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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

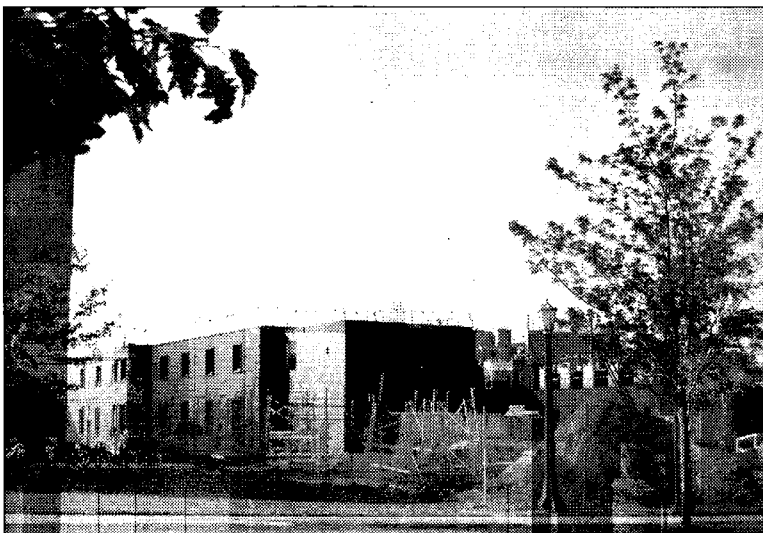
fill the dorm, the remaining spaces will be filled with freshmen and transfers, Shoup said.

"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

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Construction continues for the new men's dormitory, Duncan Hall. The residence hall is scheduled to open August 2008.

Festival enters its 41st year

Prominent authors to read writings, discuss

By BECCA LaLONDE
News Writer

Students intrigued by good writing — or the TV show "The Simpsons" — may be in luck. A number of award-winning writers, including a poet, a novelist, a journalist and a writer for the famous animated comedy about the bright yellow denizens of Springfield will come to campus throughout the month for the Notre Dame Literary Festival (NDLF).

The festival, in its 41st year, brings award-winning authors and workshops to campus. Among this year's festival authors are poet Patricia Smith, translator and novelist Lydia Davis, journalist and fiction writer Steve Almond and novelist Larry Doyle, 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 his "man crush" on Kurt Vonnegut, while Doyle's work for The Simpsons suggests his own capacity for jokes, she said.

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Police make 12 arrests, ask 8 to leave



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Seniors throw marshmallows during halftime of the Air Force game, prompting ushers to eject some students from the section.

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

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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

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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

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Students collect garbage in a parking lot before the Air Force game Saturday as part of GreeND's new environmental efforts.

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 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 towards life at Saint Mary's] is 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-

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See Scene for The Observer review of "Loyal Daughters and Sons"

INSIDE COLUMN

Ghost-ridin' the whip

If only he had dropped the Chalupa. That was the story of a rather comical story I remember reading back in seventh grade about some teenager who robbed a Taco Bell in Dallas. Except he did it while going through the drive-thru. On a bike. And he threatened the workers with a pellet gun, of all things, demanding two free Chalupas.

Rohan Anand
News Production Editor

He didn't get too far with his stolen snacks, as he was later gunned down by the police. Fortunately, he only sustained minor injuries. While I personally think that's pretty ballsy, it's not as sweet as the act of ridin' dirty.

Perhaps if he had waited a few more years, hip hop and reggaeton artists like Chamillionaire and Mistah F.A.B. might have inspired him to discover that there's another way to engage in criminal activity on wheels.

Folks, the act I am referring to is otherwise known as ghost-riding the whip.

Originating in the tougher neighborhoods of Oakland, Calif., ghost-riding involves putting the "whip" (urban for car) in neutral and allowing it to idle, still rolling, while the driver and passengers exit. Loud music plays, and participants must break it down while the car is in motion.

However, the thrill behind ghost-riding is losing its secrecy. YouTube.com contains a series of videos showing ghost-riding in action, each new one boasting ghost-riders throwing down funkier dance moves on vehicles from pickup trucks to minivans.

You could say that Mistah F.A.B. put ghost-riding on the map when he released his single last summer, "Ghost ride it." The music video took place in very streets of Ghosttown in Oakland. Listeners can associate well with the song if they are avid fans of the theme song from the 1984 film, "Ghostbusters," since F.A.B. sings to the same tune as its catchy theme song.

The lyrics are catchy, too: "When U getta new car / uh huh uh huh / and U feelin' like a star / okay okay / watchu gone do? Ghost ride it! / Ghost ride ya whip! / Ghost ride, ghost ride / Get out the way and let Casper drive / Ghost ride, go crazy / Who that drivin'? Patrick Swayze!"

Casper, of course, refers to the friendly ghost, while Swayze starred in the 1990 movie "Ghost."

What an utterly sick — not to mention 100 percent nonviolent — avenue for self-expression. Cars, music and dancing all at once — so that teenagers can go crazy without even needing to be behind the wheel.

Keep your eyes peeled on campus — sometimes you can find ghost-riding occurring in the most random of places. Allegedly, ghost-riding was spotted in the wee hours of a snowy morning during midterms last year in a campus parking lot, with speakers blasting D4L's "Laffy Taffy." I'm sure, however, that many people have their own unique ghost-riding experience.

Even if a few minor injuries are sustained here and there, it's not just a cheap thrill — it's an adrenaline rush. And it puts a whole new meaning to the phrase, "brake dance."

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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CORRECTIONS

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH FOOTBALL TEAM WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY NEXT YEAR?



Hui Hung
sophomore
Walsh

"University of Tennessee. The South will rise again!"



Elizabeth Staten
senior
Walsh

"Missouri. Best state in the Midwest."



Allison Vicenzi
freshman
Walsh

"Missouri because my cousins go there."



Emma Brizius
sophomore
Walsh

"The Little Giants."



Domenique Manning
senior
Walsh

"Florida. Take a road trip."



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Students check out the jewelry, incense and crafts on display Monday at the Ten Thousand Villages stands in the Great Hall of O'Shaughnessy Hall. The displays will be in O'Shaughnessy through Thursday and in Mendoza on Friday.

OFFBEAT

Wisc. officer accidentally tases self

MADISON, Wis. — A police officer has been reprimanded for accidentally discharging a Taser, causing an injury — to the police officer.

Madison police released a report Monday on the July 31 incident, without revealing the officer's name or gender. The department said the Taser accidentally discharged during a standard check-out procedure.

According to a summary of the investigation, officers are required to make sure no air cartridges are

loaded before testing the Taser gun at the start of each shift. It's the air cartridges that propel the Taser's prongs, which deliver a jolt of electricity when they strike a target.

Monkey injures several people in India

NEW DELHI — A wild monkey went on a rampage in a low-income neighborhood in the Indian capital, injuring several people, most of them children, police said Monday.

Police sub-inspector Gaje Singh told The Associated Press that the attacks started late Saturday in

the Shastri Park area of New Delhi, adding that it was not immediately possible to give an exact tally of the injured. Local news reports said as many as 25 people were injured.

Singh said officers were patrolling the neighborhood in search of the rogue animal.

"But the monkey hasn't been spotted yet," Singh said.

People in Shastri Park often sleep outside their homes or on open roofs to escape the heat.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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 Edgington, 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 Decio Mainstage Theatre, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are \$8. Performances will run Nov. 13 to 16 and Nov. 18.

The film "Working Women of the World" will be shown tomorrow at 7 p.m. in C100 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.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		GAME DAY	
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Study abroad ranks No. 6 in U.S.

Special to The Observer

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 other countries. Yeshiva University in New York ranked first in the report with a 75.1

percent participation rate.

Notre Dame offers semester and year-long international 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.

"Year after year, 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."

Election polls imperfect, says prof

Special to The Observer

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 elec-

tions and governance, and if 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 1975, 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.

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Week of sociology celebrated at SMC

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

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 Nation 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 12 p.m. It will be held in the Student Center conference room.

In other BOG news:

◆ Cassie Quaglia, president of

the Residence Hall Association, said the new National Residence Hall Honorary is accepting nominations. The 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.

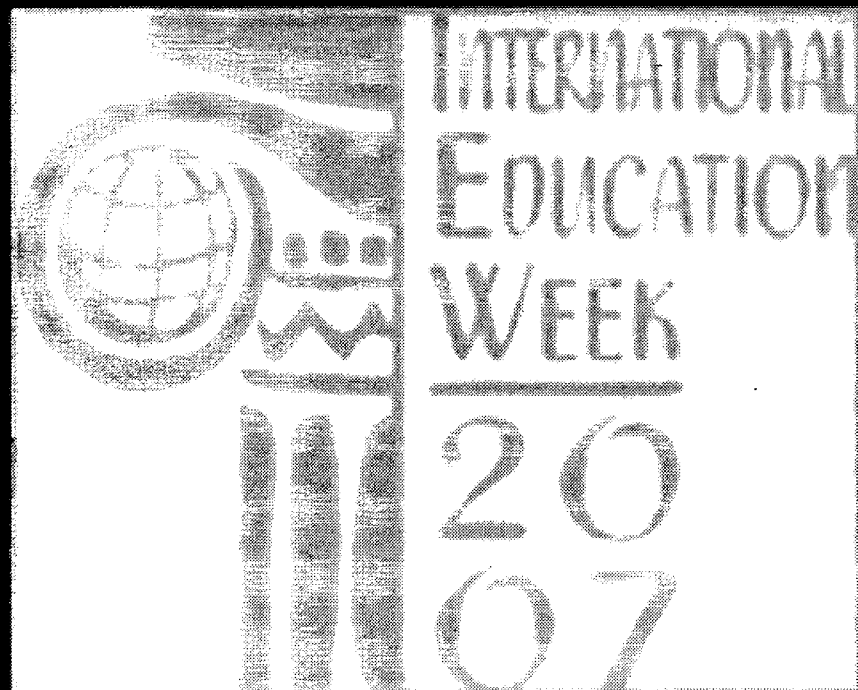
◆ Quaglia also said Nov. 16 is the final day for room changes.

◆ 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 8 p.m. Wednesday, said missions coordinator Mary Frantz. The topic will be, "Who is my Neighbor?" The speakers will be Kevin McDonnell, a professor of philosophy, and Lori Pinter, a 1984 Saint Mary's graduate.

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TUESDAY 11/13
Ten Thousand Villages
O'Shag Great Hall
9:00am - 4:30pm

Rev. Robert Pelton, CSC
"Medellin and Puebla: Dead or Alive in the 21st Century Catholic Church?"
C103 Hesburgh Center
12:30pm

Food Around the World
FOG Community Center
7:00pm

A Variety of international foods
at North and South Dining Halls
for lunch and dinner

IEW events are sponsored by International Student Services and Activities, Office of International Studies, the Kellogg Institute, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, the Senate Social Concerns Committee, the Millennium Development Initiative, the Gender Studies Program, DPAC, the Career Center, the Center for Asian Studies, Notre Dame Food Services, Campus Ministry, GSU

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 interaction between the writers and the audience," Baker said.

The festival has featured prominent writers. Past participants 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 1967, 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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Club

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energy issues have led the group to an affiliation with the Center for Social Concerns, Long said.

So far, members have worked to create environmental commissioners in each hall and improve dorm recycling, Long said.

The relationship between the administration and GreeND has produced a number of environmental programs and events, Long and Kelly said.

The coordinated recycling efforts during several home football games are one example, Kelly said.

Students from all fields and specialties are encouraged to join GreeND, Long said.

"No solution will be successful with just economists or just engineers, which is why our club is so important," she said.

The group's club status is still pending. Long said she and other group leaders are hopeful it will be approved. This will help the group increase involvement and have a stronger infrastructure, she said. It will also allow the group to tap into Student Activities money.

The various energy and environmental topics of the group are the focuses of the smaller sub-groups within the larger GreeND group. The subgroups allow students to focus on areas about which they

are most passionate, Long said.

"The issue [of energy] is so huge to tackle, it's important to break it up into groups," GreeND vice president Colleen Kelly said.

Interest in energy and environmental issues is continuing to grow on campus, and the global interest shows no signs of stopping, said Energy Policy Club chair Jackie Mullen.

The leaders of GreeND hope their club can be a forum for these important issues.

"This is an issue for our generation," Long said. "As I study more, I learn that this does not not affect anyone."

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Life

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dent's hearts," she said, "but they don't take a stand."

Ryan said she doesn't think students are supported to take a stand on pro-life issues on campus.

"It's hard for people to take a stand on something that they're not encouraged to take a stand on," she said.

There are about fifteen students who are visibly active in the group, Albright said.

"We're definitely present, and definitely evident," she said.

Respect Life Week Events:

♦ Tuesday, Nov. 13 — Pray the Living Rosary at 8:30 p.m. on Library Green.

♦ Wednesday, Nov. 14 — Pro-Life speaker Lisa Everett will speak at 7 p.m. in Vander Vennet Theater in the Student Center.

♦ Thursday, Nov. 15 — Showing of "It's a Wonderful Life" at 8 p.m. in Vander Vennet Theater in the Student Center.

♦ Friday, Nov. 16 — Day of Silence to recognize all the lives that haven't been respected.

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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.

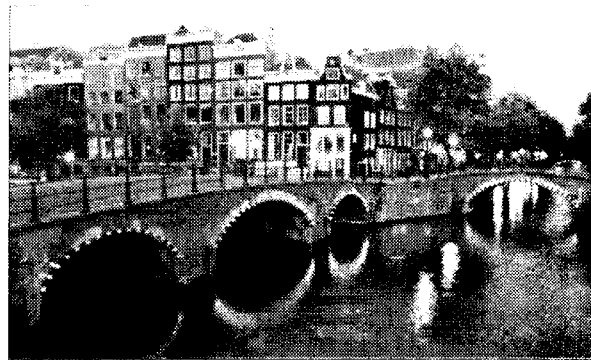
Eight people were asked to leave Notre Dame Stadium for violating stadium rules regarding alcohol, Johnson said. Alcohol is prohibited within the stadium.

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 Duke on Nov. 17.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Security contractor shoots taxi driver

BAGHDAD — A private security guard fatally shot an Iraqi taxi driver, Iraqi officials said Monday, in the latest incident involving what Iraqis believe are unprovoked killings by contractors hired to protect Americans.

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. So 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 communications.

U.N. envoy to investigate death count

YANGON, Myanmar — A U.N. human rights envoy arrived Sunday in Myanmar on a mission to get inside the country's prisons to determine 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.

"If they don't give me full cooperation, I'll go to the plane, and I'll go out," he said recently after the government gave him a green light to visit the country for five days.

Pinheiro has submitted a proposed itinerary for his visit to the Myanmar government, which was still being "fine-tuned," said Aye Win, a U.N. spokesman in Myanmar.

NATIONAL NEWS

Georgia governor prays for rain

ATLANTA — As Georgia descends deeper into drought, Gov. Sonny Perdue has ordered water restrictions, launched a legal battle and asked President Bush for help. On Tuesday, the governor will call on a higher power.

He will join lawmakers and ministers on the steps of the state Capitol to pray for rain.

While public prayer vigils might raise eyebrows in other parts of the nation, they are mostly shrugged off in the Bible Belt, where turning to the heavens for help is common and sometimes even politically expedient.

"Christianity has more of a place in the culture here than in some other region," said Ray Van Neste, a professor of Christian studies at Union University in Jackson, Tenn. "And it's only natural, in a way, for the public to pray for rain."

Teenagers mutilate acquaintance

DETROIT — Two thrill-seeking teenagers stabbed an adult acquaintance, took a blowtorch to his corpse and threw his severed head into a river, prosecutors said Monday as they charged the pair.

Canton High School senior Jean Pierre Orlewicz, 17, and Alexander James Letkemann, 18, ambushed 26-year-old Daniel Sorenson on Wednesday in a garage owned by Orlewicz's grandfather, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said. A tarp had been spread on the floor, she said.

LOCAL NEWS

Inmates protest prison conditions

CROWN POINT, Ind. — A spate of lawsuits filed by inmates who contend filthy jail conditions spread staph infections behind bars are meeting with mixed court rulings so far.

Some 25 lawsuits have been filed since late August by Lake and Porter county jail inmates, and nearly all of the cases in which federal judges have ruled so far have been dismissed.

Only four of the 25 suing inmates — two each at each jail — claim to have gotten staph.

All of the inmates' lawsuits are handwritten and complain of the same conditions, including that inmates are exposed to staph infections and are forced to use dirty showers and clothes.

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 ended in mayhem Monday, with Hamas police opening fire and protesters hurling rocks or running for cover. Seven civilians were killed and dozens were wounded in the violence between Palestinian factions.

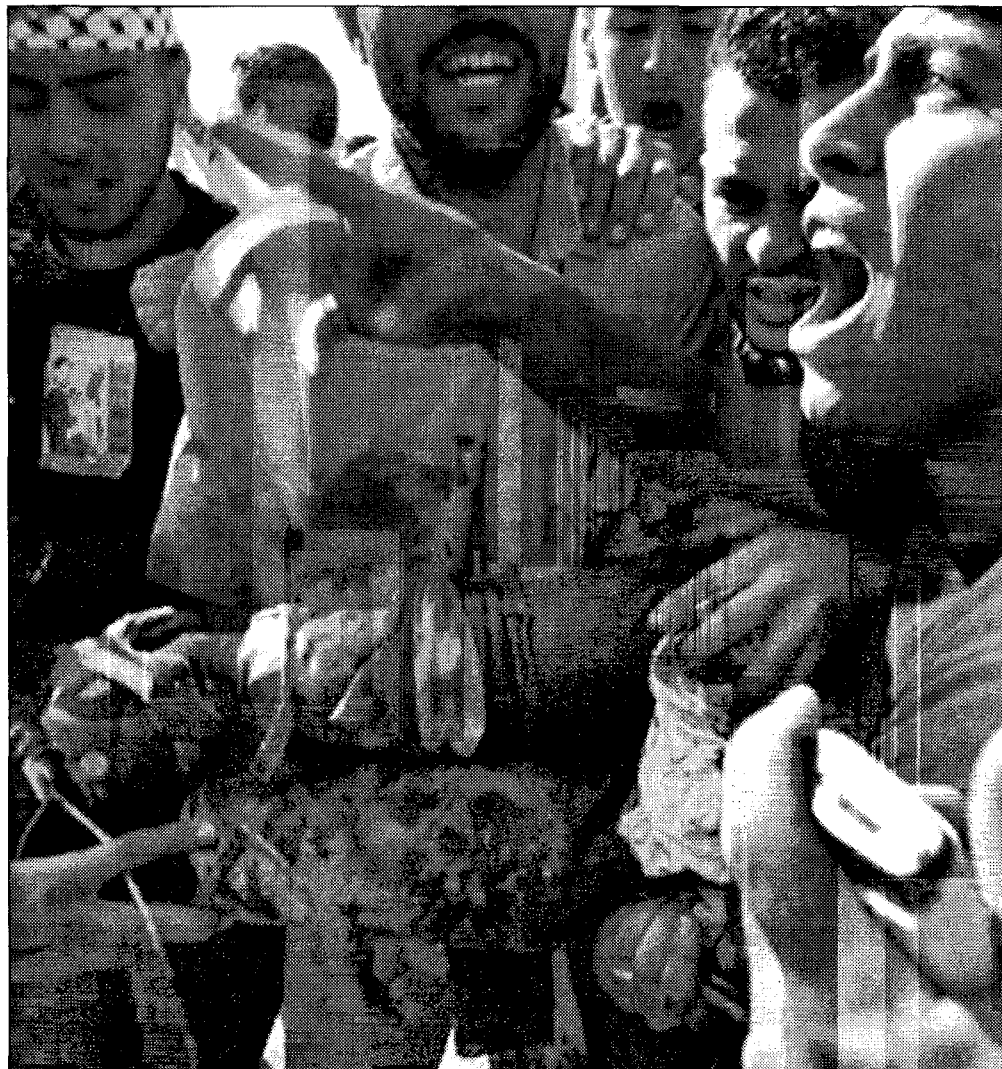
The demonstration in a Gaza City square, marking the Nov. 11, 2004 death of iconic Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, posed the strongest challenge to Hamas rule in Gaza since the Islamic militant group seized the impoverished territory by force in June. The images of Hamas policemen facing off against large groups of rock-throwers challenged Hamas' claim that it has established tight control.

Fatah's unexpected show of strength was also its most persuasive argument that its leader, moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, has a mandate to renew peacemaking with Israel at a U.S.-hosted Mideast conference in Maryland later this month.

The march started out peacefully after Palestinians in buses, on foot and on donkey carts streamed into a large sandy lot by the Mediterranean. Waving yellow Fatah flags, the crowd cheered and whistled as the movement's remaining leaders in Gaza — most had fled to the West Bank in June — delivered hopeful speeches about a comeback.

But the rally quickly descended into chaos and bursts of gunfire as the crowd was beginning to leave. Fatah stone-throwers clashed with armed Hamas policemen.

"It was a big mess, and everyone was running for cover," said a wounded 24-year-old demonstrator who would give only his first name, Farouk, for fear of



Palestinian protesters carry an injured comrade during a rally commemorating the 2004 death of leader Yasser Arafat. The rally ended in chaos when Hamas police opened fire.

repercussions by Hamas. While he lay on the ground waiting for help, he said he saw a man in a wheelchair trying to hide near a wall.

In one confrontation, an Associated Press reporter observed about 30 Hamas policemen — some posted on the rooftop of a government ministry, others on the streets below — firing heavily for about 10 minutes. Some appeared to be shooting over the heads of Fatah stone-throwers while others were firing randomly.

In another, AP Television News footage showed hundreds of young Fatah activists, some wrapped in yellow flags, facing off against Hamas police in black or blue-camouflage

uniforms across an intersection.

The Fatah supporters pelted Hamas troops with stones, surging forward even as they were met by heavy bursts of gunfire. One Hamas policeman dropped to one knee for better aim. At one point, a young stone-thrower collapsed and was carried off by others.

Elsewhere, AP photographers observed frantic demonstrators commandeering private cars to take the wounded to hospitals. Medical officials said seven civilians were killed and 85 people were wounded.

Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri held Fatah responsible for the violence, saying Fatah gun-

men had been posted on high-rise buildings overlooking the rally to shoot at Hamas police officers as a planned provocation.

Hamas said five of its policemen were wounded by sniper fire from the roof of the pro-Fatah Al Azhar University near the rally.

"If Hamas was planning today's incidents, why would we have allowed the rally to take place?" Abu Zuhri told a news conference.

Fatah denied the charge, saying no armed men were allowed at the rally. An AP reporter saw 10 Fatah gunmen being turned away at the start of the rally. Medical officials said none of the dead was a Hamas policeman.

Teen plotter linked to Finnish shooter

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A teenager who admitted plotting a school attack near Philadelphia had communicated online about the Columbine massacre with a teenage outcast who killed eight people and himself in a high school shooting in Finland, the Pennsylvania boy's attorney said Monday.

But the teen was "horrified" when he found out about the Finnish attack and said he never would have suspected him of following through with a violent act, the attorney said.

Finnish police said material seized from the computer of Pekka-Eric Auvinen suggests the 18-year-old

had communicated online with Dillon Cossey, 14, who was arrested in October on suspicion of preparing an attack at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School in suburban Philadelphia. The attack never took place.

Cossey's attorney, J. David Farrell, said that he showed Auvinen's online screen name to the Pennsylvania boy Monday and that his client remembered communicating with the Finnish teen in August or September about video games and the 1999 Columbine massacre in Colorado and exchanging videos they found on the Internet.

"They had discussed certain video games and shared videos with each

other," Farrell said. "Obviously, Columbine was a shared topic of interest."

The two met through the YouTube video-sharing site, Farrell said. They also exchanged posts on a Web site dedicated to the Columbine killers, traded e-mail and likely chatted on certain Web sites, he said.

Auvinen killed six students, a nurse and the principal Wednesday in Tuusula, about 30 miles north of the Finnish capital, Helsinki. He then shot himself in the head and died hours later at a hospital.

Police in Finland said they had not yet been in contact with their U.S. colleagues about a possible link between the two teens.

Duncan

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webcam that has been set up on one side of McGlinn that refreshes every 10 seconds with the construction developments."

Residence Life plans to relieve overcrowding in male dorms with the construction of Duncan, which will house approximately 234 men on three levels, Shoup said Friday.

"We're glad to see that the overcrowding issue will be solved by moving some beds out of [male dorms] and moving them into Duncan," he said.

Students are currently living in forced quads designed to accommodate only three students and forced five-person rooms designed to accommodate four students, he said.

"Fortunately, that will change soon," he said.

During the past few years, an influx in male students choosing to remain on campus has forced ResLife to convert some of the study lounges in Siegfried, Knott, Keough and O'Neill halls into quads and triples. Duncan will restore three of these study lounges in each dorm. Other dorms operating at full capacity, such as Dillon, Morrissey, Alumni and Zahm, will also see more free space thanks to Duncan.

The Observer reported Aug. 31 that the University's 27 residence halls are at 104 percent capacity. This means beds have been squeezed into forced triples, forced doubles and converted study spaces in all 13 women's dorms and most of the men's residence halls.

The dorms have been above 100 percent capacity for the past five or six years, said Scott Kachmarik, associate director of Residence Life.

The Aug. 31 report also noted that the University has plans to build another new male residence hall and two new female residence halls, each of which will supply about 250 new beds.

When completed, Duncan will offer residents a variety of rooms — including singles, doubles, triples, and quad. Some dorm rooms, called "super-doubles" and "super-quads," will have bay windows and personal bathroom facilities.

Shoup said the plan to move students into Duncan is two-phased. Students will have from Jan. 28 to Feb. 7 to fill out applications to enter the first phase of the Duncan Hall lottery. They must indicate which type of room they want to live in and the names of the people with whom they want to live.

Then, on Feb. 8, Residence Life officers will draw 150 to 160 winning lottery tickets

from those students selected for the initial round. Students will be selected in groups as all-or-none in order to ensure that groups of friends are not split up.

"To win this lottery, we take you in as a group, just like in the football tickets lottery," Shoup said.

Selection in the initial lottery, however, will not be binding. If students decide to decline their winning numbers for whatever reason, they will be permitted to do so.

For those winning students who decide to remain in the lottery, the second phase of the lottery process will take place Feb. 25, which will model the lottery system that most on-campus dorms use

for room selections. Students will be able to choose their rooms based on numerical rankings within the winning numbers. They will be divided into separate groups depending on the type of room their groups selected on their initial application.

"We're still trying to develop the technology that ranks the groups of people selected to bid for singles, doubles, super-quads, etc. in Duncan for the second round," said Shoup.

Registration for room selections for all other dorms on campus will take place shortly after the first phase of Duncan's lottery, lasting from Feb. 11 to Feb. 25. This is several weeks earlier than in previous years and was a move designed as a contingency plan in case the first phase of the Duncan lottery was unsuccessful, Shoup said.

"If fewer than 150 people apply for the first round, then we will probably end up filling the majority of spaces with freshmen or transfers,"

he said.

"However, we will also use the second phase of the lottery as a back-up plan for residents in other dorms who might not have gotten the room picks they wanted during the regular dorm room selection."

Shoup added that if this were to happen, students will be able to negotiate with their rectors to allow some flexibility in achieving the most desirable plan for them.

Shoup did not say whether any students would be forced to move from their previous residence hall to Duncan Hall.

Dorm features such as mascot, hall tax figures, dorm color, and sister dorms have not been determined, he said.

A Residence Life committee is looking into how to select Resident Assistants for Duncan Hall, Shoup said.

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Pope to make first U.S. delegation

Associated Press

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 stadium and Yankee Stadium during the 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. He said the Catholic community 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 Catholic faith, 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 reli-

gious groups.

Traditional 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 Skylstad, head of the bishops' conference, said the Vatican limited the visit to two cities to "conserve (Benedict's) energy."

The visit coincides with the third anniversary of Benedict's election to succeed Pope 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 from "Rocky." The late pontiff'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 orthodoxy watchdog before becoming pope, earning a reputation — considered unfair by his supporters — as a dour enforcer 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 different kind of appeal."

Benedict will also be in the United States during a presidential election year, and his public events could inadver-

tently 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 Marianist 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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IN BRIEF

Senate examines rating system

WASHINGTON — The nation's largest tobacco company knew as early as the 1970s that smokers of light cigarettes took larger puffs that delivered greater amounts of tar, according to a newly released memo.

The 1975 Philip Morris USA correspondence was released by the Senate Commerce Committee in advance of a hearing Tuesday examining the rating system that allows tobacco companies to market cigarettes as regular, light or ultra-light.

The current rating system gives smokers a false sense that cigarettes with less tar and nicotine are healthier, according to a memorandum produced by Democratic congressional staffers.

The Federal Trade Commission allows companies to make statements about tar and nicotine levels as long as they're based on a standardized system. That system uses a machine that smokes every cigarette the same way.

Miners protest working conditions

MEXICO CITY — Employees at Mexico's largest copper mine are exposed to dangerous levels of mineral dust and acid mist, according to a report released Monday by the union whose strike has idled the mine since July.

Representatives of Mexico's National Mining and Metal Workers Union say they are prepared to strike until Grupo Mexico SAB agrees to conduct a "massive cleanup operation" and implement safety and training programs. The union will send the report to President Felipe Calderon.

About 1,300 workers went on strike July 30 to protest health and safety conditions at the open-pit Cananea copper mine 30 miles south of the Arizona border in the northwestern Mexican state of Sonora.

A telephone call left with Grupo Mexico seeking comment Monday was not immediately returned. In the past, the company has said it is willing to negotiate health and safety issues to end the strike.

Gore joins in environmental efforts

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

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Al Gore announced Monday he's joining Silicon Valley's most prestigious venture capital firm to help the private sector take on global warming, and perhaps make himself some money.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner and former vice president joins Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers 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.

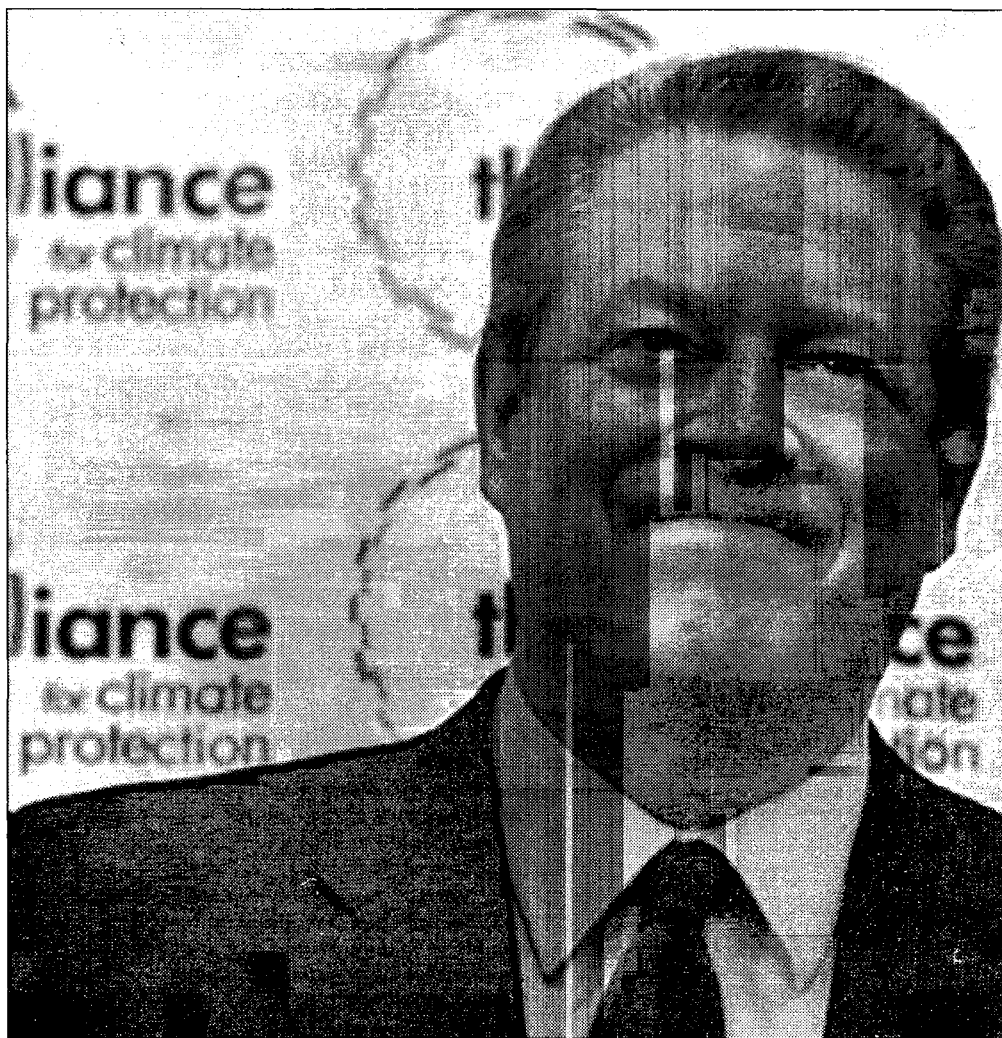
In a phone interview Monday, Gore praised the private sector for innovations in alternative energy, particularly solar power. He said the public sector was "catching up."

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 occur right now, and ... we want to make sure the 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 warming documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth," is also a senior adviser to Google Inc. and a member of the board at 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 accel-



Al Gore announced Monday that he will join Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, an esteemed venture capital firm. Gore praised the private sector in its environmental efforts.

erating 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 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 \$325 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

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The airline industry is urging Thanksgiving travelers to get to the airport extra early this year, and to expect longer-than-usual lines at security 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 planes about 90 percent full, the Air Transport Association said Monday.

The anticipated uptick in demand comes as the industry struggles through a year of record-low punctuality. Through September, more than 24 percent of flights arrived late, according to the Transportation Department, the industry's worst on-time perform-

ance 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, every-

one's) frame of mind will be much more positive," May said.

Travel expert Terry Trippler commended 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.

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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 months 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 not 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 crafty politics to reverse itself any time soon, and I don't think you can end badmouthing by decree. (You can never mandate an attitude change.) But the nearly unending 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 length 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 unless they start fundraising at the earliest possible date. Time equals money, and, in America, the correlation between campaign finance totals and party 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 fortunes 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. Exploratory 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 experience a candidate gains invaluable for a future presidential role, and apply the same argument to time spent stumping and debating. That might be true, but I would rather see a candidate earn practical knowledge in his or her current post than learn how to out-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 pitting you 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. Really, what has 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 jdechant@nd.edu

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"Mix a little foolishness with your prudence: It's good to be silly at the right moment."

Horace
Roman poet

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Burger King pays fair wages

The letter published on Nov. 8 ("Burger King ignores slavery in their fields"), unfairly dismisses Burger King Corp.'s serious and important commitment to worker dignity, while missing the facts regarding payments from Taco Bell and McDonald's to the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW).

Tomato pickers fill their buckets each day for Florida farm employers, who in turn sell those tomatoes to brokers and suppliers of major retail and fast food chains. In most cases, the workers do not pick tomatoes for any specific customer — that sorting happens days later at the re-packer. Florida tomato pickers are paid an average of \$12.46 per hour at the time of picking, according to 2006-2007 payroll records. If the penny-per-pound arrangement described in the letter actually existed, the farm workers would already be enjoying higher wages for picking tomatoes, including some tomatoes destined for Burger King.

Nevertheless, the strict confidentiality surrounding the details of Taco Bell's and McDonald's payments to the CIW makes it impossible to determine who is benefitting from the payments. In fact, the Florida tomato growers who employ the CIW farm workers have refused to participate in the Taco Bell or McDonald's agreements due to serious legal concerns. The Florida tomato growers announced in a press release

on Nov. 5 that no money ever passed to the workers under the McDonald's agreement, and that the Taco Bell agreement is now moot.

The letter also ignored 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 with the name or 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.

Fundamental respect for all workers along our supply chain is part of our corporate conscience; our value system is incompatible with the CIW's demand that we simply make payments and consider the job done.

Keva Silversmith
Burger King Corporation
Miami, Fla.
Nov. 12

Campus, Catholicism and homosexuality

With Notre Dame being a Catholic institution of intellectual exchange, I would like to take this opportunity to partake in the ongoing dialogue regarding the recent donning of the "Gay? Go to Hell" shirts by certain students on campus. Contributors thus far have expressed sincere disappointment in these men's choice of fashion ("Offering a welcome home for all," November 9). Although I missed seeing the shirts, after reading this disagreeing response I feel the need to address some of the assertions put forth by its authors.

In the aforementioned letter, Catholic teaching was referenced to support of the arguments being made. The letter cited Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger's (now Pope Benedict XVI) 1986 Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons. While I do not see a problem in the authors' use of this document, I do see a need to address the way Cardinal Ratzinger's document was referenced.

First, it should be noted that the Latin title of this document is *Homosexualitatis problema*. Now, I do not speak Latin, but it is pretty clear that this title alludes to the certain problems faced by homosexual persons. While the array of authors of the Nov. 9th letter were correct in noting that this document calls for a respect for the "intrinsic dignity of each person," particularly homosexual persons, they failed to draw attention to another pivotal passage of this text: "Just as the Cross was central to the expression of God's redemptive love for us in Jesus, so the redemption of the self-denial of homosexual men and women with the sacrifice of the Lord will constitute for them a source of self-giving which will save them from a way of life which constantly threatens to destroy them. Christians who are homo-

sexuals are called (...) to a chaste life" (Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons, 1986).

While it is important and noble that our beloved University expresses a Catholic acceptance and 'inclusion' of all of its members, I find it very disappointing that it does not (openly) accept, include and 'voice its solidarity with' the Church's teaching on the homosexual orientation and lifestyle. Catholic teaching states that it is not morally wrong for a person to be of the homosexual orientation as each person, regardless of sexual orientation, is created in the Image and Likeness of God. However, the Church does teach that homosexuality is intrinsically disordered and thus, for a person of homosexual orientation to act on those homosexual tendencies, to embrace the homosexual lifestyle, is morally sinful.

In lieu of these teachings, I would like to return to the issue of the controversial shirts that stimulated this debate. Even though their tactic may have been somewhat inaccurate and inappropriate, I do think that the wearers of these shirts draw attention to the need to implement an approach to working with the homosexual minority on campus that is holistically Catholic. Such an approach should incorporate not only an inclusion of homosexual students, who are created in the Image and Likeness of God, but also offer instruction on how to live (as we all should) in the Image and Likeness of God, and it would take the place of the current, woefully inadequate one.

Mary K. Daly
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Nov. 12

Appreciate football experience

In response to Matthew Quering's Letter to the Editor ("Weis Should Pay," Nov. 12): I, as a contributing alum, am also disappointed by this year's football program. I have also spent hard-earned money to travel 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 that. I do find some of Quering's logic to be flawed. I think Quering should count his blessings that as a student, he even got 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 alumni contribute annually and don't receive 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 at StubHub or eBay.

If you want to look at it in the framework of investments, the athletic department would be better served utilizing your 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 excitement 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 service. No one is forcing you to pay for the 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
alumnus
Class of 2004
Nov. 12

CoMo lounge serves all

In Viewpoint on Nov. 8, the letter "Dreaded sign' shuts out study space" laments the fact that Coleman Morse's Student Lounge is frequently reserved for the use of particular groups to the chagrin of students trying to study there. I, myself, am a frequent CoMo studier. I am also a Walsh Woman, a recent transfer from North Quad; in fact, the proximity of Walsh to CoMo was a serious factor in my moving dorms, due to my undying allegiance to CoMo studying.

I think it is necessary to point out that the CoMo Student 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 programs. 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 only solution to their terrible plight of being kicked out of the "study room" is to "Destroy the signs and all they entail," they are asking for an end to Celebration Choir Christmas concerts, multicultural events, Hall Dinners, RA retreats, CM Commissioner meetings, Sophomore Road Trip planning meetings and a whole host of events that enrich the Notre Dame experience and make life at

Notre Dame so much more than homework.

They indicate that Notre Dame should provide an alternative place for these events to take place. Guess what? They did. It's called the Coleman Morse Student Lounge. The Walsh Women's letter suggests that there are only three places to study on campus: the (too far away and too "bottom-of-St. Joe-Lake-ish") Library, LaFun 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 convenient, comfortable places to study that are rarely utilized.

2. The Bond Library is quite Thomas Jeffersonian with its classic columns and academic feel. Plush leather couches are a plus, and it is quiet and usually not crowded.

3. The East Lounge in the basement of LaFun is conveniently located in the student center, and yet generally respectfully quiet and conducive to work. Please, feel free to take advantage of the CoMo Student Lounge when it is not being utilized, but be aware the next time you see the "dreaded sign" that the "right" to study there is not guaranteed, but is in fact a secondary purpose of the room.

Elizabeth Stewart
senior
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Nov. 11

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.

In 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 the Epiphany (Jan. 6, the 12th day of Christmas ... what, you thought it was just a song?).

John Gorski
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Nov. 12



"Loyal Daughters and Sons" marches onstage



MATT HUDSON | Observer Graphic

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

"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 producer Sarah 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 inked 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? Can I add a male perspective to this?'" Van Mills said in an email 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 Mills 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 it's 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."

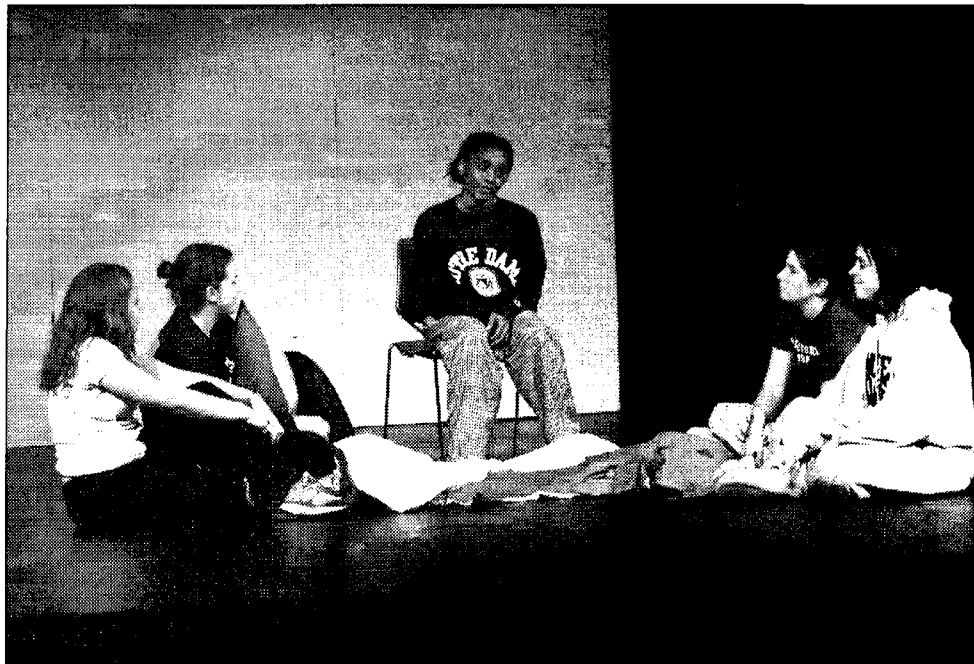
On a campus known for its "work hard, play hard" party atmosphere, "Loyal Daughters and Sons" goes to lengths to shed light on the dark underside of college life when some play too hard or too rough.

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 onstage 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 play 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 their own sexual assault or putting themselves in such a compromised position (e.g., an excessively inebriated state) that they somehow "deserve" their fate.

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



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"Loyal Daughters and Sons" is a play dealing with issues relating to sexuality and sexual violence on campus at Notre Dame.

in black sweatshirts close in on her as she cries and screams for help.

The play's party scenes, filled with Solo 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 equated 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 discourse about 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 dignity to the piece."

Van Mills 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, Loyal 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. "As ND students, I feel like we're 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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Allison Dunleavy, Kevin Stein and Cara Nazareth perform a musical parody of "It's All Right" during a dress rehearsal Sunday night in Washington Hall.



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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 tradition.

While previous albums showcased his ability to produce excellent singles, this album is more rounded. The CD, released two weeks ago, includes the 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 bass 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 as Rascal Flatts and Carrie Underwood.

These artists do a much better job blending the styles of country and pop - sometimes to the detriment of both. Their 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 it might be unappealing to 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, heartbreak songs, love songs."

For the true country aficionado, no

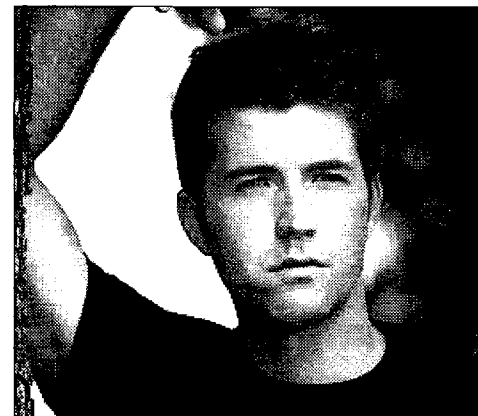


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Josh Turner returns to country music's roots on "Everything is Fine."

one says country like Josh Turner. His hit singles are undoubtedly some of the best songs in recent country history, and his newest 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.

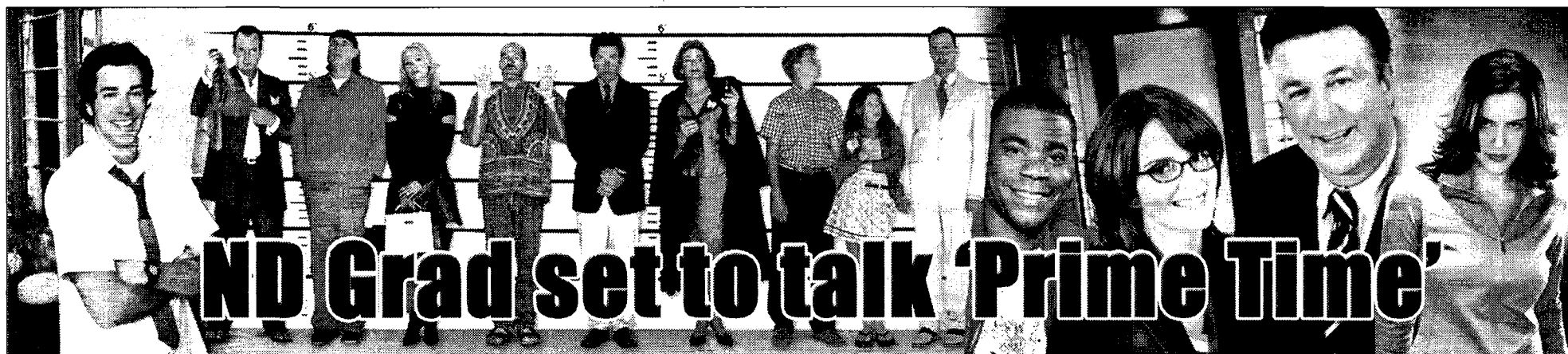
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Everything is Fine

Josh Turner

Label: MCA Nashville

Recommended Tracks: "Firecracker," "South Carolina Low Country" and "Everything is Fine"



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By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

After graduating from Notre Dame in 1991, Katie O'Connell, senior vice president of drama development at NBC Entertainment, did what so many other Notre Dame graduates do - she moved to Chicago to work at a job that she had interviewed for on campus.

In a few years, however, she decided to make the great leap from health care consulting in the Midwest to show business on the West Coast.

O'Connell returns to campus today to present "Developing Prime-Time Television" as part of the ongoing FTT Talks series. As she describes the development process from the moment a series is pitched to the moment it airs, she will show clips from various series currently on NBC as well as dailies from new pilots now in production.

When O'Connell first moved to Los Angeles, she worked as an assistant at the talent agency Creative Artists Agency. It was an experience that was similar to "Entourage," she said during a telephone interview Friday. After her stint at the agency, she landed a job as a comedy development

executive at CBS, which she said was a difficult jump to make.

Next she was hired to run comedy development at Imagine Television, where she developed the Emmy Award-winning cult comedy "Arrested Development."

"I'm partial to 'Arrested Development,'" O'Connell said. "I would say that's one of my favorites. That was a very fun, rewarding, really great experience."

O'Connell eventually ended up at NBC, where she developed recent Emmy winner "30 Rock," as well as new series "Chuck," "Bionic Woman," "Life" and "Journeyman."

O'Connell said her job focuses on everything leading up to the first airing of a series. Once a show has aired six to 13 episodes, the development department steps back and the current department takes over. But O'Connell said it is difficult to watch series she develops, like "Arrested Development," struggle for ratings.

"It's just heartbreaking," she said. "The writers work so hard, and it just shows how hard the business is. And there's so many external factors that determine whether or not a show is successful, and you can't predict it. At some point you let go and hope that it connects with the audience."

While studying at Notre Dame, O'Connell majored in American Studies and lived in Pasquerilla West before moving off campus. She said that her favorite memories of Notre Dame are just hanging out with friends at their apartments.

"It wasn't sophisticated," she says. "It was just being together with friends at a moment of time in your life when that's what you're supposed to be doing."

O'Connell was also at Notre Dame for the 1988 National Championship football season.

"There's nothing that beats fall in South Bend, Indiana and the tradition of football games and that sense of all the alumni coming," she said. "One of my favorite memories is when we all went down to the Fiesta Bowl when we won the national championship."

As fond as her memories are of Notre Dame, O'Connell feels that she was at a disadvantage when graduating because the department of film, television and theatre didn't exist to educate students about the entertainment industry and help them make

contacts. However, she also notes that it is possible to make it in the entertainment industry and in development without being an FTT major.

"I think that what I do for a living is storytelling," she said. "I look back at when I took a Shakespeare class or looked at classic literature. Anything that has to do with storytelling is relevant to what I do today."

She said her advice for students looking toward the entertainment industry is obvious but important.

"Go to as many movies as you can. Watch as many TV shows as you can," she said. "If you really want to get into the business, educate yourself. Start to formulate your taste and your opinions."

"Developing Prime-Time Television" will take place tonight at 7 p.m. at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is free but ticketed. Call 574-631-2800 or go to the DPAC's Ticket Office to reserve tickets.

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NBA

Paul sinks game-winning layup to beat Nets

Jazz beat injured Kings; AI, Nuggets top Cavs

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New Orleans Hornets still aren't quite sure how they won this one.

Chris Paul made sure they couldn't lose it.

Paul made the tiebreaking layup with 2.6 seconds left and finished with a season-high 27 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, coming up with a steal after his own miss and finding Morris Peterson, who converted a four-point play to tie 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 big steal after turning it over."

Tyson Chandler had 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Hornets (6-2), who made up a late 11-point deficit and won on back-to-back nights following their first two losses of the season.

"There were a few times down the stretch where I felt it might be over, we might not get back

into it," Paul said. "We showed a lot of fight. The starters got us into that situation. Thankfully, we were able to get us out of that situation."

Richard Jefferson scored a season-high 32 points for the Nets, but he was shut out in the fourth quarter after a huge third. Kidd finished with 14 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds.

"We had an eight-, nine-point lead without me scoring in the fourth quarter. So obviously we were doing something right," Jefferson said. "My job is to get my teammates open. In the third quarter I had a bunch of shots, in the fourth quarter we had great looks. We just made a couple of bonehead plays down the stretch that didn't allow us to finish it out."

New Jersey played without Vince Carter, who sprained his ankle Saturday in a loss to Boston and is out indefinitely. Antoine Wright, who started for Carter, was just short with a potential tying jumper before the buzzer.

Nenad Krstic 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 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 two quarters, but Jefferson scored 16 points - equaling the Hornets' total - as the Nets turned around the game in the third.

New Jersey eventually went ahead by 11 on Wright's bucket with under 5 minutes to play. But Paul made a 3-pointer to trigger a 10-1 spurt that pulled the Hornets to 80-78 on David West's basket with 2:11 left.

The Nets still seemed safe after Wright knocked down a jumper, and then Paul turned it over and missed a shot. But he followed that miss by swiping the ball from Jason Collins, who then added to his mistake by fouling 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 shot of the game. The four-point play changed the game around."

Paul entered the game averaging a league-high 11.1 assists, with Kidd just behind at 10.5. Kidd claimed 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 10 rebounds for his seventh double-double of the season and the Utah Jazz beat the short-handed Sacramento Kings on Monday night.

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

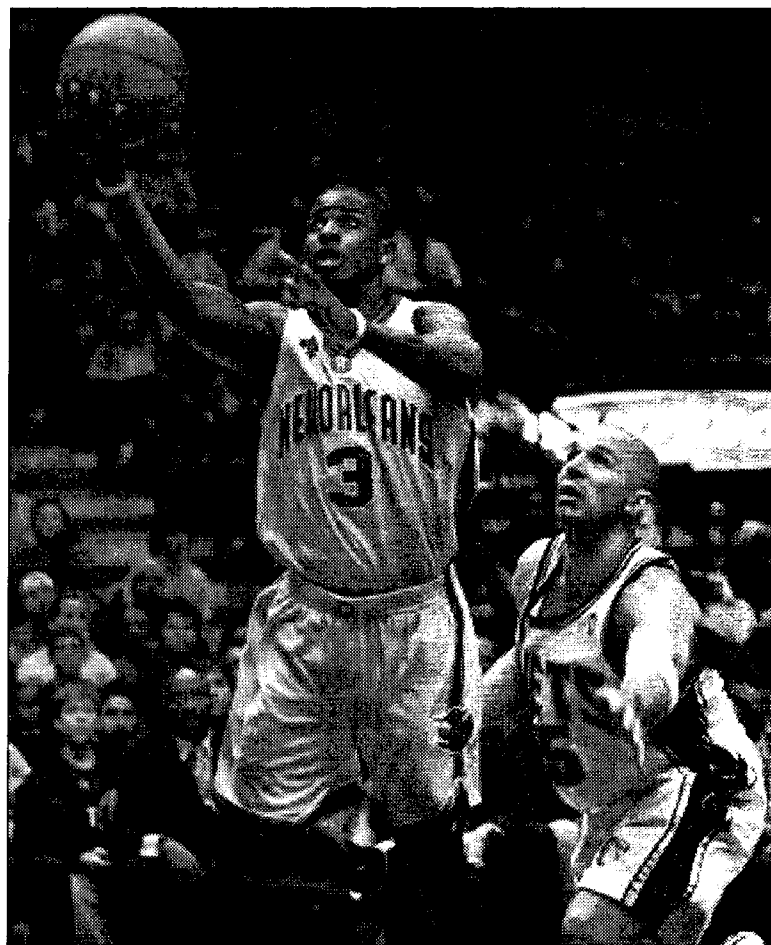
The Kings played without three of their starters and were outrebounded 41-32 and committed 19 turnovers.

John Salmons led Sacramento with 22 points.

The Jazz, who open a three-game road trip Wednesday, improved to 6-2 and have topped 100 points in every game but one this season. Utah had 65 points by halftime and survived a lackluster third quarter to put away the depleted Kings in the fourth.

Center Brad Miller didn't dress for the game because of a bruised right quadriceps. Forward Ron Artest (suspension) and guard Mike Bibby (thumb) were also out, leaving the Kings without the bulk of their regular lineup.

But the Kings who were available rallied after falling behind by 25 in the first half and got within 10, taking advantage of Utah's lackluster defense in the third quarter. By the end of the fourth, the Jazz were too much



Hornets point guard Chris Paul drives for a layup during the fourth quarter of New Orleans' 84-82 win over New Jersey on Monday.

for Sacramento's patchwork lineup.

Boozer converted a three-point play with 7:22 left in the game to put the Jazz up 102-86 and start a 13-2 run that finally did in the Kings.

Boozer scored 30 for the fourth time this season and has a double-double in all but one game so far this season. Ronnie Brewer scored 13 and Mehmet Okur added 12 as every starter but Deron Williams scored in double figures.

Williams made up for it with seven assists. Gordan Giricek added 12 points and Matt Harpring scored 10 for the Jazz.

Kevin Martin added 21 points for the Kings, hitting three 3-pointers in the third quarter as the Kings rallied and outscored the Jazz 34-24. Francisco Garcia added 19 points and Beno Udrih scored 11 for Sacramento.

Nuggets 122, Cavaliers 100

Allen Iverson scored a season-high 37 points and J.R. Smith added 29 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 straight.

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.

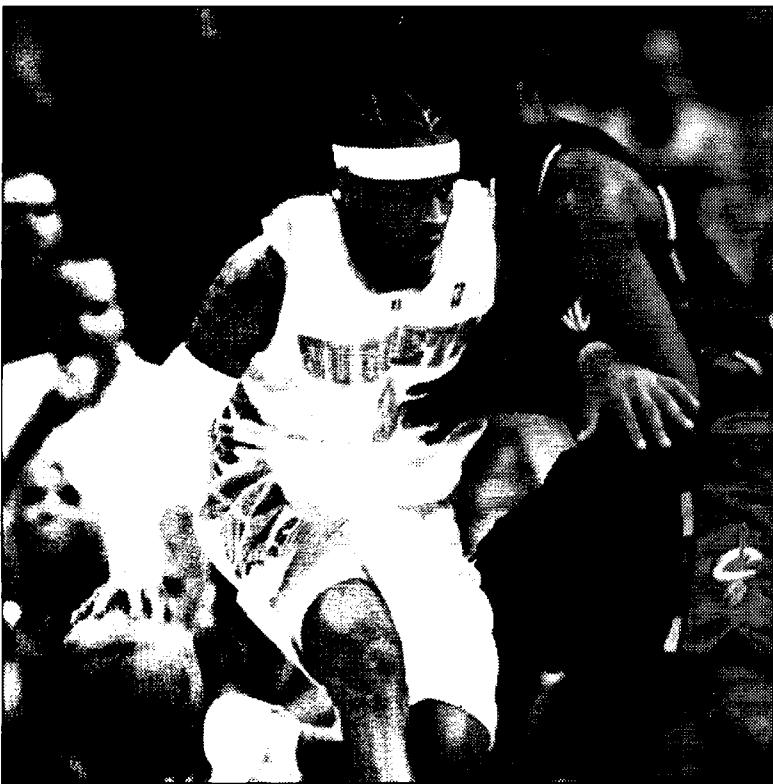
Iverson scored 18 in the first half and came out shooting to start the third quarter. He scored 11 points in the first 5 minutes of the half, including two 3-pointers as the Nuggets (5-3) built a 78-51 lead. The Nuggets led 88-68 heading into the fourth quarter.

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 minutes left made it 105-81.

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 39-24 with 5:52 left in the first half. The Cavaliers (4-4) got within 11, but two 3-pointers 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.



Nuggets point guard Allen Iverson dribbles against Cavaliers guard Daniel Gibson during Colorado's 122-100 win over Cleveland.

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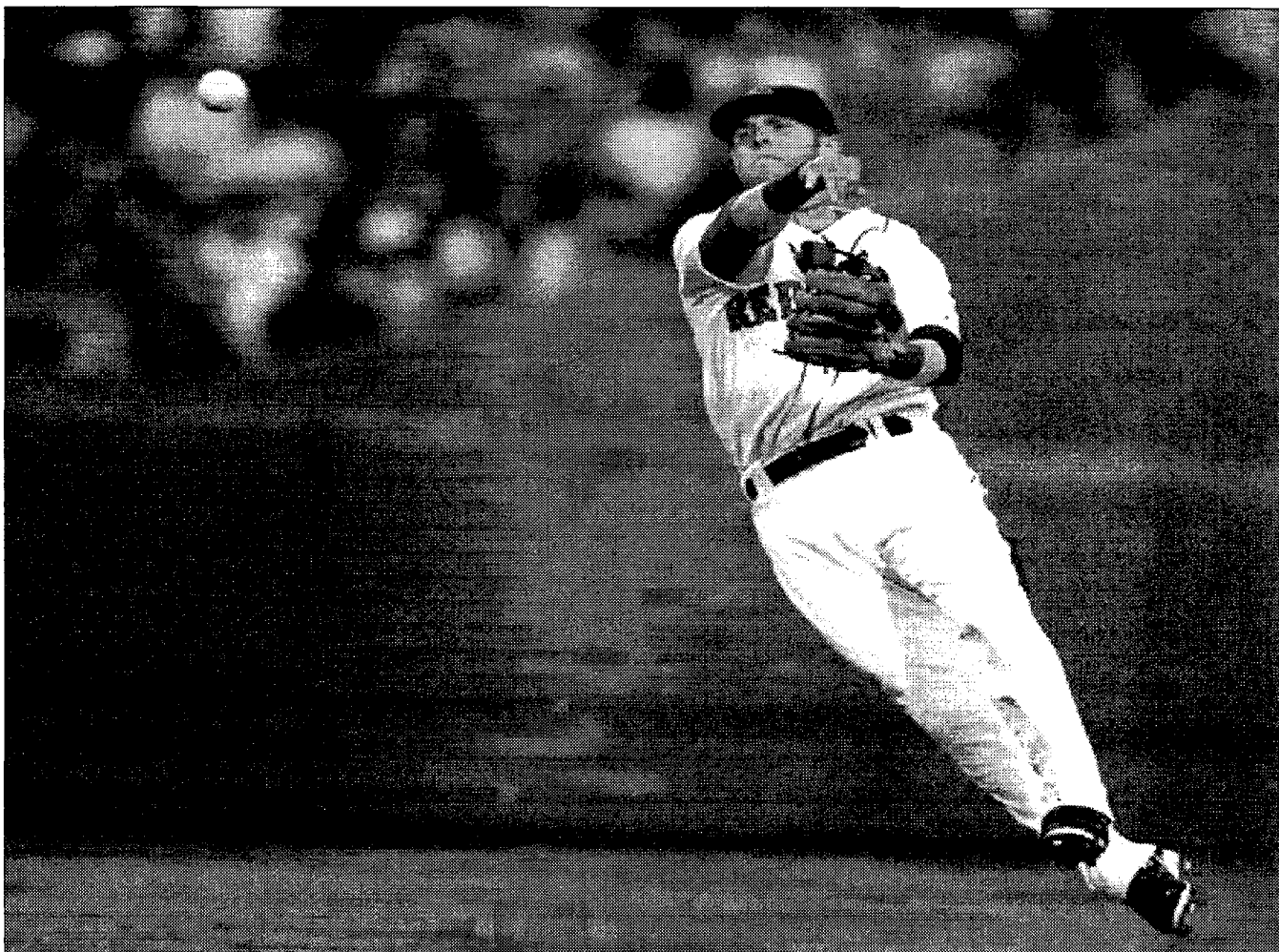
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2 Wake Forest	13-1-2	2
3 Santa Clara	11-1-4	3
4 Virginia Tech	10-1-5	5
5 Brown	13-1-1	6
6 Southern Methodist	11-3-2	4
7 Creighton	9-1-5	8
8 Boston College	11-4-1	7
9 Indiana	12-4-3	10
10 Tulsa	11-2-2	11
11 NOTRE DAME	10-3-5	9
12 Saint Louis	11-2-3	13
13 UC Santa Barbara	10-3-3	15
14 Northwestern	11-3-3	12
15 Harvard	10-3-2	17
16 West Virginia	12-5-1	20
17 Akron	13-3-2	22
18 Ohio State	11-3-4	23
19 California	10-4-1	24
20 Maryland	9-4-4	25
21 Virginia	10-5-2	14
22 South Florida	11-4-2	NR
23 Furman	15-3-0	16
24 Duke	10-5-1	19
25 Dartmouth	10-3-2	NR

MLB



Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia fires to first during a July 18 game against the Royals at Fenway Park. Pedroia was named the AL Rookie of the Year on Tuesday, while Milwaukee Brewers third baseman Ryan Braun won the NL award.

Pedroia, Braun take home top rookie honors

Associated Press

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 with a broken left hand down the stretch.

"Everyone doubted me at every level I've been to, saying I'm too small, I'm not fast enough, my arm's

not strong enough," Pedroia said. "There's a lot of people that have stuck by me and knew deep down in, that there's something about me that makes me a winning baseball player."

Pedroia hit .317 with eight home runs and 50 RBIs. He got 24 of the 28 first-place votes to outdistance Tampa Bay outfielder Delmon Young in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Braun's browned him the NL award. The slugging third baseman from Milwaukee finished two points ahead of Tulowitzki, Colorado's sparkplug shortstop.

Braun said he had trou-

ble sleeping Sunday night, then woke up early at his condo in Santa Monica, Calif., and went for a jog to ease his "nervous energy."

"I had no idea what the vote would be based on," he said. "I knew that it would be a close vote."

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," Brewers general manager

Doug Melvin said.

Called up from Triple-A in late May, Braun hit .324 with 34 home runs and 97 RBIs. The Brewers led the majors in homers this season and stayed in contention for the NL Central championship until the final week.

Braun's .634 slugging percentage led NL players and was the highest by a rookie in major league history. He did not have enough plate appearances, however, to qualify for the title.

His big offensive numbers were enough to overcome 26 errors, tied for most in the majors with Minnesota shortstop Jason Bartlett.

IN BRIEF

Tigers hang on to closer Jones with one-year extension

DETROIT — Todd Jones and the busy 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 is 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 (1), 7-5 decision Monday at the Masters Cup. Federer, the defending champion, entered the match with a 15-0 record in round-robin play at the season-ending tournament. It was the top-ranked star's first loss in 11 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 Red 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 night against the Boston Celtics, Nets president Rod Thorn said Monday. There is no timetable for Carter's return.

"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 eight-time All-Star was hurt in the third quarter of a 112-101 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.

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MLB

Tigers trade Infante to Cubs for Jones

Associated Press

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

"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 manager Jim Leyland said in a telephone 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, 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 agreed 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 winter," Todd Jones said. "We officially don't have an out in our lineup anymore."

Jacques Jones hit .285 with five homers, 33 doubles and 66 RBIs in 135 games last season, his ninth in the majors. He signed with the Cubs before the 2006 season after playing for Minnesota from 1999-05.

"He gives us another left-handed bat that we wanted in the lineup," Tigers president Dave Dombrowski said. "He's also an established major league winning player that gives us some flexibility in the outfield."

Infante batted .271 with two

home runs and 17 RBIs in 66 games with Detroit this year. He played six positions and made his most appearances at second base in 20 games. He also played shortstop, third base and all three outfield positions.

"Detroit had 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 for someone 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 to a team that was in the World Series not long ago.

"Jacques 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 felt good about it. ... 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.

NHL

Messier inducted into Hall of Fame

Associated Press

TORONTO — On the day he accepted hockey's greatest honor, Mark Messier remembered where it all began.

"It starts at home with the efforts put forth by your mother and father for all those early morning practices," he said before Monday night's ceremony. "All your minor-league hockey coaches who picked you up when your parents couldn't get there, your brothers and sisters, and all the players and coaches that helped you along the way."

Messier, the granite-jawed center who epitomized leadership on the ice, entered the Hockey Hall of Fame with Ron Francis, Scott Stevens and Al MacInnis, along with former executive Jim Gregory.

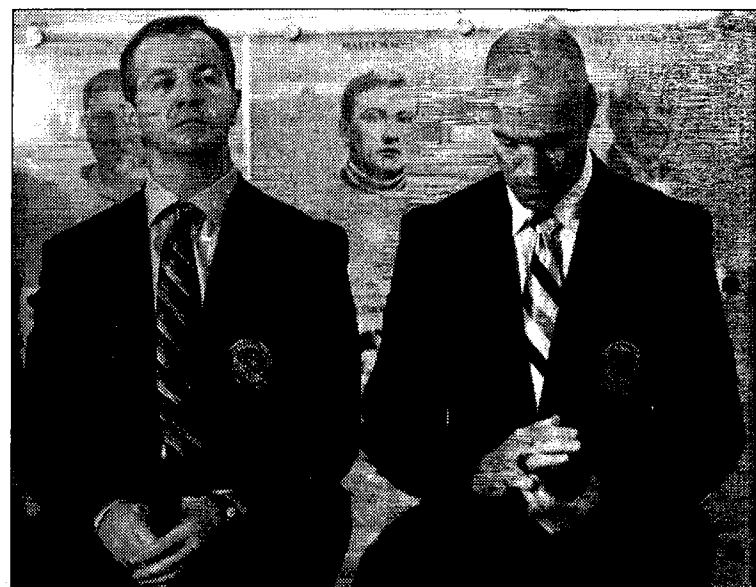
"When people go through this hall 75 years from now, our plaques will be up there," Messier said. "That's pretty humbling."

Messier, Francis, Stevens and MacInnis made the hall in their first year of eligibility, automatic inclusions that surprised no one. And they're not done writing their hockey stories.

Francis and MacInnis hold NHL front-office positions. Messier and Stevens are contemplating following their lead.

"It's the love we have for the game and the passion we have for the game," said MacInnis, vice president of hockey operations with the St. Louis Blues. "The game has been so good for all of us over the last 25 years that we feel we can maybe give something back to the game."

Francis, assistant GM and director of player development with the Carolina Hurricanes, said "everything I have in my life



Hockey Hall of Fame inductee Mark Messier, right, inspects his ring as he sits with fellow inductee Al MacInnis on Monday in Toronto.

is because of the game."

Messier, a six-time Stanley Cup winner with the Edmonton Oilers and New York Rangers, clearly wants to get back in the NHL. He made headlines last year when he mentioned he'd like to be a GM.

"There's no imminent plan," said Messier, who in 1994 helped the Rangers end their 54-year drought without a title. "I'm not pursuing anything at this particular time, but I'm definitely going to be looking to step back in some capacity, probably sooner rather than later."

He'd love for that opportunity to be with the Rangers, but he's willing to listen to other teams since New York is set with Glen Sather.

Stevens, who leads the NHL in games played by a defenseman with 1,635, has an open invitation from New Jersey Devils GM

Lou Lamoriello to jump on board.

"We'll see," Stevens said. "Coaching is very demanding. I've been around great coaches and I know what it takes to be a coach and the time that it takes. I don't know if I'm ready for those long hours."

MacInnis, a defenseman, was an important part of Calgary's lone NHL championship in 1989 but yearns to help deliver a Stanley Cup to St. Louis in his new capacity.

"I've said all along that I would have loved to have won a Stanley Cup in St. Louis as a player," he said. "The fans are such a committed group. They've been looking for one since 1967."

Gregory, inducted in the builders' category, was the general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs from 1969-70 to 1978-79. He is heartened to see top players staying in the game.



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NFL

Croyle to start Sunday for Chiefs

Second-year quarterback takes over for Huard

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Damon Huard is out and Brodie Croyle is in as starting quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs.

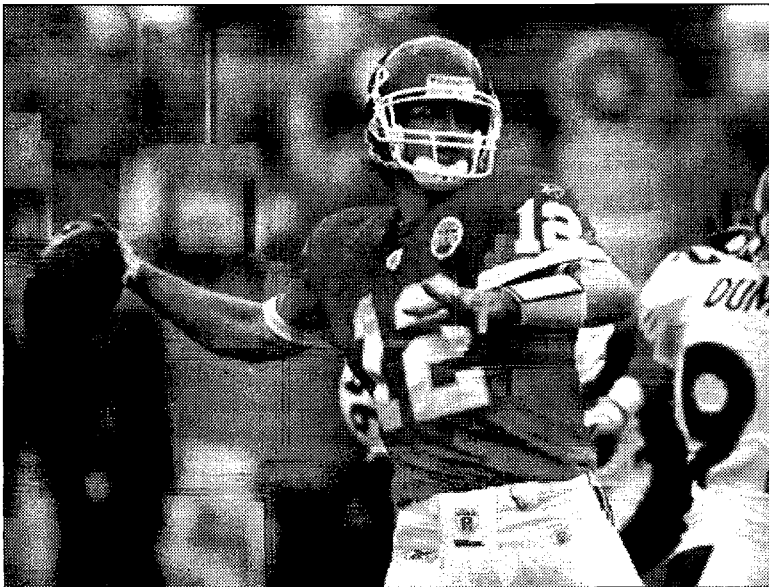
Coach Herm Edwards said Monday the rifle-armed Croyle, who came in for a shaken-up Huard against Denver on Sunday, would start at Indianapolis on Sunday as the Chiefs try to snap a two-game losing streak and revive one of the NFL's weakest offenses.

"You need a spark," Edwards said. "We've been in some contests now 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 had thrown two interceptions and lost a fumble.

"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 contests now where we haven't had the ability to score points. That's part of your job as the quarterback, to put points on the board and move the football team."



Chiefs quarterback Brodie Croyle throws downfield during Kansas City's 27-11 loss to Denver on Sunday.

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 since Todd 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 never all on the quarterback. Damon's been a pro, a standup guy. When I brought him in here today he understood. He gets 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."

NFL

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 real 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 graded 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 downfield, 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 in every game Peterson has not topped 200 yards rushing this season. It's been a one-man show in Minnesota, with Peterson accounting for 1,081 of the team's 1,551 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 up there."

Peterson took over as the starter after rushing for 224 yards in a victory over Chicago on Oct. 14. The Vikings scored 34 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 in Sunday's loss to Green Bay, and Childress said he will go with Tarvaris Jackson against the Raiders.

With the Packers keyed almost solely 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 chance after falling behind 20-0 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.

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NHL

Predators deal Blue Jackets fourth-straight loss

Richards' short-handed goals launch Flyers

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Once the Nashville Predators realized there was more to the game than offense, their early-season slump quickly became a thing of the past.

J.P. 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 guys 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.

"We know we have to play hard for 60 minutes," Erat said. "Nothing is for free in this league. We paid the price for it and now we're just trying to move up in the standings."

David Vyborny scored the lone goal for Columbus. After an 8-3-2 start, the Blue Jackets have hit their first skid of the season — all losses against divisional opponents — and have only one win in six.

"Our execution today was very poor," Blue Jackets coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We struggled to make 10-foot passes. We had a lot of tired looking players out there. It's not an excuse, it's just a reality of where we're at."

With the Predators leading 2-1 in the third period, Blue Jackets defenseman Ole-Kristian Tollefsen tripped near his blue line without being touched. Arnott fed Erat for a shot, and Dumont jammed home the easy rebound at 11:43.

"We had some good fortune when one of their defenseman 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 couple 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. Vyborny scooped up the puck along the right boards, cut to the slot and beat Mason with a low shot through traffic. Vyborny, who led the team in scoring last season, netted his first goal in 32 games.

Erat made it 2-1 at 12:33 with a superb effort. Jetting across the ice toward the right wing, he settled a bouncing puck at the blue line, held off Rostislav Klesla with his left arm while shielding the puck, and stick-handled around

Leclaire, 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 was by far the best skater on the ice."

Flyers 3, Islanders 2

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

Richards somehow 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.

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

Scottie Upshall scored twice for the Flyers. Martin Biron played a pivotal part in the perfection and was sharp again in this one with 24 saves.

Mike Sillinger and Chris Simon scored for the Islanders, who had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Richards caught a break early in the third when goalie Rick DiPietro failed to cleanly handle a slap shot from just outside the circle. The puck bounced back right into a charging Richards, who netted the goal that gave Philadelphia a 3-2 lead.

Richards has three short-handed goals this season.

"I saw the puck come out a little bit and I didn't want to skate into the corners," he said. "It was just kind of laying there."

Richards led the Flyers last season with four short-handed goals and has two career 3-on-5 goals. He was tied for first among NHL rookies with three short-handed goals in the 2005-06 season.

"He's been playing great. He's been our best player so far," Upshall said. "We need that out of all our guys every night to step up and score big goals like that. He stepped up and came through for us."

DiPietro, who had 14 saves, couldn't make the most of his low workload.

"He just kept whacking at it and it went in," DiPietro said. "He just got a shot at whacking at it a couple of times and it was a goal. It ended up being an odd-man rush on a power play and it ended up costing us."

Richards might not have been in position to score the winner if not for Upshall.

Upshall, playing in only his seventh game of the season because of a broken wrist sustained in a preseason game, gave the Flyers a surprising scoring boost in the second of a four-game homestand.

Upshall used some sharp stick work to maneuver the puck around the defense and slide it



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Predators goalie Chris Mason stops a shot during the third period of Nashville's 4-1 win over the Blue Jackets in Columbus, Ohio, on Monday.

past DiPietro for a 2-1 Philadelphia lead in the second.

The Islanders used an odd play to tie it with 1:43 left in the period. Miroslav Satan's shot landed behind Biron's skate in the crease. Simon crashed into Biron, 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 squirted 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 backhand.

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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Kurz

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sloppy play to open the contest, the Irish held the Blackbirds to 26.5 percent shooting in the first half to take a commanding 39-23 lead into halftime.

"I thought we did a really good job defensively," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I think we're getting better and better staying in position and playing as a unit defensively, being able to switch with each other."

With 9:51 remaining in the opening period and the Irish leading by just five points, Irish junior guard Kyle McAlarney nailed a three-pointer. On Long Island's ensuing miss, McAlarney snatched the rebound and pushed the ball upcourt to junior forward Zach Hillesland for a layup and an opportunity for a three-point play. Hillesland missed the free throw but the Irish did not miss the chance to take control of the contest. They outscored the Blackbirds 23-12 to close the half.

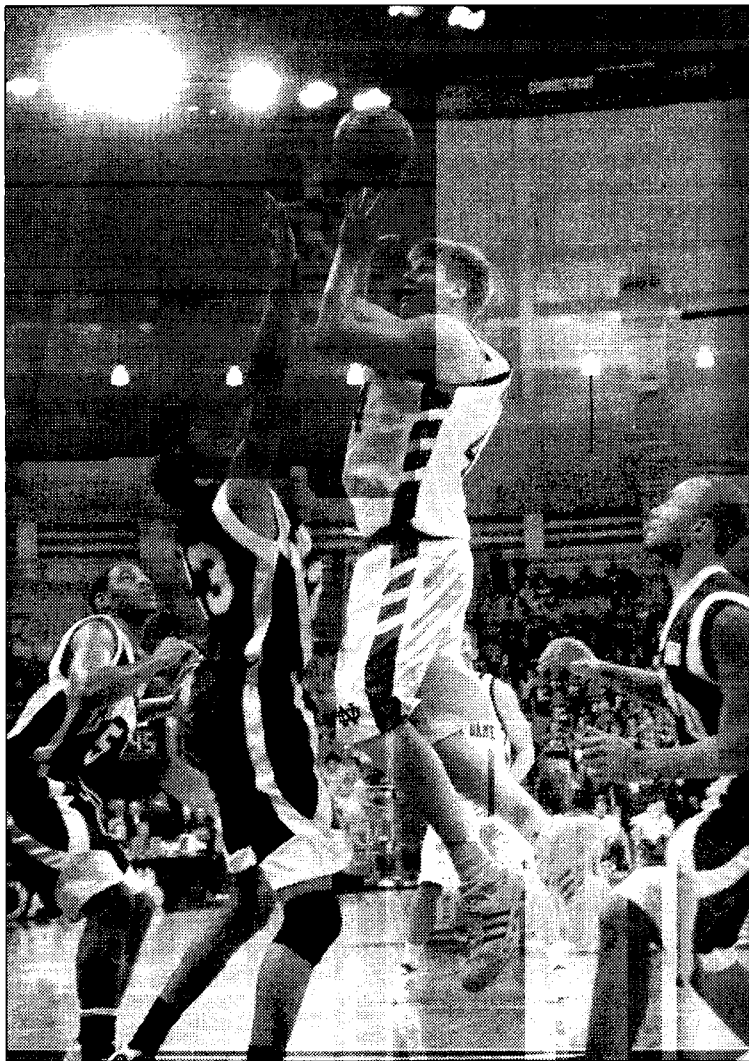
"We started the game a little tight, wanting to play well the first game," Kurz said. "But once we got over that, I thought we played pretty well."

After halftime, Long Island senior forward Eugene Kotorobai hit a three-pointer to open the scoring. But the Irish followed with a 12-2 run to squash any hopes of a second-half comeback for the Blackbirds.

The Irish made 35 field goals and racked up 28 assists in the contest.

Brey said he was happy to see the unselfishness displayed by his players.

"When you look and see 28 assists, I don't care who



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

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

you're playing, that makes me feel good," the coach said. "What I love tonight is I don't remember a bad shot."

The Irish made 51.5 percent of their field goals, including 41.2 percent on three-pointers.

Notes:

♦ 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, dishing 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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aged 38 rebounds per game last year, presents a challenge to an Irish team that McGraw said has struggled in the paint. McGraw was displeased with the 24 offensive rebounds Notre Dame allowed to the RedHawks on Friday.

"Rebounding's a problem, so we worked on that a little bit," McGraw said.

Notre Dame has a powerful offense to counter Western Kentucky's. Irish guard Lindsay Schrader, back this year after missing last season because of a torn ACL, has played well in the first three games. Schrader hit 10-of-12 shots for 20 points in 17 minutes in the game against Miami.

Freshman forward Devereaux Peters has been productive on both ends of the floor. She scored six points and had eight rebounds along with five blocks against the RedHawks.

"She's been able to really find her role," McGraw said of Peters. "And defensively, rebounding, blocking shots. But she's also been able to score. And I think that's been a

big bonus for us that she's so quick and she moves so well."

Because Notre Dame operates a four-guard offense, Peters hasn't had as much playing time. She shares a spot on the floor with centers Erica Williamson and Melissa D'Amico.

"We tried to make it as easy a transition as we could by kind of holding her in one spot, and she's done so well there," McGraw said.

But as she matures and learns the offense, McGraw said, Peters will play on the perimeter, something she has experimented with already.

"She's played on the perimeter already when she's been with Erica, and that's what she's going to do," McGraw said.

McGraw was not worried about the blowout wins lulling the Irish into a false sense of security. The leadership on the team, she said, is strong enough to ensure that doesn't happen.

"Whoever we play next, all season long, that's the game we're going to focus on," McGraw said. "They're definitely ready. They're not taking anyone lightly."

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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 \$52.4 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 must pass a physical before the contract is finalized.

Posada's \$13.1 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 re-sign Mariano Rivera before Tuesday, when free agents could start talking money with all clubs, but those talks were taking longer to complete.

Posada and his agents, Sam and Seth Levinson, had lunch Monday with Mets general manager Omar Minaya and vice president Tony Bernazard. The Yankees initially offered the 36-year-old Posada a three-year contract but upped their proposal 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 (.426).

The Levinsons also represent Boston third baseman Mike Lowell, and the Yankees already have had dialogue with the pair about the World Series MVP, whose preference appears to be to stay with the Red Sox.

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. "But if that is not possible, there is Joe with the Dodgers."

General manager Brian Cashman said re-signing the pair were his top priorities 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."

Steinbrenner said the Yankees still were trying to gauge what the Florida Marlins might want in a trade for All-Star third baseman Miguel Cabrera, who is being made available.

"We got a couple ideas, what they might be asking for, and it's a lot," Steinbrenner said. "I don't know what's going to happen there, but there's still plenty of time on that."

It's also far too early to determine whether the Minnesota Twins will attempt to trade two-time Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana, who can become a free agent after next season.

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line, the Knights kept the ball on the ground and capped off the drive with junior running back Brett Wilps's five-yard touchdown run.

"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 stepped it 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.

In the second half, the Ramblers had the ball in the red zone twice, but failed to score each time. During their second drive of the second half, junior running back Marcus Young ran for 33 yards on four carries before fumbling seven yards from the end zone.

The Ramblers defense stood strong and blocked a punt, giving Siegfried first and 10 on the Knights' 15-yard line. The Ramblers once again failed to convert, though, as senior John Wood intercepted freshman quarterback Mike Garcia in the back of the end zone, effectively ending the game.

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

"We got outthustled 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 linebacker Matt Templemire sacked

Green Wave senior quarterback Kevin Rabil 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 Loesing 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. On its last possession of the half, though, Stanford put together a 58-yard drive ending in a touch-

down pass to senior Matt Frankenfeld.

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," Loesing said.

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

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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 that steps out on the field," Whirlwinds coach Mike Kaiser said. "We just played our game."

The next drive the Whirlwind was fueled by the Gargula-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.

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

The interior line, spearheaded by the attack of Pick and senior Whitney Endsley did not allow Pasquerilla 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 Richle Field.

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

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

The Chaos 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 semifinals.

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 Chaos 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 Carrine Etheridge said. "They don't call them the Finest for nothing. I am so proud of all of them."

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

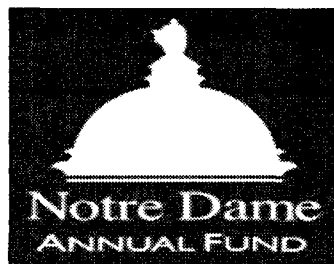
"Cavanaugh played really, really well," Farley coach Matt Barcus said. "A couple of plays and penalties did not go our way, but we just didn't play well enough to win the game."

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 Rolfs 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.

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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

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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.

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. 23.

West Virginia, Virginia and Wake Forest received the other No. 4 seeds. The Mountaineers defeated Notre Dame 5-3 in a shootout after playing to 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 it advances.

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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 after both teams won their first round games handily.

The Irish defeated Miami (Ohio) 98-50 and the Lady Toppers beat East Tennessee

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 against Western Kentucky, who finished last season 23-9.

"[Western Kentucky is] definitely the best team [we've

faced] so far this year," McGraw said.

Before their win in the first round of the NIT, the Lady Toppers beat Lindsey Wilson 95-62 in an exhibition game Nov. 4.

Forward Crystal Kelly provides a potent scoring threat for the Lady Toppers and led the team with 24.1 points per

game and 9.4 rebounds per game last season.

As good as Kelly is, McGraw said, she's not the only key to the Lady Toppers' success.

"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."

On the perimeter, three Lady Toppers shot over 35 percent from 3-point range. Guards Kenzie Rich, Cammie Campbell and Tiffany Saragosa averaged 35.7, 35.1 and 35.5 percent, respectively, from behind the arc.

Western Kentucky, who aver-

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

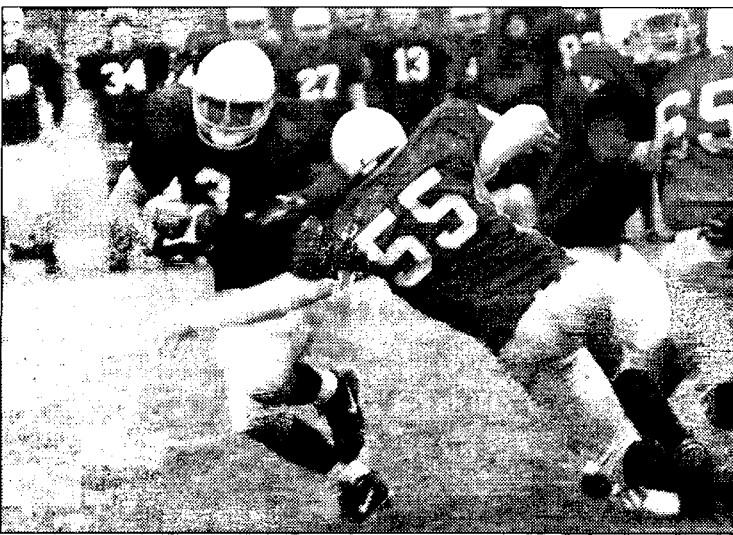
Knights shut out Siegfried

By ERIC PRISTER and
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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

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Knights running back Brett Wilps tries to evade Ramblers defender Tom Martin during Keenan's 7-0 win on Sunday.

WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Whirlwinds blow away PW to advance to finals

By PATRICK STYNES and
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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 on 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

Whirlwind's timing. While Gargula evaded the pressure a few times and scrambled, the drive ultimately ended in an interception by sophomore defensive back Cynthia Curley.

On the ensuing possession, however, Pasquerilla West looked equally outmatched on the offensive side of the ball, with a long run brought back by a penalty, a fumbled snap, and a pocket that collapsed frequently due to pressure from freshman defender Cari Pick.

Later in the drive freshman quarterback Grace Orians completed passes over the middle,

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