University reopens suspended Jerusalem program

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Nine years after the University suspended its study abroad program in Jerusalem eight to ten students will once again have the opportunity to live and study in the city.

The Office of International Studies (OIS) is offering a Jerusalem Summer Program for summer 2009. "I'm really grateful that we have the opportunity to send students there because there's just really nothing quite like it. Talking to people there is an experience that you can't duplicate here on campus," said Liz Murdock LaFortune, Assistant Director of OIS and Program Coordinator for the Jerusalem Summer Program.

In the past, the Jerusalem Program was offered as a spring semester program until 2000, LaFortune said. The program was suspended in November 2000 during the time of the beginning of the Second al-Aqsa Intifada and the "general violence in the area" associated with the Intifada, LaFortune said. The State Department issued a "no travel" warning regarding travel in the area at the time.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Hold on for one more day

The wise Wilson Phillips once sang, "Some day somebody’s gonna make you want to turn around and say goodbye / Until then baby you are going to let them hold you down and make you cry? / Don’t you know things can change? / Things’ll go your way if you hold on for one more day."

I’m sure Chicago Cubs fans could use those words of advice right now. Let me prefare my columns with this, I am a Red Sox fan. All that stands between my team and the World Series is the formerly hapless and currently ephemeral (Devil) Rays.

As a Red Sox fan, though, I feel that it is my personal responsibility to tell Cubs fans to just "hold on for one more day." It will be worth it. I promise. One day you’ll see your players spraying each other with champagne and it will be worth those 100-plus years.

I remember just four years ago when my team hadn’t won a championship in 86 years. While not quite a century, let’s just say it had been a while. Aaron Boone, Barry Bonds, and Bill Buckner were the names that came to mind when it came to the Red Sox in the playoffs. Just like right now Cubs fans think of Steve Bartman, Leon Durham, and the back of 0-10.

After 2004, though, while those memories still hurt, they hurt a lot less with addition of Big Papi, Manny, and Josh Beckett to Boston playoff lore. Maybe those new Cubs legends are on the roster right now. Maybe Ryan Theriot will turn into a playoff stud.

The point is that a Cubs championship will happen eventually (and it probably would help if people didn’t write columns promising "an extended grace period" when the Cubs win. When the Cubs pitchfork drops to his knees at Wrigley and is mobbed by his teammates, you’re going to be glad you didn’t give up hope after 2008. I’m not saying all will be well forever in Wrigleyville, but it certainly will be nice to have Mighty Joe Young off of your back.

Which brings me to the most astute baseball argument I’ve ever heard: the idea that the Cubs aren’t bad (and previously Red Sox fans) would be upset if their team won the World Series, because they would lose their "identity" as baseball fans.

Enjoyed last year’s playoff more than I ever had before. Why? Because 86 years of failure weren’t weighing on my back.

Just know this, Cubs fans: you’re more invested now. The champagne will taste a little bit sweeter because of Alex Gonzalez and Mark DeRosa. I’ve already had my moment. When Keith Foulke flipped an Edgar Renteria ground ball to Doug Mientkiewicz, your moment is still to come. And it will be better than anyone ever told you it would be.

"I know that there is pain / But if you hold on for one more day, you can break free from the chains."

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Nam Werner at swener@nd.edu.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What would you say to someone who wasn’t going to vote?

"Vote or die."

"If you don’t vote, you can’t complain."

"You need the exercise."

"Vote... please?

"Vote... it’s sort of the law."

Students vote in Tuesday’s mock election organized by the Notre Dame student government. Sen. Barack Obama won the election with 52.6 percent of the vote. Sen. John McCain took 41.1 percent of the vote.

OFFBEAT

Annoyed airline passenger flies foot powder

BOSTON — Boston police said a passenger who was angry because his flight was delayed got tried to get back at the airline by throwing foot powder around the plane. Arthur Nicolson, of Framingham, was arrested Monday after the U.S. Airways flight from Las Vegas landed at Logan International Airport.

The plane’s captain told state police that after the plane landed, Nicolson began throwing the white powder and said, "This is what your airlines goes for treating me bad."

When state police arrested Nicolson, he allegedly had a 7-ounce container of Dr. Scholl’s foot powder. Nicolson, 42, pleaded not guilty and was released on personal recognizance Tuesday after his arraignment on charges including disorderly conduct and interfering with the operation of an aircraft.

Authorities say man skipped jury duty to drink

JACKSON, Mo. — Curtis Lemos was supposed to report for jury duty in a drunk driving case. Instead, according to authorities, the 50-year-old Cape Girardeau man skipped the jury duty so he could drink himself.

Lemos received a summons to appear as a prospective juror in the case. When he didn’t show up Monday, a bailiff called his house. Lemos told the bailiff he was too busy to come to court.

Associate Circuit Judge Scott Thomsen instructed officers to bring Lemos to the courthouse. Deputies say they detected a strong odor of alcohol on him. Lemos was held in custody while the DWI trial went on.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Free flu shots will be given out at the Student Center today from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Vaccinations are available for students, faculty, staff, retirees, and spouses of retirees. Recipients must present their ID card, carry a short sleeve, and sign informed consent to receive the vaccine.

Students can participate in Mindfulness and Relaxation Training. The 3-session class will be held at Holfs Sports Recreation Center from 4-5 p.m. each week. Wear loose, warm, comfortable clothing. It is co-sponsored by the University Counseling Center and Recreation Sports. Students can sign up via RecRegister at recsports.nd.edu. Cost is $12.00.

The "Mushroom Picker" a one-man play, performed by Patrick Dewane in the Phelim Studio Theatre, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $15, $10 for faculty Staff, and $5 for seniors citizens/families/students. It is presented by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies and Shakespeare at Notre Dame.

Economics professor Jim Sullivan will discuss "And Justice for All: Economics, the Election and Faith" at Theology on Tap tonight at 9 at Legends. Free food is provided with a cash bar.

"Back’s Lunch: A Noontime Concert," a short classical concert featuring advanced students from the Department of Music will take place Friday at 12:30 p.m. in Notre Dame’s Office of the President’s Office in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The audience is welcome to bring their lunch to this event.

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

Correction:

Due to a reporting error, the article “Group slashes budget concerns” in the Oct. 7 issue of The Observer incorrectly noted that the Saint Mary’s Student Government Executive Board stipend decreased by $30,000. The stipend decreased by $30,000. Also, the sub-headline of the same article could be misleading. The Observer regrets their error.

Corrections
Professors discuss national security

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

Notre Dame professors and students gathered in the Hesburgh Center's Great Hall to discuss foreign policy and national security as it relates to the upcoming election at the fourth Pizza, Pop and Politics event sponsored by ND Votes ’08, which is a part of the Center for Social Concerns, and the Washington Program.

Law School professor Mary Ellen O'Connell said the presidential candidates must ask themselves how to best approach the major issues of the election. The future president will need to work for peace in Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia, where the United States military is engaged in armed conflicts, she said.

"These conflicts need to be resolved. Our troops need to be brought home," O'Connell said.

Also, a peace agreement between Israel and Palestine has to be very high on the future president's agenda, she said.

"The problem of weapons administration has been huge" and peaceful solutions must be found, O'Connell said. "Look at South Africa, Libya [and the] Ukraine. Countries that have given up their bombs have done so through peaceful means, not through force."

Another key issue for the future president is the re-establishment of America's international image, O'Connell said.

"We have been the rule-of-law country since our founding," she said. "We respect human rights. The next president will refurbish our reputation for upholding human rights."

O'Connell cited the Law of the Sea convention, a treaty which defines the rights and responsibilities of nations in their use of the world's oceans, as an example of one way the next president could improve America's international image.

"I think the next president will sign this one right away," O'Connell said. According to the Web site un.org, however, the United States has already signed the treaty, but the Senate has not ratified it. President Bush has endorsed the treaty and asked the Senate to support it, said the Web site America.gov.

"I think we need to rethink our use of military force in the world, resolve the international court of law," O'Connell said. "I think we need to focus on diplomacy, promoting rule of law, and backing off out of use of force."

Joseph Bock, Director of External Relations for the Kroc Institute for International Studies, directly addressed the foreign policy and diplomatic strategies of presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama.

"The two candidates share many similarities in these areas," he said. "They both oppose torture, they both want to close Guantanamo Bay, they both support increased resources for the military," Bock said. "They want to talk with Iran, they see the need to improve the United States image abroad."

At the same time, Bock cited several differences between the two candidates. "Obama made a statement at one point that he would be willing to bomb Pakistan if the Taliban was found there," Bock said. "McCain said that is excessive."

"McCain says we need a victory in Iraq," while Obama wants to redirect resources there, Bock added. McCain has expressed interest in a League of Democracies that could be a counterpoint to these United Nations, while Obama is generally supportive of the U.N., Bock said.

Bock compared the decision-making processes of the two candidates, asking, "Who is a strong decision maker?"

"Obama takes a "no drama" approach, while McCain's approach is intuitive, Bock said.

Political science professor Michael Desch agreed with Bock that the candidates have a lot in common.

"Both McCain and Obama are developing very similar sorts of platforms," although McCain groups foreign policy issues together with national security issues, he said.

"There is a big food fight between the two campaigns over diplomacy," Desch said. "Their strategies for the war on terrorism are very different."

Desch compared McCain's and Obama's strengths and weaknesses as measured by polls. Obama is preferred on economy issues, for example, while McCain has an advantage on immigration.

"Obama has shown surprising strength on foreign policy," Desch said. "(But) McCain has a slight edge on handling terrorism and foreign policy."

In the end, "domestic politics are sucking the oxygen out of everything else," Desch said.

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The six-week program will include required travel because a lot of learning will take place on-site, LaFortune said. Students may have the opportunity to travel to Galilee, Haifa, Jericho, Beer-Sheba, Acre and other archaeological and religious sites in Israel and the other Occupied Palestinian Territories, according to LaFortune. The Faculty Director and On-Site Director will go with students on these trips.

The students in the program will take the same six credit hours and be required to take at least one basic introductory course in both Arabic and Hebrew, LaFortune said. The language courses are integral to students’ experiences with the program.

”The courses are an important part of the program, to be able to experience Israel as well as the West Bank. ...”

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sr or class were limited to anecdotes from upperclassmen who had already taken the course or to websites like nittyday.com, Jacobs said.

The new system will be available to all students Oct. 30, and will continue to be updated.

“The data is not going to be nearly as complete by Oct. 30 as we hope it will eventually become,” Jacobs said.

However, to ensure students approach the CIs seriously, they can only see the detailed course information if they have filled out a CI for each of the previous semester’s classes, Jacobs said.

“The primary concern was, will students respond? Will they take the time to go online and fill this out?” he said.

Jacobs said the University’s Advisory Committee to the Provost on the Evaluation of Teaching (ACPET) has been working on the new feedback system for three years.

“Notre Dame has also used data from other universities that have implemented an online feedback system, including Harvard, Stanford, Yale and Northwestern, according to a document released by ACPET.

“When the committee looked at the existing TCE, there were a lot of concerns. It required a comprehensive redesign,” Jacobs said. “One of the concerns that has always plagued us is that the items, or questions, were the same if you were taking a science class, an art class, a seminar. It didn’t reflect the diversity of classes.”

To address this concern, ACPET sought to create a form with more flexibility, Jacobs said.

Jacobs said another problem with the TCEs was professors could opt out to participate. In Fall 2006, for example, TCEs were not collected in 181 class sections that were designated for evaluation.

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rally planning,” Kriebner said.

There are many different constituencies that have a role in planning a pep rally, he said. He cited HPC, the football team, the band, the Alumni Association, the Joyce Center, the usherers and NDSP as having roles in the planning.

HPC is responsible for planning the portion of the pep rally before Chuck Lennon, the executive director of the Alumni Association, enters. This portion of the pep rally was praised by COR members.

“There is no pep rally before Chuck Lennon has been awesome this year,” ICC President John Burke said.

Both also said he and student body vice president Grant Schmidt will present an in-depth report at the next Board of Trustees meeting in February on the relationship between the student body, NDSP and the South Bend Police Department.

He said that he will solicit advice from COR members throughout his preparations for the presentation.

In other COR news:

• The Off-Campus Council is sponsoring two block parties this weekend to encourage students to get to know their neighbors.

The first block party will be held on Friday from 4-7 p.m. at the Lafayette Apartment complex. It will feature free food and a live band.

This weekend’s second block party will be held on Sunday from 3-6 p.m. in the field behind Corby Row. Neighbors on Notre Dame Ave. and Corby Blvd. will be invited.

“We’re hoping to get a couple more neighbors out,” Off-Campus President Billy Lyman said. The Off-Campus Council will canvas some of the area neighborhoods to inform residents of the block parties, according to Lyman.

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International News

Maldives prepares for first election

MALL, Maldives — To supporters, President Mamnoon Abdul Gayoom is a hero who turned a poor, outcast island into a tropical paradise and the economic success story of South Asia.

Detractors accuse him of ruling the Maldives as a dictatorial state suppressing dissent and erasing wealth for his friends and family.

On Wednesday, Asia's longest serving ruler will face his first democratic election, challenged by a crowded field of opponents who say it is time for a change.

"We've had a dictatorship for the last 30 years," said Mohamed Nasheed, head of the opposition Maldivian Democratic Party. "The people of this country deserve better.

We've been working to turn a shabby, po\n\n
rular enterprise, increasing fundamentalism in the Sunni Muslim nation and the threat of rising sea levels could be a real issue for the candidates.

Dark matter physists touted for prize

STOCKHOLM — Scientists who have pur\nd dark matter, puzzling for undiscovered particles and advanced nanotechnology were being touted Monday as candidates for the 2008 Nobel Prize in physics.

But the prize being announced on Tuesday is one of the toughest to predict given the complexity of science involved for an award encompassing a wide latitude of subjects.

Karin Bojs, science editor of Stockholm daily Dagens Nyheter, predicted the 2008 award would honor work to discover plan\n\n
ets in other solar systems.

National News

NYC mayor pushes for third term

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg's bid to change the term-limits law so that he can campaign for another term was introduced Tuesday.

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Iraq

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LOCAL NEWS

Changes dropped for group home owners

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The city's troubled group home owners who face a series of new charges for neglected and abused children were told Tuesday to drop their plans for an award-winning campaign for another four years in the hands of the City Council, where two competing bills were introduced Tuesday.

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The two men also competed to demonstrate their qualifications as reformers at a time voters are clamoring for change.

McCain accused Obama of being the Senate's second-high\n\n
est recipient of donations from individuals at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the two now-dis\n\ngarded mortgage industry giants.

"There were some of us who stood up against it," McCain said of the lead-up to the financial crisis. "There were others who took a hike."

Obama shot back that McCain's campaign manager, Rick Davis, has a stake in a Washington lobbying firm that received thousands of dollars a month from Freddie Mac until recently.

SMC hosts lecture on fair trade items

By MANDI STRIONE
News Writer

Three years ago representatives from Just Goods and Ten Thousand Villages came to Saint Mary’s to discuss purchasing organic and fair trade products. Students liked them so much that they were invited back, said Regina Wilson, the assistant director of Campus Ministry and organizer of the “What Difference Does It Make?” lecture-series. It was then Reinhold, of Just Goods, second visit to Saint Mary’s and Cheryl Schairer’s, of Ten Thousand Villages, first when they presented “A Series on Justice, Contemporary Life and Faith: What Difference Does It Make to Buy Fair Trade and Organic... Clothing?” Tuesday, Wilson said.

The lecture series, which offers two lectures every fall, is for students to look at different aspects of their lives and see how the choices they make affect the world around them, she said. They also “try to bring in Catholic social teaching,” to show how “faith can come to bear on an individual choices,” Reinhold spoke first about her organization, just Goods, a South Bend store committed to providing “clothing and products for the home, made with respect for workers and the environment,” according to the website.

“Just Goods is kind of focused on clothing,” she said.

During her talk, Reinhold passed around some samples of products that are sold in the store. They come from all over the world, and they “research the companies that produce our goods, assuring that they pay their workers minimum wage or above and that they use environmentally friendly materials and methods of production,” according to the website.

One of the Companies, Global Market’s, works with women in Ghana who own their own businesses, have their own sewing machines and some even have their own shops, Reinhold said.

Most of the tags on the clothing are signed and buyers can go on the website and read the stories of the women who made the clothing, she said.

Schairer explained why Ten Thousand Villages works for fair trade.

With fair trade conditions, women can work from their homes, their children can go to school, and they can make their lives better, she said. These families can purchase things like health insurance, education accounts, medical care and other things that they have never had before, she said.

These jobs become the “one pole of stability in their lives,” Schairer said.

Ten Thousand Villages is a not for profit company that works with artisans, she said.

“We market quality products from diverse cultures around the world made by people that we know and care enough about to do business in a manner that together we consider fair. We strive to operate as a business with a compassionate mission so that we can provide vital, fair income to artisans,” according to the website.

They have over 150 stores around the country that are almost completely run by volunteers with the exception of a few management employees, she said.

The important thing is to not get too overwhelmed by the amount of fair trade and organic products out there, both presenters said.

“As a consumer, it’s hard because you want to do the right thing... but you don’t have time to look into it,” Schairer said.

Trying to take it one thing at a time, for example purchasing fair trade coffee and making a commitment to do so, Reinhold said.

“The important thing is knowing you’re part of something good... it’s really amazing,” she said.

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percent. Of the remaining issues, 9.8 percent chose energy and the environment as the most important issue in the election, 9.5 percent chose education, 6.2 percent chose the Iraq War, 3.3 percent chose education, 3.2 percent chose civil liberties and one percent chose immigration.

When asked how closely they had been following the election, 37.2 percent chose the selection “I check the election news once or twice a week,” 36.8 percent said “I check the headlines once a day,” 91 percent said “I stalk multiple news networks daily.” 51 percent said “I’ve heard of the candidates,” 9 percent said “Elections? What elections?” and 8 percent gave no response.

Four years ago, student media groups on campus, not including The Observer, conducted a mock election in LaFortune a week before the election between President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry, reported Notre Dame Magazine. With 278 undergraduates and graduate students voting, the vote was 47.5 percent for Bush and 46.3 percent for Kerry.

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- Dow Jones: 9,447.11
- S&P 500: 1,067.27
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- NYSE: 6,386.38

**Down:**
- AMEX: 1,550.50
- S&P 500 Index: 996.23
- NIKKEI (Tokyo): 10,355.90
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The Fed chief's more gloomy assessment of conditions appeared to open the way for a rate cut later this month, the first since 2001.

"The outlook for economic growth has worsened," Bernanke said in prepared remarks to the annual meeting here of the National Association for Business Economics.

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Refugees go to homeland

Government tells 50,000 Afghans to leave war zone, return to country

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Afghan refugees ordered out of a Pakistan war zone haggled Tuesday for bus fares and flowed over the border into their homeland, worsening a humanitarian crisis resulting from an army offensive against Taliban militants.

Pakistan has told 50,000 Afghans to leave the Bajaur tribal region, accusing them of links to militants that used the remote and impoverished area as a base for attacks on both sides of the frontier.

U.S. officials concerned over the escalating insurgency in Afghanistan have praised the military operation in a region that has been touted as a possible building block for al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden.

Some of the Afghans who have killed more than 1,000 insurgents in two months of fighting. It has given no figures for civilian casualties, but acknowledges that Afghan villages have been devastated by airstrikes, artillery fire and gang battles.

I. Khan, a police official at the Toorwandi border post in Bajaur told The Associated Press on Tuesday that some refugees have crossed into Afghanistan and many were moved to other parts of Pakistan.

He had no figures for how many Afghans had left since officials distributed leaflets in Bajaur last week telling them to go.

However, he said an estimated 200 imperiled families returned home in recent weeks. Thousands more went to other parts of Pakistan, he said.

An Afghan community leader in Bajaur, Khar’s main town, urged the government to provide transportation for the refugees. "We are poor people, and we don’t have enough money to pay for the buses," Gham Jan told an AP reporter.

Authorities were threatening to deport those who resisted and to demolish their houses. Iqbal Khan, a government official in Khar, said 15 Afghans had been detained by Tuesday and some Afghan-owned shops sealed.

Pakistanis officially say the fighting in Bajaur has displaced up to a third of the population — roughly half the region’s population. Most are in nearby areas of Pakistan with relatives or in camps.

The U.N. refugee agency said last week that 20,000 people had moved into the neighboring Afghan province of Kunar. It described them as "Refugee families" and forecast they would swell this month when the winter comes.

Kunar provincial Police Chief Abdul Jalil Jalal told Tuesday that 50,000 people had arrived from Pakistan.

If the refugees stay there, 70 per cent were Pakistanis and 30 per cent Afghan, said Sardar Khan, an official dealing with refugees in Kunar. He said seven families were isolated.

"They are very poor families," Khan said, and residents are sheltering them in their homes. Relief agencies and the government were scrambling to build new shelters before the winter sets in, he said.

Pakistan’s foreign ministry said Tuesday it had dispatched a team of experts to Afghanistan to monitor the situation. According to U.N. figures, more than 5 million have since fled the Taliban government in Afghanistan to Pakistan.

Afghan officials say the fighting before U.S.-led forces toppled the Taliban government in 2001, and Al-Qaida have been killed 17 other people Monday. "We will soon come up with a better strategy to fight this menace," he said.

Analysts warn that the government could lose its popularity if the violence intensifies and economic problems persist.

"The impact of technology on election is huge," Chapple said. "There are many ways that technology can possibly be used to manipulate the outcome of the election."

There are ways to hack the secret ballot, especially electronic ballots, Chapple said.

The most vulnerable method of electronic voting is the touch screen system, he said. In touch screen voting, the voter is given an anonymous Smartcard, which authorizes the holder one vote. The machine records the votes on a memory card and when the polls close, the memory cards are retrieved and the votes are tabulated.

"In this system, you let software run the election," Chapple said. "In many cases, no paper trail exists for these machines. Without a paper trail, a recount is impossible."

Chapple discussed a study that was done in 2003 in which the Diebold AccuVote TS, a touch screen voting machine, was anesthetized. He said the software of the machines that were being used to spout the next President of the United States had minimum security. "Essentially, it could have less security than your laptop," Chapple said.

He said it is possible, even relatively easy in some cases, to take votes that were cast for one candidate and change them to another candidate. "A poll worker with access to the storage media of that software could modify the ballot definition," Chapple said.

"A voter would push the button to vote for John McCain but in reality the vote would be cast for Obama."

If an act such as this was ever suspected to be taking place, "very little could be done about it due to the construction of the software," he said.

"What is most frightening," Chapple said, "is that we do not have any ability to prove that no one tampered with the results of the election if something like that were to happen."

Chapple cautioned voters to be aware of what method they are using to vote on Election Day. "Checking to see what type of election is not only possible," Chapple statetd, "but it has already hap-pened."

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"Credit default swaps" share blame for economic problems

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It can be a fine line between investing and gambling. But in Las Vegas, you know the odds. On Wall Street, that’s not always the case.

Especially when it comes to the $62 trillion market in arcane financial contracts known as “credit default swaps.”

"Moreover," adds Michael Greenberger, former director of the CFTC. "A CBOE by London is said to have been engaged in opening a "casino by London" when it began dealing in these complex derivative contracts. The Federal Reserve came to AIG’s rescue three weeks ago with an $85 billion line of credit; so far the company has tapped it for $61 billion.

So what are credit default swaps? Why are they so hot? What have they caused all this trouble?

The swaps are a form of insurance, but they aren’t regulated that way. They’re a way for investors to buy a bond from a company and then sell it to someone else. They’re a way to invest in a company’s ability to pay off that bond. The investor turns to a third party like AIG, for example, and buys protection in the form of a credit default swap contract, the investor pays the insurer the value of the bond in the event the company defaults on it.

The issuer of the credit default swap doesn’t write this insurance for free. It gets a premium on the percentage of the value of the bond.

And since these contracts are not considered "insurance," Greenberger says, the companies that guarantee the bonds are not required to keep enough capital on hand to pay them off in the event of a default.

The swaps have given those invested in all manner of debt, including mortgage-backed securities, a false sense of security.

"Everyone walked around saying ‘we’re insured,’" said Greenberger, who is a law professor at the University of Maryland.

As housing prices rose and more people could get mortgages despite questionable credit records, mortgage-backed securities were an attractive place for pension funds and other investors to park their money.

"Were it not for that insurance, it’s likely we wouldn’t have reached this manic state of growth," Greenberger said of the questionable investments.
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In July, the U.N. Security

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peace mission despite a raging
debate over whether it should

invoke its power to suspend an

independent court’s efforts to

prosecute Sudanese President

Omar Hassan al-Bashir on

genocide and war crimes charges.

The Darfur conflict began in

early 2003 when ethnic African

rebels took up arms against

Sudan’s Arab-dominated cen­
tral government, accusing it of

discrimination. Many of the

worst atrocities in the war have

been blamed on the Janjaweed militia of Arab nomads allied

with the government.

Ban and other diplomats say the only way to end the fighting that has killed up to 300,000 people and forced 2.5 million to flee their homes is through political talks and a peace agreement.

On another matter, Ban said he was greatly concerned about the security of food aid that 3 million Somalis depend on in

light of increasing piracy in

waters around the Horn of

Africa.

He said there was an Oct. 23
deadline for nations to replace

a Canadian frigate that has been the only ship escorting the

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11 percent; natural gas, which is

used in more than half of

the nation’s homes, 18 per­
cent; and heating oil, used

widely in the Northeast, 23 percent.

That’s not good news for a

country where people have been reeling from a summer of

record $4-a-gallon gasoline, a

booming credit crisis and a

struggling economy.

Energy experts say some

people have yet to pay last

winter’s heating bills or the

summer’s air conditioning

costs. A recent Associated

Press survey found that utility

shutoffs because of unpaid

bills have been running 17

percent to 22 percent higher

than last year in some parts of

the country.

The Energy Department said it expects the price of fuel oil will average $1.90 a gallon, 60
cents more than last winter.

While the cost of crude oil

has declined from a high of

$147 a barrel in July to just

under $88 a barrel for delivery

in November, the department

said “oil markets are expected to remain relatively tight because of sluggish production

growth.” Barring a worse than

expected global economic
decline, prices are likely to

edge back up to about $112 a

barrel, the agency said.

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The Road Scholar

Andrew Miller

Until about five years ago I had no idea what my father did. I knew he was an accountant by profession. I knew he was a CPA. I knew he worked for one of the Big Four accounting firms. And I knew that his title was “forensic accountant.” But I didn’t know what that meant. If people asked me I just evaded the question. Such evasion got me into trouble, though, when upon saying, “He’s a forensic accountant,” the inquisitor replied with, “So does that mean he goes to crime scenes and counts the dead bodies?” Hardly, inquisitor. But it’s not like I had a better answer so I just let him walk away in his glory.

I went on a quest after this encounter to discover the nature of my father’s employment. For reasons beyond my sheer ignorance, I was growing weary of making fun of my dad for not doing very much work when I knew he clearly did a lot. I didn’t know what it was he was doing, but I knew that my jokes were cruel. So what does my dad do? I didn’t know. But I vowed to find out to make myself a better son and a better person.

I tried to pull my memories of him talking about his days at the office: “Today, this intern walked into my apartment while I was with a client! Can you believe it? Idiot!”

“So we met in a hotel lobby and I made a reference saying that this deal we’re talking about is putting us between Scylla and Charybdis. Everyone in the room looked at me. They’re talking about his days at the office: talking about his days at the office:”

“One idiot of the kinds my dad always talked about in front of my sisters and me. Our family motto is, in fact, “How Could You Not Know That?” But this fear could not last forever. I could only go so long believing that my question would be answered without further effort, believing that all my problems would be solved magically.

One day, in my junior year of high school, months after I began my initial quest, on a drive from my house to somewhere near the courthouse, when it was just me and my dad in the car, I turned to him and said: “Dad, and I say this with total deference and respect, can you tell me what you do?”

And he told me. Now, I’m not going to tell you what it is a forensic accountant does because that would ruin the surprise. The point of my article is not to illuminate the world of the financial service sector of accountancy to you. Nor is my point to tell you about a great moment in personal development when my dad and I came to a better understanding of each other. Come to think of it, I may not have that strong of a point. But that point, as weak as it may turn out to be, is that you should all know what your mom and/or dad do for a living. It’s insulting to them otherwise. They’re boring they’re bums to be your parents and you can’t even turn to a stranger and say, “I’m proud that my parent does so and so!” What kind of a child are you? You make me sick!

Well, you don’t actually make me sick. You just need to come to the place that I came to that one day my junior year. I sucked it up and asked my dad what he did because I didn’t know. And I should have known. And I do now. And I feel good about it. And I’m a better person. And I’m a better son.

Oh, and by the way—the title of this article is a reference to the Friends episode where Chandler and Joey face off against Monica and Rachel in a trivia challenge for the apartment. When Ross asks Rachel what Chandler does for a living, Rachel says the above. Chandler’s an accountant on the show. It’s a clever reference.

Goodnight.

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Reactions to the Sorin Boycott

Support Sorin

Appreciate the experience

Once a year, my brother, father and myself travel over 800 miles from Burlington, VT, to attend the pep rally, watch the game, and ultimately enjoy the whole ND experience. This is a tradition I hope continues for as long as I live, and I hope this ritual will enable me to bring my children out to ND.

Unable to get in to Notre Dame as an undergrad and still unable to get to a graduate, it shocks me to hear of students "boy­
cotting" the pep rally because of too many group performances and not enough interaction with the players.

I truly don’t think those students understand how lucky they are. It’s hard to even describe the feel­
ing I have knowing I will never be able to attend Notre Dame, and yet those who are fortunate enough will look back and remember they boycotted pep rallies. It makes no sense to me, and I feel sorry for those students. Perhaps those students should realize that those who are per­
forming take what they do just as seriously as the football players. Obviously it doesn’t gather as much attention, but it does also respect the value of the student body.

Enjoy your Notre Dame. You have no idea how lucky you are.

Bryan Fortier
Chicago, Ill.

Pep rallies too formulaic

OK! Here comes one from a cranky old alum (Zahm ’82) who believes everything was better “back in the day.” Well, maybe not. I don’t believe everything was bet­
er in the ’80s.

Notre Dame is a much better academic institution than when I was matriculated. Frankly, I probably wouldn’t get in today. The food’s a lot better, the dining halls. I was really impressed by South Dining Hall when I dropped my step­
daugher off for her freshman year in August.

Now that I’ve spread some sunshine, I need a reality check. Pep rallies are just one more thing that can’t even attend them any longer.

It sounds to me like the students can’t even attend them either. They are “corporate” beyond recognition. The last one I attended felt like an annual shareholders meeting—a couple of interesting guests, but far too much hype and not enough interaction with the players.

The sole purpose of a football pep rally is to get the team and students fired up to go beat the crap out of Saturday’s opponent. Period.

That’s what they were all about when I attended Notre Dame, and I don’t think that my classmates or I are any worse for it. And, eh, yeah, our teams played with passion on Saturday.

I concur entirely with Sorin College men Adam McKiernan and Tristan Hunt who wrote in Friday’s Letter to the Editor that our Pep Rally Manifesto, “Pep rallies should involve only three groups—the students, the band and the team. Pep rallies should be run by the students, the student body. Let’s have more student parents, alumni and outside visitors not invited. If they want to come, they’re more than welcome—but they’ll be one of us, not a pestle souvenir at our game.” Amen, brothers! I am both ND alum and ND parent.

What I want to see when I come to a football pep rally is a team and student body ready to tear it up on Saturday.

Nothing worse than the way it usually is, and that’s the way it should always be. Return the pep rallies to the students! Go Irish!

As a transfer student from Northwestern, I can assure you that Notre Dame’s undying spirit school is one of the things that make our school wonderfully unique. Even though Northwestern is a Big Ten school with a Division I football team, the year I was there the school had only one pep rally for the season in a venue similar to our Washington Hall.

The enthusiasm at that rally was fervent and the spirit was assuredly and proudly on a confessional stage. I can understand how you might see our pep rallies as formulaic and more of a show than a rally, but that is not true for us. We are turning our back on a very special Notre Dame hallmark: Keep in mind that much of the pom and circumstance that I mentioned before the football team, like speeches by former players, the cheerleaders, performances, is to remind us that the Irish football team that we cheer for on Saturdays comes from a long tradition of greatness.

Hopefully that reminder will inspire us to cheer them on to become another one of those immortal teams. Notre Dame pep rallies are about bringing together ALL of us who love Notre Dame.

We every Friday not just to support Irish football, but to celebrat­
ing everything that makes Notre Dame, Notre Dame.

I know that Sorin and those who choose not to go are just as spirited as everyone else, so please go to the pep rallies and scream your hearts out for what you and I know is the best school in the country. I agree that it would be great to have more interaction with the football team. The fact that they get out of their seats and started a few cheers this season is a small step in the right direction. If you think that the紫校 Pep Rallies are formulaic and insipid speeches. The team seems to be turning it around. Maybe pep rallies should be reinvented as well.

Jeff Barber
Alum of ND of 1982

Rally together

My recommendation is that the pep rallies need to be given back to the students, with perhaps only an utterly bizarre idea. Let’s go back to the Stepan Center. If you really want to attend, get there early. If you don’t get in the first game, I will guarantee that it will be spontaneous, erratic, wild, fun and—get this—the conclusion of the football team. The fact that they are hurting the university, and you are missing out on a once in a lifetime opportunity for yourself that you are incredibly fortunate to have.

Conner Kosebi
Alum of ND of 1982

Siegfried Hall

Oct. 7
Hail to the Oscar season... good movies are here again.

The Argentine

Romina Del Frio stars as Che Guevara in the story of how Guevara and Fidel Castro led the overthrow of Argentinian General Francisco Borja. Steven Soderbergh directs what may be the most action-packed movie of his art-house-cum-cult-summer block. Underneath the film’s surface is a character study of the man who became known as El Che. A nice touch is added by the fact the film will be in Spanish, which will allow the ever-talented Del Frio to shine as the revolutionary.

The Secret Life of Bees

“The Secret Life of Bees” is about a stellar cast including Oscar-winner Jennifer Hudson, Queen Latifah, Alicia Keys, Sophie Okonedo, and Dakota Fanning. The film, based on Sue Monk Kidd’s best-selling novel, centers on the story of fourteen-year-old Lily Owens, who runs away from her bitter father (Paul Bettany) with her caretaker Rosaleen (Hudson). The two are harboring a secret about the death of Lily’s mother, and end up in Beechwood, a small town in South Carolina during the Civil Rights era. The Beechwoods are intelligent and independent women making a living off of honey. Lily may have finally found a family, but in the turbulent times of racism things are not easy. The film also co-stars Nate Parker and Tremen White.

Syndacque, New York

Charley Kaufman writes and directs an insightful film headlined by Philip Seymour Hoffman in another standout story about the formidable nature of the artist. Keeping pace with the themes Kaufman developed in his “Synecdoche, New York,” this new Kaufman, a struggling theatre director (Hoffman), try to make a live-wire replica of New York in a warehouse as part of a play. Kaufman’s script should be as easy to watch as always, and, from what the trailers show, the sense of longing and emptiness felt by the characters mixed with the humor Kaufman infuses in his stories should make this film somewhat similar to “Last in Translation.”

The Soloist

Directed by Joe Wright (“Atonement,” “Pride and Prejudice”). “The Soloist” stars Robert Downey, Jr., and Jamie Foxx. It is based on the true story of Nathaniel Ayers (Foxx), a schizophrenic, homeless man and prodigy on the cello and the violin, who is found by an “LA Times” journalist, Steve Lopez (Downey Jr.), who tries to get him back on his feet and on stage. As much as about Lopez as it is Ayers, the film illustrates what you can do if you stop being a disinterested observer and become a friend.

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Revolutionary Road

Revolutionary Road: Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet reunite on screen for the first time since “Titanic.” Directed by Sam Mendes (“American Beauty”), “Revolutionary Road” is the story of a young married couple living in an age of conformity who seek a means of breaking free from the numbing of their existence. What we should expect is a film that is ripe with drama and is as full of outstanding performances. Let’s face it, when you bring together arguably the two best young actors of their generation and give them great source material under the supervision of a stellar director, Oscar are a given.
The Lucky Ones

"The Lucky Ones" is this year's blockbuster. Filmmakers have already attempted to handle the subject with limited success. Films such as "In the Valley of Elah" and "21 Grams" have, at best, "spiced up" what- ever their merits may have been, come and gone with little uptake. "The Lucky Ones," starring Tim Robbins, Rachel McAdams and Michael Peña, tells the story of three wounded soldiers and reconciling with their experience if it takes care not to cross the line of melodrama the movie has the potential to be compelling, but that is yet to be seen.

The Duchess

Kiera Knightley takes on a challenging new role as a gutsy female forced to deal with a man's world and look for love in a period piece. Alright, it might not be that "off the beaten path" film we've been waiting for Knightley to make, but this is a role she knows how to pull off. Plus, with Ralph Fiennes as her leading man, be ready for some enticing battles of the sex.

Some have complained that it is "much ado about nothing," but who can really resist Knightley in a corset, even if she is just rejuvenating her old looks?

The Changing

Angeles join, John Malkovich and Amy Ryan star in this Clint Eastwood-directed thriller set in 1920s Los Angeles. Based on a true story of kidnapping and police corruption, it has won massive critical accolades at film festivals. The pedigree of "The Changing" is unveiled among fall releases, and Eastwood has been on a directional hot streak since 2003's "Mythic River." While the dark tone may throw some potential viewers, anyone looking for a nuanced period piece filled with political undertones will likely be pleased.

Quantum of Solace

"Quantum of Solace" continues the adventures of the latest James Bond, Daniel Craig. Betrayed by his lover Vespa in "Casino Royale," D.O.T. fights to uncover the truth. Bond and M (Judi Dench) interrogate Mr. White, uncovering that the organization that blackmailed Vespa is far more dangerous than previously imagined. In this film, Bond has a beautiful and fastly new love interest, Camille (Olga Kurylenko) who has her own agenda. Expect more action, violence, sensually and fun as Bond travels the country searching for the truth. He must navigate his way around the CIA, remnants and MI to stop the organization responsible for the betrayal of Vespa. But this time around, things are personal.

The Road

At this year's Academy Awards, "No Country for Old Men," an adaptation of a Cormac McCarthy novel, won the award for Best Picture. Next year, a different McCarthy novel, 2006's "The Road," is hitting the big screen. Viggo Mortensen stars as an inexperienced man who, with his son, spends several months traveling through part of a desolate, post-apocalyptic America. An unremarked disaster has left the landscape raveled and a wounded humanity desperate to survive. The film will also star Charlie Tahan, Robert Duvall and Guy Pearce ("Memento").

Australia

Director Baz Luhrmann, of glossy films such as "Moulin Rouge" and "Romeo + Juliet," tries his hand at a classic sweeping epic with "Australia." Starring Nicole Kidman, who is looking for the win her last few films have not provided, and Hugh Jackman, hoping to pull off his first major lead role, there is some definite motivation among all those involved to make this film succeed. The film will be undeniably beautiful and the romantic story has the potential to be captivating, but recent films that have tried to reach epic status, such as "Troy," "Apocalypse," and "Kingdom of Heaven," have failed to do so. Hopefully "Australia" can succeed where they have not.

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

This film is adapted from F. Scott Fitzgerald's short story about Benjamin Button (Brad Pitt), a man who is born in his eighties and ages backwards, while everyone around him still grows old. The tagline of the film, "I was born under unusual circumstances," certainly rings true. We follow his odd story, from the end of World War I in 1918 New Orleans into the 21st century. The life of Benjamin Button is one of a unique man and the people, place, love and sadness he discovers along his journey. The film also stars Cate Blanchett and Tilda Swinton.

Gran Torino

Clint Eastwood's second film in 2008 as a director is also the first he has acted in since 2004's "Million Dollar Baby." While not quite as high profile as his other releases this year ("The Changeling"), the buddy drama still has critics buzzing. Starring Eastwood as the owner of the Tulip Ford, he attempts to connect with the immigrant teen who steals it. Though it still doesn't have a firm release date, the tightly-wrapped-up film — no trailer has been released — could be a sleeper hit.

Other films to catch....

Happy-Go-Lucky - 9/27
Rachel Getting Married - 10/3
Flash of Genius - 10/3
Body of Lies - 10/10
W. - 10/17

Slumdog Millionaire - 11/19
Defiance - 12/12
Seven Pounds - 12/19
Frost/Nixon - 12/26
Valkyrie - 12/26
Raptors blowout Cavaliers in preseason opener

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James spent a rare night relaxing on the bench, as the Cavs prepared for the start of the regular season. But he took time to acknowledge the importance of his new teammate, Kevin Love, before leading his new Cleveland team to a 114-86 rout of the visiting Cleveland Cavaliers on Tuesday night.

"It’s great to see," said Williams, who has been studying hard to prepare for his debut with the Cavs. "I think we can do some big things this year.

Brown has tried to cut James’ minutes down in the preseason, but he did not take that into account when he made his decision to play Love. He said he wanted to give Love a chance to get into the flow of the game.

Andrea Bargnani, who returned from an injury to his right knee, and Kris Humphries scored 20 points each for the Wizards, who outscored the Cavaliers 44-23 in the second quarter.

Cavaliers guard Jason Kapono, right, drives past Cleveland Cavaliers guard Mo Williams, left, during their game in Cleveland Tuesday. The Wizards won 104-84.

"It's a relief to be able to play together," Williams said. "We’ve been waiting for this moment to come true."
NCAA Women's Volleyball
AVCA Top 25

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Jazz dance on L.A. in opener

Luke Walton brings 34-year-old stalker to court

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. — A woman has been charged with stalking Los Angeles Lakers forward Luke Walton.

Stacy Elizabeth Beshear of El Segundo was arrested Sept. 18 after she pulled up to his car and pretended to fire gunshots at him with her hand, police Sgt. Steve Tobias said.

The 34-year-old Beshear has pleaded not guilty to a misdemeanor count of stalking. A Nov. 6 trial date has been set in the case. She faces up to a year in county jail if convicted, district attorney spokeswoman Jane Robinson said Tuesday.

A phone number for Beshear was not in service.

Walton said Beshear has been harassing him since late last year. He told the Orange County Register she waited outside his Manhattan Beach home numerous times and wrote on his car with a marker after he refused to sign an autograph.

Indiana State University coach Segundo was arrested after she pulled up to his car and wrote on his car with a marker after he refused to sign an autograph.

Utah guard Ronnie Brewer, right, goes up for a lay-up against Los Angeles' Paul Gasol during the Jazz's 99-90 win in their preseason opener. Brewer tied Paul Millsap for a team-high 13 points in the game.

Buffaloes' Hawkins signs contract extension

BOULDER, Colo. — Colorado coach Dan Hawkins and the university agreed to a contract extension that could keep him with the Buffaloes through 2012.

The new contract was announced Tuesday and said he is enjoying his time in Boulder.

"I'm enjoying it," he said. "I'm happy now that I have more time." Hawkins said the kickoff event of the Macy's Christmas tree lighting. "I've actually enjoyed myself immensely." Hawkins, honorary chair of this year's lighting, did not talk to reporters and left quickly after giving a brief speech during the 30-minute ceremony. Lights adorning the large tree in Union Square are sold to benefit the UCSF Children's Hospital palliative care program, and nearly $700,000 has been raised during the past five years.

Bonds enjoys times away from the ball field

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds made a rare public appearance Tuesday and said he is enjoying life away from baseball.

"I'm happy now that I have more time," Bonds told the crowd at the kick off event of the Macy's Christmas tree lighting. "I've actually enjoyed myself immensely." Bonds, honorary chair of this year's lighting, did not talk to reporters and left quickly after giving a brief speech during the 30-minute ceremony. Lights adorning the large tree in Union Square are sold to benefit the UCSF Children's Hospital palliative care program, and nearly $700,000 has been raised during the past five years.

Bonds was questioned by a young patient about potentially returning to baseball.

"I had fun," Bonds said. "But I like my freedom."
**NBA**

**Baylor out as Clipper VP**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Elgin Baylor is out as vice president of basketball operations with the Los Angeles Clippers, and coach Mike Dunleavy will assume his responsibilities as general manager.

Dunleavy said Baylor had decided to resign after spending 22 years as an executive with the team.

"We greatly appreciate Elgin’s efforts during his time with the Clippers, and we wish him the very best," Clippers owner and chairman of the board Donald T. Sterling said in a statement issued Tuesday.

The 74-year-old Baylor became vice president of basketball operations with the Clippers in 1986 after an outstanding 14-year playing career with the Lakers and a brief stint as coach of the New Orleans Jazz.

He was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1976, chosen as one of the NBA’s 50 greatest players during the league’s 50th anniversary celebration in 1997, and named the NBA executive of the year following the 2005-06 season.

The Clippers have been one of the NBA’s least successful franchises over the years, but they beat Denver in the first round of the playoffs following the 2005-06 season and extended the Phoenix Suns to a seventh game in the second round before being eliminated.

The Clippers also announced that Neil Oshey, the team’s director of player personnel, will be elevated to the position of assistant general manager.

"To Mike and Neil, we’re fortunate to already have talented people in place to make this transition a seamless one," Clippers president Andy Roeser said. "Going forward, we have high expectations for our team. From a basketball standpoint, these are the people we’re counting on to make those expectations a reality."

Dunleavy, about to start his sixth season as coach of the Clippers, has manned dual roles before; he was the coach and vice president of basketball operations with the Milwaukee Bucks from 1992-96.

"About a week or 10 days ago, I was approached by the team about being named the general manager," Dunleavy told The Associated Press. "The sense was there was a chance that Elgin might resign. Basically, they were trying to figure it out as soon as possible. They had until Monday to make a decision on it."

"Today, Andy Roeser came to me and said they were going to go forward with this. That Elgin had resigned, and they were going to name me the general manager and Neil Oshey the assistant general manager."

Dunleavy said he hadn’t seen Baylor for nearly a month, since the funeral of longtime Clippers physician Dr. Anthony F. Daly, who died Sept. 5.

"I enjoyed my time working with Elgin, it was a good working relationship," Dunleavy said. "I wish him all the best. The way we’ve done business the last couple of years, we’ve all worked together to go forward with whatever made the best sense for us, and we’ll continue to move forward."

The Clippers have 10 new players under contract this season, led by Baron Davis, Marcus Camby, Ricky Davis and first-round draft pick Eric Gordon. They will join holdovers Chris Kaman, Cuttino Mobley and Al Thornton.

"I think we’ve got a really good group and they’ll play well together," said Dunleavy, whose team was hatched by numerous injuries last season, finishing with a 23-59 record. Elton Brand later signed with the Philadelphia 76ers as a free agent, and Corey Maggette joined the Golden State Warriors.

The Clippers were eliminated from playoff contention on the final day of the 2006-07 season, finishing with a 40-42 record.

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Cycling threatened by latest doping allegations

IOC vice president worries that continuous doping violations could jeopardize future credibility of sport

LONDON — The future of men's road cycling in the Olympics could be threatened unless the sport cleans up its doping record.

Thomas Bach, vice president of the International Olympic Committee, said Tuesday that the latest Tour de France doping revelations have further damaged the sport's credibility and called its Olympic status into question.

"If the entire sport doesn't pull together to improve the situation, 'then you have to consider giving men's road cycling a pause' from Olympic participation," Bach told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

The head of world cycling called Bach's suggestion "completely unacceptable" and said the sport was weeding out the drug cheats.

Anti-doping and cycling officials said Monday that Leonardo Piepoli of Italy and Stefan Schumacher of Germany had tested positive during this year's Tour de France for CERA, an advanced version of the blood booster EPO. Italian cyclist Riccardo Ricco previously admitted to CERA use.

"This is a hard blow for the credibility of men's road cycling," Bach said. "Obviously, the riders have not changed their mentality. They had a chance to do so, but they did not and this makes it even worse."

The head of the Tour de France on Tuesday hailed a new lab test that has exposed the three riders.

"It's very good. It allows us to confound the cheats," Christian Prudhomme told the AP. "What's being done at the Tour de France has never existed in the world of sport, in no competition."

Prudhomme said it took more than two months for the positive tests to emerge. While blood samples from riders were taken during the race, testing them for CERA was not yet authorized.

In another development, Luxembourg's anti-doping agency expanded an investigation against cyclist Frank Schleck, who wore the yellow jersey for three days during the Tour and was suspended by his team last week.

Schleck said he transferred money to a Swiss bank account held by a Spanish doctor at the heart of a major doping scandal. Schleck denied direct contact with the doctor and reiterated he never engaged in doping.

Bach, a German lawyer, said the international cycling union, or UCI, had begun effective anti-doping programs but blamed the sport's riders, race organizers, team owners and sponsors.

"I hope that now these stakeholders realize that they have to join this program and work seamlessly together," he said. "They have to react. The credibility of men's road race cycling is at stake."

Bach said the sport should be given more time and did not face any immediate sanctions. "I am confident that UCI will react and will call upon the other stakeholders to join and to work hand in hand," he said. "They have made an effort, but it's not enough if you have no real collaboration and cooperation. The UCI has to be the leader."

UCI president Pat McQuaid reacted strongly to Bach's comments. "It is completely unacceptable for Thomas Bach to be saying this," he told the AP. "I don't like talking about other sports, but there are other sports with persistent problems. Instead of firing guns at cycling he should fire guns equally at them as well."
**TENNIS**

**Venus upset in opening round**

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Venus Williams was beaten in the opening round for the second time in 12 tournaments this season, losing 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 to Flavia Pennetta of Italy at the Kremlin Cup on Tuesday.

The Wimbledon champion, who also lost in the first round at Memphis in March, dropped to 1-3 against Pennetta.

"I totally came here because I love winning," the eighth-ranked American said. "I have never won this title, but I just had a day where I could not control my game. She played well."

Svetlana Kuznetsova and Vera Zvonareva, two seeded Russians who have never reached the final of their home event, won their first-round matches.

On the men's side, where Russians have won nine of the last 13 Cups, the winners included two-time defending champion Nikolay Davydenko and Marat Safin, runner-up-to Davydenko in 2006.

Pennetta and the sixth-seeded Williams traded breaks in the first set before the Italian broke decisively on her third chance in the ninth game with a lob.

Williams broke twice in the second set, but dropped serve in the first game of the third and never recovered.

"I think the match was very tough," said Pennetta, a two-time winner on tour this year. "Venus is always a tough opponent. Today, I was playing my best tennis. My service was working very well. I am very happy with the match."

Davydenko beat Florent Serra of France 6-1, 7-5, and seventh-seeded Safin struggled past Israeli qualifier Nosheen 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-4 to begin his 12th attempt to win the hometown event. Davydenko, who also won the title in 2004, improved to 16-2 in Moscow.

"I would like to defend my title here, but as usual I'm my worst enemy," he said.

Robby Ginepri of the United States beat Jiri Vanek of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-4 and eighth-seeded Janko Tipuric of Serbia held off Russian qualifier Alexander Kudryavtsev 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (6). Former U.S. Open champion Kuznetsova earned a 6-4, 7-5 victory over Li Na of China, who ended Serena Williams' reign as No. 1 last week in Stuttgart.

"I know many serious opponents this season and to win in two sets, I think, it's not a bad start to the tournament," Kuznetsova said. Ranked No. 7, she has lost all seven of her WTA Tour finals this season.

Seventh-seeded Zvonareva ousted Maria Kirilenko 6-4, 6-4 and Ekaterina Makarova beat Elena Vesnina 7-6 (4), 7-6 (1) in all-Russian matches.

In another men's match, Uzbek qualifier Denis Istomin upset sixth-seeded Michael Llodra 7-6 (2), 6-3 in only his second ATP match. The 121st-ranked Istomin will face French veteran Fabrice Santoro in the second round.

**NFL**

**Bengals' Blackstock suspended four games**

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The NFL suspended Cincinnati Bengals reserve linebacker Darryl Blackstock for the next four games on Tuesday because he used a per­formance-enhancing substance.

The Bengals signed Blackstock as a free agent from Arizona in the offsea­son. He has played in all five games, including one start, and has four tackles. The fourth-year veteran said in a statement that one of his nutritional supplements contained an ingredient banned by the league.

"I've apologized to my coaches and teammates for an unfortunate mistake," Darryl Blackstock

Bengals linebacker

Bengals' Blackstock suspended four games

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NASCAR

Nascar to use softer tires

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Goodyear may have an answer for one of Indianapolis Motor Speedway’s toughest challenges: softer tires.

As drivers took a break during Tuesday’s latest testing session at the speedway, NASCAR and Goodyear officials explained they had seen dramatic improvement in tire wear, prompting optimism they could avoid a repeat of the Allstate 400 debacle in July.

“We’re not all the way there, but we’re pretty close to it,” said Robin Pemberton, NASCAR vice president of competition. “We were in about an eight or nine-lap window before (during testing), and that got up to 10, and now we’re in the mid-20 range. So it’s improved 200 percent already. We walked the track last night, and the track was taking on rubber, so that’s a good sign.”

Things got even better after Pemberton’s midday news conference.

Speedway officials said one driver made a 33-lap run on the tires and another put in a full fuel run, generally 35 to 40 laps on Indy’s 2.5-mile oval, before it started raining Tuesday afternoon.

It was the second Goodyear session at Indy since NASCAR officials were forced in July to turn one of the series’ signature races into a series of 10- to 12-lap sprints because of tire wear. NASCAR officials even apologized to fans for the havoc.

Kyle Petty was the only driver on the track two weeks ago. The latest testing session comes in the midst of more tire questions for Goodyear.

Sunday’s race at Talladega was marred by four tire failures and a fifth occurrence during practice. One of the failures sent Denny Hamlin, who drives for Joe Gibbs Racing, hard into the wall. He was hospitalized overnight before being released Monday. Hamlin is one of 12 drivers in the Chase for the Cup.

Stu Grant, general manager of worldwide racing for Goodyear, said early assessments indicated all of the tires at Talladega were punctured, though they are still undergoing analysis, and Pemberton believes the problem had to more do with debris than tires.

“At Talladega, we went clean, then we had a few tires that lost air for a while and tire wear. NASCAR officials explained that finding the right combination will always be a work in progress.

The problems at Talladega caused yet another image problem for Goodyear, the sole supplier of tires for NASCAR’s three series, after the disastrous race in July when NASCAR officials continually called competition cautions.

The longest stretch of green-flag racing lasted just 13 laps, and points leader Jimmie Johnson won the race in a seven-lap sprint to the finish. It was the second-slowest race in NASCAR’s 15-year history at Indy.

Drivers were disgusted with the tire problems as dust particles constantly flew around the track surface and into the stands. Some complained afterward that Goodyear needed to look seriously at improving the tires because they had been having trouble with them for several years at the speedway.

Grant seemed to acknowledge this much Tuesday when he said testing in 2005 and 2006 also showed tires were wearing out after about 10 laps.

The difference this time was that on race day, the rubber never stuck to the track as it had in the past. Some wondered whether the cars contributed to the problem since it was the first race at Indy with the Car of Tomorrow.

Grant said studies showed the cars do have heavier loads and more slippage than previous years, and Pemberton explained that finding the right combination will always be a work in progress.

CATHOLIC VOTERS

AND THE 2008 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

A DISCUSSION FEATURING

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Interhall

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Howard 26, McGlinn 19

Howard put itself in prime position for a playoff spot with a 26-19 victory over McGlinn on Tuesday night.

The Shamrocks (3-2) burst out of the gates as quarter­back Sarah deGroot connected with Kayla Bishop on a fade route from 15 yards. On the resulting series, the Ducks entered the second with a pair of scores and 13-7 lead.

Bishop was especially happy with the reception which triggered a touchdown pass, knowing the game at seven.

Throughout the game, both teams relied heavily on their aerial attacks to move the ball. Bishop was especially happy with her receivers who were consistently able to make the crucial catches.

"Our offense definitely did a good job executing," she said. "Our receivers did a really good job of taking our rushing attacks and catching them."

As the first half came to a close, the score was 13-7. The Shamrocks were connected with Kristin Jercimsek for a 55-yard touchdown. The PAT was unsuccessful, setting the score at 13-7 at halftime.

Howard’s first drive after the break, deGroot and Stanley didn’t wait long to connect yet again, this time for a 80-yard grab by Stanley to the game at 13-7.

Coach Kyle Carter was blown away by Stanley’s talents.

"She’s got the best hands of any girl I’ve seen out here," he said.

Howard reclaimed the lead on their next drive, as Bishop again found Jeffries for a 20- yard touchdown, and the Ducks led 20-13.

With five minutes to go, Howard was still within striking distance, but Howard’s Laura Griesemer intercepted a tipped ball, and the Ducks put the game out of reach on the following drive with another touchdown.

Carter was especially happy with the Ducks’ performances, which he thinks they can build upon going into the playoffs.

"That’s been our style the entire year," he said. "This is the first of our big games that we didn’t make any mental mistakes.

"Stanley managed to score late but didn’t have the time to muster a second half rally.

Although the Shamrocks moved the ball well in the middle of the field throughout the game, they struggled in the red zone, as Howard’s Coach Keith Crasy knows will need to be addressed for the playoffs.

"That’s been our struggle all year long," he said. "That’s going to be our main focus in practice and win getting ready for the playoffs.

Pasquerilla West 8, Lyons 0

With the rain pouring down, a first half touchdown catch by receiver Alyssa Moya proved to be the difference as Pasquerilla West clinched a playoff spot with an 8-0 win over Lyons.

PW appeared better prepared than Lyons (3-2) for the rainy conditions, incorporating an effective man-to-man defense with much blitzing, which led to three key interceptions.

Although they ran only a few plays, Head Coach Jeffries described the offensive line as a "highly contagious group of people" who didn’t allow any points against the Fishers defense.

A make-up date for the game had not yet been determined, but Clark said Oct. 29 and Nov. 2 were two possibilities. The first round of the Big East tournament is scheduled to begin Nov. 3.

"There’s a couple of possibilities, but a few things still need to be worked out," Clark said.

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Saint Mary's showed some potential in the latter part of the season, with a plus-18 in the MIAA-Powerhouse Invitational last week. On the back of a third-place finish for the Irish 'B' team, Notre Dame head coach Jim Kubinski is not worrying his young team. "We need to give them a little time for the young players to learn on the job and grow," Kubinski said. "My job will be to build their confidence. They have a great deal of physical talent. They just need to realize and believe it. That takes time. While it's fall or spring, this team will begin to show its talent level at some point this year. I'm very confident in that"

Junior Doug Fortner, coming off a stellar 69 at the Missouri Valley Conference Invitational last week, led the Notre Dame effort with a plus-15 225 (75-76-74). His score was good enough to tie for 34th overall. Fortner tallied nine birdies against eighteen bogeys and two double bogeys, an inconsistent performance in stark contrast to the mostly shining play that has marked his season.

"Doug is really rounding into form," Kubinski said. "He gave us an outstanding effort at Poppy Hills last week and is really becoming a top player nationally."

Sophomore Jeff Chen trailed his teammate by a stroke, finishing 39th with a 16-over 226 (78-73-76). Fellow sophomore Tom Usher carded a plus-22 232 (73-79-78) to finish in 46th place overall, while freshman Sam Scodero rebounded after a first-round 84 to finish in 78th place with a 239 (84-77-78). Sophomore Dustin Wang rounded out the 'A' squad with a 240 (78-81-81), slipping to 80th.

For the Irish 'B' team, English import and freshman Tom Usher carded a respectable 16-over 226 (74-74-78) to tie Chen in finishing 49th overall. Junior Carlos Santos-Ocampo turned in a 20-over 230 (78-72-76-78), while junior Olavo Batista shot a plus-22 232 (73-79-80) to finish 62nd.

"To be successful, we'll just need a little time for the young players to learn on the job and grow." Jim Kubinski Irish coach
**Men's Soccer**

**Getting back on track**

Clark's team has lost back-to-back contests for the first since 2001

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

The No. 14 Irish return home tonight to host Michigan State, looking to snap a two-game losing streak — something Notre Dame (6-3-1, 3-1-1 Big East) hasn't had to do in seven years. Not since consecutive losses to No. 5 Furman and No. 16 Clemson at the U-Mbrow/Furman Invitational on Sept. 7-9, 2001, had the Irish lost back-to-back regular season games. Notre Dame fell 2-1 in overtime at No. 7 Louisville on Sept. 28 and 3-1 against Michigan in Ypsilanti, Mich., on Oct. 1.

"Considering we schedule we play, it's surprising it's been

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**Interhall Football**

Pyros come up just short of first win against the Chaos

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

After a game of tough defensive football, Cavaughn and Pasquerilla East ended up just where they started — all tied up.

Cavaughn (2-1-2) opened the scoring in the first half as captain and quarterback Katie Dunn completed three passes on route to a 7-yard touchdown scramble. Pasquerilla East (0-4-1) responded with a methodical touchdown drive led by quarterback Caitlyn Lynch that included a key fourth down conversion around midfield.

"All they could do was throw little shovel passes," Dunn said. "We'll give that to them all day.

A failed 2-point conversion by the Pyros left the score at 6-6 as the game headed into halftime after a final Cavaughn drive to end the half.

An uneventful second half came to an end as Cavaughn turned the ball over at the 8-yard line with eight seconds remaining.

"We tried to put in a couple of new plays before the game, but they just didn't work out," Dunn said.

PE was happy with its strong defensive showing in its first non-loss of the season.

The defense stepped up tonight and made some key stops," Pyros captain Tara Pillai said. "It was great to hold them to six points.

"We're going to take one game at a time and next up is the position games on Sunday to decide the four teams that go to the playoffs," Dunn said.

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**Men's Golf**

Irish finish in last at home

Teams shows youth at Gridiron Classic

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Youthful determination and home-field advantage won enough for the Irish this weekend.

Notre Dame's two squads finished at the bottom of the standings of the third annual Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic at the University's Warren Golf Course.

No. 4 Arkansas claimed first place with a 23-over 863, while Michigan State senior Randy Hutchinson took home the median score with an even-par 73.

The Irish 'A' squad finished in fifteenth place with a 71-

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**SMC Soccer**

Belles stay winless in MIAA against Adrian

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's dropped their fifth straight game Tuesday with a 1-0 defeat at the hands of conference foe Adrian.

The Bulldogs' stifling defense held the Belles to only two shots throughout the entire game compared with 10 of their own.

Adrian received all the offense it would need early in the game netting the lone goal in the sixth minute. Junior goalkeeper Patti Duffy tried to keep the Belles in the game recording three saves to maintain the one goal deficit.

However, the Belles just couldn't find their offense in time to spark a comeback.

Belles' senior Lauren Hilton, the leading scorer on the season with four goals, and junior Bridgettonionay recorded the only shots of the game.

Despite the losing streak, the Belles are not outmatched by any means. In the past five games, the Belles have suffered four one-goal losses, one coming in double-overtime.

This loss drops Saint Mary's to 1-6-0 on the season and 0-3 in MIAA conference play.

The Belles will look to break through and notch a conference win when they return home to face Calvin on Saturday. The game is scheduled to kick-off at 12 p.m. at Saint Mary's.

No members of the team were available for comment.

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**Hockey**

Irish lose Phillips for season

Observer Staff Report

No. 3 Notre Dame found out earlier this week that they would be without the services of sophomore goalie Brad Phillips this season.

Phillips played five games last season backing up starter Jordan Pearce and was expected to play a similar role in the 2008-09 campaign. The highly recruited sophomore finished his freshman campaign with a 1.53 goals against average.

Head coach Jeff Jackson said Phillips injured himself during pre-camp training two weeks ago and his status was not certain until an MRI earlier this week.

Pearce will be backed up by junior Tom O'Shea.

"I have confidence in Tom," Jackson said. "He's been waiting for this kind of opportunity."