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Fr. Riehle dies at 83 after brief illness

Chaplain to sports teams remembered for his love of Notre Dame athletics, students

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

Rev. James Riehle, C.S.C., chaplain to Notre Dame sports teams for nearly three decades and former dean of students died at Holy Cross House Wednesday. He was 83.

Riehle's died following a brief illness, the University said.

"He was a man's man. He was always interested in sports..." said University president emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, who gave Riehle his first addressable title when he died. "He was a good friend because I sat next to him over at the dining hall at Holy Cross Hall and I knew a good deal about him. I saw him every day. We were good friends."

Riehle, who enjoyed smoking and golf, began his role as chaplain in 1966 and served his first football game in that capacity on Nov. 19 of that year — Notre Dame's classic 10-10 tie with Michigan State, when the Irish were ranked No. 1 and the Spartans were No. 2.

Riehle, who graduated from Notre Dame in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in business administration, played the football team's chaplain in the 1993 movie "Rudy." and was featured in an Adidas football commercial with former Notre Dame and Super Bowl winning quarterback Joe Montana.

"What did you ever end up doing after you left college?"

But beyond his association with Notre Dame athletics, Riehle served in many offices at Notre Dame, including dean of students from 1967-73, during the student protests of the Vietnam War. At universities around the country, some student protests against the Vietnam War turned violent, but not at Notre Dame, where Hesburgh said students could protest as long as they did not disrupt classes or University business. Hesburgh said Riehle did a "very good job" enforcing this policy in a pragmatic way.

"About 250 of my fellow presidents were fired at that time, or died, or just left in frustration during that period," Hesburgh said. "We had, like every university, a fairly rough time but we came through without any big disruption of..."

OIS prepares abroad students for election

Students overseas experience difficulties in making sure their votes are counted by election day

By JENN METZ
News Editor

As students on campus are scramble to send out absentee ballots before Nov. 4, the estimated 450 Notre Dame sopho­mores and juniors currently studying abroad are experiencing a very different presidential election season, complete with logistical difficulties for sending their vote to the United States to make sure it's counted.

The Office of International Studies (OIS) helped prepare students by reminding them of the upcoming election during orientation sessions last spring, sending out pre-depar­ture letters and posting links on their Web site.

Kathleen Opel, director of OIS, told the Observer the Office believes "voting is a vital component of democracy and strongly encourages students abroad who are U.S. cit­izens to exercise the right to vote."

"How many students actually vote, I don't know," she said.

Program managers reminded participants to remember to register for absentee ballots before they left the United States, a message that was repeated at OIS' "Bon Voyage" meeting for all students last spring. Opel said.

Opel told the students their "franchise to vote is a privilege to be cherished, and recent elections have demonstrated the value of each vote" in a pre-departure letter sent over the summer.

The Web site offers scrolling reminders of the upcoming election and a link to the Association of International Educators' (NAFSA) Web site, which provides information about absentee ballot proce­dures for students and educa­tors living abroad, which are different than domestic absentee ballot procedures.

"Every state has different rules for voting, so it's hard to give specific voting information to a group of students from different states," Opel said. The NAFSA Web site, she said, provides that information for each state.

In some locations in capital cities, students may be able to vote in person at consulates, she said, other students send their vote in the mail.

Opel said OIS will assist stu­dents with problems..."

Bush speechwriter delivers lecture

Gerson speaks about changing political landscape in America

By IRAENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Michael Gerson, former speechwriter to President George W. Bush, delivered the inaugural McGillough Lecture in Leadership and Government Wednesday. Gerson spoke to a sellout Kenna auditorium to a crowd of about fifty people.

Gerson wrote two inaugural addresses, several State of the Union addresses and many important post-9/11 speeches during his time working for President Bush. In addition to writing speeches, he served as a White House policy advisor on global health, development..."
Rays' play: not sexy

Stupid Rays.
Thanks to them, I have to watch the "Sex and the City" movie.

What in God's name brought about this unfortunate chain of events? How did I bury myself in this predicament? I placed faith in the Rays, something which, as history should show us, I never should have done.

I had bet with my girlfriend on the World Series. If the Rays win, she had to watch "Clarks" with me. "Clarks" is one of my top 10 favorite movies, one of the greatest of all time. Dunn and Randall's witty banter demonstrate what's really important in life, especially in today's dreary climate. Who cares that the economy is in the dumpster? Who cares that we're involved in two wars? It's more important to understand the dichotomy between the destruction of the Deadl Heart in "A New Hope" and "Return of the Jedi?"

The hockey game on the roof, the funeral, the unfortunate death in the convenience store bathroom: sheer brilliance.

Instead, I have to watch Charlotte and Phila at a parade around New York City commemorating their Prada handbags and Manolo Blahnik kicks.

Game 1 was an abomination. Game 2, the Rays got back on track. Game 2 was a great baseball game. Game 4 just sucked. Once Game 5 rolled around with flamels as the starter, I thought the Rays were done for.

But then fate intervened. God didn't want us to lose our "Sex and the City" all year. He let Jeter stain second and score on Pena's single, meaning the game was tied when rain forced its stoppage. I thought for sure that was the last sign the Rays needed. But no, Joe Maddon must have liked the movie and wanted to make sure I saw it.

I have no interest. The only relation I have to "Sex and the City" is the one time Charlotte was on "Seinfeld." Jerry dropped her toothbrush in the toilet, prompting her to retaliate and send Jerry on a germaphobia-induced cleaning frenzy. Good times.

I've seen one episode of the TV show, I think I saw it with my step mom. It's the one where Kim Cattrall dates a rabid Knicks fan, and she can't sleep with him unless the Knicks win. As a rabid Knicks fan myself, that episode was half-bad. Maybe it will be like "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" and there will be a scene at Madison Square Garden with the Knicks in the playoffs.

Rabid Knicks to Ryan HInward and Shane Victorino and the rest of the Phillies, I won't enjoy watching Jay and Silent Bob waste their day away outside the Quick Stop, or the egg-obsessed shopper rolling eggs down the aisle to ensure their quality. Instead, I'll hear four 30-something-year-old women whispering about their boyfriends — or lack thereof. The whole time, I'll think about how much better life would taste when my beloved Yankees mop the floor with Tampa Bay next April.

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INSIDE COLUMN

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What are you dressing up as for Halloween?

Chris Anderson
freshman Keenan
"A banana."

Dan Scheper
freshman Keenan
"Snorlax."

Kimberly Hildner
sophomore Lewis
"The witch from Monty Python and the Holy Grail."

Patrick Doonan
senior off-campus
"I'm going to be R.J. Jacobi."

Cherie Ng
freshman McGlinn
"Joe the Plumber."

Senior Matthew Napierliskj makes glass beads in Glass Club which meets every Tuesday and Wednesday in Jordan Hall.

OFFBEAT

Man hospitalized in car crash after firing at gas pump
NAUGATUCK, Conn. — A man who police said fired gun shots into a gasoline pump on Saturday mor­ning was expected to be charged with three felonies when he's released from a local hospital.
Police said the man went to the Sunoco gas station on New Haven Road and fired a shotgun at a gas pump several times while customers stood nearby.

Luckily, nobody was injured and the pump did not explode.

The man drove off and struck two cars and was injured in a crash follow­ing the shooting incident.

Police have an arrest warrant for the man and his hospital room is being guarded 24-hours a day by two police officers.

Man goes to jail following centipede attack on neighbor KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A Malaysian man has been accused of trying to hurt his neighbor with a dangerous weapon — centipedes.Prosecutor Mazri Mohamed said Wednesday that R. Prabakaran has been charged with attempting to cause harm with a dangerous weapon after allegedly unleashing four centipedes and bugs to his neighbor's bed last week following an argument.

Prabakaran, 21, allegedly climbed on to the roof to enter his neighbor's house where he committed the offense. Mazri said.

Prabakaran pleaded not guilty Tuesday in a court in the southern city of Johor Baru and has been released on bail, Mazri said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Today South Bend area students and their families will be welcomed to North Quad for Fall Fest — a community relations event taking place from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30.

Saint Mary's College will bless Speas Unica Hall, the new academic building, today with open houses and tours for the Board of Trustees starting at 1:30 p.m. and academic depart­ment presentations from 3:30 to 5 p.m. throughout the building. The blessing will take place in the atrium at 5 p.m. with a reception to follow and a Mass of Thanksgiving in Holy Spirit Chapel, LeMans Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Joan Payden, Chief Executive Officer of Payden & Rygel Investment Management will speak as part of the Mendoza College to Business' Boardroom Insights Executive Speaker Series Friday at 10:40 a.m. in Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

Gregory P. Crawford, Dean of the College of Science will give a lecture entitled "Notre Dame Science: Making a Difference!" at 11 a.m. in Room 105 of the Jordan Hall of Science.

Black Images will be held on Saturday from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. It will be held in Washington Hall. Admission is $5.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
SCM students enjoy Halloween festivities

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

Saint Mary’s students got in the Halloween spirit early last night as Holy Cross Hall and Dalloway’s hosted campus-wide activities put on by the Holy Cross Hall Council, resident advisors, and Residence Hall Association (RHA) were all free and open to students and the children of Saint Mary’s faculty and staff.

In prior years, Holy Cross has hosted Haunted Tunnels, a haunted house set up in the sub basement of the hall open to students and children of faculty and staff. However, this year, due to construction and hanging pipes, Saint Mary’s Security said it would be safer to cancel the activity. As a result, Terrie Paul, Holy Cross Hall director and the rest of the Holy Cross Hall Council came up with a contingency plan.

“Security told us we can’t go on with Haunted Tunnels because they are undergoing construction and it’s a safety concern for the students,” said Paul.

Instead, Holy Cross hosted “Ho’Croc Halloween” in the hall lounges. Activities included ghost stories, coloring for the children, construction and it’s a safety concern for the children of Saint Mary’s faculty and staff.

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Pop Rock Legend Brian Wilson
Concert & Town Hall
First Day Hall, 8 to 10 p.m.

In addition, all the residence halls on campus were given the opportunity to host Trick-or-Treaters from 6 to 8 p.m.

Construction aside, Paul also attributed some of the reasons for preparing the events to getting a start on the hall council this year.

“Hall council was off to a slow start, especially since Halloween is really soon in this year. This is a Holy Cross tradition and generates money for Holy Hall,” she said.

“There was an excellent turnout and the girls really took control of a last minute situation.

Dalloway’s, the coffee shop on campus, also put on “Haunted Tours” which is one of their most attended events, Stephanie Anton, Dalloway’s commissioner said. It occurs annually.

A Haunted Tour is a walk around campus hosted by the Dalloway’s Board. The goal of the tour steps at a certain place to tell a scary story related to the event, Anton said. There was free hot cider, cookies and candy available at Dalloway’s.

Anton said the board had been preparing for the event for about two weeks and focused mostly on the decorations. The event was open to the public, but mainly staff.

The bottom-up approach includes activities such as the recent dorm-wide recycling competition which was won by Walsh Hall, who reduced their energy use by 31 percent.

In other Senate news:
• Senate received a brief presentation from Rachel Novick on Sustainability.

Student Senate Group examines dorm printing

Printers not available in 18 residence halls, senators discuss expansion

By JOSEPH McMATH
Newspapers Editor

Prompted by a number of complaints, the Student Senate discussed the need for printers in every residence hall on Wednesday.

“People complain about it on a regular basis,” Alumni Hall Senator Zach Reuel said. “It always comes up during hall elections.”

Students often complain of having to wait on long lines to print at the clusters.

“People come in and say, ‘I live in McGlinn and sometimes when I go to Dellartato in the morning before classes there are really long lines,” Senate Committee on Student Outreach chair Sarah Rodts said.

“I don’t always get what I need printed,” she said.

Caremly, Lyons, Carroll, O’Neill, Lewis, Farley, Dillon, Pasquella West, Pangborn, Siegfried and Komans all have printers, while students in the other 18 residence halls are forced to trek to computer clusters.

Senate Committee on Outreach chair Ian Severs said all dorms should have equal access to printers.

“Regardless of whether it reduces traffic or not, in the pursuit of fairness this is something that we should do,” he said.

Senate Committee on Technology chair Devin Fee said the University is currently pursuing a new contract with an outside company for printers, but if the contract is too costly, printers in dorms could be cut.

“It’s something that could get cut if the feds are too low,” Fee said. “I think they realize that it’s significant to us, but it’s something that has to be worked into the budget.”

Fee said he would seek support from the University, which has a much larger budget than the Office of Information Technology (OIT).

“I think it would be a lot easier to push this through with the University supporting than OIT supporting,” he said.

Farley senator Robyn Grant said the dorms’ needs should not detract from the clusters in the library, the Coleman-Morse Center and LaFortune.

“I feel that you can’t detract from the clusters for the dorms,” she said.

However, in a simple straw poll taken by student body vice president Zach Wilson, there were many senators against expanding printer service in dorms.

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Eight of the men’s sports programs—basketball, baseball, cross country and track, lacrosse, fencing, soccer, swimming and tennis—received perfect scores of 100.

The three programs that did not receive perfect scores did not receive scores in the 90s. Horkey received a score of 96, football a score of 94 and golf a score of 90.

“It is a testament to the philosophy at the University in terms of athletics that graduation should be a routine part of the experience,” said John Heisler, the senior associate athletics director at Notre Dame.

Heisler credited the high scores this year, and in each of the four years the survey has been conducted, to the coaches, athletes and department advisors, but also to the “culture of Notre Dame.”

“It’s a message probably that is sent early on, in the recruiting process. If you are interested in coming to college and not going to class and sleeping late and doing nothing but concentrating on athletics, then Notre Dame isn’t going to be the place for you,” he said.

“The idea is that athletics is only going to take you so far, no matter how accomplished you are as an athlete. This year’s numbers are consistent with how Notre Dame performed in the past,” Heisler said, and in some areas, Notre Dame improved.

Last year, 18 of the University’s 22 athletic programs received a GSR score of 100.

“I suppose, in a lot of cases, that the numbers are impressive enough that the news a little bit, but that it’s ‘readily available,’” Junior Molly Conway, currently studying abroad in London, said. “Londoners seem to be overwhelmingly pro-Obama.”

“They see him as being a breath of fresh air for American politics and they are very vocal about their endorsement,” she said.

The so-called “absentee ballot,” which she also had mailed to her abroad location. She said that due to the time difference, six hours for those in London, many students have been watching presidential debates on YouTube or other Web sites as they occur Stateside.

“They make people stayed up to watch them,” she said.

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ents in the cases it advises best not to use local mail to send ballots to the United States; on-location program directors will send these ballots back, allowing students to ensure they arrive on time to be counted.

“The problem, in some places, the local mail takes forever,” she said. GSA will be sending out e-mails today reminding abroad students to vote again about the election and referring them to the Youth Vote Overseas Web site at http://voteusa.org, as ballots are lost or late in arriving.

The fall presidential election is a hot topic in various media outlets abroad, though not to the same degree as domestic coverage.

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College tuition up despite economy
Students and families see no relief amid falling wages and job losses

As the economy walloped their finances, students and families saw little relief this fall from rising college costs, which jumped 6.4 percent at state universities, according to new data out Wednesday.

Next year is already looking bad, too. Many colleges said their costs are virtually certain, and schools in at least two states — Michigan and Texas — are now taking the unusual step of raising prices anyway.

“At a time of fluctuating wages, widespread job losses and shrinking home values, the last thing parents need is another big increase in the cost of college,” said James B. Tolgate, president of the group College Board Parents of America.

But that’s exactly what the numbers show.

For the current academic year, the average full-time tuition and fees at four-year public universities rose $234, or 6.4 percent, to $3,585 for in-state students. At private, non-profit colleges, prices rose $1,399, or 5.9 percent, to $25,975, according to an annual “Trends in College Pricing” report from the College Board.

It’s important to remember that some students don’t pay the full list price. At private colleges, grants and tax breaks lower the average net cost to about $14,100. At public universities, the average actual cost is only about $20,900.

And while some private colleges now exceed $30,000 when room and board are figured in, they are the exception. Overall, more than half of four-year college students attend institutions where the list price is less than $15,000.

“Economic conditions are obviously very tough and that translates into a lot of stamina out there,” said Jon Steinberg, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, which represents about three-quarters of private, non-profit colleges.

But the big story is higher tuition, by leaps and bounds.

“Tuition prices rose more rapidly this year than in most states,” Steinberg said in an interview.

Not everyone is feeling the pinch, however. Some schools have kept their costs flat amid the economic distress.

“Tuition and fees for students living on campus at Drexel University in Philadelphia have increased only $500 a year in the last decade,” Steinberg said.

The College Board said 35 percent of four-year public schools did not raise tuition prices.

“Despite every effort by our institutions to increase aid to students and families, I am afraid this year’s report may prove only to be a snapshot of a time in history that we might soon be referring to as ‘the good old days,’” said Molly Corbett Broad, president of the American Council on Education, the principal group representing colleges in Washington, D.C.

The College Board report emphasized that, accounting for overall inflation, prices rose less than 1 percent this year, and actually declined at public two-year colleges. But that’s because overall inflation was unusually high — about 5.6 percent.

“She’s one really smart person to wait for college just because other prices have gone up,” Sandy Ikasa, economics professor at Skidmore College and senior policy analyst at the College Board, said in a telephone interview. While families may postpone other big-ticket items, “it’s harder to wait to go to college than to wait to buy a car,” she said.

Public two-year colleges once again were the biggest bargains. Average list prices there rose $100, or 4.7 percent, to $2,140. Factoring in financial aid, the College Board estimates the average net cost is only about $1,500.

The College Board also reported that the amount of private borrowing — the loans students take out on top of federal aid — declined sharply in 2007-2008. After years of double-digit increases that fueled worries about student debt, private borrowing had plateaued.

Pakistan
At least 170 dead in Pakistan quake

Associated Press

Pakistan — Desperate villagers clawed through piles of mud and timber looking for victims of an earthquake that collapsed homes and killed at least 170 people.

Army planes began flying in tents, medical supplies and blankets to the quake-shaken Baluchistan province, but some 15,000 homeless people in the impoverished region faced a night in the open in near freezing temperatures following the 6.4-magnitude jolt.

“I have lost everything,” said Haji Shabazz, mourning the deaths of 17 relatives in Wam, a hard-hit village.

“Nothing is left here, and now life is worthless for me,” he added, then wailed in despair, tears streaking his dust-caked face.

Pakistan is no stranger to natural disasters, but the quake comes at an especially precarious time for the Muslim country, with the civilian government battling al-Qaida and Taliban attacks while grappling with a punishing economic crisis.

As the army and other government agencies rushed to provide help, at least three hard-line Islamic organizations were also quick to aid quake survivors, according to an Associated Press reporter who toured the area.

Among them was Jamaat-ul-Dawa, designated a terrorist group by the U.S. government for its links to Muslim separatists fighting in India’s portion of the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

The group set up relief camps and won friends among survivors of a 7.6-magnitude quake that devastated Kashmir and northern Pakistan in October 2005, killing about 80,000 people and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless.

Baluchistan is home to a long-running separatist movement, but has so far been spared the violent militancy seen in the northwestern tribal areas along the border with Afghanistan, where Muslim extremists are strong.
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York Times, Chicago Tribune, and the South Bend Tribune to name a few.

The budget also allowed for an increase in the contingency fund.

"We upped the (contingency fund) just because we don't know about this readership program," Weaver said. "Last year, they b - best known for playing sexual relationship with the pair claimed Brand had than to blurt out lewd to Sachs in Spanish state-funded national broad­

The calls by Brand and Boss to actor Andrew Sachs — best known for playing Spanish state-funded national broad­

"I'm appreciative of how much people were very passionate about... the budget and the stipend, but I was a little disappointed in it. It became very personal," Brand said.

Sachs' manager said it was a little bit caught up in the moment and forgot that at the core of the rude comments and silly songs were the real feelings of a beloved and brilliant comic actor and a very sweet and big-hearted young woman.

Several politicians have called on the BBC to fire the pair. Telecommunications regulator Ofcom said it would investigate whether the calls breached the broadcasting code, which sets standards for fairness and privacy.

The case is reminiscent of the antics of American "shock jocks" such as Howard Stern — who paid repeated obscenities fines before jumping to the unreg­

The calls were recorded Oct. 16 and aired on Brand's radio show two days later.

Both Brand and Ross apol­

"I am sorry that I upset Mr. Sachs, but I didn't mean to hurt him," said Brand. "I'm think of the effects this might have on other people."
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In Brief

FDA officials opposed drug suit policy

WASHINGTON — Top scientists and career employ­ees at the Food and Drug Administration opposed agency regulations that weaken consumers’ ability to sue drug makers, congressional investigators said Wednesday.

At issue is language in a drug labeling rule from 2001 that scientists say can inflate profits when people can sue in state court over injury claims involving medications. The FDA contends federal regulations prevail when there is a conflict with state law.

In a report released Wednesday, the government’s investigators acknowledged that the FDA approved labeling is frequently used in state courts, and they were not opposed to that.

Scientists and career employees told investigators that the FDA approval process is too complex and time-consuming to allow quick decision-making.

“FDA’s position is that labeling is not pre-emptive,” said Dr. Peter Pittman, an investigator for the investigators. “We think that was the right position.”

The FDA has approved labeling for thousands of drugs, and the investigators said the agency needs to consider if it is “sending a strong message to industry.”

Wall Street that started after European funds from the billions in the financial rescue package.

Lured out, some analysts said, but they cautioned that the spigot would not be turned off immediately. “It’s not a panacea,” said Dr. John Mark, who oversees FBN’s new drug review program, “We have to look at the future.”

Key interest rate lowered to 1 percent

Washington, DC — Key interest rates for banks to begin falling again, financial institutions are split about extending new loans given the high risks they have accumulated in bad mortgages.

Meanwhile, the administration announced that the gist had been worked out in the $700 billion fund created by Congress Oct. 3 to rescue the U.S. financial system. Treasury issued a report showing how much would be disbursed for $125 billion in payments to nine major banks, including Bank of America, Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley. The goal is to bolster their balance sheets so they will remain more normal lending.

The administration was planning an agreement on a plan to help around 3 million homeowners avoid foreclosure, according to sources who had been briefed on the matter. The program would be the most aggressive effort yet to limit damages from the severe housing slump.

Governors, mayors seek fiscal help

Facing budget troubles, states ask for public works projects

Worried about the future of the nation’s infrastructure, mayors and governors from around the country met Wednesday to discuss how to spend stimulus payments they are receiving from the federal government. They said they would use the payments to help pay for the construction of roads, bridges, schools and other public works projects.

The Associated Press

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Congo

Soldiers, refugees flee rebel fighters

Rwandan Tutsi-led government denies charges that troops crossed the border, attacked soldiers

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GOMA — Firing wildly, Congolese soldiers commandeered cars, taxis and motorbikes Wednesday in a retreat from advancing rebel fighters, joining tens of thousands of terrified refugees struggling to stay ahead of the violence.

As gunfire cracked in this eastern provincial capital, the Rwandan rebels said they had reached the outskirts of Goma and declared a unilateral cease-fire as government troops pulled out of the airport, hung from open doors.

Congolese soldiers had crossed the border and attacked its soldiers — raising the specter that neighboring nations will again be drawn into Congo's war. Rwanda's Tutsi-led government immediately denied the charge, and Congolese turned to Angola for help defending its territory.

As the chaos mounted, the U.S. announced its officials were leaving Goma and advised all American citizens to do the same. The State Department said Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Jendayi Frazer was headed to the capital, Kinshasa, and would arrive Thursday.

"There is a lot of violence," said spokesman Sean McCormack. "This is of deep concern to us."

Thousands of panicked refugees clung to the dirt roads out of Goma, struggling to reach safety.

Women carrying huge bundles on their heads and babies in their arms trudged alongside men pushing the wooden carts crammed with clothing, food and cooking utensils. Wounded children walked alongside. Young boys led goats and sheep, followed by others on bicycles wheeled in and out.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said about 45,000 people fled the nearby village of Kihati, where they had been sleeping in a makeshift camp in the open air, in a matter of hours on Wednesday.

"It was very chaotic," said agency spokesman Ron Redmond, speaking from Geneva. Most of the refugees had arrived only the day before after fleeing fighting farther north.

"They suddenly became very agitated and people began leaving the camp in a panic," Redmond said. They first headed toward Goma to the south, then changed direction and headed back out as it became clear the city was about to fall.

Goma's governor, Julien Mialuku, acknowledged that panic was spreading, but stressed that U.N. peacekeepers were still in charge and rebels had not yet entered the city. U.N. spokesman Madudje Mpongou said peacekeepers were deployed at the airport and at other strategic points.

A rebel statement said their fighters were just outside Goma.

"We are not far from Goma," rebel leader Laurent Nkunda was quoted as saying on the BBC's Web site. "But because there is a state of destabilization in the town ... unilaterally to proclaim a cease-fire."

Nkunda, who has ignored calls by the Security Council to respect a U.N.-brokered truce signed in January, called on government forces to follow suit.

The U.N. says its biggest peacekeeping mission — a 17,000-strong force in Congo — is now stretched to the limit with the surge in fighting and needs more troops quickly. India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uruguay and South Africa are the main contributors to the existing force.

But hopes for immediate backup from the European Union dimmed. French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said Wednesday the EU had considered sending troops to reinforce the peacekeepers in Congo but some countries refused.

Fear has grown of a wider war that could drag in Congo's neighbors. Congo suffered back-to-back wars from 1996 to 2002 that embroiled eight African nations and became a rush at the country's vast mineral wealth.

The unrest in eastern Congo has been fueled by factions of armies that left over from the 1994 Rwandan genocide. In all, half a million Tutsis were slaughtered. More than a million Hutu extremists fled to Congo where they regrouped in a brutal militia that helps fuel the continuing conflict in Congo.

Rebel leader Nkunda, an ethnic Tutsi and former general, quit the army several years ago, claiming the government of President Joseph Kabila was not doing enough to protect minority Tutsis from the Hutu extremists.

On Wednesday, retreating government soldiers entered Goma along with the fleeing refugees, grabbing cars, taxis and motorbikes to help in their escape.

About 15 soldiers briefly commandeered a car carrying an AP cameraman and photographer and demanded to be driven about 50 miles to the town of Naki.

"We will kill you! We will kill you!" yelled one soldier in front of an aflame dirt road. From Goma.

The soldiers grabbed boxes that looked like ammunition from the U.N. compound at the airport, piled them into the SUV and took off. Some of the soldiers piled onto the roof, others hung from open doors. The journalists finally managed to get away, jumping out of the moving vehicle at a military police checkpoint.

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Obama on prime-time: McCain criticizes

MIAMI - Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama plunked down $4 million for a cam­aign-closing television ad Wednesday night, sum­moning voters to "choose hope over fear and unity over division" in Tuesday's election. Republican John McCain derided the event as a "gaudy, bel­igerent commercial," paid for with broken promises.

"America, the time for change has come," Obama said in the final moments of the unusual ad, a blend of televised moments and a live appearance before thousands in Sunrise, Fla.

"In six days we can choose an economy that rewards work and creates jobs and fuels prosperity starting with the middle class," Obama said.

The GOP convention and several cable networks, came just days from the end of the race, in which Obama holds the lead in polls nationally as well as in most key battleground states as he bids to become the first black pres­i­dent.

Democrats and even some Democrats said the race was tightening as it neared the end. And while Obama made no mention of McCain in his paid tele­vision ad, both men sharpened their rhetoric during the day.

Palin suggests she will be a GOP future

TOLEDO, Ohio - Facing the unhappy prospect of defeat, Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin indicated Wednesday that she will not disappear from the national political scene if the (GOP ticket) loses on Tuesday.

"I don't think that, if we were to lose it and walk away, we've seen a flag of surrender against some of the political shots that we've taken, that ... that would ... bring this whole - I'm not doing this for nothing," Palin said in an interview with ABC News, according to a transcript released by the television network.

Palin was steadfast in saying Republican pres­i­dential rivals John McCain and Republican presidential nominee John McCain, have rarely made pro-choice comments during the campaign about same-sex marriage or affirmative action.

McCain would defeat Democrat Barack Obama. "I'm just ... thinking that it's gonna to go our way on Tuesday, Nov. 4, I truly believe that the wisdom of ... of the people will be revealed on that day. As they enter that voting booth, they will understand the stark contrast between the two tickets," the Alaska governor said.

In addition to the interview, Palin delivered a poli­cy address in which she called for a "clean break" from the Bush administration's energy policies. She said the White House plans rely too much on importing foreign oil.

Democrats dominate early voting

WASHINGTON - Democrats are domina­tion- ing in six key states President Bush won four years ago, forcing Republican John McCain to play catch-up even before Election Day arrives.

Democrats outnumber Republicans among early voters in Iowa, North Carolina, Florida, Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada, according to statistics from election and party officials in those states. Bush won all six in 2004, and McCain needs to win most of them to claim the White House this year. Georgia, another red state, doesn't track early voters by party, but it does by race. About 1.4 million Georgians have already cast ballots, and blacks are voting in dispro­portionate numbers. Black voters overwhelm­ingly support Democrat Barack Obama, who is bidding to become the nation's first black president.

"My health care plan will make sure insur­ance companies can't discriminate against those who are sick and need care. If you have health insurance, the only thing that will change under my plan is that we will lower premiums. If you don't have health insurance, you'll be able to get the same kind of health insurance that Members of Congress get for themselves."

"To use their money effectively, Americans need more choices. We should give additional help to those who are sick, need care and no longer have health insurance, the only thing that will change under my plan is that we will lower premiums. If you don't have health insurance, you'll be able to get the same kind of health insurance that Members of Congress get for themselves."

More than 300 supporters of Proposition 8, the ballot measure that would take away the right of same-sex couples to wed, rallied at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif., Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008.

Values issues highlight state ballots

Voters can decide thier states' position on issues like abortion and gay marriage

Associated Press

Social issues so volatile that the presidential cam­paigns sidestepped them will be on the ballots in several states next week, including measures that would criminalize gay marriages, ban same­sex marriage or ban same-sex marriage in one of only three states that allow it.

In all, there are 153 pro­posals on ballots in 36 states. In Washing­ton, voters will decide whether to join Oregon as the only states offering terminally ill peo­ple the option of physician­assisted suicide. Massachusetts has three distinctive measures on its ballot - to ban dog racing, ease marijuana laws and scrap the state income tax, a step that could unleash budgetary tumult.

The main presidential rivals, Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain, have rarely made pro-choice comments during the campaign about same-sex marriage or affirmative action.

"We believe in the American Dream - that with hard work and dedication, all of us can achieve our full potential," Obama said in a statement.

"Our dream is that our children will have the same opportunities that we've had," McCain said. "Our goal is to have a strong and growing middle class."
The Observer

The finish line

With less than a week until election day, I have found myself wondering what I’ll do with all the time I will save by not checking multiple blogs, new feeds, and news sources several times every day. I also find myself reflecting on the entire election season as a whole, remembering — and, for me, at least, qualitatively — some of the more sensationalistic tales and stories, and deciding what I learned from my first true immersion into American politics.

For me, it started last Christmas break when a friend of mine called me a few days before New Year’s, asking if I wanted to drive up to Iowa to see the candidates make their pitches just before the caucuses. Over the forty-eight hour span I would see stump speeches from four candidates at middle schools and dinners. It’s funny to think back on that now. First, I saw Mike Huckabee at a bar in a sleepy town. He was amodsly unknown Arkansan governor at the time, and made a strong enough pitch on values and compassion to win the contest. (McCain came in fourth. I’m not sure anybody thought he was going to be the runaway winner.) Then, still in Iowa, the win, surviving the deadly Republican National Convention primary system clear into March.

Then, I walked a block or two down to a small test where Rudy Giuliani answered questions and signed autographs. Even as late as last Christmas, a lot of the smart, money-moving people in the nation. The nominee had to choose Florida as his first (and last) state to win, surviving the deadly Republican National Convention primary system clear into March.

In response to the various abortion stories that were the most Clickable items of the Viewpoint’s pages this cold fall days, all it really shows is the incredible tension between beliefs in this country. I thought an opinion from experience would be useful to throw into the mix.

I am a mother. I have lived the “choice.” There are no words to express the flood of emotions which filled me when she discovered she is pregnant, especially at such a young age. From happiness to fear, it ranges across the spectrum.

Overall, I agree with Mary Daly’s opinion (“For Clarification,” Oct. 29) when she says, “A pregnant woman who finds herself in a position in which abortion seems the only answer… is not being afforded the right to choose.”

Unfortunately, in today’s society, that is often the case. I have held a staunch pro-life view throughout my life, but not until the issue with the issue at hand do you truly question your beliefs. I will admit, abortion was an option, and a highly considered option for me the first few days. When one is flooded with ideas of today’s norm of leading life (i.e., college, job, marriage, promotion, then children) and the more common-than-commonly-accorded to unwed mothers in our society, I found myself split between choosing a single decision, I was ripped from that norm into a life-track of my own. This loneliness caused me to consider abortion, however, after a night of tears and prayer, that “choice” was forever deleted from my mind.

What made me decide not to partake in this option given to me? It came down to one word: support. I learned of the support offered to me by my family and friends. I discovered the support given to me by the University. I supported myself by knowing I could be a mother and still afford to go through the most difficult nine months of my life. I have a beautiful one-year-old daughter who never stops smiling, a wonderful fiancé I am marrying next spring, high grades in school, a promising internship next summer and the most fulfilling life I could have ever imagined.

I hope, as Lindsay Schwartz (“Who has the ‘Right to Life’?” Oct. 13) pointed out, that no one is put into the situation where loving the life you make can lead you to be the happiest you have ever been. I look at my daughter and tears fill my eyes with the thought that I might have never seen her big, beautiful blue eyes with a “choice” I almost made.

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junior
off campus
Oct. 28

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have chosen "Support, and unlimited amounts of it. I still believe abortion is the murder of a human life, but I now understand how a woman can feel so trapped that she feels there is no other option available. Now, after going through the most difficult nine months of my life, I have a beautiful one-year-old daughter who never stops smiling, a wonderful fiancé I am marrying next spring, high grades in school, a promising internship next summer and the most fulfilling life I could have ever imagined."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it." — Henry David Thoreau

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I wish you could have met Thomas Francis, Jr., my great-grandfather. I think you could have met him. He was one intimida­

He was truly my grandfather, my favorite grandfather. He was approachable, and to know him was to know him.

I am proud of Sean Lyttle ("We need socialism," Oct. 29) and his future "lucrative career" as a trial lawyer. I'm sorry, however, that he feels guilty for everything from his upbringing to his race to his potentially successful future. There is no reason he should. But, yes, but not guilty.

Lyttle, I'm sure, represents a key difference between the thinking of liberals and conservatives. Lyttle suggests that it is some kind of "guilt" that puts people in the life situations they are in, and there is really nothing good or bad about that. They can do to reverse the course. I agree.

But when I walk into Church, I am confronted by this man on a cross. Jesus, the carpenter, the only one, died of cancer. In his last days, he couldn't afford the care that he needed. And on the cross, precisely dying, we see Jesus as someone like us — for on the cross, Jesus takes on our greatest limitation — that one day we will die. He is willing to take this limitation, which other of our limitations would drive him away? On the cross, we see someone like us — and in doing so, our Church invites us to see our God in the author and not necessarily in the Observer.

The cross is a symbol of love, not power. And the central mystery of our faith asserts a profound response to this natural person in our hearts. That our God has become weak like us, vulnerable like us, broken like us — human like us. And precisely as such, he invites us to come to know him and to love him.

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Great Things Are Attached to Grocery Stores: El Paraiso

By KARA KING
Scene Writer

Just down Main Street in South Bend, El Paraiso is a Mexican restaurant that few students beyond the Irish ski team have discovered. And this needs to change. With prices and speed to rival Taco Bell, and traditional Mexican food that is hard to find past the Red River, it is more than worth a visit.

El Paraiso looks (and feels) like the type of dive frequented by Guy Fieri. Attached to a Mexican grocery store, it screams authenticity throughout the dining experience. The smell is overpowering when you enter, and it sets the stage for the dining experience to follow.

The restaurant itself is basic: a simple room with several cafeteria-type tables, orange walls, and a few Mexican decorations spaced throughout. This simplicity belies all this place has to offer.

The menu offers anything and everything Mexican. From favorites such as tacos, burritos, and quesadillas to churros and churro-inspired sweets, the menu has a little something for everyone. The beans and rice are especially delicious and even their less-familiar entries are cooked to perfection.

Best of all, it’s cheap. Tacos start at $1.50 each and burritos at $5.00. Even the most expensive offerings fail to burst the $10 mark. It is an easy place to visit on a budget and leave full and satisfied.

The service is good, for what it is. Mostly intended as a take-out restaurant, the waitress managed to keep the chip basket full (although they do charge for refills beyond a certain point) and brought out the food as it was ready and warm. And while service is clearly not the strength of El Paraiso, it is better than expected.

The attached grocery store is an added bonus and worth a walk through even if you don’t buy anything. With traditional Mexican candies and year-round, if you ever find yourself in need of a mango or coconut, you know where to look. The Mexican candy section is also culturally enlightening and offers several interesting Halloween treats.

Overall, El Paraiso offers an unexpected Mexican dining experience in South Bend on a college student budget. Go for the affordability. Return for the food.

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Great Things Are Attached to Grocery Stores: El Paraiso

Service: 2 of 4

Atmosphere: 3 of 4

Food: 3.5 of 4

Cost: 4 of 4

Overall: 3.25 of 4
Thursday: "Shaun of the Dead" at Legends, midnight.

In light of this spooky holiday season, Legends is getting into the horror game by sponsoring a showing of the 2004 British film "Shaun of the Dead." This spot-on parody spoofs classic zombie movies while still retaining its share of chills and Halloween thrills.

In the film, slackish Shaun (Simon Pegg) attempts to win back his girlfriend Liz (Kate Ashfield) while he and his bumbling best friend Ed (Nick Frost) battle hordes of flesh-eating zombies across their North London neighborhood. Not to be missed.

Friday: Notre Dame Glee Club Fall concert, Leighton Concert Hall, 8 p.m.

If your Halloween plans won't start until the wee hours of All Hallows' Eve, spend the earlier portion of your evening with the men of the Notre Dame Glee Club. Their seasonal concert will feature several of their traditional stand-bys, classic Notre Dame music, and a variety of other liturgical and secular pieces. The concert will also feature several of the smaller ensembles within the Glee Club, as well as some spooky Halloween-type selections. Also, watch for sales of the group's albums outside of the concert hall. Tickets cost $18, $13 for faculty and staff, $9 for seniors and $5 for students.

Saturday: "Dracula" at the South Bend Civic Theatre, 8 p.m.

Yes, it's the day after Halloween, but why not keep the spooky spirit alive another night? The South Bend Civic Theatre, minutes from both the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses, will feature performances of "Dracula" all weekend. As the Count himself says in the play, "I want your fear... for your fear renders your veins rich and full!"

The play is an adaptation by Steven Dietz of the original Bram Stoker novel. Visit www.artseverywhere.com for more information. Tickets cost $17 and there is also a midnight showing on Friday.

Sunday: The Alison Brown Quartet, Leighton Concert Hall, 2 p.m.

Ever given bluegrass a try? Even if you've never seen a banjo, the Alison Brown Quartet is sure to impress. Alison Brown is a Grammy-winning banjo artist who has worked with a variety of bluegrass performers, including Alison Krauss. Billboard magazine once likened Brown's banjo playing to "James Taylor's voice or B.B. King's guitar" for its unique style and beauty. Tickets cost $38, $30 for faculty and staff, $28 for seniors and $15 for students.

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**Dining Hall Dish**

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

We're back and the doors to the dining hall are flung open once again, so it's time to get back to work finding good things to eat. Hopefully a week off has put a shine back on the offerings to eat. Hopefully a week off has the dining hall are flung open back to work finding good things to eat again.

Assistant Scene Editor

This week's recipes:

**Pitas with Garbanzo Beans and Spinach**

There is something about pitas that just makes them fun, so staple away! Spinach has gotten a bad name, probably because it is often served over-cooked, but don't give in to the association. It has a great flavor and is a good shake up from the usual lettuce. Garbanzo beans (the stars of many Middle Eastern foods such as hummus and falafel) with their nutty flavor are a good source of protein.

Fill a bowl with spinach, garbanzo beans, mushrooms, feta cheese (Not a feta fan? Try blue cheese, or even sprinkle on a bunch of other yummy vegetables across their North London neighborhood. Not to be missed.

**Quick Tip**

Have a favorite sandwich you always make? Try transferring the same ingredients to a wrap, a pita, or even just some of the nicer breads you have to slice yourself. It will make a tried and true dish a little more special. Don't forget the pickle!

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.
MLB

Lidge closes 50-hour game to give Phils the title

Pedro Feliz's gamewinning RBI single sealed Philadelphia's 4-3 victory in game five and clinched a 4-1 series win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — From losingest team to longest game, the Philadelphia Phillies are World Series champions.

Strange as that sounds. Strange as it was. Brad Lidge and the Phillies finished off the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 in 5 hours, 1/2 minutes Wednesday night to win a suspended Game 5 nearly 50 hours after it started.

Left in limbo by a two-day rain delay, the Phillies sawed off their first championship since 1980 when Lidge finally closed home the go-ahead run in the seventh and Lidge closed out his perfect season to deliver the title Philadelphia craved for so long.

"It was a crazy way to win it with a suspended game but we did alright and it was very exciting," 45-year-old Phillies pitcher Jamie Moyer said. "It has been a long wait, but it's worth it.'

Bundled in parkas and blankets, fans streamed to Citizens Bank Park and saw the Phillies win its first major sports championship in 25 years. No more references needed to those sad-sack Phillies teams in the past and their heartbreaking losses.

"They taste it just as much as we could," Series MVP Cole Hamels said.

It was among the wildest endings in baseball history, a best-of-seven series turned into a best-of-3 1/2 showdown when play resumed in the bottom of the sixth inning tied at 2.

How bizarre? Hamels was a star in Game 5 — and the ace never stepped on the mound Wednesday night. Two Rays relievers warmed up to start, and there was a pinch-hitter before a single pitch; "God Bless America" was sung rather than the national anthem, and it was quickly followed by the seventh-inning stretch.

All because the game was suspended Monday night after rain made the field into a quagmire, washing out the foul lines, creating a puddle at home plate and turning every ball an adventure. Commissioner Bud Selig eventually called it — he got boosed when he presented the MVP trophy to Hamels.

For Philly, it was more than a World Series win. It was a bit of redemption for all the losses, the jokes, the slights.

But mostly it's something to celebrate.

How much did Philly fans want this title to come own?

Well, the sports here they point to is with the most pride isn't even a real person. It's Rocky Balboa.

Yo, Adrian. The Phillies did it.

"It's over," shortstop Jimmy Rollins said. "It's over man."

Lidge went 48-0-for-48 save chances this year, including two this week. He retired two batters with a runner on second, then struck out pinch-hitter Eric Hinske to end it.

Lidge jumped in front of the mound, landing on his knees with arms outstretched. Catcher Carlos Ruiz ran out to grab him, and teammates sprinted to the mound to join them as towel-waving fans let loose.

"At first, I couldn't believe it. And then the gravity of what happened hit me," Lidge said.

A generation ago, it was Tug McGraw who went wild when the Phillies won their first title. A few days after country singer Tim McGraw scatted his dad's ashes on the mound, it was Lidge's turn to throw the final pitch.

Despite low TV ratings and minus the majors' most glamorous teams, fans will always remember how this one wrapped up. It was for the first time in a long while, kids saw a World Series championship crown before bedtime.

"I believe this firmly, our team was not satis­fied without playing in October from now on," Rays manager Joe Maddon said.

"And that's a good thing. And that's all because of this group of people this year. Reliever J.C. Romero got the win, his second of the Series.

Hamels went 4-0 in five postseason starts, beating the Rays in Game 1 and pitching six sharp innings in the rain during Game 5. He was set to be the first batter when the game resumed, and was immediately pulled for a pinch-hitter.

While former NL MVPs Ryan Howard and Rollins drive the Phillies, it's their less-heralded teammates who helped win it on this chilly night.

Tied at 3, Pat Burrell led off the seventh with a drive off the center-field wall against J. P. Howell. Chad Bradford relieved and one out later, Felix Schwindel pinch runner Eric Brunell. Bocco Baldelli's solo home run off Ryan Madson made it 3-all in the top of the seventh. The Rays almost got more, but All-Star second baseman Chase Utley alarmly fluffed a throw to first on a grounder over the bag and instead threw out Jason Bartlett at the plate.

Pinch-hitter Geoff Jenkins, the first batter Wednesday night, doubled and later scored on Jayson Werth's bloop single.

In all, there were six new games, three pinch-hitters and two pinch-runners when play restarted.

Manager Charlie Manuel, whose NL East champions clinched a playoff spot in the final week, guided the Phillies' second overall championsh­ip in World Series trials. The Phils helped themselves by going 7-0 at home this postseason, beating Milwaukee and the Dodgers in the NL playoffs and then defeating the Rays.

It's always thought we'd win the World Series. I knew we could beat anyone in the league," Manuel said.

Once known as a city of champions, Philadelphia sports fans had hard times after Julius Erving and Moses Malone led the 76ers to the 1983 title.

Then the Phillies, Eagles, Sixers and Flyers made it to the championship game or round — seven times, in total — and lost all of them.

The city became so starved for a crown that it was ready to throw a parade down Broad Street for a horse. But local colt Smarty Jones lost, too, in his bid for the Triple Crown.

People enjoy being associated with winning and a world championship is the ultimate," Mike Schmidt, MVP of the Phillies' other championship, wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press this week. "It unites a town behind one team."

Cheese steak, In the house.

Tampa Bay did itself proud, too, until this final week. Baseball's best story this season, the worst-to-first Rays played like the down­trodden Devil Rays from the past decade.

Even so, the gap between the Phils and Rays wasn't enormous. Had Evan Longoria's late, long drive off Jamie Moyer in Game 3 not been blown back by the wind, the teams might still be playing.
Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS — Michael Curry wants the Detroit Pistons to project a new image, consistently attacking on offense and playing hard on defense.

"After Game One, it's a work in progress," Curry said.

The Detroit Pistons played well enough to build big leads only to allow the Indiana Pacers to rally before beating them 100-94 Wednesday night in the opener for both teams.

Curry, though, can't fault the effort he saw in his debut as a head coach.

"If you get a big lead, NBA teams are going to come back on you because they're too good," Curry said. "The key is minimizing their runs and we did that."

Tayshaun Prince had 19 points, Richard Hamilton scored 15, Chauncey Billups added 13 points and seven assists, and Walter Herrmann had 10 points to help Detroit's reserves easily outscore their counterparts.

Danny Granger led the new-look Pacers with 33 points and got some help from new teammates T.J. Ford, Jarrett Jack and Radu Nesterovic.

Indiana had seven more turnovers and nine fewer offensive rebounds than Detroit.

"The difference in the game was the turnover differential and the offensive glass," Pacers coach Jim O'Brien said. "We shot 50 percent and we got to the line 13 times more than they did, but we shot ourselves in the foot."

Just eight of the 15 players on Indiana's opening-night roster were on the team at the end of last season.

The Pistons planned to shake up their core — which helped them win a championship in 2004 and advance to six straight Eastern Conference finals — but they ended up standing pat and counting on Curry along with an influx of youth to take them back to the NBA finals.

Expectations are relatively low for Detroit after getting eliminated in Game 6 of conference finals the past three seasons.

The Pistons have provided fodder for doubters with inconsistent play and arrogant attitudes that have stunted their potential.

"We've earned the right for people to ask, 'Has this team made their last run?'" Curry said. "We've earned the right for people to ask if we're going to be able to get it with the few changes we've made," Curry said. "We have to reassure ourselves, first and foremost."
Raptors hold off 76ers in opener

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Chris Bosh just about single-handedly carried the Toronto Raptors into the playoffs last season. Now he has a much-improved supporting cast.

Bosh had 27 points and 11 rebounds to help the Raptors beat the Philadelphia 76ers 95-94 on Wednesday night in the opener for both teams.

Jermaine O’Neal added 17 and Jason Kapono had 15 for the Raptors, who finished 41-41 last season.

The Raptors improved drastically when they acquired O’Neal, a six-time All-Star, from the Indiana Pacers on July 9. He appears to be healthy after missing 40 games last season because of lingering pain from a torn ligament in his left knee that was surgically repaired the previous summer.

“I feel really good,” O’Neal said. “I said from the time I got here that I wanted to be part of the team and bring playoff-type intensity every night. We have to treat every game like a playoff game.”

The start of the game was moved up an hour to 6 p.m. because the Philadelphia Phillies and Tampa Bay Rays were set to resume the bottom of the sixth inning of Game 5 of the World Series at 8:37 p.m. across the street at Citizens Bank Park.

Many fans attending the Sixers game were wearing Phillies attire in anticipation of the city’s first major professional sports championship since 1983 when Philadelphia swept the Los Angeles Lakers. Still, it was a sparse crowd with pockets of empty seats scattered throughout the 20,000-plus-seat Wachovia Center.

In the second half, chants of “Let’s Go Phillies!” began to resonate in parts of the arena, especially as fans began to file out.

“I can’t say enough about our defense,” Toronto coach Sam Mitchell said.

Lou Williams scored 16 points, Andre Iguodala added 15, Elton Brand had 14 points and 13 rebounds in his Sixers debut and Samuel Dalembert pulled down 17 rebounds. Andre Miller had 13 points.

“It’s disappointing,” Brand said of the loss. “There’s [game] tape in the background and I see three layups they got. It hurts.”

The Sixers lured Brand away from the Los Angeles Clippers in the summer and signed the free agent forward to a five-year, $79.8 million contract. Brand was limited to only eight games last season because of a ruptured Achilles.

The Sixers took a chance on the nine-year veteran, who is one of four active players in the league to have averaged a double-double for a career along with Tim Duncan, Kevin Garnett and Shaquille O’Neal. Brand entered the 2008-09 season with career averages of 20.3 points and 10.2 rebounds.

Philadelphia started 18-30 last season but rallied to finish at 40-42. The Sixers then pushed the Detroit Pistons to six hard-fought games in the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs before falling short.

Toronto outscored the Sixers 33-24 in the second quarter to take a 51-45 lead at halftime.

The Raptors built a 14-point lead on a 3-pointer by Jose Calderon with 44.8 seconds left in the third quarter. But a basket by Brand and three free throws by Williams — after being fouled on a 3-pointer — cut the lead to 74-65 at the end of the quarter.

Toronto led by as many as 14 in the second half and maintained a steady lead throughout most of the fourth quarter.

A three-point play by Williams with 2:39 left cut the Raptors lead to 88-82.

“I thought we had the momentum back, but it wasn’t meant to be,” Williams said.

Bosh responded with a jumper and Kapono hit a 3-pointer, giving Toronto a commanding 93-82 advantage.

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Oden sidelined with injured foot

Trail Blazers star to miss two to four weeks

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland Trail Blazers center Greg Oden will miss two to four weeks because of an injury to his right foot.

The team said Wednesday that MRI and computerized axial tomography scans confirmed Oden has a mid-plantar flexor tendinitis in his foot. Oden, who missed all of last season after knee surgery, injured his foot in the first quarter of the Blazers’ 96-76 season-opening loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night.

"I was trying to go get a rebound, and kind of came down on Derek Fisher’s foot on like the third play of the game. I kind of fell and didn’t think twice about it," he said after the game.

Oden missed four field goals and two free throws in 13 minutes of play.

The 7-foot center was the top pick in the 2007 draft. But even before his rookie season started, it was postponed by microfracture surgery on his right knee.

Trail Blazers coach Nate McMillan had not yet heard of the MRI results when he addressed reporters Wednesday at the team’s practice facility in Tualatin, Ore.

"I think both sides were happy," Roy said. "I know this is a big year for him and he had a lot on his shoulders."

McMillan said there was high­ly anticipated by Blazers fans, who had waited a long time to see the top draft pick.

The team had not had a No. 1 pick since 1978, when they chose center Mychal Thompson of Minnesota.

After he was held out last season, Oden rolled his ankle in the first practice of the fall. That injury wasn’t seri­ous, however.

At Ohio State, Oden averaged 15.7 points and 9.6 reb­ounds, but Oden struggled with a wrist injury. He led the Buckeyes to the national championship game, scoring 25 points and grabbing 12 reb­ounds in the loss to Florida.

Wilfork fined for hit on Cutler

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New England defensive tackle Vince Wilfork was fined but not suspend­ed by the NFL after meeting with commissioner Roger Goodell about a hit on Denver quarterback Jay Cutler, a per­son familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The Patriots nose tackle met Tuesday with Goodell and the com­missioner decided to forgo a possible suspension. That’s according to a person familiar with the case who asked for anonymity because there has been no official announcement.

The NFL declined comment, noting that fines and suspen­sions normally are announced on Fridays.

Wilfork was summoned before Goodell after the Broncos claimed tape of New England’s 41-7 win Oct. 20 showed Wilfork wearing the face mask of San Diego’s Michael Turner during the AFC championship game.

Wilfork has played for the Patriots since being drafted in the first round out of Miami in 2004. He said Wednesday that he didn’t know what the outcome of the meeting would be, but felt the session was produc­tive.

"I think both sides were happy," Wilfork said. "He got a chance to hear my side of my story of how I approach the game. I got a chance to hear what he had to say about the whole situation of my past history and playing football and all that good stuff. So I think we both left pretty happy.”
NBA

Cartier’s 21 leads Nets past Wizards

Hawks start fast, hold on for victory over Magic

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vince Carter scored 21 points to lead the Atlanta Hawks to a 99-85 season-opening victory Wednesday night over a Washington Wizards team missing Gilbert Arenas.

Carter — whose teammates elected him the Nets’ captain, coach Lawrence Frank announced before the game — made a 16-foot fadeaway jumper over a Carol Burner to put the visitors ahead 9-0 with a minute left and effectively settle a back-and-forth game.

There are teams that took very different approaches this offseason. The Wizards essentially stayed put, re-signing All-Star Arenas and all-star center Marcin Gortat to big contracts, while the Nets continued their overhaul that began when they traded Jordan Farmar to the Lakers and brought in new coach Lawrence Frank.

That is why Frank said he’s installed less than half of his offense.

“We’re not going to be a finished product now,” he said. “This is going to be an evolving thing — clean up and improve and continue to put in things whenever the group is ready for it. We have hardly anything in.”

Still, on this night, it was enough.

Atlanta 99, Orlando 85

Joe Johnson scored 25 points, including nine in the fourth quarter, to help the Atlanta Hawks hold off a late Orlando rally for a 99-85 win Wednesday night in the season opener for both teams.

Dwight Howard had 22 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Magic, who lost their home opener for only the second time in the last nine seasons. Mickael Pietrus added 20 points. Josh Smith chipped in 17 for the Hawks.

Atlanta had a better road than home record last season in winning 52 games, and one of the Magic’s priorities this season was doing a better job defending their home court.

The Magic, expected to contend with Boston and Detroit for the Eastern Conference title, fizzled more than sizzled, shooting only 37 percent. Orlando led by as many as 19 before Atlanta got within seven points in the final minute, but Mike Bibby hit three free throws after a flagrant foul by Hedo Turkoglu to seal the victory.

Orlando struggled early, making only three of its first 18 shots. Howard, who moments before tipoff told the crowd, “We’re going to be something special this year,” was anything but in the first half, missing four of his first five shots, including two that were blocked.

Howard finished strongly, scoring 12 points in the fourth quarter. He had his familiar struggle from the free throw line, going 6-for-13.

Atlanta dominated on the boards early, and held the Magic without a point for nearly six minutes near the end of the first quarter in building a 23-8 lead. Rashard Lewis, Pietrus and backup point guard Anthony Johnson, who threw an alley-oop to Pietrus for a dunk, keyed a second-quarter run that put Atlanta’s halftime lead in 47-40.
NBA
Thunder falter in franchise debut

Three Bucks score 20 in opening night win

Associated Press
OKLAHOMA CITY — A block party filled the street with fans in blue Oklahoma City Thunder shirts. NBA commissioner David Stern walked to midcourt and welcomed the city to the league. A banner was unfurled with the team’s new logo.

Then the ball was tipped off and the celebration promptly ended.

Michael Redd, Richard Jefferson and Charlie Villanueva each scored 20 points and the Milwaukee Bucks gave Oklahoma City’s sellout crowd little hope about by spoiling the Thunder’s debut with a 98-87 win on Wednesday night.

The Bucks were in control from the start, taking their first double-digit lead by the midway point of the first quarter, and they gave the 19,136 in attendance little to cheer about until it was too late.

“We had to come out hitting. That was the whole goal tonight was to come out fast,” Redd said. “We knew we were in a hostile environment.”

Oklahoma City started 2-for-12 from the field and never led, falling behind 20-9 and then watching Rookie of the Year Kevin Durant come out of the game with early foul trouble.

Even when he returned, it didn’t make a difference. Durant was held scoreless in the first half, and instead it was Redd that broke through first. Coming off a 30-point performance a night earlier, Redd hit his first 3-pointer and then stole the ball from Durant for a fast-break layup during a 10-1 run that pushed the Bucks’ lead to 39-21.

By then, any electricity from the crowd had been turned off.

“We were just hoping that if they were playing on a lot of emotion early in the game that we’d be able to weather it,” said Bucks coach Scott Skiles, who got his first win with his new team. “And they were. I think that probably sometimes these kind of events can weigh on the home team a little bit also and we were able to take advantage of it.”

Andrew Bogut added 14 points and Bell scored 11 for Milwaukee. Villanueva also had 12 rebounds.

Chris Wilcox led Oklahoma City with 15 points off the bench, in front of pick Russell Westbrook scored 13 in his debut and Durant finished with 12 on 5-for-14 shooting.

“The Thunder had too big of a deficit for their excitable crowd to really play a factor. Jefferson, Redd and Villanueva each hit 3-pointers early in the second half as the Bucks had little trouble against a Thunder defense that was the fourth-worst in the league last season.

The lead grew to 71-47 after Villanueva scored off the Bucks’ fourth offensive rebound of the same possession and then he and Jefferson combined to hit four free throws.

Westbrook got Oklahoma City within 90-79 when he capped a 20-8 run with a 3-pointer from the right wing with 5:11 remaining, but Redd scored an easy layup underneath sparked a seven-point spurt that put the game away for Milwaukee.

“For one night at least, it came together well for us,” Skiles said. Johan Petro had the Thunder’s first official shot with a missed jumper from the left wing, and Bogut made the first basket of the game, 39 seconds in. Earl Watson had Oklahoma City’s first points on a layup 13 seconds later.
NBA
Knicks survive late Heat surge in season opener

Jamal Crawford paces the way for New York, picking up 29 points; Dwyane Wade picks up 26 in losing effort

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mike D’Antoni’s New York Knicks are off and running — and a couple of former core players could finally set aside their grievances.

Jamal Crawford scored 29 points, Zaza Pachulia added 20, and the Knicks beat the Miami Heat 120-115 on Wednesday in their first game under D’Antoni, who was the youngest head coach in NBA history.

"I just liked the overall play. I think those last five minutes ... we kind of shut it down. We can’t do that. We’re not that good to be able to do that," D’Antoni said.

And they did it without former coach Mike D’Antoni’s two prized acquisitions, Stephon Marbury and Eddy Curry. D’Antoni kept both former starters on the bench, ignoring rather loud cheers of “We want Steph! We want Steph!” late in the third quarter. Curry spent the final period in the training room icing a sore right knee.

"He could do whatever he feels he should do. I can’t control what he does. He’s the coach," said Marbury, who said he understood D’Antoni’s decision.

"If this is what it is, I mean there’s always next year," D’Antoni added.

Dwyane Wade had 26 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for the Heat in rookie coach Erik Spoelstra’s debut. Spoelstra, 37, became the youngest head coach in the NBA when he replaced Pat Riley.

Rookie Michael Beasley, the No. 2 pick in the draft, had only six points and one rebound for the Heat in his first game with Miami.

Wade hadn’t played a regular-season game since March, before the Knicks decided to shut him down for the season so he could rest his surgically repaired knee before playing in the Olympics. He was only 9-24, perhaps trying to do too much while his teammates struggled for so long.

"I’ve been on a team like this before and I understand when it goes well, it can go well," Wade said. "And I also know when it goes bad, it can go bad, from last season. So just trying to figure out our identity."

Also returning to action was Shaan Livingstone, who appeared in his first game since suffering a massive left knee injury while playing for the Los Angeles Clippers on Feb. 26, 2007. He had two points in 4 minutes.

New York used a 19-3 run in the second quarter to build a 26-42 cushion. Beasley’s 3-pointer cut it to 10 with 8:21 left in the third, but New York scored 13 straight over the next 4:20 for an 84-61 edge.

"I think we had a lot of fun," said Beasley, who scored 19 points.

"It hasn’t always been the case," D’Antoni said. "I know he’s not going to be happy about it and I wouldn’t be either, but the team goes on two different tracks. One is for the future and one is for trying to win now."

"I know it’s not a great situation for him and it’s not Eddy’s. It’s not a great situation. But nothing is closed. So door is closed. We’ll see how it goes forward."
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field in a do-or-die scenario
against top-seeded Calvin
College when the MIAA tour-
nament begins Nov. 1. The
contest is scheduled to kickoff
at noon.

In a match up earlier this
season with the Knights, the
Belles did not fair well falling
4-0 at home. Saturday, Saint
Mary’s will look to reverse
that result and claim its first
MIAA tournament victory in
school history.

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HOLDING ON STRONG

Junior left guard Eric Olsen holds senior left tackle Mike Turkovich’s
hand prior to a snap in Notre Dame’s 29-24 loss to North Carolina.

NBA
Suns win opener behind Stoudemire

Associated Press
SAN ANTONIO — Amare
Stoudemire patiently waited
until the fourth quarter
before taking over and giving
Terry Porter a win in his
coaching debut.

Stoudemire scored 22
points — 11 coming on 5-of-5
shooting in the fourth quarter
— and four other Phoenix
players scored in double fig-
ures to help the Suns beat the
San Antonio Spurs 103-98 in the
regular-season opener for
both teams Wednesday night.

"It was just being patient," said Stoudemire, who had
only six shots heading into
the fourth quarter. "That's
the main thing tonight — just
being patient. Just let the
game come to me.

"There in the fourth quar-
ter, I was able to get going," Tim Duncan and Tony
Parker each scored 32 points for the Spurs, who were play-
ning without guard Manu
Ginobili who is out until
December after ankle sur-
gergy. Nash added 13 points
and 13 assists for the Suns.

Leandro Barbosa had 18
points, Shaquille O'Neal 15,
and Grant Hill 13.

"Obviously, the first one is
nice, especially on the road," said Porter, who was hired when
Mike D’Antoni
opted during the
offseason to
coach the New
York Knicks.

"Our guys really
gutted it out tonight.

It was great to see
that down the
stretch."

Terry Porter
Suns coach

Game 1. Duncan tried anoth-
er 3-pointer Wednesday that
bounced off the front of
the rim with eight seconds
left.

"I thought, ‘Oh, no. Not
again. ’" Stoudemire
said. "Luckily he missed that,
one, we got the rebound
and went down the
floor."

Barbosa added two
free throws with three
seconds to go.

Stoudemire
broke a tie
game with 2:53 to go with a
three-point play.

"It was huge for us
down the stretch," Porter
said. "[Nash] also made a couple of big plays. It was a
solid win for us and just a
great way to start the sea-
son."

After Raja Bell stole the ball
away from Duncan on the
other end of the court, Stoudemire quickly scored on
a fastbreak on an assist from
Nash to give Phoenix a 99-94
lead with 2:3 remaining.

The turnover and quick
basket angered Spurs coach
Gregg Popovich, who was 12-
0 in season-opening games.

"It was the worst transition
defense I've seen in years," Popovich said. "I can't imag-
ined how bad it was.

"Several people made
decisions in the big,
big stretch. It was very disap-
pointing."

Bell stole the ball on a
Duncan pass. Bell fired the
ball to Nash, who set up Stoudemire for an easy layup.

Phoenix led 101-98 with
less than a minute remaining,
but Parker missed a 3-pointer
with 39 seconds left before
Duncan missed his try.

Once again the Spurs
employed the Hack-a-Shaq
that helped them last season
in the playoffs. During the
preseason, O'Neal called
Popovich's liberal use of the
Hack-a-Shaq during the first
round last season "a coward
move."

Popovich played
d from O'Neal in the opening
seconds of the ballgame when Michael
Finley grabbed the big center
away from the ball a scant
time. Popovich
added two
free throws with
three seconds to go.

"I thought it was funny —
bring a little humor to the
game," Duncan said.

It got even
serious before
halftime when the Spurs
employed the Hack-a-Shack
four times in the
Phoenix leading 46-40.

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"Georgetown knew what was at stake today," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It was a big game for their program, and they were very ready. To win the Big East two years in a row is a big accomplishment. It would be nice to win it outright this year."

Leading the way for Notre Dame Wednesday was forward Jeb Brovsky who tallied both Irish goals. The first came in the 24th minute when, after receiving a pass from fellow forward Bright Mike, Brovsky slipped past a defender and fired past Georgetown keeper Matthew Brutto.

After Peter Grazzo tied the game for the Hoyas in the 53rd minute, Brovsky put Notre Dame back in front almost immediately. The sophomore was the first to rise and get connect with a Jack Traynor free kick heading the ball past Brutto. Brovsky's game winning goal was his fifth tally of the season.

The first came part way through the second half. In the 72nd minute, Quinn made a diving stop to hold the Belles to a .126 attacking percentage. Freshman Andrew Quinn had to leave the game part way through the second half. In the 72nd minute, Quinn made a diving save, but he landed awkwardly injuring his shoulder in the process.

After the game, Clark said that the team would have a better idea of the extent of Quinn's injury after he gets an MRI, but Quinn will be out for at least a few weeks. Junior goalie Phillip Tuttle will start in his place.

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helped out," he said. The freshman from Saint Paul, Minn. hauled in his team leading fifth touchdown against Washington to set a record for freshman receivers. He is also one only catch away from breaking sophomore Duval Kamara's freshman receptions record.

The fast start for one of the most impressive freshmen classes in the country is due in a big way to the camaraderie the team was able to develop before they came to campus.

"We were already close enough so when we're working out and pushing one another you're not like, 'Ok who's this guy pushing me,' it's more like 'Ok this is my teammate, this is my buddy, so we were able to all push one another pretty hard," Randolph said.

The class knew long before they arrived that they had the chance to be something special. That's why none of the recruits, who had their pick of the nation's top colleges, backed down even after the dismal 3-9 season in 2007. Several players said they were asked relentlessly if they would change their minds, but they all had the same response — no way.

"I had a lot of people ask me about that, but I knew that Notre Dame with all it offered was too good to pass up," a quarterbash boys. Rudolph said.

MIAA, Schroeder-Biek guided her team to a winning record and a fourth-place conference finish, something defense and superlative play from Slupczynski have been the deciding factors in the team's success throughout the season.

"We need to build on that success," Schroeder-Biek said. "The players will understand what it will take to get to where we want to be. We want to be playing for a championship."

Julie Schroeder-Biek Belles coach

"We want to be playing for a championship."

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defense, tallying an astonishing fifteen blocks alongside 43 digs to hold the Belles to a .126 attacking percentage. Senior hitter Kaela Hellmann lead Saint Mary's with 9 kills, while fellow senior Kathy Kurczak added 8 kills with a .389 attacking percentage. Junior hitter L. o r n a Slupczynski, who has been the spark for the Belles' offense all season, posted only five kills with seven errors in 36 attempts.

Hellmann also paced the team in digs and blocks with 14 and 1.5, respectively. Junior setter Liana Rohr took over duties from freshman Dani Brink, totaling 23 assists on the night.

For Trine, senior hitter Sallie Richardson dominated both offensively and defensively, with 15 kills, 16 digs and 1.5 blocks along side her .483 attacking percentage. Freshman hitter Stefanie Pellingrom added 4.5 blocks and a .429 attacking percentage for the Thunder.

After a disappointing 13-18 season last year (6-10 in the

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): You’ll be given an opportunity to present as idea to someone who has the power to influence the making of worth spending. As a person who needs help to be a part of your life you will look back with no regrets.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Expect complaints if you have not contributed or given your all to something you promised you would do. The people you need in your corner will not be happy with you. Expect the greatest change to come from you.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Return to old friend. A strong change or a new path is possible. It will help you come to more clarity of who you are. Trust your educational or parental advice should be pointed and precise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don’t talk about now. You have to put everything into your other life before educational or personal endeavors. Try to do to a decision.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It’s time to see how far you and your family can observe the other situation and what’s the better. Don’t give in to anyone trying to bring back changes to your home. Protect your interest and your rights.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It can set your circumstances and doing nothing. Don’t let anyone dampen the responsibilities on your shoulders. If you don’t do your work, you will lose your family. A new conversation needs some adjustments.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stay focused and on track but your own needs first. Your new environment is confusing what your career will make it so far. Stick to the facts and don’t exaggerate. Your credibility will lead you to success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Expect the unexpected and you won’t be caught off-guard. Taking reaction action without getting all the facts can cause you much trouble.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Remember to look at the area that you have increased your income or help you resolve your financial situation. By acting now, you can secure yourself a happy and good life. Money will come to you through an unexpected way.

Birthday Baby: You have a strong sense of order and demand justice. You are strong and dominating. You are changeable.***

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**MEN'S SOCCER**

**Biting the Big East**

By JESS ALLISON

Highly touted freshman class beginning to show promise

By DAN MURPHY

More than half of Notre Dame's freshmen class met each other on January 5, 2008. 15 of the team's 27 freshmen were invited to San Antonio that week for the Army All-America Bowl for graduating high school players.

“We spent that week together down there and we kind of had our Notre Dame group and then there was everyone else,” tight end Kyle Rudolph said. “I think that played more of a role in our chemistry before we came together.”

The highly-touted group continued to stay in touch with one another throughout the summer to talk about how excited they were to get to South Bend and get things rolling. Once they arrived, they didn't waste much time.

Rudolph is only one of several freshmen who have played a major role in Notre Dame's 5-2 start this season. He has been listed as the No. 1 tight end since week one and currently has 14 catches for 166 yards and two touchdowns.

Those numbers make him the second leading freshman receiver on the team behind wide receiver Michael Floyd. Floyd, who has 31 catches for 323 yards, was also in San Antonio at the All-America Bowl.

"It was a good way to get to know all my teammates, getting to know them all then really

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**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

Saint Mary's falls in last game before MIAA's

By MICHAEL BLASCO

Saint Mary’s, in a final tune-up game before the MIAA Tournament next week, dropped a match Wednesday night against struggling Trine to finish fourth in the MIAA this season. The Belles (18-10, 9-7 MIAA) labored to generate any offense in the three set loss (25-22, 25-23, 25-21) against the Thunder (9-18, 4-11 MIAA) at the Trine’s Hershey Hall in Angola, Mich.

Saint Mary’s head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was not concerned by the tough match, highlighting the ability that her team has shown to bounce back after losses this season.

“Our approach is to keep going forward and finishing strong,” Schroeder-Biek said. “I have been incredibly proud of my team for how well they have responded to struggles this season.”

The Thunder kept Saint Mary’s in check with stifling defense, and held Saint Mary’s to just 33.1 percent hitting. Trine’s Kari Crabbe had 14 kills and Saint Mary’s finished eighth in the conference.

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**SMC SOCCER**

Belles one goal short again

By ALEX BARKER

Once again, the Saint Mary’s found itself in a very tightly contested match. But, once again, they came up just one goal short.

Saint Mary’s endured its third consecutive one-goal loss falling 2-1 against conference foe Albion Wednesday afternoon. A first half headed by great defensive play yielded only one goal for Albion which came with just three minutes remaining before halftime.

The Belles came out with a quick answer in the 51st minute off the foot of junior forward Micki Hedinger. Hedinger received a pass from fellow junior Sam Smogor and slid it past the Briton keeper to knot the game at one.

However, the Saint Mary’s resurgence was quickly matched when Albion countered with a goal of its own in the 58th minute.

Junior Patty Duffy had another solid game in goal for the Belles, recording five saves. Duffy has made 77 saves on the season.

This loss brings the Belles' season record to 2-12-1 overall and 1-7 in MIAA play. Saint Mary’s finishes eighth in the conference, good enough to clinch the final spot in the postseason tournament in his first season as Belles head coach, Ryan Crabbe has had his work cut out for him taking over such a young and inexperienced team. The freshman class led by Kateyline Finko-Steele's two goals and one assist has contributed about half of the offensive production this season.

Saint Mary's will take the

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Pollsters and pundits are making predictions about the outcome of the presidential election, but for all the pontificating, one of the biggest Election Day uncertainties is whether the "youth vote," young people between the ages of 18 and about 29, will vote in significant numbers.

"Some people say, it's the young vote ... that would decide the election one way or another, if they really get out and vote for [Democratic candidate Sen. Barack] Obama," said Jack Colwell, a political columnist for the South Bend Tribune and a Notre Dame professor in the Journalism, Ethics and Democracy program.

If the youth vote does not materialize, he said, then Republican candidate Sen. John McCain has a better chance of winning.

Nov. 4 marks the first time most Notre Dame students can vote in a presidential election. But based on the past youth voting record, it is likely that many students at Notre Dame, and many young people across the country, will not vote.

"Young people just don't have a history of voting," Notre Dame political science professor David Nickerson said. Since young people tend to move around the country more often than older people, they are harder for campaigns to mobilize. Voting is a habit, Nickerson said, so once a person votes, he is more likely to vote the next time.

Many young people have not developed the habit, he said. Others may believe their vote does not matter, Colwell said.

"They may be soured by politics, or have the theory that they are all crooks, or that none of them are going to do anything, which isn't true, because elections do matter," Colwell said.

The high point for the youth vote was the 1960s, Nickerson said, but since then, the percentage of younger voters has declined. When Bill Clinton ran for president in 1992, he made an "unprecedented outreach to young voters," Nickerson said, and that caused a jump in the number of young people who voted.

This year, Nickerson said, more young people than in the past have been responding in surveys that they are likely to vote. "The general consensus is that turnout will be higher amongst young people [this year] than in 2004," Nickerson said. Colwell agreed that young people seem more interested in the 2008 election than presidential elections four and eight years ago. "This time, they seem to be more interested in the election, probably realizing that there is a lot more at stake," he said.

Issues like the Iraq War, the environment and energy initially attracted the interest of the young electorate, Colwell said. Obama has inspired many young voters to become interested in politics for the first time, Nickerson said. Obama has been aggressively courting the youth vote, pushing for people to apply for absentee ballots if they are out of state on Nov. 4. McCain has also targeted young voters, but where Obama's approach has been broad-based, McCain's is more selective, aimed at young people likely to vote Republican, Nickerson said.

Based on their observations and interactions, some Notre Dame professors and students predicted a high percentage of Notre Dame students would vote.

Notre Dame students are more interested in the turnout of this election than they have been in the past, Colwell said, offering anecdotal evidence from his classes and his time on campus.

Two months ago, Colwell was part of a panel during a "Pizza, Pop and Politics" event...
John McCain

Excerpt from Sen. John McCain's nomination speech to the Republican National Convention, as released to the Associated Press:

"In a time of deep distress at home, as tyranny strangled the aspirations in liberty of millions and as war clouds gathered in the West and East, Franklin Delano Roosevelt accepted his party's nomination by observing: "There is a mysterious cycle in human events. To some generations much is given. Of other generations much is expected. This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny."

The awful events of September 11, 2001 declared a war of vengeance and vengeful aspiration. But had not really comprehended how near the threat was, and how terrible were the plans of our enemies.

It's a terrifying war. This is a fight between a just regard for human dignity and a multivariant force that defiles an honorable religion by disputing God's law for every soul on earth. It's a fight between right and wrong, good and evil. And should our enemies acquire for their arsenal the chemical, biological and nuclear weapons they seek, this war will become a much bigger thing.

So it is, whether we wished it or not, that we have come to the test of our generation, to our rendezvous with destiny.

And much is expected of us. We are engaged in a hard struggle against a cruel and determined adversary. Our enemies have made clear the danger they pose to our security and to the very essence of our culture — liberty.

Only the most deluded of us could doubt the necessity of war. Like all wars, this one will have its ups and downs. But all Americans must share responsibility for keeping us safe and to the very essence of our security and to the very essence of our culture — liberty.

All of us, despite the differences that enrichen our politics, are united in the one big idea that freedom is our birthright and its defense is always our first responsibility.

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We must, as always, be a good friend to other countries in moments of shared peril, so we have good reason to expect their solidarity with us in this struggle.

That is what the President believes.

And, thanks to his efforts we have received valuable assistance from many good friends around the globe, even if we have, at times, been disappointed with the reactions of some.

We did lose sight of that as we debate who among us should bear the greatest responsibility for keeping us safe and free. We must, whatever our disagreements, stick together in this great challenge of our time.

My friends in the Democratic Party — and I'm fortunate to call many of them my friends — assure us they share the conviction that winning the war against terrorism is our government's most important obligation.

I don't doubt their sincerity. They emphasize that military action alone won't protect us, that this war has many fronts, in courts, financial institutions, in the shadowy world of intelligence, and in diplomacy.

They stress that America needs the help of her friends to combat an evil that threatens us all, that our alliances are as important to victory as are our armies.

We agree. And, as we've been a good friend to other countries in moments of shared peril, so we have good reason to expect their solidarity with us in this struggle.

That is what the President believes.

And, thanks to his efforts we have received valuable assistance from many good friends around the globe, even if we have, at times, been disappointed with the reactions of some.

I don't doubt the sincerity of many Democratic friends. And they should not doubt ours.

Our President will work with all nations willing to help us defeat this scourge that afflicts us all.

War is an awful business. The lives of a nation's finest patriots are sacrificed. Innocent people suffer. Commerce is disrupted, economies are damaged.

Strategic interests shielded by years of statecraft are endangered as the demands of war and diplomatic conflict.
Barack Obama

Excerpt from Sen. Barack Obama’s nomination speech to the Democratic National Convention, as released to the Associated Press.

Four years ago, I stood before you and told you my story of the brief union between a young man from Kenya and a young woman from Kansas who weren’t well-off or well-known, but shared a belief that in America, their son could achieve whatever he put his mind to.

It is that promise that has always set this country apart, that through hard work and sacrifice our individual dreams still come true.

That’s why I stand here tonight. Because for 232 years, at each moment when that promise was in jeopardy, ordinary men and women, students and soldiers, farmers and teachers, nurses and janitors, found the courage to keep it alive.

We meet at one of those defining moments: a moment when our nation is at war, our economy is in turmoil, and the American promise has been threatened once more.

Tonight, more Americans are out of work, and more are working harder for less. More of you have lost your homes, and even more are watching your home values plummet. More of you have raised your children without a nickel a year? How else could he propose hundreds of billions in tax breaks for big corporations and oil companies but not one penny of tax relief to more than 100 million Americans? How else could he offer a health care plan that would actually tax people’s benefits, or an education plan that would do nothing to help families pay for college, or a plan that would privatize Social Security and gamble your retirement?

It’s not because John McCain doesn’t care. It’s because John McCain doesn’t get it.

For over two decades, he’s subscribed to that old, discredited Republican philosophy—give more and more to those with the most and hope that prosperity trickles down to everyone else. In Washington, they call this the Ownership Society, but what it really means is, you’re on your own. Out of work? Tough luck. No health care? The market will fix it.

Born into poverty? Pull yourself up by your own bootstraps, even if you don’t have boots. You’re on your own.

Well, it’s time for them to own their failure. It’s time for us to change America.

Barack Hussein Obama II

August 4, 1961

Honolulu, Hawaii

Excerpts Michelle LaVaughn (Robinson) Obama (m. 1992)

Michelle Obama

Jill (10) and Sasha (7)

sister Craig, Chicago, Illinois

college BA, Columbia University, 1983

JD Harvard Law School, 1991

Barack Obama

You see, we Democrats have a very different measure of what constitutes progress in this country.

We measure progress by how many people can find a job that pays the mortgage; whether you can put a little money away at the end of each month so you can someday worry less; whether your child can receive his college diploma.

We measure progress in the 23 million new jobs that were created when Bill Clinton was president, when the average American family saw its income go up $7,200 instead of down $2,000, as it has under George Bush.

We measure the strength of our economy not by the number of billionaires we have or the profits of the Fortune 500, but by whether someone with a good idea can take a risk and start a new business; whether the woman who lives on tips can take a day off to look after a sick kid without losing her job; an economy that honors the dignity of work.

The fundamentals we use to measure economic progress are whether we are living up to that fundamental promise that has made our country great, a promise that is the only reason I am standing here tonight.

Because in the faces of those young veterans who come back from Iraq or Afghanistan, I see my grandfather, who signed up after Pearl Harbor, marched in Patton’s Army to stop the Axis Powers and lost a good friend at Iwo Jima, because he believed in the promise that our country was made to fulfill.

When I listen to another worker or tell me that his factory has shut down, I remember all those men and women on the South Side of Chicago who I stood with and fought for two decades ago for the local steel plant closed.

And when I hear a woman talk about the difficulties of starting her own business, I think about my grandmother, who worked her way up from the secretarial pool in middle-management, despite years of being passed over for promotions because she was a woman. She’s the one who taught me about hard work. That’s why I want to help create a new car or a new dress for herself so that I could have a better life. She feared every- thing she had into me. And although she can no longer travel, she told me that I should not take a ten percent chance on Washington and the failed poli- cies of George W. Bush.

America, we are better than these last eight years. We are a broken country that can be fixed.

This country is more generous than ever. We’re a man in Indiana has to pack up the equipment he’s worked on for twenty years and watch it shipped off to China, and then close his eyes and imagine how he felt like a failure when he went home to tell his family the news.

We are more compassionate than a government that lets vet- erans sleep on our streets and families slide into poverty; that sits on its hands while a major American city drowns before our eyes.

Tonight, I say to the American people: enough!
Excerpt from Sen. Joe Biden’s nomination speech to the Democratic Convention, as released to the Associated Press:

Since I’ve never been called a man of few words, let me say this as simply as I can: Yes. Yes, I accept your nomination to run and serve alongside our next President of the United States of America, Barack Obama.

Let me make this pledge to you right here and now. For every American who is trying to do the right thing, for all those people in government who are honoring their pledge to uphold the law and respect our Constitution, no longer will the eight most dreaded words in the English language be: “The vice president's office is on the phone.”

Barack Obama and I took very different journeys to this destiny, but we share a common story. Mine began in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and then Wilmington, Delaware. With a dad who fell on hard economic times, but who always told me: “Champ, when you get knocked down, get up. Get up.”

I wish that my dad was here tonight, but I am so grateful that my mom, Catherine Eugenia Finnegan Biden, is here. You know, she taught her children— all the children who flocked to our house—that you are defined by your sense of honor, and you are redeemed by your loyalty. She believes bravery lives in every heart and her expectation is that it will be summoned.

Failure at some point in everyone’s life is inevitable, but giving up is unforgivable. As a child I stuttered, and the lovingly told me it was because I was so bright I couldn’t get the thoughts out quickly enough. When I was not as well dressed as others, she told me how handsome she thought I was. When I got knocked down by guys bigger than me, she sent me back out and demanded that I bloody them near so I could walk down that street the next day.

After the accident, she told me, “Joey, God sends no cross you cannot bear.” And when I triumphed, she was quick to remind me it was because of others.

My mother’s creed is the American creed: No one is better than you. Everyone is all equal, and everyone is equal to you. My parents taught us to live our faith, and treasure our family. We learned the dignity of work, and we were told that anyone can make it if they try.

That was America’s promise. For those of us who grew up in middle-class neighborhoods like Scranton and Wilmington, that was the American dream and we knew how to reach it.

But today that American dream feels as if it’s slowly slipping away. We don’t need to tell you that. You feel it every single day in your own lives.

I’ve never seen a time when Washington has watched so many people get knocked down without doing anything to help them get back up. Almost every night, I take the train home to Wilmington, sometimes very late. As I look out the window at the homes we pass, I can almost hear what they’re talking about at the kitchen table after they put the kids to bed.

Like millions of Americans, they’re asking questions as profound as they are ordinary. Questions they never thought they would have to ask: Should mom move in with us now that dad is gone? Fifty-six, seventy dollars to fill up the car? Should we sell our home and retire? That’s the America that George Bush has left us, and that’s the future John McCain will give us.

Excerpt from Gov. Sarah Palin’s nomination speech to the Republican National Convention, as released to the Associated Press:

“Your nominee for president is a true profile in courage, and people like that are hard to come by. He’s a man who wore the uniform of this country for 22 years, and refused to break faith with those troops in Iraq, who have now brought victory within sight.

And as the mother of one of those troops, that is exactly the kind of commander in chief I’m just one of many moms who’ll say an extra prayer each night for our sons and daughters going into harm’s way.

Our Son Track is 19.

And one week from tomorrow — September 11th — he’ll deploy to Iraq with the Army Infantry in the service of his country.

My nephew Kasey also enlisted, and serves on a carrier in the Persian Gulf.

My family is proud of both of them and all of the fine men and women serving the country in Iraq. And I am the eldest of our five children.

In our family, it’s two boys and three girls in between. My strong and kindhearted daugh­ters, Brianna and Piper.

And in April, my husband Todd and I welcomed our littlest one, a perfectly beautiful baby boy named Trig. From the inside, no family ever seems typical. That’s how it is with us. Our family has the same ups and downs as any other ... the same challenges and the same joys.

Sometimes even the greatest joys bring challenge. And children with special needs inspire a special love.

To the families of special-­needs children all across this country, I have a message: For years, you sought to make America a more welcoming place for your sons and daughters.

I pledge to you that if we are elected, you will have a friend and advocate in the White House. Todd is a story all by himself.

He’s a lifelong commercial fisherman ... a production operator in the oil fields of Alaska’s North Slope ... a proud member of the United Steel Workers’ Union ... and world champion snow machine racer.

Throw in his Yup’ik Eskimo ancestry, and it all makes for quite a package.

We met in high school, and two decades and five children later he’s still my guy. My Mom and Dad both worked at the elementary school in our small town.

And among the many things I owe them is one simple lesson: that this is America, and every woman can walk through every door of opportunity.

My parents are here tonight, and I am so proud to be the daughter of Chuck and Sally Heath. Long ago, a young farmer and haberdasher from Missouri followed an unlikely path to the vice presidency.

A writer observed: “We grow good people in our small towns, with the smartness of our own dig­nity.” I know just the kind of people that writer had in mind when he praised Truman. I grew up with those people.

They are the ones who do some of the hardest work in America ... who grow our food, run our factories, and fight our wars.

They love their country, in good times and bad, and they’re always proud of America. I had the privilege of living most of my life in a small town.

I was just your average hockey mom, and signed up for the PTA because I wanted to make my kids’ public education better.

When I ran for city council, I didn’t need focus groups and voter profiles, because I knew those voters, and know their families, too.”
Flanked by their wives, Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama shake hands following their last debate.


Sen. Joe Biden addresses his opponent, Sen. Barack Obama, as moderator Bob Schieffer looks on. The CBS journalist asked the questions in the third and final presidential debate.

Sen. Joe Biden answers a question during his debate.

Gov. Sarah Palin winks during the vice presidential debate.

Sen. John McCain answers a question posed by an audience member in a town hall debate with Republican opponent Sen. John McCain. The debate was moderated by Tom Brokaw.
Indiana registration an attractive option for some students

Nov. 4 marks first time most undergraduates eligible to vote in a presidential election; many apply for absentee ballots

By LIZ O' DONNELL
In Focus Writer

Indiana's status as a possible swing state in the presidential elections has prompted many Notre Dame students to register to vote in the place they call home for eight months of the year, rather than their home state.

"Students from states solidly in the blue or the red have decided their vote will make more of a difference this year if it is cast in Indiana," ND Votes '08 president Christine Romero said. "We generally advised people that voting absentee would be much simpler, but many chose to register in Indiana anyway, considering the fact that Indiana is more of a swing state in this election," she said.

"It's pretty exciting to be voting for the first time," she said. "It's definitely weird to think that I'm finally going to be able to take part in such an important process that essentially defines America as a democracy.

"And, you know, I really can't pull that lever," she said.

"The polls are not really capturing true opinions because of political correctness and social desirability," Notre Dame political science professor Darren Davis said. "People are saying they will support Barack Obama when they won't support him in the voting booth."

Davis said the so-called Bradley effect, named after 1982 California gubernatorial candidate Tom Bradley, who narrowly lost his election to a white politician despite being ahead in the polls, still exists today. Last Outlaw, the Multicultural Student Programs and Services director, said the issue remains a major question that will only be answered on Election Day.

"The question is whether they will fall back on that race thing and say, 'You know, I really can't pull that lever,'" she said.

"It's not fear of a black president, but rather social pressures that cause many Americans to tell pollsters they will vote for Obama. If it's fear it's more easily dismissable because of social pressure. I think people are saying things to pollsters that they're not willing to follow up on," Davis said. "I really think that given the political and economic circumstances any other Democratic candidate would be much further ahead."

"But at the same time, he added, there are many people voting for Obama solely because he is black."

"Tipton said Obama's identity is much more complex, and combines a variety of unique perspectives unlike previous black politicians such as the Rev. Jesse Jackson."

"People are saying things to pollsters that they're not willing to follow up on," Davis said. "I really think that given the political and economic circumstances any other Democratic candidate would be much further ahead."

"That's unfortunate in this day and age, but that's just the truth," Tipton said. But at the same time, he added, there are many people voting for Obama solely because he is black.

"There is still a lot of work to be done, he said. "But if people don't do that, I said, in order to be taken seriously as a candidate, given the extent of latent racism that continues to exist, he needed to solidify his base. You have to separate yourself from traditional black political types who are so combative."
Women contemplate possibility of first female VP

Students agree Palin’s candidacy is a milestone, but disagree about her qualifications and readiness for the job.

By LIZ HARTER

For the first time in the nation’s history, the United States could see a woman in a position of power in the White House after next Tuesday’s election.

Gov. Sarah Palin would make history as the first female vice president if Sen. John McCain wins the election. Palin has been governor of Alaska since 2006 when she defeated an incumbent governor in the Republican primary and a former two-term Democratic governor in the general election.

The possibility that Palin could become the nation’s first female vice president has been a topic of discussion at meetings of the Notre Dame club Feminist Voice.

“I think it’s a big step to have a female on a ticket like this,” said senior Mary DeAgostino, the secretary of Feminist Voice. “The idea of having a woman in a position of power like this is a great idea. I think it’s a really important movement in America.”

DeAgostino does not think, however, that Palin is the right woman to make this historic step.

“I think the bigger issues that people need to look at are where different candidates stand on issues that are important for everyday women in America right now,” she said. “I think it’s important to be critical of different candidates’ stances on women and gender issues, instead of just ascribing meaning to someone’s gender.”

Notre Dame junior Colleen Moran, co-president of the Notre Dame club Women in Politics agreed that it is important to look at the issues, but she is happy that women have been active in the election this year.

“While I do not necessarily support those policy measures Sarah Palin would endorse as vice president, I am encouraged by the more active role women have assumed in this important step for women in America,” Moran said. She is impressed that Palin has been able to rally so many people from different backgrounds to the Republican platform.

“In the weeks immediately following her nomination, she was able to generate a great deal of enthusiasm for the McCain campaign,” she said.

But Moran is disappointed that Palin has not allowed the media much access because, she said, controlling the media is a necessity in the national political arena.

“I believe both a level of comfort with the media and an ability to respond eloquently and intelligently to public criticism are essential qualities for a national political figure,” Moran said.

Notre Dame senior Sarah Lyons, the vice president of Feminist Voice, said Hillary Clinton’s historic run for the presidency should not be overlooked.

“While Sarah Palin’s vice presidential nomination is a critical step in women’s political participation, I also think recognizing Hillary Clinton and how far she went for the Democrats is really important and should be kept in mind,” Lyons said.

“I think that was empowering and inspirational for many people.”

Lyons does not think Palin supports the issues women are interested in, like where candidates stand on equal pay, reproductive rights and violence against women.

“Personally, I’m not sure if Sarah Palin stands for my personal interests,” Lyons said.

“I don’t think she does.”

DeAgostino added: “I don’t think she stands for feminism.”

But, DeAgostino added, Clinton and Palin have contributed positively to the political discussion.

“I think this election year has been critical in promoting women’s political participation and raising these issues,” DeAgostino said.

Moran said Clinton and Palin have different leadership styles, tailored to appeal to different types of people.

“Hillary Clinton has, in large part, tailored her leadership style to appeal to voters at the national level,” she said. “Her husband’s election to the presidency thrust her into the national spotlight, and she seized the opportunity to hone her own leadership skills. Clinton comes across as — if at times harsh — both intensely focused and articulate.

“Palin, by contrast, has developed a leadership style geared towards voters at the local and state level. She demonstrates an ability to relate to everyday Americans as well as a freshness and enthusiasm at times lacking in Washington. Palin comes across as a more experienced or unformed — someone Americans can connect with.”

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"I was just amazed that the [Coleman-Morse] Lounge was standing room only," he said. "And even afterward, there were still students around wanting to talk about the election." 

Junior Ed Yap, the president of the Notre Dame College Republicans, said he thinks the majority of his classmates have registered to vote.

"I think Notre Dame students will vote in higher percentages than students at other universities," he said.

Senior Spencer Howard, the co-president of the Notre Dame College Democrats, agreed with Yap that Notre Dame students have been energized by the election.

"This year has been a really pleasant surprise," he said. "Our students have become excited by the election." 

Yap said he hopes students turn out in large numbers for what he said is an important election, especially for the future of the economy.

"This election right now is the most important for our lifetime," Yap said. "It's the election most prior to when we enter the workforce.

Students realize they are going to be affected by the results of the election, said sophmore Ben Linsky, the co-president of the Notre Dame College Libertarians. Walking around campus or eating at the dining hall, Linsky said he overhears people talking about the election.

"I think that's going to translate into a lot of students going out to vote," Linsky said.

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With less than a week to go until Election Day, Sen. John McCain, above, and Sen. Barack Obama, traveled to Pennsylvania Monday to make a last-minute appeal to undecided voters and to rally supporters.
**John McCain**

- **abortion**: Wants to overturn Roe v. Wade; supported Supreme Court decision that upheld ban on partial-birth abortion. Believes states should decide the abortion issue locally.

- **climate change**: Supports a mandatory cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions 60 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

- **economy/taxes**: Will purchase mortgages directly from financial institutions, will cut capital gains tax rate. Plans to maintain the Bush tax cuts; will eliminate the alternative minimum tax.

- **education**: Supports competition between schools for most effective, character-building teachers, hiring them and rewarding them. Will provide federal financial support so parents can take children out of failing schools and send them to better ones.

- **energy**: Supports a gas tax holiday and opposes taxing windfall profits; opposes drilling in the Arctic but supports offshore drilling; opposes ethanol subsidies; supports expanding nuclear power.

- **environment**: Wants to limit carbon emissions; harness market forces to encourage advanced technologies, like nuclear energy, to the market faster. Will reduce America's dependence on foreign supplies of energy.

- **gay rights**: Will reaffirm the institution of marriage between one man and one woman.

- **health care**: Wants a free-market, consumer-based system; plans to use competition to improve the quality of health insurance so there is a greater variety to match people's need and lower prices; will give families the option of receiving a tax credit of $2,500 for individuals and $5,000 for families to offset the cost of insurance.

- **homeland security**: Plans to increase the size of the United States military; will modernize the American armed forces and develop advanced weapons systems and address force protection; will work to improve military pay and benefits and will improve quality of life for military families.

- **immigration**: Helped write the 2007 immigration bill that supported a path to legalization for illegal immigrants that would include learning English and paying fines, but has said that he would no longer vote for the bill; supports building a fence along the Mexican border.

- **Iraq War**: Voted in 2002 to authorize invasion of Iraq; supported troop increase, or “surge.” Will accelerate the training and equipping of Iraqi armed forces and police to enable them to play a key role in securing Iraq; will encourage the international community to apply pressure to Syria and Iran in order to stop them from aiding and abetting the violence in Iraq; opposes a timetable for withdrawal, but projects most troops could be home by 2013.

- **judges**: Will nominate conservative, not activist, judges; supported nomination of John Roberts and Samuel Alito.

**Barack Obama**

- **abortion**: Supports a woman's right to choose to have an abortion; says he will make upholding rights enumerated under Roe v. Wade a priority as president. Opposes any constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's decision in that case.

- **climate change**: Supports a mandatory cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

- **economy/taxes**: Will enact tax cuts for individuals and businesses to help cope with the current financial crisis. Will ban most home foreclosures for 90 days. Will repeal President Bush's tax cuts for households earning more than $250,000.

- **education**:Plans to reform No Child Left Behind. Will create an American Opportunity Tax Credit to help American students go to college. Will devote $18 billion a year to new federal spending on early childhood classes, teacher recruitment, performance pay and other initiatives.

- **energy**: Supports taxing windfall profits for oil companies; opposes drilling in the Arctic and offshore; supports ethanol subsidies; double science and researching funding for clean-energy projects.

- **environment**: Implement a market-based cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050; develop domestic incentives to reward forest owners, farmers and ranchers when they plant trees, restore grasslands or practice farming methods that capture carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; invest $150 billion over 10 years to advance new energy technologies.

- **gay rights**: Will end "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" in the military. Will pass federal non-discrimination law in employment that includes sexuality, will extend federal benefits to same-sex couples who have a state supported civil union, not marriage; believes allowing civil unions is a state issue.

- **health care**: Will require that all children have health insurance; Will make national health care plan available to all Americans; Participants in the new public plan would be able to move from job to job without changing health care coverage.

- **homeland security**: Will encourage better protection of U.S. chemical plants from potential terrorist attacks; will develop better guidelines for tracking spent nuclear fuel; will require mandatory planning for the evacuation of people with special medical needs during emergencies.

- **immigration**: Supports a path to legalization for illegal immigrants that includes learning English and paying fines; toughens penalties for hiring illegal immigrants. Voted for a fence to be built along the Mexican border.

- **Iraq War**: Opposed invasion initially; opposed troop increase; wants to withdraw one or two brigades a month to finish within 16 months and encourage the Iraqis to reconcile their differences. Provide $2 billion to expand services to Iraqi refugees in neighboring countries.

- **judges**: Will nominate judges with expansive, progressive view of the Constitution; opposed nominations of John Roberts and Samuel Alito.
Fr. Riehle dies at 83 after brief illness

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

Rev. James Riehle, C.S.C., chaplain to Notre Dame sports teams for nearly three decades and former dean of students died at Holy Cross House Wednesday. He was 83.

Riehle’s death following a brief illness, the University said.

“He was a man’s man. He was always interested in sports,” said University president emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, who gave Riehle his first audience at the postulant level. “He was a good friend because I sat next to him over at the
dining hall at Holy Cross Hall and I knew a good deal about him. I saw him every day. We were good friends.”

Riehle began his role as chaplain in 1966 and served his first football game in that capacity on Nov. 19 of that year — Notre Dame’s classic 10-10 tie with Michigan State, when the Irish were ranked No. 1 and the Spartans were No. 2.

Riehle, who graduated from Notre Dame in 1949 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration, played the football team’s chaplain in the 1993 movie “Rudy,” and was featured in an Adidas football commercial with former Notre Dame star Jimmer Fredette.

Joe Montana in which he asked Montana: “What did you ever end up doing after you left college?”

But beyond his association with Notre Dame athletics, Riehle served in many offices at Notre Dame, including dean of students from 1967-73, during the student protests of the Vietnam War. At universities around the country, some student protests against the Vietnam War turned violent, but not at Notre Dame, where Hesburgh said students could protest as long as they did not disrupt classes or University business. Hesburgh said Riehle did a “very good job” enforcing this policy in a pragmatic way.

“About 250 of my fellow presidents were fired at that time, or died, or just left in frustration during that period,” Hesburgh said. “We had, I think, in every university, a fairly rough time but we came through without any big disruption of.

OIS prepares abroad students for election

Students overseas experience difficulties in making sure their votes are counted by election day

By JENN METZ
News Editor

As students on campus are scramble to send out absentee ballots before Nov. 4, the estimated 450 Notre Dame sophomores and juniors currently studying abroad are experiencing a very different presidential election season, complete with logistical difficulties for sending their vote to the United States to make sure it’s counted.

The office of International Studies (OIS) helped prepare students by reminding them of the upcoming election during orientation sessions last spring, sending out pre-depar­ture letters and posting links on their Web site.

Kathleen Opel, director of OIS, told the Observer the office believes “voting is a vital component of democracy and strongly encourages” students abroad who are U.S. citi­zens to exercise the right to vote.

“How many students actually vote, I don’t know,” she said.

Program managers reminded participants to remember to register for absentee ballots before they left the United States, a message that was repeated at OIS “Bon Voyage” meeting for all students last spring. Opel said.

Opel told the students their “franchise to vote is a privilege to be cherished, and recent elections have demonstrated the value of each vote” in a pre-departure letter sent over the summer.

The Web site offers scrolling reminders to the upcoming election and a link to the Association of International Educators’ (NAFSA) Web site, which provides information about absentee ballot proce­dures for students and educa­tors living abroad, which are different than domestic absentee ballot procedures.

“Every state has different rules for voting, so it’s hard to give specific voting information to a group of students from different states,” Opel said. The NAFSA Web site, she said, provides that information for each state.

In some locations in capital cities, students may be able to vote in person at consulates, she said. Other students send their vote in the mail.

Opel said OIS will assist stu­dents

Bush speechwriter delivers lecture

Gerson speaks about changing political landscape in America

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Michael Gerson, former special assistant to President George W. Bush, delivered the inaugural McCulloch Lecture in the Student Center’s Corson Auditorium to a crowd of about 200 people.

Gerson wrote two inaugural addresses, several State of the Union addresses and many important post-9/11 speeches during his time working for President Bush. In addition to writing speeches, he served as the White House policy advisor on global health, development

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Board of Governance

Group approves budget after poll

By LIZ HARTER and ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writers

The Saint Mary’s Board of Governance (BOG) approved the Student Government Association’s (SGA) budget after the third vote on the issue at their meeting Wednesday night. The budget was approved with 24 for it and one abstention.

BOG polled the student body through e-mail as to whether or not they thought the Executive Board deserved a stipend on Tuesday.

Student body president Mickey Gruscinski said 557 students, which is almost one third of the student body, voted and the majority did not agree with the stipend.

Treasurer Mo Weaver presented a revised budget to BOG for their approval. The revised budget did not contain a stipend the money for­merly allocated to the stipend was dispersed to funds for clubs and organizations, co-sponsorships, and the campus Leaderships Program which brings the USA Today, New

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INSIDE COLUMN

Rays’ play: not sexy.

Stupid Rays.

Thanks to them, I have to watch the “Sex and the City” movie.

What in God’s name brought about this unfortunate chain of events? How did I bury myself in this predicament? I placed faith in the Rays, something which, as history should show us, I never should have done.

I had it bet with my girlfriend on the World Series. If the Rays win, she had to watch “Clarks” with me. “Clarks” is one of my top 10 favorite movies, one of the greatest of all time. Jurne and Randall’s witty banter demonstrate what’s really important in life, especially in today’s dreary climate. Who cares that the economy is in the dumpster? Who cares that we’re involved in two wars? Isn’t it more important to understand the dichotomy between the destruction of the Death Star in “A New Hope” and “Return of the Jedi?”

The hockey game on the roof, the funeral, the unfortunate death in the convenience store bathroom: sheer brilliance.

Instead, I have to watch Charlotte and Tampa parade around New York City commemorating their Prada handbags and Manolo Blahnik kicks.

Game 1 was an abomination. Game 2, the Rays got back on track. Game 2 was a great baseball game. Game 3 just sucked. Once Game 5 rolled around with Flamels as the starter, I thought the Rays were done for.

But then fate intervened. God didn’t want a happy ending. “Sex and the City” after all. He let Jpton steal second and score on Pena’s single, meaning the game was tied when rain forced its stoppage. I thought for sure that was the last sign the Rays needed. But no. Joe Maddon must have liked the movie and wanted to make sure I saw it.

I have no interest. The only relation I have to “Sex and the City” is the one time Charlotte was on “Seinfeld.” Jerry dropped her toothbrush in the toilet, prompting her to retaliate and send Jerry on a germaphobia-induced cleaning frenzy. Good times.

I’ve seen one episode of the TV show, I think I saw it with my own mom. It’s the one where Kim Cattrall dates a rabid Knicks fan, and she can’t sleep with him unless the Knicks win. As a rabid Knicks fan myself, that episode will always be half-baked. Maybe it will be like “How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days” and there will be a scene at Madison Square Garden with the Knicks in the playoffs.

Rabid Knicks to Ryan Hinnard and Shane Victorino and the rest of the Phillies, I won’t enjoy watching Jay and Silent Bob waste their day away outside the Quick Stop, or the egg-obessed shopper rolling up the door to keep their quality. Instead, I’ll hear four 30-something-year-old women whining about their boyfriends — or lack thereof. The whole time, I’ll think about how great the game will taste when my beloved Yankees mop the floor with Tampa Bay next April.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DRESSING UP AS FOR HALLOWEEN?

Chris Anderson
freshman Keenan

“With”

“A banana.”

Dan Scheper
freshman Keenan

“Snorlax”

Kimberly Hildner
sophomore Lewis

“The witch from Monty Python and the Holy Grail.”

Patrick Doonan
senior off-campus

“I’m going to be R.J. Jacobi.”

Cherie Ng
freshman McGinn

“Joe the Plumber.”

IN BRIEF

Today South Bend area students and their families will be welcomed to North Quad for Fall Fest — a community relations event taking place from 5:30 p.m. to 4:30.

Saint Mary’s College will bless Speis Unica Hall, the new academic building, today with open houses and tours for the Board of Trustees starting at 1:30 p.m. and academic department presentations from 3:30 to 5 p.m. throughout the building. The blessing will take place in the atrium at 5 p.m. with a reception to follow and a Mass of Thanksgiving in Holy Spirit Chapel, LeMans Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Joan Payden, Chief Executive Officer of Payden & Rygel Investment Management will speak as part of the Mendoza College to Business’ Boardroom Insights Executive Speaker Series Friday at 10:40 a.m. in Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

Gregory P. Crawford, Dean of the College of Science will give a lecture entitled “Notre Dame Science: Making a Difference” Saturday at 11 a.m. in Room 105 of the Jordan Hall of Science.

Black Images will be held on Saturday from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. It will be held in Washington Hall. Admission is $5.

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

LOCAL WEATHER

TODAY TONIGHT FRIDAY GAME DAY SUNDAY MONDAY

HIGH 58 HIGH 48 HIGH 60 HIGH 53 HIGH 60
LOW 49 LOW 38 LOW 40 LOW 45 LOW 52

A banana.

“Snorlax.”

“The witch from Monty Python and the Holy Grail.”

“Joe the Plumber.”

Senior Matthew Napierksi makes glass beads in Glass Club which meets every Tuesday and Wednesday in Jordan Hall.

OFFBEAT

Man hospitalized in car crash after firing at gas pump

NAUGATUCK, Conn. — A man who police said fired gun shots into a gasoline pump on Saturday morning was expected to be charged with felony counts when he’s hospitalized at a local hospital.

Police said the man went to the Sunoco gas station on New Haven Road and fired a shotgun at a gas pump several times while customers stood nearby.

Luckily, nobody was injured and the pump did not explode.

The man drove off and struck two cars and was injured in a crash following the shooting incident.

Police have an arrest warrant for the man and his hospital room is being guarded 24-hours a day by two police officers.

Man goes to jail following centipede attack on neighbor

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A Malaysian man has been arrested after trying to hurt his neighbor with a dangerous weapon — centipedes.

Prosecutor Mazri Mohamed said Wednesday that R. Prabakaran has been charged with attempting to cause harm with a dangerous weapon after allegedly unleashing four centipedes and bugs into his neighbor’s bed last week following an argument.

Prabakaran, 21, allegedly climbed on to the roof to enter his neighbor’s house where he committed the offense, Mazri said.

Prabakaran pleaded not guilty Tuesday in a court in the southern city of Johor Baru and has been released on bail, Mazri said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Thursday, October 30, 2008

**SMC students enjoy Halloween festivities**

By KATIE KOHLER

News Writer

Saint Mary’s students got in the Halloween spirit early last night as Holy Cross Hall and Dalloway’s hosted campus-wide events. The activities, put on by the Holy Cross Hall Council, resident advisors, and Residence Hall Association (RHA) were all free and open to students and the children of Saint Mary’s faculty and staff.

In years prior, Holy Cross has hosted Haunted Tunnels, a haunted house set up in the sub-basement of the hall open to students and children of faculty and staff. However, this year, due to construction and low-hanging pipes, Saint Mary’s said it would be safer to cancel the activity. As a result, Terrie Paul, Holy Cross Hall director and director of the rest of the Holy Cross Hall Council, came up with a contingency plan.

"Security told us we can’t go on with Haunted Tunnels because they are undergoing construction and it’s a safety concern for the students," Terrie Paul Holy Cross Hall director said.

By KATIE KOHLER

Third Day

With Revive & Need to Breathe

Sunday, Nov. 9

Brian Wilson

Concert

Paul Aldrich

Family Comedian

Willie Nelson & Family

Billy Bob Thornton

Saturday, Nov. 8

South Bend Symphony Orchestra Concert

Sunday, Dec. 15

Michael McDonald

Christmas Concert

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**Student Senate**

**Group examines dorm printing services in residence halls during a senate meeting Wednesday.**

By JOSEPH McMATHON

Assistant News Editor

Prompted by a number of complaints, the Student Senate discussed the need for printers in every residence hall yesterday.

"People complain about it on a regular basis," Alumni Hall Senator Zach Reihman said. "It always comes up during hall elections." Students often complain of having to wait on long lines to print at the clusters. "I live in McGlinn and sometimes when I go to DeBartolo in the morning before classes there are really long lines," Senate Committee on Student Council chair Sarah Rudis said. "I don’t always get what I need printed.

Currently, Lyons, Carroll, O’Neill, Lowrey, Dilllon, Pasquella West, Pangborn, Siegfried and Koennan all have printers, while students in the other 13 residence halls are forced to trek to computer clusters. Senate Committee on学生 advisor Council chair Ian Sevier said all dorms should have equal access to printers.

"Regardless of whether it reduces traffic or not, in the pursuit of fairness this is something that we should do," he said.

Senate Committee on Technology chair Devin Fee said the University is currently pursuing a new contract with an outside company for printers, but if the contract is too costly, printers in dorms could be cut.

"It is something that could get cut if the labs are too low," Fee said. "I think they realize that it’s significant to us, but it’s something that has to be worked into the budget."

Fee said he would seek support from the University, which has a much larger budget than the Office of Information Technology (OIT).

"I think it would be a lot easier to push this through with the University supporting than OIT supporting," he said.

Farley senator Robyn Grant said the dorms’ needs should not detract from the clusters in the Library, the Coleman-Morse Center and Lafontaine.

"I feel that it is a little unfair that our money is being used to support those services in residence halls — the students have to pay for those services in residence halls while they’re living there," she said.

However, in a simple straw poll taken by student body vice president Carolea Curren, there were no senators against expanding printer service in dorms.

In other Senate news:

• Student received a brief presentation from Rachel Novick Education and Outreach Coordinator at the Office of Sustainability, Novick, who is in charge of outreach on environmental issues, said the office of sustainability would by taking two different approaches to environmentalism.

The top-down approach, she said, examines major infrastructure problems, including the campus’ sprinklers.

"The main change is that [the sprinklers] will all be electronically controlled," said Novick, which she claimed would stop leaks and prevent the sprinklers from coming on right after a rainstorm.

Novick said the bottom-up approach focuses more on individual efforts by "encouraging faculty and students to change their lifestyles a little bit." The bottom-up approach includes activities such as the recent dorm-wide recycling competition, which was won by Walsh Hall, who reduced their energy use by 31 percent.

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class or the University, Fr. Riehle stood firm on the policy that I put out that it was OK to protest in any one way wanted, but you shouldn’t disrupt the life of the University.

And they tried to shut down one of the University offices, and Fr. Riehle said, ‘Either you leave here or you’re gone.’ He applied the policy that I had laid down. The students went along with it because it was successful. I give him some credit for getting us through the revolution with a minimum of pain and strain.

Hesburgh said Riehle was able to enforce the policy because he had a good rapport with the students and as a result, Notre Dame became a model for other schools dealing with the student revolution.

"He was very good with stu­ dents," Hesburgh said. "They say he was in that seat dur­ing all of the student revolu­tion, but he met with them very often. There was one that we were one of the few universities that not only did not have serious disruptions, but we gave lea­ dership to the others. And when we faced possible disruptions successfully, that was the end of the era. Things went quietly after that until the [1970s]."

After leaving his post as president of students, Riehle became the rector of Pangborn Hall in 1973 and served there until 1985. Riehle had previously been rector of Sorin Hall in 1966 and chaplain of Sorin Hall in 1964. He was also chairman of the board of directors for the University Club from 1971-77 and director of energy conser­vation.

Riehle also served as the executive director of the Monogram Club from 1978 through 1991 and in 2001, Riehle received the 2001 Moose Krause Man of the Year Award from the Club.

Riehle was named an hon­orary member of the Menomonee Club, something Hesburgh said was very important to him.

The intramural fields near the Stepan Center were also named in his honor.

On Sunday, a vigil will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Monogram Club, something Hesburgh said was very important to him.

"I think that it is a little unfair that our money is being used to support those services in residence halls — the students have to pay for those services in residence halls while they’re living there," she said.
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Eight of the men’s sports programs — basketball, baseball, cross country and track, lacrosse, fencing, soccer, swimming and tennis — received perfect scores of 100.

The three programs that did not receive perfect scores did so because they did not receive scores in the 90s. Hockey received a score of 96, football a score of 94 and golf a score of 91.

It’s a testament to the philosophy of Notre Dame University. University athletics and academics should be a routine part of the experience, said Gerson. He is the senior associate athletics director of Notre Dame Athletics.

Heisler credited the high scores this year, and in each of the four years the survey has been conducted, to the coaches, athletes and academic advisors, but also to the “culture of Notre Dame.”

It’s a message probably related to being early in the recruiting process. If you are interested in coming to college and not going to class and sleeping late and doing nothing but concentrating on athletics, then Notre Dame is not going to be the place for you,” he said.

The idea is that athletics is only going to take you so far, no matter how accomplished you are as an athlete. This year’s numbers are consistent with how Notre Dame has performed in the past, Heisler said, and in some areas, Notre Dame improved.

Last year, 18 of the University’s 22 athletic programs received a GSR score of 100.

“I suppose, in a lot of cases, that the numbers are impressive enough that the goal is probably perfection,” Heisler said. “You’d like to see 100 across the board.”

The 2007 NCAA report showed Notre Dame had a percentage of .733 (17 of 22), which placed it at the No. 2 rank behind the U.S. Naval Academy. In 2005, Notre Dame’s score was .800 (16 of 20), which resulted in a No. 1 rank, according to a news that the GSR survey is based upon entering classes from 1998 to 2001.

According to the Notre Dame Athletics Web site, the GSR was developed four years ago to account for transfer student athletes and others not tracked by federal graduation rate accounting, to account for increased mobility of students. Under these standards, schools are not penalized for students who transfer from the institution in good academic standing.

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O’Neill will be sending out e-mails today reminding abroad students to vote. He also plans to do this for at least one day before the election.

The man-made art of politics, but that he has not made any moves to innovate his policies.

A lack of any sort of moderate policy agenda will empower the Democratic Congress, leading to back-and-forth from conservatives, he says.

“Obama is a strong, able man,” Gerson said. “But it may take a strong president with a developed and consistent ideology to shape and defy a democratic Congress.”

The third factor relates to conservatism, he said. Gerson said the party is lost, exhausted, and preparing for fratricide. Unless Republican change their tactics and apply creative, free-market ideas to human problems, they will never succeed, he said.

Reform is the key idea in improving the conservative party, he said.

Gerson said that McCain has been such a reformer. In the past, he was willing to oppose his own party. However, he is also running an empty campaign now. He has made no announcements of any kind of reform, he said.

Candidates need to decide if they want to provide messages for the masses or be in business for themselves.

Gerson also asked why the winner of this year’s elections would even want the presidency. The three factors will certainly complicate the office. There will likely be a recession, along with a host of other problems. However, he said with a new leader comes new optimism.

“A new presidency is a chance for a new beginning.”

Michael Gerson presidential speechwriter

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and genocide.

Gerson’s lecture concerned the changing political landscape. He emphasized three main aspects that he feels will bring a major change in the nature of news, he said. The rise of Internet media, according to Gerson, has facilitated a culture of exclusion, encouraging those who do not agree with an idea to remain silent rather than challenge it.

“Americans can now if they choose live in an ideological universe of their own making, and view everyone outside that universe as idiots, as fools,” said Gerson.

Gerson admitted that the mainstream media are not getting it right, even hypocritically. But hypocrisy cannot exist without standards, he said. Without a mainstream media and journalists devoted to exposing the truth, Americans are left with a news media where anger rules, he said.

I would imagine they are definitely talking about the election, especially in Europe,” Opel said.

Junior Molly Conway, currently studying abroad in Dublin, said “Londoners seem to be overwhelmingly pro-Obama.”

They see him as being a breath of fresh air for American politics and they are very vocal about their endorsement,” she said.

The voter is also invited to absentee ballot, which she also had mailed to her abroad location. She said that due to the time difference, six hours for those in London, many students have been watching presidential debates on YouTube or other Web sites as they occur.

“Many people stayed up to watch them,” she said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israeli court clears way for museum

JERUSALEM — Plans for a Jerusalem museum dedicated to tolerance and coexistence got the green light Wednesday from Israel's Supreme Court, which rejected an appeal by Muslims who complained the site crosses over part of an ancient Muslim cemetery.

The judges ruled they would not block construction since the site had been locked in a real-estate war for the city's parking lot over a small section of the grave.

The Museum of Tolerance is intended to bring the city's warring tribes together. But the planning drama spoke of a fight with political, religious and bilateral dimensions between Muslims and Jews.

The 14-acre site, developed by Los Angeles- based Jewish organization behind the project, welcomed the court ruling after a two-year delay in work on the museum caused by legal proceedings.

"All citizens of Israel, Jews and non-Jews, are the real beneficiaries of this decision," Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder of the Western Wall Center, said in a statement.

Iraqi oilmen desired pact changes

BAGHDAD — Iraq wants a security agreement with the U.S. to include a clear ban on U.S. troops using Iraqi territory to attack Iraq's neighbors, the government spokesman said Wednesday, three days after a dramatic U.S. raid on Syria.

Also Wednesday, the country's most influential Shi'ite cleric said he was concerned that Iraqi sov­ erignty be protected in the pact. Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani said his influence on the U.S. official and his legal oppo­ sition could scuttle the deal.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the ban was among four proposed amendments to the draft agreement approved by the Cabinet this week and forwarded to the U.S.

NATIONAL NEWS

Thousands lack power in the Northeast.

WASHINGTON — Total power outages in parts of the Northeast as utility crews labored to restore service to thousands of customers blacked out by the region's first big snowstorm of the season.

The worst scene that began falling Tuesday on trees collected on leaves, and its weight combined with gusty winds to send limbs crashing onto power lines.

The National Weather Service reported snow totals of about 14 inches at northern parts of Maine and New Hampshire, as much 15 inches along the northwestern edge of New York's Catskill Mountains, and a foot in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains.

Halloween returns to Pa. town.

OLNEY, Pa. — For 16 years, roller-hockey overnight marathons were held in this Pennsylvania town, where trick-or-treating after dark was banned after an unattended fireball was started from the street and burned.

But on Friday, pint-sized witches, princesses and vampires will once again be shuffling from home to house at night, thanks to a petition drive by an 11-year-old.

Elizabeth Roso gathered signatures, wrote an essay outlining her argument, and persuaded City Council two months ago to bring back fifth-grade trick-or-treat.

"When a little wiser that happened," Elizabeth's dad said of the 1992 fire that shut down the town, was kidnapped while walking home from a pre-Halloween party. But she added, "It told this and now Im so happy."

LOCAL NEWS

Date set for racketeering trial.

WASHINGTON — The trial has been set Jan. 19 for the start of a civil racketeering trial against former East Chicago Mayor Richard Patricik and two of his top aides.

The lawsuit claims that Patricik and others used more than $24 million of city money for paving projects to buy votes in the 1999 Democratic primary election.

U.S. District Judge James Moody, who in June rejected a request from Patricik to dismiss the lawsuit, set the Jan. 19 trial date on Wednesday and scheduled a final pretrial conference for Jan. 8.

PAKISTAN

At least 170 dead in Pakistan quake

Associated Press

Pakistani — Dozens of villages swarmed through miles of mud and timber looking for victims of an earthquake that collapsed neighborhood schools and monasteries in south­ western Pakistan before dawn Wednesday, killing at least 170 people.

Army planes began flying in relief, medical supplies and blankets to the quake-ravaged Baluchistan province, where some 13,000 homeless people in the impoverished region faced a night in the open in near freezing temperatures fol­ lowing the 6.4-magnitude jolt.

"I have lost everything," said Haji Shabaz, mourning the deaths of 17 relatives in Wam, a hard-hit village.

"Nothing is left here, and now life is worthless for me," he added, then walked in despair, tears streaking his dust-covered face.

Pakistan is no stranger to natural dis­ asters, but the quake comes at an espe­ cially precarious time for the Muslim country, with the civilian government battling al-Qaida and Taliban attacks while grappling with a punishing eco­ nomic crisis.

As the army and other government agencies rushed to provide help, at least three hard-line Islamic organizations also were quick to aid quake survivors, according to an Associated Press reporter who toured the area.

Among them was Jamaat-ul-Dawa, designated a terrorist group by the U.S. government for its links to Muslim sepa­ rations in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

The group set up relief camps and win friends among survivors of a 7.6- magnitude quake that devastated Kashmir and northern Pakistan in October 2005, killing about 80,000 peo­ ple and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless.

Baluchistan is home to a long-running separatist movement, but has so far been spared the militant vio­ lence seen in the northwestern tribal areas along the border with Afghanistan, where Muslim extremists are strong.
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York Times, Chicago Tribune, and the South Bend Tribune to ranse.

The budget also allowed for an increased contribution to the contingency fund.

"That's the [contingency fund] just because we don't know about this readership program," Weaver said. "Last year, they b a paid p e qu = $13,000 for it. So, we just want to make sure we have that covered.

Patrick Daniel, director of Student Involvement and Organizational Development, congratulated the board on passing the budget; however, he said he was disappointed with the way the vote was handled.

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"She said Bowles told her that the boycott did not significantly affect the number of students in the dining hall. Boles also provided her with figures in the anonymous fliers calling for the boycott that were put under students' doors before break.

"He said "I have the twelfth lowest (cost) out of the top 100 liberal arts colleges for meal plans," Meadors said. She said Bowles wants to provide a variety of food in the dining hall, and he wants to make sure that it is the variety that students want.

Bowles has an open door policy for students with concerns about the food, she said.

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United Kingdom

Russell Brand quits BBC after radio shows suspended

Associated Press

LONDON — Every entertainer knows there’s a fine line between offbeat and offensive. Russell Brand has built a career walking it — but now he may have stumbled.

The wild-haired, motor-mouthed British comedian is renowned for risque routines, from recounting his drug and sex addiction and called President Bush "that retard cowboy fellow" while hosting MTV’s Video Music Awards.

On Wednesday, Brand quit his BBC radio show after he and fellow performer Jonathan Ross were suspended indefinitely for leaving lewd messages on the voicemail of a 73-year-old actor. Also under threat is the reputation of Britain’s state-funded national broadcaster, which allowed Brand’s routine to make it to air.

The calls by Brand and Ross to actor Andrew Sachs — best known for playing Spanish whistler Manuel in the 1970s sitcom “Fawlty Towers” — have drawn more than 18,000 complaints. Prime Minister Gordon Brown called the comments “inappropriate and unacceptable.”

In the recorded messages, the pair claimed Brand had slept with Sachs’ granddaughter, Ballie, and joked that Sachs might hang himself as a result of the news. Ballie, a 23-year-old burlesque performer, acknowledged she had a sexual relationship with Brand and reported the calls to her grandfather were “cruel.”

The duo made further calls to Sachs in which they tried to apologize but continued to blunt no-lewd messages. The calls were recorded Oct. 16, and aired on Brand’s radio show two days later.

Both Brand and Ross apologized.

“I am sorry that I upset Mr. Sachs,” Brand, 33, told reporters outside his London home Wednesday. Ross, 47, said he was sorry for his “stupid error of judgment.”

BBC director general Mark Thompson made a “personal and unreserved apology” for the “gross lapse of taste by the performers and the production team.”

Brand said the pair would be suspended pending a full report into the affair.

Brand later said he had decided to resign from his BBC radio program, which attracted 2 million listeners a week.

“As I only do the radio show to make people laugh, I’ve decided that given the subsequent coverage I will stop doing the show,” he said in a statement. “I got a bit caught up in the moment and forgot that at the core of the rude comments and silly songs were the real feelings of a beloved and brilliant comic actor and a very sweet and big-hearted young woman.”

Several politicians have called on the BBC to fire the pair. Telecommunications regulator Ofcom said it would investigate whether the calls breached the broadcasting code, which sets standards for fairness and privacy.

The case is reminiscent of the antics of American “shock jocks” such as Howard Stern — who said repeated obscenities fines before jumping to the unregulated satellite radio — or Don Imus, who was fired from MSNBC and CBS Radio for making racist and sexist comments about a women’s basketball team. There have been numerous incidents of DJ-induced outrage in the U.S. In 2002, DJ team Opie and Anthony were fired by CBS Radio after broadcasting a live account of two listeners having sex in New York City’s St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

Sachs said he did not plan to complain to the police or other authorities.

“I respect his decision,” he said about Brand. “I hope he has a good life. If he needs advice, I really hope he does.”

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the size of the economy — or about $300 billion — with a heavy emphasis on infrastructure projects such as road construction, railway repairs and water and sewer projects. “This time of adversity should be translated into a deficit—financed stimulus measure targeted at up to two percent of the spending-focused approach favored by Democrats. While Democrats say there’s no time to waste, giving the faltering economy, they may have to wait until January to enact their plans — if Barack Obama is elected. Congressional aides say an extension of unemployment benefits is likely next month, but that a large stimulus bill is unlikely to pass while Bush is in office. “A lot of the claims that are made about how much transport could actually help build the economy are overstated,” said White House Press Secretary Dana Perino. Generally on new stimulus measures, she said the White House has not “seen a package that we could support.” "It remains a mystery to me whether this hearing is merely a fact-finding expedition or whether it is laying the groundwork for action in Congress next month on a stimulus package," said Rep. Jim McKeery, R-Ia., a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. "If our goal is to make law this year, then I want to remind my colleagues that it is of little use to draft a package ... if it cannot also pass the closely divided Senate and be signed by the current occupant of the White House." 

Key interest rate lowered to 1 percent

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve slashed its federal funds interest rate by half a percentage point Wednesday, driving it to a level seen only once before in the last half-century, and the government finally began distributing funds from the billions in the financial rescue package.

"Policymakers have their foot to the accelerator to stop the slide in the economy and financial markets," said Mark Zandi, chief economist with Moody's Economy.com. "And it’s not a moment too soon given the serious damage that has already been done.

Wall Street, which the previous day posted the second highest point gain in history, was again impressed with Wednesday’s activity. The Dow Jones industrial average finished the day down 74 points, a drop analysts said partly reflected growing worries about whether the government’s actions will be sufficient to avert a deep and prolonged recession.

The Fed, as investors had hoped, announced a half-point cut in the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans, driving it down to 1 percent, a low last seen in 2003-2004. That rate has not been lower since 1958 when Dwight Eisenhower was president.

Reducing the rate so low was no surprise, analysts said, but they caution that reducing rates that far carries some risks, including that if the credit crisis suddenly worsened, the Fed would have used up its ammunition.

Analysts also noted that just lowering rates cannot serve as a panacea to overcome a credit crisis. While the goal is to encourage banks to begin lending again, financial institutions are skittish about extending new loans given the huge losses they have racked up in bad mortgages.

Meanwhile, the administration announced that the plan had been opened on the $700 billion fund created by Congress Oct. 3 to rescue the U.S. financial system. Treasury issued a report showing checks had been disbursed for $125 billion in payments to nine major banks, including Bank of America, Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley. The goal is to bolster their balance sheets so they will resume more normal lending.

And the administration was nearing an agreement on a plan to help around 3 million homeowners avoid foreclosure, according to sources who had been briefed on the matter. The program would be the most aggressive effort yet to limit damages from the severe housing bust.
Congo

Soldiers, refugees flee rebel fighters

Rwandan Tutsi-led government denies charges that troops crossed the border, attacked soldiers

Associated Press

GOMA - Firing wildly, Congolese soldiers commandeered cars, taxis and motorbikes Wednesday in a retreat from advancing rebel fighters, joining tens of thousands of terrified refugees struggling to stay ahead of the violence.

As gunfire cracked in this eastern provincial capital, the Tutsi rebels said they had reached the outskirts of Goma and declared an unilateral cease-fire, a government panic as the army retreats and residents flee.

Goma, Congo said Rwandan troops had crossed the border and attacked its soldiers — raising the specter that neighboring nations will again be drawn into Congo's war. Rwanda's Tutsi-led government immediately denied the charge and Congo turned to Angola for help defending its territory.

As the chaos mounted, the U.S. announced its officials were leaving Goma and all American citizens to do the same. The State Department said Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Jendayi Frazer was heading to the Congolese capital, Kinshasa, and would arrive Thursday.

"There is a lot of violence," said spokesman Saki McCormack. "This is of deep concern to us."

Thousands of panicked refugees chugged the dirt roads out of Goma, struggling to reach safety.

Women carrying huge bundles on their heads and babies in their arms trudged alongside men pushing the heavy wooden carts crammed with clothing, food and cooking utensils. Howler monkeys children walked alongside. Young boys led goats and chickens by their tails as they sprinted on bicycles weaved in and out.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said about 45,000 people fled the nearby village of Kihati, where they had been sleeping in a makeshift camp in the open air, in a matter of hours on Wednesday.

"It was very chaotic," said agency spokesman Ron Redmond, speaking from Geneva. Most of the refugees had arrived only the day before after fleeing fighting farther north.

"They suddenly became very agitated and people began leaving the camp in a panic," Redmond said. They first headed toward Goma to the south, then changed direction and headed back out as it became clear the city was about to fall.

Goma's governor, Julien Mkaluka, acknowledged that panic was spreading, but stressed that U.N. peacekeepers were still in charge and rebels had not yet entered the city. U.N. spokesman Madjidje Msowusha said peacekeepers were deployed at the airport and at other strategic points.

A rebel statement said their fighters were just outside Goma.

"We are not far from Goma," rebel leader Laurent Nkunda was quoted as saying on the BBC's Web site. "But because there is a state of destabilization in the town, decided ... unilaterally to proclaim a cease-fire."

Nkunda, who has ignored calls by the Security Council to respect a U.N.-brokered truce signed in January, called on government forces to follow suit.

The U.N. says its biggest peacekeeping mission — a 17,000-strong force that is now stretched to the limit with the surge in fighting and needs more troops quickly, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uruguay and South Africa are the main contributors to the existing force.

But hopes for immediate backup from the European Union dimmed. French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said Wednesday the EU had considered sending troops to reinforce the peacekeepers in Congo but some countries refused.

Fears have grown of a wider war that could drag in Congo's neighbors. Congo suffered back-to-back wars from 1996 to 2002 that embroiled eight African nations and became a rush at the country's vast mineral wealth.

The unrest in eastern Congo has been fueled by festering hatreds left over from the 1994 Rwandan genocide, in which half a million Tutsis were slaughtered. More than a million Hutu extremists fled to Congo where they regrouped in a brutal militia that helps fuel the continuing conflict in Congo.

Rebel leader Nkunda, an ethnic Tutsi and former general, quit the army several years ago, claiming the government of President Joseph Kabila was not doing enough to protect minority Tutsis from the Hutu extremists.

On Wednesday, retreating government soldiers entered Goma along with the fleeing refugees, grabbing cars, taxis and motorbikes to help in their escape.

About 15 soldiers briefly commandeered a car carrying an AP cameraman and photographer and demanded to be driven about 50 miles to the town of Naki.

"I'll kill you! I'll kill you!" yelled one soldier in front of an airfield near downtown Goma.

The soldiers grabbed boxes that looked like ammunition from the U.N. compound at the airport, piled them into the SUV and took off. Some of the soldiers piled onto the roof, others hung from open doors. The journalist finally managed to get away, jumping out of the moving vehicle at a military police checkpoint.

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Values issues highlight state ballots

**Voters can decide thier states' position on issues like abortion and gay marriage**

Associated Press

MIA - Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama has pushed down $4 million for a campaign-closing television ad Wednesday night, summarizing voters to "choose hope over fear and unity over division" in Tuesday's election. Republican John McCain derided the event as a "gauzy, flegged commercial," paid for with broken promises.

"America, the time for change has come," Obama said in the final moments of the unusual ad, a blend of taped and live segments featuring a live appearance before thousands in Sunrise, Fla. "In six days we can choose an economy that rewards work and creates jobs and fuels prosperity starting with the middle class," Obama said.

Republicans and even some Democrats said the race was tightening as it neared the end. And while Obama made no mention of McCain in his paid television ad, both men sharpened their rhetoric during the day.

Palin suggests she will be a GOP future

TOLEDO, Ohio - Facing the unhappy prospect of defeat, Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin indicated Wednesday that she will not disappear from the national political scene if she were to lose.

"Absolutely not," she said in a half-dozen interviews, "if I were to lose, and we are going to gracefully lose, and we have a plan all set up and we are going to work, and we are going to work hard, and I will work hard."

Palin said in an interview with ABC News, according to excerpts of a transcript released by the television network.

Palin was steadfast in saying Republican presidential nominee John McCain would defeat Democrat Barack Obama.

"I just ... thinking that it's going to go our way on Tuesday, No. 4. I truly believe that the wisdom of ... of the people will be revealed on that day. As they enter that voting booth, they will understand the stark contrast between the two tickets," the Alaska governor said.

In addition to the interview, Palin delivered a policy address in which she called for a "clean break" from the Bush administration's energy policies.

Democrats dominate early voting

WASHINGTON — Democrats are dominating early voting in six key states President Bush won four years ago, forcing Republican John McCain to play catch-up even before Election Day arrives.

Democrats outnumber Republicans among early voters in Iowa, North Carolina, Florida, Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada, according to statistics from election and party officials in those states. Bush won all six in 2004, and McCain needs to win most of them to claim the White House this year.

Georgia, another red state, doesn't track early voters by party, but it does by race. About 1.4 million negroes have already cast ballots, and blacks are voting in disproportionate numbers. Black voters overwhelmingly support Democrat Barack Obama, who is bidding to become the nation's first black president.

**SOUND BYTE: HEALTH CARE**

What will you do to improve the health care system?

Obama

"My health care plan will make sure insurance companies can't discriminate against people who are sick and need care most if you have health insurance, the only thing that will change under my plan is that we will lower premiums. If you don't have health insurance, you'll be able to get the same kind of health insurance that Members of Congress get for themselves."

McCain

"To use their money effectively, Americans need more choices. We should give additional help to those who are going to buy private premium care. If it is done right and the additional money is there, insurance companies will compete for these patients - not turn them away. It is a challenge to develop techniques that allocate the right amount to each of these families."
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With less than a week until election day, I have found myself wondering what I'll do with all the time I will save by not checking multiple blogs, new foods, and new movies several times every day. I also find myself reflecting on the entire election season as a whole, remembering—typically—some of the more sensationalist articles and deciding what I learned from my first true immersion into American politics.

For me, it started last Christmas break when a friend of mine called me a few days before New Year's, asking if I wanted to drive up to Iowa to see an event. I didn't know what they made their gains but just before the caucuses. Over the forty-eight hour span, we would see stump speeches from four candidates at middle schools and diners. It's funny to think back on that now. First, I saw Mike Huckabee at a bar in a sleepy town. He was a mostly unknown Arkansas governor at the time, and made a strong enough pitch on values and compassion to win the contest. (McCain came in fourth.) I'm not sure why anything thought he was going to be the runner-up. I won't try to argue the win, surviving the deadly Republican National Convention primary system clear into March.

Then, I walked a block or two down to a small tent where only Goldsmith answered questions and signed autographs. Even as late as last Christmas, a lot of the smart, money, political people, as the nominee. He had chosen to use Florida as his first (and last) stand in the process. The effectiveness of that position was more or less summed up when a nazi Iowa shoutout said "Why aren't you showing Iowa any love?" That was tough for every American mayor to answer. I will say, though, that a high

When one is flooded with ideas of the whole, truth, and reality, you truly question your beliefs. I will admit, abortion was an option, and a high

President, marriage, promotion, (then) children) and the more common-than-not shame, affor ded to unborn mothers in our society. I faced a decision, because you and I, the decision to choose abortion; however, after a night of tears and prayer, that "choice" was forever deleted from my mind.

What made me decide not to partake in this option given to me? It came down to one word: support. I learned of the support offered to me by my family and friends. I discovered the support given to me by the University. I supported myself by knowing I could be a mother and still have a baby.

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Great Things Are Attached to Grocery Stores:

El Paraiso

By KARA KING
Scene Writer

Just down Main Street in South Bend, El Paraiso is a Mexican restaurant that few students beyond the Irish ski team have discovered. And this needs to change. With prices and speed to rival Taco Bell, and traditional Mexican food that is hard to find past the Red River, it is more than worth a visit. El Paraiso looks (and feels) like the type of dive frequented by Guy Fieri. Attached to a Mexican grocery store, it screams authenticity throughout the dining experience. The smell is overpowering when you enter, and it sets the stage for the dining experience to follow.

The restaurant itself is basic: a simple room with several cafeteria-type tables, orange walls and a few Mexican decorations spaced throughout. This simplicity belies all this place has to offer.

The menu offers anything and everything Mexican, from favorites such as tacos, burritos, quesadillas, to chinchangas and milanesa. Most selections are a la carte, although there are several plate options and daily specials. Rice and beans can also be added to any order for a few dollars more. But with the exceptionally generous portion sizes, they aren't needed. The burrito size easily rivals those of Chipotle, except that instead of being overly stuffed with rice and other fillers, they contain copious amounts of meat with just enough sides to enhance the flavor. Quite obviously, these burritos mean business. The food itself is amazing, albeit a little bit greasy (although with Mexican food that should be expected). To begin, pick an entrée. Then customize. Choose a main filling from steak, chicken, ground beef, pork or black beans. Several options, such as tacos and burritos, are offered in several styles, including "El Paraiso," with sour cream, cheese and a ample guacamole, and "Mexican style" with cilantro and onions. For those less adventurous, they also offer the traditional "American style," with lettuce, tomatoes and cheese.

Besides all the offerings for such a small place, even the little things are done right. The beans and rice are a welcome break from what passes for such in the dining hall. The salsa actually has flavor and heat. Overall, the waitress managed to keep the chip basket full (although they do charge for refills beyond a certain amount) and brought out the food as it was ready and warm. And while service is clearly not the strength of El Paraiso, it is better than expected.

The attached grocery store is an added bonus and worth a walk through even if you don't buy anything. With traditional Mexican produce year-round, if you ever find yourself in need of a mango or coconut, you know where to look. The Mexican candy section is also culturally enlightening and offers several interesting Halloween treats.

Overall, El Paraiso offers an unexpected Mexican dining experience in South Bend on a college student budget. Go for the affordability. Return for the food.

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Service: 2 of 4
Atmosphere: 3 of 4
Food: 3.5 of 4
Cost: 4 of 4

Overall: 3.2 of 4

THE OBSERVER
Thursday, October 30, 2008
Thursday: "Shaun of the Dead" at Legends, midnight.

In light of this spooky holiday season, Legends is getting into the horror game by sponsoring a showing of the 2004 British film "Shaun of the Dead." This spot-on parody spoofss classic zombie movies while still scaring up its share of chills and Halloween thrills.

In the film, slackerish Shaun (Simon Pegg) attempts to win back his girlfriend Liz (Kate Ashfield) while he and his bff (Nick Frost) battle hordes of flesh-eating zombies across their North London neighborhood. Not to be missed.

Friday: Notre Dame Glee Club Fall concert, Leighton Concert Hall, 8 p.m.

If your Halloween plans won't start until the wee hours of All Hallows' Eve, spend the evening of the men of the Notre Dame Glee Club. Their seasonal concert will feature several of their traditional stand-bys, classic Notre Dame music, and a variety of other musical selections. The concert will also feature several of the smaller ensembles within the Glee Club as well as some spooky Halloween-type selections. Also, watch for sales of the group's albums outside of the concert hall. Tickets cost $8, $6 for faculty and staff, $5 for seniors and $3 for students.

Saturday: "Dracula" at the South Bend Civic Theatre, 8 p.m.

Yes, it's the day after Halloween, but why not keep the spooky spirit alive another night? The South Bend Civic Theatre, minutes from both the Notre Dame and Saint Mary campuses, will feature performances of "Dracula" all weekend. As the Count himself says in the play, "I want your fear...for your fear renders your veins rich and full!"
The play is an adaptation by Steven Dietz of the original Bram Stoker novel. Visit www.artseverywhere.com for more information. Tickets cost $17 and there is also a midnight showing on Friday.

Sunday: The Alison Brown Quartet, Leighton Concert Hall, 2 p.m.

Ever given bluegrass a try? Even if you've never seen a banjo, the Alison Brown Quartet is sure to impress. Alison Brown is a Grammy-winning banjo artist who has worked with a variety of bluegrass performers, including Alison Krauss. Billboard magazine once likened Brown's banjo playing to "James Taylor's voice or B.B. King's guitar" for its unique style and beauty. Tickets cost $38, $30 for faculty and staff, $28 for seniors and $15 for students.

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Dining Hall Dish

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Spinach has gotten a bad name, probably because it is often served over-cooked, but don't give in to the association. It has a great flavor and is a good shake up from the usual lettuce. Garbanzo beans (the stars of many Middle Eastern foods such as hummus and falafels) with their nutty flavor are a good source of protein.

Mix a dab of Dijon mustard into red wine vinegar and pour over the contents of the bowl. You can squeeze some lemon on top as well, if that is to your taste. (Too much work? You can actually just toss a dab of Dijon mustard on the top, pour over the vinegar and mix it later.) If you want a hot pita, stop by the microwave and zap it for about a minute. If you're in more of a crunchy and fresh mood, just leave it as is.

Make sure everything is well mixed and cut into bite sized pieces. Sprinkle with pepper. Stuff the mixture into the pita.

Black Bean and Bacon Salad

Lettuce is hardly a requirement for a salad. This one is based around black beans, a bunch of other yummy vegetables and of course, bacon. There isn't much that beats bacon, is there?

Mix a bowl with black beans, shredded carrot (or dice up a couple of carrot sticks), diced tomatoes, red onion and corn. Add a little red wine vinegar, but not too much, you don't want to overwhelm this one. Pick up a couple slices of bacon from the sandwich area (or hot from the breakfast area if it is early enough in the day). Shred and mix into the other ingredients.

Warm up the bowl in the microwave for about a minute. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. You can try adding in some ranch dressing for another taste.

Quick Tip

Have a favorite sandwich you always make? Try transferring the same ingredients to a wrap, a pita, or even just some of the nicer breads you have to slice yourself. It will make a tried and true dish a little more special. Don't forget the pickle!

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.
AUBURN HILLS — Michael Curry wants the Detroit Pistons to project a new image, consistently attacking on offense and playing hard on defense.

"After Game One, it's a work in progress. The Detroit Pistons played well enough to build big leads only to allow the Indiana Pacers to rally before beating them 100-94 Wednesday night in the opener for both teams. Curry, though, can't fault the effort he saw in his debut as a head coach. If you get a big lead, NBA teams are going to come back on you because they're too good," Curry said. "The key is minimizing their runs and we did that." Tayshaun Prince had 19 points, Richard Hamilton scored 15, Chauncey Billups added 13 points and seven assists, and Walter Herrmann had 10 points to help Detroit's reserves easily outscore their counterparts.

Danny Granger led the new-look Pacers with 23 points and got some help from new teammates T.J. Ford, Jarrett Jack and Randolph Morris.

Indiana had seven more turnovers and nine fewer offensive rebounds than Detroit. "The difference in the game was the turnover differential and the offensive glass," Pacers coach Jim O'Brien said. "We shot 50 percent and we got to the line 13 times more than they did, but we shot ourselves in the foot." Just eight of the 15 players on Indiana's opening-night roster were on the team at the end of last season.

The Pistons planned to shake up their core — which helped them win a championship in 2004 and advance to six straight Eastern Conference finals — but they ended up standing pat and counting on Curry along with an influx of youth to take them back to the NBA finals.

Expectations are relatively low for Detroit after getting eliminated in Game 6 of conference finals the past three seasons. The Pistons have provided fodder for doubters with inconsistent play and arrogant attitudes that have stunted their potential.

"We've earned the right for people to ask, 'Has this team made their last run?' We've earned the right for people to ask if we're going to be able to get it with the few changes we've made," Curry said. "We have to realign ourselves, first and foremost."
NBA

Oden sidelined with injured foot

Trail Blazers star to miss two to four weeks

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland Trail Blazers center Greg Oden will miss two to four weeks because of an injury to his right foot.

The team said Wednesday that MRI and computerized axial tomography scans confirmed Oden has a mid-foot sprain.

Oden, who missed all of last season after knee surgery, injured his foot in the first quarter of the Blazers’ 96-76 season-opening loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night.

“I was trying to get up a rebound and kind of came down on Derek Fisher’s foot on like the third play of the game. I kind of fell and didn’t think twice about it,” he said after the game.

Oden missed four field goals and two free throws in 13 minutes of play.

The 7-foot center was the top pick in the 2007 draft.

But even before his rookie season started, it was postponed by microfracture surgery on his right knee.

Trail Blazers coach Nate McMillan had not yet heard of the MRI results when he addressed reporters Wednesday at the team’s practice facility in Tualatin, Ore.

The team had not had a No. 1 pick since 1978, when they chose center Mychal Thompson of Minnesota.

After he was held out last season, Oden rolled his ankle in the first practice of the fall. That injury wasn’t serious, however.

At Ohio State, Oden averaged 15.7 points and 9.6 rebounds, but Oden struggled with a wrist injury. He led the Buckeyes to the national championship game, scoring 25 points and grabbing 12 rebounds in the loss to Florida.

NFL

Wilfork fined for hit on Cutler

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New England defensive tackle Vince Wilfork will be fined but not suspend­ed by the NFL after meeting with commissioner Roger Goodell about a hit on Denver quarterback Jay Cutler, a per­son familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The Patriots nose tackle met Tuesday with Goodell and the commissioner decided to forgo a possible suspension.

That’s according to a person familiar with the case who asked for anonymity because there has been no official announcement.

The NFL declined comment, noting that fines and suspen­sions normally are announced on Frid­ays.

Wilfork was summoned before Goodell after the Broncos claimed tape of New England’s 41-7 win Oct. 20 showed Wilfork elbows­ing Cutler in the helmet.

However, the tapes that were reviewed during the hearing did not show that clearly, uphold­ing New England’s contention there was no intent to injure. They also showed Wilfork helping up Cutler and patting him on the back after the play.

Wilfork was fined a total of $35,000 last season for four different episodes. They included hits on Buffalo quar­terback J.P. Losman and Dallas tight end Jason Witten.

He also was fined for putting a finger inside the facemask of New York Giants running back Brandon Jacobs and grabbing the facemask of San Diego’s Michael Vick during the AFC championship game.

Wilfork has played for the Patriots since being drafted in the first round out of Miami in 2004.

He said Wednesday that he didn’t know what the outcome of the meeting would be, but felt the session was produc­tive.

“I think both sides were happy,” Wilfork said. “He got a chance to hear my side of my story of how I approach the game. I got a chance to hear what he had to say about the whole situation of my past history and playing football and all that good stuff. So I think we both left pretty happy.”
NBA

Carter's 21 leads Nets past Wizards

Hawks start fast, hold on for victory over Magic

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vince Carter scored 21 points to lead his rebuilding New Jersey Nets to a 92-85 season-opening victory Wednesday night over a Washington Wizards team missing Gilbert Arenas.

Carter — whose teammates elected him the Nets' captain, coach Lawrence Frank announced before the game — made a 16-foot fadeaway jumper over Caron Butler to put the visitors ahead 90-82 with a minute left and effectively settle a back-and-forth game.

There are teams that took very different approaches this offseason. The Wizards essentially stayed put, re-signing All-Star Nick Young and Jarrett Jack from big contracts, while the Nets continued an overhaul that began when they traded away Jason Kidd.

Carter had plenty of help Wednesday, with 17 points from Yi Jianlian and 14 from former Wizards player Jarvis Hayes.

Six Wizards scored in double-figures, led by Jamison and DeShawn Stevenson with 14 apiece. All-Star forward Caron Butler shot 3-for-11 and finished with 13 points.

Evan Thomas played in his first real NBA game since an April 30, 2007, playoff loss to Cleveland. Thomas missed all of last season after having open-heart surgery, but he looked fit and aggressive Wednesday and finished with 10 points and eight rebounds.

The Wizards are opening the season without Arenas, who is recovering from a third operation on his left knee in 1-1/2 years. When healthy, he is the Wizards' top scorer, most creative player and go-to option when they need a buzzer-beater. They certainly could have used him while managing to score only one field goal in last 6 minutes Wednesday.

Arenas has offered varying estimates of how long he might be back this season, and Washington coach Eddie Jordan was vague when asked about his star's rehabilitation.

"No timetable. Due process. He's on course. He's disciplined about it. He's diligent about it," Jordan said. "And we'll just have to see as it goes along."
OKLAHOMA CITY — A block party filled the street with fans in blue Oklahoma City Thunder shirts. NBA commissioner David Stern walked to midcourt and welcomed the city to the league. A banner was unfurled with the team's new logo.

Then the ball was tipped off and the celebration promptly ended.

Michael Redd, Richard Jefferson and Charlie Villanueva each scored 20 points and the Milwaukee Bucks gave Oklahoma City's sellout crowd little hope by spoiling the Thunder's debut with a 98-87 win on Wednesday night.

The Bucks were in control from the start, taking their first double-digit lead by the midway point of the first quarter, and they gave the 19,136 in attendance little to cheer about until it was too late.

"We had to come out hitting. That was the whole goal tonight was to come out fast," Redd said. "We knew we were in a hostile environment." Oklahoma City started 2-for-12 from the field and never led, falling behind 20-9 and then watching Rookie of the Year Kevin Durant come out of the game with early foul trouble.

Even when he returned, it didn't make a difference. Durant was held scoreless in the first half, and instead it was Redd that broke through first. Coming off a 30-point performance a night earlier, Redd hit his first 3-pointer and then stole the ball from Durant for a fast-break layup during a 10-1 run that pushed the Bucks' lead to 39-21.

By then, any electricity from the crowd had been turned off. "We were just hoping that if they were playing on a lot of emotion early in the game that we'd be able to weather it," said Bucks coach Scott Skiles, who got his first win with his new team. "And they were. I think that probably sometimes these kind of events can weigh on the home team a little bit also and we were able to take advantage of it."

Andrew Bogut added 14 points and Bell scored 11 for Milwaukee. Villanueva also had 12 rebounds.

Chris Wilcox led Oklahoma City with 15 points off the bench, in-tournament pick Russell Westbrook scored 13 in his debut and Durant finished with 12 on 5-for-14 shooting.

"The Thunder had too big of a deficit for their excitable crowd to really play a factor. Jefferson, Redd and Villanueva each hit 3-pointers early in the second half as the Bucks had little trouble against a Thunder defense that was the fourth-worst in the league last season. The lead grew to 71-47 after Villanueva scored off the Bucks' fourth offensive rebound of the same possession and then he and Jefferson combined to hit four free throws.

Westbrook got Oklahoma City within 90-79 when he capped a 20-8 run with a 3-pointer from the right wing with 5:11 remaining, but Redd scored an easy layup underneath sparked a seven-point spurt that put the game away for Milwaukee. For one night at least, it came together well for us," Skiles said. Johan Petro had the Thunder's first official shot with a missed jumper from the left wing, and Bogut made the first basket of the game, 39 seconds in. Earl Watson had Oklahoma City's first points on a layup 13 seconds later.
In a match up earlier this season with the Knights, the Belles did not fair well falling 4-0 at home. Saturday, Saint Mary’s will look to reverse that result and claim its first MIAA tournament victory in school history.

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HOLDING ON STRONG

Junior left guard Eric Olsen holds senior left tackle Mike Turovich’s hand prior to a snap in Notre Dame’s 29-24 loss to North Carolina.

NBA

Suns win opener behind Stoudemire

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Amar'e Stoudemire patiently waited until the fourth quarter before taking over and giving Terry Porter a win in his coaching debut.

Stoudemire scored 22 points — 11 coming on 5-of-5 shooting in the fourth quarter — and four other Phoenix players scored in double figures to help the Suns beat the San Antonio Spurs 103-98 in the regular-season opener for both teams Wednesday night.

"It was just being patient," said Stoudemire, who had only six shots heading into the fourth quarter. "That’s the main thing tonight — just being patient. Just let the game come to me.

"There in the fourth quarter, I was able to get going," Tim Duncan and Tony Parker each scored 32 points for the Spurs, who were playing without guard Manu Ginobili who is out until December after ankle surgery.

Nash added 13 points and 13 assists for the Suns.

Leandro Barbosa had 18 points, Shaquille O’Neal 15, and Grant Hill 13.

"Obviously, the first one is nice, especially on the road," said Porter, who was hired when Mike D’Antoni opted during the offseason to coach the New York Knicks.

"Our guys really gutted it out tonight. It was great to see that down the stretch." — Terry Porter

San Antonio won a five-game series over the Suns in the first round of the playoffs last season, partly on a long 3-pointer by Duncan late in Game 1. Duncan tried another 3-pointer Wednesday that wouldn’t get set or go, but it bounced off the front of the rim with eight seconds left.

"I thought, ‘Oh, no. Not again.’” — Stoudemire

Suns coach Popovich added two free throws with three seconds to go.

Stoudemire broke a tie game with 2:53 to go with a three-point play.

"There was huge for us down the stretch," Porter said. "[Nash] also made a couple of big plays. It was a solid win for us and just a great way to start the season."

After Raja Bell stole the ball away from Duncan on the other end of the court, Stoudemire quickly scored on a fastbreak on an assist from Nash to give Phoenix a 99-94 lead with 2:31 remaining.

The turnover and quick basket angered Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, who was 12-0 in season-opening games.

"It was the worst transition defense I’ve seen in years," Popovich said. "I can’t imagine how bad it was."

"Several people made poor decisions in the biggest game of the stretch. It was very disappointing."

Bell stole the ball on a Duncan pass. Bell fired the ball to Nash, who set up Stoudemire for an easy layup.

Phoenix led 101-98 with less than a minute remaining, but Parker missed a 3-pointer with 39 seconds left before Duncan missed his try.

Once again the Spurs employed the Hack-a-Shaq that helped them last season in the playoffs. During the preseason, O’Neal called Popovich’s liberal use of the Hack-a-Shaq during the first round last season “a coward move.”

Popovich joked at O’Neal in the opening seconds of the ballgame when Michael Finley grabbed the big center away from the ball a scant five seconds into the game.

O’Neal laughed when he looked over to the Spurs bench and saw Popovich smiling while giving two thumbs up.

"I thought it was funny — bring a little humor to the game," Duncan said.

It got more serious before halftime when the Spurs employed the Hack-a-Shack four times in the final 1:26 with Phoenix leading 46-40.

Even though O’Neal made 5-of-8, the Spurs were able to cut the Suns’ lead to 49-46 at halftime.

Before the grabbing and pulling was done, O’Neal got tangled with Ime Udoka. Udoka was motioning to the official that he was going to foul O’Neal, and O’Neal raised his left arm toward Udoka and sent the Spurs defender flat onto the floor.

Udoka was called for a foul, and O’Neal made both shots.

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"Georgetown knew what was at stake today," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It was a big game for their program, and they were very ready. To win the Big East two years in a row is a big accomplishment. It would be nice to win it outright this year."

Leading the way for Notre Dame Wednesday was forward Jhe Brovsky who tallied both Irish goals. The first came in the 24th minute when, after receiving a pass from fellow forward Bright Dike, Brovsky slipped past a defender and fired past Georgetown keeper Matthew Brutto.

After Peter Gasco tied the game for the Hoyas in the 53rd minute, Brovsky put Notre Dame back in front almost immediately. The sophomore was the first to rise and get connect with a Jack Traylor free kick heading the ball past Brutto. Brovsky’s game winning goal was his fifth tally of the season.

"Both goals from Jhe were very good," Clark said. "The second goal was a great ball from Jack Traylor, and the first goal was very well-taken. Jhe is arguably our most clinical finisher. He’s developing into a first class player.

What made Brovsky’s goals even more impressive was whom they came against. Georgetown entered Wednesday’s game with a miniscule 0.58 goals against average, and Brovsky’s goals were the first time an opponent has found the back of the net against Brutto in 763 minutes this season.

Brocksky’s tallies also helped the Irish break out of a mini-scoring slump. In their two games over Fall Break, Notre Dame scored only one goal against Seton Hall and Connecticut. Clark was encouraged but not totally pleased by the team’s effort on Wednesday.

"Against Seton Hall, everything was there but the finishing," Clark said. "Against Connecticut, we had more of the game than we’ve ever had there, but to be fair, we didn’t generate many scoring chances. There was some good buildup today, but the finishing still wasn’t there to be honest."

"We had three one-on-ones with their keeper in the second half, and we missed all three of them. That wasn’t good, but in retrospect it was good because we had to fight to the end learning how to manage a tight game."

There was one downer for Notre Dame Wednesday afternoon as starting goalie Andrew Quinn had to leave the game part way through the second half. In the 72nd minute, Quinn made a diving save, but he landed awkwardly injuring his shoulder in the process.

After the game, Clark said that the team would have a better idea of the extent of Quinn’s injury after he gets an MRI, but Quinn will be out for at least a few weeks. Junior goalie Phillip Tuttle will start in his place.

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helped out," he said.

The freshman from Saint Paul, Minn., bailed in his team leading fifth touchdown against Washington to set a record for freshman receivers. He is also only one catch away from breaking sophomore Duval Kamara’s freshman receptions record.

The fast start for one of the most impressive freshmen classes in the country is due in a big way to the camaraderie the team was able to develop before they came to campus.

"We were already close enough so when we’re working out and pushing one another you’re not like, ‘Ok who’s this guy pushing me,’ it’s more like ‘Ok this is my teammate, this is my buddy, so we were able to all push one another pretty hard,” Rudolph said.

The class knew long before they arrived that they had the chance to be something special. That’s why none of the recruits, who had their pick of the nation’s top colleges, backed down even after the dismal 3-9 season in 2007. Several players said they were asked reluctantly if they would change their minds, but they all had the same response — no way.

"I had a lot of people ask me about that, but I knew that Notre Dame with all it offered was too good to pass up,“ Rudolph said.

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defense, tallying an astonishing fifteen blocks alongside 43 digs to hold the Belles to a .126 attacking percentage. Senior hitter Kaela Hellmann lead Saint Mary’s with 9 kills, while fellow senior Kathy Kurczak added 8 kills with a .389 attacking percentage. Junior hitter L. o r n a Slupczynski has been the spark for the Belles’ offense all season, posting only five kills with seven errors in 36 attempts.

Hellmann also paced the team in digs and blocks with 14 and 1.5, respectively. Junior setter Liana Rohr took over duties from freshman Dani Brink, totaling 23 assists on the night.

For Trine, senior hitter Sallie Richardson dominated both offensively and defensively, with 15 kills, 16 digs, and 1.5 blocks along side her 483 attacking percentage. Senior hitter Stefanie Pellongom added 4.5 blocks and a .429 attacking percentage for the Thunder.

"We want to be playing for a championship." Julie Schroeder-Biek
Belles coach

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**MEN'S SOCCER**

Biting the Big East

Irish clinch share of league title with win

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

It may have been the biggest game in Georgetown's recent program history, but it was Notre Dame who made the statement Wednesday afternoon with a 2-1 victory at Alumni Field.

Only two points behind the Irish entering the game, the Hoyas arrived in South Bend eying their first-ever Big East Division title. With the victory, the Irish not only denied Georgetown that accomplishment, but they also clinched at least a share of the Big East Blue Division title for the second consecutive season—Notre Dame shared the title with Connecticut in 2007.

Joseph Brovsky prepares to shoot the ball against Georgetown in Notre Dame's 2-1 win Wednesday.

Saint Mary's falls in last game before MIAA's

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's, in a final tune-up game before the MIAA Tournament next week, dropped a match Wednesday night against struggling Trine to finish fourth in the MIAA this season. The Belles (18-10, 9-7 MIAA) labored to generate any offense in the three-set loss (25-22, 25-22, 25-21) against the Thunder (19-18, 4-11 MIAA) at the Trine's Hershey Hall in Angola, Mich.

Saint Mary's head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was not concerned by the tough match, highlighting the ability that her team has shown to bounce back after losses this season.

"Our approach is to keep going forward and finishing strong," Schroeder-Biek said. "I have been incredibly proud of my team for how well they have responded to struggles this season."

The Thunder kept Saint Mary's in check with stifling defense which ultimately led to the final score.

**FOOTBALL**

Highly touted freshman class beginning to show promise

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

More than half of Notre Dame's freshmen class met each other on January 5, 2008. 15 of the team's 27 freshmen were invited to San Antonio that week for the Army All-America Bowl for graduating high school players.

"We spent that week together down there and we kind of had our Notre Dame group and there was everyone else," tight end Kyle Rudolph said. "I think that played a more role in our chemistry so we got to know one another throughout the summer."

The highly-touted group continued to stay in touch with one another even after the team arrived in San Antonio at the All-America Bowl.

"It was a good way to get to know all my teammates, getting to know them all then really meaningful," Rudolph said.

Sophomore forward Jeb Brovsky prepares to shoot the ball against Georgetown in Notre Dame's 2-1 win Wednesday.

**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

Saint Mary's falls in last game before MIAA's

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Once again, the Saint Mary's found itself in a very tightly contested match. But, once again, they came up just one goal short.

Saint Mary's endured its third consecutive one-goal loss falling 2-1 against conference foe Albion Wednesday afternoon.

A first half led by great defensive play yielded only one goal for Albion which came with just three minutes remaining before halftime.

The Belles came out with a quick answer in the 51st minute off the foot of junior forward Micki Hedinger. Hedinger received a pass from fellow junior Sam Smoger and slid it past the Briton keeper to knot the game at one. However, the Saint Mary's resurgence was quickly matched when Albion countered with a goal of its own in the 58th minute.

Junior Patty Duffy had another solid game in goal for the Belles recording five saves. Duffy has made 77 saves on the season. This loss brings the Belles' season record to 2-12-1 overall and 1-7 in MIAA play.

Saint Mary's finishes eighth in the conference, good enough to clinch the final spot in the postseason tournament.

In his first season as Belles head coach, Ryan Crabbe has had his work cut out for him taking over such a young and inexperienced team. The freshman class led by Katelyn Fungo-Steel's two goals and one assist has contributed about half of the offensive production this season.

Saint Mary's will take the

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"Some people say, it's the young vote ... that would decide the election one way or another, if they really get out and vote," said Jack Colwell, a political columnist for the South Bend Tribune and a Notre Dame professor in the Journalism, Ethics and Democracy program.

If the youth vote does not materialize, he said, then Republican candidate Sen. John McCain has a better chance of winning.

"Young people just don't have a history of voting," Notre Dame political science professor David Nickerson said. Since young people tend to move around the country more often than older people, they are harder for campaigns to mobilize. Voting is a habit, Nickerson said, so once a person votes, he is more likely to vote the next time.

Many young people have not developed the habit, he said. Others may believe their vote does not matter, Colwell said. "They may be soured by politics, or have the theory that they are all crooks, or that none of them are going to do anything, which isn't true, because elections do matter," Colwell said.

The high point for the youth vote was the 1960s, Nickerson said, but since then, the percentage of younger voters has declined. When Bill Clinton ran for president in 1992, he made an "unprecedented outreach to young voters," Nickerson said, and that caused a jump in the number of young people who voted.

This year, Nickerson said, more young people than in the past have been responding in surveys that they are likely to vote. "The general consensus is that turnout will be higher amongst young people [this year] than in 2004," Nickerson said.

Colwell agreed that young people seem more interested in the 2008 election than presidential elections four and eight years ago. "This time, they seem to be more interested in the election, probably realizing that there is a lot more at stake," he said.

Issues like the Iraq War, the environment and energy initially attracted the interest of the young electorate, Colwell said. Obama has inspired many young voters to become interested in politics for the first time, Nickerson said. Obama has been aggressively courting the youth vote, pushing for people to apply for absentee ballots if they are out of state on Nov. 4. McCain has also targeted young voters, but where Obama's approach has been broad-based, McCain's is more selective, aimed at young people likely to vote Republican, Nickerson said.

But it will be another week before the McCain and Obama campaigns will be able to tell whether their youth strategy has worked.

Based on their observations and interactions, some Notre Dame professors and students predicted a high percentage of Notre Dame students would vote. Notre Dame students are more interested in the turnout of this election than they have been in the past, Colwell said, offering anecdotal evidence from his classes and his time on campus.

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gence, and in diplomacy. They stress that America needs the help of her friends to combat an evil that threatens us all. We were Americans.

All of us, despite the differ­

e, as united in the one big idea that freedom is our birthright and its defense is always our first responsibility. All other responsibilities come second.

We must...
Barack Obama

Excerpt from Sen. Barack Obama’s nomination speech to the Democratic National Convention, as released to the Associated Press.

Four years ago, I stood before you and told you my story of the brief union between a young man from Kenya and a young woman from Kansas who weren’t well-off or well-known, but shared a belief that in America, their child could achieve whatever he put his mind to.

It is that promise that has always set this country apart, that through hard work and sacrifice we can achieve our individual dreams but still come together as one American family, to ensure that the next generation can pursue their dreams as well.

That’s why I stand here tonight. Because for 232 years, at each moment when that promise was in jeopardy, ordinary men and women, soldiers and teachers, nurses and janitors, found the courage to keep it alive.

We meet at one of those defining moments in a moment when our nation is at war, our economy is in turmoil, and the American promise has been threatened once more.

Tonight, more Americans are out of work, and more are working harder for less. More of you have lost your homes, and even more are watching your home values plummet.

More of you have lost your health insurance, and many are watching their health care costs rise. More of you understand what it’s like to stand in line at the food bank and wonder how you’ll make it through another week.

These are not just statistics, they are stories of pain and struggle. And they are stories of ordinary Americans living extraordinary lives.

This country is more generous, more decent, and more hopeful because of what you do. Because every day you show up to work, you and your family are working to fulfill the American promise.

For you, the waitress who lives on tips and can barely make ends meet, for that young veteran who comes back to a broken marriage and a dead end job, for the American family who sees its income fall in the blink of an eye, for the young person who wonders if there’s a future for her or him, I stand here tonight.

And we are here because we owe it to you, the 95 percent of the time, to the 1 percent of the time? I don’t know.

When I listen to another worker or tell me that his factory has shut down, I remember all those men and women who lost their jobs, all those families who have been divided by poverty.

It’s not because John McCain doesn’t care. It’s because John McCain doesn’t get it.

For over two decades, he’s subscribed to that old, discredited Republican philosophy—give more and more and more to those with the most and hope that prosperity trickles down to everyone else. In Washington, they call this the Ownership Society, but what it really means is, you’re on your own, out of work? Tough luck. No health care? The market will fix it.

Born into poverty? Pull yourself up by your own bootstraps, even if you don’t have boots. You’re on your own.

Well, it’s time for them to own their failure. It’s time for us to change America.

Barack Hussein Obama II

August 4, 1961

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Excerpt from Sen. Joe Biden's nominating speech to the Democratic National Convention, as released to the Associated Press:

Since I've never been called a man of few words, let me say this as simply as I can: Yes. Yes, I accept your nomination to run and serve alongside our next President of the United States of America, Barack Obama.

Let me make this pledge to you right here and now. For every American who is trying to do the right thing, for all those people in government who are honoring their pledge to uphold the law and respect our Constitution, no longer will the eight most dreaded words in the English language be: "The vice president's office is on the phone."

Barack Obama and I took very different journeys to this destination, but we share a common story. Mine began in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and then Wilmington, Delaware. With a dad who fell on hard economic times, but who always told me: "Champ, when you get knocked down, get up. Get up.

I wish that my dad was here tonight, but I am so grateful that my mom, Catherine Eugenia Finnegan Biden, is here. You know, she taught her children— all the children who flocked to our house—that you are defined by your sense of honor, and you are redeemed by your loyalty. She believes bravery lives in every heart and her expectation is that it will be summoned.

Failure at some point in everyone's life is inevitable, but giving up is unforgivable. As a child I stuttered, and she lovingly told me it was because I was so bright I couldn't get the thoughts out quickly enough. When I was not as well dressed as others, she told me how handsome she thought I was. When I got knocked down by guys bigger than me, she sent me back out and demanded that I bloody them none so I could walk down that street the next day.

After the accident, she told me, "Joey, God sends no cross you cannot bear." And when I triumphed, she was quick to remind me it was because of others.

My mother's creed is the American creed: No one is better than you. Everyone is all equal, and everyone is equal to you.

My parents taught us to live our faith, and treasure our family. We learned the dignity of work, and we were told that anyone can make it if they try.

That was America's promise. For those of us who grew up in middle-class neighborhoods like Scranton and Wilmington, that was the American dream and we knew we could do it.

But today that American dream feels as if it's slowly slipping away. We don't need to tell you that. You feel it every single day in your own lives.

I've never seen a time when Washington has watched so many people get knocked down without doing anything to help them get back up. Almost every night, I take the train home to Wilmington, sometimes very late. As I look out the window at the homes we pass, I can almost hear what they're talking about at the kitchen table after they put the kids to bed.

Like millions of Americans, they're asking questions as profound as they are ordinary. Questions they never thought they would have to ask:

Should mom move in with us now that dad is gone? Fifty, sixty, seventy dollars to fill your gas tank? Winter's coming. How are we gonna pay the heating bills? And when I was sick, I couldn't get the thoughts out quickly enough. When I was being treated, she sent me back out and demanded that I bloody them none so I could walk down that street the next day.

Another year and no raise? Did you hear the company is cutting your health care? How are we gonna put the kids to bed? And when I was sick, I couldn't get the thoughts out quickly enough. When I was being treated, she sent me back out and demanded that I bloody them none so I could walk down that street the next day.

Now, we owe more on the house than it's worth. How are we going to send the kids to college?

How are we gonna be able to return?

That's America, the America that George Bush has left us, and that's the future John McCain will give us.
Flanked by their wives, Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama shake hands following their last debate.


Sen. John McCain addresses his opponent, Sen. Barack Obama, as moderator Bob Schieffer looks on. The CBS journalist asked the questions in the third and final presidential debate.

Sen. Joe Biden and Gov. Sarah Palin gather with their families following the vice presidential debate moderated by Gwen Ifill.

Sen. Joe Biden answers a question during his debate.

Gov. Sarah Palin winks during the vice presidential debate.

Sen. Barack Obama answers a question posed by an audience member in a town hall debate with Republican opponent Sen. John McCain. The debate was moderated by Tom Brokaw.
Indiana registration an attractive option for some students
Nov. 4 marks first time most undergraduates eligible to vote in a presidential election; many apply for absentee ballots

By LIZ O'DONNELL In Notre Dame

Indiana's status as a possible swing state in the presidential elections has prompted many Notre Dame students to register to vote in the place they call home for eight months of the year, rather than their home state. Students from states solidly in the blue or the red have decided their vote will make more of a difference this year if it is cast in Indiana, ND Votes '08 president Christine Romero said. "We generally advised people that voting absentee would be much simpler, but many chose to register in Indiana anyway, considering the fact that Indiana is more of a swing state in this election," she said.

"The polls are not really capturing true opinions because of political correctness and social desirability," Notre Dame political science professor Darren Davis said. "People are saying they will support Barack Obama when they won't support him in the voting booth." Davis said the so-called Bradley effect, named after 1982 California gubernatorial candidate Tom Bradley, who narrowly lost his election to a white politician despite being ahead in the polls, still exists today. "I get it," Outlaw, a Multicultural Student Programs and Services director, said the issue remains a major question that will only be answered on Election Day. "The question is whether people will fall back to the same type of thinking," he said. "You know, I really can't pull that lever," Outlaw said. Davis said it is not a fear of a black president, but rather social pressures that cause many Americans to tell pollsters they will vote for Obama. "If it's fear it's more easily dismissed as social pressure. I think people are saying things to pollsters that they're not willing to follow up on," Davis said. "I really think that given the political and economic circumstances any other Democratic candidate would be much further ahead." Matthew Tipton, the president of the black students' association Vibe Radio, said there are many people unwilling to vote for a black president. "That's unfortunate in this day and age, but that's just the truth," Tipton said. But at the same time, he added, there are many people voting for Obama solely because he is black. Tipton said Obama's identity is much more complex, and combines a variety of unique perspectives unlike previous black politicians such as the Rev. Jesse Jackson. "People no longer think he's black, but that's not just a black man. He's black, he's white; he has all these other mixtures and ties. He has a stronger sense of that than anyone else," Tipton said. Davis said Obama has handled the issue of race well in the campaign, particularly when he was forced to distance himself from his former pastor Rev. Jeremiah Wright. Obama has made several very controversial statements. "He has so far been able to avoid really intense, racially controversial issues," Davis said. "In order to be taken seriously as a candidate, given the extent of latent racism that continues to exist, he needed to solidify his base. You have to separate yourself from traditional black political types who still embody the leash," Tipton said. But if taints such as Wright win in November, Outlaw said it represents a major step for the black community although it does not mean every scar of racism has healed. "It's going to be a monumental thing for the black race and for underrepresented people all across the board. I think that the racial divide is so ireally as it is, this election is possibly the most important one that has taken place in the last century," Gallegos said. "Announcing that will make more of an impact in Indiana." Regardless of what state Notre Dame students are casting their ballots in, for most, this fall marks the first time members of the undergraduate community have voted in a presidential election. Courtney Outlaw, a freshman from Indiana, said she is thrilled to be able to exercise one of her fundamental rights as an American. "It's pretty exciting to be voting for the first time," she said. "It's definitely weird to think that I'm finally going to be able to take part in such an important process that essentially defines America as a democracy." But Sands, who is voting with an absentee ballot, said she does not think her vote will make much of a difference. "I'm not going to make any of a swing state in this election," she said.

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Obama candidacy prompts questions about race
Notre Dame professors, multicultural leaders ponder whether issue will dissuade people from voting for Democratic ticket

By JOSEPH McMATHON In Focus Notre Dame

Though polls show Sen. Barack Obama pulling away from Sen. John McCain in the presidential race, many, including some of Notre Dame's multicultural leaders, worry that race could still dissuade people from choosing Obama.

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Women contemplate possibility of first female VP

Students agree Palin’s candidacy is a milestone, but disagree about her qualifications and readiness for the job

By LIZ HARTER
In Focus Writer

For the first time in the nation’s history, the United States could see a woman in a position of power in the White House after next Tuesday’s election.

Gov. Sarah Palin would make history as the first female vice president if Sen. John McCain wins the election. Palin has been governor of Alaska since 2006 when she defeated an incumbent governor in the Republican primary and a former two-term Democratic governor in the general election.

The possibility that Palin could become the nation’s first female vice president has been a topic of discussion at meetings of the Notre Dame club Feminist Voice. "I think it’s a big step to have a female on a ticket like this," said senior Mary DeAgostino, the secretary of Feminist Voice. "The idea of having a woman in a position of power like this is a great idea. I think it’s a really important issue in America.

DeAgostino does not think, however, that Palin is the right woman to make this historic step. "I think the bigger issues that people need to look at are where different candidates stand on issues that are important for everyday women in America right now," she said. "I think it’s important to be critical of different candidates’ stances on women and gender issues, instead of just ascribing meaning to someone’s gender."

Notre Dame junior Colleen Moran, co-president of the Notre Dame club Women in Politics agreed that it is important to look at the issues, but she is happy that women have been active in the election this year. "While I do not necessarily support those policy measures Sarah Palin would endorse as vice president, she is encouraged by the more active role women have assumed in this presidential election," she said.

Senior Spencer Howard, the co-president of the Notre Dame College Republicans, said he thinks the majority of his classmates have registered to vote. "I think Notre Dame students will vote in higher percentages than students at other universities," he said. "And even afterward, there were still students around wanting to talk about the election."

Junior Ed Yap, the president of the Notre Dame College Republicans, said he thinks the majority of his classmates have registered to vote. "I think Notre Dame students will vote in higher percentages than students at other universities," he said.

Senior Spencer Howard, the co-president of the Notre Dame College Democrats, agreed with Yap that Notre Dame students have been energized by the election. "This year has been a really pleasant surprise," he said. "Our students have become excited by the election." Yap said he hopes students turn out in large numbers for what he said is an important election, especially for the future of the economy. "This election right now is the most important for our lifetime," Yap said. "It's the election most important to when we enter the workforce."

Students realize they are more interested in, like where candidates stand on equal pay, reproductive rights and violence against women. "Personally, I'm not sure if Sarah Palin stands for my personal interests," Lyons said. "I don't think she does." DeAgostino added: "I don't think she stands for feminists’ interest."

But, DeAgostino added, Clinton and Palin have contributed positively to the political discussion. "I think this election year has been critical in promoting women’s political participation and raising these issues," DeAgostino said.

Morgan said Clinton and Palin have different leadership styles, tailored to appeal to different types of people. "Hillary Clinton has, in large part, tailored her leadership style to appeal to voters at the national level," she said. "Her husband’s election to the presidency thrust her into the national spotlight, and she seized the opportunity to hone her own leadership skills. Clinton comes across as — if at times harsh — both intensely focused and articulate."

"Palin, by contrast, has developed a leadership style geared towards voters at the local and state level. She demonstrates an ability to relate to everyday Americans as well as a freshness and enthusiasm at times lacking in Washington," Palin comes across as experienced or uninformed — someone Americans can connect with.

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With less than a week to go until Election Day, Sen. John McCain, above, and Sen. Barack Obama, traveled to Pennsylvania Monday to make a last-minute appeal to undecided voters and to rally supporters.
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<td>Supports a woman's right to choose to have an abortion; says he will make upholding rights enumerated under Roe v. Wade a priority as president. Opposes any constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's decision in that case.</td>
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<td>Climate Change</td>
<td>Supports a mandatory cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions 60 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. Will purchase mortgages directly from financial institutions, will cut capital gains tax rate. Plans to maintain the Bush tax cuts; will eliminate the alternative minimum tax.</td>
<td>Supports a mandatory cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. Will enact tax cuts for individuals and businesses to help cope with the current financial crisis. Will ban most home foreclosures for 90 days. Will repeal President Bush's tax cuts for households earning more than $250,000.</td>
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<td>Supports competition between schools for most effective, character-building teachers, hiring them and rewarding them. Will provide federal financial support so parents can take children out of failing schools and send them to better ones.</td>
<td>Plans to reform No Child Left Behind. Will create an American Opportunity Tax Credit to help American students go to college. Will devote $18 billion a year to new federal spending on early childhood classes, teacher recruitment, performance pay and other initiatives.</td>
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<td>Supports a gas tax holiday and opposes taxing windfall profits; opposes drilling in the Arctic but supports offshore drilling; opposes ethanol subsidies; supports expanding nuclear power.</td>
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<td>Energy</td>
<td>Wants to limit carbon emissions; harness market forces to encourage advanced technologies, like nuclear energy, to the market faster. Will reduce America's dependence on foreign supplies of energy.</td>
<td>Implement a market-based cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050; develop domestic incentives to reward forest owners, farmers and ranchers when they plant trees, restore grasslands or practice farming methods that capture carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; invest $150 billion over 10 years to advance new energy technologies.</td>
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<td>Will reaffirm the institution of marriage between one man and one woman.</td>
<td>Will end &quot;Don't Ask, Don't Tell&quot; in the military. Will pass federal non-discrimination law in employment that includes sexuality; will extend federal benefits to same-sex couples who have a state-supported civil union, not marriage; believes allowing civil unions in a state issue.</td>
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<td>Wants a free-market, consumer-based system plans to use competition to improve the quality of health insurance so there is a greater variety to match people's need and lower prices; will give families the option of receiving a tax credit of $2,500 for individuals and $5,000 for families to offset the cost of insurance.</td>
<td>Will require that all children have health insurance; Will make national health care plan available to all Americans; participants in the new public plan would be able to move from job to job without changing health care coverage.</td>
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<td>Plans to increase the size of the United States military; will modernize the American armed forces and develop advanced weapons systems and address force protection; will work to improve military pay and benefits and will improve quality of life for military families.</td>
<td>Will encourage better protection of U.S. chemical plants from potential terrorist attacks; will develop better guidelines for tracking spent nuclear fuel; will require mandatory planning for the evacuation of people with special needs during emergencies.</td>
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<td>Homeland Security</td>
<td>Helped write the 2007 immigration bill that supported a path to legalization for illegal immigrants that would include learning English and paying fines, but has said that he would no longer vote for the bill; supports building a fence along the Mexican border.</td>
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<td>Immigration</td>
<td>Voted in 2002 to authorize invasion of Iraq, supported troop increase, or &quot;surge.&quot; Will accelerate the training and equipping of Iraqi armed forces and police to enable them to play a key role in securing Iraq; will encourage the international community to apply pressure to Syria and Iran in order to stop them from aiding and abetting the violence in Iraq; opposes a timetable for withdrawal, but projects most troops could be home by 2013.</td>
<td>Opposed invasion initially; opposed stay in Iraq; wants to withdraw one or two brigades a month to finish within 16 months and encourage the Iraqis to reconcile their differences. Provide $2 billion to expand services to Iraqi refugees in neighboring countries.</td>
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