Students perform a skit titled "Saved By Parietals" in the inaugural 2006 production of "Loyal Daughters and Sons."
Decision 2008 is upon us. Today, a struggling nation discovers which candidate will spearhead the efforts of recovery and reform, so desperately desired by the American people. Regardless of which candidate emerges victorious, our next president will assume his position with more than enough on his presidential plate. The economic crisis, the war in Iraq, healthcare, and abortion are all critical issues that deserve expert analysis and representation. But what about the state of the entertainment industry in America?

The matter of American entertainment will obviously not be of paramount concern to our nation’s next president. However, it is impossible to ignore the condition of the entertainment industry as the presidential race culminates. Never before has the competition to earn the presidency incited such attention across all levels of American media. The matter at hand extends beyond the realm of major news networks where poll after poll is graphically produced and presidential debates reiterate the contrasting platforms of each candidate. We’re talking about a whole new level of media that has emerged. This progeny of presidential coverage has been successful in attracting the attention of young Americans.

Consider NBC’s recent revised fall lineup. Amidst the schedule of the network’s typical sitcoms and dramas lies political satire. NBC recently took advantage of the executive portion of its most popular programs, Saturday Night Live, on Thursday nights. Since adopting a new political context this season, the veteran program has seen its ratings up 50 percent according to The New York Times. Republican candidate John McCain even embraced the programs media success, appearing on a special guest on November 1st.

Live light cable has boarded as well. Both The Daily Show with John Stewart and The Colbert Report have seen record numbers of viewers as of late. Democratic candidate Barack Obama championed his campaign during an unbothered interview with John Stewart on Oct. 29. Both programs, which thrive off of political mockery stand atop the late night talk show viewers charts. Not to be outdone by television, the musical world has also become vocal in the nation’s political proceedings. Artists such as Will.i.am of the Black Eyed Peas, P. Diddy, Bruce Springsteen, Big & Rich, Tod Novgent and LeAnn Rimes have publicly expressed their political views towards their favorite candidate. Political issues have given many artists a newfound sense of purpose and purpose. The Rock the Vote Foundation has successfully employed the popular music medium in order to engage the political power of America’s youth.

So as we stand on the precipice of political change, at a time when global economics and peace remain uncertain, the entertainment industry may be the only current certainty in American daily life. However, the issue of government reception finally concludes this evening. Where will this leave American media? Maybe it’s not one of the many matters concerning the United States. Nevertheless, it will be one that is closely watched by the American public.

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**Correction:**
The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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**IN BRIEF**

Saint Mary’s College Right to Life will sponsor Right to Life Week. It includes a candlelight prayer vigil on the Library Green at 8 p.m. today, a Celebration of Life party in Rehearsal Lounge in LeMans Hall at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, and a panel discussion from 6 to 7 p.m. in Haggar College Parlor on Thursday.

A colloquium entitled “What the most metal-poor stars tell us about the early Universe” will be held at the Crossroads Gallery (Noire Dame Downtown, 217 S. Michigan Street, South Bend) on Thursday at 12:05 p.m. The event is for a free environmental film series.

Frank Baseiman will present a lecture sponsored by the Snite Museum of Art and the Department of Art, Art History, and Design on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Anneberg Auditorium of the museum. The main event on Thursday is free and open to the public. Baseiman is on campus to meet with and critique the works of design students.

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

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**WEATHER?**

**YOU PREPARED FOR THE COLD WEATHER?**

**OFFBEAT**

**Man accused of stealing 8**

**piggies banks from home**

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Police said a 34-year-old man was charged with second degree burglary after allegedly stealing eight piggy banks from a home, netting more than $2,700 in change.

Police said the man then went to a bank, where he spent more than half an hour standing at a counting machine while the device tallied the money.

Police said the man, already on probation for first-degree burglary, then picked up his girlfriend and bought a coat, boots and shirts at Burlington Coat Factory.

Police found him after a neighbor saw a man leave with two large nylon bags and noted the plate number.

Police said the man may have lived with the victims in the past.

**Couple decide to tie the knot at tattoo parlor**

WATERBURY, Conn. — Some say it with diamonds. But a couple wanted tattooed knuckles to seal their matrimonial bond. Tracy Fox, 24, and her 22-year-old groom, Nick Adams, tied the knot in a Waterbury tattoo parlor on Halloween, married by a justice of the peace dressed as a witch.

The couple dressed like their favorite characters from the horror flick “The Return of the Living Dead.”

As part of the ceremony, Fox and Adams each had a special word tattooed on their knuckles. She chose “werewolf” because she loves werewolf movies and he chose “wormfood” because he says everyone will be worm food someday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** Are you prepared for the cold weather?

**NEWS COLUMN**

Post-Election Uncertainty

Patrick Griffin

Senior Writer

“No, cause I’m not wearing any pants.”

“Yeah, bring it on.”

“Sure, I am wearing pants.”

“Hock yaah! Snow football is the shizz.”

Eric Mark runs for a first down in a Duncan Hall section football game on “Duncan Fields” Monday evening.
One of these men will be our next president. Be a part of the decision and cast your vote today.
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Dane students should be able to go every year and learn something new from the show. New stories will be included, and some stories from previous productions will be integrated into new productions," Cross said. "This year, we have two authors, one of them is a male student, we feel that the show continues to evolve, which was the original hope."

The play, originally titled "Loyal Daughters," debuted on campus in 2006, Emily Weidocke, a 2007 Notre Dame graduate wrote the show in order to increase student awareness of sexuality issues present on campus. In 2007, Sarah Van Mill, a 2008 graduate took over as "Loyal Daughters and Sons" co-writer and decided to continue the show. "The play was renamed "Loyal Daughters and Sons" to reflect the proportion of male perspectives that were incorporated," Cross said. "This is hoped to incorporate even more of a male perspective with the creative efforts of a male co-writer Preston and Cross co-conceived and directed interviews with students and other members of the Notre Dame community in order to gain new material for the show's script."

"I think having a male inter­viewer is invaluable to the project in terms of gathering stories from the community. When you're talking about something as sensitive as sex, it is important that people are able to interface with either a man or a woman because most likely they will be more comfortable with one or the other," Preston said. "This is also that can't be solved by one plan. It is also crucial to have men just as involved in the production as women."

Preston first became interested in "Loyal Sons and Daughters" after he saw the 2006 production. In 2007, Preston and Cross co-writers successfully landed a role in the show. "I loved performing in the show last year," Preston said. "As a theatre major, I appreciated being involved in something that channelled my theatrical talents towards a positive cause. The great thing about this show is that you're dealing with real stories, which allows you to get to know someone who you probably haven't had the chance to meet. Most of the people in these stories are fused with real people trying to play them on stage forces you to really identify with the performance, which, for me, led to a very unique understanding of the issues and the difficulties this play addresses." The play continues to consist of 30 different scenes. Each scene deals with sex, sexuality, and political and personal assault at Notre Dame and is based off of real-life experiences of Notre Dame students.

"We have 13 new scenes this year, which means we have a lot of material that the show hasn't dealt with before. We tried to utilize previous stories that complemented this new material," Preston said. "This year's show reflects a lot of confusion and questions which the stories are trying to figure out while also trying to mean it to be sexual, what it means to be Catholic, what it means to be raped. We also tried to pay attention to how people around the victims responded or reacted to sexual assault so that the show examine the issues involved and can or should do about the issue."

"I would say, go to performance Thursday for the panel discussions," Cross co-writer said. "I believe that if students choose to attend the play, they should do so with open minds ready to listen to these stories and respond to the experiences in the Notre Dame community."

"I would say, go to the show for the panel discussions. And then, don't be your involvement stop there. Keep asking questions, having discussions, speaking out, that's all we can do."

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Since the beginning of the school year, the campus has been filled with first-year student groups trying to get out the vote. With the student body has consequently taken a heightened interest in the election.

Like many first-time voters in the freshman class, Kahn said that he is thrilled to be voting for the first time this election. "It's pretty exciting. I have friends who go to high school telling me that I'm lucky," he said.

Kahn also pointed out that the strong participation by young voters in both presidential campaigns con­tributed to his anticipation. "I've never really consid­ered voting to be that 'exciting' but with so much atten­tion being paid to this elec­tion, especially from the young, I certainly feel like I'm fortunate to be involved in this process." Similar to many people, Kahn said he believes the economy is the most impor­tant issue in this election. "I feel like the state of the economy is probably my No. 1 concern when it comes to politics, I would say. go to the polls, you know I would have to graduate from college last year or be graduating this year, and I don't want the economy to be in a similar state in four years," he said.

Kahn also cited the war in Iraq and Iran, which he said are two other important issues. Pollsters are predicting a record number of college-age voters in this year's election. Kahn agreed with these fore­casts, but personally hopes that the youth have motives behind their choice. "I think it's extremely important for Americans of all ages to vote, but it's even more important for young people to vote for the right reasons. It seems that voting is becom­ing a 'trend' for young people, they need to pay attention to the causes and make educated decisions," he said.

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festivities include the use of alcoholic beverages, remon­ber to follow Indiana laws and drink responsibly," Chapman said. "Our law enforcement officers will arrest underage drinkers on campus and issue citations if necessary."

Chapman said NDPW officers have been working with the Excise Police, St. Joseph County Police and South Bend Police Department.

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It's Election Day.

Use The Observer's electoral map to chart your path and update tomorrow's edition for complete analysis.
International News

Bin Laden aids get life in prison

GUANTANAMO BAY NAYAL BASE, Cuba — A Guantanamo prisoner who made propaganda videos for Osama bin Laden and says he volunteered to be a Sept. 11 hijacker was convicted on Monday of conspiracy to commit terrorism and sentenced to life in prison Monday.

A jury of U.S. military officers deliberated for just under an hour before condemning Ali Hamza al-Rubaili at Guantanamo’s second war-crimes trial. Al-Rubaili was convicted of 35 counts of conspiracy, solicitation to commit murder and providing material support for terrorism.

The jury, which announced its verdict earlier Monday, must now determine and one count of providing material support for terrorism.

The 39-year-old Yemeni defendant admitted joining al-Qaida, accused the U.S. of oppressing Muslims for 50 years and said “we will fight any government that governs America.”

Congo refugees angry at lack of food

KIBATI, Congo — Hungry refugees cheered when the first humanitarian convoy in a week arrived at their camp Monday, but the jubilation turned to anger when U.N. workers dumped 200 bales of plastic jerry cans instead of food and sped on past rebel lines.

U.N. officials conceded that hunger at the Kibati camp, where tens of thousands sheltered from fighting in eastern Congo, was dire before but the new policy was to resupply medical clinics staffed by retreat groups trying to work.

“Are we supposed to eat this?” demanded Boniface Ndayumujinya, an elderly man waving a BMG assault rifle in front of him. “Now do it right.”

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NATIONAL NEWS

Funeral held for Hudson’s slain family

CHICAGO — Hundreds of mourners attended a private funeral service for Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson’s slain mother, brother and nephew Monday at a South Side church.

A composed Hudson paused before the bodies of her relatives before saying her mother a final kiss, said attendees of the invitation-only service.

Donerson, 57, Jason Hudson, 29, and Julian in a vehicle found several miles away.

Jesse Jackson was among those who spoke at Monday’s ceremony. The adults in Donerson’s home and one count of providing material support to terrorists.

The three were found shot to death late last month, the adults in Donerson’s home and one count of providing material support to terrorists.

Early voting, more than 29 million ballots cast in 30 states, suggested an advantage for Obama in Ohio. Official statistics showed Democrats who have already voted outnumbered Republicans in North Carolina, Colorado, Florida and Iowa, all of which went for President Bush in 2004.

Democrats also anticipated gains in the House and in the Senate, although Republicans battled to hold their losses to a minimum and a significant number of races were rated as tossups in the campaign’s final hours.

By their near-non-stop attention to states that voted Republican in 2004, both Obama and McCain acknowledged the Democrats’ advantage in the presidential race.

The two rivals both began their days in Florida, a traditionally Republican state with 27 electoral votes where polls make it close. Obama drew 9,000 or so at a rally in Jacksonville, while across the state, a crowd estimated at roughly 1,000 turned out for McCain. One day before the election, no battleground state was left unattended.

But Virginia, where no Democrat has won in 40 years, and Ohio, where no Republican president has ever lost, seemed most covered. Together, they account for 33 electoral votes that McCain can scarcely do without.

Democratic volunteers in Maryland, a state safe for Obama, called voters in northwestern Virginia, where McCain trailed in the polls. The Democratic presidential candidate’s visit to Virginia during the day was his 11th since he clinched the nomination.

Unwilling to concede anything, McCain’s campaign filed a lawsuit Thursday seeking to force election officials to count late-arriving ballots from members of the armed forces overseas. No hearing was immediately scheduled.

Several hundred miles away in Ohio — the state that sealed Bush’s second term in 2004 — voters waited as long as three hours in line to cast ballots in Columbus, part of heavily contested Franklin County. Poll workers handed out bottles of water to sustain them.

Lori Huffman, 38, a supervisor at UPS Inc., took the day off to vote early for her man, McCain. "It’s exciting isn’t it?" she asked, gesturing toward the long line of waiting voters.

"This is happening all over the state, from Cleveland to Dayton," said Gov. Ted Strickland, a Democrat trying to deliver his state to Obama. Obama hoped so, after more than a year building an elaborate get-out-the-vote operation, first for the primary campaign, now for the general election.

Election 2008

Obama mourns grandmother’s death

Associated Press

HONOLULU — Barack Obama, his grandmother, whose personality and bearing shaped much of the life of the Democratic presidential contender, has died, Obama announced Monday, one day before the election.

Madelyn Payne Dunham was born in Honolulu on April 22, 1922.

Obama announced the news from the campaign trail in Franklin, N.C. The joint statement with his sister Maya Soetoro-Ng said Dunham died late Sunday night after a battle with cancer.

"She’s gone home," Obama said as tens of thousands of rowdy supporters at the University of North Carolina-Central at the end of his speech.

"And she died peacefully in her sleep with my sister at her side. And so there is great joy as well as tears. I’m not going to talk about it too long because it is hard for me to talk about."

But he said he wanted people to know a little about her — that she lived through the Great Depression and World War II, working the latter on a bomber assembly line with a baby at home and a husband serving his country. He said she was humble and plain spoken, one of the "quiet heroes that we have all across America" working hard and hoping to see their children and grandchildren thrive.

"That’s what we’re fighting for," Obama said.

Obama learned of Dunham’s death Monday morning while he was campaigning in Jacksonville, Fla. He went ahead with campaign appearances. The family said a private ceremony would be held later.

Local News

Clerk ends voting with 100s waiting

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — The county clerk turned away hundreds of voters who had stood in line for hours to cast absentee ballots in person when Monday’s noon deadline arrived.

Radio station WBYK reported hundreds of voters were in line at noon pressing against the door to the Gibson County Clerk’s office to be let in. When they were turned away.

"They actually try to sign the book and the lady said I couldn’t sign the book," Danielle Groves of Evansville said WBYK. "I’ve been in this line since eight o’clock this morning waiting to vote. This is ridiculous. It doesn’t make any sense."
String of bombings shake Baghdad, kill 10, wound 40

Attacks show that extremists still have the capability to stage bombings even in heavily guarded capital city

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A series of bombings struck Baghdad and several other cities Monday, killing at least 10 people and wounding 40, as the Iraqi government tightened security after a weekend holiday.

Most of the six blasts occurred in Baghdad, reinforcing the impression that U.S.-funded security measures continue to fail in the Iraqi capital. The attacks underscored lingering fears of a new surge in violence after the U.S.-Iraqi military commanders declared an end to combat operations.

A group of people were inside a building in western Baghdad when a bomb went off in the street, killing two people and wounding five, officials said.

A police official said the bombing occurred as Iraqi security forces were attending a conference on improving the city's security. He added that the government has ordered new measures to improve security in the city, which has seen a rise in violence.

Several hours later, a man was killed and another wounded when a bomb exploded in a park in eastern Baghdad, police said.

In the capital, two men were killed and more than 20 people were wounded when a bomb went off near a police headquarters in the city's Sadr City district.

After the blasts, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki ordered the military to tighten security measures, following demands from the government.

Iraqi army and police officials said security forces would be deployed to areas where the blasts occurred, in order to establish security and protect the population.

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President Asif Ali Zardari, a Pakistani politician and lawyer, said attacks were counterproductive and must be stopped to avoid backlash in war on terror.

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Key states could bring early winner

Landslide possible if Obama secures Georgia, Indiana, Virginia

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Election watchers won't have to wait for polls to close in Alaska, Hawaii or the West to know how things are going. The first clues will come swiftly, when voting ends in Georgia, Indiana and Virginia.

If Sen. John McCain wins any of the three, he could be on his way to a big victory, maybe even a landslide. If Republican John McCain wins all three, he could win nearly all the states that voted for Democrat John Kerry that year.

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Today, as you are watching Election Day coverage on television or tracking the results online, use The Observer’s Electoral Map to chart the battle for 270 electoral votes. Color states blue for Sen. Barack Obama, and red for Sen. John McCain and tally their votes.

MAGIC NUMBER 270
In this presidential campaign, why did so many Catholics apparently reject the teaching of the church on abortion? The bishops and clergy presented clearly the Church's teaching on abortion and voting. "Not all moral issues," said Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, "have the same weight as abortion. There may be a diversity of opinion ... among Catholics about ... war and ... the death penalty, but not on abortion and euthanasia. A Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation with evil, if he were to ... vote for a candidate ... because of the candidate's permissive stance on abortion. ... When a Catholic does not share a candidate's stand in favor of abortion, but votes for that candidate for other reasons, it is ... remote material cooperation, which can be permitted in the presence of proportionate reasons." 

With over 48 million surgical abortions and uncountable millions more by pill or other abortifacients, all authorized by law, Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark accurately concluded that "policies on welfare, national security, the war in Iraq, Social Security or taxes, taken singly or in any combination, do not provide a proportionate reason to vote for a pro-abortion candidate." The same campaign, as the Washington Post put it, reached out "aggressively" to Catholics, arguing that "the church's teachings on social justice and ... poverty, the environment, health care and and unemployment should guide Catholic voters as much as abortion .... The Democratic effort includes antiabortion Catholic scholars who favor ... Obama (and) progressive Catholic organizations that have sprung up. Some Catholic professors described Obama as the "pro-life" candidate, because he would reduce abortions by promoting pro-life attitudes and providing social services. You simply have to be an academic to believe that. The readiness of some Catholics to put abortion on a par with issues of lesser gravity and so find a "proportionate reason" to support a pro-abortion candidate could be an unintended consequence of a decision the bishops themselves made nearly three decades ago. In Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court ruled that, whether or not the unborn child is a human being, he is not a "person" and therefore has no right to life. The Court acknowledged that if he is a "person" the case for abortion "collapses" for the fetus' "right to life is then guaranteed by the [Fourteenth] Amendment." The National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) promptly condemned the decision and urged "legal and constitutional conformity to the basic truth that the unborn child is a 'person' in every sense of the term from conception." When four cardinals, Krol, Manning, Godfrey and Medeiros, testified before the Senate in 1974, they insisted that a constitutional amendment "should clearly establish that, from conception onward, the unborn child is a human person in the terms of the Constitution." It should reverse the "right to life ... to the unborn just as it is provided to all other persons in the United States." Cardinal Medeiros said "A 'States rights' amendment which would simply return jurisdiction over the abortion law to the States, does not seem to be a satisfactory solution. Production of human life should not depend upon geographical boundaries ... Therefore, the prohibition against the direct and intentional taking of innocent human life should be universal and without exceptions. "If the unborn child were recognized as a "person" with respect to his right to life, abortion would still depend on the State legislatures to do their reasonable best but those legislatures would be bound by "the supreme law of the land" not to deprive the unborn child of that right to life. During the late 1970s support for the cardinals' position eroded. In 1981, the bishops endorsed a states' rights amendment. Archbishop John R. Bochicchio, president of the NCCB, in endorsing the amendment, told the Senate that "We are committed to full legal recognition of the right to life of the unborn child," but the NCCB acknowledged that the amendment "places the extent of restriction and prohibition of [abortion] entirely in the discretion of the federal and state legislatures." The Senate Committee on Judiciary agreed that the amendment, a state legislature or Congress "could ... prohibit abortion or ... maintain ... abortion on demand for social reforms that fall somewhere between these ... propositions." Report, June 8, 1981. The "states' rights" approach affirms the holding of Roe that the unborn child is a person. If your life is subject to termination at the discretion of a state legislature or Congress, you are, in terms of that constitution, a nonperson. It goes beyond the limited recognition in "Roe" that the "right to life" could be an "implied right" on abortion when it is "not possible to overturn or abrogate a pro-abortion law." Nor is "states' rights" a return to the privatization principle. Before Roe, there had never been a ruling by the Court on personhood. Once the Court ruled in the negative, the only coherent response was, and is, to insist on the personhood of the unborn with respect to his right to life. That does not preclude the advocacy also of effective restrictions on abortion. The bishops continue in their support for "states' rights." One of the most eloquent statements by bishops in the 2008 campaign undermined its affirmation of the right to life by saying, "Roe is bad law. As long as it stands, it prevents returning the abortion issue to the states where it belongs, ... the people can decide its future through fair debate and legislation. It is no surprise that some Catholics interpret, or use as a pretext, the bishops' consignment of abortion to the evaluation and "discretion" of state legislatures as an invitation to them, as voters, to make that same political evaluation with abortion as one issue on a pair with others. The technology of early abortifacients makes it possible to abort a truly private life beyond the reach of the law. To promote what John Paul II called a "culture of life," it is more essential than ever to insist on the entitlement of every human being "to be respected and treated as a person from the moment of conception." Introduction on Biosphies. It involves no criticism of the bishops, whose witness is admirable, to suggest that it would be appropriate for them to reconsider the cardinals' 1974 insistence on the entitlement of the unborn child to the right to life guaranteed to persons by the Constitution. Charles E. Rice is professor emeritus at the Law School. He may be reached at 633-4415 or at rice.l@nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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THE DAY
Tuesday, November 4, 2008
Hark!

Hark, ye fellow Domers! As we were watching the Texas Tech students rush their field not once, not twice, but THREE times this past Saturday, a solid realization settled over the room: Texas Tech just rushed the field three more times in one game than we will in four years. As a matter of fact, the Texas Tech student body has had so much fun in recent years that their field goal posts have had a place on the field officials can lower them before students can tear them down in their joy-rage.

I know that rushing the field is not necessarily the goal of every game, but it would be wise to win a game that would warrant such a glorious celebration. Unfortunately, the outlook for winning such a game is bleak given the lack of quality home wins in recent years. To enlighten the freshman and sophomore classes, who have cursed our football program with their presence, the last quality win we’ve had at home was against Penn State in 2006 and that was far from field-rushing material.

Therefore, to remedy this problem, we propose a premeditated stampede to the gridiron at the next home game. That is correct folks: we are planning to storm our hallowed field after the conclusion of the Syracuse game. We are about 87 percent sure even we can’t lose to Syracuse at home. I mean, they’re no Navy. Some of you haters sitting in your ivory towers will say that a victory over Syracuse is not worth populating the turf with students, but after last season’s lone home victory coming against Duke and our loss against a mediocre Pittsburgh team last week, we should never take a home victory for granted again. Each win we have at home is worth celebrating. For all of you that don’t think this will be worthwhile, imagine how much fun it will be to watch Sportscenter analysts try to make sense of the student body rushing the field after beating a (projected) 2-8 Syracuse team. And then imagine your delight after seeing Lou Holtz explain to Mark May why such an event is occurring.

As my beloved father once told us after losing to Pittsburgh, “I hope you boys came to this school for an education.” Well, let’s put it this way: when I tell people that I go to Notre Dame, they don’t say “Wow! What an education you must be getting!” Conversely, they usually say “Wow! You must really hate football now!” It’s time to change that. Maybe at least a few people will one day say “Wow! Rushing the field against Syracuse must have been a blast.”

To all the alumni reading this letter, against where it is that you live, I am compelled to respond to the opinion voiced by Bradley Duffy (“Spread the Logic,” Oct. 30). He accused Sean Lyttle of feeling guilty for everything from his upbringing to his race to his potentially successful future, based on Lyttle’s acknowledgment of a charmed life, and the less-fortunate lives of others. It is unfortunate that, in the mind of Duffy and others like him, that the only motivator can be shame. That one can’t be moved out of pity, or generosity, or love for your fellow man. By this logic, all pro-lifers act only because they feel guilty that they were born. All doctors are motivated to treat the sick, only out of guilt of their own health. Your professors teach because they feel guilty that they’re so smart. We can argue the best way to help others.

I am tired of the idea that voting is a waste of time. Maybe the voting booth is a place that has no real meaning. Perhaps you have always been skeptical of people and you do not want to hand over a piece of paper declaring that you believe in something. It’s understandable.

After all, we’ve been tossed into a mud-stained democracy run by blowhards and fools, many of whom condescendingly sneer if we express an interest in an idea or a candidate they don’t like. We’ve heard about how so-and-so is a terrorist, and so-and-so doesn’t show up for any votes; how one side is embroiled in scandals and how the other side has no experience; how one is too religious or not religious enough, or the wrong religion, or has the wrong kind of really amazing, powerful, empowering speeches. My advice to you, skeptical voter, is one more layer of noise, but bear with me. I’m asking you to put the noise aside and vote, even if you don’t believe that vote will count. I’m asking you to walk into the multi-purpose room on Tuesday, sign an additional vote, and cast a vote. Just this once, just to see how it feels.

I’m tired of hearing about how this generation always says it will vote, but doesn’t. I am tired of being ignored by candidates because they don’t think we’ll make it to the polls. Let’s face it, you’ve probably been late to class for worse reasons: hangovers, flirting, video games, boredom, hunger, who knows? Why not have a better excuse? Maybe your guy loses, maybe your guy wins, but there are plenty of reasons to believe that winning or losing doesn’t matter. What matters is mustering up an ounce of faith in a broader system, taking the risk of being wrong and taking the plunge toward the single inch of progress you want for this world. You stake your claim and it’s terrifying.

Voting, you see, is not just about politics. It’s about working up the courage to believe in something you want to believe in. It’s the moment when you ask someone on a date even if you think you aren’t cool enough. It’s the moment when you raise your hand in a class to give an answer you kind of, maybe, think you know. It’s not the vote that matters, it’s the risk you take when you cast it: that you might be wrong, certainly; that it might break your heart if he wins, and becomes just another politician, the kind of guy who made you not want to vote in the first place. I believe the courage of asking for an impossible kind of dream is more important than the pleasure of getting it.

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Everyone knows it's nearly Election Day when the campaign ads start getting really, really nasty. Nothing screams "Election!" quite like attacking everything you possibly could about your opponent, from his voting record to his family life.

I think we're all ready for the election to be done and over with, not only to resolve this whole "who's going to win" issue, but to get those ads off the television. But all wonder if the negative ads are really necessary to running a campaign. It makes you wonder if either candidate is strong enough on his or her own merit to really win the election. Almost every ad I've seen has focused first on blasting the other candidate, and then basically said: "This candidate won't do. Sponsored by this candidate's campaign."

The problem seems to be that neither candidate has actually told the truth in one of their campaign ads. I feel like everything I've read, heard, and heard has been skewed by one source or another. There are very few reliable, unbiased places to go for such a heated election.

The candidates themselves certainly aren't reliable; both want their views to get across, and they do so by casting their opponent in a negative light.

My question to both candidates is this: what are you really going to do? Stop talking about what you're not going to do and give me some concrete ideas of what you're going to do. No matter who you're voting for, I feel like we can all agree on one thing — this country needs change. Our economy is spiraling downwards. Education and healthcare are a mess. America has a million reasons and the resources to be an incredible country, and yet we are lackluster compared to many others.

A decent campaign ad should address these issues, clearly and honestly. I know that we should expect some skewing of the facts — in a race, we all want to be the winner, and our presidential candidates are no different. They pull ahead by spinning what they believe as best they can. But honestly, I think this race would be far less close than it is if both candidates focused on their own views instead of the views of their opponent. I'd love to know the solid plans that either one of them has to reform our health care system. I think it would be great to see what their plans are for public education. But the way things are going now, I barely know what either candidate plans on doing for any problem we face.

Oh, other than that, it won't be what their opponent is doing. If both candidates focused on their own views instead of just condemning the views of the other, their own platforms would be much stronger. It's undeniable — half of the undecided voters are undecided simply because they don't see what either candidate offers over the other one. It's too late for the current election to be changed by a new wave of positive campaign ads, but let's hope that the next one isn't so negative.

So good luck to whichever candidate you're voting for today. Any hopes I can just hide under a rock until it's over and the winner is decided, just to avoid the Election Day wave of nastiness?

Yeah, I didn't think so.

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Jezebel.com

Jezebel is a self-proclaimed "blog for women that will attempt to take all the essentially meaningless but sweet stuff directed our way and give it a little more meaning."

Besides showcasing celebrity fashion faux-pas and clips from Gossip Girl, the contributors at the Jezebel blog offer their takes on election news, from the polls to Sarah Palin's appearance on SNL.

Slant: Pro-Obama.

Yes We Can (Hold Babies)

Yeswecanholdbabies.wordpress.com

With so much vitriol in a campaign — the accusations, personal attacks and Paris Hilton — sometimes it's nice to just see some cute kids. The bloggers at Yes We Can (Hold Babies), a couple of college students from Massachusetts, say their mission is "the international source for pictures of Obama holding babies." It's to uphold the storied tradition of politicians scoring brownie points by kissing babies at public events.

Slant: Pro-Obama and people who love cute babies

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HotAir.com

Founded by Michelle Malkin, a conservative columnist, blogger, and commentator, HotAir.com prides itself on being the first "conservative Internet broadcast network."

Its main focus is video-blogging, with clips of election coverage and commentary from the site's staff. A significant portion of the main page lists headlines from major newspapers and TV networks selected by the staff.

Slant: Pro-McCain.

McCainBlogette.com

Meghan McCain, John McCain's 24-year-old daughter, chronicles the election through her own pictures and musings while on the campaign trail with her family. Meghan runs with blog with help from a photographer and producer who also travel with the McCain campaign. The photos are the biggest draw for this site, capturing both the public rally atmosphere and life-living on the "Straight Talk Express" campaign bus.

Slant: Pro-McCain (duh.)

The Google Election Blog

http://www.google.com/2008election/

If you want comprehensive, non-partisan election coverage and commentary, the Google Election Blog is where you go. It's not so much a blog as a continually updating compendium of everyone else's blog posts, news stories, Youtube videos, and quotes from all the presidential candidates for the 2008 election, from Barr to Barack, from Nader to McCain.
Harrison Ford as President James Marshall in "Air Force One"
Blee: President James Marshall takes a tough stance against terrorism and then becomes a hostage himself when Air Force One is taken over by terrorists from Kazakhstan, led by Ivan Korshunov (Gary Oldman). The terrorists demand the release of their leader General Bobek. Marshall appears to escape from the plane in an emergency capsule yes actually is actually hiding on board. Then he silently kills a member of the terrorist group before establishing contact with F-15s to engage the hijacked plane. Marshall is the handsome, down-in-the-belly hero with surprisingly good hand-to-hand combat skills. Even though he is the President he takes chances with his life (much to his Vice President, Glenn Close's, chagrin) such as when he swings from a cable in midair.

Weapon of Choice: His fists
Memorable Quote: "We will never negotiate. We will not negotiate longer be afraid. It's your turn to be afraid."
Also, "Get off my plane!"

Morgan Freeman as President Tom Beck in "Deep Impact"
Blee: The unfortunate job of breaking the news to the American people that the planet is about to be hit by a massive comet is left to the able President Beck. He must also inform the public that the government has been preparing underground caves to house a million lucky random choices to survive the calamity. He devised the plan to bury the caves, and eventually ends up saving humanity. National survival was his forte.

Weapon of Choice: Freeman's characteristic, calming voice.
Memorable Quote: "Cities fall, but they are rebuilt. And heroes die, but they are remembered."

Michael Douglas as President Andrew Shepherd in "The American President"
Blee: While President Shepherd runs for re-election and negotiates a new crime bill, he courts an environmental lobbyist (Annette Bening) and the press watches their every move. Douglas is theatrical enough to make even the most cynical viewer feel at least a twinge of respect, he's not theRalor, he's the President. He takes chances with his life (much to his Vice President, Martin Sheen's, chagrin) such as when he takes himself out of a hostage situation when he's not the only one who thinks he's not the real President. He speaks four languages, and was a Nobel Laureate in Economics. Bartlet is portrayed as a stern but loving father. He hides the fact that he suffers from multiple scleroses from the American public, then divulges his illness, but is still re-elected. Bartlet's accomplishments as President include granting amnesty to illegal immigrants from the Americas, appointing the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice and first female Chief Justice, negotiating a peace settlement between Israel and Palestine, creating millions of new jobs, and support for alternative energy. Bartlet is endowed with a fierce intellect, great personal integrity, toughness yet compassion, and a sense of humor. He also demonstrates respect and affection for his staff.

Weapon of Choice: Vill, charm and impeccable taste in vegetables.
Memorable Quote: Mrs. Bartlet asks the introspective President what he is thinking about, and Bartlet replies: "Tomorrow."

Denis Leary as President David Palmer on "24"
Blee: As a Senator from Maryland, Palmer is elected President after several assassination attempts against him on the day of the California primary are foiled by Counter-Terrorist Unit (CTU) agent Jack Bauer. (Kiefer Sutherland). Palmer's role as President is often cited as the successful foil of terrorist plots. Palmer is seen as a good leader who makes difficult decisions without much hesitation. On several occasions, his intervention as President and the execution of his Presidential powers are extremely helpful for the CTU and Bauer.

Weapon of Choice: Jack Bauer
Memorable Quote: "Talvez to me. All of you. I know you're not in the same room with me but you can see and hear me plainly enough. Take a good look. Do I scared? Am I breaking into a nervous sweat? Am I babbling? At a loss for words? Is my voice shaking? Can any one of you look me in the eye and tell me I'm disabled?"

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PHILADELPHIA — The solution to the Philadelphia 76ers' 3-point shooting woes might be at the end of their bench.

Kareem Rush and Donyell Marshall have to hope the way they almost flawlessly buried all those open looks earns them a second look at a bigger role in the rotation.

Thaddeous Young scored 18 points, Lou Williams had 17 and the 76ers led by as many as 40 points in a 125-91 rout of the winless Sacramento Kings on Monday night.

Marshall and Rush went a combined 6-of-7 from 3-point range and each played their season high in minutes, even though most of their playing time came when the game was put away.

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NFL

Browns quarterback Brady Quinn watches from the sidelines during Cleveland's 10-6 loss to Pittsburgh on Sept. 14. Quinn will start next week against Denver.

Browns replace Anderson with Quinn

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Quarterback Derek Anderson has been benched by the Cleveland Browns, who will start popular backup Brady Quinn on Thursday night against the Denver Broncos.

The surprising and unexpected switch was announced Monday by the team, just hours after coach Romeo Crennel said he had no plans to make a change.

Anderson, who has been inconsistent this season, threw a costly interception that was returned for a touchdown in the final minutes of Sunday’s 37-27 loss to the Baltimore Ravens. The pick prompted Brown fans to begin chants of “Brady! Brady!” for Quinn, the former Notre Dame star who has thrown just eight passes in two seasons.

A team spokesman said Crennel and Quinn would not be available for comment until Tuesday.

Earlier, Quinn was asked for his reaction to hearing fans call his name.

“We lost the game, really that’s all that matters,” he said. “That’s something in the NFL, everyone always loves the backup. That’s just how it is.”

Browns center Hank Fraley found out about the change when he got a text message during the fourth quarter of Sunday’s game.

“I was surprised,” Fraley said. “I’ve become real good friends with Derek and I feel for him. I told him to stay positive, he will. He’s a team player.”

Anderson had gone 132-of-334 pass attempts without an interception before he was picked off by Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs, who stepped in front of a screen pass and ran it back 42 yards for a TD. Anderson finished 17-of-33 for 219 yards and two TDs, but the 25-year-old’s stats would have been even better if wide receiver Braylon Edwards hadn’t dropped a certain TD pass in the fourth quarter with the game tied.

Edwards leads the NFL with 13 drops, and Anderson has had to throw to wide receivers Syndric Steptoe and Steve Sanders, two former backups who have played only because of injuries to Donne Stallworth and Joe Horn.

Fraley was asked if Anderson was the fall guy for the Browns, who were expected to contend for a playoff spot coming off a 10-6 season in 2007.

“That was the coaches’ decision,” he said. “Maybe they feel like he (Quinn) will bring a spark. It’s tough because Derek is a great guy, a team leader and a captain. We just haven’t been playing well around him. It’s a shock to everybody on this team. It’s their decision and we’re going to have to live with it.”

In Brief

Iversen traded to Pistons for Billups, McIlwess

DETROIT — The Detroit Pistons worked the phones last summer, trying to trade for a superstar to shake up their roster.

They ended up standing pat because a deal didn’t make sense.

Two games into the season, Allen Iverson was the answer to their hopes in a blockbuster that generated rare buzz for the NBA in November.

Detroit acquired the former NBA MVP on Monday for All-Star point guard and former final MVP Chauncey Billups, top reserve Antonio McIlwess and project Othell Smith.

“We just felt it was the right time to change our team,” Pistons president of basketball operations Joe Dumars told The Associated Press.

“Iversen gives us a dimension that we haven’t had here and we really think it’s going to help us.”

Fulmer to be replaced after season

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — An emotional Phillip Fulmer, with his wife at his side and tearful, angry players surrounding him, announced Monday that he had accepted Tennessee’s decision that this will be his last season as the Volunteers coach.

Fulmer, 58, is being forced out after 17 years as Tennessee’s coach, a run that included a national championship. He has a 150-51 record with the Vols, including the 1998 NCAA title — the school’s first since 1951.

“This is not an easy day for me or my family. It is not a day that I sought or accepted easily,” said Fulmer, his voice cracking as he fought back tears standing next to wife, Vicky.

Our Tennessee family is united in its goals, but divided in the right path to get there.

Orton’s status uncertain after ankle injury

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — One day after leaving the field on a cart, Chicago Bears quarterback Kyle Orton was undergoing more tests on his right ankle to determine the extent of his injury.

Orton was injured in the final minute of the first half in Sunday’s 27-23 victory over the Detroit Lions, forcing the Bears to turn to former starter Rex Grossman. And Chicago might be without Orton for the next few weeks.

“I’m not playing doctor; you shouldn’t either,” coach Lovie Smith said Monday. “You should let us come and tell you once we know for sure exactly what the injury is. We’re hopeful. I’ll just say that.”
GMs meet amidst economic troubles

Associated Press

DANA POINT, Calif. — Baseball general managers began an offseason of economic uncertainty when they gathered Monday for their annual convention, a meeting — at the same post season as the World Series — at which they were told the game's overall revenues are in a downturn.

"I think we're sensitive to the softness of the economy and frankly are taking it into account as we do our planning for next season," Arizona Diamondbacks chief executive officer Jeff Moorad said. "We're bullish about next season on the one hand, but we recognize that especially on the cost side of the partnership side that there could be some direct impact.

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Belichick's call costs Patriots

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Matt Cassel kept making progress. The Patriots quarter- back might have made it even better if coach Bill Belichick hadn't called a timeout.

While Cassel was sneaking from the Indianapolis 7-yard line on an apparent first down, Belichick was signaling for a timeout as he ran frantically to get an official's attention. He got the timeout, the run didn't count and Belichick decided to go for a field goal in the fourth quarter of New England's 18-15 loss Sunday night.

"We didn't get a very good look at the spot," he said.

"At first, we thought it was fourth-and-ten, then all along it was fourth and about a yard. So once we saw what the distance was, it just seemed better to get the points."

It was an unusual miscall- ulation by one of the NFL's best coaches that con- tributed to the loss that cost the Patriots (5-3) sole possession of first place in the AFC East.

Stephen Gostkowski did make a 25-yard field goal that tied the game 15-15, but New England had used its last timeout and there was 1:33 left in the game. Then, 3 and 1/2 minutes later, Adam Vinatieri kicked the go-ahead field goal. And when the Colts got the ball again with 2:34 left, the Patriots couldn't stop the clock.

Had the Patriots gone for a first down and made it behind an offensive line that had been solid all game, they would have been in excellent position to take the lead with a touchdown. Had they tried and failed, the Colts still would have been backed up against their goal line.

But the New England sec- ondary was missing key injured players who could have given the Patriots a better chance to stop the Colts, who ended up reaching the Patriots 34 before Vinatieri's kick.

Cassel played very well, completing 25 of 34 passes for 304 yards and directing four drives of more than 6 minutes. But moving the ball becomes tougher inside the 20 because the offense has less room to work with.

"An area where there is not much field space, it is harder to throw down there than it is out in the field. But it is still something you have to do. It is harder to run down there too, because everyone is closer to the line and there is less space to defend," Belichick said Monday.

"I am confident in Matt throwing the ball. I am confident in us stopping them, but we just have to do a better job of it, that's all.

Still, his confidence wavered that his wide line could push defenders far enough for Cassel to run for the first down.

"I thought it was too long for quarterback sneak," he said.

The Patriots gained 140 yards on 32 carries and didn't lose ground on any of them. The offensive line didn't allow a sack.

"We just ran the play and snapped the ball at that point," Cassel said. "Then I got up and saw the coach call a timeout."

The loss left the Patriots tied for the division lead with the Buffalo Bills and New York Jets, their next two opponents, both at Gillette Stadium. With half a season of experience since Tom Brady suffered a sea- son-ending knee injury in the first quarter of the open- er, Cassel should be ready.

"I think Matt has continued to improve every week since Week 1," Belichick said. "It doesn't surprise me. He works hard. He is a very attentive, smart kid who has talent, and every opportunity he gets a chance to practice, take reps and play, I think he improves. He's worked hard on it and I think that has shown up in his perfor- mance on a consistent basis."

But his longest completion Sunday covered 20 yards and he rarely threw longer, yet one yard away from completing 25 of 34 passes. Cassel also missed the field goal.

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Phillips acknowledged.

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"We are not going into it saying, 'Hey, just because we got guys back everything is fixed and we are going to win all our games,'" coach Wade Phillips said Monday.

However, the loss spent a lot of the rest of his news conference saying exactly that.

"It's kind of sickening," receiver Pat ric Crayton said following a 35-14 loss Sunday to the division-leading New York Giants.

"I don't know what's going on. We really need to regroup during this off week… Right now, we stink across the board."

Having Kosier back should give Romo more time in the pocket. Jones' return provides another big-play threat, perhaps opening up room for Terrell Owens to have his first 100-yard game. Romo also has a new target in Roy Williams, the receiver acquired a few days after the star quarterback broke the pinkie fin- ger on his throwing hand.

But then there's this sobering thought: The Cowboys were ranked second in Romo's last three games, losing twice and barely beating a Cincinnati team headed to a record of 0-8.

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that consistently halted promising dr"-"s. "Our defense played well," St. Edward's coach Cameron Hogue said. "Even though we did not turn the ball over, we turn the ball over with the shutout."

This game came down to a battle of the defenses. Specifically, Sorin's tight coverage broke up the passing game for the No. 6 seed, throughout several three- and-outs from a usually explosive St. Edward's offense. The Gentleman attack, led by quarterback Matt Abelbing, managed less than a hundred yards of offense on the day. "Defensively, we didn't execute at all," Salvi said.

This offense ineptness may be attributed to the fall break that broke up the first half of the season. "It's hard coming off full break," St. Edward's sophomore Daniel Mathis said. "We just need more practice time to get people used to each other again.

For the first time all season, St. Edward's line- backer Jay Mathis said the offense wasn't connecting. "We try to throw and catch and really establish the ground game for next week," Mathis said.

Despite not scoring, Sorin coach Tom Fitzgerald saw the defense still win on the offensive side of the ball. "We didn't score a point but the team played well on the offensive side of the ball," he said. "We were able to keep them out of the end zone again," he said. "We're going to try to take all the positives we can out of this game." The second half was a mirror image of the first half for the Ramblers. St. Edward's offense was not effective, not executing at all. "We didn't want to show anything before the playoffs," Otter freshman Rober Fitzgerald said.

St. Ed's also has thoughts of post-season success. "We can be a contender," Quinlan said. "We will make a run for this." St. Ed's earned the No. 2 seed in the playoffs and will face Keough next week, while the tie dropped Sorin all the way to fourth. They will face Morrissey next week.

Zahn, Fish 0

Although only eight points separate numbers one and four in the Rabid, Fisher (0-4) finished the game with more penalty yards than offensive yards. Zahn 1-1 began the game with a quarter-long drive only to get stopped short. After a few first downs, the Badgers were held on the one yard line by Fisher's blitz-happy defense that blazed as many as eight players across the line of scrimmage. After taking over possession at their own three-yard line, the Ramblers were forced to punt on third down, which the snap was supposed to go through the quarterback's legs and directly down field.

The play did not go as planned, though, hitting off of the quarterback's back leg and offering the team two yards, leaving the offense on its own goal line. The Green Wave proceeded to run the exact same play again, resulting in a safety. Despite playing like a bad section football team in the first half, the Ramblers came out of halftime trailing only 2-

Sticking to their game plan, the Green Wave ran such plays as the "Marshall" designed for offensive lineman Dan Maloney, and the "Baltimore" which saw a fishable tackle become eligible as a receiver, both of which resulted in a touchdown. Over time, Zahn found itself far behind.

With only 2:30 left to go, the game was finally beyond a loss, halfing the Rubid Bats deep in the red zone. The Rams off-white drive off their drive with a short run up the middle, making the score 8-0. Late in the third quarter, Fisher crossed midfield for the first time and almost scored, only to be stopped by Zahn's defense.

With Zahn taking over to run the clock, the game ended with a first down on the one yard line by Fisher in the Rabid.

"We were able to run what we wanted to run," Joe McBrayer, Morrissey quarterback said.

"It's important to stay focused and keep reminding ourselves that the ultimate goal is the Superbowl," he said.

Stanford, Keenan 0

The Battle for the Chapel resulted in a tie, with the evenly matched Stanford and Keenan squad ending up with only a touchdown apiece. The tie allows both teams to advance to the playoffs, Stanford as the No. 6 seed, and Keenan as the No. 7 seed.

Stanford started off the game with possession, but was forced to punt after some great coverage from the Keenan secondary. After the punt return, the Knights were also stopped and neither team was able to finish off a drive.

However, with 58 seconds on the clock, Stanford regained the ball and moved down to the 10-yard line. Brian Salvi plunged the ball to David Costanzo, who then completed a pass to tight end Tommy Smith. With six seconds to go, Salvi connected with Costanzo for the touchdown. The kick was blocked by Keenan defensive end Pat Kelly, and the score at halftime stood 6-0 in favor of the Griffins.

Costanzo was a standout on both sides of the ball, with numerous receptions and a punt return that he took back for what would have been a touchdown, if not for a holding call on the Griffins.

"Costanzo is our best athlete, it is nice to have him on the team and he can play everywhere, we put him off offense today to switch up the defense," Salvi said.

In the beginning of the third quarter, the Keenan offense came out strong, moving the ball down to the 10-yard line with a run by senior running back Alex Gonzales. Freshman quarterback Terry Mahoney had a pass to put a touchdown on the board for the Knights. The kick was blocked, and the score remained tied at the end of the third.

While Zahn jumped out to a fast start, the Highlanders struggled to get their offense off the ground. Their defense consistently caused confusion and pressure, and Duncan had no response to the defense and was out on its first two possessions.

"It was a tough game," Zahn captain Garrett Burke said. "Our defense had a tough time handling their strong run game and our offense was too inconsistent."

On Siegfried's second drive, a run by Siegfried capped off a 74-yard drive with a touchdown from two yards out for a 14-0 lead.

As the half drew to a close, Duncan threatened for the first time when wide receiver Mike Koenig caught a 34-yard pass to move into Siegfried's territory. But the Ramblers forced a fumble on the following play, and Cure recovered the ball stuffing the drive.

The Ramblers debated a direct snap from the offense's second half that proved effective. But for the first time, Siegfried couldn't have broken through the Highlanders' defense, and had to rely on his running back, Zach Costanzo, who fumbled, which Gary Burke converted, and the Ramblers led 18-0.

Siegfried's defense kept Duncan in check the entire second half, and with a second quarter kickoff, ACB closed out the game in the final minute with a 19-yard scoring pass to Charlie Murray.

Although the Ramblers finished 2-4 on the season, sophomore wide receiver Zach Costanzo knows the playoffs are a fresh start for everyone, and an unbeaten sea- son is meaningless unless they make it to the championship game.
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Chicago plays waiting game on Orton injury

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — One day after leaving the field on a cart, Chicago Bears quarterback Kyle Orton was undergoing more tests on his right ankle to determine the extent of his injury.

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Orton was examined after the game and underwent tests Monday morning, Smith said. More were scheduled for later in the day, but the odds of him being ready for next week's game against Tennessee certainly did not look good after he went down against the Lions.

Asked if the injury was more than just a sprain, Smith said: "It's an ankle injury. That's about all I'm going to tell you right now. Wednesday, I'll tell you more.

He also offered few details about safety Mike Brown's calf injury, although Smith did say he doesn't think it's season-ending.

Smith said the Bears have no plans to bring in another quarterback.

"To do that, you would say that Kyle will be out for a long period of time," Smith said. "We're not there. We're evaluating an ankle injury. That's about all we're doing right now."

Several reports said Orton could be out up to a month with a high ankle sprain, but team spokesman Scott Hagel said Monday night: "The evaluation process is ongoing and it will go through tomorrow."

Orton's agent David Dunn did not return messages seeking comment.

Orton was enjoying a break-out year after beating Grossman in a preseason competition before the injury in the closing minute of the first half.

That happened moments after the Bears lost Brown, their emotional leader.

Brown walked to the locker room after Detroit's Jason Hanson booted a 52-yard field goal that extended Detroit's lead to 10 with 1:05 left.

The Bears had a third down on their 35 with 40 seconds left when Orton scrambled to his right. Cory Redding hit him and Dwayne White fell on Orton as the quarterback was hitting the turf.

Orton got up and took a few steps before crumbling to the ground. He was tended to for several minutes before being carted off the field. He was 6-8 for 108 yards and was in line for his sixth straight game with 200 yards or more.

Now, the Bears might be without him for a while.

"I don't want to be prepared for that," right end Desmond Clark said. "Hopefully, he comes back and misses a minimum amount of time. At this point, I'm going to hold out hope that he's not going to miss much time because he was playing at an elite level, and hopefully, we can get him back as soon as possible."

Orton has 1,777 yards in all while completing 151 of 244 passes, and has 10 touchdowns and four interceptions — none in the past four games. He might not have been on his way to the Pro Bowl, but clearly was playing at a much higher level than when he got thrust into the starting role as a rookie filling in for the injured Grossman in 2005.

Back then, Orton was simply a game manager. The Bears simplified their offense and limited him mainly to handoffs and short passes. And although Chicago went to the playoffs, fans couldn't wait for Grossman's return late that season.

On Sunday, they chanted when Orton went down. And they serenaded Grossman with boos, a familiar tune the past few seasons.

Although Grossman threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to flashed Davis in the third quarter and scored the winning TD on a 1-yard sneak with 5:36 left in the game, he was erratic.

There were deflections. There was an interception. And there were jeers before he gave the Bears the lead.

After he plunged into the end zone, Grossman ran to the right and slammed the ball to the ground.

Grossman's stats — 9-for-19, 58 yards, one touchdown, one interception and a 49.9 rating — were far from impressive.

But the Bears have won with him in the past. He played at a Pro Bowl level early in 2006 before inconsistency set in. The Bears made the Super Bowl, but fell to 7-9 last season, with Grossman getting benched for Brian Griese and then injuring his left knee late in the season.

That opened the door for Orton, leading to a quarterback competition.

"Rex has played a lot of downs around here," Smith said. "He's been in that position before."

Brown finds himself in a familiar spot, too: recuperating. An Achilles' tendon injury ended his season in 2004, and he missed the final four regular-season games the following year with a calf injury. In 2006, he started the first 10 games before going down with a foot injury, and last year, he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in the opener at San Diego.

"It's a concern because it's happened as many times," Smith said. "But right now, he just has a calf injury. Mike doesn't have a season-ending injury."
Associated Press

LANDESKER, Md. — Byron Leftwich led two touchdown drives after Ben Roethlisberger reinjured his throwing shoulder and the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Washington Redskins 23-6 on Monday night.

The Steelers' top-rated defense had seven sacks, allowed only 221 yards and drove after Ben Roethlisberger reinjured his throwing shoulder that has separated his shoulder that has potentially, he said: "I hope not. We'll find out." Leftwich's 50-yard completion to Nate Washington set up a 1-yard TD run by Willie Parker, who was back from a four-week layoff with a knee injury. He also had a 5-yard scoring pass to Santonio Holmes, who returned from a one-game benching over a charge for a marijuana-related offense. Roethlisberger celebrated that touchdown on the sideline by high-fiving his teammates -- with his left hand.

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Neither team managed 100 yards in a first half that included seven sacks and a combined 13-of-32 performance by Roethlisberger and Campbell. The Redskins did not convert on third down until Campbell hit tight end Chris Cooley for a 12-yard gain late in the third quarter.

Campbell's streak without an interception reached 271 attempts -- 249 this season -- before cornerback DeShawn Townsend grabbed a pass tipped by Portis late in the third quarter.

Washington was on the board early with two field goals in the first four minutes -- without the benefit of a first down. Linebacker Alfred Fincher alertly recovered the Steelers surprise onside kick that opened the game, and Cornelius Griffin intercepted a pass tipped by teammate Andre Carter. Both plays gave Washington the ball in Pittsburgh territory, leading to field goals of 44 and 43 yards by Shaun Suisham.

The Steelers didn't cross midfield until Carlos Rogers grabbed Hines Ward to commit an obvious 43-yard pass interference penalty, setting up a 33-yard field goal by Jeff Reed that cut Washington's lead to 6-3.

The Steelers went ahead after Andre Frazier blocked Ryan Plackemeier's punt. Williams Guy recovered, giving Pittsburgh the ball at Washington's 13 and setting up Roethlisberger's 1-yard TD.

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accepted into the students’ choir repertoire.
But upon further examination, the song contains words of wisdom for the Fighting Irish, especially after the tough loss to Pittsburgh Saturday. Pastor Troy knows pain, in the same way as Notre Dame does, and he knows what it’s like to have a rough history like the Irish had last season.
Also, the name “Pastor” plays to Notre Dame’s religious affiliations, even if there aren’t pastors in the Catholic Church. Minor detail. It’s nothing new to have a priest pray with the team before kickoff, so having the crowd chant the words of the Pastor was a subtle homage to Notre Dame’s religious affiliation.
As a fourth-year junior, Maurice Aldridge has seen his role escalate this season. His production has improved from last year, and he’s blossomed into one of the better running backs in the country.
When I was a freshman, the running backs on this team were LD James, Jordan Howard and James Patterson. Now I’m running in with the guys like Darrell Williams and Dion Sims.
This is one of the few times in recent memory that the Fighting Irish have had a trio of high school All-Americans on offense. And with freshman车er of Notre Dame running back Armando Allen to the sidelines, the offensive line is looking for a bounce back.
This is to let the defensive guard slide back. As highly regarded as he was, the cameras certainly rolled. His watch may not be a Rolex, but he’s definitely the type of guy that needs to channel its inner gangsta way.
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son. Just that sophomore Taylor Knack or junior Michelle Weissenhoefer may be where Hanks once paced the field. So even though and injury is never welcomed — unless you’re playing against Notre Dame — the temporary loss of Hanks isn’t likely to affect our team. But upon further examination, the song contains words of wisdom for the Fighting Irish, especially after the tough loss to Pittsburgh Saturday. Pastor Troy knows pain, in the same way as Notre Dame does, and he knows what it’s like to have a rough history like the Irish had last season. Also, the name “Pastor” plays to Notre Dame’s religious affiliations, even if there aren’t pastors in the Catholic Church. Minor detail. It’s nothing new to have a priest pray with the team before kickoff, so having the crowd chant the words of the Pastor was a subtle homage to Notre Dame’s religious affiliation. As a fourth-year junior, Maurice Aldridge has seen his role escalate this season. His production has improved from last year, and he’s blossomed into one of the better running backs in the country. When I was a freshman, the running backs on this team were LD James, Jordan Howard and James Patterson. Now I’m running in with the guys like Darrell Williams and Dion Sims. This is one of the few times in recent memory that the Fighting Irish have had a trio of high school All-Americans on offense. And with freshman running back Armando Allen to the sidelines, the offensive line is looking for a bounce back. This is to let the defensive guard slide back. As highly regarded as he was, the cameras certainly rolled. His watch may not be a Rolex, but he’s definitely the type of guy that needs to channel its inner gangsta way.
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the underdogs in the lead, 7-0. "The 4th down conversion we had on our first offensive drive was the most exciting play of the game," Lyons quarterback Claire Connell said. "It really gave us a boost to start the game."

But Welsh Family must’ve received a boost as well – Welsh dominated much of the rest of the game. "We started off a bit slow," Welsh Family captain and quarterback Jenni Gargula said. "But once we got into the game, we played like we always do."

Gargula ran in the Whirlwinds’ first touchdown, tying the game 7-7 just before the half. They kept the momentum going for the remainder of the game, and the Lyons defense struggled against a strong Welsh Family offense in the second half. The Whirlwinds scored two more touchdowns, by Katherine Hart and Natalie Baldasare, before the time ran out to secure their win.

"We came up a little short, but everyone improved as the year went on," Connell said. "I am looking forward to seeing what we can do next year."

As Lyons finishes their season, Welsh Family still must prepare for another opponent as it hopes to stay undefeated going into the championship game in the Stadium.

Pasquerilla West 12,
Howard 6

Pasquerilla West’s hopes of a third Stadium appearance in four years survived as PW downed Howard Sunday, thanks to two touchdowns, one by quarterback Kayla Bishop and one by ground, from senior quarterback Cara DeGroot.

On its opening drive, PW, the No. 4 seed, marched down to the end zone in seven plays. Davies completed a 9-yard pass to junior receiver Cynthia Carley for the touchdown and an early 6-0 lead.

Howard, the No. 5 seed, attempted to respond quickly with a score, but the Purple Weasels defense held strong. On fourth-and-goal from the 5-yard line, Howard sophomore quarterback Kayla Bishop looked to throw, but PW’s Lauren Johnson grabbed her flag from behind for the sack, killing Howard’s momentum.

PW opened the second half by intercepting Bishop at the 15-yard line. Two plays later, Davies raced around the end for a 1-yard touchdown and a two-possession lead.

Howard was able to manage one touchdown on its final possession. A deep completion set up a Bishop five-yard touchdown run. Nonetheless, the Ducks left the game saddened, still missing on a playoff victory in team history.

"We are not disappointed with the way we played today," Bishop said. "We just got outplayed."

Davis added: "The win today was a good step towards our season goal. But we don’t want to rest on our laurels."

Staying motivated won’t be hard for PW. In the semifinals, the Weasels faced Welsh Family. Last season Welsh Fam beat the Weasels in the same round. That loss is the only playoff loss for PW in the past four seasons.

"The semifinals matchup will be a great match – they ended our Stadium run last year," Davies said. "Hopefully we’ll return the favor this time around."

Farley 13, Walsh 7

"Whether it was short field goal, a solid drive, or a strong defensive stand, every coach looks for that little bit of momentum at the end of the first half to carry through to the second half. In this first-round playoff match between Farley and Walsh, that little bit meant everything."

With only seconds remaining in the first half, Farley quarterback Emily Murphy and her offense faced fourth and goal on the 4-yard line. The Finest were driving effectively and were poised to break the scoreless tie on the last play before halftime. To the chagrin of the Finest, Walsh junior Molly McCarthey intercepted Murphy’s pass. McCarthey quickly found a seam down the sideline and seemed to have a clear path to the end zone. The ecstatic Wild Women were all ready to congratulate her on her touchdown and a two-possession lead.

"I really had my doubts, but everyone improved as the season was over, the coaching staff was proud of the team’s accomplishments," coach J.J. Rees said. "We have improved so much and we are all so proud to be able to coach Walsh."

On the other sideline, the Finest were able celebrate a win and a spot in the semifinals.

"Our defense played very well, and I was glad our halftime adjustments were successful in getting us some offensive production," coach Doug Susco said.

The Finest will play No. 2 seed McGlinn in two weeks.

McGlinn 18, Pangborn 2

In a tight game from start to finish, McGlinn defeated the Pangborn and will move on to face Walsh in the semifinals.

"I could not have been more excited with the way that we played," McGlinn captain Sarah deGroat said. "We came out the game fast, which has been an emphasis at practice all week, and gained a lot of confidence scoring first. The offense did a great job setting the tone all game and putting up three touchdowns on a solid Pangborn defense."
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THE SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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Happy Birthday: Tie up any mess you've left. Try to talk with your mind's eye. It's not the outcome but the journey that counts. However this year, think the final stage the journey has to be symbolic. Your numbers are 1, 13, 18, 20, 26, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can make a big enough splash if you are original. A short trip or experience something first-hand or to become well-informed about something new you want to pursue will result in help and success. Schedule a little resting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Talk, travel, and expressing your desires with passion will help you move forward. Start for someone else or automation when you have to care about your thoughts, feelings, and future.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) As you find your mistakes your way. But, you have to do a little preparation. That will help you find your mistakes. You are too confident when you are not a copier. You are not a copier.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may think you know the outcome of a situation you have your own vision or reality. The people with whom you are sharing something will get a new perspective, and you will do the right thing by your own opinions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Stop expecting everyone else to do the work. Don't take in trouble. You will help you get out of a tricky situation. manifold decisions for the future based on what's best for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 22) A change is happening you that should bring a new phase to the scenes. Slowly and do a thing of your own way. You can be a powerful tool and can help your life easier.

LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 22) Don't get into trouble with someone over a trivial matter. Set out of the house and never more people, but don't divulge secrets to sentimental friends. Consider a new course of action, that will help you change your career.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A change is happening you as you bring about situations that will help you go on the path to new accomplishments. You can help your life easier.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Work diligently on a project that will help you earn, teach new goals and follow your path. A career decision is likely to be frustrating. If you allow it to go on, you will not lose what you can accomplish.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You start out your career with new things. Simply, progress comes from stability. You can help your life easier.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Try what's on your mind and you can put original, emotional problems behind you. Grow up as an ego that will help you get ground to other areas of your life. Don't show any one you hold back from educational purposes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) There is money hiding your way. A small change of course or a turn of events will surprise you. There will be a change in your life that brings you a wealth of possibilities. You have the chance in control of your work to turn on top.

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Postseason pressure

Wells Fam advances to semifinal round

By MOLLY SAMMON, DOUGLAS FARMER, CHRIS MICHALSKI and RYAN O'CONNELL
Sports Writers

A 20-7 win moves No. 1 and undefeated Wells Fam one round closer to champion status, and forces Lyons to wait until next season for their first shot at glory. The first Lyons offensive drive was planned around short running plays, but plays that gained meaningful yardage. A 4th-and-long conversion took the Lions all the way down the field for the first touchdown of the game, putting see WELSH FAM/page 22

ND WOMEN’S SOCCER COMMENTARY

Hanks’ injury won’t hurt Irish in playoff games

Not much can rattle the Irish, not even seeing their leading scorer down on the field grabbing her knee — okay so maybe that was momentarily scary, but the Irish shook it off. And there’s more than one reason that Kerri Hanks’ strained MCL wasn’t nearly as frightening as Tony Romo’s end-of-season injury was to Cowboy fans — one, she’s likely to recover quickly and be back in time for the NCAA Championship, and if anyone is willing to fight for her spot back on the field, it’s Hanks, and two, the Irish bench is packed with offensive stars. Take a look at forward Melissa Henderson. She may not have Hanks’ 18 season goals, but hey, 15 ain’t bad either, and oh, she’s a freshman.

Hanks isn’t just a shot scorer, she sets up those game winning plays too, leading the Irish with 10 assists. But without Hanks, Notre Dame is not to be held up by one set of legs: enter senior captain Brittany Bock. Bock is just an assist behind Hanks with nine on the season, and she boasts six goals in addition to that.

But it’s not just Bock and Henderson who will help ease the pain of Hanks injury. The Irish have had 17 different players score 69 goals in the 2008 season. And the Irish defense has only let up eight goals in a still-undefeated season. So Irish fans, I see no reason to worry yet.

The Irish defense makes up yet another reason the Irish are likely to push right on through to the NCAA Championship. With senior captain Carrie Dew healthy and looking as good as ever, the likelihood that opponents will get a chance to see the back of the Irish net is slim. Goalkeeper Kelsey Lyndsay and the Irish defense were even able to keep No. 2 North Carolina scoreless in their 1-0 win over the Tar Heels back in September — even more encouraging is the fact that Bock posted the lone Irish goal.

And it’s easy to forget who stands at the crux of it all — Irish coach Randy Waldrum, a man who’s never stopped dealing with an injury. Not even seeing their leading scorer brought Dew to an ACL injury right before the start of the 2006 post-season. And despite losing to North Carolina in the College Cup Final, they made it there nonetheless. Waldrum has dealt with injury before, and Hanks’ is the first really trying injury of the season, and I’m sure Waldrum will know how to deal with it. The Irish are likely to step on the field Friday and look like essentially the same team you’ve seen all sea-

SMP VOLLEYBALL

Belles will face No. 5 Adrian in MIAA tourney

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

After clinching fourth place in the conference last week, Saint Mary’s will take on No. 5 seed Adrian in the first round of the MIAA Tournament tonight at home. With a win, Saint Mary’s (18-10, 9-7 MIAA) would face either No. 1 Hope (25-6, 15-1) or No. 8 Trine (9-19, 4-12) in the semifinals Friday. The Belles will face the Bulldogs twice this season, with each team picking up a victory in straight sets. While Adrian’s defense shut down Saint Mary’s in a home match on Sept. 2, the Belles scratched out a tough victory in an MIAA mini-tournament later in the month. Each match, despite the straight-set outcomes, were grinding, defensive battles that favored the team that made the fewest offensive mistakes.

Saint Mary’s coach Julie Schroeder-Biek praised her team’s ability to rebound from early losses, citing the Belles’ victory over Adrian in late September as a turning point in the season. "Our approach was just 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 teams that have defeated us [early in the season] — Adrian and Alma — and turning around to defeat them."

Saint Mary’s enters tonight as winners of six of its past nine see MIAA/page 21

Football Commentary

Helpful words from the Pastor

It’s no secret now that the "Crank me up" chant, a staple of third-down misenmaking from the student section, stems from a Pastor Troy song by the same name. The official chant is defensive back Sergio Brown asked corner-back Jamoris Slaughter how he got his defense pumped during high school games. Slaughter apparently got "cranked up" in high school, and the phrase became

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A Pittsburgh defender upends Irish running back Armando Allen during Notre Dame’s 36-33 quadruple-overtime loss Saturday.