Debaters weigh in on candidate performance

By KRISTIN DOLD
News Writer

After Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama faced off in their third and final debate, the Notre Dame Debate Team had its own debate — about the Republican and Democratic candidates’ performances.

Students assembled in the Coleman-Morse Lounge Wednesday night to watch debate and listen to analysis by the Notre Dame Debate Team.

Members of the debate team had a mixed reaction to the candidates’ performances. Although they all agreed that the debate had not altered the course of the campaign, "Because he is behind, McCain had to come in tonight with a knockout punch, and he didn’t," Debate Team president Henry Chan said.

Dr. Susan Ohmner, a Film, Television and Theatre professor, moderated the debate team. "McCain did a better job than he has in the past two debates," she said. "However, Obama appeared cool and level-headed compared to some of McCain’s snarky tactics."

Tom Foote, a member of the debate team, referenced Joe the Plumber, a man, perhaps real, perhaps symbolic, whose name was repeatedly mentioned by both candidates. "I don’t know if Joe the Plumber exists, but if he does, Obama did a good job articulating how his policies will affect him," Foote said.

Junior Elyse Hoffman explained why McCain would try to show Americans how eloquent Obama is as a speaker in order to make them rethink his words. "A big part of this is speaking pretty; however, the majority of Americans don’t realize that," she said.

The final debate, held at 9 p.m. Tuesday, was the Matt Damon debate. Damon played John McCain in this year’s movie "The Company Men." The debate did not alter the course of the campaign.

Saint Mary’s political clubs anticipate election

Dems say club is ‘fired up’ for the Obama-Biden ticket

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

For many students, this is the first election they are voting in, and the only election that will be held during their four years of college. For the Saint Mary’s College Democrats, this is prime time.

College Democrats president Blaine Nolan said the club is fired up about the election, especially after the recent vice presidential debate.

"The girls are so excited about the debates. Even girls who aren’t so active in the club are talking about the debates and loving every minute of them," she said.

The debate has brought a lot of discussion to the table because of the way it played out. "Our membership has almost doubled this year as compared to the past," she said. "The interest level is very high. I get daily e-mails about girls wanting to get involved in many different aspects of the club."

The club has been active in the "Super Tuesday" events on campus and is trying to get the word out that voting, no matter who one votes for, is important.

Numbers attending Rep meetings increases exponentially

By KATIE KOTARAK
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This year, the group has nearly 30 members and 30 attend meetings regularly. Last year, honestly, we had between 2-5 girls at meetings... it was pretty sad," she said.

The increase in the number of girls who attend meetings makes for good discussion, Horvath said.

Club member Kara Rusnak said she is happy with the way meetings have been going so far.

"I enjoy the meetings because a lot of different perspectives are expressed," Rusnak said.

Due to this year’s presidential campaign, interest and participation have increased, allowing the group to plan more events involving campus Republicans, Horvath said.

"The club organized events to watch the Republican National Convention as well as the debates,"

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Group promotes body love

Through yoga, dance and talks, Feminist Voice builds confidence

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

On a rainy Wednesday afternoon, some students were working out in the Coleman-Morse lounge. Some students were doing Downward-Facing Dog.

Stretched out on mats, light music playing in the background, 15 women and two men followed the directions of a FreeSports yoga instructor, raising their shoulders off the mat to do the Cobra Pose and expelling tension from their muscles.

The free yoga session was held in the lounge as part of the Feminist Voice’s promotion of body love.

"The body is a vessel and is meant for love," said the instructor of the event.

The yoga session was followed by a yoga-inspired, silent dance and a roundtable discussion by the Feminist Voice leadership.

"We are a club open to anyone who loves Feminist Voice and wants to see women’s voices and bodies celebrated," said the Feminist Voice leadership.

The club meets twice a month, on the first and third Thursday of the month. The club is open to anyone who wants to join.

Saint Mary’s Board of Governance failed to approve budget with stipend

By LIZ HARTER and ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writers

For the second week in a row, Saint Mary’s Board of Governance (BOG) failed to approve the Student Government Association (SGA) budget with the necessary two-thirds majority at their weekly meeting Wednesday night.

The budget, which failed to pass in a 14-11 vote, had been revised after last week’s meeting. The original budget included a $25,000 stipend for the Executive Board consisting of student body president Mickey Grushinski, student body vice president Sarah Falvey, executive treasurer Mo Weaver, Student Activities Board coordinator Michele Peterson, Student Diversity Board president Adriana Rodriguez, Residence Hall Association president Maura Clougherty and executive secretary Jenny Hoffman, who has previously written for The Observer.

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INSIDE COLUMN

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I’m still waiting for a definite sign. I’ve thought in passing about writing in an outsider for president: Rand Paul and Jill Stein, obviously, were my first choices. But what about others who have previous experience as a world leader, even if they did so in a fictional setting? Here are my favorite fictional president-world leaders who I think would do an admirable job leading our country through its current mess:

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Howard Shephard, “The American President”
He’s popular, he’s smart and he’s a good-looking single father. He realizes the country needs to reduce fossil fuels and get guns off the streets. But he’s human — he fails in love and acts on his impulses with Sydney Ellen Wade. And any guy who has the resources he does likes White House, Camp David, etc. and uses them to full effect gets points in my book.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is the most important issue to you in the election?

Alice Harada
Freshman Badin

"Human rights and the energy crisis."

Andrew Clark
Sophomore Alumni

"Tax policy."

Chrisandra Downer
Junior Badin

"The health care crisis and abundance of uninsured citizens."

Joe Cannova
Freshman Dillon

"The energy crisis needs to be solved. More resources need to be put toward clean energy."

Mary Goodwin
Freshman Badin

"We need to fix both the economy and our dependence on foreign energy sources."

OFFBEAT

Suit against God thrown out over lack of address.

LINCOLN, Neb. — A judge has thrown out a Nebraska legislator’s lawsuit against God, saying the Almighty wasn’t properly served due to his unlimited home address. State Sen. Ernie Chambers filed the lawsuit last year seeking a permanent injunc­tion against God. He said God has made terrorist threats against the senator and his con­stituents in Omaha, inspired fear and caused “widespread death, destruction and terrorization of millions upon millions of the Earth’s inhabitants.”

Chambers has said he filed the lawsuit to make it clear that everyone should have access to the courts regardless of whether they are rich or poor.

On Tuesday, however, Douglas County District Court Judge Marlan Polk ruled that under state law a plaintiff must have access to the defendant, a point that everyone agreed moved forward.

Dozens get gas for 35 cents after a mistake.

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. — Sure, gas prices have come down lately. But to 34.9 cents a gallon? That’s what Kelly Joosten and dozens of other motorists paid at a Citgo station Monday. The sign advertised $3.42 for a gallon of premium fuel, but the pump cost read $0.349 a gallon.

"That was amazing," said Joosten, who normally spends about $100 to fill up her 1998 Ford Expedition. Joosten proudly showed her off receipt for 25.36 gallons at $8.85. She said she saw other motorists fill­ing gas cans, too, at the dis­counted price.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The film "Tell No One" will be played at 6:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

A discussion entitled "Mod Bod: Using Bodies to Sell" will take place today at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo 131 as part of "Love Your Body Week" will take a look at America’s Next Top Model and the use of bodies in modeling. There will be a reception with refreshments following the discussion.

The Class of 2009 is sponsor­ing a lecture today at 7 p.m. called "Dispelling Myths About Haiti; AIDS, Vodou, etc." Professor Karen Richman in the Institute of Latino Studies and senior Ornman Rowman will present in McKenna Hall.

The Kran Institute for International Peace will host a lecture entitled "Seeking Sanctuary—Lessons from Zones of Peace" today at 12:30 p.m. The lecture will feature Charles Mitchell, professor emeritus from George Mason University and Landon Hietacuk, professor from Kent University.

South Bend Symphony Orchestra will present "Classic Baroque" at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Leighton Center. Bell will perform at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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Site offers opinions, reviews on top colleges

Unigo.com serves as electronic guide for prospective students, gives tips on application process

By ELLYN MICHALAK

New electronic college guidebook Unigo.com offers more than just grades, and it's on a particular university — it offers students unceremonious opinions through an interactive and multi-dimensional Web site.

Unigo.com is a free online guide to 267 of North America's top colleges for prospective students. Current students create the reviews so that prospective students are able to get an unbiased opinion of the school.

The site includes original articles from students and recent graduates, profiles of a particular college, an "Intelligent Calendar," and students through the search and application process and "Unigo Guides" to help students find the colleges that are right for them.

"The college resource market is typified by costly print guides which generally have only a few pages of information, no photos, no interactivity and little insight from the real experts — the students who attend the schools," said Jordan Sica, founder and CEO of the New York-based start-up in a 2008 press release.

Goldman graduated from Wesleyan in 2000 with the idea to start an online student-produced college guidebook. After he e-mailed over 500 people in the Wesleyan database with his plan, Goldman finally received a reply from Frank Sica, a former president of Wesleyan's Funding and Management. The two met, and Sica served as Unigo.com's lead investor.

Goldman's company has grown exponentially in the past year — he has a Park Avenue office and 25 employees to work under him. During the past year, 18 full-time editors have done 3,600 on-campus internships and more than 15,000 students collaborate to create Unigo.com. Last year, Unigo began to collect information that isn't available on each campus. Each Unigo managing editor was in charge of finding student liaisons on about 10 college campuses. One managing editor, Dan Mesure, sent an e-mail to Notre Dame's English department last spring looking for interns. Junior Lindsay Sena applied and now serves as the Unigo intern for Notre Dame.

"The main reason that I decided to work for Unigo is that I love Notre Dame," Sena said. "Far better or worse, I think high school students deserve to learn what Notre Dame is really like. They should also learn that we aren't perfect."

Since February 2007, Sena has collected student reviews from Notre Dame students and taken photos for Web site. Unigo even provided 100 of its interns with flip video cameras to include footage of campus nationwide on the site. One video Sena created was an "unofficial" campus tour. A Notre Dame dance team guide, junior Kim Fitzgibbon, showed notable spots on Our Lady's campus as a real tour guide would. Sena gave the real dirt on each campus hot spot.

Within the video — which was shown at the conference last spring — Sica said, "Our goal is to get the content and make the content." He noted that editor Nikki Martinez said, "We are not going to be managed to be in control. We want our readers to be the magazine, so we don't censor or edit student surveys."

Martinez also encouraged students to get their personal opinions on the website. "We love all kinds of perspectives and we're aiming to provide a very comprehensive look at Notre Dame," Martinez said. "If you think your perspective is not being heard, this is definitely the platform to do it on."

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STUDENT SENATE

Group passes donations resolution

By JOSEPH MAHON

Annmarie Notley, Editor

Wrapping up some unfinished business, Student Senate passed two resolutions and a constitutional amendment in its final meeting before fall break Wednesday.

The Senate first passed a resolution proposed by Senate Social Concerns Committee chair Michelita Byrne that called for allowing students to make charitable donations to clubs using Dollerom Dollars. The resolution passed by a vote of 26 to 1.

To facilitate this, student government will be forced to purchase credit card swipers, which generally can cost up $3,500. But Byrne said she was exploring purchasing an old swiper from Food Services or the Career Center.

"We're looking into using some money from the student government fund," Byrne said.

Senators then passed a resolution commending the Office of Information Technology (OIT) for its work on the transition to Google Mail from the old WebMail system.

"We're thanking OIT for going through the WebMail transition helping students get some new applications to communicate," Senate Technology Committee chair Devin Fee said.

The resolution passed by a vote of 26 to 1, with Cavanaugh senator Robin Link casting the one dissenting vote.

"These kinds of resolutions are just a waste of time," Link said.

But student body vice president Grant Schmidt said the resolution was a nice way of thanking OIT for their work.

"This is a formal way of appreciating the work they did," Schmidt said.

Senate Academics Committee chair Stephen Mesure said saying the resolution will help strengthen the working relationship between student government and OIT.

"By doing this it encourages [OIT] to keep working with us," said Breidenbach.

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Brenda draws students of campus

By AMANDA GRAY

News Writer

This fall break, Notre Dame students are choosing to spend the map — returning home, visiting friends or going on service projects.

One student returning home is junior Jordan Brown. "I'll enjoy seeing my family, especially my three cats," he said.

Freshman Chris Stare is also going home. "I'm looking to partying with my friends in Milwaukee and seeing some old friends," he said.

Some students, instead of visiting friends, are spending their break with friends at other schools.

"I'm going back to Kentucky to stay with friends at the University of Kentucky," freshman Ross Fiancey said. "I might see my family over the weekend."

Several students will be going on seminars sponsored by the Center for the Global Concerns (CGC), many of which send students to the Appalachian region.

Junior Michelle Peroni will be leaving for Appalachia on Saturday morning. She's excited to be going with some of her friends.

"I've done a couple other trips with the CSC and they've been really amazing experiences," she said.

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"We have been working on making gesticulating a habit so that even though we may be out of the public eye, we will still be able to communicate our ideas and thoughts effectively," said Senator Barack Obama.

The College Democrats have also been campaigning for Obama in order to attract young voters.

Supreme Court nominee Judge John Roberts, who has a strong record of judicial restraint, appeared to be leading the Republicans in the presidential race.

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The man, who the military said was known as Abu Qaswarah, died Oct. 5 during a raid on a building in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul that served as a major "command and control location" for the region. Four other insurgents were killed in the operation, the U.S. said.

The announcement of Abu Qaswarah's death was withheld until Wednesday to allow for positive identification, the military said.

Fighting erupts at Cambodian border

PHNOM PENH - Two Cambodian soldiers were killed by armed civilians in a deadly gunbattle on Wednesday in a disputed section of border territory.

Military officials said the clash erupted when a group of Cambodian soldiers crossed into an area disputed by both Cambodia and Thailand after border officials had ordered residents out of homes and away from disputed territory.

Residents return as fighting erupts

PHNOM PENH - Cambodian officials have allowed residents to return to a disputed section of border territory after a deadly gunbattle.

Resident return as fires rage on Cambodia border

PHNOM PENH - Cambodian authorities have ordered residents to evacuate a section of border territory after fires erupted at the Cambodian border.

Doctors at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center determined she had a fractured pelvis in a fall at her home and will be hospitalized for several days, her spokes­woman said Wednesday.

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Mormon missionaries attacked in Australia

BYU basketball player, 1 other man stabbed

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A BYU basketball player on a Mormon mission and another missionary were attacked and stabbed while returning to their apartment in a suburb of Sydney, Australia.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said Wednesday that Joseph Collinsworth, 19, of Mapleton, Utah, and David Ferguson, 21, of Great Falls, Mont., "suffered multiple non-life threatening stab wounds in an unprovoked assault...."

Collinsworth, a 6-foot-9 forward for church-owned BYU, averaged 3.2 points and 4.8 rebounds and 17.9 minutes in 35 games as a freshman. He is set to go for his two-year mission.

A police spokeswoman, speaking on the policy police condition of anonymity, said that Collinsworth and Ferguson were attacked Tuesday night by three unknown men, who made no demands of the two missionaries.

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**BRIEF**

**Bush: federal intervention is temporary**

ADA, Mich. - President Bush said Wednesday he's against government taking part ownership in private businesses, but that it's necessary this time - for a while. "In the long run it's not good for the country," he said.

Speaking in this traditional election battleground state, Bush said he agreed with critics who said the government owning private enterprises. But he said the administration's bank rescue plan was needed to help the U.S. economy through this economic "we were moved with a plan big enough to make a difference - a plan with features in that will cause investments to be temporary, because I frankly don't want the government become involved in these businesses," he said. "It's not - I don't think it's good for the country.

World stocks drop due to data 1,010 - World stocks fell Wednesday after poor U.S. retail sales data stoked concerns that global efforts to restore confidence in the financial system will not be enough to stave off a deep recession.

Wall Street followed Europe and most Asian stocks in heading lower, as the Dow Jones index of leading U.S. shares was down 325.84 points, or 3.5 percent, at 8,985.15, after U.S. retail sales data raised expectations that the world's largest economy is already in recession or about to move into one.

The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares closed down 314.62 points, or 7.2 percent, at 4,079.59. Germany's DAX ended 157.56 points, or 6.5 percent, lower at 2,486.63, while France's CAC-40 was 249.5 points, or 6.8 percent, down at 3,381.07.

The renewed selling pressure was stoked by a U.S. government report showing that retail sales plunged in September by a monthly 3.2 percent, almost double the 0.7 percent drop analysts had expected.

**Belgium**

**U.S., EU call for summit on banking**

BRUSSELS - The Group of Eight major industrial nations announced Wednesday they will hold a global summit - perhaps as early as November in New York - to forge common action to prevent another economic meltdown.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said all European Union nations backed the proposal of global institutions like the International Monetary Fund and World Bank. He called for a meeting "preferably in New York, where everything started" and said it should lead to "a new capitalism.

Sarkozy said emerging economies such as China, India and others outside the G-8 should also participate because "no one should feel excluded from what we are recycling."

EU leaders meeting in Brussels "all agreed that we don't want the same causes to produce the same effects in future," the French leader said. "We don't want all this to start again; we want lessons to be learned."

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said the meeting would require vision similar to the creation of the United Nations and the Bretton Woods conference that laid out the post-World War II international financial and monetary system.

The G-8 leaders said in a joint statement release by the White House that they were unified in their commitment to change the regulation of the world's financial sector to restore confidence and "remedy deficiencies exposed by the current crisis."

"We are confident that, working together, we will meet the present challenges and return our economies to stability and prosperity," they said.

Brown, a longtime former Treasury chief widely seen as a leader in crafting policies to combat the financial crisis, said he wants a group of super­visors from major nations to monitor the world's 30 largest financial institutions.
Americans worry about visiting Ciudad Juarez

Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas — Mexican officials are trying to make the country safer by allowing visitors to visit Ciudad Juarez, the city in a new billboard calling it "a land of encounters." But on this side of the border, that sounds like a cruel joke.

More than 1,100 people have been killed this year in Juarez, population 1.5 million, in a drug-related bloodbath so staggering that the city has been declared off-limits to U.S. tourists looking to go bar-hopping; El Paso's public hospital is seeing a spillover of the wounded; and residents on the American side are afraid to cross over to visit family, shop or conduct business.

"We all like to make money, but the money I was making isn't worth it," said Fernando Apodaca, who spent at least one day a week working for the past 18 years in Juarez as an auto industry consultant. After his Cadillac Escalade SUV was seized in a carjacking last month, Apodaca wouldn't go over the border again.

"I had a gun to my face. There's no law over there," he said.

Juarez, situated just across the Rio Grande from El Paso, has had more murders this year than New York and Chicago combined. A border official in all of 2007 — and those two cities have seven times the population of Juarez. Last weekend alone, Juarez had 37 killings.

Juarez has always been a rough town, but one where Hispanics, Americans and others could shop and work. Violence began to mount early this year when Mexico's president announced a national offensive against drug lords.

Initially, the bloodshed involved drug cartels fighting each other. Then, military troops, law enforcement agencies and government officials became major targets.

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"Anyone at any time can commit a crime and anyone at any time can become a victim."

While the bloodstream hasn't yet spilled over to the American side, the violence is costing El Paso, a city of about 600,000 where only 17 homicides were reported in 2007.

Dozens of shooting victims, several of them U.S. citizens or legal residents, have been treated at Thelma and Louise General Hospital — the only facility for 250 miles that is equipped to treat such patients — at a cost to local taxpayers of more than $1 million.

The hospital has had several appeals for fear that hit men would realize a victim was still alive and cross the border to finish the job — something that has happened in hospitals on the Mexican side.

Soldiers at the Army's Fort Bliss now outnumbered the border state's 2,500 in 1916. Then, the conflict in El Paso is costing Americans their lives.

"If you go into Mexico and you're not a tourist, you better not go into Juarez," said Roberto Rodriguez, a border crime expert at the University of Texas El Paso.

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Speaker opines on democracy

Former Congresswoman discusses role of women in leadership positions

By ALICIA SMITH

What women contribute to society is incredibly important, Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky said during her lecture on "Empowering Women in Democracies Around the World" at Saint Mary's University of Maryland.

"Why I think it's so important, and basically talk to you about reaching out to women around the world because, we've found at Women's Campaign International that women have to say is incredibly important."

Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky chair Women's Campaign International

The former Democratic candidate for the Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania in 1998. She is the author of four books and a national spokesperson for the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania, her alma mater.

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"I Call You Friends"

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

A Special Silent Retreat Opportunity for Faculty Members

Retreat Director: Fr. Gustavo Gutierrez, O.P.
John Cardinal O'Hara Chair of Theology

Saturday, November 8, 2008
9:00am-5:30pm, followed by dinner
Sponsored by the Institute for Church Life

What is a "Day of Recollection?" It is an opportunity to set some time aside for God. We are all busy! Sometimes in the midst of all our activity, it is good to take an opportunity for some time apart, time for guided prayer and meditation, time with God and one another. The Day is structured around two "conferences" (biblically based reflections) offered by the retreat director, one morning and one afternoon. Each is followed by guided meditative and conversational response for the group, and opportunity for individual prayer and reflection afterward. The day will end with Mass and dinner.

Who is invited? All faculty members interested in deepening their relationship with God. The retreat is in the living tradition of Catholic spirituality. It can be meaningfully experienced from a variety of perspectives, including those with no previous exposure. The only requirement is expected experience with Christian prayer.

For further information and to register: The Day of Recollection is a project of the Institute for Church Life, which assumes all costs. Simply email: cavacini.3@nd.edu.

For more information, please visit our website: http://icl.nd.edu/faculty-retreat.html

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Bus seat belts mandated
New Alabama policy requires safety devices after deaths of 4 students

Associated Press
DEATSVILLE, Ala. — Smaller school buses will have to be equipped with lap-and-shoulder seat belts for the first time under a government rule drafted following the deaths of four Alabama students on a bus that nose-dived off an overpass.

Larger buses also will have higher seat backs under the new policy, which was announced Wednesday. The design change is supposed to keep older, heavier students from being thrown over the seats in a collision.

The seat belts will only have to be installed in new buses weighing 5 tons or less, and the requirement will not take effect until 2011. These smaller school buses are already required to have lap belts, but not the safer, harness-style belts. There is no seat belt requirement for larger buses.

Transportation Secretary Mary Peters said she stopped short of requiring seat belts for larger buses because that could limit the number of children that can squeeze into seats, forcing the children to travel in ways that aren’t as safe as school buses.

School districts sometimes report as many as 30 or 40 younger children to share a bus seat, but if there are only two belts installed per seat, then fewer children can ride that seat.

"We wanted to make sure that any measures we put forth don’t needlessly limit the capacity of the buses and then force that school or that school district to have more children walking, riding with parents, biking, etc.," Peters told The Associated Press in an interview.

At Pine Level Elementary School in Deatsville, about 20 miles north of Montgomery, Gov. Bob Riley and Deputy U.S. Transportation Secretary Thomas Barrett climbed aboard a bus with 12 school-children who have been using the belts in the pilot project.

It was started after four Lee High School teens were killed in Huntsville on Nov. 20, 2006 when their school bus went over a highway overpass rail and plunged into seats, forcing some children from being thrown over the seats in a collision.

"We asked the question at that time — would it have been safer if the students on the Huntsville bus had had seat belts?" Riley said. "We were amazed to find out that no one had considered that." 

A bus driver who has been part of the pilot project, George Cagle, in Huntsville, said keeping children from falling over is his top problem. He said the bus can not start until all are strapped in, but sometimes after he starts driving it’s not long before he hears belts being peeled off.

Jacob Chandler, 12, said he was worried about the belts.

"If you were to flip over in a pond, the little ones might not be able to get out if they might drown," he said.

Another driver adopts a strategy with younger children.

"I give them a little talk. It keeps kids safe," he said. Schools buy about 2,500 of the smaller school buses each year, the Transportation Department said. The buses seat about 16 to 20 students. Larger buses carry more than 80 students.

The Transportation Department estimates it will cost about $6.1 million a year to equip new, smaller buses with the three-point seat belts and higher seat backs, and $3.6 million a year to equip larger, new buses with higher seat backs.

Schools gives schools the option of using federal highway safety funds to help pay for retrofitting buses with seat belts, in addition to other money already available through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Jonathan, Atkins, a spokesman for the Governors Highway Safety Association, objected to the use of additional federal funds for seat belts on school buses.

"Federal highway safety money is very limited and using that money to install seat belts on school buses isn’t supposed, by crash data," Atkins said. "School buses are already an incredibly safe mode of transportation. We are more concerned about the areas surrounding buses and if building a belt would not be forced on this issue."

The new rule also includes a performance standard for existing seat belts on larger buses so that schools that voluntarily add belts will have guidance on what belts are best, Peters said. Problems with the new performance standards may also lower the cost of adding belts, she said.

Beer enthusiasts find God at annual festival

Brewers create drinks with divine inspiration

Associated Press
DENVER — In the beginning there was a long line for judgment. Now there is beer.

Shortly after the doors opened at the Great American Beer Festival, a crowd congregated at the booth offering their drink of choice from The Lost Abbey of San Marcos, Calif. The golden pale ale, the handle is a Celtic cross and the legacy of beer-brewing monks standing under a banner promising "Inspired beers for Saints and sinners."

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They don’t give me 800 words every other week to state the obvious. But sometimes, when the world is so different from what it long has been, it’s important to make sure everybody gets what has changed.

“It’s a very 17-year-old American view of the world to think that you should tell someone you love everything and somehow the world will be a better place,” a friend told journalist Phillip Weiss in New York magazine.

Of course, it’s not just “someone you love,” today. In some ways, we are honest with everybody. We say things online that we would not say in person or on the phone. People we’ve never met know who we are, where we live, who we know, and what we did last weekend. We trust this will make the world a better place.

We are a generation that worships authenticity. Even as we grow up, we will continue to be the 17-year-old American kids who think we should tell most people most things.

We want honesty, openness, and self-consciousness. We’re hyper-conscious of advertising and manipulation. Our politics are the politics of Stephen Colbert: ironic and self-aware. We share some of the most intimate details of our lives on the Internet, accessible to just about anybody if they try hard enough.

I’ve written before that the Internet “means that we’ll be able to talk more frankly about our experiences and their social implications. Judgments-political and personal—will be informed by an acknowledgment of the reality of people’s behaviors, not by denying their existence.” Because of the Internet, I wrote, maturity will no longer mean shaping a public image of yourself separate from the reality of your past.

In many ways, this is true—we will have to be more open about ourselves because more information will be instantly available. This is still a good thing. We won’t be able to as easily sugarcoat our pasts. We will have to acknowledge complexity and mistakes, and admission will become normalized. From the top down, our policy and interactions will be governed by these acknowledgments.

But I was wrong, too. This openness won’t be-and shouldn’t be—as absolute as it might sound. Yes, the Internet means that more information about each of us is available. But college still encourages—or, at least, allows us to bracket our private and public selves. Increasingly, even those with whom you are closest have lives beyond what you know of them. We’re becoming adults, and adults have secrets.

Today, college and our maturation into adulthood are paradoxical, balanced against the ethos of Facebook and nearly-anonymous online conversation.

College and emergence into adulthood begin to create entirely separate spheres in which we operate. Before we operated in small spheres—in general, one or two social groups dominated our social and academic activities. Most people in our lives knew most or all of each other. Now, we have professors who do not have yearly meetings with our parents to discuss their well-coordinated efforts to protect us. We have friends from home, friends from school, friends from summer jobs. We will all move on to the real world, develop new social circles, leave behind the people we know here and the identities we’ve created with them.

Think of it like Bug Juice-style camp friends versus home friends, super-sized.

I don’t only say this to boast about my many friends. Because we begin to exist in separate spheres in college, it represents a time we can define ourselves differently for different people.

This is not earth shattering. Freshman year has always represented the ability of people to recreate themselves, without preconceived notions. And adulthood has always facilitated further expansion of these different public and private identities. But for us-unique for our parents or even older siblings-this is mixed with a need to be partially honest about what we’ve been. Now, your first impressions of your roommate aren’t the body of your experiences with them. Instead, your first impression is a somewhat filtered, pre-packaged virtual self. It is a self over which we have limited—and definitely less control. It makes it more challenging to define each other based solely on our experiences with each other.

This is the paradox of a Facebook world. Just as we come of age to define ourselves, we are tied to our past.

Andrew Nes is a senior American Studies major from Fairfield, Conn. who thought we needed a respite from election columns. In fifth grade, after preparing a lengthy biography of Lucille Ball for class—a subject choice that no doubt raised the eyebrows of his parents and teachers—he misspelled “Lucille” on the accompanying poster. He can be reached at anesi@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
good to heart can help us out of this mess, without letting it become hopelessly politicized or lobbied into complete ineffectiveness. Payment of the mortgage is not an option.

On another level, though, can we view this as an opportunity? A chance for a fresh start? A reason to re-examine what we really hold nearest to our hearts — in public and private, with or without an accounting and spending money, perhaps we’ve been sucked into the very alluring and constant call of our culture to make a god out of consumerism and physical possessions at the center of our own attention. Maybe we’ve even come to believe that if we lead good and faithful lives, our very prosperity itself serves as a sign from God that he is pleased with us, that he has somehow blessed our efforts. Yet nowhere in the example of the life of words of Jesus Christ, or anywhere in our Scripture; or in the Tradition of the Church do we find that we can place all our trust in anything but the kingdom of heaven.

When we find the rug — financial or otherwise — pulled out from under us, our faith calls us to a new way of thinking. We can come to a new awareness of our true dependence on God; we can recognize the truth that our lives rest in God’s hands, no matter the balance in our checking or savings accounts, the labels on our clothing, the University we attend, the kind of car we drive, or the prestige of our new job.

Our faith may call us to a new way of living. Why not try to get by on less of everything? Make your downsizing intentional and purposeful, so that you have more room and time and resources for life as a follower of Christ. Then, try giving something away. Guess what somebody out there needs it more than you do, whatever “it” is: a pair of shoes, a white coat, a few hours of your time, a couch or a chair, or a hundred dollars.

In other words, let’s try to recognize that we depend on God even more deeply than we depend on our individual (or our national) financial success, and let’s try to live like it. With utterly perfect timing, this Sunday’s Gospel reminds us that we ought to pursue our kingdom before our possessions or our prosperity.

College debt adds up after school

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By PATRICK GRIFFIN

Last fall, renowned funnyman Carlos Mencia brought his aggressive and often criticized humor to South Bend. His first show at South Bend’s Morris Performing Arts Center — which actually occurred at Mencia’s urging — was truly a hot ticket, selling out before the Sept. 30 performance.

While local patrons obviously appreciated Mencia’s last stop in South Bend, it wasn’t just the audience that enjoyed the performance.

“It’s a really interesting show. Last year I was in South Bend and a lot of people wanted to come. It was one of my best shows if not the best,” Mencia said.

Mencia enjoyed the performance so much that he promised to return to South Bend for another performance.

“Some doubted that I would be back next year,” he said. “After the show I thought, ‘Wow, this is a great market’!”

Carlos Mencia’s most recent success can be attributed to the popular sketch comedy show, “Mind of Mencia,” which recently completed its fourth season on the television network Comedy Central. Since its debut in July 2005, “Mind of Mencia,” has enjoyed increasing success, becoming a staple on the popular comedy network.

Known for his exploitation of stereotypes and questionable depictions of ethnic and social groups, Mencia’s comedy is often criticized as inappropriate and crude. Mencia, however, disagrees.

“American has freedom of speech. I’m not trying to be edgy or controversial. I’m really not doing a reaction. I believe in freedom of speech and freedom of thought and I exercise it,” Mencia said.

While his jokes may seem abrasive to some, Mencia believes the arousals caused by his jokes is simply the exaggerated reaction of the “sensitive society” in which we live.

A self-proclaimed intellectual, Carlos Mencia didn’t realize he had a future in comedy until he was about nineteen years old.

“I was never funny as a kid, but I always saw the irony and the angst in life,” he said.

He said his closest friends provided the initial motivation to develop his comedic talent. Mencia said. He described his first performance experience as an epiphany.

“From the moment they said my name, I knew that God put me on Earth to be a comedian. I knew at that moment. There was no doubt,” he said.

Once Mencia’s talent manifested on stage, there was no looking back. He promptly quit his job and dropped out of California State University, where he was studying electrical engineering. The results of Mencia’s early career decisions turned out to be incredibly fruitful, as he is now one of comedy’s edgier stars.

Although Mencia’s material continues to evolve, he admits that he hears rooted influences from some of history’s greatest comedians. He cites the work of Lenny Bruce, George Carlin, Sam Kinison and Bill Cosby. As some of his more popular influences, while also drawing motivation from lesser-known artists like Paul Mooney and John Heigh.

Mencia regards the successes of other comedians as a valuable resource, while acknowledging the importance of defining his own personal style.

“Anyone who claims to be a self-made comedian is mistaken... but I do want to become my own entity on stage after having all of these influences,” Mencia said.

While Carlos Mencia continues his “Close Range” tour of 80 American cities, he is unsure of what endeavors the future holds. Regardless of what path his career takes after his tour concludes in January, Mencia wants his fans to know that his time in entertainment is far from over.

“I don’t know what the future holds. I’ve gotten lots of offers from different T.V. stations, radio stations as well as movie offers. I want to do bigger and better things. I want my fans to know I’m not going to be a one-trick pony,” he said.

For now, Mencia will continue his comedic assault on America. Though the future of his career is presently undefined, Mencia is sure that the comedy will continue.

“I’m like a fighter just out of training, I don’t know who I’m fighting, but I’m ready to fight,” he said.

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Carlos Mencia performs at the Palace Theatre in Cleveland during his Punisher Tour in 2006.
**Scene Editor**

American pop culture is in the midst of a severe downward spiral. While comedy endeavors held their own in relation to the past as well as the rest of the world, other genres of entertainment are virtually in ruins. "Television kills everything," claims Chum Chum (aka "Chumbox") this weekend. The American movie viewing public is "aggressively mediocre," they're aggressively idiotic.

Pop music isn't much better. While Jennifer Hudson and Robin Thicke battle for the top spot on the charts, many college students count annoying, banal collections. "I'm not here to make art," according to Hudson. "I'm here to make money." Many artists out there are appropriating from their parent's record collections. The Foxes have responded by appropriating from Seattle, Fleet Foxes.

"It is our duty," says singer Robin Pecknold, "to continue to accentuate their knack for harmonic melodies." The Fleet Foxes harmonic folk brings a keen notion of melody to Pecknold's lyrics, which focus on the beauty of nature and life.

Fleet Foxes' harmonic tunes have drawn comparisons to the Beach Boys, Crosby, Stills and Nash and Band of Horses. Since their last stint in the capital of the Midwest, the Foxes have clearly matured as a live act. Their live performances now accentuates their magnificent debut record. Pecknold looked comfortable throughout the night, trading jokes with the audience. At one point Pecknold responded to a member of the audience, "You really would rather have corn than Sarah Palin as your VP." Most of the audience nodded in jest, but also with the hope that in some fashion a part of this band could enter their society. It won't happen, but if it did what a more tolerable place America would be.

**Dining Hall Dish**

By MICHELLE FORDICE

Fall break is coming! And that means it's time to take a break from the dining hall. Go home, give your mom a big hug, and beg for your favorite comfort foods. Hit the road and find some excellent restaurants to give a try. Or shake the dust from your ride home and give your mom a big hug, and find some excellent restaurants to give a try. Or shake the dust from your ride home and get cooking. The last one is my plan. I can't wait to try out some of the dishes I haven't had time for since I've been hugged down with school. But until then, here are some new dining hall recipes to get you through the rest of the week.

This week's recipes:

**Spanish Rice and Salami**

If you were really going for the Spanish flair, this dish would be called Spanish Rice and Chorizo, but good luck finding chorizo (Spanish pork sausage, spiced with different flavors such as paprika, garlic and chili) in the dining hall. Instead we hearken back to those old Italian peasants and their own version of cured sausage — salami — which is best, but they will be heated up and made soft enough to use the sliced kind if that is all that is available.

1. Fill a bowl with the Spanish rice from the Mexican Bar.
2. If the rice does not include beans already, add in black beans.
3. Add in cheddar cheese, cubed salami (Every few days they do not have salami, but the seasoned chicken from the Mexican bar is a good substitute), diced tomatoes, diced onion and bell peppers (diced is best, but they will be heated up and made soft enough to use the sliced kind if that is all that is available).

**Root Beer Floats**

Root beer floats, or Black Boys as my Grandma always called them, are a deliciously sweet and crisp dessert. And so easy. Not big on root beer floats, per se? Try orange fluid and vanilla ice cream for an orangicelike taste.

1. Fill a cup with either vanilla fro-yo or ice cream.
2. Add in root beer. You may have to let the foam go down a couple of times before you can fill the cup to the top. Ta-dah!

*Quick Tip*

Want something sweet but are tired of fro-yo and not ecstatic about the other dessert selections? Try taking the corn bread from the homestyle bar and dribbling honey over it to make the perfect blend of sweet and savory.

Thanks to Katie Valko for reminding me about Root Beer Floats and Black Boys! Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mjfordice@nd.edu.
Bogut, Ridnour lead Bucks to victory in China

Suns forward Boris Diaw, right, shoots Wednesday during the second half of Phoenix's 102-100 win over Atlanta.

Hill hits shot with just seconds left to lift Suns over Hawks; Pacers defeat Mavericks in first game at Conseco Fieldhouse

Bogut, Ridnour lead Bucks to victory in China

Golden State's Anthony Morrow, right, shoots over Milwaukee's Malik Allen Monday during the Warriors' 98-94 win over the Bucks in southern China.

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GUANGZHU, China — Andrew Bogut scored 18 points and Luke Ridnour added 16 Wednesday night, leading the Milwaukee Bucks past the Golden State Warriors 98-94 in an NBA exhibition game.

Milwaukee trailed most of the night but Bogut took control in the second half with 13 points. Kellen Azubuike led the Warriors with 24 points but Cory Maggette added 16.

Bucks coach Scott Skiles said he changed his strategy in the second half because of a mismatch.

"We were going to Bogut a lot because they had a small player on him," he said.

With seconds to play, Azubuike missed a 3-pointer that would have tied it at 95. The Bucks then hit free throws to seal the victory.

Bucks rookie Joe Alexander, who finished with 11 points, was the crowd favorite in this southern Chinese city. He's the first NBA player to be born in Taiwan and can speak southern Chinese around from the baseline.

"I thought it was going to be 120 or something the way it was in the first half," Skiles said Wednesday night.

Awards

"It was a great game at the end," said Milwaukee's Luc Richard Mbah a Moute, who played a career-high 40 minutes.

"We gave up a lot of layups, stuff like that. It's things we need to clean it up before we go back to LA," he said Wednesday night.

Steve Nash scored 11 points before leaving with a sprained right ankle with a little more than two minutes left in the first half. He may be held out of Saturday's game against the Nuggets at Syracuse, N.Y., as a precaution, according to Suns spokesman Julie Flie.

Hawks second-year point guard Acie Law hit two free throws with 26.6 seconds left to tie the game at 100. Law started his third consecutive game in place of Mike Bibby, who has six assists and 12 points.

Following Hill's go-ahead jump shot, Law's last-second layup was blocked by Louis Amundson.

"I'm glad Louis blocked that so we could go to the airport," Hill said.

Hawks coach Mike Woodson said Law "had a great play at the rim," but (Amundson) made a great stop.

Flip Murray led the Hawks with 23 points, including 15 in the first half. Al Horford, starting at forward, had 15 points and six rebounds. Zaza Pachulia, starting at center, had seven points and 10 rebounds.

"We didn't defend like we could have," Horford said. "We gave up a lot of layups, stuff like that. It's things we need to improve on and learn to score points in the paint with a little more energy than we did tonight."

Diaw had 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Bucks, who will travel to the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday night.

"I think we will feel like home in a certain way," he said.

Indiana Pacers forward Danny Granger, right, shoots over Dallas Mavericks guard Gerald Green in the fourth quarter of an NBA preseason basketball game in Indianapolis, Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008.

Carlisle was impressed with the new-look Pacers.

"They play with a lot of energy at both ends," he said. "You don't hear this expression much, but they really compete hard. It's impressive."

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**MLB**

Philadelphia’s Jimmy Rollins is congratulated by teammate Chase Utley after Rollins hit a home run Wednesday in the first inning of Game 6 of the NLCS. The Phillies won the series with their 5-2 win.

The NL East champions — the losingest team in pro sports history — took advantage of three errors by shortstop Rafael Furcal in the fifth inning and shrugged off another home run by Manny Ramirez.

Now, the Phillies go for their second World Series title beginning next Wednesday night at Tampa Bay or Boston. The Rays lead the Red Sox 3-1 in the ALCS, which resumes Thursday night at Fenway Park.

“After hearing about the 1993 team over and over and over again, we finally get a chance to make our mark,” Rollins said. “This was an organization that I wanted to change. We were used to losing. I wanted to see what I could do.”

Brad Lidge closed it out for the Phillies, who won their lone championship in 1980 by beating Kansas City in six games. They also reached the World Series in 1915, 1950, 1983 and 1993, when they lost to Toronto in six games on Joe Carter’s ninth-inning homer off Mitch Williams.

You can bet your last cheesesteak, Broad Street is primed for a party. And those Philly fans, who always expect failure, can relax — at least for a week.

“It’s a great feeling right now,” Howard said. “I don’t know what to say.”

Ramirez homered in the sixth to end Hamels’ shutout bid in what might have been his final game with the Dodgers. The slugging left fielder, who hit .520 with four homers, 10 RBIs and 11 walks in eight playoff games, can become a free agent after the World Series. He hit .396 with 17 home runs and 53 RBIs in 53 regular-season games for the Dodgers after being acquired July 31 from

**NSCAA/Adidas Division I Soccer Rankings**

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**IN BRIEF**

Owners consider adding preseason games in spring

St. Petersburg, Fla. — NFL owners discussed playing spring preseason games as part of a possible expansion of the regular-season schedule.

No action was taken by the owners as they wrapped up their meetings on Wednesday. No change in the regular-season schedule is expected for 2009.

"I think the focus was on how we prepare for the season," commissioner Roger Goodell said. "Football readiness was probably the No. 1 issue that everyone wanted to do further analysis on. We still have a lot more work to do on the analysis." Spring games, normally an intrasquad contest, have become commonplace in college football. Some top programs have capacity crowds for the game.

"It was raised by a few clubs," Goodell said. "More in the context of what the colleges do."
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MLB

Kazmir to start game five for Rays

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Tampa Bay Rays are giving Scott Kazmir the chance to pitch them into the World Series.

The 24-year-old left-hander was moved up in the rotation so he could start in the potential AL pennant clincher against the Boston Red Sox on Thursday night at Fenway Park. The move keeps Kazmir on his regular rest and bumps scheduled starter James Shields to the if-necessary Game 6 at home Saturday.

"I was very eager for this opportunity to get back out there and try to redeem myself from my last outing," said Kazmir, who allowed five runs in 4 1-3 innings in Game 2. "I'm not really going to think about it too much, about 'This win right here will take us to the World Series.' I'm just going to go out there and have fun. Our team is really loose. It's kind of like we don't even realize the situation that we're in right now."

Kazmir will match up against Daisuke Matsuzaka, who went 18-3 in the regular season and beat the Rays in Game 1 of the AL championship series. The defending World Series champions have lost three in a row since then to fall to the brink of elimination, but it's a position that has served them well: They're 7-1 in elimination games since 2004, including Matsuzaka's victory in Game 7 of the ALCS against Cleveland last year.

"Believe me when I tell you: How he pitches this, the intensity, the meaning, as much as this game means — that will help him," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said Wednesday, a day after the Rays beat Boston 13-4 to take a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. "That won't hinder him."

Matsuzaka has been Boston's most reliable pitcher in the playoffs, with the Red Sox winning each of his first two starts. Meanwhile, Jon Lester struggled in his last start, and Josh Beckett has had problems in both of his.

Beckett's problem appears to be the lingering effects of a side strain he sustained at the end of the regular season, an injury that has deprived Boston of the ace who was 6-2 with a 1.73 ERA in his postseason career before this year.

"I'm not Beckett," Matsuzaka said. "But if I can pitch like he did last year and hard the ball off to the guys behind me, that would be great."

If he can, the Red Sox will need Beckett and Lester to rebound in Games 6 and 7 if they're going to have any chance at a third title in five years. In both previous World Series runs, the Red Sox came back from a 3-1 deficit in the ALCS — in 2004 they trailed the Yankees 3-0 — to win the pennant.

"If we can draw on anything from that, good," Francona said. "Anything that's happened in your past — you try to turn it into an advantage for you. Saying that, this is a different team, it's a different Tampa team. But, again, we'll use anything we can to give us any kind of advantage."

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Surgerygate: Manning hides knee operation

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning kept quiet about his second knee surgery for one reason: He thought it would give opponents an advantage.

The two-time league MVP answered questions about the surgery for the first time publicly Wednesday two days after coach Tony Dungy confirmed Manning needed surgery to clear a bone spur infection in his left knee.

"The reason I just didn't really confirm or deny it the first time was I just didn't really want the Bears to know they were playing against a guy that was four weeks off of surgery," he said. "I know if I was playing against a corner that was four weeks off of surgery, I would definitely test out how good that surgery was in a game. So I just didn't think it was fair to reveal that information."

Manning continues to insist it is irrelevant now that he has produced his two best games of the season. A week ago, he helped orchestrate a remarkable comeback against Houston, rallying from 17 points down with less than 5 minutes to go, and then threw for three touchdowns in Sunday's 31-3 victory over Baltimore.

The reward for beating the Ravens was Manning's first AP player of the week award since Dec. 2, 2007.

But for weeks, Manning declined to answer persistent rumors about a second surgery. Then last Friday, during a TV production meeting, Manning confirmed it.

On Monday, for the first time the Colts also acknowledged Manning had undergone a second surgical procedure. Because Manning usually speaks to reporters on Wednesdays and after games, he was not available for interviews.

The questions have not dissipated.

Dungy was asked Wednesday to explain why the team did not provide details earlier.

"I don't know, that's something you'd probably have to ask organization," he said.

That question-and-answer prompted Craig Kelley, Colts vice president of public relations, to say the team never denied it.

Clearly, though, the injury has been big news since the Colts announced July 14 that Manning needed surgery.

The surgery was the second biggest story during training camp, exceeded only by Brett Favre's hamster soap opera in Green Bay. Even Manning, who has never missed an NFL start and has only missed one career play because of injury, acknowledges the Favre saga took some of the spotlight off his recovery.

But when Favre was traded to the Jets, Manning's absence moved to center stage.

He didn't return until Aug. 26, didn't play in his first game until the regular-season opener against Chicago, and spent the first month of the season trying to get that precision timing down with his receivers.

Sunday was the first time Manning looked like himself, hitting receivers in stride and hooking up on deep balls.

"You have to disclose most things, but I do think when it comes to protecting a player and not giving the opponent any unfair advantage besides what you're required to reveal, that was the whole reason for that," Manning said. "That was what I wanted to do."

Manning, the perfectionist, still isn't satisfied.

Despite the dramatic improvement Indy (1-3-2) showed against the league's top defense, Manning believes the Colts can improve in a few areas. They had 11 penalties, one of which cost Manning a fourth touchdown pass and his first 300-yard game of the season, and they still ran for only 76 yards.

Plus, Manning continues to recover from the operations that may have been blamed for his uncharacteristic slow start. Others don't see it quite the same way.

"I think he's responded very well," Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy said. "I think that was very evident in the Baltimore game. You see the comfort and timing, and the timing is coming back."

As for Manning, he wants to be finished talking about the knee.

"I was just trying to not give them any type of advantage, whether they change their blitzes or what not," Manning said.

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ND WOMEN’S GOLF

Irish head to West Lafayette

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

The Irish will try to continue their winning ways when they compete this weekend at the Lady Northern Tournament in West Lafayette, Ind. They are coming off a record-setting first-place finish at the Heather Farr Memorial, a big confidence boost for the Irish.

"I look for the team to really be ready to go," Irish coach Susan Holt said.

The Irish will face all of the teams in the Big Ten, including Purdue, Michigan State and Ohio State, all of whom are in the top 25.

"The Lady Northern is a real opportunity for us to pick up a couple of Top 25 wins with us looking in at No. 28," Holt said. The match is a two-day event that will be played on Purdue's Kampen Golf Course. The course, Holt said, is a difficult one, but is similar to Notre Dame's own Warren Golf Course.

"The greens are very big. We have to hit the ball in the right place or you could be three-putting all day long," Holt said. "But, the kids are used to doing those types of things when they're playing. It's a good test of golf, but I think we'll be up to the challenge."

"We have to hit the ball in the right place or you could be three-putting all day long," Susan Holt Irish coach

The Irish will play with the same five golfers as they did in the Heather Farr, which includes senior captain Lisa Maunu, junior Annie Brough and sophomores So-Hyun Park and Kasia Conway and freshman Becca Huffer. Junior Kristin Wetzel will also compete as an individual in the tournament.

Contact Eric Prister at eprister@nd.edu

HKBHIBLIN'S 29 saves
lead Blackhawks to win

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Nikolai Khabibulin kept it scoreless-early. He made several close-in saves until a power play on Chicago's Peter Mueller at 4:30 of the second period.

He had to make that stop, he had to make that save," Khabibulin said. "Then we got some breaks and the puck went in for us."

A big hit by Chicago rookie defenseman Aaron Johnson forced Phoenix goalie Ilya Bryzgalov out of the net in the second seemed to fire up the Blackhawks.

So did a highlight-reel goal by Havlat with 8:25 left in the period that tied it at 1, Havlat skated in from the left point, danced around Phoenix defenseman Derek Hale, stickhandled across the slot and beat goalie Ilya Bryzgalov with a high backhand.

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strange bed," he said. "I hope some of our students stick around for the Friday night game at least." Jackson said despite the loss, there were plenty of things to build on going into this weekend's games. The relatively young Irish team showed that they have the talent to earn their top-10 ranking.

Notre Dame's 0-4-0 effort on the power play had a big role in the loss. Scoring with the man disadvantage was also an Achilles heel for last year's team.

Jackson said he plans on making changes this weekend by putting sophomore Dan Kiseol and Ben Ryan on one of the two power-play units. Ryan missed the Denver game because of an injury. Freshman Billy Maday is also expected to see some time on the unit as well. Maday scored on his first career shot against the Pioneers.

"I'm going to make changes. You have to have guys who play specific roles — playing solid in front of the net, retrieving pucks in the corners. Scoring goals on the power play is about getting down and dirty in front of the net," Jackson said.

Sacred Heart has killed nine of its 13 penalties so far this season. The Pioneers dropped their first two games of the year to Air Force last weekend. The Falcons won 4-1 Friday night and 4-3 in overtime Saturday.

"I'm not that knowledgeable about them, but I know they're well coached and they'll compete extremely hard," Jackson said.

The Pioneers finished 16-17-4 last season and advanced to the Atlantic Hockey Association Final Five before losing to Mercyhurst.

Jackson made it clear that his young team knows not to overlook a team like Sacred Heart if they hope to return to the NCAA Tournament this March. He said his team has to play with more consistency and discipline in order to be successful.

Notre Dame will open up CHA play the weekend following mid-seamester break at home against No. 7 Miami (Ohio).

"We hope that by then the student-athletes will be back from break and we will have a good turnout for the games," Jackson said.

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**SMC SOCCER**

Belles get first MIAA win

By ALEX BARKER

Sports Writer

Saint Mary's notched its first MIAA win of the season with a 4-0 victory over Trine Wednesday, breaking a five-game losing streak.

The Belles grabbed the lead in the 23rd minute when senior Lauren Hintz assisted junior Micki Hedinger on her second goal of the season.

Just 10 minutes later, Saint Mary's struck again when Hedinger assisted freshman Alex Mullin on the first goal of her career to give the Belles a 2-0 lead heading into halftime. This goal marked the first time the Belles have scored more than once in a game this season.

But it didn't stop there. In the 62nd minute, the freshmen duo of Michelle Leonard and Michelle Marshall hooked up on Marshall's first career goal to give the Belles a decisive lead.

Hintz added her fifth goal of the season in the 69th minute to finish off the Thunder.

In a rainy match, the Belles put together their best dominating performance of the season.

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Junior Lindsay Ferguson and sophomore Marissa Treece have finished first and second for Notre Dame at every race this season. Ferguson finished 17th at the ND Invitational, while Treece finished 38th. Behind Treece was freshman Rachel Velarde, who was running in only her second race. Although the opposition will be more intense, Connolly said the basic strategy has not changed.

"It's not like basketball where you install a new offense," he said. "Basically, you're training every day, you're running, and hopefully you'll improve your fitness."

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"We've seen Indiana play a few times this year because we played down at their tournament and they played up at ours earlier in the season," Clark said. "They are a very good team and they are similar to us. This will be a big test for us because they always work really hard. They are coming off a loss so they'll be ready for us.

While Indiana enters Thursday's game in less than convincing form, the Irish have impressed with their recent play. After a two-game losing streak to Louisville and Michigan, Notre Dame seems to have regained the early-season form that saw the Irish rise as high as No. 3 in the polls. Last week, the Irish defeated Michigan State and Pittsburgh by a combined score of 7-1.

The catalyst for last week's impressive results was a dynamic offensive attack that has helped the Irish overwhelm opponents at times this season. Clark said his team is currently averaging 2.5 goals per game, which is good for second in the nation.

"It's a fun team to watch," Clark said after the Pittsburgh game. "We have a lot of attacking personalities and very skillful players. It's hard to single anybody out. On any given day somebody different can step up." Ten different Irish players have scored goals in the back of the net so far this season. Despite the balanced scoring, senior forward bright Dike has emerged as the go-to attacker, scoring in six consecutive games. Dike currently leads the team in shots, goals and points.

Thursday's begins at 7:30 p.m. Clark said he sees the dynamic atmosphere that awaits as a positive for his team.

"This will be a great opportunity because we will have the feel of a road (NCAA Tournament) game," Clark said. "It will be a fantastic opportunity to give our guys a chance to play in that environment. It will be especially good for some of our younger guys who haven't had a chance yet to play in an environment like that.

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tougher. We wish we were in a position where we could control things if we just won.”
Brown said she does not believe being behind or ahead in the standings has any affect on the way the team plays. She said she considers the team highly determined to win.
The team has that attitude to compete all the time anyway,” Brown said. “Needless motivation is not a factor for us. We are already motivated.”

Coming up first today is a trip to play a struggling DePaul (2-16, 1-5 Big East) on the road. Brown said she feels confident that the team will be ready for the game, but is concerned about some fatigue creeping in around midterms.

On Tuesday is a rare non-conference opponent, Long Beach State (14-3, 4-1 Big West). The Irish hope this matchup will keep the team sharp over the break and allow the team to improve without affecting the conference standings.

“It is really good for us to have a match thrown in there,” Brown said. “There is no question that we are going to be playing to win. We are going to be pushed.”

At the end of fall break will be matchups against Big East opponents Villanova (11-9, 2-3 Big East) and Seton Hall (10-10, 2-3 Big East). Although both teams are below .500 in the Big East, Brown said she’s concerned that her team be properly prepared to face the Wildcats and Pirates.

Both of these teams are good,” Brown said. “With the parity in the Big East, every team could beat any other team on any given night.”

These games are coming at the right time for the Irish, as they finally feel like they are starting to get healthy. Brown said she was especially happy that she has no new injuries to report.

Junior outside hitter Serinity Phillips and freshman libero/defensive specialist Frenchy Silva are back and playing well, Brown said. Junior middle blocker Tara Enweiler is getting ready to comeback soon.

Notre Dame will be back in the gym on campus in two weeks when it faces Big East foes Syracuse (11-9, 4-1 Big East) and Marquette (7-10, 2-3 Big East).

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place to play over the years," he said. "Part of that's been that they've been one of the top teams in the conference. We've gone out there undefeated a few times and they've ruined it for us. They've got enough to make life difficult for us."

Waldrum said senior forward Elizabeth Eng and junior midfielder Annie Yi could pose problems for the Notre Dame defense. He also praised Connecticut's goalkeeping and midfield.

And life will not get any easier for the Irish after they take on Connecticut. They return for their final home weekend, which concludes with a match against No. 14 Rutgers. Rutgers is 16-3-1 overall and 5-1-1 in Big East play, and beat Villanova 5-0 on Sept. 22. Last weekend, Villanova took Notre Dame to overtime before the Irish won 3-2.

"Rutgers has had some really good results," Waldrum said. "And that game could come down to determining the championship in our division, provided we take care of business this weekend. Hopefully, that should give us some extra motivation."

Waldrum said he is happy his team will face tough challenges against Connecticut and Rutgers. "It's good for us to finish with some really good teams like that," he said. "You want to be tested as you head into the Big East tournament later this season."

"It's good for us to finally have the opportunity to take on Connecticut and Rutgers, the top teams in the conference."

Waldrum said the opportunity to take on heavyweights like Connecticut and Rutgers, they will head to Providence (5-5-3 overall, 0-4-3 Big East) Friday. And Waldrum said Notre Dame is not overlooking the Friars.

"I think we're better than Providence on paper but we have to keep our focus and intelligence level," he said. "We wanna make sure we take care of business."

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Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

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Caleb Madison, 15, of New York City. He is a student at New York University.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Think positively when you decide to lead a leap of faith. A unique partnership can help you overcome your fears and obstacles. However, remember, one in which_fhancing and controlling will hold you back. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You stand to make some fabulous new connections, revisions and accolades if you can step into the wings of the naming game. Recognizing your value when and where to move your work will help familiarize you with success. 2 stars

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't listen to old friends. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't push your luck when it comes to dealing with family, your lover or anyone else you have a lot to you. Focus on work, money and doing what you can be successful and put your personal life on hold for now. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may want to take something from what you already have and not likely to donate, save or spend frivolously. Open your mind to new alternatives that complement what you already have going on for you. 1 star

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Before you decide to do something that may influence your financial stability, get advice from someone who is conservative and not likely to spend frivolously or save money. Avoid making emotional mistakes with money matters. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): You will be preoccupied with an emotional issue. A relationship with someone you've known for a long time will change. Don't get other people involved as your partner or allow your relationship to overeat your happiness. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A fast decision to help or donate to something will leave you short of time and cash. A course regarding how to manage your business, money or your profession will help you. Don't be afraid to do things differently. 2 stars

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**ND Women's Soccer**

**Friars next, Huskies loom**

Top-ranked team faces Providence today and Connecticut Sunday on the road as the season winds down

By FRAN TOLAN    Associate Sports Editor

No. 1 Notre Dame will have little time to relax over fall break. The undefeated Irish will take on four Big East opponents the next two weekends, beginning with a road tilt against Providence Friday.

But Irish coach Randy Waldrum said his team will face an even bigger test at Connecticut Sunday. The Huskies, perennially one of the strongest squads in the Big East, suffered from injuries early in the season but are coming off a tie against No. 15 West Virginia Oct. 9.

"I think what's happened with Connecticut and them being a little bit down this year can be attributed to some of their early injuries," Waldrum said. "But they're going to be there in the end and you just know [Huskies coach Len Tsantiris] is going to get them turned around."

Connecticut, which was ranked earlier in the season, has had to struggle just to even up its Big East record at 2-2-1.

"I'm a little leery of them because it's a bit of a situation where they feel like they have to win," Waldrum said. "They're like a wounded animal. They need to win just to survive and keep their hope for the NCAA Tournament — and even the Big East tournament — alive."

Waldrum said Connecticut's Joseph J. Morrone Stadium brings back bad memories for him and the Irish.

"That's been a very difficult game for us," Waldrum said. "It's a bit of a situation where they feel like they have to win."

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**ND Cross Country**

**Squad runs in pre-NCAAs**

By LAURA MYERS    Sports Writer

Consider it a midseason exam for the men's and women's cross country teams. While most students will be relaxing Saturday, the runners will face their toughest challenge yet when they travel to Terre Haute, Ind., for the pre-NCAAs meet.

"It's a must-perform meet to get at-large points and have a real shot at making the NCAAs," women's head coach Tim Connelly said.

The Irish faced national competition for the first time this season on Oct. 3 at the Notre Dame Invitational, which featured several ranked teams. There, the men tied for sixth place and the women finished in 11th place.

However, Connelly said he thought his team could have done better.

"We came up a little short of where we wanted to be, where we needed to be," he said.

The level of competition will be even higher in Terre Haute, as 23 of the top 30 women's teams will be competing and 24 of the top 30 men's teams will be competing, according to the U.S. Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association.

The Irish men fell out of the rankings after the Notre Dame Invitational, but remain close. The women, who are also not in the top 30, received votes for the first time.

"If we had run a lot better two weeks ago, we would be well-entrenched in the top 30," Connelly said.

Both teams have an even distribution of veterans and rookies who have done well. Senior Patrick Smyth finished first among the Irish and fifth overall at the ND Invitational.

The next three finishers were sophomores Dan Jackson and Paul Springer, and freshman Ryan Gamboa. It was only the second career race for Jackson and Gamboa.

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**ND Volleyball**

**No fall break for Irish, who face Big East foes**

By JARED JEDICK    Sports Writer

The Irish will fight through a tough schedule over the break when they play DuPaque, Long Beach State, Villanova and Seton Hall throughout the next 10 days. "Our team is pretty focused," head coach Debbie Brown said. "We are hungry. We want to get back out there and compete."

Three of the upcoming games are in the Big East, which could help the Irish (9-9, 4-2 Big East) move closer to their goal of winning the regular season conference title. With a 500 weekend against West Virginia (6-12, 9-6 Big East) and Pittsburgh (13-8, 5-1), the Irish fall from first place in the conference to a tie for third with Cincinnati (16-5), Georgetown (11-8) and Louisville (8-9). This puts the Irish in a bad position, Brown said.

"We would definitely still like to be in first," Brown said. "Falling behind some teams really makes things above .500 against Indiana with Clark at the helm."

The Hoosiers enter Thursday's game with a 6-4-2 record and a 2-0-0 loss to Michigan State in the team's most recent game on Oct. 12. Indiana is currently averaging only slightly more goals scored than conceded at a .53 to 1.25 clip.

The Hoosiers' slow start is somewhat surprising given that they return nine starters from a team that won the Big Ten title and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 2007. Clark, however, said he still feels that Notre Dame's in-state rival will provide a stern test.

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**Hockey**

**Pioneers visit South Bend**

By DAN MURPHY    Sports Editor

The Irish go from one group of Pioneers to the next this weekend. A week after losing its season-opener to the No. 6 Denver Pioneers in Colorado, Notre Dame returns to South Bend for a two-game series with the Pioneers from Sacred Heart.

Notre Dame dropped from No. 4 to No. 8 in the rankings following last Saturday's 5-2 loss, but Irish coach Jeff Jackson said he thinks being at home will help his team this weekend.

"You're in your own routine and you don't have to sleep in a