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Huckabee, who served as gov-

ernor of Arkansas from 1996

until 2006 and ran in the

Republican presidential campaigns last year, said he is “not ruling anything out” in regards to running for the presidency in 2012.

While he enjoys his book tour, Huckabee also said he is “more worried about the direction of the country than the Party,” he said. “The Party will find the time to think about it again when asked about the current state of the Republican Party, Huckabee said its leaders “are finding their sea legs again to get back on track” by realizing that something must be done to

fix national debt and spending.

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According to his roommates, he did homework in his room, studied court cases and wrote papers. He made himself up as a physician’s assistant in Jacksonville, Florida.

His actions show exactly how easy it is to fake obeying school rules. He found ID cards from other colleges where it was most likely that Stearley had committed similar acts. Further investigation of Stearley’s story led to the discovery that his belongings and sneaked out of the house when his roommates found out their tenant’s story was a lie.

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It’s almost invigorating to come across someone who’s made such a mess of things. Though his persistently good character in “Catch Me If You Can” might have done something badly, although his persistence was commendable, it would be naive not to see the problems that Stearley’s story brings to campus security.

His actions show exactly how easy it is to by-pass the different forms of security we have. Though he was not a threat to campus in particular, this experience demonstrates how easy it might be for someone who is potentially dangerous to learn building pass codes and take advantage of lax security on campus.

Aside from the problems with his talent for faking presents, he made my completely legitimate spot at Notre Dame seem a little more special and a little more valuable.

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conditions of the farmers from Immokalee are
comparative to modern-day slavery, according to the CIW Web site.
A lot of people just do not know what is going on and understand what bears the burden of the things that we take for granted,
Co-president senior Rocío Aguiñaga said. "We work for a greater appreciation of our rights as we try to bring them to others as well.
the Week of Nov. 15 is designated as a Week of Action for protests against major national supermarkets. In order to compliment the Week's protests in a southern grocery store, MECHA's Social Action Committee will host an Education Night this Thursday in order to provide information about the CIW and the human rights violations in Immokalee.
Guadalupe Gomez, a Notre Dame graduate, said the Education Night is "a chance to educate people in the community about what is going on and how they can get involved.
Another Notre Dame alumna and MECHA activist Melanie Gonzales will also attend the event and
discuss her experiences with the workers in Immokalee and the opportuni ties for change. If people are interested in joining, they can sign delegation letters for Kroger managers that will show customer dissatisfaction with the store's policies.
MECHA representatives also said they hope to be present at the additional protests on Kroger in Lakeland, Fla., in December.
Medina said MECHA is strongly rooted in community and works to bring equality to all people. The club strives to spread awareness through the Notre Dame community about human rights violations that affect not only Latino Americans but also all Americans.
"If we can focus our efforts on getting this campus more aware, then we will have already won part of the battle," she said.
Freshman Victor Cruz recently joined the club and has been involved in the Social Action Committee and Week of Action planning.
"I grew up with parents who instilled in me a pride in my heritage," he said.
"MECHA is my way of focusing my energy and my passion about that subject into something good for the community."
the University offers a Migrant Experiences Seminar involving immersion into the Immokalee community and first-hand experiences with the lives of these laborers. According to the Center for Social Concerns' Web site, the course introduces students to the difficulties and social issues surrounding migrant farm labor.
A trip to Immokalee over semester break is a central component of the seminar.
MECHA's Education Night will be tomorrow from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in DeBartolo room 140.
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Book fair to benefit SMC education center

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The Learning Tree, a resource education center for students at Saint Mary’s, will be co-hosting a book fair with Usborne Books, an educational materials supplier, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Center Atrium.

Usborne will be giving 50 percent of all the proceeds of the fair to the Learning Tree in the form of learning material, including textbooks and educational packets.

The fair will offer educational materials ranging from preschool to high school. Jayne Fogle, director of the Learning Tree, said there will be items like chapter books, activity books, learning activities, puzzles, phonics flash cards and many other materials that cover topics from geography and language to science and social studies.

Fogle said they are books for College education majors, “but more than that, they could be used for gifts.”

She said the fair was planned for around this time of the year so students could buy Christmas gifts for their siblings and friends. The items also could be useful to education majors who are looking for materials for their classes.

Prices of items start at around $4, and Fogle said given the high quality of the books, the prices are reasonable.

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Republicans realize that the vast debt and record spending that’s going on now is the wrong thing,” he said.

Huckabee said in regards to health care reform, the leadership of the Democratic Party, on the other hand, has been irresponsible.

“I think the Democratic leadership has been recklessly irresponsible in pushing something that is not only a policy that the American people don’t truly support, but worse, that would have a devastating impact on jobs and the economy,” he said.

Between traveling on the book tour and giving speeches, Huckabee said he interacts with thousands of people every week and has gotten a sense of the “great deal of angst” among Americans.

“And the one thing that becomes very evident is that people are genuinely concerned about the loss of jobs, the fact that the people of Congress seem to be totally immune to any semblance of reality when it comes to their policies and what they’re pushing,” he said. “Small business owners in particular are extremely concerned because they see the free enterprise system under assault.”

“A Simple Christmas” in part addresses these feelings, Huckabee said, because it tells some of his favorite Christmas stories to remind Americans, as they enter the holiday season during a difficult economic climate, that the best holidays can be the simplest ones.

“Huckabee said Karen Richards, a consultant for Usborne, is certain there will be a book at the fair for all who attend. Richards said she plans to bring hundreds of books to the campus.

The fair has been held successfully at other colleges and schools around the community including Indiana University South Bend, and the company has been looking forward to bringing it to Saint Mary’s.

The Learning Tree, located in Madeleva Hall, has been a resource at Saint Mary’s since 2001 and serves the South Bend community as well as students at the College.

Fogle said the center supplies services and materials at reasonable costs, she said. Services include laminating and poster making.

The Learning Tree also is unique, Fogle said, because it has learning games available for sale ranging from $1.50 to $2.50. The accompanying packets allow the student, parent or teacher to put the game together on their own.

The Learning Tree is open to the public from noon to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. Fogle said she is also available to students in the Saint Mary’s community as needed.

Fogle said she works with South Bend area schools, parents who home school and education majors from not only Saint Mary’s but other colleges.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Putin appears on hip hop TV

MOSCOW — Putin in da house? He’s tracked Russian hipers wearing military camouflage, sat in the cockpit of a fighter jet, and shown off black-belt judo moves. Now Vladimir Putin is adding another groove to his tough guy persona: hip hop idol.

Since Russian President Vladimir Putin popped up last week on a music TV show surrounded by rappers, some in the Kremlin elite are following suit. On Tuesday, lawmakers and musicians staged a “rap battle for justice” that included a freestyle message urging Russians to rely on their nation’s democratic triumph.

Andrei Malyshev, a lawyer who worked unnoticed for decades as a train-station manager before he was murdered Tuesday after a student doing undergraduate research uncovered his role in the massacre of a massacre of Jewish forced laborers.

University of Vienna student Andreas Forster was working on a project about the slaying in a forest near the Austrian village of Kramsach but stumbled across Adolf Storms’ name in witness testimony. Forster then obtained files from federal archives in Berlin that enabled him to link the former sergeant to the massacre, his principle, Walter Manoschek told The Associated Press.

90-year-old charged with Nazi crimes

Forster is the latest in a string of scholars that rolled through those that rolled through the Iron Curtain and joined the ranks of those who helped overturn the repressive regime.

Santos for wish for swine flu vaccine

CONCORD, N.H. — Forget cookies and milk. Santa wants the swine flu vaccine.

“Santa wants for swine flu vaccine,” said Jayne Garvey, a Detroit woman. “Forget cookies and milk. Santa wants the swine flu vaccine.”

Many of the nation’s Santas want to give the vaccine to children and not just the sick, because of those runny-nosed kids. There’s also the not-so-little matter of that round belly. Research has suggested obesity could be a risk factor.

Swine flu has become such a concern that the Amalgamated Order of Real Bearded Santas featured a seminar on the illness at a recent conference in Philadelphia. The group also urged its members to use hand sanitizer and take steps to boost their immune systems.

The president of the organization said he also hopes parents will keep sick kids away. “We don’t want any child to go without seeing Santa, but it’s not worth bringing your child to the mall, infecting the Santa and infecting the other children,” Nicholas Trols told the Associated Press.

Czech Republic

Many remember fall of communism

Thousands of Czechs gather to relive and commemorate their nation’s triumph

Associated Press

PRAGUE — Thousands marched through the Czech capital Tuesday in commemoration of a student protest 20 years ago that grew into the human tidal wave sweeping away the communist regime in what was then Czechoslovakia.

Today, the Czech Republic and Slovakia are European Union and NATO members. While the Cold War has left its mark, their economies are among the strongest of the continent’s former communist nations, and their democracies are among the most resilient. Pragmatic Czechs and Slovaks have moved into the European mainstream, with most citizens spending little time on any normal day looking back on their Velvet Revolution.

But Tuesday was a normal day for the several thousand Czechs gathered to relive the hours that led to their nation’s democratic triumph.

Nov. 17, 1989, began with fiery speeches at a university campus in Prague, inspiring thousands of students to march downtown toward Wenceslas Square. As darkness fell, cracks opened up, beating demonstrators with truncheons and injuring hundreds in the melee.

Unlocked, a fire escape was opened in the ensuing days, with demonstrators chanting: “You have lost abroad, you have lost at home.”

They were right. Following the collapse of the Berlin Wall and communism in the region, by Dec. 10, Czechoslovakia had a new government. On Dec. 29, Vaclav Havel, a dissident playwright who had spent several years in prison, was elected the country’s first democratic president in a half century. Havel was a prisoner of conscience dominated by communist hardliners.

For more retracing the march, it was a joyful return to a time when repression proved no match for people power. Which is why a string of protests brought down the Iron Curtain across East Europe.

“In came here with hope,” said Renata Krbova, 45, who studied at the Faculty of Arts of Charles University in 1989 and joined the ranks of those that rolled through the capital.

“It was a wonderful feeling, after all we hoped that something had to happen,” she said.

Krbova, who teaches Italian and Italian literature at a Prague high school, said she came again to celebrate.

“Not everything is perfect,” she said. “But overall, it is on the right track.”

On Tuesday, Havel, President Vaclav Klaus and Prime Minister Jan Fischer joined hundreds of people laying flowers and lighting candles at a monument marking the site of the brutal clash.

“The demonstration, the march set the history into motion,” said Havel, who was applauded by the surrounding crowd.

Earlier Tuesday he praised the memory of those who helped overthrow the repressive regime, naming dozens including his late wife Olga.

“We often tend to forget our fellow colleagues, friends, and the opened-minded people in everyday life,” Havel told the Czech Senate. Prominent outsiders joined in the praise.

“I congratulate the Czech Republic and Slovakia on 20 years of democracy and reaffirm the commitment of the United States to our strong alliance,” Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said in a statement.

Czechs remain relatively optimistic, 20 years on.

A Pew Global Attitudes Project survey, conducted among respondents of nine post-communist countries, has only Czechs and Poles feeling they are better off now than back then. The Aug. 27 survey had a per-cent age of error between plus or minus 3.5 and 5 percentage points, depend ing on the country.

VIETNAM

Internet users fear Facebook blackout

HANOI — Vietnam’s growing legions of Facebook users fear that the country’s communist government might be blocking the popular social networking Web site, which has become difficult to access over the past few weeks.

Facebook has more than 1 million users in Vietnam, a number that has been growing quickly since the company recently added a Vietnamese language version of the site.

Access to other popular Web sites appears to be uninterrupted in Vietnam, a nation of 86 million with 22 million Internet users. Government officials and managers at several of Vietnam’s state-controlled Internet service providers did not respond to a request for comment.

But technicians at two of Vietnam’s largest Internet service providers said they had been swamped with calls from customers complaining they could not access Facebook during the last week.

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learning to institutions wrought with turmoil.

"The only rules of the game were that this had to be done in a civilized way, that students should have a point of view on issues, should be able to express that view to have meetings, discuss it and come up with some solutions if they can," he said. "That's a legitimate part of University life and no one is against that."

Student activism these days, Hesburgh said, can be most effective at an academic rather than a destructive level.

"The only rules of the game were that [protests] had to be done in a civilized fashion," Fr. Theodore Hesburgh University President Emeritus said. "You know the rule, that if you don't want to do something, you're out of order and you're not allowed to continue," Hesburgh told the group.

The 15-minute rule, Hesburgh's stand against campus unrest, "changed the whole mood in the country," he said. "It was kind of a historical moment for higher education in America and Notre Dame became a kind of symbol of getting out of that disorder and getting back into order again so that the students could do what they come here to do, namely to study and get a degree."

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Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as social and moral debates have sparked students to protest and demonstrate in recent years, but not in the same way as their predecessors of the 1960s.

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IN BRIEF

Wal-Mart unveils holiday sales

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. on Tuesday unveiled weekly savings starting this Saturday on popular toys and video games that it is pitching as comparable to the sales blitz the day after Thanksgiving. Wal-Mart and other retailers including Sears have started to hawk deep sales usually reserved for the big sales day known as “Black Friday” in hopes of attracting more shoppers early.

Wal-Mart said Tuesday that some of the toys that will be discounted starting this Saturday through Nov. 27 are Ez Bake Ovens, Disney Princess Castle, Lego Star Wars and Nerf N-Strike Vulcan. The discounts are up to 60 percent.

Customers purchasing certain gaming packages such as “Band Hero” and “DJ Hero” will receive a $40 Walmart gift card while supplies last.

Wal-Mart is also offering a 26-inch Vizio LCD HDTV TV for $248, down from $347.

Most major U.S. airlines have been cutting unprofitable flights, leaving soft drink sales falling.

While disputes between owners and restaurants aren’t unusual, the sheer size of Burger King’s franchise base could pose a heady challenge for the chain as the battle continues.

“We have spent a lot of time focusing on our franchisees,” said David T. Gibbs, chief executive officer of Arby’s Restaurant Group Inc., which is buying Burger King.

In a letter to Burger King’s board, a group representing hundreds of franchisees blasted management for its $1 double cheeseburger promotion forced on them after they twice voted against it.

They also criticized an earlier corporate decision to take back millions of rebate money distributed to franchise owners from soft drink companies.

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“Burger King is one of the nation’s most heavily franchised restaurant chains,” said Robert D. Mintz, chief executive officer of DineEquity, Inc., the parent of Applebee’s and IHOP.

Franchisees sued the nation’s No. 2 burger chain outside this month over the $1 double cheeseburger promotion, saying the Miami company couldn’t mandate maximum menu prices.

Restaurant owners contend that the offer, which was launched in October, forces them to sell the product at a loss.

The company said its actions were allowed.

Burger King, which is locked in a heated battle to attract customers, has seen increased customers because of the deal, according to analysts.

While the quarter-pounder may be popular with diners, it’s a thorn in the side of franchisees.

While costs vary by location, the $1 double cheeseburger typically costs franchisees at least $1.19.

The latest litigation comes months after the franchise group sued the company to stop it from taking a share of multimillion-dollar rebates from soft drink makers.

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Raytheon is seeking to make its aero engine business more profitable with cost-cutting and sales growth strategies.

The company has a long history of aerospace development and manufacturing, contributing to the nation’s defense capabilities. Raytheon’s aero engine business is a key component in its overall strategy for growth and innovation.
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“BEING A CHRISTIAN IN A CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN TIMES OF WAR: HAS 40 YEARS CHANGED THE CONVERSATION?”

Center for Social Concern, November 18, 7:30 P.M

NAPALM is the most effective “anti-personnel” weapon. Some of its finer selling points were explained to me by a pilot in 1966: “We sure are pleased with those backroom boys at Dow. The original product wasn’t so hot—if the gooks were quick they could scrape it off. So the boys started adding polystyrene—now it sticks like shit to a blanket. But then if the gooks jumped under water it stopped burning, so they started adding Willie Peter (WP—white phosphorous) so’s to make it burn better. It’ll even burn under water now. And just one drop is enough, it’ll keep on burning right down to the bone so they die anyway from phosphorous poisoning.”

PHILIP JONES GRIFFITHS

It’s no great way to die. The generals love napalm. It has a big psychological effect.

COLONEL JAMES ALLES,
COMMANDER OF MARINE AIR GROUP 11, WHO ADMITTED US FORCES USED NAPALM AGAINST IRAQIS.

Forty years ago, ten Notre Dame students were suspended for protesting against Dow Chemical and the CIA. Come meet members of the “Notre Dame Ten” and former faculty as they discuss that event and its relevance today.

“DON’T BE A BYSTANDER.”

TONIGHT, 7:30 pm, Geddes Hall (Ctr for Social Concerns) Coffee House

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“We just found that people were … putting a lot of their information up on Facebook and [other sites],” she said. “A lot of people like to steal oth- ers’ identities and this is how they get a lot of their informa-
tion.”

Votava said social network users need to be aware that pictures and other content posted to a Web site like Facebook are public.

“If you go out and party hardly one night, do you neces-
sarily want people who you
are going to be interacting with the next day or the next week viewing those pictures?” she said.

Dobbins said social net-
works are very public, and it is important to take advantage of privacy settings to restrict what the world can see.

“The mistake a lot of people make is that only their friends are going to bother looking at their stuff online, so they put everything up there about themselves as if they were telling only their friends,” he said. “Unless they take advan-
tage of the privacy settings, it’s not just their friends who will look at that stuff.”

Dobbins also said it is important to remember that some applications such as Facebook games could allow potential identity thieves to access sensitive information.

“Every one of those games that you join on Facebook … we have no idea who wrote that application and now knows everything your friends know about you,” he said. “Do you really want to give a com-
plete stranger knowledge of things you would only share with your friends?”

Dobbins did not recommend students stop using social net-
working sites, which he called “a great tool.”

“It’s a great way for interacting, especially when you’re in a place where you cannot reach everybody, but do it carefully,” he said.

Votava said she hopes the awareness campaign will achieve a “reduction in people coming to us reporting that they had some type of problem or that someone is using their personal information.”

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Our apologies good friends
for the fracture of good order: the burning of paper
instead of children: the angering of the arteries
in the front parlor of the channel house
We could not so help us God
do otherwise
For we are sick at heart: our hearts
give us no rest for thinking of the Land of Burning Children.

STATEMENT BY OD OVERLAN DAVENBERG, 51, AT THE TRIAL OF THE EXECUTION LINE FOR SETTING
OFF FIRE AT PINE HILL (1958).

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Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Senate health care legislation expected this week is likely to include a new long-term care insurance pro-
gress to help the elderly and the disabled avoid going into nursing homes, Democratic officials say.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is expected to incor-
porate the voluntary program in legislation to be unveiled as early as Wednesday, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because a final deci-
sion has not been made.

Known as the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Act, or CLASS Act, the program works under a proposal for the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. It
would begin to close a gap in the social safety net that’s received little attention in the health care debate.

Fiscal conservatives and govern-
ment economists have questioned whether the program would be financially sustainable over the long run, and insurance compa-
nies are lobbying to strip it from the health care bill.

Nonetheless, the House included the program in its health care legis-
lation, with the approval of the Obama administration. In the
Senate, the Health Committee bill had promised to omit the Committee omitted it. The approach Reid is considering in a
combined bill would address the objections of fiscal conservatives by stipulating that premiums from the program could not be counted in offsetting the cost of the broad-
er health care bill. Reid’s office had no comment on Tuesday.

The cost of median homes aver-
ages $70,000 a year, and a home care attendant runs about $29 an hour. Medicare only covers tempo-
rary nursing home stays. Middle-
class households have to exhaust their savings before an elder can qualify for nursing home coverage through Medicaid.

Under the proposed program, people would pay a modest monthly premium during their working years. If they become dis-
abled, they would get a cash bene-
fit of at least $50 a day that could be used to pay a home care attend-
ant, buy supplies and equipment, make home improvements such as adding bathroom railings, or defray the costs of nursing care homes.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the program would be fiscally solvent over a 75-year-
period with the income from pre-
miums, and no taxpayer financ-
ing. That assumes an initial monthly premium averaging $123, and a $75 daily benefit.

People would sign up for the pro-
gram at work through a payroll deduction. They would have to pay premiums for five years before they could qualify for bene-
fits. Both the premiums and bene-
fits would be adjusted annually.

“This is primarily a product for baby boomers, and people who are still working,” said James Firman, president of the National Council on Aging, and a supporter of the program. “If we don’t do this now, I don’t think boomers are going to get another chance.”

Supporters say the government benefit would provide a founda-
tion upon which private insurance com-
panies could build by selling supplemental long-term care cov-
erage. But the industry says a new program would only create confu-
sion.

Critics’ concerns got validation recently from a report by Medicare economists who are expert in long-range cost esti-
mates. In a report issued last
weekend, they said a voluntary insurance program is likely to attract people who expect they’ll need the coverage. Without tax-
payer subsidies, premiums would keep going up, discouraging healthy people from signing up and leaving an “insurance death spiral.”

Individuals with health prob-
lems or that assume a lower risk of functional limitation would be more likely to participate than healthy people who expect a “better-than-average health,” the report said. “There is a significant risk that the problem … would make the CLASS pro-
gram unsustainable.”

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Associated Press
JARRATT, Va. — A former Army counterintelligence worker was executed by electric chair Tuesday
for killing a Virginia couple, becoming the first U.S. inmate to die by electrocution in over a year.

Larry Hill Elliott, 60, of Hanover,
Md., was pronounced dead at 9:05 p.m. at Greenville Correctional Center. He was con-
victed of the January 2001 shoot-
ing deaths of 25-year-old Dana
Thompson and 30-year-old Robert
Finch.

Prosecutors said Elliott killed the couple to win the love of for-
mer Stripper and escort Rebecca Griff, who was involved in a bit-
ter custody dispute with Finch.

Elliott said in the death cham-
ber that he had prepared a final state-
ment for his attorneys to
read after the execution. In the three-page typed statement, Elliott maintained his innocence,
saying he hoped groups that oppose the death penalty will use
his case “as a launching pad for the elimination of the death penal-
ty.”

“The very system that I spent a
lifetime defending has failed me,”

he said. “The team attached electric cables from the floor to the metal clamps and placed a brown strap across much of his face that was tied to the back of the chair to support his head.

When the operator in a room off to
the side pushed the “execute”
button, Elliott’s body tensed as he defied the electrocution equi-
ity. Several minutes later, a doctor checked for a heartbeat and pro-
nounced him dead.

Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine
told the newspaper that he would execute Elliott in the day, while the U.S. Supreme Court refused to inter-
vene on Monday.

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court. He was convicted again a year later.

Fill this space. Write for News. Email Madeline at mbuckley@nd.edu.
A funny thing happened when I came back from summer vacation and moved into the dorm this fall. Things changed. Maybe it was foolish on my part to expect to return to campus and simply pick up where everything left off last May, but my lack of optimism and confidence surprised even me. And, much to my surprise, this semester has been a completely new and unexpected experience. As anyone in the Class of 2011 will tell you, junior year is very different.

The backbone of my underclassman experience was my dorm's morgue hall way, as I am sure it was with most people. My roommates and I were blessed by being put in a hallway almost exclusively populated by freshmen, and we had the benefit of an abnormally large triple in our hallway, which was usually reserved for visiting priests (dorm overcrowding pays off every once in a while). It had a separate bedroom, a huge living room and a private bathroom. How my three friends who lived there hit the ResLife jackpot, I will never know, but it didn’t take long before our entire hallway essentially turned our room into their section and lounge. It turned out to be the perfect thing for still-unsure, frenzied freshmen: a place to watch TV, debate about sports or play Mario Kart (hours and hours of Mario Kart), all in the company of other tenuous freshman. If homework ever got done early (or it didn’t exist), you just had to walk down to “The Palace” and there was sure to be at least five other guys (or not the kids who actually lived there were present), ready to hang out or play some Kart. As sophomores, our whole group was able to divide into three squads and a handful of doubles and singles and, miraculously, we all ended up in the same hallway again. So instead of one huge lounge, we had a few smaller lounges in each quad room. Even though all of your close friends were still within a 10-second walk. We all ate together. We played sectional football together new and unexpected experiences. As anyone in the Class of 2011 will tell you, junior year is very different.

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Dear Mr. Swarbrick,

What should we be looking for on our next coach’s résumé? Because let’s face it: this has been the worst year ever. He hit the freshman percentage as if Y Willisimgton and Bob Davie, and has gone 6-5 against USC. How could he not be fired and 15 million little reasons don’t count? How about how about two in five games against USC in the Coliseum. Charlie hasn’t come within 30 points, let alone getting a victory in his two trips to Southern California. If you are one of those people who say we can’t recruit the same caliber athletes because of the academic standing of the University, you must have a lot of faith in this coach. It’s the Stanford Cardinal. Jim Harbaugh has taken lesser athletes and gone to the Coliseum and outcoached Pete Carroll twice. Yes, he went to Michigan. Yes he is 16-18 in three years at Stanford. But he is turning around a program that was irrelevant in the Pac-10 and college football in general into a team that can beat anyone in the nation. He has shown his ability to win big games by beating Oregon and USC in back-to-back weeks. Charlie doesn’t have a victory in his five seasons that compares to those great upsets.

So, Mr. Swarbrick, I highly suggest for you. In two weeks, let Jim Harbaugh make your coaching search easy. If he can beat Charlie, even without the three flashy Super Bowl rings to show recruits, I am sure you offer him the job immediately. And then, just maybe, he can lead us to a 34-point victory in the Coliseum next year. I’ll even be happy with a three-point victory. Wouldn’t that be what we need? Go Irish. Beat UConn.

P.S. If Jim Harbaugh should turn you down, Brian Kelly wouldn’t be a bad choice either.

David VanEgmond senior off campus Nov. 17

Go ahead and ‘kill’

I would like to add my support to Lizzi Laughman’s letter in which she encouraged the stu- dent body to put competition among classes aside, saying, “You can’t help but notice the class, respectful,” Nov. 16. She’s right — even though we just lost to Navy for the second time in three years, our main concern should be not to hurt the opposing team’s feelings. Maybe we will win the coveted College Football Bowl Subdivision award for “Classiest Football Tailgate,” which would help establish a Student Body. We can put that trophy right next to the Jeweled Shillelagh, which literally every person played. That’s not to say that this year is any good thing. We are at a time in our lives where things are going to change incredibly fast. Faster than what we are ready for, I would imagine. Long gone are the days where you see the same people at school in the same town, living in the same house year after year. After a year and a half, we are going to leave this place and scatter all over the country (and all over the world) doing whatever it is that we do, and this whole process of radical change will happen all over again. And this time, maybe I’ll be ready for it too.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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Sponsored by International Services and Activities (ISSA) and the Office of International Studies (OIS), Notre Dame is dedicating this week, International Education Week, to events that promote or will advise students on issues of international relevance. Since Saturday, a variety of events have been held on campus, and the schedule continues until Friday.

The paper tents on the South Dining Hall tables that advertise for this week carry, on the front, the smiling faces of three girls each from a different corner of the world and, on the back, the weekly schedule.

The first event, held last weekend, was the “One World Film Festival,” where five widely acclaimed international movies were screened at the Hesburgh Library. The point of the film festival was to use cinema to display a reality that is often overlooked, such as that of children growing up in the streets of Bombay or in a Brazilian slum. Some of the movies played were the widely acclaimed Brazilian movie “City of God,” and the Oscar-winning Chinese documentary “The Blood of Yingzhou District.”

The rest of the week’s events seem to be geared to the international student population, with a couple workshops for those students planning on studying abroad. A workshop that takes place three times this week is the Tax Assistance Program, directed at helping international students with advising on federal and state tax returns (this same event will held again today, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Fischer and O’Hara-Grace Community Room and noon Thursday in the Montgomery Auditorium in LaFortune).

Otherwise, there is also the “Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda” exhibition at the Snite Museum of Art, which focuses on the artist’s displays of traditional “ofrendas” (memorial altar, offerings) for All Souls Day in Mexico, incorporating elements of her late father’s life and memories, to whom she dedicated this exhibit.

The One World Film Festival and the Ten Thousand Village Sale (Monday–Friday, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in O’Shaughnessy) provides insight into the working reality of artisans. The Ten Thousand Village sale boasts a variety of beautiful handmade products crafted by artisans in 38 countries who, without this organization, would’ve most likely still coming up this week is the Study and Travel Abroad discussion with Notre Dame senior Andy Steves at the Montgomery Auditorium in LaFortune (Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.), where Steves will talk about his experience and advise when it comes to traveling in Europe. Also, for international undergraduate students there will be an ice cream social on the same day, from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m., to meet new people who share a diverse background. Finally, on Friday there will be another workshop about safety when studying abroad (10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Notre Dame room in LaFortune).

For the full program, please visit issa.nd.edu/news-and-events

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Movie Rewind

“The Hurt Locker” @ 10 p.m. in DeBartolo 101

This jarring movie follows the story of a group of soldiers in Iraq in 2004. As part of an Explosive Ordnance Disposal team, they disarm bombs. Sergeant First Class William James (Jeremy Renner) becomes the new team leader after the death of his predecessor, quickly proving himself to be a reckless and emotional leader. James befriends a local Iraqi boy, Beckham, who is soon killed by a body bomb. James is forced to deal with the loss of a friend as well as the continuing challenge of living in Iraq. The Hurt Locker is also showing Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

“Flamenco Vivo! @ 8 p.m. in DPAC

This colorful, masterful performance promises to be an exciting show. Led by Flamenco master Carlota Santana, the show “El Corazon del Flamenco” is an expressive look at various Flamenco style dances from throughout Spain. Through enthralling music, impeccable footwork and amazing costumes, Flamenco Vivo exposes the audience to a wide array of Flamenco styles, all steeped in rich history and tradition. The New York Times calls it “an infectiously joyful celebration of music and dance. Tickets are $36 for the general public, $25 for faculty/staff and seniors and $15 for all students.

That’s So College Nightclub @ midnight at Legends

It’s “That’s So College Night” at Legends! And what better way to warm up after a cold day of football than a Legends dance party? We all know Notre Dame students love an excuse to dance and this is the perfect opportunity to get your groove on. The music is sure to be all those songs you love to dance to. Therefore, one can only expect this to be a bigger, better version of a dorm party with an actual DJ instead of an iPod playlist. Starting at midnight, come over to Legends and enjoy great music and a great atmosphere with friends.

Stefon Harris @ 2 p.m. in DPAC

Stefon Harris has been heralded as “one of the most important young artists in jazz” by the Los Angeles Times. He received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the Manhattan School of Music in New York and has been cultivating an impressive career since graduation. Considered an energetic and dynamic performer, Harris has been breathing fresh life into jazz performance through his impressive mastery of the vibes as well as his skills as a composer. Tickets for the event are $32 for the general public, $22 for faculty/staff and seniors and $15 for all students.

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Scene Writer

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“Ocean’s Eleven” has a high rewatch value

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In the end, it is not simply one aspect that makes “Ocean’s Eleven” an enjoyable movie many times over. It has excellent re-watch value, particularly because of the intricate plot and the witty dialogue. In fact, the movie gets better each time one watches it, in part because it has layers that are missed the first time. Each time someone watches it, he or she is likely to pick up some new aspect to the plot or a humorous line that was missed the first time. Each time someone watches it, he or she is likely to pick up some new aspect to the plot or a humorous line that was missed the first time.

It is difficult to explain exactly why the movie succeeds (which is saying something coming from a writer who has seen the movie more than 50 times). Yes, the dialogue is witty and quick. True, the actors are stars and live up to their stardom. And of course, the plot is interesting and intense at points. It is an indefinable quality that shines through, however, which makes “Ocean’s Eleven” such a quality movie-watching experience and which should earn it a second viewing. Or a 50th.

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Wednesday, November 18, 2009

CAUSE the house always wins. Play long enough, you never change the stakes, the house always wins. Unless, when that perfect hand comes along, you bet and you bet big, then you take the house.

Steven Soderbergh certainly had a near perfect hand and beat the house when he chose to direct the 2001 remake of a 1960 Rat Pack film, “Ocean’s Eleven.” This movie takes place in Las Vegas, where professional thief Danny Ocean (George Clooney), just after being released from jail, sets out to rob professional thief Danny Ocean (George Clooney), “Ocean’s Eleven.”

The supporting cast of characters, including those played by Bernie Mac and Don Cheadle, are each very likeable in their own right, and add to the overall vivacity of the group. The owner of the casino — Terry Benedict — is played by Andy Garcia, who does an equally good job of making his character unlikeable. Benedict is selfish and chilling, looking out only for what is good for himself and his casinos. He stands alone in the film as the only antagonist, and his very nature makes the viewers want him to come out losing in the end.

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Royals’ Greinke wins AL Cy Young Award

Associated Press

MIAMI — Kevin Durant scored 32 points, Russell Westbrook had 24 and the Oklahoma City Thunder added to their surprising season by beating the Miami Heat 100-87 on Tuesday night.

An early 20-1 run put the Thunder in control, and a 14-2 burst in the third quarter helped seal it for Oklahoma City. Jeff Green added 13 for the Thunder, who’ve won three straight on the road.

Dwyane Wade finished with 22 points on 6 of 19 shooting and Daequan Cook scored 14 of his 17 in the fourth quarter for Miami. Jermaine O’Neal had 19 points and 16 rebounds for the Heat, who visit Atlanta Wednesday for the first time since the Hawks beat Miami in Game 7 of last season’s Eastern Conference opening-round series.

The Thunder got off to a 6-32 start last year. This season, they’re 6-5.

Westbrook’s 3-pointer with 6:40 left might have been the biggest blow, considering it came after he lost the dribble, while being closely guarded by Mario Chalmers and with the shot clock running down. He swished it anyway, putting Oklahoma City up 77-72.

Miami made a run, with Cook scoring five quick points and Wade hitting a 3-pointer to get the Heat within nine, but Durant answered with a turnaround jumper and the Thunder weren’t seriously threatened again.

Nick Collison and Nenad Krstic each finished with 10 points for Oklahoma City.

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Buffalo Bills fire head coach Dick Jauron

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Dick Jauron was fired by the Buffalo Bills on Tuesday, when the coach ran out of time to build a contender or come up with a way to fix an offense that sputtered even with the addition of Terrell Owens.

Bills owner Ralph Wilson announced Jauron’s dismissal, saying he made the decision “for the best interest of his team.” The move came two days after the Bills (3-6) fell further out of contention following a 41-17 loss at Tennessee.

A replacement coach has yet to be hired as the Bills prepare to play at Jacksonville on Sunday. Jauron’s successor is expected to come from the current staff and be hired on an interim basis only. Candidates include assistant head coach Bobby April and defensive coordinator Perry Fewell.

The Bills are averaging just over 15 points from an offense that acquired Owens this offseason but remains unsettled at quarterback. The defense is riddled with injuries, and has allowed an NFL-worst 173 yards rushing a game.

Jauron leaves with a 24-33 record over three-plus seasons, and went 5-14 in his past 19.

“I really don’t have anything to say,” was all Jauron would say when reached on his cell phone by The Associated Press.

Buffalo, which has not made the playoffs since 1999, has now gone through four coaches since the end of the 2000 season, when Wade Phillips was dismissed. Gregg Williams was not rehired after his three-year contract expired, while Mike Mularkey abruptly resigned after a front-office shakeup following the 2005 season.

Jauron was hired by former general manager Mark Levy, who took over the post following Tom Donahoe’s dismissal. Jauron has been on the hot seat ever since last season, after he led the Bills to their third consecutive 7-9 finish.

Expressing a need for continuity, Wilson elected to retain Jauron. The Hall of Fame owner, however, noted that he was aware of Bills fans’ dissatisfaction with the team, and warned that he wasn’t going to be “complacent” in seeking improvements, particularly on offense.

Those improvements haven’t come even after the team made a big splash in free agency by signing Owens to a one-year $6.5 million contract in March, days after the receiver was released by Dallas.

In Brief

Pitt’s Dixon wins USA Coach of the Year

PITTSBURGH — Jamie Dixon of Pitt has been chosen as USA Basketball’s national coach of the year for guiding the United States’ first FIBA under-19 world championship team since 1991.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski won or shared the award the previous three years, with Anne Donovan in 2006 and 2007.

Dixon’s team went 9-0 during the July 2-12 tournament in Auckland, New Zealand. The United States averaged 88.2 points and had an average winning margin of 22.2 points, yet no player averaged more than 10.8 points.

Dixon’s Pitt team won 31-5, earned the school’s first No. 1 ranking in the AP poll and advanced to the NCAA round of eight. He was chosen as the Naismith national coach of the year for that season.

 Edwards pleads not guilty to misdemeanor charges

CLEVELAND — Former Cleveland Browns wide receiver Braylon Edwards has pleaded not guilty to a misdemeanor assault charge after he was accused of punching a man outside a downtown nightclub last month.

Edwards was arraigned in Cleveland Municipal Court on Tuesday. The 26-year-old was traded to the New York Jets two days after he was accused of punching a friend of NBA star LeBron James on Oct. 5.

James called Edwards’ actions “childish.”

Edwards waived his right to a speedy trial and was scheduled for a Dec. 12 court hearing. His attorney hasn’t returned a request for comment.

While with Cleveland, Edwards dropped passes, criticized the team’s play-calling, argued with teammates and famously took a helicopter to a college football game in 2006 despite being told not to go.

Magic’s Nelson to have arthroscopic knee surgery

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando Magic point guard Jameer Nelson needs surgery again.

The All-Star will have arthroscopic knee surgery Wednesday on torn cartilage in his left knee, the team said. He is expected to miss four to six weeks.

Nelson was injured in the fourth quarter of Monday night’s win against Charlotte. But he finished the game on the court and showed no signs of injury.

“I feel pretty good,” Nelson said after the game. “My energy level just physically wasn’t there, but mentally I think that’s one of the parts of my game that adds toughness to this team.”

This is the second straight season he has been sidelined.

Nelson injured his right shoulder in February and had surgery. In a surprise move, he returned for the NBA finals, struggling to regain his form as the Heat lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in five games.

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Westbrook’s return uncertain after concussions

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Brian Westbrook has always come back from a long list of injuries throughout his career. Now another concussion could stop him cold.

Westbrook’s status is uncertain after the former All-Pro running back sustained his second concussion in three weeks in Philadelphia’s 31-23 loss at San Diego on Sunday.

Westbrook was playing his first game after sitting out two because of a concussion suffered Oct. 26. He was injured in the third quarter on a screen play in which he was caught between a block by Eagles receiver Jason Avant and Chargers safety Eric Weddle.

Eagles coach Andy Reid said the team will take precautions with Westbrook and it’s too early to tell when Westbrook will return, if at all.

“Football right now for Brian Westbrook is not the important thing,” Reid said Monday. “It’s making sure that we get him analyzed, tested and taken care of and then we’ll go from there. Not that we didn’t do that before. We took every precautionary measure that we could before and it happened again. Obviously we’re going to check with experts and make sure that we listen to them like we did before. The No. 1 thing is Brian’s health. You can put football aside and make sure that he’s taken care of here.”

Westbrook wasn’t available to reporters on Monday. His agent, Todd France, didn’t immediately return a phone message.

The 30-year-old Westbrook sustained his first career concussion when he hit his head on a defender’s knee during a Monday night win at Washington last month.

Westbrook briefly lost consciousness but walked off the field under his own power.

He sat out Philadelphia’s victory against the New York Giants on Nov. 1 and was cleared to play against Dallas last week, but was held out for precautionary reasons after experiencing headaches. Westbrook had no problems leading up to the game against the Chargers.

“We left it up to the doctors,” Reid said. “There’s a chance he could have played the week before and we held him out of that one according to tests and symptoms. He was symptom-free and tests came back normal and so on, so I did what the experts said. They felt comfortable with it and we went with it.”

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Reid wasn’t sure if a second concussion is more serious. Westbrook didn’t lose consciousness on this one.

“I’ve heard a couple different things on that,” he said. “Obviously it’s not a good thing for a second one to happen. I don’t know the medical terms of it. I’ve heard them determine it by if it was a mild hit as compared to a severe hit. It wasn’t a mild hit I would say.”

The eight-year veteran has been limited this season by ankle and knee injuries and the concussions.

Westbrook has carried the ball 47 times for 225 yards, an average of 4.8 yards per carry, and has scored one touchdown. He has also caught 19 passes for 156 yards and a TD.

Westbrook has never played a full season, having missed 16 games for a variety of injuries to his knees, ankles, ribs and triceps.

Before last season, Westbrook signed a three-year contract worth $21 million, including $13 million guaranteed the first two years.

The Eagles have the option of not renewing his contract for 2010.

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GREENBURGH, N.Y. — The New York Knicks passed on a chance to sign Allen Iverson last summer. A few months and only one victory later, they have to decide if he’s worth reconsidering.

Iverson is on the market again after the Memphis Grizzlies waived him Tuesday night. And while the Knicks weren’t interested in the offseason, they won’t rule the former scoring champion out yet.

“We had our little group from last year we wanted to keep together and that was the decision in the summertime, not to disrupt what we had,” coach Mike D’Antoni said Tuesday. “Now, basketball’s fluid and things change every second.”

D’Antoni and team president Donnie Walsh both praised Iverson’s abilities, but said the organization still had to discuss whether it’s worth bringing him to a 1-9 team that is off to the worst 10-game start in franchise history.

Walsh wouldn’t say much more, because Iverson hadn’t even been waived yet by the Grizzlies when the Knicks finished practice. That happened Tuesday night, making Iverson eligible to be signed 48 hours after that.

“I’ve always had a lot of admiration for him because I had to play against him every year when I was in Indiana and I have a lot of respect for his career,” Walsh said. “He’s a small man who did everything he could to win games and took a lot of hard knocks and always got up.”

But the Iverson of today would give any team pause. He’s been hurt and unhappy over the last two seasons, with the Grizzlies the only team to make him an offer last summer after his turbulent stay in Detroit.

Things were even worse in Memphis. Iverson played only three games, voicing his displeasure about coming off the bench, just as he’d done in Detroit, before leaving the team to attend to personal matters.

NEW YORK — Matt Bradley bounced back from having his face bloodied in a first-period fight to net the winning goal with 4:51 left, and Alex Ovechkin also scored in his return from injury to lift the Washington Capitals to a 4-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Tuesday night.

Bradley went to the dressing room with 9:21 left in the opening period after taking several hard blows to the face from New York’s Aaron Voros. Those injuries didn’t bother him a bit when he knocked the puck away from Wade Redden and raced up ice on a break. Matt Gilroy couldn’t catch him from behind, and Bradley beat goalie Henrik Lundqvist with a rising shot to the glove side for his fourth of the season.

Ovechkin missed six games because of an upper body injury, believed to be a strained left shoulder, but came back with a flourish. He netted his NHL-leading 15th goal, in only 15 games, while New York’s Sean Avery sat in the penalty box. That erased the Rangers’ 1-0 advantage in the first period.

Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau earned his 100th NHL victory. Marian Gaborik scored both goals for the Rangers and moved into a tie with Ovechkin with his 15th. Gaborik gave New York a 1-0 lead just 1:16 in and then made it 2-2 at 8:23 of the third with a power-play goal against Washington backup goalie Semyon Varlamov.

Brooks Laich pushed the Capitals in front 2-1 when he got to a rebound of defenseman Mike Green’s shot in the crease and knocked it past Lundqvist and into the net with 4:16 remaining in the second. Green also earned the primary assist on Ovechkin’s goal.

Brian Pothier scored an empty-netter with 16.7 seconds left to make it 4-2. The Rangers were fortunate to be trailing by only a goal heading into the third period as they were outshot 21-11 through 40 minutes. New York finished with 20 shots, tying its season low.

Ovechkin shined in return, tops Rangers

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CINCINNATI — Larry Johnson might have his career as a land-running sooner than expected.

The running back who was benched in Kansas City for bad behavior signed on for a backup role with the Cincinnati Bengals Tuesday, giving the AFC North team a depth boost for the rest of this season. He might not be watching for long.

A week after Lewis referred to Johnson as an insurance policy in case they can play in some possible running back could play in some form Sunday in Oakland if starter Cedric Benson is still limited by experimentation.

“I’m not saying that it can’t happen, I’m not saying that it will happen, but stay tuned,” Lewis said, with Johnson sitting by his side. “If it happens, I’ll be happy. If it doesn’t happen, I’ll be happy.”

Johnson has his own goal for getting on the field: Dec. 27 when the Chiefs go at the Bengals at Paul Brown Stadium. That could set up the second get-even game for a Bengals running back this season. Benson was carrying a grudge when he ran for a career-high 189 yards against his former team on Oct. 25.

Johnson is toting one, too.

He got a second chance in Cincinnati, which has a history of providing them for troubled players. Owner Mike Brown brought Chris Henry back to the team before the 2008 season — over Lewis’ disagreement — and the receiver has stayed out of trouble since then. He’s not out for the rest of the season with a broken left arm.

When injuries decimated their group of running backs last season, the Bengals signed Benson in a one-year deal despite his two alcohol-related arrests in Texas.

The cases were dropped when grand juries declined to indict, and the Bengals offered a deal.

Benson has revitalized his career in Cincinnati — he ranks sixth in the league in rushing with 859 yards and leads the NFL with 205 carries, only nine shy of his career high with roughly six games to go. His b a k u u p, Bernard Scott, is a rookie chosen in the sixth round from A b i l e n e Christian.

B e s o n c o uldn’t finish the 122nd game at Pittsburgh on Sunday because of his hip injury, which puts him on the Bengals’ practice card. The win left Cincinnati (7-2) in first place in the AFC North by a game, in position to make its second playoff appearance in the last 19 years.

Lewis has assured Benson he will remain the top running back. During an interview Tuesday with Sirius XM Radio, Benson sounded open to it.

“Yeah, I mean, well, you know, it’s good for him,” Benson said. “I was once in that position, and he’s getting his opportunity again. In all aspects we definitely plan on it to be a contribution to the team. If he can help the team in a positive way, then I’m all for that.”

Johnson turns 30 on Thursday, and his production has declined in recent years. The Chiefs let him go following several controversies.

It was beached for three games in 2008 by former Chiefs coach Herm Edwards for violating team rules, and the NFL added a game. He was suspended for two years’ probation after pleading guilty to disturbing the peace at a Kansas City night spot.

Three weeks ago, he posted a gay slur on his Twitter account and questioned the move to cut ties with him rather than let him return.

“It was just a relationship that was ending,” Johnson said. “And in Kansas City, being in kind of a small market, and knowing every little thing I was going to say was going to be blown up to mythical proportions.”

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brendan Shanahan is retiring from the NHL after 21 seasons and an almost certain Hall of Fame induction.

The 40-year-old forward announced Tuesday that he wouldn’t play again. After going through training camp with the New Jersey Devils, the team he spent his final season with, he and the club mutually agreed to part ways shortly before opening night of the season.

“I would like to thank my family and all of the friends who have helped me achieve and maintain my childhood dream of playing in the National Hockey League,” Shanahan said in a statement released by the NHL. “While I always dreamed of playing in the NHL, I can’t honestly say that I would have ever imagined that I’d be this fortunate and blessed. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has helped me fulfill this dream.”

Shanahan, who scored 656 career goals, decided to leave the Devils in October one day after he was told there was no spot for him on New Jersey’s opening night roster.

He has not played this season.

Shanahan ranks 11th on the league’s career goals list and is the only player with 600 goals and 2,000 penalty minutes. The eight-time All-Star also won the Hart Trophy as the league’s MVP in 1998-99. He has also won four Stanley Cups with titles with Detroit.

He’s the best,” said Rangers forward Sean Avery, a teammate of Shanahan’s with New York and Colorado.

Now that his playing days are over, Shanahan could be a fit for the NHL Players’ Association, which is in a state of flux following the firing of executive director Paul Kelly and the resignations of several union officials.

Kelly was dismissed during a meeting in August, and his interim replacement Ian Penny is also gone along with the eight-member advisory board. Interim ombudsman Buzz Hargrove stepped down last week, citing the inability to perform his duties as the reason.

Shanahan conducted a summit during the NHL’s 2004-05 lockout, and that gathering of people from all aspects of hockey produced several suggestions that led to rules changes after a new collective bargaining agreement was reached.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17: Brendan Shanahan is calling it quits after 21 seasons. Shanahan ranks 11th in the NHL’s career goals list.

The running back who was benched in Kansas City for bad behavior signed on for a backup role.

He got a second chance in Cincinnati, which has a history of providing them for troubled players. Owner Mike Brown brought Chris Henry back to the team before the 2008 season — over Lewis’ disagreement — and the receiver has stayed out of trouble since then. He’s not out for the rest of the season with a broken left arm.

When injuries decimated their group of running backs last season, the Bengals signed Benson in a one-year deal despite his two alcohol-related arrests in Texas.

The cases were dropped when grand juries declined to indict, and the Bengals offered a deal.

Benson has revitalized his career in Cincinnati — he ranks sixth in the league in rushing with 859 yards and leads the NFL with 205 carries, only nine shy of his career high with roughly six games to go. His backup, Bernard Scott, is a rookie chosen in the sixth round from Abilene Christian.

Benson couldn’t finish the 122nd game at Pittsburgh on Sunday because of his hip injury, which puts him on the Bengals’ practice card. The win left Cincinnati (7-2) in first place in the AFC North by a game, in position to make its second playoff appearance in the last 19 years.

Lewis has assured Benson he will remain the top running back. During an interview Tuesday with Sirius XM Radio, Benson sounded open to it.

“Yeah, I mean, well, you know, it’s good for him,” Benson said. “I was once in that position, and he’s getting his opportunity again. In all aspects we definitely plan on it to be a contribution to the team. If he can help the team in a positive way, then I’m all for that.”

Johnson turns 30 on Thursday, and his production has declined in recent years. The Chiefs let him go following several controversies.

It was beached for three games in 2008 by former Chiefs coach Herm Edwards for violating team rules, and the NFL added a game. He was suspended for two years’ probation after pleading guilty to disturbing the peace at a Kansas City night spot.

Three weeks ago, he posted a gay slur on his Twitter account and questioned the move to cut ties with him rather than let him return.

“It was just a relationship that was ending,” Johnson said. “And in Kansas City, being in kind of a small market, and knowing every little thing I was going to say was going to be blown up to mythical proportions.”

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State's winning streak against nonconference teams turned out to be short-lived.

The second-ranked Spartans — and their fans — refused to let it end Wednesday, after the Tigers and Spartans met for the first time since 2000.

Durrell Summers hit a go-ahead, 3-pointer with five minutes left, made two at the line in the final seconds and finished with 21 points and a career-high 11 rebounds to help No. 2 Michigan State rally for a 75-71 win over 12th-ranked Michigan on Tuesday night.

"It was the kind of game we needed, especially this early in the year," Summers said.

The Spartans (2-0) won their 41st straight game at home against a nonconference opponent, extending a streak that started after a loss to Duke on Dec. 3, 2003.

"There's no question the crowd won that game for us," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "If you were down there, you could feel the energy.

Robert Sacre matched a career high with 17 points for the Bulldogs (1-1) despite playing just 19 minutes.

He was really making a difference, but then his minutes got limited because of the fouls," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said. "This isn't us."

Gonzaga freshman Elias Harris scored 16 off the bench. Steven Gray added 13 and had 10 rebounds, while Sacre matched a career high with three blocks.

The Spartans built another double-digit lead early in the second half, but were hurt by the 7-foot Sacre getting called for a third foul and 7-5 reserve Will Foster getting a fourth foul shortly after halftime.

Michigan State freshman Derrick Nix made a putback with 11:52 left in the game to put the home team ahead for the first time since the opening minutes. The Bulldogs, though, refused to wilt in the raucous Breslin Center despite having one of their youngest teams since becoming one of the nation's strongest programs.

"It's a terrific college basketball atmosphere," Few said. "Before Thanksgiving, it felt like a game that would clinch a championship game in a league with the energizers.

"We played here (in 1997) when I was an assistant with Dan (Monson) and this place has really grown."

Sacre made a shot midway through the second half to put Gonzaga ahead by seven and a fadeaway with 4:42 to go for a 63-61 lead.

The Spartans made enough shots and stops in the final minutes in a game that will get them ready to play Florida, New Carolina and Texas before the Big Ten season.

"It's a big win for us because we didn't play really well," Izzo said. "Gonzaga took it to us for as least 30 minutes. I have a lot of respect for Mark and their program."

"They punched us in the mouth, picked us off the ground and knocked us back in line. I thought we were ready to play," Izzo added.

Gonzaga was unable to reload instead of rebuilding, also faces a tough schedule with games against Wake Forest, Arizona, Wisconsin, Duke, Oklahoma and Illinois before starting West Coast Conference play.

Few said he had mixed emotions about Tuesday's game because the Bulldogs had a shot at pulling off an upset — which would've perhaps been one of the school's biggest wins in the regular season — but he went home proud.

"There's a lot of positives we can take out of this, certainly how we competed," Few said.

Kansas 57, Memphis 55

Cale Aldrich had 18 points, 11 rebounds and blocked five shots, helping top-ranked Kansas overcome a sloppy night to hold off 19th-ranked Memphis in a rematch of the 2008 national championship game Tuesday.

Kansas (2-0) led most of the night despite 2-12 turnovers, but could never shake the scrappy and supposedly overmatched Tigers.

Memphis (1-1) closed within three on Donell Mack's 3-pointer with a minute left, then cut the lead to 56-55 on Elliot Williams' long 3 with 16.7 seconds left.

Sherron Collins hit 1 of 2 free throws at the end of regulation to give Memphis a final chance, but Williams' contested 3-pointer clanged off the rim.

Collins scored 12 points while struggling with cramps and former Memphis recruit Xavier Henry added 11.

Memphis wasn't supposed to have much of a chance against the depth and talent of Kansas, and had a miserable night from 3-point range, hitting 6 of 25.

Tigers coach Tubby Smith said the Jayhawks defended well and had a tremendous weekend.

"I think everybody's really proud," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said. "There were more ugly facts from this basketball ever seen at the Verizon Center.

There were more combined fouls (14) and turnovers (13) than made baskets (25).

Both teams shot 1 for 10 from 3-point range.

Chris Wright scored 15 points, 10 rebounds and 8 assists in the Hoyas' second straight win. Temple was 0 for 6 with two turnovers. He finished the game 2 for 14 on 3-pointers.

Both teams shot 1 for 10 on three's in the year last season, was 1 for 5 with three turnovers in the half, 2 for 9 on three's in the first half (2 for 26). Georgetown a relatively red hot 7 for 21 (33%). During one painful stretch, the teams combined to miss 11 3-point attempts.

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working to get open looks tonight. We were able to get out and score off our defense.”

The Belles’ defense was a force to be reckoned with as well, with 26 steals, almost three times as many as their opponents managed. This total is also well above last season’s average of 11.6 steals per game.

“I think we had a very solid defensive effort tonight which resulted in the 26 steals,” Henley said. “We need to do a better job of converting those steals into points.”

With a total of 26 points coming from the free throw line, the Belles dominated the free throw battle as well. Their 30 attempts more than tripled the Ravens’, who went 5-9 on the game. The one category where the Ravens ended on top was in offensive rebounds, where they pulled down 15 boards, resulting in eight second-chance points. These second-chance points concerned Henley.

Kansas investigates controversy around football team

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The University of Kansas said Tuesday it is investigating what it calls a personnel matter concerning football coach Mark Mangino, whose team is mired in shambles in 2009.

“Mangino inherited a program that was in disarray in 1994-10. The latest injury is not as bad as initially feared, Tomlin said, because it did not affect the previously injured ligament.

“It happens to be the same knee,” Tomlin said. “There is no setback in regards to his MCL. This is a PCL strain. We’ll let it run its course and see how he feels. … Everyone’s initial response was it was a re-injury and that appears not to be the case. It’s the same knee, but it’s not a re-injury. It doesn’t appear to be as significant as the MCL.”

The ligaments that Polamalu injured are two of the four that connect the bones of the knee joint.

The medial collateral liga- ment is located on the inner side of the knee and stabilizers the knee’s motion from side to side. The posterior cruciate liga- ment is inside the knee joint and teams with the anterior cruciate ligament to secure the knee. Those two cross in the middle of the knee and control the joint’s forward and back- ward motion.

Cedric Benson early in Cincinnati’s 18-12 victory on Sunday.

“He is in a great frame of mind. He feels really good, but we’re going to follow the expert advice that we get from our medical staff in terms of how we proceed,” Tomlin said Tuesday. “In the short term, we’re going to take it day to day. But if it’s really encouraging, more encouraging, I think, than was initially anticipated.”

Polamalu, a five-time Pro Bowl player, missed the Steelers’ second through fifth games with a medial collateral ligament sprain, and he played less than a half in their opener against Tennessee. The Steelers (6-3) lost two of the four he missed, and all three of their losses occurred when Polamalu was out or played only a single series.

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Mangino, the national coach of the year in 2007, was not pres- ent.

Mangino said he met with Perkins for “10 or 15 minutes” on Tuesday after Perkins issued a brief statement confirming the internal review was under way.

Mangino insisted he has not lost the support of his players but suggested that may not be true of others on campus.

“I haven’t lost the team, not one bit. I may have lost some people around here but it’s not players,” he said at his weekly news conference.

Mangino inherited a program in shambles in 2002 and coached the Jayhawks to their greatest season ever in 2007, a 12-1 record and Orange Bowl victory over Virginia Tech. They won their first five games this year and were ranked as high as No. 16 before senior quarter- back Todd Reesing and the rest of the team went into a tailspin.

Going into their game at No. 3 Texas on Saturday, they are just 5-5 overall and 1-5 in the Big 12 and in danger of not becoming bowl eligible.

Neither Mangino nor Perkins nor any of the Kansas players would disclose the specifics of the investigation. Mangino said it had to do with the disappoint- ing season.

“You lose a few games in a row, those types of things sur- face. It’s not uncommon,” he said. “I don’t take it lightly, but I’m focused on Texas and I’m very comfortable the way we manage and run the football program here. This is what comes when things aren’t going well. You’re going to find dis- gruntled people.”

Asked if Mangino had lost the support of his team, or at least parts of it, Reesing said emphatically, “No. Not at all.”

Reesing said the situation bore no relation to the team’s record.

“I don’t think this has any- thing to do with the recent perfor- mance and the number of games we’ve won,” he said.

Perkins issued a statement and was not available to the media.

“I can confirm an internal review is under way,” he said. “It involves a personnel matter, and as a result, is confidential. It would be inappropriate for me to provide further information right now.”

In eight seasons at Kansas, where football has historically struggled, Mangino is 50-46 overall and 20-29 in the Big 12. He needs only two more victo- ries to tie A.B. Kennedy’s school record of 52 victories from 1904-10.

Reesing, the Jayhawks’ rare passer leader and acknowl- edged team leader, said Perkins told the team he would appoint an unbiased person to look into the matter.
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Weis said he met with the captains — 15th-year senior safety Kyle McCarthy, senior linebacker Scott Smith and junior linebacker Jimmy Clausen — with his leadership committee Monday night.

"Fellas, this is going to be a great season, so it's not going to be my week," Weis said. "I'll coach football. I said, "When it comes to talking to the team I want the leadership of the team, the senior leaders of the team to be the ones that are expressing their voices this week.""

Weis did express his voice on another subject, however. As he does — and most head coaches do, for that matter — every week, Weis sent in several questions to the Big East for review. The information to overrule it," Weis said. "That's what I was doing this week.

"I watched it a whole bunch of times and I really think that if they had not called the play dead in the middle of the field, I could see them not having enough information to overrule it," Weis said. "But the fact that they called the play in complete and utter, pure and complete, in my opinion, is the greatest thing for us. We have to go on without the call and we're going to do it."

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FOOTBALL

Weis will look to seniors to spark Irish for Connecticut

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame’s 27-22 loss at Pittsburgh Saturday represented the second straight game, and fourth overall this season, in which a furious fourth-quarter Irish rally fell short. And while Irish coach Muffet McGraw said the Irish are 4-4 in those close, coin-flip type games. “And the odds would tell you [that’s how] it would end up playing out if that’s where you are in each game.”

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Wise Weiss

Junior keeper steps up in 3 postseason games

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Just one year removed from a campaign in which she did not make a single start, junior goalkeeper Nikki Weiss now finds herself anchoring a strong Irish defense and just two wins away from leading Notre Dame to its fourth consecutive NCAA College Cup appearance.

The Redding, Conn. native passed senior Kelsey Lysander for the starting position earlier in the season after the Irish stumbled out of the gates, losing three of their first six matches despite boasting a No. 2 preseason ranking.

“When we were struggling to find the right lineup early in the season, it really compounded our problems,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. “Early on we just didn’t have a solid back line and it fight his team has displayed throughout a tumultuous 6-4 season, he acknowledged the crippling effects of too many slow starts this season.

“We’ve just put ourselves in that position too many times this year, where it’s coming down to that last drive one way or another,” Weis said, noting that the Irish are 4-4 in those close, coin-flip type games. “And the odds would tell you [that’s how] it would end up playing out if that’s where you are in each game.”

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Three recruits sign with ND

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Irish have a bright 2009-10 season ahead of them, and coach Muffet McGraw is making sure that continues in future seasons. McGraw announced at a press conference Friday that three top recruits signed National Letters of Intent to play basketball at Notre Dame.

The women make up the No. 10 recruiting class in the country.

“I’m very excited about the class we’re signing this year.” McGraw said. “I think we addressed our needs. We have a couple of kids who are making great progress,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “We have a strong showing of our top four seniors from last year who are returning. We hope that our secondary fencers, those who are not number one, will also fence strongly.”

The Irish feature two of the nation’s most promising fencers in the junior category in sophomores Courtney Hurley and Meinhardt. Competing in the epee and foil divisions respectively, Hurley and Meinhardt each finished the USFA North American Cup with a pair of gold medals, raising their individual international standing.

Bednarski said that he is confident in his whole starting cast, which he believes has the talent to match up with the best in the country.