he said. "Certainly this was a very attractive season and a very attractive home schedule... but as we continue to have success and more forward, you're anticipating that that's going to stay consistent, if not improve."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Britain tracks radioactive sights

LONDON — Britain on Monday began tracking radioactive hotspots in London on Monday to trace the poison that killed a former KGB agent, and three people who reported possible symptoms of contamination underwent testing.

Britain announced a formal inquest into the death of Alexander Litvinenko, but Home Secretary John Reid was not ready to rule it a murder, saying "there is no need for public alarm," Reid said in a special address to the House of Commons.

Candidate pushes radical reform

OFG, Founder — Rafael Correa, the leftist nationalist headed to victory in Ecuador's presidential race, is already planning radical reforms when he takes office in January.

That is putting him on a fast track to a dangerous confrontation with the country's opposition-controlled Congress — a body he has called a "necessity" but on which he needs to carry out his reforms.

"We receive this triumph with deep serenity and solidarity," the 43-year-old Correa, who calls himself a "personal friend" of Venezuela's anti-U.S. President Hugo Chavez, said at a news conference Sunday night.

NATIONAL NEWS

Court turns down school vouchers case

WASHINGTON, The Supreme Court re­jected Monday not to plunge into the issue of school choice, passing up a dispute over a Maine law that bars the use of public funds to send students to private religious schools.

A conservative group, the Institute for Justice, had asked the justices to take the case. The group is representing eight Maine families who would receive public tuition funds but for school choice.

Matt Lauer said on the "Today" show that he would move to New York City if New Hampshire does not vote for him.

Joanna Patchin reads Monday in front of a panel from AIDS Memorial Quilt at Pittsburgh State University in Pittsburgh, Pa. The panel was on love in honor of World AIDS Week.

ENGLAND

Small protests develop at papal visit

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan is to meet Pope Benedict XVI on Tuesday, a change of plans that appears to signal that Erdogan, who visited that has angered many Turks.

Small protests broke out in the cities of Istanbul and Ankara on Monday, but authorities said security measures were in place — who angered Muslims worldwide with comments in September on Islam and violence — will be tighter than they were for President Bush's visit in 2004.

Benedict, on his first papal visit to a predominantly Muslim country, was to arrive at the Ankara airport Tuesday around noon, where he will meet briefly with Erdogan, who waited until the day before the pope's arrival to announce that he would make time to see the pope.

News reports say some 3,000 people have been assigned to guard the pope upon his arrival in the dusty, sprawling capital of Ankara. Snipers will watch from hillsides and tall buildings, and armored vehicles and riot police will be stationed near the areas he is scheduled to visit.

Police also were taking out spots to guard the pope upon his arrival in Istanbul, where Benedict will spend most of his four days in Turkey.

On Monday, a group of around 100 demonstrators displayed what they said were a million signatures for a petition demanding that the Hagia Sophia be declared a mosque and opened to worship for Muslims.

In a speech Sunday, Benedict said he was coming to Turkey as a friend of the Turks and asked his followers to pray for him. That same day, more than 25,000 Turks protested in Istanbul, asking the pope to stay home.

The visit to Turkey will be a test of whether the pope can soothe some of the Christian-Muslim tensions that boiled over after he quoted a Byzantine emperor who characterized some of the teachings of Islam's Prophet Muhammad as "evil and inhuman."
Our aim is to bring together a large number of respected scholars representing all the main academic fields, from Catholic, non-Catholic, and secular institutions, to provide spirited discussion of the underlying causes of the intellectual epoch we have come to call modernity; of the relationship between the main theses of modernity and the Magisterium of the Church in the last century; and the impact of modernity upon work in philosophy, theology, law, literature, the arts, as well as other fields of intellectual inquiry and endeavor.

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Jean Bethke Elshtain (University of Chicago)
H. Tristram Engelhardt, Jr. (Rice University)
Paul Griffiths (University of Illinois at Chicago)
James Hitchcock (St. Louis University)
Russell Hittinger (University of Tulsa)
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Joseph Pearce (Ave Maria University)
Steven Smith (University of San Diego)

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**CDC establishes model facility**

**Nation's top public health agency attempts to get employees to walk their talk**

Associated Press

** Walnut Grove, N.C. — Backed by its fans' sponsor loyalty to drive more retail business to its ATMs and branches, Bank of America has signed a five-year deal with the nation's top public health agency to support the 40,000 employees of the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC, in their efforts to get more sedentary Americans walking.**

**Wal-Mart looks to expand in Mexico**

Associated Press

**Tim Granade, with the Centers for Disease Control HIV laboratory branch, works out on a game cycle at the CDC's new gym in Atlanta.**

Mr. Granade is an example of an employee who has purchased the new walking facility at the CDC. He reports that he has lost 70 pounds and is feeling better than ever before.

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"Through the very nature of the season, people are more concerned with the way they give, especially at a service-oriented school like our own," she said. "But with the heightened attention, however, people during the holiday season have been more compelled to help in other capacities," Plumot said. "A great example of that came just a couple weeks ago with our committee's Darfur petition signing initiative."

The Social Concerns committee encouraged its students to sign a large flag that reads "Support Darfur" to raise awareness about the ongoing genocide. The flag — with more than 1,000 signatures — was mailed to Foreign Relations committee chairman Sen. Richard Lagor (R-East). We saw many people that were not previously concerned with the progress of the global goal including those that had per­sonal connections in Darfur. It was related and those that simply said they need for action," she said.

Plumot still directly saw an increase in awareness through her own efforts in previous years. "I think this is one year that is in past with soup kitchens, food pantries and even blood banks. I hope that we can uphold the huge influx of food and service coming into these establishments during the holidays," she said.

Unfortunately, people that work at these establishments also remark on a huge decline after the holiday season is over. "While it is important to maintain the help for the rest of the year, the rest of the year must not be forgotten either," said Plumot.

Since 1970, over 7,000 Notre Dame students have participated in Urban Plunge through the Center for Social Concerns. This program involves a two-day immersion in a poverty-stricken city across the United States. The 290 students plan to partici­pate in the Urban Plunge projec­

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"I thought it would've been a closer game. It was frustrating. They showed more heart and can give us more shots," he said. "I didn't think I would've been expected to be a big game of the year." The Senior Board will be offering this new category of the competition, including publicity and buying and distributing the gifts.

Individual dorms are also gearing up for the holidays, said Caesar Kiehl, president of McNelligan Hall.

"So many people have been e-mailing and asking how they can help out with local organi­zations," he said.

McNelligan is baking for the workday at the hospital and the care center where they volun­teer twice a month.

"It's a big moment for the Christmas presents. I think everyone will get them. Christmas presents will be distributed on the first of December," he said.

In the meantime, the Holy Cross students will prepare the de­lights that will travel to Las Manas, Honduras, to celebrate the be­ficiation on the home front.

"This is a great moment for the Christmas presents. I think everyone will give them all the places where they minister, like Notre Dame," said Father Moreau's archpriest of the Holy Cross religious at Notre Dame.

"Every year, there is a gather­ing of all the Holy Cross religious in the Indiana provinces. This year, the beatification ceremonies will not be taking place in the USA, so we are having a bit of a celebration here in the USA, probably, and at the college," she said.

"I think students are invited to join us in a celebration of the beatification. The beatification is a very important moment for the Holy Cross religious, for the beatification and for the organization of a large celebra­tion in the USA, in France, and in Spain," Fettig said.

"The beatification will take place on the fourteenth of April, at Saint Mary of the Woods, the founder of Saint Mary of the Woods, to understand who he was. For the beatification, the Pope will be meeting in June, and the focus of the whole assembly will be towards the beatification of Father Moreau's beatification and the organization of a large celebration in the USA, in France, and in Spain," Fettig said.

After both sides gave their closing arguments, the jury deliberated for about two hours Monday afternoon before stopping for the day. Deliberations were to resume Tuesday morning.

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Letter to the Editor

In defense of diversity

I would like to submit a rebuttal to the Letter to the Editor by Lindsay Gilbertson that appeared on Nov. 20, entitled "Catholic Identity Now." The author's essay was, in fact, a response to a previous article submitted five days prior on the subject of attracting "diverse" to Notre Dame, authored by a Muslim student. The response's misinterpretation of the magazine's position is drastically misleading and objectively as possible. Unqualified subjective representation of the position of the editor in this instance would serve, in all likelihood, no one's best interest.

The author of the essay asserts that "true reformers...in the last century we...

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tical and secular manner -- the secular arena being the most common place of comparison between interests from varying religious and spiritual backgrounds. While there are certainly benefits to be gained through experience with differing cultures, it is not the authors' intent to make a case for "secular" use of "cultural" diversity.

The primary concern that I have for Gilbertson's argument is her claim that Notre Dame does not need religious diversity on this campus speaks volumes about the trouble facing our world today.

I've enjoyed the experience of interacting with such groups as the Muslim Student Association, 

and I believe those who share beliefs starkly different from my own Catholic background and I hope yet say "Mish," and I say you're in common. The Qu'ran and its believers are a beautiful example of religiosity and faith when you examine them with an unprejudiced mind, but they are only one example.

I pray that Gilbertson comes to realize the implications of diversity, both religious and cultural, and rethinks the claims in her article. She will begin to realize what people of other religions can teach that cannot be learned in a class room or by the figure of the material arch, among others, are not exclusive to Catholicism nor to Christianity as a whole. These values, aside from being endorsed by people devoid of religious faith, have immense secular implications. Regardless of religious and spiritual context, responsible sexuality has great secular impact on society as can be extrapolated from legislation encouraging healthy construction of family units. I fear for the non-Catholic readers of the letter I write about, that they might receive the impression that our Jesus explained that the Magi had

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In the Letter to the Editor "Combine Religion and Science to Educate," Nov. 21 Krista Larsen brought to light the issue of a declining American education system and offered as a possible remedy a return to religious devotion. While, if it is brought up, it may indeed aid the process of increasing the quality of American education, the fact stands that the education system is most impractical and unnecessary.

The simultaneous drop in religious attendance and math and science scores does not signify a direct correlation between the two. Likewise it does not lead to the conclusion that a spur in religious attendance will counteract the current downward trend. Instead of jumping to the conclusion that the care lies to a religious movement of sorts, we would be wise to consider the problem more carefully. Krista noted that Japan leads the academic race in the areas of math and science. Yet Japan's school system is, like America's, secular, and the Japanese as a whole are not considerably more devout in their faith than Americans. There, therefore, is not a lack of religion which differentiates our school system from other, more successful school systems.

I would respectfully disagree with Krista Larsen's Letter to the Editor ("Combine religion and science in education," Nov. 21). Now, more than ever, we need to encourage just the opposite. At present, religious leaders continue to profess rejection of science, evolution, rationalization, politics and the rights of private individuals. We must encourage a clear separation between science and God to understand the inherent value of education and to be motivated to become educated. A secular community can certainly foster a strong commitment to education. This is evident in secular schools and universities throughout the nation. So when considering how to improve the schools of our nation, I do not see the argument for promoting religious devotion as highly relevant. Not only does common sense readily point out that such an argument would have little credit or effect in the United States, but promoting the values necessary for a good school system need not involve religion.

The characteristics of a good education system and solutions for allowing our schools to adapt them more effectively can be determined through political debate. Likewise, while our faith may guide us in education, the intrinsic value of education can be determined without divine revelation.

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Keep religion and science separate

Science attempts to make claims about the way the world is through continuous research and timeless experimentation. We do not accept scientific beliefs without good reason. We are under no pressure to accept someone's scientific claims without a sufficient display of evidence. Yet the rules seem to change when we turn the subject to religion. Christianity reports to be the most popular of all religions in America, but promoting the value necessary for a good school system need not involve religion.

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Aronofsky's 'Fountain' thrills, confuses viewers

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

When a Christian angel in the guise of a Mayan warrior bows down before a time-traveling man who bears a striking resemblance to a Buddha, there is something heavy going on in Darren Aronofsky's latest release, "The Fountain," the director plays around with religion, what it means to die and, more importantly, with what it means to stay alive.

Starring
Hugh Jackman and Rachel Weisz, "The Fountain" tells a tale of two lovers through three time periods. The film opens with Tomas, a conquistador attempting to scale a Mayan pyramid.

He makes it to the top, encountering a man with a burning sword standing guard at a tree. The film then fast-forwards to the present day, where Tomas goes to save his wife Isabel (Izzi) from cancer.

"The Fountain" then goes on to tell the story of Thomas, a man who is traveling through space haunted and visited by specters of his past. Jackman plays all three of the male leads in each time period and Weisz does the same for Isabel/Izzi.

The story lines are all connected rather loosely. The primary concern of Aronofsky is not so much to tell a story that is easy to follow. His concern is to tell a story that deals with issues and meanings bigger than ourselves. Life, death, the possibility of rebirth and the possibility of eternal life and love are the themes that Aronofsky explores in this film through striking visuals and wonderful performances from both Jackman and Weisz.

The visuals are the strongest aspect of the film, from the jungles of South and Central America to the cosmos of the third chapter of the story. The film's "three time periods," taken from the court of the Spanish Inquisition, through jungles, to the frustration of modern relationships and even the stars, and weaves them all into a stunning array of light and sound. The narrative is not supposed to be understood coherently. What little there is in the way of a story consists of the love two people have for each other and the strength it takes to stay and say goodbye.

The film is a departure for Aronofsky, whose previous films included 1998's "Pi" and his entrance to mass respectability, 2000's "Requiem For a Dream," attempting to play around with imagery, he was one of the main users of the hip-hop montage effect, and he has maintained distinctive visual style. However, his narratives have always been realistically fantastical. "The Fountain" is not realistic, and it is almost purely a sensory experience. Understanding is not an issue, as the film is simply meant to be enjoyed and savored, rather than simply understood. "The Fountain" is why we go to theaters, sit in the dark and watch movies.

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By ERIN McGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

Movies, much like books, would do well to have coherent plots that an audience would be able to follow. While it is possible for a film to seem abstract on the surface, it is still necessary for an underlying story line to adequately tie together all of the pieces together. Unfortunately, director Darren Aronofsky seems to have missed this fact at film school, and "The Fountain" is the frustrating result.

On the technical level, "The Fountain" is truly an impressive and gorgeous film. As a moving image, it is beautiful to watch. Moving past the experimentation of watching and into the actual story development is where problems begin to arise. Although the movie is only 96 minutes in length, its pace is plodding. And, the three interwoven plots of "The Fountain" take place in three different eras. The 21st century, the 21st century and the 21st century. The majority of the film occurs in the contemporary setting. 

Tomas (Hugh Jackman) walks toward the Tree of Life in "The Fountain." Despite its impressive visual effects, the film's multiple plot lines do not form a cohesive whole. Like "Three Times," which used the same technique of profiling three separate story lines following two characters in each, played by the same two actors throughout. "Three Times" was successful because nothing to be experienced.

Perhaps the most stunning sequence of the film is the climax, which attempts to tie the three narrative threads together. It is an explosion of light, sound and emotion. Alongside this spectacle, however, is the fact that the story is rather sporadic and the three threads never really quite fit together in a completely coherent way.

If suspension of disbelief is an easy task, then this is a film to see — its visuals more than make up for the incoherent narrative. One should also consider that Aronofsky never meant for "The Fountain" to be coherent. This is a film meant to be enjoyed and savored, rather than simply understood.

"The Fountain" is why we go to theaters, sit in the dark and watch movies. If every film were able to match this in terms of sensory pleasure, it could hardly be considered a bad thing.

When you walk into the theater, don't worry about the boy getting the girl or whether or not they can see the screen clearly. All the rest is periphery.

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Missed opportunities doom overmatched Irish in fifth straight loss to USC

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Dwayne Jarrett scored three touchdowns and No. 3 USC beat No. 6 Notre Dame for the fifth straight time Saturday night in Los Angeles.

Behind Jarrett’s seven receptions for 109 yards and a touchdown but also dropped several key passes as the Irish continually bogged down in the Trojan end of the field.

Irish wide receiver Rhema McKnight gets swarmed under by three USC defenders in Notre Dame’s 44-24 loss to the Trojans Saturday. McKnight caught six balls for 109 yards and a touchdown but also dropped several key passes as the Irish continually bogged down in the Trojan end of the field.

Dwayne Jarrett
The Trojan receiver torched the Irish secondary for 132 yards and three touchdowns.

Desmond Reed’s first quarter punt return
The Trojans return man gave USC a short field which allowed his team to take an early 14-0 lead.

Player of the Game

Dwayne Jarrett

Stat of the Game

2-of-6
Notre Dame’s fourth down conversion rate. The Irish were stopped on downs four times in USC territory.

Quote of the Game

“They were better than us. They did a good job on offense, defense and special teams. There’s no excuses.”

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

Tim Sullivan/The Observer
Irish fall flat in year's biggest game

The Irish began the game with little of the fire, not much of the intensity and none of the clutch plays that kept Notre Dame in the contest against an ever-more-talented Trojan bunch last season. And placing blame isn't easy.

It's ridiculous to question the players, either. Especially the senior class, which is the biggest reason Notre Dame is competitive today.

It's also ridiculous to blame everything on Notre Dame's defense. The Irish had more than enough talent to hang with the Trojans last season. There was no reason why they couldn't stay in the game with USC this time.

The only reasonable blame has to fall on the head coach. Charlie Weis had all season to get Notre Dame up for this game. He had last season's aching loss and the chance to spoil an arch rival's national title hopes as motivation. What happened?

The Irish laid an egg. Notre Dame started the first quarter like it had never seen a football game before. Sure-handed Rhema McKnight dropped it. Darius Walker fumbled it and the secondary couldn't find it. Despite the mistakes, a little bit of hope shone down from the LA lights in the second quarter Saturday night. Steve Quinn blocked a punt. Mike Richardson and Trevor Laws came up with big interceptions. It looked like the Notre Dame we thought we knew.

But the Notre Dame we thought we knew would have punched in 21 quick points and went into halftime with the lead. One touchdown later, Southern California had weathered Notre Dame's only defensive storm of the evening.

It was unexpected. This was the game the Irish had been planning for since last October. The game Brady Quinn wanted to complete his already leg­endary resume. The game the whole country was waiting for. USC coach Pete Carroll can be criticized for showing too much spirit at times. But no one can say Carroll doesn't know how to coach in big games. The Trojans were fully prepared — mentally and physically.

Weiss showed Saturday night that he hasn't reached Carroll's level yet. He had to find a way to get the Irish ready for their biggest game of the year. He had a whole season to build them up, to get the Irish to peak at the right time. He took just one quarter to show that Notre Dame is much further from the top than anyone ever thought.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Irish quarterback Brady Quinn tries to jump over Trojan linebacker Dallas Sartz in Saturday's 44-24 USC victory over Notre Dame. Quinn added 74 rushing yards to his 274 passing yards.
ND still eligible for a BCS payday
Zbikowski returns kicks for first time; Weis inserts extra linemen in short yardage

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Dwayne Jarrett had just seven catches Saturday night.
But three went for touchdowns as the junior accumulated 132 yards against Notre Dame in a 44-24 USC win.

“They’ve never been consistent and I didn’t expect them to do so,” Irish coach Charlie Weis said. “They called an aggressive game and give credit to them and aggressive game plans really come to a positive light when they make plays. Jarrett has those three scores, that makes that aggressive game plan look that much better, when he’s running for those touchdowns.

Jarrett scored a nine-yard touchdown on the Trojans’ opening drive and defensive tackle five-yard score within minutes.

Although Jarrett didn’t score USC’s third touchdown himself, he did have a 25-yard grab to keep the drive going. “He’s a great player,” Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said. “Every time (USC’s receivers) get a ball in their hands they’re going to do good things. That’s why Jarrett’s broken all the records and done what he’s done there.”

So far in 2006, Jarrett has 55 catches for 742 yards and 10 touchdowns. As a sophomore in 2005, he had 91 catches for 1,274 yards and 16 scores. Perhaps his most famous was a fourth- and-nine catch that went for 61 yards in the final drive of the Notre Dame-USC game on Oct. 15, 2005. He was a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award, given to the nation’s top receiver, and received All-America honors.

The Irish receivers were prepared for the speed and talent of Jarrett and fellow Trojans receiver Steve Smith, but still gave up 265 yards through the air.

“They’re a very talented group of receivers coming in and they really showed that today,” Irish cornerback Mike Richardson said.

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California nightmare

Southern California jumped out to a 21-3 lead and never looked back against an overmatched Irish squad. Notre Dame had its chances — including two second quarter interceptions — but squandered them, getting stopped on fourth down four times in Trojan territory and fumbling within five yards of the goal line. The win vaulted USC into a probable national title game matchup with Ohio State while Notre Dame became a virtual lock for a lesser BCS game.
GUEST AND THE MOCKUMENTARY

By MICHELLE FORDECE
Scene Writer

Movies are often used to escape real life, but writer, director and actor Christopher Guest has turned making fun of life into its own genre. The mockumentary, exemplified by Guest’s films, has turned what many audiences consider to be the most tedious film structure into one of the most up-front.

Mockumentaries are a film that is presented as a documentary, but is actually a parody or satire of the events or theme it portrays. Mockumentaries are generally filmed very quickly and are mostly improvised to maintain the realistic structure of the film. The first famous false documentary is probably Orson Welles’ production of “The War of the Worlds,” but the word “mockumentary” was coined by director Rob Reiner in reference to his 1984 film, “This is Spinal Tap.”

In a somewhat similar vein, drama documentaries, like the recently released “Death of a President,” are fake documentaries that take on a serious tone. Fellow screenwriters Michael McKeen, Holbrook Smith and Rob Reiner helped to lay the foundations for the modern mockumentary with the cult classic “This is Spinal Tap.” However, Guest brought the mockumentary into the mainstream with the rock and roll themed “Spinal Tap.” Guest has satirized folk music in “A Mighty Wind,” small town theatre productions in “Wailing for Guffman” and, most famously, championship dog shows in “Best in Show.”

For many, Guest’s films are a treasure trove of over-the-top roles. Standout performers include the perennial scene-stealer Fred Willard (“Everybody Loves Raymond”) as Cheech Purcell, an entertainment television host, and the tall and mighty Jane Lynch (“The 40-Year-Old Virgin”) as his co-host Cindy Martin, a not-so-subtle imitation of Nancy O’Dell. Willard asks irrelevant personal questions while Lynch parodies O’Dell’s stance and walk in a hilarious fusion of a beauty queen and a robot.

However, Willard and Lynch are not the only performers to receive lauds. Jennifer Coolidge (“Legally Blonde”) portrays producer Whitney Taylor Brown with her now signature “dumb blonde” characteristics. Guest’s co-writer Eugene Levy delights as clueless agent Morley Orfkin, and Guest himself produces enough laughs with his character’s frizzy haircut. Ricky Gervais (BBC’s “The Office”), already a comedic genius, is a natural addition to the Guest troupe as studio suit Martin Gibb.

For your Consideration guest writers: Christopher Guest

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MOVIE REVIEW

By CASSIE BELEK
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Christopher Guest may be the king of mockumentaries, but his latest project, “For Your Consideration,” is styled as a narrative—a trait that displays hilarious but hindered the overall potential of the film. Guest cleverly creates a narrative from the effects of Oscar buzz on Hollywood, but the narrative structure leads to underdeveloped characters and the absence of sight gags that are central to his films.

“For Your Consideration” follows three actors who land a fictional movie “Home for Purim” as they learn from Internet rumors and television shows that they will undoubtedly receive an Academy Award nomination for their roles. Inflating and inflate and art is abandoned for mainstream audience. The title of the movie is changed to “Home for Thanksgiving” to appeal to a wider audience, and the potentially nominated actors abandon their in-home dog and give in to the plastic surgery, fake tumor, and hair dyeing temptations of Hollywood.

As usual with Guest’s projects, the film is largely improvised. The director’s regular cast of comedians is back to fulfill new over-the-top roles. Standout performances include the perennial scene-stealer Fred Willard (“Everybody Loves Raymond”) as Cheech Purcell, an entertainment television host, and the tall and mighty Jane Lynch (“The 40-Year-Old Virgin”) as his co-host Cindy Martin, a not-so-subtle imitation of Nancy O’Dell. Willard asks irrelevant personal questions while Lynch parodies O’Dell’s stance and walk in a hilarious fusion of a beauty queen and a robot.

Eugene Levy, left, and Catherine O’Hara star in Christopher Guest’s “A Mighty Wind.” Guest has built his directing career on left-of-center, mockumentary films.

Despite this, since it still leaves room for improvisation and the cast is still populated with familiar faces, it remains true to Guest’s style.

Christopher Guest has continued to dominate the mockumentary genre, even as works of a similar nature, such as "The Daily Show" or "The Office," gain popularity. "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America For Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" may hold the highest lifetime gross in theatres for mockumentaries, but Guest’s five films (including “For Your Consideration”) hold five of the other top 10 slots, and “This is Spinal Tap,” “Best in Show,” and “Waiting for Guffman” all hold places on television channel Bravo’s 100 Funniest Movies list.

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From left, Christopher Moynihan, Harry Shearer, Catherine O’Hara and Parker Posey star in “For Your Consideration.” The film’s sense of satire fails to impress.

Just like “Home for Purim,” the appeal of “Consideration” is limited. Guest’s previous films focused on more obscure topics such as small-town musical productions, competitive dog shows, and a folk music tribute. Hollywood is a rather easy target that has been hit multiple times, and only those who closely follow the industry will understand all of the satire employed. “Consideration” may not be as strong a comedy as its predecessors but it still offers an amusing inside look into Hollywood and the effects of award-season buzz. Guest and company shine as they interact with ease and enjoyment, but the auteur must choose his next project carefully. While he should be lauded for this latest risk, the mockumentary is his best option.
Ravens destroy Pittsburgh's slim playoff hopes

Titans, Redskins, Patriots get narrow victories Sunday

Associated Press

Baltimore — Any chance the Pittsburgh Steelers had of reaching the playoffs was seemingly laid to rest by the Baltimore Ravens Sunday. The Ravens sacked Ben Roethlisberger nine times Sunday and coasted to their fifth straight victory, a 27-0 blowout that left the Steelers with just a mathematical chance of reaching the playoffs.

Baltimore (9-2) limited the defending Super Bowl champions to 36 yards in the decisive first half. The nine sacks, which totaled 73 yards and matched a Ravens franchise record, included a violent hit on Parker that forced Roethlisberger out of the game in the second quarter.

Roethlisberger missed only one play, but for the rest of the afternoon he was harrassed by a relentless rush. It was the second time this year that the Steelers were shut out; the last time Pittsburgh was blanked was last season.

The Steelers (4-7) went on an eight-game losing streak following a 2-0 start, but their resurgence was delayed when Parker got only 15 yards rushing in the first half and finished with 20.

Colts 45, Eagles 21

Joseph Addai tied a franchise record with four touchdowns.

Addai opened the game by scoring on a 10-yard score around two 15-yard runs to give Indy a 21-0 lead and added a late 4-yard run. The rookie running back finished with 171 yards.

Lenny Moore, Lydell Mitchell and Eric Dickerson are the only other Indianapolis players in the first 200 yards in a game.

The Colts (10-1) can clinch their fourth straight AFC South title with a win at Tennessee next week.

Philadelphia (5-6) played its first game without Donovan McNabb, who will miss the rest of the season with a torn knee ligament.

Brian Westbrook ran 20 times for 124 yards and one touchdown for the Eagles, who may be the only team not to fear an unbeaten player since Wilbert Montgomery in 1981 to produce three straight 100-yard games.

Patriots 13, Bears 13

After New England turned the ball over three times inside the Chicago 20-yard line, tight end Benjamin Watson hung onto it when Tom Brady's 2-yard pass found him in the end zone. Patriots cornerback Asante Samuel put an abrupt end to the Bears' comebacks with his third interception with 1:46 left to play.

Playing on their new artificial turf, the Patriots (8-3) persevered against the Bears (9-2), erasing the fewest points in the league, 120. But New England was the second team to win after allowing 150 or more points.

The Bears capitalized on the fourth of their five turnovers — and Charles Tillman's second interception — to tie the game 10-10 just 7 seconds into the fourth quarter on Cedric Benson's 2-yard run.

The Patriots then moved 73 yards after the kickoff and went ahead with 8:22 left. Brady provided the dramatics with a scrambling 40-yard completion to Watson and an 11-yard run for a first down that ended with him jumping up and making an emphatic touchdown.

That put the ball at the Chicago 14 and Watson scored five plays later.

Titans 24, Giants 21

Vince Young and Adam James never went up leading a stunning Tennessee fourth-quarter comeback.

The Titans intercepted two passes and had a 23-yard punt return that revived their teammates in the fourth quarter. Then rookie quarterback Young finished off an improbable rally from a 21-point deficit.

Young ran for a touchdown and threw for two more in the final 9:35 and finished with a season-high 249 yards passing. Rob Bironas kicked a 49-yard field goal with 6 seconds left to win it.

The Giants (6-5) lost their third straight and fell a game behind the Dallas Cowboys (7-4) in the NFC East going into next week's game in the Meadowlands.

New York is 2-10 with 1 in the second quarter. But the Giants didn't score again, and Jones got the Titans (4-7) into the game when he intercepted Eli Manning pass with 12:55 left.

Chargers 21, Raiders 14

With LaDainian Tomlinson and the Chargers looking all too human against Oakland, the star running back knew yet another second-half rally to give the AFC West-leading Chargers (19-2) their fifth straight win.

Tomlinson, in the midst of an MVP-type season, rushed for two touchdowns and threw for another. He has 24 touchdowns this season, needing five in the last five games to break the NFL record of 28 set by Shaun Alexander during his MVP season of 2005.

Tomlinson threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to tight end Antonio Gates for the game at 14. Tomlinson threw his second TD pass of the season and added two more.

After the Raiders (2-9) punt-ed, Tomlinson broke a 44-yard run on first down, then capped the drive with a 10-yard scoring run. It was his 21st touchdown in seven games.

Redskins 17, Panthers 13

Chris Cooley's 66-yard touchdown reception was the difference in Washington's win over Carolina.

The victory broke a two-game losing streak for the Redskins (4-7) and gave them a 5-10-1 record in Cooley's first win in his second NFL start. The team returned to running the ball and stopping the run, but it took the big play to Cooley with 2:26 remaining to beat the Panthers (6-5).

Cooley caught only 52 yards passing when he hit Cooley on a third-and-8 at the Washington 34. Campbell finished 11-for-23 for 118 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. Ladell Betts, the Redskins featured running back now that Clinton Portis is out for the year, ran for 104 yards on 24 carries.

The Redskins defense had its first shutout game, holding the Panthers to 264 total yards. The much-maligned secondary limited Smith to 34 yards on five catches.

Safety Sean Taylor made a tackle on fourth down to stop Carolina's next-to-last drive, and Prater kicked a successful field goal.

Delhomme in the end zone on the Panthers' last possession.

Smith gave the Panthers a 13-10 lead with 7:55 to play with an 8-yard touchdown catch.

Saints 31, Falcons 13

Drew Brees threw a 76-yard touchdown to Devery Henderson on the third play of the game, then led a 48-yard drive to Terrance Copper on its fourth, leading New Orleans past back

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota won with rookie star Marques Colston, who didn't play because of a sprained ankle.

The Falcons (5-6) lost their fourth straight.

Even though quarterback Michael Vick ran for 166 yards, Atlanta couldn't overcome five dropped passes and a shocking defensive breakdown just before halftime.

Brees had no such problems with his receivers, completing 21-of-36 for 349 yards — the fifth straight 300-yard game for the Saints' first-quarter back.

He burned the Falcons right away, going deep to Henderson — Colston's replacement — on third-and-7 from the New Orleans 24.

Vick challenged his NFL record for yards rushing by a quarterback, coming up 7 short of his 175-yard performance in an overtime victory at
Tide rolls Shula out as coach at Alabama

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Long famed for titles, bowls and Bear Bryant, Alabama is gaining a rep­utation for something far less complimentary: coaching turnover and turmoil.

"It's what Alabama is known for right now," defensive and Wallace Gilberry said. "One day we're going to find the right fit who's going to come in here and turn the program around."

The Crimson Tide is once again in the market for a head coach, its fourth in six years, after athletic director Mal Moore announced Mike Shula's firing on Monday. Moore said he would look for a "proven winner" and that defensive coordinator Joe Kines would serve as interim coach for the bowl-eligible Tide.

Alabama thought for a time it had the right fit with Shula. While he had no previous head coaching experience, he was a former Crimson Tide quarterback and heir to a famous pro football name. And the Tide rewarded Shula with a lucrative new contract following last year's 10-2 season, clearly believing things were looking up heading into his fourth year.

But a 6-6 season, ending in three straight losses — to SEC weaklings Mississippi State along with LSU and Auburn, two Western Division rivals Shula never could beat — signaled the end. Shula was a combined 0-8-4 against LSU and Auburn and in the only Tide coach to lose four straight to Auburn.

Moore and university president Robert Witt decided late Sunday afternoon to fire Shula and start over again. Moore praised Shula on Monday for providing "stability for our program through four years of NCAA probation" that ends Feb. 1, 2007. But it didn't make any sense to Moore, who didn't need to make progress on the field this season and has not been able to maintain the positive momentum necessary to return Alabama football to a place among college football's elite programs.

Moore didn't name any potential candidates but said he was beginning a national search. The most high-profile names on Tide fans' wish list is South Carolina's Steve Spurrier and the Miami Dolphins' Nick Saban, both said Monday they were staying put.

Blackhawks make change at head coach

BENSIGNVILLE, Ill. — After losing 12 of 15 games, the Chicago Blackhawks went on the offensive Monday, switching coaches and styles.

The Blackhawks fired defense-oriented coach Trent Yawney, replacing him with assistant Denis Savard — a Hall of Fame player whose No. 18 hangs from the United Center rafters. With the new coach comes a faster pace.

"We want to be a pressure team," said Savard, who joined the Blackhawks in 1997 as an assistant coach and will be behind the bench Wednesday against Dallas. "We've got to score more than one or two goals to be able to win. ... We have to be responsible defensively, but offensively, we have to be a little more creative."

Yawney, in his second season coaching the Blackhawks, had 33-55-15 record and one season left on his contract.

Fox to stay with Delhomme as Panthers quarterback

CHARLOTTE — Jake Delhomme is getting too much of the blame for Carolina's offensive woes and will remain the starter, coach John Fox said Monday.

"When you drop back to pass the ball it's a team effort," Fox said a day after the Panthers mustered only 264 yards in a 17-13 loss to Washington, which has the 30th-ranked defense. "Whenever you don't play well enough to win I'm not sure it's one guy. It's definitely not just Jake." Delhomme was pressured and his badly over­thrown pass for Steve Smith into double coverage was caught by Washington safety Sean Taylor with 2:09 left.

AP survey has McGwire on outside of Hall

NEW YORK — For one glorious summer, Mark McGwire was bigger than baseball itself. America stopped to watch each time he came to the plate, and cheered every time he sent a ball into orbit.

He could do no wrong, it seemed. Surely he would be a shoo-in for the Hall of Fame someday.

And then came that day on Capitol Hill. Over and over, the big slugger was asked about possible steroid use, and his reputation took hit after hit as he refused to answer, saying he wouldn't talk about his past.

Now, with Hall ballots in the mail, McGwire's path to baseball immor­ tality may have hit a huge roadblock.

The Associated Press surveyed about 20 percent of eligible voters, and only one in four who gave an opinion plan to vote for McGwire this year. That's far short of the 75 per­ cent necessary to gain induction.
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Dallas cuts Vanderjagt from team

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — This is how serious Bill Parcells is taking the Dallas Cowboys’ stretch drive: He cut inconsistent kicker Mike Vanderjagt on Monday.

Hailed as the answer to the Cowboys’ kicking woes when signed in March, Vanderjagt wasn’t living up to his statistical claim to fame as the most accurate kicker in league history. He was only 13-of-18 on field goals, a 72.2 percent success rate that was the lowest of his nine-year career.

Vanderjagt also didn’t like having to kick off, one of many aspects of his quirky personality that didn’t always go over well with Parcells.

Dallas gave Vanderjagt a $2.5 million signing bonus as part of a three-year, $5.4 million deal, so this is a costly move. The message could be worth it for Parcells as he tries to guide the Cowboys into the playoffs for the first time since 2003 and to their first division title since 1996.

Dallas (7-4) has a one-game lead over the New York Giants in the NFC East going into their meeting Sunday at the Meadowlands. Parcells often talks of the swirling winds at the stadium where he spent the first eight years of his career, and he apparently wasn’t ready to play a big game there with a kicker he didn’t trust.

“I’m just hoping things take a turn for the better,” Parcells said last week. “I think right now, we just have to give him the benefit of the doubt and think things will. Now if they don’t, then that could be a different deal.”

He added that he wasn’t losing patience, but said “it needs to get better,” and if it didn’t, “you would definitely have to” make a change.

Vanderjagt’s five misses are near his career high. He was 28-of-34 in 2001 and 23-of-31 the following season, then went 37-of-37 in 2003. He’s missed a total of 13 field kicks the last two years.

For his career, he’s made 239-of-266. His accuracy rate — 86.5 percent — is still tops in league history.

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Braylon Edwards apologizes

Associated Press
BEREA, Ohio — Braylon Edwards walked into Cleveland’s locker room nattily dressed in a dark, pinstriped shirt, trousers and sneakers instead of the usual sweatshirts and sneakers he would wear the day after a game.

He looked and acted cool Monday.

On Sunday, he was anything but.

An embarrassed Edwards blamed “my passion for the game” for his showy sideline tantrum during the third quarter of Cleveland’s 30-0 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals, a Terrell Owens-like display for the cocky second-year wide receiver.

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Vick apologizes for making obscene gesture

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Michael Vick apologized for making an obscene gesture toward Atlanta fans as he walked off the field after the Falcons' fourth straight loss Sunday.

Vick used both hands to deliver the gesture and flashed an angry look toward the handful of fans remaining in the Georgia Dome. Those who hung around booed the home team loudly after its dismal 31-13 loss to the New Orleans Saints.

"First and foremost, I would like to apologize for my inappropriate actions with fans today," the quarterback said in a statement released by the Falcons. "I was frustrated and upset at how the game was going for my team, and that frustration came out the wrong way."

Vick was the Falcons’ main offensive threat with 166 yards rushing, just 7 off his NFL record for a quarterback. He had another rough day passing, completing nine of 24 for 84 yards, but that wasn’t entirely his fault.

The Atlanta receivers dropped at least five passes, and the offensive line didn’t provide much protection. Vick was sacked three times and hit a dozen more behind the line of scrimmage after throwing passes.

Leaving the field, he let his frustration get the best of him.

"That’s not what I’m about. That’s not what the Atlanta Falcons are about," Vick said in his statement.

"I simply lost my cool in the heat of the moment. I apologize and look forward to putting this incident behind me."

Vick did not address his actions at a postgame news conference. Reporters were not aware that he made the obscene gesture until afterward, when replays of him leaving the field began airing on television.

"I can’t explain how I’m feeling right now," Vick said during the news conference. "Losing the game says it all."

"It is not a good feeling when you lose four games in a row, and when you lose a game that you had a shot at winning."

Vick said he did his best to keep the Falcons (5-6) from losing again. This is the first time since 2003 that Atlanta has been below .500.
Irish disappointed in Hawaii tourney result

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame concluded its fall season with a disappointing eighth place finish in the Aloha College Invitational at the Kahuna Golf Club in Poipu, Hawaii Thursday. No. 23 Texas won the event with a three-round tally of 847—27 strokes better than Notre Dame.

The top two Irish players, sophomore Josh Sandman and senior co-captain Cole Isban each finished in the top 20 with scores of 215 and 216, respectively. Sandman’s first-round 66 was a personal low, while Isban’s opening-round 69 was his third score in the 60s this season.

Neither Sandman nor Isban recorded an under-par total for the event. Isban, who finished at 6-over par, cited that inconsistency as one of the reasons for the team’s lackluster performance. “Every week before this either Josh or myself has been under par,” he said. “I think that had a big impact on the whole team.”

Senior co-captain Adam Gifford tied for 23rd place in the tournament with a career-best 9-over-par 219. Junior Eddie Peckels and freshman Carl Santos-Orampos rounded out the lineup for the Irish, who finished three shots behind top-ranked Alabama. Peckels carded a 14-over-par 224 and ended up in 36th place, while Santos-Orampos wrapped up his first event for the Irish with a 26-over-par 236.

After rising to No. 45 in the Golfweek rankings and defeating three teams that were ranked ahead of them at The Prestige Oct. 16-17 in La Quinta, Calif., the Irish finished 11th in the CordeValle Collegiate Nov. 6-7.

The team’s hopes to finish on a high note were dashed Thursday. “We played pretty bad golf,” said Isban, who placed 20th or better in all five of his tournaments this year. “The season wasn’t great by any means. We weren’t happy with our finish here or at the CordeValle.”

The Irish will begin practice for the spring season in January. “We’re going to take a little break,” Isban said. “When we come back, we’re going to go at it hard.”

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Irish volleyball

Team set to take on No. 11 Wisconsin in Madison this weekend

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame celebrated its selection to its 15th consecutive NCAA Tournament on Sunday. But not after a near-anxiety attack.

The seeds for the 64-team Tournament were announced on ESPNews in brackets of 16, and Notre Dame's name was not called until the very last grouping, which caused a lot of tension according to Irish coach Debbie Brown. But when Notre Dame showed up on the screen, the relief was soon followed with celebration.

"Everyone let out a huge sigh, was yelling - we were jumping up and down," said Brown of the Irish reaction when their name was called. "[We were] just really excited that our season gets to continue.

The Irish (18-13) were chosen as an at-large bid to face No. 11 Wisconsin in Madison this weekend - two days after the team dropped its final regular season match to No. 18 Ohio in the Louisville Invitational.

'The selection was a surprise,' Brown said. "We came in knowing we were a bubble team and obviously hoping we had a chance to get in, but certainly not assuming by any means.'

The Irish will take on the Badgers in the NCAA Tournament Friday for the second consecutive year. Then-No. 6 Notre Dame lost 3-2 to then-No. 11 Wisconsin in the third round last season in College Station, Texas. The four-team Madison draw will see Iowa State play Wisconsin-Milwaukee on the other side of the bracket, with the winner of the two matches to meet in Madison for the second round. The winner of the grouping advances to the NCAA Regionals in Austin, Texas.

Notre Dame won't be looking to avenge last year's loss, Brown said.

"We still feel we have something to prove, but [revenge] won't be the major motivation coming in," she said. "As much as anything, we want to prove to ourselves and to other people that we are a team that has improved a lot.

A weekend after a stunning run from first-round underdog to the Big East Tournament championship, where they dropped a five-game match to Louisville, the Irish concluded their regular season with a loss to the ranked Bobcats.

Ohio (28-3) defeated the Irish 30-28, 27-30, 30-26, 30-23 Friday for its 21st consecutive win, before losing to Louisville in the Invitational championship. The Bobcats earned a first-round match against Kentucky after a Mid-American Conference regular season and tournament title.

The Irish were led on the attack by freshman Christina Kaelin (19 kills, .250 hitting percentage), junior captain Adrianna Stastny's double-double (17 kills, 16 digs), sophomore Mallorie Croot (13 kills, 12 digs) and freshman Serenity Phillips (15 kills, five digs) added contributions for the Irish, but Notre Dame couldn't overcome the streaking Bobcats.

Ohio took the first game, but the Irish rallied in the second stanza, out-hitting the Bobcats .275 to .143 for the tying point.

"I think had we had been able to win that first game and go into the break up two-zero, it would have been a much different situation," Brown said. "Ohio is a team that plays with a lot of confidence. We needed to get them a little more out of their comfort zone.'

The Bobcats, however, reversed their anemic hitting percentage in the third and fourth games, out-hitting the Irish .327 to .237 and .333 to .204 to take the match and end Notre Dame's regular season.

'We needed to have them be out of system a little bit more,' Brown said. "We made some adjustments, but they were probably a little too late.'

Notes:

• Stastny's double-double against Ohio - her 18th of the year - tied her for the fourth-most double-doubles in a single season in Irish history.

• Senior captain Danielle Herndon recorded 18 digs against the Bobcats, giving her 265 digs on the season - the second-most in one season by an Irish player.

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Notre Dame outside hitter Megan Fesl spikes the ball during a 3-0 Irish victory over West Virginia Nov. 12.
Belles look to rebound against Flying Dutch

Henley hopes eight-day rest rejuvenates team

By BILL BRINK and DAN COOPER
Spartan Writers

Following a week of rest, Saint Mary's tips off MIAA conference play tonight as it travels to defending champion Hope. The Belles (1-3) have had a rough start to their season, playing their first four games in five consecutive days. Their last two losses were each by three points, one coming in overtime. Belles' head coach Jennifer Henley said the losses were in part a result of having so many games in so short a time.

"If we had legs, that would have been a totally different game," Henley said of the Belles' loss to Manchester on Nov. 21. "We play the schedule handed down to us. It's tough going to try and key on, and if we can handle them it'll make our job a little easier.

Guard Charel Allen led the Irish with 13 points and eight rebounds, and freshman center Erica Williamson finished with 12 points and nine boards.

Overall, however, the Irish were outrebounded 54-38. "We were really hard on ourselves by giving them so many second chance opportunities," McGraw said. "Rebounding is a problem. It's been a problem all year and it's going to continue to be a problem because we lack the discipline to desire to block out.

Notre Dame also struggled at the free throw line. The Irish shot just 7-of-17, while the Trojans were 16-of-25 from the line, and they made 11 of their last 14.

"I think free throws is a strength of ours," she said. "Everyone except Erica (Williams) is shooting just .286 from the line"

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Irish guard Ashley Barlow shoots a 3-pointer in Notre Dame's 87-67 win over Western Michigan Nov. 19 at the Joyce Center.

Irish forward Rob Kurz drives to the lane in Notre Dame's 93-87 win over Lehigh Monday at the Joyce Center.

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lot as young guys and by the time they're seniors and seniors -- "we're not Patriot League guards anymore."

"Trailing by two at the half after Oliverio nailed a 3-pointer as the shot clock expired before the break, Notre Dame found its groove with a balanced inside-outside attack.

Falls scored the first four points of the half, in part taking a 17-foot jumper and following it with 2-of-3 from the line after he was fouled on a 3-point attempt with 18:46 remaining. Hillsides, who replaced forward Luke Zeller to open the second half, was there for the tip after Falls' mix, though, giving the Irish a two-point lead from which they would build momentum as the half progressed.

Henley also finished with seven rebounds, three assists and two steals in addition to his double-digit point total.

The two teams traded baskets for the next five minutes until Harangody missed a layup and Kurz was fouled on the putback. Kurz hit two free throws with 14:50 remaining, which ignited a 12-4 Irish run and put Notre Dame ahead 70-61.

"I didn't know he had 25... I still think he turned down some shots," Brey said. "Great night offensively, but he's such a stabilizing force defensively in there too rotating and getting his hands on stuff."

Kurz was 12-of-13 from the free-throw line in the victory and added eight rebounds.

Notre Dame would maintain its lead, again going back and forth with Lehigh, until the Mountain Hawks began folding down 92-83 with 26 seconds remaining.

During that stretch, Carter was productive defending Oliverio -- who until that point was scoring at will for Lehigh. The senior guard attempted only two field goals inside five minutes remaining.

"He was hitting everything. If he got a little bit of space he was pulling it," Brey said. "His green light is like UV rate, if he's touching it, he's pulling it and he has such a quick release."

Lehigh came out of the gates firing on all cylinders in the first half. The Mountain Hawks opened a 12-5 lead four minutes into the game before guard Kyle McAlarney hit a mid-range jumper to cut the lead to five before the media timeout.

"I don't want to take away anything from Lehigh, they're really good," Brey said. "We had a hard time with them and a lot of it was their execution. But Lehigh's 9-of-13 3-point shooting in the first half allowed the team to maintain control -- the Mountain Hawks led by 13 points with 8:29 remaining before the break -- despite Notre Dame's own 51-percent first half shooting.

On a night like tonight, thank God you're a good offensive team," Brey said. "You were gonna have to score some points tonight because they were in a rhythm.

Notre Dame will return to action Wednesday against Winston-Salem State at 7:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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The Irish were 44-24 loss to USC Saturday in Los Angeles.

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♦  Hanks was named one of three Finalists for the Hermann Award, given annually to college soccer’s best player.

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