ResLife releases plan to fill Duncan

Students invited to enter lottery in groups; freshmen, transfers to take remaining spots

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

The Office of Residence Life and Housing has announced it will fill the new male dorm, Duncan Hall, through a lottery system. The dorm is scheduled to open in August 2008. In addition to the standard group of approximately 80 freshmen who will enter Duncan next year, current students will be asked to bid for the remaining beds via a lottery system that will run early next semester, said Jeff Shoup, director of Residence Life.

If fewer students apply for the lottery than are needed to fill the dorm, the remaining spaces will be filled with freshmen and transfers, Shoup said.

"Clearly, we're not assuming that this will happen," he said. "But we have to make plans for either way - which is that either a bunch of people will apply or that nobody applies." Shoup also said Residence Life has been tallying the number of students visiting its Web site on Duncan and "is pleased" with the interest that has been indicated by the visitor count.

"We're continually updating the site," he said. "One of the newest additions is a see DUNCAN/page 6

Police make 12 arrests, ask 8 to leave

Officers also issue 22 arrest tickets before, during, after Saturday's Air Force game

By KAITLYNN R1ELY
Assistant News Editor

Police made 12 arrests and issued 22 arrest tickets during and around the time of the game against Air Force on Saturday, said Phillip Johnson, director of the Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP). Along with the Indiana State Excise Police, St. Joseph County Police and the South Bend Police, NDSP made 12 arrests for alcohol-related offenses, Johnson said Monday in an e-mail to The Observer. The arrests were mostly for public intoxication and some were for minor consumption of alcohol and minor intoxication, Johnson said.

Those arrested were taken to the St. Joseph County Jail. NDSP arrested one man for public intoxication on campus during the game, which began at 2:30 p.m. The man was taken into custody and transported by police to a local hospital due to his level of intoxication, Johnson said.

Following treatment at the local hospital, the man was released from the facility and issued two arrest tickets. He was then taken to the St. Joseph County Jail on charges of public intoxication.

"We're about racism, poverty and war," said Bill Alston, who was a writer for "The Simpsons." Smith will present Tuesday and Davis Thursday.

The lineup will make for an enjoyable series of events, said Megan Baker, festival chair.

"If there's one thing all of this year's NDLF writers have in common, it's their sense of humor," Baker said. "They're all incredibly funny."

Almond, for example, writes extensively about the "cultural clash" on Kuri Vonnegut, while Doyle's work for The Simpsons suggests a new capacity for jokes, she said.

First GreeND meeting attracts 85

New environmental group pursues energy initiatives, seeks club status

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

The first meeting of GreeND, a new environmental group on campus, drew more than 85 students last Wednesday night.

Though GreeND has been in development only throughout this semester, students have been actively pursuing energy and environmental issues since the University administration created the Energy and Environmental Issues Committee in January 2007. GreeND president Lourdes Long said.

The club will work to educate, effect change and develop leadership with issues of energy, energy and environmental policy, strategic planning for campus action and recycling, she said.

"The social justice aspects of see CLUB/page 4

Right to Life club schedules events

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

The Right to Life club at Saint Mary’s is hosting a number of events this week to increase awareness of life issues for Respect Life Week.

"We do a lot of pro-life things in terms of abortion," Secretary Meg Ryan said, "but that's not all we're about."

The group's events will go beyond than the group's anti-abortion stance and showcase a respect for human dignity.

"We're about racism, poverty and war, as well," Ryan said.

"The human dignity of every person needs to be respected."

The group hopes the week will raise awareness of human dignity in all its forms. "I think [the attitude toward life at Saint Mary's is a] sorely ignored," Ryan said. "It's not concentrated enough and scares people away."

Right to Life president Clare Albright suggested the campus is filled with latent interest in life issues.

"I'm sure [the issue of being pro-life] is within a lot of stu..." see LIFE/page 4

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Question of the Day: Which football team would you like to play next year?

- Hui Hung, sophomore
- Elizabeth Staten, senior
- Allison Vicerzi, freshman
- Emma Brielis, sophomore
- Domenique Manning, senior

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In Brief

There will be a luncheon with Notre Dame Law School Admissions today at noon. Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students who are considering Notre Dame Law School are invited to attend. There is no cost for the luncheon. Contact Margaret Edington, Senior Staff Assistant, with questions or to RSVP: lawadmit@nd.edu.

Notre Dame women’s basketball will play in the second round preseason WNIT today at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Tony Kushner’s “A Bright Room Called Day” will be performed today at 7:30 p.m. at Deccio Mainstage Theatre, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are $8. Performances will run Nov. 13 to Nov. 18.

The film “Working Women of the World” will be shown tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Hesburgh Center Auditorium as part of the film series, “International Labor/1st World – 3rd World Global Economy.”

“Loyal Daughters and Sons: Sexuality and Sexual Assault” As told by Notre Dame Students” will be performed at 8 p.m. tonight through Friday at Washington Hall. Tickets are $5 and are available at the LaFortune Box Office.

There will be a presentation on Careers in the State Department Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Montgomery Auditorium of LaFortune.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Study abroad ranks No. 6 in U.S.

Notre Dame has the sixth-highest percentage among American research universities of students participating in study abroad programs, according to a recently released report from the Institute of International Education (IIE).

In 2005-06, the most recent academic year for which statistics are available, 57.6 percent of Notre Dame students had participated in study programs in 17 countries worldwide: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Chile, China, Egypt, England, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Spain and Uganda. 'This summer, students will have additional options, including special programs in Amsterdam, Rome, Paris and Vienna. 'Your year abroad, Notre Dame students prove their mettle by diving into new socio-cultural milieus and tackling linguistic challenges in a daily, sustained manner as citizens of our host communities abroad,' said Julia Douthwaite, Notre Dame’s assistant provost for international studies. 'We are delighted with the ongoing high rate of interest in international study, especially with our emphasis on local cultural integration. This outcome is the result of much collaboration among faculty, administrators and students anchored in the excellent language and area studies curriculum, as well as programs that allow students to receive credit and continue progress toward graduation while studying in one of 17 countries worldwide.'

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Election polls imperfect, says prof

Current polls tell us that Sen. Hillary Clinton clearly is the frontrunner for the Democratic nomination, and Rudy Giuliani has taken the lead among Republican candidates. But with a year to go before elections, can we be sure that these will be the two names on the ballot for president?

Not necessarily, according to Notre Dame political scientist Darren Davis, a nationally recognized expert in public opinion, elections and voting behavior and author of "Negative Liberty: Public Opinion and the Terrorist Attacks on America."

"Public opinion polls are an indispensable resource in elections and governance, and done correctly, provide a reliable snapshot of how the public perceives candidates and issues," says Davis. "However, without a complete understanding of how voters reach their decisions, the factors that impinge upon those decisions, and equally important, the underlying methodology of opinion surveys, polling results can be — and often are — misleading. It is true that one can get public opinion polls to say what people want them to say."

Consider the record of some previous Democratic year-ahead polls:

♦ In November 1971, surveys predicted that Democrats would nominate Edward Kennedy or Edwin Muskie. In 1972, the nominee was George McGovern.
♦ In November 1973, Kennedy again was predicted the Democratic nominee; but in 1976, Jimmy Carter was nominated.
♦ In early November 1979, polls predicted that Kennedy would defeat Carter for the Democratic nomination — he didn’t.
♦ In 1987, Jesse Jackson was the frontrunner, yet in 1988, Michael Dukakis was the nominee.
♦ In 1991, Mario Cuomo was the predicted nominee, yet Bill Clinton was the actual nominee.

For reasons not entirely clear, year-ahead polls on the Republican side usually are correct.

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By ASHLEY CHARNLEY

It’s sociology week at Saint Mary’s, student body vice presi­dent Kelly Payne told members of the Board of Governance at their meeting Monday. Sociology events will be held every day this week.

On Tuesday, Dr. Mary Corcoran, from the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, will give a lecture called "From Dozy Villages to Dormitory Suburbs: the Impact of Social Change on Everyday Life in Ireland." It will be held in the Warner Conference Room from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The film "Hotel Rwanda" will be shown Wednesday at 7 p.m. in room 152 of Regina Hall.

Jacqueline Hogan of Bradley University will deliver a lecture on "Touring the Nation: Gender, Race and Nationalism in Travel Brochures." It will be in the Warner Conference Room Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

There will be a talk on "Overcoming Global Poverty: Is Globalization the Problem or the Solution?" Friday at 2 p.m. It will be held in the Student Center conference room.

In other BGS news:
♦ Cassie Quaglia, president of the Residence Hall Association, said the new National Residence Hall Honorary is an honor society formed to recognize people who have positively influenced residence life, she said. Students can send in nomi­nations through e-mail or do so in the atrium of the Student Center. Nominations will be accepted through Nov. 20.
♦ Quaglia also said Nov. 16 is the final day for room changes.
♦ Hall Spirit Week will also be celebrated this week. Quaglia said, there will be events in one of the halls every day this week.

♦ Courtney Kennedy, secre­tary treasurer, said the Saint Mary’s Shirt will be un­veiled and distributed Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Student Center. Shirts will also be distributed Friday. A limited number of extra shirts will be sold on Friday.

♦ Theology on Fire will be held in the Student Center at 5 p.m. Wednesday, said missions coordinator Mary Frantz. The topic will be: "Who is my Neighbor?" The speakers will be Kevin McDowell, a professor of philosophy, and Lori Pinter, a 1984 Saint Mary’s graduate.

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Festival
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"Each writer is very talent­ed, but also very accessi­ble," Baker said.
Most of the authors invit­ed to the festival will read portions of their work and answer questions.
"NDLF is an amazing opportunity for any ND stu­dent because of its focus on close interactions between the writers and the audi­ence," Lyon said.
The festival has featured prominent writers. Past partic­i pants include Buzz Bissinger, author of "Friday Night Lights," Norman Mailer, innovator of creative nonfiction, and prominent playwright Tennessee Williams.
In addition to hearing the authors read, students will also be able to read their own work and receive feed­back from the authors and their peers.
All students are welcome to attend the festival's ses­sions, Baker said.
"While Arts and Letters majors will certainly enjoy hearing authors speak about their craft, we designed the festival to be enjoyable for everyone," she said.
Baker said she expects many students to attend because of changes made to the festival. Since 1962, the event has taken place in February. While students had strong interest in the festival, it was difficult to get them out in the cold winter weather to attend festival events, she said.
To attract bigger crowds, the Student Union Board (SUB) decided to change its scheduling so that one or two authors are invited each week for a month, she said. The workshops will now be held during the afternoons rather than evenings, as they were in recent years.
This event is being hosted by SUB and the Creative Writing Program.
Patricia Smith will answer questions at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Montgomery Auditorium in LaFortune. Lydia Davis will have a question-and-answer session Thursday at 5 p.m. in the McNeil Room followed by a reading at 8 p.m.
All events are free and open to the public. A sched­ule of events can be found at the SUB Web site.
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Arrests
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taken to St. Joseph County Jail.
Police also issued 22 arrest tickets to adults for alcohol-relat­ed offenses like minor consump­tion or possession of alcohol.
Eight people were asked to leave Notre Dame Stadium for violating stadium rules regarding alcohol, Johnson said. Alcohol is prohibited within the stadium.
During the game, four people were issued no trespass notices for failing to follow university rules regarding tailgating, he said. Tailgating is prohibited dur­ing the game.
Johnson said NDSP and area police forces will be present for the final home football game against Baker on Nov. 17.
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Security contractor shoots taxi driver

A spokesman for DynCorp International, a Falls Church, Va.-based company, said one of its security teams opened fire Saturday to disable a vehicle in Baghdad after it approached a convoy in a threatening manner.

"Our team had reported that they believed no one was injured. However, although there were conflicting reports, we are trying to determine if the incidents are one and the same," said Gregory Lagana, DynCorp’s senior vice president for communication.

U.N. envoy to investigate death count

VANGON, Myanmar — A U.N. human rights envoy arrived Sunday in Myanmar on a mission to get inside the country’s prison system to count the numbers of people killed and detained since the military regime’s crackdown on pro-democracy protesters.

Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, the U.N.'s independent rights investigator for Myanmar, had been barred from visiting the country since November 2003. He has said he will abandon his visit unless he gets full support from the junta.

National News

Georgia governor prays for rain

DECATUR — As Georgia descends deeper into drought, Gov. Sonny Perdue has ordered water restrictions, launched a legal battle and appealed to President Bush to pray for rain.

"And it's only natural, in a way, for the public to pray for a leader who represents a state that's been hit hard," said Aye Win, a U.N. spokesman in Myanmar.

National News

Teenagers mutilate acquaintance

Auluven suggests the 18-year-old from the computer of Pekka-Eric Dillon Cossey, who was arrested in October on suspicion of preparing an attack at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School in suburban Philadelphia. The attack never took place.

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Fatah’s unexpected show of strength was one of the most persuasive arguments that its leader, moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, has a mandate to renew peace-making with Israel at a U.S.-hosted Mideast conference in Maryland later this month.

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Associated Press

PALESTINE

Commemorative rally ends in murder

Seven civilians killed, dozens injured by Hamas in demonstration of over 250,000

Associated Press

Gaza City — A rally of more than 250,000 Fatah supporters turned violent Monday, with Hamas police opening fire and protestors stone-throwing in a running cover. Seven civilians were killed and dozens were wounded in the violence between Palestinian factions.

The demonstration in a Gaza City square, marking the Nov. 11, 2004 death of iconic Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, posed the strongest challenge to Hamas rule in Gaza since the Islamic militant group seized the impoverished territory by force in June.

The images of Hamas policemen facing off against large groups of rock-throwers challenged Hamas’ claim that it has established high control.

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Pope to make first U.S. delegation

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Baltimore Pope Benedict XVI will travel to the United States for the first time as pontiff next year to meet with President Bush, address the United Nations and visit ground zero, a Vatican official told American bishops Monday.

The pope also will celebrate Mass at the new Nationals Park and Yankee Stadium during April 15-20 visit to Washington and New York, according to Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Vatican ambassador to the United States.

The announcement comes as the 67-million-member American church is grappling with a priest shortage and an often alienated flock, and is still recovering from the clergy sex abuse crisis. American dioceses have paid more than $2 billion in settlements with victims since 1950.

"It's a shot in the arm for the U.S. Catholic Church which is enduring one of the most protracted crises in its history," said Scott Appleby, a University of Notre Dame historian who specializes in religion and culture in the United States "badly needs a renewed sense of its own vitality and its historic legacy in the country." Benedict has dedicated his pontificate to fighting secularism and strengthening Catholicism in the country, and his visit reflects those priorities.

Benedict will convene separate national meetings with Roman Catholic priests, Catholic university presidents and diocesan religious educators, and leaders of other religious groups.

"Traditionalist" American Catholics have long complained that Catholic universities have lost their religious identity.

The Archdiocese of Boston, where the abuse crisis erupted in 2002, and bishops from around the country had invited Benedict to visit. But Bishop William Skyland, head of the bishops' conference, said the Vatican limited the pope's itinerary (Benedict's energy).

The visit coincides with the third anniversary of Benedict's election to succeed John Paul II on April 19, 2005.

John Paul's five visits to the United States during his pontificate were major events. When he arrived at New York's Madison Square Garden in 1979, a school band wel­comed him with the theme song from "Rocky." The late pop­e­l's charisma and personal warmth attracted tens of thousands of people to his appearances and buoyed the American church.

Benedict, a theologian, spent more than two decades as the Vatican's chief orthodox watchdog before becoming pope, earning a reputation — considered unfair by his sup­port­ers — as a doctrinaire of Catholic teaching.

"I don't think he is going to make the sort of impact John Paul did. Benedict can't do it and doesn't want to do it," said James Hitchcock, a Catholic historian from St. Louis University. "I think it's a very poor papal choice."

Benedict will also be in the United States during a presiden­tial election year, and his public events could inadver­tently become public relations vehicles for candidates or political parties.

Benedict's pilgrimage to the site of the Sept. 11, 2001, ter­rorist attacks in New York is meant to show "solidarity with those who have died, with their families and with all those who wish an end of vio­lence and in the search of peace," Sambi said.

However, the site also has become linked in the public mind with former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, a leading candidate for the Republican presidential nom­i­nation.

Giuliani, a Catholic, has been married three times and supports abortion rights, and St. Louis Archbishop Raymond Burke has said he would deny Holy Communion to the candi­date.

Chris Duncan, chairman of the political science depart­ment at the University of Dayton, a Mari­on school in Ohio, said the ground zero visit could hurt Giuliani's rela­tions with the Republican Party's important conservative Christian base by "calling spe­cific attention to the fact that he's living well outside of the faith." The pope's visit will begin with an April 16 reception with Bush at the White House, followed the next day by Mass at Nationals Park and sepa­rate meetings with Catholic educators and leaders of other faiths.

Bush met the pope for the first time in June, at the Vatican. The president used that occasion to defend his humanitarian record to the pope, who expressed concern about Iraq.

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BUSINESS

Gore joins in environmental efforts

Former vice president continues work on global warming in the private sector

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SAN FRANCISCO — Al Gore announced Monday he’s joining Silicon Valley’s most prestigious venture capital firm as it and dozens of other venture firms headquartered in Silicon Valley expand beyond software, computer hardware, the Internet and biotechnology to so-called “clean-tech” investments worldwide.

In a phone interview Monday, Gore praised the private sector for innovations in alternative energy, particularly solar power. He said the public sector was “catching up.”

Gore said political system can appear to move “at a snail’s pace.”

“But when it crosses a tipping point, it can move at lightning speed. We’re feeling that gear shift is going to occur right now, and... we want to make sure markets have the information and analytic systems in place to move at lightning speed,” Gore said.

Gore, who starred in the Academy Award-winning global warning documentary, “An Inconvenient Truth,” is also a senior adviser to Google Inc. and a member of the board of Apple Inc.

Gore promised to donate 100 percent of his salary as a Kleiner Perkins partner to the Alliance for Climate Protection, the Palo Alto-based think tank he founded to focus on accelerating policy solutions to the climate crisis.

The donation does not include stock options. Typically, a tiny fraction of a venture capitalist’s compensation is salary, the vast majority of wealth comes from sale of stock options when the companies the firm invests in are sold to the public.

“It’s one of the benefits of not being in the public sector anymore,” Gore said with a laugh.

He wouldn’t say much how much Kleiner Perkins was paying him. Also Monday, Kleiner Perkins partner John Doerr announced he’s joining the advisory board of Generation Investment Management, the $1 billion investment firm that Gore founded with David Blood, who previously managed $125 billion in assets out of Goldman Sachs’ London office.

Clean technology encompasses alternative fuels, water purification, renewable energy and recycling programs and other eco-friendly initiatives, and products ranging from electric cars to microbes that search for oil in seemingly tapped-out wells.

North American and European venture capitalists invested $1.9 billion in clean-tech companies in the first half of 2007, a 10 percent increase from the first half 2006, according to Ann Arbor, Mich.-based trade group Cleantech Network.

Last year, Menlo Park-based Kleiner Perkins earmarked $100 million of its $600 million investment fund to startups that work on reducing carbon dioxide emissions. The firm expects to dedicate one-third of new funding to clean tech by 2009.

Airlines predict heavy holiday traffic

WASHINGTON — The airline industry anticipates Thanksgiving travelers to get to the airport extra early this year, and to expect longer-than-usual lines at checkpoints, due to an anticipated 4 percent jump in passenger traffic.

Domestic carriers are expected to fly roughly 27 million passengers worldwide over 12 days beginning Nov. 16, with about 18 percent full, according to the Air Transport Association said.

The anticipated up tick in demand comes as the industry struggles through a year of low punctuality. Through September, more than 24 percent of flights arrived late, according to the Transportation Department, the industry’s worst on-time performance since comparable data began being collected in 1995.

In an attempt to minimize holiday travel hassles, some big airlines will add as many as 500 seasonal workers — some of whom had been furloughed — to usher fliers through airports, James May, president of the airline association said at a press conference.

Airports, meanwhile, will be prepared to supply additional food and water to planes that get stuck on tarmacs for extended periods, said Greg Principato, president of the Airports Council International-North America. However, Principato urged travelers to consider taking public transportation to airports, since many parking lots will fill up quickly.

“If you always expect the worst, then when it doesn’t come, everybody’s frame of mind will be much more positive.” May said.

Travel expert Terry Trippler commented that the industry for trying to get out in front of the issue before the holiday onslaught. But — as usual — all it will take is some bad weather to seriously gum up commercial aviation traffic.

“It’s difficult at best to have smooth-running operations without weather problems,” said Trippler, a longtime watcher of air fares who runs a travel Web site.

The industry anticipates an average of more than 2.5 million passengers a day on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, and the Sunday and Monday after the holiday, according to ATA. Average daily passenger traffic this year is roughly 2.1 million, with load factors of about 80 percent.
This Nov. 4 marked a "pre-anniversary" of sorts: the one-year eve of the 2008 American presidential election. That's right, we still have 12 months to go. It's hard to believe, considering how many candidates have been campaigning for the primary already, some of them for a solid year or more. The country is showing a strong interest in the political process leading up to next year's election, but you can bet many of us will be sick of all the campaigning well before next November rolls around. And without good reason: the history of presidential campaigns is one slow descent into mudslinging, political one-upping and a generous allowance for slander.

I don't expect the trend of crazy polit­ics to re­verse itself any time soon. And I don't think you can end badmouthing by decrees. (You can never mandate an attitude change.) But the nearly unwinding cycle of political campaigning, with one election season blending into the next, is an identifiable phenomenon that creates unnecessary amounts of unhealthy competition among public servants. And we can change that. Shortening campaign lengths offers a tangible step for reducing slander and curbing the political rat race, as well as saving money and letting the candidates gain experience that can change that. Shortening campaign lengths offers a tangible step for reducing slander and curbing the political rat race, as well as saving money and letting the candidates gain experience that actually counts.

There are several arguments against condensing the campaign season. For one, critics point out, candidates cannot realistically expect to compete at the financial level until they start fundrais­ing the moment possible. Time equals money, and, in America, the correlation between campaign finance totals and policy nomination is incredibly strong. Unless you're a private billionaire like Ross Perot, you cannot mount a campaign that meets the high cost of running for office without sizeable for­itures to fuel it.

But supporting the finance race to see who can squeeze the most money out of pet interest groups only contributes to the problem. Every year the cost of cam­paigning rises, so politicians start raising and spending more and more money at increasingly earlier dates to stay afloat. This election, the combined spending of both major parties on political cam­paigns will total over a billion dollars. Imagine if even a portion of that money were put to other uses — like, say, healthcare, defense, education or fight­ing poverty, just to name a few. By regulating fundraising through mandating a certain date before which formal campaign processes are restrict­ed, all the candidates would be on a level playing field. There would be no need to compete financially because everyone's timeframe would be equally abbreviated. Exper­tory committees could save money spent on attempts to predict per­­tinent national issues two years into the future. Transportation costs could be dramatically reduced.

Of course, many people consider the fundraising exercise a candidate gains invaluable for a future presidential race, and apply the same argument to time spent stumping and debating. That might not be true, but I would rather see a can­didate earn practical knowledge in his or her current post than learn how to use­ campaign and out-fundraise other politi­cians how does that prepare you to bet­ter lead the nation? We need the campaign process to decide the candidate best suited to run the country, absolutely, and I don't encourage doing away with it altogether. But no matter how much you talk about running a clean campaign, in the end, it's a direct competition between candidates against others. I'd prefer a candidate who gains an extra year of experience serving as senator or governor — posts where you learn to work with people, not against them — over one who shows political chops on the rough and tumble campaign trail. The presidency demands not catering to specific groups, but creating solutions that benefit the nation in its entirety.

This ideology of placing so much value on direct competition, rather than on mutual compromise and working towards a common goal, says a lot about the presidency's attitude toward foreign policy. If America has learned anything about unilateralism in the past decade — and while we're at it, the past century — it should know the value of cooperation.

Finally, some claim that two-year-plus campaigns really let us get to know the candidates better. This begs a simple response: No. Again, I'd rather become acquainted with a candidate through his or her strong record of service in the Senate, state government or elsewhere than know them by what we "learn" in campaigns. Long election processes pull up meaningless facts that just serve up fodder for comedy routines and tabloids. Is this what this campaign taught us so far? Hillary likes Celine Dion, Giuliani had numerous divorces and Dennis Kucinich has a killer smile. There's more, of course, but what have we learned that absolutely demands two solid years of campaigning? Candidates today have no option but to stick with the precedent and initiate their campaigns ludicrously early. The whole process wastes time and money that could be used for better purposes. Change the precedent, compact the entire election process to fit within a year or less and save us all a lot of mudslinging.

James Dechant has schemes of creat­ing a planning party with the express purpose of re­search­ing the possibility of forming an exploratory committee to pursue the option of running for the 2024 election. If interested in becoming part of history, contact him at jochaukat@nd.edu.

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THAT'S THE LAST ONE, FRANK! WE'RE NOT BUYING ANOTHER TV. UNTIL THE SEASONS OVER!

James Dechant
 Forgone Conclusion
The letter published on Nov. 8 (“Burger King pays fair wages”) unfairly dismisses Burger King Corp.’s serious and important commitment to its workers. Rather than discuss the facts regarding payments from Taco Bell Corporation to its coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), Burger King Corp.’s clear refusal to do business with any suppliers guilty of worker abuse and labor law violations. During more than two years of negotiation, the CIW failed to provide Burger King Corp. with the name and location of one supplier in Immokalee engaged in serious violations of the law. We are eager to do our part to improve the lives of the Florida farm workers, and we remain open to working with the CIW and others in furtherance of this goal. Our substantive offers of enforcement, charitable contributions and worker retraining remain on the table as a meaningful starting point for addressing the conditions facing the Florida farm workers. Regardless, our offers of assistance have been rejected by the CIW.

In response to Matthew Quering’s Letter to the Editor (“Weesh Should,” Nov. 12), I, as a contributing alum, am also disappointed by this year’s football program. I would have rather spent hard-earned money traveling to games only to see the opponent prevail. But I think that things aren’t built in a day and the team will return to glory. Whether Weis is a great coach, or whether the players are talented is not for me or you to decide. Time will tell.

However, I am not here to argue about the fact that I do find some of Queer? Go shirts to be flawed. I think Queer? should count his blessings, as a student, to even get to see Notre Dame in a BCS game. All students should also be grateful that they are able to purchase tickets to the games at a 50 percent discount. You are guaranteed seats at the reduced price, whereas some suppliers actually contribute instead of receiving a single ticket. I would venture to say that many of them are willing to pay more than face value. You can see that by looking up and eBay.

If you want to look at it in the framework of investments, the athletic department would have better served utilizing the ticket by selling it to a non-student at face value. It would yield a greater return for the program. It will also go to someone who gets the intangible utility of enjoyment and joy that they are at a game. Period.

Oh, and another thing, buying a ticket isn’t an investment. It’s a payment for services. No one is forcing you to buy tickets, go to the games, or even be a student at Notre Dame. It’s a privilege that very few have enjoyed, and I think you should step back and consider yourself fortunate that you have this opportunity.

Robert Russo
Class of 2004
Nov. 12

T he O bserv e r

Letters to the Editor

Burger King pays fair wages

Appreciate football experience

Campus, Catholicism and homosexuality

With Notre Dame being a Catholic institution of intellectual exchange, I would like to take the opportunity to partake in the ongoing dialogue regarding the recent controversy over the “Gay? Go” shirts. Even though the “Gay? Go” shirts are against my personal beliefs, it is important that the university addresses the need to respect and benefit from the contributions of all students. The university should take a stance that ensures that all students are treated equally and fairly. It is crucial that we value and respect diversity and foster a welcoming and inclusive environment.

On Nov. 5, I purchased a ticket for the game at Notre Dame. However, now I find that I cannot attend the game due to unforeseen circumstances. I am planning to watch the game on TV and would like to sell my ticket to another fan. However, I am concerned that the vendor of tickets is requiring a face value of $120.00 for a single ticket. I do not believe this is fair, as it is not an investment but a payment for services. I am a frequent CoMo studier. I think it is necessary to point out that the CoMo Lounge was designed and intended to be just that—a lounge. Its main purpose, originally, was to be a place for students to relax, catch the news or the game and to provide a place for various groups to use for their purposes. Somewhere along the way, however, it became expected that everyone would talk in their best library whisper in the lounge to accommodate students studying in this great room. Don’t get me wrong. I appreciate a comfortable, quiet study room as much as the next person, but the Student Lounge’s primary role is not a study room. When the authors of the letter say that the solution to their problem is to obtain free tickets, I would like to take the opportunity to address the need to implement an approach to working with the CIW and the University of Notre Dame in a way that is holistically Catholic: Such an approach should incorporate not only an emphasis on human rights, but also on the image and likeness of God. However, if everyone were to act faithfully, we could make a real difference. While these teaching moments are important, we should recognize that there are only three places to student lounge on campus. The Walsh Lounge, the “bottom of St. Joe Lake-ish”) Library, LaFemina and the CoMo Lounge. Allow me to offer some alternative suggestions.

1. Walsh has at least two very nice study rooms in the basement, complete with couches, tables, desks and the comfort of your own home. Most dorms do have comfortable places to study that are rarely utilized.
2. The Bond Library is quite Thomas Jeffersonian with its classic columns and academic feel. Peaceful leather couches are a plus, and it is quiet and usually not crowded.
3. The East lounge in the basement of LaFemina is conveniently located in the student center, and yet generally respectfully quiet and comfortable places to study that are rarely utilized.

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Nov. 12

Too much Christmas

I’m as fed up as the next Domer with the hypercommercialization of the birth of Our Lord. Like any good Domer, I have a ready solution: More Catholicism. The Church begins preparations for Christmas exactly four Sundays before the feast day, with the season of Advent. By the laws of mathematics and the Gregorian calendar, this means Advent cannot start sooner than Nov. 27 nor later than Dec. 3. If we can confine our jovial merriment and frenzied consumerism to the appointed dates, we should be sick of the holiday at just the right time.

The response to Katie Kohler’s column yesterday, where she laments that Christmas is over after she opens her presents and goes to Mass on Dec. 25, I would like to take this opportunity to remind the student body that the Christmas season continues until Jan. 6, the Epiphany. What we thought it was just a song!?
"Loyal Daughters and Sons" marches onstage

By TAE ANDREWS

"Loyal Daughters and Sons" opens tonight in Washington Hall. Using a series of monologues (vagina or otherwise), dialogues and scenes that can — and do — happen at Notre Dame, the play opens a campus conversation about sexuality and sexual violence.

Playwright and professor Van Mills' script snaps as it moves along. It's concise and to the point in describing the good, bad and ugly of campus hookup culture in a complex panoramic mosaic of sex and sexuality. Originally penned by Emily Weisbecker, about two-thirds of the script is repeated from last year's show. After conducting interviews last spring, Van Mills tapped the remaining third over the summer, adding new scenes to keep the play current.

Much of the new material deals with the phrase "and sons," which was added to the play's title for this year's production.

"When I was writing new skits, I was always conscious of 'how can I add a male perspective to this?' Van Mills said in an email last Sunday night. "The male perspective has to be included. This isn't one gender's issue."

She said the reasons for the new title were twofold: first, to include men who may have felt alienated from the play, and second, to acknowledge the direct role men play in many forms of sexual abuse.

"Treating rape only as a women's issue neglects the fact that men are most often the perpetrators," she said. "Men have to address rape if there is ever going to be a real movement toward ending sexual violence."

Van Mill also said that trimming the stories for length, while remaining true to their original sources also presented a challenge.

"I have to get some pretty detailed stories into about a page and a half of text," she said. "This is hard to do for two reasons. One, because its a lot of text to cut out, but more importantly, these are people's private stories. I want to make sure that I'm representing their stories correctly, which can be hard when you have to cut so much detail out."

In a campus known for its "work hard, play hard" party atmosphere, "Loyal Daughters and Sons" goes to lengths to shed light on the dark underside of college life when some play too hard or too rough.

Rape and sexual violence are two recurring themes throughout the play. Van Mills and director Megan O'Donoghue do an excellent job of presenting vignettes of campus life that address these issues and remain Notre Dame-centric. ND students will no doubt recognize commonplace campus occurrences such as a "walk of shame" skit, in which a performer affects a hung-over air and drudges around on stage as a used and discarded sexual object.

"Loyal Daughters and Sons" also features a substantial amount of time devoted to the "Notre Dame bubble" effect, in which harsh realities concerning the uglier parts of college life can sometimes take a while to seep into the consciousness of the student body. The plays attempts to burst that bubble of deluded apathy and ignorance with its graphic and sexual explicit descriptions of sexual violence.

"Loyal Daughters and Sons" also addresses "blaming the victim," a phenomenon in which rape victims find themselves accused of either facilitating or hard or too rough.

One particularly powerful skit that is tough to watch involves an impressionable freshman girl being raped by a football player in library. Alone in the spotlight and her thoughts, three men in black sweatsuits close in on her as she cries and screams for help.

The play's party scenes, filled with Soca cups, loud music and copious amounts of booze, highlight the key roles alcohol and drug abuse can play in illicit sexual encounters, both from the male and female perspectives. As one inebriated female victim puts it, "How can I call it rape' when I don't even know what happened?"

Even in a play with such heavy material, "Loyal Daughters and Sons" still manages to work some humorous skits into the mix, including a song and dance musical parody of the song "It's All Right" dealing with parietals and a funny and creative Vagina Monologue.

For the most part, "Loyal Sons and Daughters" features minimal props, opting for a mostly barren stage to better showcase the acting skills of the performers. However, the set does feature a few distinctive props - Main Building's Golden Dome and the Basilica.

One skit featuring an eccentric professor makes good use of biting satire to discuss the hypocrisy of du Lac's punishment for sexual offenses, claiming that rape and consensual sex are equal in eyes of du Lac, since both result in dismissal and expulsion from Notre Dame.

The skits also establish Notre Dame as a "rape-prone campus" due to its perceived Macho jock culture, homophobia, binge drinking and lack of due process regarding sexuality and violence.

With such weighty subject matter, taking the material and making it their own presented quite a challenge for the cast members. However, director Megan O'Donoghue said the cast embraced the trying material rather than trying to distance themselves from it.

"I think most of us came into the experience aware of play's nature," she said in an email. "My own approach and preparation, one that I imparted to my cast, was to connect with the material on some universally personal level. This way, even if I haven't had the exact experience as one of the monologues, I can find some aspect of what that character was experiencing through their fundamental emotions. In doing so, any actor's interpretation will be more honest and bring more depth to the piece."

Van Mill agreed, saying, "This show is extremely emotionally draining. But the cause makes it all worth it."

In between skits, the audience can hear the strains of several different arrangements of "Amazing Grace," which becomes a musical theme for the show. "Amazing Grace" became a motif for the show after Sarah and I developed our joint concept for "Loyal Daughters and Sons," O'Donoghue said. "Among the issues that we wanted to address, both realization and healing were key. Plus, the obvious religious and spiritual presence here on campus is pretty much unavoidable. "Amazing Grace" simply encompassed all three of these issues in a really beautiful, classic way that most people should be able to recognize immediately."

Senior performer Jordy Brooks voiced a similar sentiment.

"It's always hard working with this material because all of the stories are based on interviews from the Notre Dame community, so they are all true accounts of what has happened on this campus," she said. "To prepare yourself, you really have to look at it as healing for everyone, and realize that no matter how hard it is, talking about these issues is incredibly important."

"Because of the silence surrounding the issues of sexuality and sexual assault, Loydai Daughters is an incredibly important new tradition at Notre Dame, because it allows people who have been silenced to have a voice and brings the issue to the forefront of conversation that many people would not have had before."

Senior Huyen Nguyen summed up her experience as a performer in the show.

"This has been a really amazing experience for me," she said. "At ND students, I feel like we've so sheltered that we don't realize these kinds of things happen here in the ND bubble. Someone's gotta tell these stories, and I'm glad I was able to be part of that."

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By LAURA MILLER
Scene Writer

The fact the Josh Turner has not won a Grammy or a CMA is a travesty. Admittedly Turner is still in the early days of his music career, but he has already been nominated for several prestigious awards. His career got off to a bright start in 2004 with the release of his first album, "Long Black Train," which earned him nominations at the CMA as well as a platinum certification.

His next album, "Your Man," featured the title song "Your Man" as well as "Would You Go With Me," which both topped the country charts and broke into the U.S. pop charts. "Would You Go With Me" has maintained its popularity since its release in 2006, and Turner earned a nomination for it in Best Male Country Vocal Performance.

This oft-nominated but never victorious male vocalist brings country back to its roots with his new album "Everything is Fine." His original style and heart-melting voice make the entire album a pleasant listen. Hailing from South Carolina, Turner creates music that reflects a classic country sound.

With previous albums showcasing his ability to produce excellent singles, this album is more rounded. The CD, released two weeks ago, includes a single "Firecracker.""Undoubtedly the highlight of the album, this song is energetic, positive and full of good-old-country jamming. If you haven't heard this song yet, find it. It has already hit No. 8 on the country charts only two weeks after the official release.

Despite Turner's vocal excellence, he faces an obstacle that many country singers of today avoid. Turner's style is unabashedly country-western. His soundtrack is characterized more by banjos, guitars and banjos than by electric guitars and drums.

While this appeals to the die-hard country fans, many of today's country listeners are actually pop-music converts. Thus, most prefer the stylings of artists such asascal Flats and Carrie Underwood. These artists do a much better job blending the styles of country and pop-sometimes to the detriment of both. In the case of Turner, his music, however, usually turns out to be well-written and performed and is overwhelmingly popular for all audiences.

Turner's music is at a disadvantage because he might be unable to compete with those who aren't in touch with country culture. In an interview about his album, Turner said, "There's a lot of different kinds of songs on this record, but they're all a part of what I'm about. There's some great up-tempo country, fun kinda songs - there's some really great ballads, heartbreaking songs."

For the true country aficionado, no one says country like Josh Turner. His hit singles are undoubtedly some of the best songs in recent country history, and his latest album "Everything is Fine" is also promising. Although it's unfortunate that Turner has not enjoyed the level of success that he perhaps deserves, his voice will give him a longevity that most singers don't enjoy. Even if he never wins a CMA award or a Grammy, 20 years from now you'll still be hearing his music.

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NBA

Paul sinks game-winning layup to beat Nets

Jazz beat injured Kings; Al, Nuggets top Caes

Paul sinks game-winning layup to beat Nets

Paul sank a game-winning layup with 2.6 seconds left and finished with a season-high 32 points, leading the Hornets to an 84-82 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Monday night.

Paul added seven assists and six rebounds in his marquee point guard matchup with Jason Kidd. He had another huge play shortly before his basket, running up with a steal after his own miss and finding Morris Peterson, who converted a four-point play to lead it with a minute left. "I don’t know how we won the game," Hornets coach Byron Scott said. "These are the type of games last year we probably would have lost. It tells a lot about the resiliency we have on this team. Chris Paul wasn’t having one of his best nights in terms of taking care of the ball but man, did he come up with a potential tying jumper before the buzzer.

Ante Krстиć had season highs of 12 points and 10 rebounds in his best game of the season after he missed the final 56 games of last season with a knee injury. He had been averaging just 6.5 points and 4.2 rebounds.

However, Krstic missed two free throws with the game tied at 82 with 42 seconds to play, then missed a jumper that gave the Hornets a chance to win it.

"This one hurts probably more than anything right now because it’s a game where we should have won, but just made some bad plays," Wright said.

New Orleans controlled the first three quarters, but Jefferson scored 16 points—equaling the Hornets’ total—as the Nets turned the game around in the third.

New Jersey eventually went ahead by 11 on Wright’s bucket with under 5 minutes to play. But Paul made a huge play to trigger a 10-1 spurt that pulled the Hornets within 1 point on David West’s basket with 2:11 left.

The Nets still seemed safe when Wright knocked down a three and then Paul turned it over and missed a shot. But Paul allowed that miss by swiping the ball from Jason Collins, who then added to his 18 points by breaking Peterson.

"I felt a lot of responsibility because the previous two or three possessions, I either turned it over or missed a shot," Paul said. "When I was able to get that steal, Mo P hit the biggest clutch defense in the game and Paul entered the game averaging a league-high 11.1 assists, with Kidd just behind at 10.5. Kidd missed the starting point guard spot on the U.S. national team last summer that the injured Paul manned for most of the 2006 world championships.

Jazz 117, Kings 93

Carlos Boozer had 32 points and 12 rebounds for his seventh double-double of the season and the Jazz won their third straight at short-handed Sacramento Kings on Monday night.

Al Jefferson added 15 points, eight rebounds, eight assists and three blocks for the Jazz, who won their fourth in a row.

The Kings played without three of their starters and were outrebounded 41-32 and committed 19 turnovers.

Brian Skinner scored a season-high 37 points and J.R. Smith added 21 points to help the Denver Nuggets beat the Cleveland Cavaliers on Monday night.

Iverson finished 14-for-20 from the field and added eight assists, and Carmelo Anthony had 22 points and nine rebounds as the Nuggets won their third in a row.

LeBron James led Cleveland, which was playing the second game of a back-to-back, with 27 points. Ira Newble added 17 points for the Cavaliers.

Iverson scored 18 in the first half and came out shooting to start the third quarter. He scored 13 points in the first 5 minutes of the half, including two 3-pointers as the Nuggets (5-3) built a 78-51 lead. The Nuggets led 88-72 heading into the fourth quarter.

Shannon Brown hit two jumpers to start the final period that cut Denver’s lead to 88-72, but Smith hit two 3-pointers to push the lead back to 20. Linas Kleiza’s 3-pointer with 8:06 left made it 106-81.

The Cavaliers trailed 21-18 after the first quarter despite shooting 25 percent. Cleveland benefited from seven Denver turnovers that helped keep the score close.

The Nuggets used a 13-2 run, highlighted by an Iverson alley-oop pass to Smith, to take a 39-34 lead in the first half. The Cavs (4-4) got within 11, but two 3-pointer by Smith at the end of the second quarter gave the Nuggets a 58-43 lead at the break.

Cleveland guard Larry Hughes didn’t finish the game. After missing a 3-pointer with 7:42 left in the first half, Hughes had some words for referee Bill Spooner, who quickly gave Hughes two technical fouls and ejected him.

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Pedroia, Braun take home top rookie honors

NEW YORK — Dustin Pedroia won in a runaway, just like his Red Sox in the World Series.

The little Boston second baseman with the big swing was an easy pick for AL Rookie of the Year, while Ryan Braun barely edged Troy Tulowitzki for the NL honor Monday.

Generously listed at 5-foot-9, Pedroia became a fan favorite at Fenway Park with his all-out style. Plus, few knew he played second base before Pedroia. and for us, a real big need for him to come back and fill Joel is going to be a real tough void to fill. You'll see how valuable he is by late May, Braun hit .324 in the postseason as the Tigers reached the top-ranked star's first loss in 11 years.

Braun received 17 of 32 first-place votes and finished with 128 points. Tulowitzki got 15 first-place votes and 126 points. Ballots were completed by the end of the regular season, before Pedroia and Tulowitzki met in the World Series.

"To show you how good Ryan was, in any other year Troy Tulowitzki would have won hands down," Doug Melvin said. "I had no idea what the vote would be based on," he said. "I knew that it would be a close vote."

Associated Press

In Brief

Tigers hang on to closer Jones with one-year extension

DETROIT — Todd Jones and the虎多 Detroit Tigers agreed to a $7 million, one-year contract Monday.

Jones had 38 saves for the Tigers last season, a year after saving 37 games to help Detroit make the playoffs for the first time since 1987. He had four more in the postseason as the Tigers reached the World Series. He turns 40 in April.

"For us, he’s done a quality job for the last couple years and for us, a real big need for him to come back and fill that closer role," Tigers president Dave Dombrowski said.

Re-signing Jones became even more important for Detroit when hard-throwing reliever Joel Zumaya had shoulder surgery, costing him at least the first half of the 2008 season.

"Joel is going to be a real tough void to fill. You’ll see how valuable he is by the amount of money that Dave has to commit to try to fill those spots," Jones said.

Top-ranked Federer falters, Roddick survives at Masters Cup

SHANGHAI, China — Not to worry, says Roger Federer. His game very much intact even though he lost consecutive matches for the first time in four years.

The latest defeat was to Fernando Gonzalez of Chile, a 4-6, 7-6 (13), 7-5 decision Monday at the Masters Cup. Federer, the defending champion, entered the match with a 12-0 record in round-robin play at the season-ending tournament. It was the top-ranked star’s first loss in 31 meetings against No. 7 Gonzalez.

"Some players or people might think, ‘Now he’s more vulnerable,’" Federer said. "I disagree, obviously. I’m going to hopefully show them again this week and then obviously next year again." In the other 6-0 Group match, No. 5 Andy Roddick survived a second-set lapse to beat No. 5 Nikolay Davydenko 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Nets’ Carter sidelined by right ankle sprain

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Vince Carter of the New Jersey Nets will be sidelined indefinitely with a sprained right ankle.

An MRI on Monday revealed Carter sustained a Grade 1 sprain on Saturday by right ankle sprain against the New York Knicks. The eight-time All-Star was hurt in the Nets’ 97-86 win at Philips Arena. He landed on the foot of Celtics forward Paul Pierce during a contest.

"I guess relief is a good word in that it could have been a whole lot worse," Nets coach Lawrence Frank said before the Nets played the New Orleans Hornets. "The positive thing is that he has felt better each and every day."

The right-time All-Star was hurt in the third quarter of a 112-107 loss to Boston. He landed on the foot of Celtics forward Paul Pierce after a dunk. Carter averaged 17.0 points, 5.5 rebounds and 4.5 assists through the first six games. He signed a four-year contract valued at about $65 million in the offseason.
Tigers trade Infante to Cubs for Jones

Associated Press

DETROIT — Filling needs as fast as possible, the Detroit Tigers acquired outfielder Jacque Jones from the Chicago Cubs for utility player Omar Infante on Monday night.

"Our scouts really like him and how he fits because he's a left-handed hitter that can play all three spots in the outfield," Tigers general manager Jim Leyland said in a telephonic interview. "But I think it was a great trade for both teams because Infante can really help a National League team because he can play short, second and third and in the outfield."

Jones took over as Chicago's starting center fielder in the second half this season. In Detroit, he's expected to split time in left with Marcus Thames and provide depth behind Curtis Granderson and Magglio Ordonez at the other outfield positions.

The Tigers missed the playoffs this fall after a surprising run to the 2006 World Series. Hoping for a return to the postseason next year, they addressed a major need two weeks ago by trading for All-Star shortstop Edgar Renteria from Atlanta for two prospects. Detroit also signed Monday to a $7 million, one-year contract with closer Todd Jones, who had become a free agent.

"The Tigers just seem to be getting better every year," Todd Jones said. "We officially don't have an out in our lineup anymore."

Jacque Jones hit 285 with five homers, 33 doubles and 66 RBIs in 135 games last season, his most appearances at second base in 20 games. He also played shortstop, third base and all three outfield positions.

"Detroit has been showing interest the last couple of weeks. Dave and I started preliminary talks in Orlando and had some serious discussions that concluded late last night," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said.

"We're happy to get Infante. He gives us another guy who is versatile and can play everywhere on the infield and all three outfield spots. ... It's good for both clubs. Dave was looking somebody to play left field with Thames. We tried to wrap it up as soon as we could. We both have other issues to address.

Jones languished on the Cubs' bench in the first half and was nearly traded. He also heard plenty of boos from fans at Wrigley Field as he struggled early. Once he started playing, his game picked up.

Hendry said Jones was pleased to be going in to a team that was in the World Series last year.

"Jacque was fine. We had a nice conversation before he went home before the season was over. He knew the possibility existed," Hendry said.

"I think he kind of figured it out. ... He played well here in the second half and helped us get into the postseason. Hopefully, it will be a good situation for both clubs.

With Jones gone, Hendry said the Cubs would probably turn to young players such as Felix Pie and Sam Fuld in center, adding that infielder Ronny Cedeno also has been working in the outfield.

Detroit is now focused on adding a veteran starting pitcher, hoping to bring back free agent Kenny Rogers.

"In Kenny's case, they said last week that they wanted to see what was out there," Dombrowski said.
Chiefs quarterback Brodie Croyle throws downfield during Kansas City's 27-11 loss to Denver on Sunday.

Associated Press

Kansas City Chiefs Coach Herm Edwards said Monday the rifle-armed Croyle, who came in for a shaken-up Huard against Denver on Sunday, would start at Indianapolis on Sunday as the Chiefs try to snap a two-game losing streak and revive one of the NFL's weakest offenses.

"You need a spark," Edwards said. "We've been in some constant loss situations where we haven't had the ability to score points. That's part of your job as a quarterback, to put points on the board and move the football team. We've moved at times, but we've also been very inconsistent." Croyle was 17-for-30 for 162 yards, with one interception, in the 27-11 loss that dropped Kansas City to 4-5.

Huard, an 11-year veteran, had been a backup all his career until beating out Croyle in the preseason. He played well in eight starts last year when Trent Green was injured. But he had been inconsistent this year, and before Croyle came in Sunday, Huard had thrown two interceptions and four touchdowns.

"Damon's done a good job helping us win four games. It's never on one guy, obviously," Edwards said. "You need a spark. We've been in some constant loss situations where we haven't had the ability to score points. That's part of your job as a quarterback, to put points on the board and move the football team.

"We've moved at times, but we've been very inconsistent. At this point in time, this is a chance for me and this organization to evaluate a young player that we think has a chance to play quarterback. But you don't know until he has an opportunity." A third-round pick in 2006 out of Alabama, Croyle will be the first quarterback actually drafted by Kansas City to start a game for the Chiefs sinceTodd Blackledge, who was drafted in 1983.

Croyle said earlier Tuesday he did not know if he was going to get the nod. "If this is the week, then this is the week," he said. "If not, then I've still got to prepare and get better. We will be ready to go when it's time to go." He was expected to win the job in training, but he played poorly in the preseason and Huard, who hardly played because of an injury, was given the job virtually by default.

"I'm a pretty patient guy and I think your patience helps you make the right decision," Edwards said. "It takes the emotion out of your decision and you gather the information as you play. When you change your quarterback, people always feel like it was all on the quarterback. It's not. It's not all on the quarterback. Damon's been a pro, a standup guy. When I brought him in here today I understood. He got the big picture. He understands that it's been nine weeks and that it's not an emotional decision." "Maybe some people thought I should have done it earlier," Edwards added. "I have a feel for this football team. We're at a point where I've got to try to spark something on offense."

Peterson out after tearing ligament

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson will miss Sunday's game against Oakland with a torn ligament in his right knee.

Coach Brad Childress said Monday that Peterson tore his lateral collateral ligament in the Vikings' 34-0 loss to Green Bay. Peterson will not require surgery, Childress said.

"The good news is that the knee is otherwise stable and the injury is isolated to that ligament," Childress said. "I'm told that's a good healing ligament."

Childress said this is not a season-ending injury, but he did not talk about when Peterson might be back.

"I'm really hesitant to put a timeline on that thing," Childress said.

Peterson was hurt just a week after he set an NFL single-game rushing record with 296 yards in a victory over San Diego.

Team doctors told Children that with ligament tears gradated on a three-point scale, with three being the worst, Peterson's tear is "two-plus." It's as serious as an anterior cruciate ligament tear, which would have required surgery, and ended Peterson's brilliant rookie season.

"This is not one of those," Childress said.

Peterson was injured in the third quarter Sunday. Packers cornerback Al Harris hit him in the knee just as Peterson was about to make a cut downhill, and the star rookie writhed in pain for several minutes in a scary scene.

Losing the only offensive star it has will be a devastating blow to a unit that has struggled at every position. Peterson has not topped 200 yards rushing this season. It's been a one-man show in Minnesota, with Peterson accounting for 1,551 of the team's 1,681 yards rushing and eight of the team's 10 touchdowns rushing. The No. 7 overall draft pick out of Oklahoma broke the single-game rushing record two weeks ago against San Diego, racking up 296 yards to put him on pace to smash Eric Dickerson's record for yards rushing by a rookie in a single season.

Now the Vikings will turn to veteran Chester Taylor, who topped 1,200 yards rushing last season and has been solid in spot duty behind Peterson this year. Taylor is averaging 5 yards per carry in a backup role.

"He obviously has a track record," Childress said. "We just expect somebody to pick it up there.

Peterson took over as the starter after rushing for 224 yards in a victory over Chicago on Oct. 14. The Vikings scored 24 points that week, and the only other time they've topped 30 points in a game this season was during Peterson's historic performance in their 35-17 victory over the Chargers two weeks ago.

An unbalanced attack on offense is mostly to blame. The Vikings rank No. 1 in the NFL in rush offense, but are 31st in passing offense and have flip-flopped quarterbacks all season.

Brooks Bollinger became the third quarterback to start this season, and he led the Vikings to a 30-24 win over Green Bay, and Childress said he will go with him against the San Francisco 49ers line against the Raiders.

With the Packers keying down on stopping Peterson, the dazzling runner was limited to 45 yards on 11 carries before he was hurt. The Vikings had just 17 plays in the first half thanks to Bollinger's struggles in the passing game, and had no scores after rushing behind 30-0 early in the second half.

For the immediate future, at least, the Vikings must find a way to generate intensity without the player who galvanizes them on offense.
NHL

Predators deal Blue Jackets fourth-straight loss

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Nashville Predators made it clear right from the start there was more to the game than offense, their early-season slump quick to become a thing of the past.

If Dumont had two goals and an assist, and the Predators sent the Columbus Blue Jackets to their fourth straight loss with a 4-1 win Monday night.

"We don't have as much scoring power as we did last year," Dumont said. "We're going to need 20 goals every night."

Nashville used its lock-down defensive approach to beat Columbus for the 10th consecutive time, and second in three days.

Martin Erat tallied twice — including an empty-netter — and had two assists to record a career-high four points for Nashville, which has won seven of nine following a six-game losing streak. The Predators have earned a point in six straight games and eight of nine. Jason Arnott added two assists.

"He's been playing great. He's give any goaltender some trouble. He's been playing great. He's had some good fortune when one of their defensemen fell down," Nashville coach Barry Trotz said. "We were able to get some breathing room."

Chris Mason had 29 saves for Nashville; Pascal Leclaire stopped 27 shots for Columbus.

"Mason was really good," Trotz said. "I thought we made a coupe of exceptional saves when the game was close."

Early in the first period, after Nashville worked the puck along the boards behind the Columbus net, Arnott zipped a centering pass from the right corner. Dumont got behind defenseman Adam Foote and tapped in his fifth goal at 6:39.

Columbus tied it just 15 seconds later. Sergei Fedorov pressured the puck loose from defenseman Dan Hamhuis deep in the Predators zone. Viybyorn scooped it up the puck along the right boards, cut to the slot and beat Mason with a low shot through traffic. Viybyorn, who led the team in scoring last season, netted his first goal in 32 games.

Erat made it 2-1 at 12:53 with a superorp. Jetting across the ice toward the right wing, he settled a bouncing puck at the blue line, hit off Jiri Havlkla Klena with his left arm while shielding the puck, and stick-handled around Lechire, who lunged with a poke check. He scored his third of the season into the vacated net.

"He just outskated everybody on the ice," Dumont said. "He went by the best skater on the ice."

Flyers 3, Islanders 2

Mike Richards might want to shyly suggest one of his Flyers teammates got whipped for diving, holding or any other type of penalty that would leave Philadelphia short-handed.

Riccit finds a way to make teams pay on the penalty kill.

Richards knocked in his own rebound for the winner early in the third period to lead Philadelphia to a win over the New York Islanders on Monday night and help the Flyers remain undefeated at home.

"He's got great instincts and he's a big-game player," Flyers coach John Stevens said. "He came through tonight."

The Flyers are 6-0 at the Wachovia Center and have re-established the home-ice advantage they wasted last season when they won only 10 times in front of the orange-and-black diehards, who showed their appreciation with a standing ovation at the final horn.

With the Flyers at home against the Islanders for the second time this season after dropping all four games against New York in Philadelphia last season.

Nashville worked the puck along the boards, cut to the slot and beat Mason with a low shot through traffic. Viybyorn, who fell on his back and was helpless as the puck scooted to the back of the net.

Upshall took advantage of a misplay off the boards to put the Flyers up 1-0 midway through the first. Philadelphia's Jeff Carter battled into the boards with Andy Sutton for the puck behind the net. The puck squirmed free, and Islanders forward Ruslan Fedotenko tried to clear it down the ice, but swung it into Upshall's path.

Upshall knocked the puck past DiPietro for his second goal of the season.

"It's nice to be able to make a move on the goalie," Upshall said. "The Islanders and Flyers combined for only nine shots in the first.

DiPietro stopped Richards on a breakaway early in the second and the Islanders came right back after that sensational save to make it 1-1. Sillinger scored his second goal of the season on a backhander.

The Islanders wasted all four power-play opportunities. We didn't have any power on the power play," coach Ted Nolan said. "You have to get some shots through and you have to create some havoc in front of the net to give any goaltender some trouble. We just didn't establish anything."

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Irish forward Luke Harangody jumps above several Long Island defenders Monday in Notre Dame's 82-50 win over the Blackbirds.

Irish sophomore guard Tory Jackson's uncle passed away at age 49 Saturday.

Jackson missed practice and returned home to Saginaw, Mich., to be with his family this weekend. He was back on the court against Long Island, missing out eight assists in 28 minutes of play.

"To the delight of the Joyce Center crowd, the Irish unveiled a new pregame video montage. The show preceded player introductions and included clips of past and present Irish players.

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MLB

All-Star catcher Posada re-signs with Yankees

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees and Jorge Posada agreed Monday night to a $12.4 million, four-year contract that keeps the catcher off the free-agent market.

A five-time All-Star, Posada said Sunday he was "really close" to a deal with the Yankees and his preference was to remain with the only major league team he's played for.

A person familiar with the talks confirmed the deal, speaking on condition of anonymity because the team didn't announce it. The sides were working late Monday on wrapping up details of the agreement, which was first reported by the Daily News on its Web site.

Posada's $12.4 million average salary becomes the highest for a catcher, topping the $10 million Detroit's Ivan Rodriguez and Boston's Jason Varitek currently are guaranteed and the $13 million Mike Piazza averaged under his contract with the New York Mets from 1999-05. Rodriguez will earn $13 million next year, the option season of his contract with the Tigers.

New York also was trying to reach Mariano Rivera before Tuesday, when free agents could start talking money with all clubs. Rivera and the Yankees already had been given the option of a four-year contract but upped their proposals to four years on Monday evening.

Posada hit a team-high .338 this year with 20 homers and 90 RBIs. He set career highs for average, slugging percentage (.543) and on-base percentage (.403).

The Levinsims also represent Roger Clemens, the pitcher who has had dialogue with the pair about the World Series MVP, whose preference appears to be to stay with the Tigers.

Rivera, an eight-time All-Star who turns 38 on Nov. 29, was in the Dominican Republic on Monday, and the closer said if he couldn't reach a deal with New York, he would consider following manager Joe Torre to the Los Angeles Dodgers. He is expected to receive a three-year contract and Yankees senior vice president Hank Steinbrenner said Rivera already had been given an improved offer.

"The Yankees are my first option," he said in Santo Domingo, saying if that is not possible, there is Joe with the Dodgers.

General manager Brian Cashman said re-signing the pair was his top priority right now.

"The ball's pretty much in their court now. They've both been made very good offers now, and we'll see where they're at," Steinbrenner said Monday afternoon. "We'll see how committed they are."
Knights

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line, the Knights kept the ball on the ground and capped off the drive with a two-yard touchdown pass from back Brett Wilps’s five-yard lousy.

"Our starting tailback was hurt on the second play of the game," Keenan senior coach Matt Gibson said. "We had a lot of guys who ... really step up." The ball stayed in Stanford territory throughout the first half, but Keenan didn’t score again, and the half ended with the score at 7-0.

Welsh Fam

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but once again, similar to the first. Welsh Family drive, the offensive attack ended with an interception.

"We’ve done pretty much the same thing all season. We have a potent offense and a defense that shuts down any offense," Welsh coach Mike Kaiser said. "We just played our game.

The next drive the Whirlwind was fueled by the Garland-Hart connection. After both teams traded red-zone penalties, the junior quarterback hit sophomore Mary Rodriguez for a touchdown.

The Purple Weasels could not make anything happen on their next drive, ending the half, and their struggles on offense continued as they ended their drive to open the second half by turning over the ball on downs.

Garagna and Hart once again took over the game on the offensive side of the ball. After a first down run by Demetria Bluth, Garagna hit the senior receiver on a quick slant for the touchdown and the 13-0 lead.

The interior line, spearheaded by the Trattack of Pick and Frankie von, and senior Whitney Eadsley did not allow Pasquariella West to get any momentum, and the Whirlwinds once again found themselves victorious.

"Welsh Family had our number all year. They are a really talented team," Purple Weasels coach Paul Wallenberg said. "Any loss is disappointing, but we have a lot of returning talent, and I have a lot of hope for next year."

Cavanaugh 12, Farley 0

Cavanaugh played a nearly perfect game, shutting out Farley’s Finest on Sunday at home field.

The semifinal loss ends Farley’s impressive playoff run and sends the Clan to the championship game at Notre Dame Stadium.

"It’s a great step in the right direction," Cavanaugh coach Bill Fitzgerald said. "It has been a very frustrating season losing more games than we expected this year."

The Clan ended the season well and managed to sneak into the playoffs as a No. 6 seed. In their first game of the playoffs, they upset Pangborn to advance to the semis.

Sunday was more of the same as Cavanaugh played a nearly flawless game on its way to the shutout victory. Junior quarterback Katie Dunn was the story of this game, using both her arm and her legs to boost the Clan offense. She threw two
touchdown passes and had a number of key fourth down runs to extend drives.

"Dunn is seeing the field real well right now," Fitzgerald said. "After this game, I think we are definitely where we want to be as a team."

Even after the tough loss, Farley was still very pleased with the season.

"They certainly have heart," Farley rector Sister Catrine Silveridge said. "They don’t call them the Finest for nothing. I am so proud of all of them.

Cavanaugh’s tough defense flushed Farley’s offense for a majority of the game by forcing long fourth down situations and creating turnovers down the stretch.

"Cavanaugh played really, really well," Farley coach Matt Barcus said. "A couple of plays and penalties did not go our way, but we just didn’t play well enough to win the game."

Farley’s defense has been strong, but their offensive struggles have been apparent all season long.

"We’ve struggled this season on offense until we played Walsh, junior captain Jenny Rollins said. "It really hurt us today though. Cavanaugh’s defense played well and made big plays.”

Cavanaugh will move on to face the undefeated juggernaut of Welsh Family in the interhall championship game at Notre Dame Stadium at 12 p.m. on Sunday.

Knights now set for the championship game against Stanford, who defeated the Knights in the last week of the regular season.

"We got outplayed and made a lot of mental mistakes," Gibson said about the loss to Stanford. "They’re a good team, but they better watch out."

Stanford 26, Fisher 0

Sunday’s cold weather froze the Green Wave as top-seeded Stanford dominated Fisher on both sides of the ball. The Stanford defense held the Fisher offense to only two first downs. Senior lineman Matt Tempelmiere sacked Green Wave senior quarterback Kevin Rabii three times, and sophomore Chris Gill had two interceptions.

On offense, junior quarterback Brian Salvi went nine-for-twelve for 106 yards. "Fisher was a tough opponent," Stanford coach Rick Leson said. "But Brian did a fantastic job, and we didn’t make any mistakes, which was key."

The game looked to be competitive at the outset, with the teams exchanging punts and then each turned the ball over on downs. In its last possession of the half, though, Stanford put together a 58-yard drive ending in a touchdown pass to senior Matt Frankenhof.

In the second half, Fisher began to make mistakes, including a bad snap on a punt and Gill’s two interceptions. The Griffins put the game out of reach with less than two minutes left, causing the game to end early due to the mercy rule.

"It was a perfect game," Leson said.

Stanford will play Keenan in the interhall championship Sunday at 1:30 p.m in Notre Dame Stadium.

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Diana Ross (May 26): Birthday Baby: Aries (April 19-May 20). You'll be sensitive to the people around you. You may not have a clear path to go along with what's happening. A love relationship may be very turbulent for you. It may be time to make a final decision, personal or in a crucial change.

Sigmund Freud (March 18-April 19): Birthday Baby: Taurus (April 20-May 20). Someone may try to borrow money or belongings from you today. Please be careful with whom you share information about your assets. Someone else or more experience can shed light on a situation you face today.

Jimi Hendrix (November 27): Birthday Baby: Gemini (May 21-June 21). The people you are closest to may not be the people you thought they were. Your numbers are 3, 7, 19, 21, 27, 34.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Clipping the Blackbirds' wings

Long Island unable to stop Irish post game in opening night win

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

In its first regular season game, Notre Dame overcame some early jitters and defeated Long Island 82-50 at the Joyce Center Monday.

Irish forward Rob Kurz scored 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as the Irish dominated the overmatched Blackbirds inside. Sophomore forward Luke Harangody chipped in 15 points while battling double teams down low.

“We thought coming into the game we'd have a mismatch down there,” Kurz said. "We were obviously bigger on paper than them so anytime you have that you have to take advantage of that and I thought we did a good job of using our inside presence.”

Overall, Notre Dame outscored Long Island 44-18 in the paint.

The Irish had four turnovers and several missed layups in the first six minutes of the game. But despite the

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish set to face Loyola in 1st round

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame (15-4-1) received a No. 4 seed in the NCAA Tournament and will host Loyola, Ill. (14-8-1) Friday at Alumni Field.

This marks the 14th consecutive season that the Irish have hosted a first-round game of the NCAA Tournament.

North Carolina, Penn State, UCLA and Stanford received No. 1 seeds. The Irish lost to the Nittany Lions 2-1 on Sept. 22.

West Virginia, Virginia and Wash. Forest received the other No. 4 seeds. The Mountaineers defeated Notre Dame 3-3 in a shootout after a 1-1 draw through two overtime periods Sunday.

Conference teams cannot play each other in the first round and the selection committee was restricted by geographic considerations. Notre Dame could face conference opponent Louisville or Illinois in the second round if they advance.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Toppers await Irish in NIT quarterfinals

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame enters the quarterfinals of the preseason NIT Tuesday when it faces Western Kentucky on Tuesday. The teams split two exhibition games Monday.

The Irish defeated Miami (Ohio) 98-50 and the Lady Toppers beat Lindsey Wilson 90-73 Friday.

State 90-73 Friday. Notre Dame has scored more than 90 points in each of its first three games, but Irish coach Muffet McGraw said the early matchups can't compare to what the Irish will face this season.

“Like most good teams, they're not one-dimensional,” McGraw said. “You can't just focus on her because they have good perimeter shooters and other perimeter players.”

The Irish scored 94 points in the win over Western Kentucky, who averaged 35.7, 35.1 and 35.5 percent, respectively, from behind the arc.

Western Kentucky, who averaged

MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Knights shut out Siegfried

By ERIC PRINTER and
LAURA MYERS
Sports Writers

Keenan's defense stepped up Sunday in a 7-0 shutout of Siegfried, propelling the Knights into the championship at Notre Dame Stadium against the Stanford Griffins.

The Knights were tested on multiple occasions but came through each time to secure the victory. Neither offense started the game well, but field position was in the Knights' favor throughout the first half. But after Siegfried's punter inadvertently downed the ball on his own 17-yard

WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Whirlwinds blow away PW to advance to finals

By PATRICK STYNES and
ALEX BARKER
Sports Writers

On the frozen fields of Riehle East, Welsh Family proved it deserved the No. 1 seed when it cruised to a 13-0 victory over the ladies of Pasquerilla West Sunday.

Junior quarterback Jennifer Gargula and senior receiver Katherine Hart led an efficient and precise offense that controlled the clock and chewed up time with key third-down conversions.

Early on, Welsh Family looked out of sync — the pressure seemed to throw off the

On the perimeter, three Lady Toppers shot over 35 percent from 3-point range. Guards Kendra Ricci, Cammie Campbell and Lilli Davis connected on 35.7, 35.1 and 35.5 percent, respectively, from behind the arc.

Western Kentucky, who averaged

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Irish forward Zach Hillesland drives to the basket against a Long Island defender in Notre Dame's 82-50 win Monday over the Blackbirds. Hillesland posted eight points and seven rebounds during the game.

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