Group addresses budget concerns

Belles say Saint Mary's student government executives receive too large of a stipend

By LIZ HARTER and SARAH MAYER
News Writers

A group of about 35 Saint Mary's students met with members of the Student Government Association (SGA) Executive Board last week, according to Patrick Daniel. The students discussed concerns they have about the SGA budget and frustrations voiced by fellow students.

"The only thing I want to accomplish is to let students voice their opinions on the budgeting issue," said a BOG advisor.

Students to cast ballots in mock election

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

One month before the real Nov. 4 presidential election, Notre Dame students can cast their ballots today for the next president of the United States in the student government's mock election.

The purpose of the mock exercise, student body vice president Grant Schmidt said, is to encourage people to discuss the candidates and the issues.

"The point of this is to mobilize the students and get people talking," Schmidt said. "We didn't want a simple poll, we wanted this to be an educational process or an event."

Student Senate University Affairs chair Ashley Wright, who will be helping to staff the voting centers today, said she is curious to see how the campus aligns itself politically.

"It will be very interesting to get the facts instead of just the stereotypes," she said.

The results won't be scientifically accurate, Schmidt said, but he said he is interested in getting a rough idea of how Notre Dame students

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Record low arrested against Stanford

Only 9 arrests made at Saturday's game

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

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This compares to 35 custodial arrests last week when Purdue visited and three custodial arrests during the October 7, 2006 Notre Dame-Stanford game according to an October 10, 2006 Observer article.

Outside the stadium, nine citations were issued for minor consuming alcohol, one person was cited for public indecency and one person was taken to jail after being arrested for public intoxication.

During the game, eight people were transported to jail for public intoxication, and seven others were ejected from the stadium for alcohol related violations of stadium rules.

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University provides flu vaccines

Health Services to distribute free medication at Joyce Center

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

The flu season is just around the corner, bringing with it inevitable coughs, sore throats, fevers and other respiratory afflications — but University Health Services is providing free influenza vaccines to help members of the campus community avoid contagious influenza viruses.

Assistant Director of University Health Services Pat Bruhaker said that Health Services purchased 5,200 vaccines this year — about 200 more than they provided last year.

"The number of vaccines

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Sorin announces they will boycott pep rallies

By IRENA ZAJICZKOA
News Writer

Notre Dame fans present at last Saturday's pep rally in the Joyce Athletic Convocation Center (JACC) were treated to only five of the six dorms in attendance. The sixth dorm asked to host, the Sorin Otters, decided to boycott the pep rally.

Juniors Aidan McKiernan and Tristan Hunt, the president and vice president of Sorin Hall announced they would boycott the ceremony in a letter to the editor of The Observer Friday. They said their intention is not to publicly refuse to show their support for the football team. Rather, they wish to bring about a change in the current pep rally protocol.

"We know this school supports the team," Hunt said. "But we don't think that the professors have to put up with an hour of organized entertainment to do it."

McKiernan and Hunt said pep rallies have stopped being purely for the students and have taken on a more corporate, formulaic atmosphere in an attempt to appeal to alumni and visitors. Previously, the pep rallies were held in the Stepan Center and featured more interaction between the students and the football team.

"The first hour and fifteen minutes is what we're against," McKiernan said, referring to the time students were taken into custody on Saturday, according to Phil Johnson, the director of Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP). Arrests were made by NDSP, the Indiana State Excise Police, St. Joseph County Police and South Bend Police Department.

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Saint Mary's student BreAnne Eichhorn receives an influenza vaccine at a free clinic last year to help prevent the illness.
INSIDE COLUMN

She's a lady

I'm nearly positive that Miss Mannors would be revolted by some of the unladylike behavior I exhibit. But lately I've been thinking that maybe Miss Mannors should get over it. Maybe etiquette and ladylike courtesy have officially died. And maybe that's not so terrible after all.

A multitude of unladylike behavior is exhibited on this campus. The modern woman courses, goes stag to dances, fails to wear pantyhose and even wears white after Labor Day. We can foot it out with our legs uncrossed and even bump when the occasion calls for it. The modern Notre Dame woman even body paints on game day and wears pants to church. All shocking behavior, I'm sure.

Then again let's consider some ladylike behavior that has joyfully gone the way of the dinosaur. For one, we are free to no longer ride side saddle. Not that the modern woman has much opportunity to ride horses, much less ride them properly, but you get the点. Additionally, we no longer expect to see tea, pinky up or chew like we have a secret. And it's a refreshing change to be rid of that arranged marriage thing. It's also not so bad that cats crouch are only found in museums.

Maybe if chivalry is dead then it naturally follows that female demeanor should have its grave. Perhaps this marks a shift toward androgyny in women, where women are allowed to say what they want and wear what they want, and think what they want. Meanwhile, men are allowed to stop asking women on dates, stop holding doors, and stopping being confined by an oppressive masculine stereotype of sporty expensive, misandric, red-neck eating jocks. Not that Notre Dame women or men embody and or all of these stereotypes anymore.

Earlier this semester I explained why we women bake. Now I find myself delighted and surprised by it.

myself delighted and surprised by it. The modern Notre Dame woman bakes. Now I find myself delighted and surprised by it. The modern Notre Dame woman bakes. Now I find myself delighted and surprised by it.

Question of the Day: If you could pick a theme song for a presidential candidate, what would it be?

Eileen Flanagan
sophomore
Walsh
(For Obama)
"There's Hope"
by India Arie"

Chris Charnock
freshman
Fisher
(For McCain)
"Danger Zone"

Tom Wise
junior
Carroll
(For Palin)
"Mrs. Robinson"

Kevin Archer
senior
off-campus
(For McCain)
"Highway to the Danger Zone" by Kenny Loggins because John McCain is a better Maverick than Tom Cruise.

Hockey players Justin White and Dan Kessel autograph a poster for fans at Drop the Puck Monday. The Irish play their first game on Saturday in Denver.

IN BRIEF

Free Flu Shots will be given at the Joyce Center from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Vaccinations are available for students, faculty, staff, residents, and spouses of residents. Receipts must present their ND ID card, wear short sleeves, and sign informed consent to receive the vaccine.

NDVotes "08 Pizza, Pop, and Politics: "Foreign Policy and National Security" will be present by professors Mary Ellen O'Connell, Robert Rishel, Marion Short, Law School; Michael Dresch, political science; and Joseph hook, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; it will be held in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium tonight at 5:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. This event is cosponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Center for Social Concerns.

Students can participate in Mindfulness and Relaxation Training. The 3-session class will be held at Both Indoor Sports Recreation Center from 4-5 p.m. on Wed. Come wearing loose, warm, comfortable clothing. It is sponsored by the University Counseling Center and RecSports. Students can sign up via the RecSports website. Cost is $12.00.

"The mushroom picker" a one-man play, performed by Patrick deBono in the Philbin Studio Theater, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Monday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10, $5 for staff/faculty and $5 for seniors/citizens/averae students. It is presented by The Nanovic Institute for European Studies and Shakespeare at Notre Dame.

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

OFFBEAT

Bra bandit strikes again in southwest Florida

JONITA SPRINGS, Fla. — There's a bra bandit on the loose in southwest Florida. The Lee County Sheriff's Office was searching for an individual they say stole 50 bras valued at nearly $6,000 on Thursday from a Victoria Secret store, the latest in a string of bra heists in the area.

Since February, authorities say 452 bras valued at nearly $19,000 have been stolen from two of the chain's southwest Florida locations. Six different bra heists at the stores have been reported during that time.

Investigators said a female custodian walked into the store Thursday and immediately went to a four-drawer cabinet with new bras of the PINK brand name. The store manager told deputies the woman waited until employees were busy helping customers and then thrust the bras into a bag and exited the store.

86 cats rescued from 2-bedroom condo

GLENDON SPRINGS, Colo. — A Glenwood Springs animal shelter was trying to find homes for 86 cats rescued from a two-bedroom condominium.

The Colorado Animal Rescue Shelter received the cats on Wednesday. Since then, workers have been scrambling to accommodate the animals at area shelters and homes.

Executive director Leslie Rockey said many appear to be healthy but in need of a bath.

Garfield County sheriff's spokeswoman Tanny McGinnis said the cats were strays taken in by a woman. The woman called for help, saying she couldn't take care of the cats while moving from her Battle Mountain condo.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER

TODAY TONIGHT WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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LOW 56 56 52 47 50 54


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By MOLLY MADDEN  

News Wire

Author of the book "After Iraq" and journalist Gwynne Dyer addressed the much-debated topic of how the eventual withdrawal of American troops from Iraq will affect not only the United States but also the world at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Monday night.

Dyer said in order to understand what might possibly happen in the future, one has to have an understanding of the people and their motives.

"Terrorists are people who have political goals and use acts of terror to achieve those goals," he said. "Unfortunately for them, they do not have big budgets."

While many Americans have the idea that terrorists participate in their acts of violence as a means of reaching self- emulation, Dyer tries to discourage this notion.

"The people in charge are almost all revolutionaries," Dyer said. "These guys are only concerned with achieving their goals. The principle strategy of terror is to drive the opposition, whether it be your own government or a foreign occupier, into becoming so oppressive that the common people will turn against the government and are driven into the revolutionaries' arms.

Dyer said accomplishing this mission and driving common people to revolt is no easy task.

"People have to be really desperate to radicalize and put the revolutionaries in power," Dyer said.

In the eyes of many Arabs, their governments have no credibility because they failed their people and sold out to foreigners. However, in the 1970s, a radical new movement was conceived that brought a united front to the Arab world.

In Arab countries in the 1970s there was this idea that you could fix all the problems with an applied religious ideology because there did not seem to be any other way to fix things," Dyer said.

This Islamist ideology argued the Arab Muslims are in their dreadful situations because they have been Westernized. Dyer said, "Islamists believe revolution and violence are necessary because they will bring people back to Islam, and then God will be on the revolutionaries' side and things will start to change for the better."

Dyer said events preceded the horrors of Sept. 11, 2001.

"Bin Laden rose to the top because he had the most plausible strategy — attack the United States with the goal of drawing the U.S. into a military invasion in the Middle East," Dyer said. "This invasion will make the wars in which the U.S. will be killing Muslims. Bin Laden believed that the common people would see those images and would revolutionize."

In that case, 9/11 had the desired effect — power.

The United States invaded Afghanistan but recruited the various ethnic militias to overthrow the Taliban — this tactic prevented revolution. When Kabul fell in November 2001, there were only 500 American troops on the ground of Afghanistan. However, Bin Laden received what he wanted with the American invasion of Iraq in March of 2003, he said.

"Iraq provided all the images that Bin Laden wanted to get out of Afghanistan," Dyer stated. "The Middle East has been deeply radicalized by what has happened in Iraq."

However, Dyer said he believes the pullout from Iraq will not be as bad as many Americans think.

"Apart from oil, these countries are of no interest to the West," Dyer said. "They have to sell us oil because they need money. You might pay more for oil but they will continue to sell to us out of necessity."

In addition, Dyer said an "Arab Revolution" is unlikely to happen because many in the region would resist submitting to the strict Islamic laws.

"Most Arabs don't want to be imposed on like the Taliban did in Afghanistan," Dyer said. "They do not want to put those type of people in power."

Dyer said the United States won't be saucer from the fear of attack if the revolutionaries gain a position of power. Since the revolutionaries would be in power, there would be no reason to form an attack.

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Budget
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submitted to Daniel and her­
self to receive the money for
the allotments in laid out in it,
as per the SGA Constitution.
The student body does not
need to approve the budget,
she said.

This is not the first year the
Executive Board has received a
monetary stipend. Last year's
Executive Board allotted them­
selves a $40,000 monetary stipend,
and Executives serving SGA prior
to that would often take a trip to
Chicago where they would "stay
at five star hotels, eat at nice
restaurants, see shows and go
shopping," Johnson said.

Johnson said she did not
control what previous Executive Boards did with the
money they were given to
budget. Her only involvement
was making sure they taxed
themselves on the money they
received and made sure the
Executive Board did not get
audited.

She said that when she
came to Saint Mary's she was
shocked that they gave the
Executive Board close to
$250,000 with no college
oversight and that much trust
was put into students, howev­
er, they have done a good job.
Johnson said the SGA
Constitution is written in a
way that allows the Exec­
tive Board to allot
themselves a
stipend. Falvey said
the Executive Budget
Oversight Committee,
which she chairs, will
be trying to implement a
system of checks and
balances through an amend­
ment to the Constitution
throughout the year which
will address the issue of a
stipend.

In order to put a system of
checks and balances place,
though, 10 percent of the stu­
dent body would have to vote
in approval of the amend­
ment, Daniel said.

Many students in attendance
brought up the fact that
Grusciński and Falvey ran
unopposed in last year's elec­
tions. They stated that more
people may have run for the
position if they knew they
would be getting paid for their
service to the College.

Daniel reminded those in
attendance that once the budget is approved by the
Executive Board it cannot be
changed and each category is
allotted a certain amount of
money.

"You cannot take money
from one category and use it
in another," he said.

Weaver said she wants stu­
dents to know that the stipend isn't the only important
part of the budget.

This year's Executive Board
was able to increase funds to
different aspects of SGA by
$36,000 and while doing that,
they decreased the stipend by
$50,000, she said.

Daniel pointed out that
while many complaints and
comments were about the actions of previous boards,
bringing them up was not
going to change anything.

"Looking at things done with
the past budget and speculat­
ing is not going to change any­
thing happening with your
current budget," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Taliban, Afghan leaders met last week

KABUL, Afghanistan - A former Taliban ambassador said Monday that the hard-line militants sat with Afghan officials and Saudi King Abdullah over an important religious meal in Saudi Arabia late last month before heading back home.

Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Taliban’s former ambassador to Pakistan, denied that the get-together could be construed as peace talks. But President Hamid Karzai has long called for negotiations with the Taliban, and the meeting could spur future initiatives.

With U.S. and NATO forces suffering their deadliest year so far in Afghanistan, the top U.S. envoy, Kai Eide, said Monday that the war “has to be won through political means.”

“And that means political engagement. Then a question — with whom do you engage? My general answer is that if you want to have relevant results you must speak to those who are relevant,” Eide told a news conference.

These are processes that are very difficult to initiate. Nevertheless, in my view a policy of engagement is the right policy.”

Two earthquakes kill 30 in Tibet

BEIJING - China’s official Xinhua News Agency says 30 people are dead after an earthquake struck Tibet.

The news agency said Monday a magnitude 6.6 earthquake hit a county near Tibet's capital Lhasa.

The U.S. Geological Survey said there were no reports of injuries. The first measured magnitude 6.6 and struck at 4:20 p.m. GMT, 30 miles west of Lhasa, more than 1,600 miles away from Beijing.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bus driver arrested after fatal accident

WILLIAMS, Calif. - A bus driver with a string of motor vehicle offenses and a history of substance abuse was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs Monday after his car-stomped charter bus ran into a ditch, killing eight people.

Investigators also said the bus had an invalid license plate and the driver was needed in court to answer traffic violations.

The accident was the latest in a string of hazardous events for the company.

Records show 52-year-old Quintin Watts had been cited for speeding and other violations that warranted the suspension of his license for nearly two years. He regained his driving privileges last January.

Deputy files police as a murder suspect

SHAKOOG, Ky. - A sheriff’s deputy accused of killing his ex-girlfriend in Kentucky taunted state police in an e-mail exchange Monday, threatening a county jailer and telling police he was going to “make them earn their money” in their search for him.

Steve Goodin, sheriff’s Deputy Randall Creek, 41, is wanted on a warrant for murder in the death of his ex-girlfriend, Debbie R. Redless. 46, authorities said. Redless was shot to death outside her home Sunday morning in Smiths Grove, which is about 85 miles south of Louisville.

LOCAL NEWS

Ex-firefighter charged with theft, fraud

WADSWORTH - A former city firefighter has been charged with theft and fraud after he was accused of misusing two fire department credit cards.

State police say 35-year-old Bruce A. Pignam was arrested Monday at his parents’ home in Evansville. In an affidavit, Indiana State Police Detective David Makowsky says Pignam had almost $4,000 in unauthorized charges on the credit cards from last November through early August.

Associated Press

Dow loses 370, drops below 10,000

Index under that mark for first time in four years; lost as much as 800 points, but later rallied

NEW YORK - Wall Street suffered through another extraordinary and traumatic session Monday, with the Dow Jones industrials plunging as much as 800 points — their largest one-day point drop — before recovering to close with a loss of 370. The catalyst for the selling, which also took the Dow below 10,000 for the first time in four years, was a wave of despair that the spreading credit crisis will take a heavy toll around the world.

Investors have come to the realization that the Bush administration's $700 billion rescue plan and steps taken by other governments won't work quickly to unfreeze the credit markets.

That sent stocks spiraling downward in the U.S., Europe and Asia, and drove investors to sink money into the relative safety of U.S. government debt. Fears about a global recession also caused oil to drop below $90 a barrel.

"The fact is, people are scared and the only thing they're doing is selling," said Ryan Detrick, senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "Investors are cleaning out their portfolios and getting rid of everything because nothing seems to be working."

The selling was so extreme that 2,765 stocks rose on the NYSE — and 2,986 dropped. That’s a telling sign that the stock market is considered a leading economic indicator, indicating that investors are selling and selling based on where they believe the economy will be in six to nine months.

Monday’s stock trading extended what has been an exceptional stretch of volatility in the stock market. As investors became more concerned about the spreading credit crisis, investors are working to protect themselves from additional losses.

Investors believe Monday's rout had little to do with any short-term problems facing the market, such as paralyzed credit markets or ailing financial companies. They believe that, regardless of the day-to-day rebound in stocks, "the reaction is clearly giving a downturn and that there is a lack of confidence of investors into the future growth of the U.S. and the world economy."

The Dow fell as much as 800.06, then recovered in erratic trading to a loss of 396.88, or 3.85 percent, to close at 9,555.65, closing below 10,000 for the first time since Oct. 26, 2004. The Dow surpassed its previous record for a one-day point decline — 778, which the blue chips suffered a week ago when investors feared the bailout package might not pass Congress.

The Dow is down 30 percent from its peak a year ago this week, when it traded as high 14,198.09.

Broader indexes also tumbled. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index shed 42.34, or 3.5 percent, to 1,056.89, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 84.43, or 4.34 percent, to 1,862.96. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies dropped 23.49, or 3.79 percent, to 599.91.

In Asia, the Nikkei 225 closed 42.5 percent lower. Europe’s stock markets also declined, with the FTSE-100 down 5.77 percent, Germany’s DAX down 7.07 percent, and France’s CAC-40 down 9.04 percent.

Associated Press

Hamas Strip

Hamas to oust Abbas in January

Gaza Strip

Associated Press

Gaza City, Gaza Strip - Hamas will cease to recognize Mahmoud Abbas as Palestinian president after Jan. 8 and replace him with one of its own leaders, according to a resolution approved by the Islamic movement’s legislators Monday.

The Hamas resolution states that Abbas is to be deposed in accordance with the constitution, which the group says he failed to apply. It is likely to increase tensions within the Palestinian Authority, which Abbas heads.

Abbas aides said the resolution appeared aimed at stepping up pressure on the president, a political moderate, ahead of a new attempt by Egypt to mediate a power-sharing deal between the rival camps and is certain to deepen the split between Hamas and Abbas’ Fatah movement.

"I believe Hamas is coming to this point just to undermine the national dialogue before it starts in Cairo," said Abbas aide Nimer Hamad referring to the Egyptian-brokered talks expected to begin next month.

If Hamas does withdraw recognition from Abbas, it would sever another link between the two sides and also undermine Abbas’ legitimacy in the eyes of many Palestinians.

Abbas, the leader of the Fatah movement, was elected president in January 2005. A year later, Hamas defeated Fatah by a landslide in parliamentary elections.

Hamas has been in control of Gaza since its violent takeover of the territory in June 2007, leaving Abbas only in charge of the West Bank.

The Basic Law, a forerunner to a Palestinian constitution, says both president and parliament are elected to four-year terms. Before leaving office, the Fatah parliament passed a law stipulating that future presidential and parliamentary elections be held simultaneously.

However, the Hamas-controlled parliament never amended the Basic Law to include this new clause. As a result, Hamas argues Abbas’ term ends in January, while Fatah says he can stay in office an extra year.
Flu
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administered goes up a little
each year depending on the
usage from the following
year," Brubaker said.
Students, staff and faculty
can receive free flu shots
today, Wednesday and
Thursday in the Joyce Center
at gates 1 and 2 from 9 a.m.
to 4 p.m. on a first come, first
served basis.
According to Brubaker, this
year's vaccine prevents three
different strains of the
influenza virus — all of which
are new strains this flu sea-
son.
While the influenza vaccine
remains effective for about
six months depending on an
individual's immune system,
Brubaker said Health Services
strategically plans to
administer the free flu shots
about 10 days before stu-
dents leave campus for fall
break to allow students to
develop immunity.
"Students come back from
fall break with a lot of ill-
nesses, and we try to prevent
this as much as we can by
offering the vaccine before
fall break," Brubaker said.
Brubaker also said that
Health Services offers the
influenza vaccine earlier than
other health care centers in
the community, and that any-
one who wishes to receive the
vaccine should do so before
December for the vaccine to
be effective.
According to Brubaker, the
flu season comes in two
waves, usually in December
and March.
Brubaker said "high-risk"
individuals should seriously
consider receiving the vac-
cine, including anyone with
asthma, chronic diseases,
persons taking medication and
people with respiratory prob-
lems.
(The vaccine) also helps
prevent students from miss-
ing two weeks of school or
from being miserable for two
weeks," she said.
Sophomore Rachel Koch
said she plans to take advan-
tage of the free flu shots this
week since the vaccines are
conveniently offered on cam-
pus.
"It seems like it's something
that's easy to do, and will
prevent me from getting
sick," Koch said.

Brubaker also explained it is
much easier to prevent flu
viruses than it is to recover
from them.
"There is no cure for
influenza, so it's better to
prevent it than to try to cure
it. There are some anti-viral
medications, but it's up for
debate about how good they
are," Brubaker said.
According to Brubaker,
University Health Services
purchases the vaccines out of
their budget in conjunction
with money from Human
Resources to provide the
vaccine with free vaccines.
"We feel it's an investment
to keep people well, and that
preventing illness is as
important as caring for sick
students," she said.
Brubaker said University
Health Services has been a
"sentinel site" for about the
past 10 years, providing the
Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC) with
data about how influenza
affects the campus communi-
ty each year.
"Notre Dame is part of a
national watchdog group for
viruses," she said. "We col-
lect data to help plan for
which flu strains the vaccine
will be made in the coming
year.
Brubaker said all who wish
to receive a flu shot from
Health Services this week
should bring their Notre
Dame I.D. card, wear short
sleeves and be prepared to
sign a consent form before
receiving a vaccination.

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In Brief

Americans lose utilities for non-payment

COHOES, N.Y. — The number of Americans whose electricity or gas has been shut off for nonpayment of their bills is up sharply in many parts of the country as people struggle to cope with higher prices and a shaky economy.

Shut-offs have been running 17 percent higher than last year among customers of New York's state's major utilities, and 22 percent higher in economies in hard-hit California. They are up in all or part of dozens of other states, including Pennsylvania, Florida and California, according to an Associated Press review of states and energy companies.

Despite stepped-up efforts by state and federal governments, utilities and private groups to help people avoid shutting off this winter, some worry the problem will not be yet worse in the coming months, particularly with the downturn on Wall Street.

"Just didn't have the money to pay," said Marie Williams, a single mother raising four children in Cohoes, N.Y., a former mill city on the Hudson River. "They had to be paid, and food for the family." Williams' power was cut off this summer for nonpayment of her bills is up sharply in many residential customers of New York's state's major utilities, and 22 percent higher in economies in hard-hit California. They are up in all or part of dozens of other states, including Pennsylvania, Florida and California, according to an Associated Press review of states and energy companies.

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Associated Press
CHICAGO — Using a fan to circulate air seemed to lower the risk of sudden infant death syndrome in a study of nearly 500 babies, researchers reported Monday.

Placing babies on their backs to sleep is the best advice for preventing SIDS, a still mysterious cause of death. Experts also recommend a firm mattress, removing toys and pillows from cribs, and keeping infants from getting too warm.

Such practices helped slash U.S. SIDS deaths by more than half over a decade to about 2,100 in 2003. But SIDS remains the leading cause of death in infants ages 1 month to 1 year.

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"The baby's sleeping environment really matters," said study senior author Dr. De-Kun Li of the Kaiser Permanente Division of Research in Oakland, Calif. "This seems to suggest that by improving room ventilation we can further reduce risk."

SIDS is the sudden death of an otherwise healthy infant that can't be attributed to any other cause. These babies may have brain abnormalities that prevent them from gasping and waking when they don't get enough oxygen.

The new study, published in October's Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, offers another way to make sure babies get enough air.

More research is needed, said Dr. Ford Hauck of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, but she said that because fan use is in line with theories, it may be worth considering.

"This is the first study that we know of that has looked at this issue," said Hauck, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics SIDS task force.

Researchers interviewed mothers of 185 infants who died from SIDS and mothers of 312 infants of similar race and age. Moms answered dozens of questions about their baby's sleeping environment.

Researchers took into account other risk factors and found that fan use was associated with a 72 percent lower risk of SIDS. Only 3 percent of the babies who died had a fan on in the room during their last sleep, the mothers reported. That compared to 12 percent of the babies who lived.

Using a fan reduced risk most for babies in poor sleeping environments.

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Obama, McCain ditch economic issues, ‘different kind of politics’ to trade barbs over decades-old associates

Associated Press

SHEVILLE, N.C. — The two men who supposedly exemplified different kind of politics are engaged in an increasingly bitter campaign as character attacks are emerging to compete with issues like the troubled economy.

With the election four weeks away, chances dimmed that Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama could reclaim the often lofty images they cultivated early in their presidential bids as their campaigns focused new attention Monday on decades-old events involving a former radical from Chicago and a convicted thrift operator.

McCain’s campaign added another figure when his running mate, Sarah Palin, said there should be more discussion of Obama’s incendiary former pastor, Jeremiah Wright. Obama and McCain faced cameras Monday with harsh words for each other. Obama, taking a break from debate prep in Asheville, N.C., accused Palin of spearheading the push. Obama’s campaign didn’t wait long to respond.

Brookings Institution political scientist Thomas E. Mann said he had felt for months that McCain “would eventually have to try to undermine Obama as an acceptable choice for president and commander in chief.”

Key issues, he said, including “an economy in turmoil, an unpopular war and a politically disabled president are working powerfully against McCain and the Republican Party in general.”

Obama, meanwhile, has learned the lessons of Michael Dukakis and John Kerry. Those Democrats lost presidential elections after hesitating to counter hard-hitting and factually dubious attacks on their character and judgment. The shorthand terms for those attacks — “Woofer Horton” and “SwiftBoating” — have become a call-to-arms for Democratic activists who vow always to return fire with fire.

“We don’t throw the first punch, but we’ll throw the last,” Obama said Monday on Tom Joyner’s syndicated radio show.

Several Democrats said on Sunday talk shows that Obama’s campaign would revisit McCain’s long-ago involvement in the thrift scandal if the personal attacks on him continued. Within hours, the Obama campaign released a memo and Web video doing just that.

Obama and McCain have hit each other at personal levels before. But the vitriol increased dramatically Saturday when Palin repeatedly raised Obama’s association with the 1960s radical Bill Ayers.

Obama, she said, was “palling around with a terrorist who was going to their own country.”

Ayers helped found the radical Weather Underground group, whose members were blamed for several bombings when Obama was 8. Obama has denounced Ayers’ radical views and activities.

The two men live near each other in Chicago, and once worked on the same charity board. Ayers hosted a small, meet-the-candidate event for Obama in 1995, at the start of his political career. Multiple news accounts have said they are not close.

The campaign called Palin’s remarks outrageous and grossly exaggerated.

A 13-minute Web video Obama’s campaign released Monday revisits McCain’s ties to Charles Keating, a former friend, campaign contributor and savings and loan owner who was convicted of securities fraud in 1991.

As a senator, McCain participated in two meetings with banking regulators on Keating’s behalf. He became one of the “Keating Five” senators investigated by the Senate ethics committee. The panel cited McCain for a lesser role than others, but criticized his “poor judgment.”

McCain has since called his involvement with Keating “the worst mistake of my life.”

McCain and Obama say they are dredging up Ayers and Keating because the episodes shed light on each other’s current judgment — and because the other campaign is on the attack, though a McCain aide said the GOP campaign wanted to change the subject from the faltering economy.

A few months ago, both candidates promised something better. Obama, extolling a new brand of politics, told an Iowa audience in January: “We can’t afford the same old partisan food fight. We can’t afford politics where every candidate is just don’t think voters are going to buy into it,” said Terry Madonna, a political scientist at Franklin and Marshall College.

Other comments from the week:

-"We're going to change the subject from the failing economy.

-Race is a factor in the campaign, but "The American people don't want it."

-Republicans are "palling around with a terrorist who was going to their own country."
With the financial sector in crisis mode, Americans are once again tuning in to everyone’s favorite reality TV show, The Blame Game. This season’s revolving plot places us in our nation’s capital, where Congressmen and Senators on both sides of the political aisle have launched an all-out attack on one another, with plenty of name-calling and finger-pointing to go around. People all across the nation, not to mention the world, sit perched at the edge of their seats, eagerly awaiting the upcoming installment and hoping to find out the answer to a simple question: who is to blame?

The whole debacle might be mildly entertaining if it wasn’t for a few serious problems. This particular reality show, unlike others of the same genre, portrays reality. And it comes with a hefty $700 billion dollar price tag for American taxpayers. Now that the bailout plan has been passed and signed, the finger-pointing can continue without any pesky legislation to negotiate. The question of who is to blame, however, remains unresolved.

Amidst the political chaos of the past few weeks, it has become difficult for observers to determine which failures would be askable for nothing short of a miracle, however, all they would have to do is look upward to the heavens. What seems to have registered among the multitude of people who have been vocal about the current financial challenges is that avoiding calls to sue such high ranking figures is understandable. If Congressional leaders really wanted to discover the truth of who is to blame, however, all they would have to do is look into a mirror. Unfortunately, finding a politician who is willing to take responsibility for his or her failures would be asking for nothing short of a miracle, especially in an election season. Instead of admitting guilt, they will often resort to reciting populist mantras against easy targets. In this case, they have attempted to avert conviction by projecting their own guilt and innocence onto those varicolored villains on Wall Street.

Greed in Wall Street is nothing new; on the contrary, our capitalist system is driven by it, and thrives because of it. Of course excessive greed can be dangerous if it leads to reckless financial practices and illegal activity, but blaming the pursuit of wealth for the situation at hand is akin to blaming hunger for obesity, when it is really the poor decisions made in between that lead from one to the other. The poor decisions that led to the current mess, as we will soon discover, were encouraged by governmental encroachment on the market. In order to determine the source of today’s financial crisis, we must go back in time a few decades, beginning with the passage of the Community Reinvestment Act in 1977 under President Jimmy Carter. This law was implemented to encourage depository institutions to help meet the credit needs of the communities in which they operate, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, consistent with safe and sound banking operations.

In 1992, when Bill Clinton was President, the law was amended to address problems of oversight and to appease community activists, political figures that demanded an increase in the number of low income homeowners. Among other mandates, the amendment required that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac purchase a certain percentage of loans to areas of low income and poor credit ratings. Normally, lending institutions would refuse to make these sub-prime loans because of the risk of not being repaid, and Fannie and Freddie would not purchase them because of their stringent guidelines. After 1992, however, the guidelines were loosened in order to encourage sub-prime lending thereby allowing lending institutions to profit while transferring the risk onto Fannie and Freddie. It is also an example of good intentions leading to disastrous unintended consequences.

Now let us jump ahead to 2003, when the Bush administration was calling for renewed efforts at regulation in light of charges of fraud and mismanagement against Fannie and Freddie. Democratic Representative Barney Frank of the Financial Services Committee was quoted in the New York Times as saying, “These two entities — Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — are not facing any kind of financial crisis. The more people exaggerate these problems, the more pressure there is on these companies, the less we will see in terms of affordable housing.”

Two years later, Sen. McCain co-sponsored a second attempt to forestall a financial meltdown, stating “If Congress does not act, American taxpayers will continue to be exposed to the enormous risk that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac pose to the housing market, the overall financial system, and the economy as a whole.” His bill never made it to the Senate floor. The two largest financial beneficiaries of Fannie Mae in terms of political money, Democratic Representative Chris Dodd and Senator Moriarity, were conspicuously silent.

And the rest is history.

The moral of the story? Government regulation, despite good intentions, can turn into an unintended disaster.

Now politicians are demanding more federal regulation to solve the problem. Most Americans would hope that people elected to such high office would have the intelligence and wisdom to learn from past mistakes, but this isn’t the case when politicians are caught up in the latest season of The Blame Game. Realizing that avoiding calls for more regulation would mean an admittance of guilt, they have decided to transfer the blame elsewhere, in effect risking the nation’s economic stability to save their own skins.

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Fun police

I have read several of the letters and articles about the Gestapo-like behavior of the ND and other security "forces" on campus for football weekends and generally on campus and in town throughout the year. I wholeheartedly concur in the view that these "squads" are completely out of control. Their tactics and obsessive pursuit of "rule enforcement" regularly taint and, at times, ruin the experience of being on campus for me. My wife, who is not an ND/SMC grad, is acquainted by their anal behavior and "green-like" approach to their work. The unfortunate reality, however, is that they are just following orders. If the University Administrators wanted a more relaxed approach that is conducive to the festive camaraderie that football weekends are supposed to be, they could very easily "call off the dogs." But over the last 37 years that I have been coming to ND as a student, alum, and now parent, I only see the situation becoming more insulting and obnoxious.

With respect to the game day experience, I would ask Fr. Jenkins: What is it about the ND faithful that makes the University so afraid of the uniformity of the Leprechaun Legion? By the way, the fund-raising muscles of The Shirt project wouldn't be hurt in the slightest; the bookstore could still sell the green version to fans. And it might make tickets cost $15 more next year, but let's face it, Notre Dame was already going to do that anyway.

Paul Cordes
alum
class of 1977
Oct. 5

Vermin come out on top

I write this on behalf of the Vermin of Carroll hall, who so recently had their dignity challenged by Mimi Disipio, a Sophomore in Pangborn Hall. When asked an ambiguous question, posed by the ND Observer, she voiced the opinion that Carroll Hall is the most irrelevant dorm on campus. Ha! Upon reading this comical statement, my fellow Vermin and I realized that it may not be as obvious to everyone else on campus, why Carroll Hall is near the top of the relevance food chain.

Ms. Disipio argues that Carroll is irrelevant because "it's out there by itself." If this argument held any water, then we could effectively regard loda as irrelevant to the original Star Wars trilogy. Faulty, this logic is. To the outsider, the distance from Carroll to South Quad probably seems daunting. "They should get you golf cart" or "Do you ever get lost on your way to class?" are common and cheeky questions that we must endure and pretend to find funny and original time after time. But if everyone had to walk an extra five minutes to and from the dining hall, they wouldn't have to pretend to feel guilty about going to the soft-serve machine anymore. Our location on campus is actually far more convenient than it may appear. With adjacent outdoor basketball and volleyball courts, the Carroll Country Club on the Lake encourages an active lifestyle for the residing Vermin.

A quick trip into the dorm will reveal doubles the size of your super quad, and foot level ceilings. Our location also allows us to be the Notre Dame ambassadors to another area college, the College of Saint Mary's. With our dorm strategically placed between the middle of campus and Saint Mary's, Belles don't fear the distance to campus, and often stop to enjoy the welcoming company of our fine gentlemen.

This fine University was founded on the idea of Mary giving birth to the Messiah, so clearly, any allegations of irrelevance directed towards the dorm deemed worthy enough to host such a celebrity are in fact irrelevant themselves. In conclusion, and after much consideration, I posit that Carroll Hall is the greatest of all dorms on Our Lady's campus, and any arguments against this proven fact are based solely on pangs of jealousy and spite. Go Vermin!

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junior
Carroll Hall
Oct. 2

Of colors and T-shirts

As mentioned in several letters last week, I too think it would be great to have a green-out or blue-out with all fans wearing the same color. However, there are only two feasible ways to do this. First, is in the responsibility of the Alumni and other fans to wear the color of the students. This year, The Shirt is blue, and most students wear either The Shirt or a knockoff of the same color. The other option (for a green-out year) would be to have free T-shirts handed out at the stadium when fans enter. Get a good sponsor and it might not even cost too much.

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Empty space is boring space - spice it up!

Submit a Letter to the Editor at www.ndsmcoobserver.com

Irish flag won't fly

I agree that making an Irish flag out of our student section is a fantastic idea. However, it's just not going to happen this year. For starters, you can't expect a couple of columns to impact the game day dress of thousands of student fans. Secondly, as I mentally rummage through my dresser drawers, I'm pretty sure I don't have an orange Notre Dame shirt. Anyone in the "orange" section would second guess the idea of wearing a shirt on game day that has nothing to do with Notre Dame football, even if it is for a greater visual cause. So here's my idea: next year, when students buy their tickets, include The Shirt with that purchase. And let the section on a student's ticket booklet determine which color shirt (green, white, or orange) he or she receives. I've never understood why Notre Dame couple of columns to impact the game day dress of thousands of student fans. Secondly, as I mentally rummage through my dresser drawers, I'm pretty sure I don't have a green-out or blue-out with all fans wearing the same color. However, there are only two feasible ways to do this. First, is in the responsibility of the Alumni and other fans to wear the color of the students. This year, The Shirt is blue, and most students wear either The Shirt or a knockoff of the same color. The other option (for a green-out year) would be to have free T-shirts handed out at the stadium when fans enter. Get a good sponsor and it might not even cost too much. There is one more thing though. If this occurs in your section, simply notify a nearby usher that you may have smelled some kind of alcohol near that person. They will promptly be removed and Saint Mary's, Belles don't fear the distance to campus, and often stop to enjoy the welcoming company of our fine gentlemen. Finally, let's talk about signature events. With the arrival of every cold December, comes the warm and festive celebration of Christmas, Carroll style (I think we all remember the embarrassing ink that Pangborn got about their secular display of Christmas spirit last Winter). A "Carroll Christmas," the hall event with the third highest budget awarded by the Hall President's Council, includes performances from choirs on campus, Christmas treats, a visit from Santa Claus, and the lighting of the tallest Christmas tree on campus (as a side note, our hall event is never canceled due to bad weather).

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Straight from the bleeding heart

When someone gets dumped by their boyfriend or girlfriend, the rule of thumb is one week of mourning for every six months you were together. Well, the 2008 Cubs reported to spring training about eight months ago, so we Cubs fans are going to need at least ten days to get over this. And by this, I mean the choke or sweep from this year.

We will never get over the cloud that eternally hovers over these players in the blue pinstripes every year.

I am not going to pick out a single curse or story, but I am going to affirm the much banded-about idea that we are cursed. And I use the word "we," because it is not just the team, it is the fans, too. While these things happen over and over again on the field, the fans continue to be stupid and loyal enough to stick with the team and get their hearts broken repeatedly. We lead a trivial sports life of hardcore rooting and blind prophecies that this will be the year all other fans smile and nod at our stupidity and see through our words to the sad truth.

One could say, "They're not cursed, they just have had luck," or, "They choke or just can't come through in big games." Well, fine. I agree with that and while it's commonly called a curse, you could just as easily throw jinxed or hexed or whatever you want on there. It's a matter of semantics, and we are all talking about the ongoing real-life nothing about the intangible element of playing for the Cubs causes ground balls to trickle through infielders' legs, hitters to take pitches down the middle while swinging at junk in the dirt, and are starting pitchers to throw awful games here and there. It's just not safe to bring up the topic.

So context it being a curse or a hex or bad luck or even deny its existence if you so choose, but if you talk to all the Cubs fans in a 97-win season since 1945, and the best team in the NL, most manage to lay an egg and get swept by a team that did not smell .500 for more than three weeks of the year.

Patrick Moore
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Oct. 6
By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

Today and tomorrow, the Philbin Studio Theater will launch "The Mushroom Picker" on behalf of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies at the University of Notre Dame. "The Mushroom Picker" is a one-man show written by elder Patrick Dewane.

The play tells the story of Dewane's Czech-American grandfather, Matt Konop. A member of the "Greatest Generation," Konop served in a World War II veteran whose radio handle in the 1970s, "The Mushroom Picker," helped inspire Dewane's venture into his family's past. The play moves from Konop's roots in a Midwestern Czech farming community — Konop was born near Green Bay, Wisconsin — to the war years.

Dewane cites his heritage and family background, as members of the Czech immigrant community in the United States, as the larger inspiration and overarching context of the show.

"Those people, my people spoke Czech for fifty years in this country before they learned English," Dewane told Minnesota Public Radio in May. The play is presented in English with various references to that Czech language. According to Dewane's retelling, this linguistic duality is what lent his grandfather to military service. Konop was a lieutenant colonel in the Army whose unit led the liberation of Czechoslovakia from Nazi forces. Fluent in both languages, Konop was able to play a critical role in the operation. Those years of Konop's life are the main focus of "The Mushroom Picker."

Dewane, in an interview featured on the Delbartos Performing Arts Center Web site, retells how he came across his grandfather's story. "Twenty years after he died, my sister Jane is in my aunt's basement, rummaging through old things, and she comes across a box that has a stack of writings. She brought them out and made copies of them, and handed over my grandfather's writing as Christmas presents."

Dewane was struck by the poignancy of the writing that Konop had left behind.

"I became obsessed with his story," Dewane said. "So what did I do? I turned it into a one-man show. I've come to believe that he wrote down his stories for me, that I could tell them to you."

"The Mushroom Picker" is playing tonight and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $8 for faculty and staff, and $5 for seniors and students. Veterans are invited to the performance with a special ticket price of $5. The show will run approximately two hours and 15 minutes.

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By MARK WITTE
Scene Editor

The first time we hear his name, his Aunt is screaming it. When we say goodbye at novel's end, the sometimes noble, often mischievous, but always God-fearing 10-year-old Mississippi river boy has walked down the aisle at his own funeral, used reverse-psychology to wiggle out of a day's laborwork and broken and broken twelve and woody again a young girl's heart, and most importantly, transformed a Missouri town. I'm talking about Tom Sawyer. Sunday night marked my return to the lives of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn and before I knew it, hours had gone by, that story was over, and I felt satisfyingly charmed. But it is not just the boy's daring adventures, nor their comic follies, or even glorious deeds that Kersey's "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" so appealing. No, in fact, much of it has to do with the narrator, the narrator himself.

There is no one more infiltrated with or protective of Tom than the narrator. He has high hopes for the boy and worries about him with great fondness, even pulling the curtains on a scene early rather than have Tom's shame at confusing the Old and New Testament put on display. "Let us draw the curtain of charity of the rest of the scene." The narrator sets Tom upon a pedestal from which he refuses to have the young man fall, placing him sublimely above the rest of the town's otherwise dashing youth. However, as a product of his often bigoted age, Tom's character is consequently flawed. But before one begins to think of reasons to knock the young Sawyer from his perch, we must pause a moment and ruminate on the significance of this dashing young man.

Tom Sawyer understands human nature. The scene is timeless. Tom, resigned to punishment, stands, white-washing his Aunt's fence. Next we see Ben "Steamboat" Rogers chewing on an apple, eyeing Tom, and brimming in anticipation of the mockery to follow. Then suddenly Ben is washing the fence, while Tom, savering the apple, reclines in the shade. Before long scenes of boy's have happened along and before the afternoon is up the whole fence has been painted and our glorious mis­ croon hasn't even moved a muscle. The narrator doesn't hesitate to lead Tom's crowning achievements: "Tom had discovered a great law of human action, without knowing it—namely, that in order to make a man or a boy cover a thing, it is only necessary to make the thing difficult to attain."

Tom Sawyer is also a romantic. He endows Becky Thatcher, the daugh­ ter of the prominent Judge Thatcher, to promise him her hand at age ten. Before the week is up he breaks her heart, not once, but twice. Yet despite overwhelming adversity the courageous boy never loses heart, and when the teacher discovers that a student has turned his precious textbooks Tom stands up before the entire class and takes responsibility for a crime he didn't commit, preserving the dignity of the guilty party. Becky Thatcher swoons, "Tom, how could you be so noble!"

But most importantly, Tom Sawyer is a social worker. When he, Huck and Joe Harper show up to their own funeral—consequence of hav­ ing run away to play pirates while their families mourned after their disappearance—and Tom and the Harper boy receive a smattering of losses and affection from their families, Tom notices that Huck is receiv­ ing only bitter stares. Taking it upon himself to right this egregious wrong, Tom exclaims, "Somebody's got to be glad to see Huck!" And they are.

The story of Tom Sawyer is a reflection of something timeless about Twain's hometown of Hannibal, Mo., something as unchanging and constant as the Mississippi itself. It is a subject Twain seems to have written most affec­ tionately about, Childhood, and it still have much to teach us.

The scene represented in this column are that of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer, Mark Witte, student editor, or University of Notre Dame.
It has been said that the "Golden Days" of cinema have long since passed. Sure, "Citizen Kane" is but a memory that can be bought as a 60th anniversary DVD, and the raw essence of romance has never again been so vividly depicted as it was in "Casablanca," but that doesn't mean that brilliance in filmmaking is a lost art.

It seems that the original classics were the first films to combine all the elements of masterful filmmaking. They will always be put on a pedestal as new movies, no matter how masterful, are incapable of reaching. Why? Sadly, because we all (especially many top critics) have a preconceived notion that nothing can top the great films of the past.

Yet, the caliber of movies as a whole has suffered in recent years, but the 'masterpiece' is still very much alive. It took 20 years for the film industry to return. "That-which-"Kane" was worthy of being called "the greatest film of all-time," so perhaps all is not lost. Maybe one day a modern film will be put on the same pedestal as the classics. The following is a list of the five 21st-century American films most likely to attain legendary status down the road.

5) United 93: Paul Greengrass' heart-wrenching docudrama is undoing in its commitment to telling the arresting true story of what happened to the doomed heroes aboard United Airlines Flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2001. Both impossible to watch, yet too difficult to turn away from. "United 93" is pitch-perfect and represents the most inexcusable true account of 9/11 to grace the silver screen to this day.

4) Lord of the Rings: Return of the King: Everything about Jackson's send-off to Middle Earth shines, sometimes literally, as it tracks Edward Bloom (Ewan McGregor, Albert Finney) through his storied life. His son, Will (Billy Crudup) is grappling with his father's legend, hoping to find the heartwarming tale of a lost clown that his family has long believed to be "Golden Days." For Old Men: The Western veiled as a thriller brilliantly blends all of the themes that the Coen's have played around with ever since their directorial debut in "Blood Simple." See "Sideways." Relax, maybe with a glass of wine. No Country For Old Men: The Coen brothers have not only managed to top "Fargo," but have created something "sensational" into something tragically ordinary. Truly an instant standard.

3) There Will Be Blood: This one is destined to be studied by film students for years to come. Paul Thomas Anderson's investigating work details the life of a proto oil man, Daniel Plainview, played by Daniel-Day Lewis in one of the most searing performances in movie history. His greed and moral corruption lead him down a path of conflict with religion and humanity alike, is, in its purest form, an aesthetic revelation the likes of which haven't been seen since "Citizen Kane." The following is a list of the five 21st-century American films most likely to attain "classic" status down the road.

1) Mulholland Drive: David Lynch's masterpiece is film at its very best. From the bewildering opening scene, when Lynch first immerses his audience in a fever hallucination of a film, until the perfectly measured ending, a spine-chilling air of brilliance engulfs the theater. This incredibly tense and thought-provoking dive into the heart of insanity and the subconscious becomes more and more surreal as it unravels, and once solved, all that is left is the overwhelming feeling that what Mr. Lynch has created is so beyond perfect, it's downright scary.

The best movie of the 21st century is epic. The best movie of the 21st century is Groundbreaking. Historic, even. But that doesn't mean that brilliance in filmmaking is a lost art.
Swarming Lyons defense keeps Pyros winless

McGlinn completes dramatic comeback to down PW; Welsh Fam wins battle of unbeaten with Farley

By MOLLON SAMMON, CHRISTINA MCDONEL, ROYAL GRAM, and BOBBY GRAHAM
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Rays advance to ALCS over ChiSox

Associated Press

CHICAGO — B.J. Upton and these Tampa Bay Rays are headed home — to get ready for the American League championship series.

Worst in the majors last year, the Rays will play for a spot in the World Series after finishing off the Chicago White Sox 6-2 Monday in Game 4 of the AL playoffs.

Bay-markable!

Upton homered twice, and Sonnanstine planted a solid 5-2-3 innings and manager Joe Maddon’s surprising Rays won 3-1 in the best-of-five series — their first trip to the post-

season. Next up, the Boston Red Sox or the Los Angeles Angels starting Friday.

“We feel like we belong and it’s showing right now,” Upton said.

After staying off elimination several times and winning a tiebreaker for the AL Central title, the White Sox were finally knocked out.

The loss dashed Chicago’s hope for a championship — days ago, local fans were thinking the Cubs and White Sox might meet in a Windy City Classic. But the Cubs got swept by the Dodgers and now both teams are done.

Upton, the game’s second batter, homered to left-center to put the Rays ahead. He went deep again in the third, driving a full-count pitch from Gavin Floyd to center, and the confident Rays had a two-run cushion.

Tampa Bay, which never won more than 70 games during its 10 previous seasons, went from 96 losses last year to 97 wins and passed the big-spending Red Sox and New York Yankees in the AL East.

“It’s a gratifying moment for all of us,” Maddon said. No longer bedeviled, the Rays won all year with young talent and improved pitching. Sonnanstine, who pitched a three-hit shutout against the White Sox at Tropicana Field in April, reversed a late-season slide that saw him go winless in his final seven starts.

He allowed two runs and three hits before J.P. Howell relieved. Grant Balfour completed the four-hitter, striking out two in his postseason addition Ken Griffey Jr. to end it.

Upton, who hit only nine homers in 531 at-bats during the regular season, also homered in Sunday’s 5-3 loss. Bennched by Maddon during the season for not hustling, the talented 24-

year-old’s power display came against a team that relied on homers all year and led the majors in long balls.

IN BRIEF

Weeks has surgery to repair cartilage in knee

MILWAUKEE — Brewers second baseman Rickie Weeks had surgery Monday to repair a cartilage tear in his left knee and is expected to be ready for spring training.

Weeks had part of the damaged meniscus removed by team physician Dr. William Raasch. Weeks will begin rehabilitation at home this week.

A first-round draft pick by Milwaukee in 2003, Weeks hit .234 with 14 homers and 46 RBIs in 129 games in his fifth season. Weeks slumped and spent most of September in a reserve role to veteran Ray Durham.

Weeks was injured on Saturday night in Game 3 against Philadelphia when he jammed his knee running out a hard-hit grounder and got tangled up with first baseman Ryan Howard.

Weeks was removed from the post-

season roster and finished the series 0-

for-4.

Lowe removed from roster with hip strain

BOSTON — Third baseman Mike Lowell was removed from Boston’s first-round postseason roster on Monday because of a right hip strain.

He would be ineligible to play in the AL championship series if the Red Sox advance past their first-round opponent, the Los Angeles Angels.

Last year’s World Series MVP, who also has a torn labrum in his right hip, was replaced on the active roster by infielder Gil Velazquez, who made his major league debut on Sept. 25.

Lowe was 0-for-9 in two games during the series against the Angels.

The Red Sox led the series 2-1 after the Angels won 5-4 in 12 innings Sunday night. Lowell liked in the 16th inning and Alex Cora pinch ran for him.

Westbrook questionable with two broken ribs

PHILADELPHIA — All-Pro running back Brian Westbrook broke two ribs in the Eagles’ 23-17 loss to Washington on Sunday, though he stayed in and finished the game.

Westbrook missed one game with an ankle injury, but it’s too early to know if his latest injury will keep him out of Sunday’s game at San Francisco.

“We just have to see,” coach Andy Reid said Monday. “We have to see how it all works out and exactly the pain level. Right now, he’s very sore, so we’ll see how things go over the next few days.”

Westbrook had 84 total yards against the Redskins. He leads the Eagles with 194 yards rushing and has six touchdowns, including two receiving.

around the dial

NCAA Men’s Hockey

USCHO Top 20

team points last poll

1 Boston Coll. (36) 999 7
2 Michigan (6) 922 1
3 Colorado Coll. (10) 874 8
4 NOTRE DAME (1) 829 12
5 North Dakota (1) 789 3
6 Denver 737 4
7 New Hampshire 648 5
8 Miami (Ohio) 613 2
9 Boston Univ. 565 15
10 Minnesota 533 9
11 Michigan State 440 9
12 Princeton 407 13
13 Marquette 375 11
14 Wisconsin 356 17
15 St. Cloud State 338 10
16 N. Michigan 257 NR
17 Cornell 186 NR
18 Minnesota State 170 14
19 Harvard 134 16
20 Vermont 90 18

NCAA Men’s Hockey

USA Today Poll

team points record

1 Boston Coll. (36) 540 25-11-0
2 Michigan (6) 432 30-8-1
3 Colorado Coll. (10) 430 28-12-1
4 NOTRE DAME 370 27-16-4
5 North Dakota 361 28-11-6
6 Denver 329 26-14-1
7 New Hampshire 275 20-10-3
8 Miami (Ohio) 259 23-9-1
9 Boston Univ. 223 19-7-4
10 Minnesota 192 19-7-3
11 Michigan State 162 25-12-5
12 Wisconsin 151 21-14-5
13 Clarkson 109 22-14-0
14 Wisconsin 82 16-17-7
15 Michigan State 66 19-16-5
16 Northern Michigan 38 20-20-4
17 St. Cloud State 29 19-16-4
18 Northeastern Univ. 18 16-18-3
19 Univ. of Vermont 10 17-15-7
20 Ferris State 16 18-16-3

Big East Women’s Soccer Standings

team points record

1 NOTRE DAME 5-0-0
2 Rutgers 4-1-0
3 Georgetown 3-0-0
4 Villanova 2-0-2
5 Louisville 2-0-2
6 West Virginia 2-0-2
7 Connecticut 2-0-1
8 USF 2-0-1
9 Connecticutt 1-2-0
10 Syracuse 1-0-1
11 Seton Hall 1-0-1
12 Providence 0-2-3
13 Pittsburgh 1-0-0
15 St. John’s 0-2-2
16 DePaul 0-0-0

NCAA Football

Troy at Florida Atlantic

8:00 p.m., ESPN2

MLB

Jonny Gomes, center, leads the Tampa Bay celebration after the Rays’ first postseason series victory in franchise history after the Rays beat the Chicago White Sox in Game 4 of the ALDS 6-2 Monday.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish slump to bottom of pack after two rounds

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Despite home-field advantage and a budding crop of young talent, Notre Dame's two squads slumped to last and second-to-last place at the end of two rounds at the third annual Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic.

The "A" team sits in 15th place after a 48-over par 608, while the Irish "B" team is in dead last with a 49-over 609, a single stroke behind its brethren.

At the top of the leaderboard, No. 47 Minnesota (579) currently holds a one-stroke lead over No. 4 Arkansas (580), while No. 41 Michigan State and No. 3 Lamar are in shouting distance of the lead after a solid day of action at Notre Dame's par 70, 7,162-yard Warren Golf Course.

Heading into play, Irish head coach Jim Kubinski knew that his young team would be facing an uphill battle this weekend, considering the competition.

"Having so many great teams this week... we need to play smart golf out there, maybe beyond our experience level at this point," Kubinski said. "We can do it, though. If we play intelligently and allow our talent to come out, there's no reason why we can't be in the mix on Tuesday afternoon."

Sophomore Connor Alan-Lee carried a 12-over 152 (46th overall) this morning, with fellow sophomore Dustin Ziang turning in a disappoiiting 159 to finish Monday in 76th place. Freshman Max Scodro's 21-over 161 (79th overall) rounded out the Notre Dame "A" squad.

For the Irish "B" team, junior Oliver Rausita and freshman Tom Usher lead into the third round in 46th place, each with 12-over 152s. Sophomore Tyler Hock's 153 landed him in 73rd place, while junior Carlos Sanues-Ocampo shot a 14-over 154.

Freshman Chris Walker finished alongside fellow underclassman Scodro with a 21-over 161.

Play resumes this morning, with the final round beginning at the first and 10th holes at 8:20 a.m. at Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course.

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**NCAA Football**

**Willingham’s job in jeopardy**

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Matters only continue to get worse for Washington and coach Tyrone Willingham.

The losing atmosphere has only increased around a team that is:

- Starting 0-5 for the first time in 29 years.
- One of only two winless Bowl Subdivision teams in the country.
- Owner of the longest current losing streak of any team in the FBS: seven straight dating back to last season, thanks to Army’s win over Tulane last weekend.
- Without star quarterback Jake Locker, after he broke his thumb trying to be the lead blocker on a reverse.

The loser of three games this year by 20 or more points, including Saturday's 45-14 drubbing at the hands of Arizona.

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back and wide receiver play led to four touchdowns, two of which came within two minutes of each other. Most of its scoring drives were the results of short passes followed by long runs afterwards.

The Phoxes' defense, however, was equally impressive, forcing three interceptions, one of which came on a Lewis drive that would've tied the game. The Chicks (0-4) struck early with an interception return for a touchdown by captain Kristie Shushinsky, but could not generate much offense afterwards. Despite the loss, Shushinsky recognized her team's improvement throughout the season. "We did a really good job of moving the ball downfield," Shushinsky said.

Coach Perry Schumaker added: "We had some great plays and amazing catches," he said. "We just need to learn how to put everything together".

Despite its inability to make the playoffs, Lewis is approaching these games with the same intensity as they have all season. "We're keeping our heads high and aren't rolling over for anybody," Schumaker said.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL
Belles prepare for home clash with Hope

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

After dropping a tough loss to Alma on the road last Friday, the Saint Mary's volleyball team will look to bounce back at home tonight at 7 p.m. against Hope College. The Belles are 12-6 overall, 5-4 in conference play and will need a win to stay above .500 in the MIAA.

Pulling off a win against Hope College, however, will be quite difficult for the Saint Mary's squad. Hope is an impressive 18-3 on the year, is undefeated in conference play and the record is certainly not a fluke. Out of nine conference matches, Hope has dropped a mere three sets - that is an astonishing 90 percent set winning percentage. And while Hope is undefeated at home, they are equally impressive on the road, their only loss coming against Wittenberg way back in September. Hope captain senior Nora Slenk has 259 kills, with a solid .292 conversion percentage.

The Belles will have a tough time dealing with both the offensive and the defensive fronts of Hope College. While junior Lorna Slupczynski and senior Kaela Hellmann have been very impressive on the offensive side of the ball, contributing 222 and 192 kills respectively, they will have a difficult job of finding kills, as Hope is averaging 17.36 kills a game, limiting their opponents to a paltry 3.85 kills a game, their defensive efforts spearheaded by Senior Meghan Winer's 346 digs.

Overall it will be a tough game for the St. Mary's, as Hope College is stringing together a truly dominant performance in both conference and out of conference play. However do not count out the Belles at home, as aside from their first September 2nd home match, they are undefeated at St. Mary's.

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SQUEEZING THROUGH

Senior wide receiver David Grimes looks to slice through the Cardinal defense during Notre Dame's 28-21 win over Stanford Oct. 4.

Interhall
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After dropping a tough loss to Alma on the road last Friday, the Saint Mary's volleyball team will look to bounce back at home tonight at 7 p.m. against Hope College. The Belles are 12-6 overall, 5-4 in conference play and will need a win to stay above .500 in the MIAA.

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The Belles will have a tough time dealing with both the offensive and the defensive fronts of Hope College. While junior Lorna Slupczynski and senior Kaela Hellmann have been very impressive on the offensive side of the ball, contributing 222 and 192 kills respectively, they will have a difficult job of finding kills, as Hope is averaging 17.36 kills a game, limiting their opponents to a paltry 3.85 kills a game, their defensive efforts spearheaded by Senior Meghan Winer's 346 digs.

Overall it will be a tough game for the St. Mary's, as Hope College is stringing together a truly dominant performance in both conference and out of conference play. However do not count out the Belles at home, as aside from their first September 2nd home match, they are undefeated at St. Mary's.

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SQUEEZING THROUGH

Senior wide receiver David Grimes looks to slice through the Cardinal defense during Notre Dame's 28-21 win over Stanford Oct. 4.
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"We gained yards in short increments by hitting gaps up the middle," St. Ed's coach Cameron Hogue said. "We did as best as we could with what their defense showed us."

A Matt Abeling touchdown pass provided the only scoring of the first half, and St. Ed's went into halftime with a 6-0 lead.

Momentum dramatically shifted in Fisher's favor, though, when St. Ed's muffed a punt return that was then recovered by Fisher freshman Chris Charnock. That momentum carried Fisher to its only touchdown of the game, a score that came without starting quarterback Mike McMahon, who suffered an injury midway through the drive.

Freshman Pat Hertenstein took over as quarterback and made a few key passes en route to Fisher's touchdown before throwing a game-ending interception late in the fourth quarter.

"He did well for someone who hadn't taken many reps in practice," senior offensive lineman Dan Mahon said. "We're all more than just St Ed's a playoff spot.

"I think you'd be a spookier to be looking at, Mahon said. "But more than anything we're going to get to the three down because involved because this is going to be a key to our last chance to play organized football here at Notre Dame."

Zahm 6, Carroll 6
Zahm and Carroll faced off Sunday in a matchup of gritty defenses that saw six turnovers, two extra point stops and only two touchdowns.

In the first quarter, both teams had trouble moving the ball and each team punted at the end of its first possession. On the first play of their next drive, Rabbi Bat freshman quarterback Greg Bennett was intercepted, only to have the defense force and recover a fumble on the next play.

The Zahm 0-1-1 offense continued to struggle with the Vermin defense, as it moved only nine yards on their next seven plays, and was forced to punt again. Carroll 1-1-1 wasn't any better moving the ball against the Rabbi Bat defensive line, turning it over on downs after getting stopped on a 4th and 5.

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The Forbidden Doughnut

That was a little too close on Saturday.

Yes, luckily the schedule gets easier for us now.

Dude, UNC is 4-1. And they’re actually ranked No. 22 now.

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Men's Interhall

Morrisey stays perfect with victory over winless Duncan

By LIZA NAVARRO, SHANE STEINBERG, NATHANIEL LEE, ALEX WEST and KYLE SMITH
Sports Writers

Morrisey 16, Duncan 6

After the first half, with McBrayer leading 13-0, Sunday's game looked like more of the same from Duncan, who had yet to score on the season.

However, with just under two minutes left in the game, Highlander wide receiver Mike Kearney had a breakaway run to score Duncan's (3-31) first touchdown of the year.

Highlander captain Garrett Burke's prediction that Kearney "would just tear it up on the field," definitely held true on Sunday, as the senior sparked Duncan's offensive drives with several great catches. Overall, though, the Highlander offense could not gain significant yardage, giving up interceptions and a safety to the Morrissey (2-0) defense.

On the other side of the ball, the Duncan defense showed potential when it held off the Morrisey offense at the goal line late in the third quarter, forcing a change of possession.

The line was hitting hard, including some great tackles by Highlander freshman Brett Leavy.

Offensively, Morrisey was forced to play without its starting right tackle, who is currently recovering from a sprained ankle injury.

"We definitely saw the effects of losing him for today's game," Morrisey captain Joe McBrayer said. "But he will be ready for next week."

Quarterback McBrayer connected consistently with junior Daniel Reimer for a touchdown at the end of the second quarter. Reimer emerged as a key player in Sunday's game and will be a continued threat to steady the team's offense.

Running for Morrisey was Danny Beveny, who set up scoring opportunities in the third quarter, and rushed for the extra point at the end of the second.

Unbeaten Morrisey is already focusing on its next game.

"If people don't get hurt, we have the potential to do well in the regular season and in the playoffs," said McBrayer.

St Ed's 12, Fisher 6

St Ed's overcame a half miscue that led to a Fisher touchdown and took down the Green Wave 12-6.

The Green Wave (0-3) offense struggled for much of the game, failing to sustain a drive long enough to end their streak of three games without scoring more than one touchdown. The Fisher defense meanwhile maintained a bend-but-do-not-break mindset, rarely giving up a long gain.

But St. Ed's, with its effective short passing game out of a shotgun set, was able to string together long scoring drives.

By KYLE SHANE STEINBERG, and CHARLIE SMITH

SPOKES

Football Commentary

Finishing strong

Squad needs to finish games to reach elite

I spent a good portion of my childhood growing up outside Detroit, where I got the chance to watch the Red Wings play every night. It was tough, because I was a Rangers fan, but at least it was good hockey. I was at Game Four of the 1997 Stanley Cup Finals and saw them win a cup, and while my New York fandom wouldn't let me root for them, it was a special experience.

What I noticed about them, however, was their tendency to shut down when they had a lead.

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INTERHALL PREVIEWS

McGlinn faces Howard in hopes of claiming 1st

By KYLE SMITH, SHANE STEINBERG, and CHARLIE SPEKES
Sports Writers

McGlinn vs. Howard

McGlinn will try to vault to the top of the standings in the Blue League when it faces off against Howard on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Hilite Fields.

The success of the Shamrocks (3-1) hasn't been realized so far by the Ducks (1-2-1), but Howard knows it can beat anyone if its offense can perform to its potential.

"We need our offense to do a better job of being more consistent," team captain Kayla Bishop said. "We're going to look to our receivers to make more catches and have fewer dropped balls." Bishop said that too many dropped balls were key in a disappointing 1-0 loss on Monday.

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The Shamrocks, meanwhile, find themselves in position to take sole possession of first place with a victory tomorrow.

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SWM Women's Soccer

WPS team in St. Louis picks Cinalli

Observer Staff Report

The latest member of the Notre Dame women's soccer program to be drafted to a professional league was current volunteer/assistant coach, Amanda Cinalli.

With the 26th overall pick in the Women's Professional Soccer league, the St. Louis franchise selected the former forward/midfielder.

The general draft allowed squads to select players that had completed their collegiate eligibility.

Cinalli will join former Irish teammate Melissa Tancredi on the St. Louis roster as well.

Cinalli ranks 16th on the program scoring list with 100 points (34 goals, 32 assists) through 100 games.

Cinalli served as the lone captain during her senior year in 2007.

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writers

Belles aim to alter poor play

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SMC Soccer

Senior forward Lauren Hinton tries to run past an Adrian defender in the 4-3 Saint Mary's win last October.