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"Yes, we did!"

Victory chant fills Chicago in celebration of momentous election

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CHICAGO — Standing before a crowd of thousands in Grant Park on Tuesday night, less than an hour after CNN, the station on which he cast his vote, declared him the president-elect, Barack Obama announced he had been elected president of the United States.

"Tonight we proved once more that the true strength of our nation comes not from the might of our arms or the scale of our wealth, but from the enduring power of our ideals: democracy, liberty, opportunity and unyielding hope.

"Obama told the story of a 106-year-old African American woman who cast a ballot for him. "She told me that she is 106 years old, that she came to Grant Park to vote, and that she voted for me." Obama said.

"I am here to ask them if they have ever voted before, and if they have, did they vote for me?"

"Obama said he had been elected president of the United States. He addressed those who were not voting, saying he would "be part of something bigger than all of us." He then thanked his wife Michelle and his two daughters, Malia and Sasha, for their support.

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Clockwise from top left: Crowds watch the election returns projected on large television screens on the perimeter of Grant Park, with Chicago's skyline behind them. Catherine Matthews, 72, clad in Obama gear, came out to support the Democratic candidate; she marched with Martin Luther King, Jr. from Selma to Montgomery, and told The Observer she would not miss Election Night in Grant Park "for the world." Excited Obama fans cheer when their candidate makes history, becoming the first black man to be elected to the United States presidency. A young child in attendance holds up a sign calling for peace, as those around him watch the returns in anticipation of an Obama victory. Members of the crowd celebrate the Obama win, and welcome the president-elect to the stage.
WASHINGTON — Barack Obama swept to victory as the nation’s first black president Tuesday night in an electoral college landslide that over­came racial barriers as old as America itself.

The son of a black father from Kenya and a white mother from Kansas, the Democratic senator from Illinois sealed his historic triumph by defeating Republican Sen. John McCain in a string of wins in hard­fought battleground states — Ohio, Florida, Virginia and Iowa.

A huge crowd in Grant Park in Obama’s home town of Chicago erupted in jubilation at the news of his victory. Some wept.

McCain called his former rival to concede defeat — and the end of his own 10-year quest for the White House.

"The American people have spoken, and spoken clearly," McCain told disappointed supporters in Arizona.

Obama and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, will take their oaths of office as president and vice president on Jan. 20, 2009.

As the 44th president, Obama will move into the Oval Office as leader of a country that is almost certainly in recession, and fighting two long wars, one in Iraq, the other in Afghanistan.

The popular vote was close, but not the count in the Electoral College, where it mattered most.

There, Obama’s audacious decision to contest McCain in states that hadn’t gone Democratic in years paid rich dividends.

Obama has said his first order of presidential business will be to tackle the economy. He has also pledged to withdraw most U.S. combat troops from Iraq within 16 months.

Fellow Democrats rode his coattails to larger majorities in both houses of Congress. They defeated incumbent Republicans and won open seats by turn.

The 47-year-old Illinois senator was little known just four years ago. A widely praised speech at the Democratic National Convention, delivered when he was merely a candidate for the Senate, changed that.

Overnight he became a sought­after surrogate campaigner, and he had scarcely settled into his Senate seat when he began preparing for his run for the White House.

A survey of voters leaving polling places on Tuesday showed the economy was by far the top Election Day issue. Six in 10 voters said so, and none of the other top issues — energy, Iraq, terrorism and health care — was picked by more than one in 10.

"May God bless whoever wins tonight," President Bush told dinner guests at the White House, where his tenure runs out on Jan. 20.

The Democratic leaders of Congress celebrated in Washington.

"It is not a mandate for a party or ideology but a mandate for change," said Senate Majority leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Said Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California: "Tonight the American people have called for a new direction. They have called for change in America."

Shortly after 11 p.m. in the East, The Associated Press count showed Obama with 338 electoral votes, well over the 270 needed for victory.

McCain had 127 after winning states that comprised the normal Republican base.

The nationwide popular vote was remarkably close. Totals from 58 percent of the nation’s precincts showed Obama with 51 percent and McCain with 47.9.

Interviews with voters suggested
Unfolds
battle for the White House

that almost six in 10 women were backing Obama nationwide, while men leaned his way by a narrow margin. Just over half of whites sup­ported McCain, giving him a slim advantage in a group that Bush car­ried overwhelmingly in 2004.

The results of the AP survey were based on a preliminary partial sam­ple of nearly 10,000 voters in Election Day polls and in telephone interviews over the past week for early voters. Democrats also acclaimed Senate successes by former Gov. Mark Warner in Virginia, Rep. Tom Udall in New Mexico and Rep. Mark Udall in Colorado. All won seats left open by Republican retirements.


The resurgent Democrats also elected a governor in one of the nation's traditional bellwether states when Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon won his race.

The White House was the main prize of the night on which 35 Senate seats and all 435 House seats were at stake. A dozen states elected governors, and ballots across the coun­try were doted with issues ranging from taxes to gay rights.

An estimated 187 million voters were registered, and in an indication of interest in the battle for the White House, 40 million or so had already voted as Election Day dawned. Obama sought election as one of the youngest presidents, and one of the least experienced in national political affairs.

That wasn't what set the Illinois senator apart, though — neither from his rivals nor from the other men who had served as presidents since the nation's founding more than two centuries ago. A black man, he confronted a previously unbreak­able barrier as he campaigned on twin themes of change and hope in uncertain times.

McCain, a prisoner of war during Vietnam, a generation older than his rival at 72, was making his second try for the White House, following his defeat in the battle for the GOP nom­ination in 2000.

A conservative, he stressed his maverick's streak. And although a Republican, he did what he could to separate himself from an unpopular president.

For the most part, the two presi­dential candidates and their running mates, Biden and Republican Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska, spent weeks campaigning in states that went for Bush four years ago.

McCain and Obama each won contested nominations — the Democrat outdistancing former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton — and promptly set out to claim the mantle of change.

"I am not George W. Bush," McCain said in one debate.

Obama retorted that he might as well be, telling audiences in state after state that the Republican had voted with the president 90 percent of the time across eight years of the
New Democrat Seats
Total = 54
Change = +5

Undecided
Total = 4

New Republican Seats
Total = 40
Change = -9

Number of seats not up for election, 2008
Democrat
Republican
Independent (caucus with Democrats)

Number of seats won, 2008
Democrat
Republican
Undecided (as of press time)
On election night, the race for the house was too close to call. McCain and Obama both campaigned heavily in key battleground states, with Obama doing well in battleground states like Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. McCain did well in states like Indiana, North Carolina, and Iowa, but the race was too close to call in key battleground states like Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The final tally showed that Obama won the electoral vote by a narrow margin, with 369 electoral votes to McCain's 173. This is the closest presidential election in history, with less than 50,000 votes separating the two candidates in the final hours of the election.

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Redistricting — Republican Mitch Daniels defeated former Democratic governor Joe Donnelly by winning 67 percent of the vote.

"The movement for change is moving forward here," Daniels said. "And the people of Indiana have voted for change. They want us to press forward with change and improvement and reform to make education better, taxpayers better protected and make this the great state it can be." 

Donnelly conceded the race shortly after 9 p.m. A victory would have made her the first woman elected governor in Indiana history. 

"This didn't turn out as we had hoped, but we put a big crack in that glass ceiling," she told supporters at the downtown Marriott in Indianapolis. "And it's only a matter of time before that glass shatters here in Indiana." 

Democrats won control of the chamber for the first time since 1997 and 1998, and if so, Daniels victory would give control of the chamber to Republicans through a tie-breaking law. 

The parties traded control of the General Assembly as it did the governor's party would rule the General Assembly as it did the governor's party, and the creation of new jobs will be the main issue for the 2008 legislative session. 

Donnelly was re-elected to the House in the 2006 midterm election that gave the Democrats control of Congress for the first time since 1994, is himself a more moderate member of the party, as evident in his speeches. 

Donnelly said that the Democratic Party will have to reconcile the views of moderate rank-and-file members with the more liberal Congressional leadership. "This will be the Democratic party's big test," he said. 

"There are a large number of additional pro-life Democrats" in Congress, Donnelly said. "We're going to pursue a very moderate policy moving the country forward."

One of the biggest single issues of the next two years will be energy. "We still have to become energy independent," Donnelly told a group of reporters. "We still have to become energy independent," he said. "We're going to pursue a very moderate policy moving the country forward."

The creation of new jobs will be another issue that Donnelly said he will focus on. Job growth will be most significant in new industries and is closely related to energy independence, he said. 

Donnelly, who lost in the 2002 2nd district election, said he is "grateful to have run with Senator Obama." 

Donnelly, a 1977 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and a 1981 graduate of Notre Dame Law School, thanked his Congressional and campaign staffs and said that he is "so honored" to be given the opportunity to serve his district for another term.
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**ARKANSAS**

Incumbent Democrat Mark Pryor didn’t even face a Republican opponent for his Senate seat, and won nearly 80 percent of the vote against Green Party candidate Scott Lanfrid. But the race still attracted a big win for Democratic candidate Tom Harkin, who won a closely-contested Senate race.

**COLORADO**

The retirement of Republican Wayne Allard led to one of the closest races in the state as Democrats won a seat in the state’s 2nd district. The race was decided by less than one percent, but the Democratic candidate won.

**CONNECTICUT**

Former bankeler and Democrat Jack Markell polled his large Democratic majority to win a victory over Republican Bill Lee, a retired Superior Court Judge. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but it showed a significant shift in the state’s political landscape.

**DELAWARE**

In a night where Democrats won a number of victories, one of their largest losses came in Delaware’s 1st district, where Republican incumbent Scott Rigell won a narrow victory over Democratic congressman Chris Van Hollen.

**FLORIDA**

In a night where Democrats won a number of victories, one of their largest losses came in Florida’s 16th district, where concern over incumbent Tim Mahoney’s criminal record allowed Republican Tom Rooney to score a big win.

**HAWAII**

Democrats Neil Abercrombie and Mazie Hirono coasted to re-election in the state’s 2nd and 3rd districts, maintaining their dominance in state politics.

**IDAHO**

In the election to fill the seat of the late Republican Senator Larry Craig, who decided not to run for re-election after drawing national attention for his sex scandal, a Democrat and former state legislator won.

**ILLINOIS**

The departure of Republican Jerry Weller allowed the Democratic candidate to win a hotly-contested Congressional seat. Debbie Demand, a former state legislator who had won by a narrow margin in previous elections, gathered nearly 60 percent of the vote in her victory over Republican Gary Ackerman.

**INDIANA**

Incumbent governor Mitch Daniels easily won re-election against Democratic challenger Jill Long Thompson, a former state legislator who had upset her predecessor in the primary.

**IOWA**

Riding the wave of Democratic support for Barack Obama, incumbent Senator Tom Harkin easily defeated his Republican opponent, who had struggled to attract voters in previous elections.

**KANSAS**

Incumbent Republican Senator Pat Roberts coasted to victory in his bid for a third term, maintaining his stronghold in the state’s 2nd district. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Roberts held on to win.

**KENTUCKY**

Incumbent Democrat Mitch McConnell swept to victory in the state’s 6th district, holding a narrow lead over his Republican challenger, Steve Beshear. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but McConnell emerged as the clear winner.

**LOUISIANA**

Incumbent Democrat Mary Landrieu won her third term in the Senate after defeating Republican John Kennedy. Landrieu was the only Democratic incumbent to face an opponent in the general election, but she showed little rough at the polls.

**MAINE**

Incumbent Republican Susan Collins defeated Democratic Representative Tom Allen by a narrow margin, holding off a strong challenge from the state’s 2nd district.

**MARYLAND**

The 1st district race between State Sen. Andy Harris, a Republican, and Frank R. O’Donnell, a Democrat, was closely-contested with Kratovil edging out a Democrat. Democrats now hold seven of the state’s eight seats in the House.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Sen. John Kerry, a Democrat, retained his seat, defeating Jeff Beatty, a Republican. Kerry won his seat with over two-thirds of the vote.

**MICHIGAN**

Sen. Carl Levin, a Democrat, easily defeated his Republican challenger, John Young. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Levin held on to win.

**MINNESOTA**

Incumbent Senator Norm Coleman faced comedian and actor John Candy in his bid for re-election, but he held a narrow lead throughout the contest.

**MISSISSIPPI**

Incumbent Congressman Michael Thompson won re-election in the state’s 3rd district, defeating his Republican challenger.

**MISSOURI**

Jax Nixon, a Democrat, who is the state attorney general, won his bid for re-election with 60 percent of the vote. Of the nine House seats contested, four were won by Democrats, five by Republicans.

**MONTANA**

Incumbent Sen. Max Baucus, a Democrat, was re-elected in a landslide victory, maintaining his stronghold in the state’s 2nd district. The race was decided by a wide margin, but Baucus held on to win.

**NEBRASKA**

Mike Johanns, a Republican, won the state’s 2nd district seat vacated by Chuck Hagel, defeating Scott Kleeb, a Democrat. Two Republican House members defended their seats against Democratic challengers, with a narrow win.

**NEVADA**

The 1st district was won by Republican incumbent Jim Gibbons, who defeated his Democratic challenger, Mark Daniele.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Democratic Governor Jeanne Shaheen scored a major upset in a narrow victory over Republican incumbent Judd Apatow. Shaheen linked her victory to President Bush, while riding the wave of support for Barack Obama.

**NEW JERSEY**

Saxby Chambliss, a Republican, won re-election to the state’s 3rd district seat, defeating his Democratic challenger, Bob Torricelli. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Chambliss held on to win.

**NEW MEXICO**

Two Congressional representatives squatted off in a contest for a seat in the state’s 2nd district, where Democratic incumbent Tom Udall was able to soundly defeat his Republican opponent, John C. Bell. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Udall held on to win.

**NEW YORK**

Democrats gained ground in the race for the House in New York. In the 22nd district, which was vacated by the retirement of a Democrat, the seat was won by a Democrat. In the 11th district, a seat currently held by a Republican, the race was decided by a narrow margin, but the Democratic candidate held on to win.

**OKLAHOMA**

Incumbent Sen. James Inhofe, a Republican, won re-election, defeating State Sen. Andrew Rice with a comfortable lead. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Inhofe held on to win.

**OMAHA**

Incumbent Senator Jeff Merkley, speaker of the state House, won by a narrow lead over Republican seat vacated by Chuck Hagel, defeating Scott Kleeb, a Democrat. Two Republican House members defended their seats against Democratic challengers, with a narrow win.

**OHIO**

Incumbent Congressman Steve Driehaus, a Democrat, won re-election to the state’s 8th district seat, defeating his Republican challenger, Steve Stivers. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Driehaus held on to win.

**OREGON**

Incumbent Senator Ron Wyden, a Democrat, won re-election with a comfortable lead, defeating his Republican challenger, Clubb. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Wyden held on to win.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

In a close race, Republican incumbent Tom Corbett defeated his Democratic challenger, Tom Wolf. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Corbett held on to win.

**RHODE ISLAND**

In a closely watched race, Republican incumbent Jim Langevin won re-election with a comfortable lead, defeating his Democratic challenger, Jim Costa. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Langevin held on to win.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

Incumbent Republican Rep. Lindsey Graham won his bid for re-election, defeating his Democratic challenger, Chris Revel. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Graham held on to win.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

Sen. Tim Johnson, a Democrat, won re-election with a comfortable lead, defeating his Republican challenger, Mike Rounds. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Johnson held on to win.

**TENNESSEE**

Incumbent Congressman Steve Cohen, a Democrat, won re-election with a comfortable lead, defeating his Republican challenger, Stephen Fincher. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Cohen held on to win.

**TEXAS**

Challenger Rick Noriega, a Democrat, was not able to take down incumbent Republican John Cornyn in his first term. In a closely watched race, Noriega lost the seat to Cornyn, who won with a comfortable lead.

**UTAH**

Incumbent Congressman Jim Matheson, a Democrat, won re-election to the state’s 3rd district, defeating his Republican challenger, Chris Stewart. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Matheson held on to win.

**VERMONT**

Popular Republican Governor Jim Douglas coasted to re-election, defeating his Democratic House Speaker Gaye Symington and independent, Anthony Pollina. Douglas won re-election to the U.S. House without a Republican challenger.

**VIRGINIA**

Incumbent Rep. James Sensenbrenner, a Republican, who had won re-election in previous elections, was not able to take down his Democratic challenger, Chris Rothfus. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Sensenbrenner held on to win.

**WASHINGTON**

In a closely watched race, incumbent Republican Dave Reichert won re-election with a comfortable lead, defeating his Democratic challenger, Dino Rossi. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Reichert held on to win.

**WEST VIRGINIA**

In a closely watched race, incumbent Congressman Nick Rahall, a Democrat, won re-election with a comfortable lead, defeating his Republican challenger, Todd Young. The race was decided by a narrow margin, but Rahall held on to win.
**President-elect faces unprecedented challenges**

Obama recognizes "enormity of various issues facing next administration, urges patience on "long road ahead"

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Now the hard part. Barack Obama essentially came out of nowhere to achieve this remarkable achievement. The next 42 years of his life will be marked by the challenges that lie ahead.

Our story begins on March 4, 2009, when Obama gave his first address to Congress, outlining his plans for the country.

Obama’s plan included proposals to increase spending on education, health care, and infrastructure, as well as measures to stimulate the economy.

While many celebrated his victory, others were skeptical, with some calling for the president to be held accountable for his promises.

Obama addressed these concerns in his first address to Congress, stating that he would be transparent and accountable for his actions.

He went on to outline his plan for the country, which included proposals to increase spending on education, health care, and infrastructure, as well as measures to stimulate the economy.

Obama acknowledged that the road ahead would be long and difficult, but he was confident in his ability to lead the country forward.

"We’re facing unprecedented challenges," he said. "But we are also facing unprecedented opportunities.

Obama’s address was met with widespread support, with many viewing it as a promising start to his administration.

As he continued, Obama spoke about the need for unity and bipartisanship, saying that the country could only move forward if people worked together.

He also addressed the issue of climate change, calling for action to protect the environment and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The president-elect was also expected to address issues such as the war in Afghanistan, the ongoing financial crisis, and the need for reform in the health care system.

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However, challenges would also be ahead, as Obama and his team would be expected to deliver on their promises and work to address the country’s most pressing issues.

In conclusion, Obama’s address marked the beginning of a new chapter in American history, with many hoping for a brighter future for the country.

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Obama’s speech ended with a call to action, urging the country to work together to build a better future for all Americans.

"We have met the test of history," he concluded. "Now we must meet the test of leadership.

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Obama's election was a historic moment for the United States, and the challenges that lie ahead will be significant.

"The road ahead will be long and difficult, but I am confident in our ability to meet these challenges," Obama said.

"We have a responsibility to those who came before us, and to those who will come after us, to lead this country in a new direction.

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Democrats gain ground in both House, Senate

Dems grab seats from Dole, Sununu, and three other GOP Senators but will likely fall short of 60-seat target

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats fattened their majority control of the Senate on Tuesday, ousting Republican Sens. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina and John Sununu of New Hampshire and capturing seats held by retiring GOP senators in Virginia, New Mexico and Colorado.

Piggybacking on the excitement level raised by presidential victor Barack Obama and his voter-registration and get-out-the-vote drives, Democrats increased their effective majority to at least 56 seats in the 100-member Senate.

They did not turn over a single seat to Republicans. All Democratic incumbents on the ballot prevailed.

But Republicans stopped a complete rout, holding the Kentucky seat of Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and a Mississippi seat once held by Trent Lott — two top Democratic targets.

North Carolina state Sen. Kay Hagan, little known politically before her run, defeated Dole — a former Cabinet member in two Republican administrations and 2000 presidential hopeful. Dole had tried to wave Hagan, a former Presbyterian Sunday school teacher, off in an ad that appeared backfire.


In pair of western races, Reps. Tom and Mark Udall took over Senate seats held by retiring Republicans. Tom Udall, the son of former Interior Secretary Stewart Udall, defeated Republican Rep. Steve Pearce to succeed Pete Domenici in New Mexico. Tom’s cousin Mark, the son of the late Rep. Morris Udall of Arizona, won the Colorado seat held by Republican Wayne Allard, who did not seek re-election.

Former Democratic Gov. Mark Warner breezed to victory in Virginia to take a Senate seat held for five terms by retiring GOP Sen. John Warner, beating another former governor, Republican Jim Gilmore. The two Warner’s are not related.

Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Biden won another six-year term representing Delaware in the Senate. It became moot when Obama won the presidential election.

Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, the only serious GOP target, won her re-election over Republican state treasurer John Kennedy.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., attributed the Democratic gains to Obama’s coattails.

“IT’s been a really good night,” Reid said in an interview with The Associated Press. “Obama ran a terrific campaign, he inspired millions of people.”

McConnell, the Senate Republican leader, had been a target of national Democrats after leading successful filibusters against much of their legislative agenda the past two years. He won re-election against two-time Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bruce Lunsford in Kentucky. He won one House seat they haven’t controlled in four decades and another the GOP had held for 28 years.

Both were left up-for-grabs by GOP retirements.

“Tonight, the American people have called for a new direction. They have called for change in America,” said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. Exit polls showed voters troubled by the battered economy and deeply dissatisfied with President Bush.

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With less than three dozen races still undecided, Democrats had won 242 and were leading for another 14. Republicans had won 160 and were leading in 13. If those trends held, Democrats could have a net gain of 20 seats. And Republicans were on track for their smallest numbers since 1994, the year a Republican Revolution retook the House for the first time in 40 years.

The Democratic edge in the current Congress is 235-199 with one vacancy in a formerly Democratic seat. Two Louisiana seats, one Democratic and one Republican, won’t be decided until December because hurricanes postponed their primaries until Tuesday.

It was the first time in more than 75 years that Democrats were headed for big House gains in back-to-back elections. They picked up 30 seats in 2006.

“This will be a wave upon a wave,” Pelosi said.

Republicans were licking their wounds and cheered themselves mostly by the prospect that Democrats — now holding the White House and bigger House and Senate margins — might overreach and position the GOP for gains in 2010.

“We sort of got through this, we think, a little bit better than some people might have expected,” said Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma, the head of the Republican House campaign committee. “Our worst days are behind us.”

Still, in the first sign of what promises to be a bitter round of GOP recriminations, Rep. Adam Putnam of Florida, the No. 3 Republican, told colleagues in a letter released near midnight that he was “reluctantly” stepping down from his post.

In the northeast, GOP Reps. John R. “Randy” Kuhl of New York and Phil English of Pennsylvania were defeated. Democratic Eric Massa unseated Kuhl in New York’s southern tier, and Kathy Dahlkemper, a 50-year-old mother of five, topped English in a swing district of rural communities and old industrial steel towns in Pennsylvania’s northwest corner.

In Connecticut, Democrat Jim Himes, a Greenwich businessman, defeated Shays despite the Republican’s highly publicized attempts that he fathered a child from an extramarital affair.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats expanded their control of the House and pushed for historic gains in their majority Tuesday by solidifying their dominance in the Northeast and making inroads in the South and West.


Democrats also rode the coattails of a decisive victory by Barack Obama in New Mexico to win one House seat they haven’t controlled in four decades and another the GOP had held for 28 years.

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Democrats also rode the coattails of a decisive victory by Barack Obama in New Mexico to win one House seat they haven’t controlled in four decades and another the GOP had held for 28 years. Both were left up-for-grabs by GOP retirements.

“Tonight, the American people have called for a new direction. They have called for change in America,” said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. Exit polls showed voters troubled by the battered economy and deeply dissatisfied with President Bush.

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ELECTION 2008

Area GOP reacts to McCain loss, criticizes campaign

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

At St. Joseph County's Republican Party headquarters Tuesday night, the evening hit a high point when West Virginia was called for Sen. John McCain. But that ended up being one of the few moments of celebration for the over 200 people in attendance. The evening soon turned sour for the Republicans, as soon-to-be president-elect Barack Obama continued to pile up electoral votes and culminated when a camera man had to encourage those in attendance to appear excited for a live shot. Early in the night, eating sloppy joe's on tables adorned with red, white and blue tablecloths, attendees, like sopho- more Ashley Meklis, found reason for optimism, suggesting that pre-election polls, which mostly favored Obama, used older methods not adapted to newer voting techniques. "I definitely expect an interesting night," she said. "I'm really hesitant to trust the polls, because of all the people who've turned out." Taylor Wilson, a first-year law student, had worked as a poll challenger earlier in the day to ensure that voting regula tions were followed. Having sensed Obama was gaining widespread support at her precinct, she was not so hopeful.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Stay politically active

Up until recently, I'll admit, the only real politics I was interested in were fictional. I had seen every episode of The West Wing — logging hours watching C.J. Cregg's press conferences, President Josiah Bartlet's States of the Union and senior staffers' policy debates.

However, breaking national news aside, I didn't really feel the urge to watch the characters' real-life counterparts in the Bush administration on C-SPAN. I was appalled at myself to find, in attempting to answer a question at a trivia night, I could have done in a heartbeat if I was asked about the Bartlet White House.

So, I may not be the ideal politically-active and politically-informed citizen. But, when it became time for me to observe my civic duty and vote for our nation's next president, my personal involvement in national politics increased dramatically. I found myself, for example checking Politico instead of re-watching another box set.

The rest of the country, the people on this campus included, it seems, has followed suit. This election has done wonders for our national culture — introducing new catchphrases like "Gotcha" and "Gore-age," reminding U.S. citizens of our proximity to Russia and boosting "30 Rock's" Nelson ratings.

It's also made us active. It's made us passionate. And it's made us really think about the candidates and their platforms.

We've been bombardied with all sorts of media coverage — factual, editorialized and satirical — about the election and its players. Like most of America, I sat through 12, horrible segments of CNN's "Magruder" sketches to see Tina Fey as Sarah Palin and Chris Parnell's eerily accurate impersonation of Tom Brokaw.

While watching last Saturday's episode, a commercial addressed both my own tendencies toward political apathy and the nation's inclination to get very excited about politics only when politics are very exciting.

The commercial asked, "What will you be thinking about Nov. 5?"

Nov. 5 — today — does mark a turning point in our nation's history and also, in our nation's mindset.

For the next few days, weeks, months, the media will still focus on politics — analyzing the election outcomes and the next administration's transition into the White House.

But slowly, the regular news cycle will return, and the dialogue about the issues that decided the election will also check back to a dialogue about celebrity baby names, the new porpoise revenue coming out and whatever fantasy sport is in season.

The percentage of us that watch the news, that regularly read newspapers, and that tune in for SNL, will decrease, and soon. The current problems, however, will not disappear just because we stop watching them on TV.

Being politically active doesn't have to be exciting. It's also made us active. It's made us excited. It's made us involved.

OFFBEAT

92-year-old Texas woman votes in ambulance

SAN ANTONIO — Betty Owen is 92 and after a stroke four years ago, needs a feeding tube and can't walk. But she was determined not to miss Tuesday's election. She arrived at her polling place on a gurney in an ambulance, where an election judge and support worker climbed aboard with an electronic voting machine and let her cast her ballot.

"And you have voted," precinct judge Sam Green said after Owen pushed the red button finalizing her choices. "You know, you look so pretty in that red dress."

Owen grinned, the San Antonio Express-News reported in Tuesday's online edition.

Her daughter arranged for the ambulance ride at the last minute after Owen failed to get an absentee ballot.

Son allegedly attacks mom in Myerspace altercation

HAYDEN, Idaho — An 18-year-old Hayden, Idaho, man was accused of stabbing his mother after she forbade him to use the Internet social networking site MySpace. The man was arrested last week for investigation of aggravated battery after his mother said he cut her wrist.

The mother said she confronted him 6-foot-6, 320-pound son, after which he became agitated and packed his belongings to leave their home.

Police said he pulled a black and silver knife from his pocket as his mother tried to take his cellular telephone charger from him.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: Who would you write in for president?

Casey Englebert senior off-campus "Fergie."

Jeanine Decanantonio senior Howard "Sr. Katherine."

Leah Kohley senior off-campus "Leonardo from the Ninja Turtles because he's a leader."

Christopher Aguilar senior Keough "Michael Dukakis because he would honestly provide for this country."

Jon Russ Holy Cross College "Ronald Reagan. He was a great president."

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OFFBEAT
Election night unfolds at Notre Dame

Observer writers visit election watches at SMC, SMC and off campus to gather student reactions to coverage

By BECKY HOGAN and EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

After the first polls started closing in the east, we decided to experience the election scene at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's to see how students would react to the results of the general election throughout the night.

8:15 p.m.
We started at Reckers and found a handful of students watching the early election results on the TV screens. The first two states to announce their results were Sen. John McCain won eight electoral votes in Kentucky and Sen. Barack Obama has secured three from Vermont.

Chris, a Democratic member of the junior class, was watching the election coverage while he and a few other students were playing Rock, Paper, Scissors.

"I like what I'm seeing," he said. "I've been a supporter of Senator Obama and everything is going according to schedule I guess." Sy Doan student

Doan said he thought the gap would be slightly closer than expected. "Most people said it would be a close election," he said.

We stopped at the Morse Lounge and found students watching the coverage on three different televisions. They said they were all expected it was going to be a close election and that a winner would be declared only after the votes are counted on Election Day.

"The election results for a few hours will be very close," said Senior Siobhan Gordon. "I think [the elections] are going to be a little more close and hard fought," she said.

9:35 p.m.
We were about to wrap up our tour of the election, and decided to make one last off-campus stop at the Saint Mary's Student Center.

Senior Mike Folger was celebrating the results with his friends.

"I assume Obama is going to win," he said. "It's pretty cool that I'm going to be on the right side of one of the most historic elections," Folger said.

Folger also said he was disappointed with the election coverage discrepancies among different news networks.

"All we want to know is who is going to win," Folger said.

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The ballots are not counted on Election Day, and the voter must go to the county election board within 10 days with proper identification to get their ballots counted.

"The provisionalballoting procedure is complex. You really don’t want to vote provisionally if you can possibly help it," Chadwick said.

Colin Fagan, a Notre Dame senior, said he had to fill out a provisional ballot and couldn't get necessary identification in time to vote with a regular ballot.

"I didn’t have an Indiana issued ID, so they wouldn’t accept my Michigan driver’s license," he said. "I did go down to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles ... and the only thing they gave me is a photo ID there. Unfortunately if I did that, I had to surrender my license, and I couldn’t have driven myself home." Fagan said he does not have a passport or any other form of Federal identification.

This isn’t the first time Fagan has had problems voting. "The initial thought was actually, ‘Not again,’" he said. Fagan said that Michigan residents are not allowed to vote absentee in their first election, which prevented him from voting in a previous election. Fagan thought he would be able to vote in person in Indiana after registering in the Student Services office.

"That’s the only way ... but I don’t want to do it, because my driver’s license ishooked up to my bank accounts (and car insurance)," Fagan said.

He came to the polls on Tuesday expecting to have problems voting. "I figured I’d at least go over there and try," he said.

After discussing the problems and possible solutions, he decided in time to vote. He walked out of the poll after filling out a provisional ballot.

In researching the issue, Della Penna said he found Indiana has some of the strictest laws about voter identification.

Freshman Raymond Fagan said he wasn’t on the list of registered voters when he went to the poll Tuesday, which led him to fill out a provisional ballot.

"I registered in Indiana, and I mailed it in on the date the deadline,” he said, but his registration material wasn’t received in time.

Fagan said he was still hoping to go in to try to get his provisional ballot counted.

"I don’t want to get my vote counted," he said.

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**COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Group addresses game day arrests**

*By JOHN TIERNY*
*News Writer*

The Council of Representatives (COR) decided that education is the key for students looking to secure their rights in dealing with police and ushers on football weekends at its meeting Tuesday.

Student Body President Bob Reish opened the floor for COR members to give their advice on how to handle interactions with the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Campus Safety, Security, and Hospitality Protocols and Practices for Football Games, which was convened by University President Fr. John Jenkins.

Reish has been selected as the student representative for the committee.

COR members expressed a general feeling that there is a lack of information on what the rules are and that there are major differences in how rules are enforced by individual ushers and at different games.

“There’s a lack of information regarding the law,” student body vice president Grant Schmidt said. “That’s a very tangible role for us to fill by informing them what is legitimate and what is not.”

Schmidt said there are two issues in regard to law enforcement before the football games when students enter the stadium and when they are at tailgates in parking lots.

Sophomore class president Cynthia Weber said that information is critical. She also suggested including alcohol related policies in the dissemination of information to students.

“We don’t know exactly what the rules are off-campus and on-campus,” she said. She attributed this general ignorance to the fact that most students are not from the Michiana area.

“We need to cause understanding because there’s a lot of misunderstanding,” Weber said.

COR advisor Amy Goist agreed that information is important, but said student government must be careful in how they disseminate information to students.

“You don’t want to present it as you’re the authority of everything in the spectrum,” she said.

She also cautioned students about the ramifications of alumni withholding donations because they are upset about alcohol-related arrests.

“Think about your experience as a student and as an alum as being greater than football,” Goist said.

COR also discussed the newly-formed Off-Campus Safety Committee, which will be chaired by Off-Campus President Billy Lyman.

“We need to show students that we are dealing with this problem,” he said. “Show them that we are dealing with it immediately, and we are dealing with it thoughtfully.”

Lyman said that the committee hopes to find ways to better inform students about safety concerns. He hopes to establish an off-campus listserv and schedule events with the South Bend Police that will inform students on how to stay safe off-campus.

Lyman also hopes to establish a database that will track student safety incidents and the police response with these incidents.

“This database is an immediate solution but we’re going to keep it going all year and it will help us figure out long term solutions,” Lyman said. “As long as we keep it going, it will definitely help.”

The committee’s first meeting will occur Wednesday.

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**College celebrates women in politics**

*By EMILY DABISH*
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In recognition of the political season, the Cushwa-Leighton Library at Saint Mary’s has displayed a collection of memorabilia representing the transformative nature of women’s role in politics. Consisting mainly of buttons, the Joyce Shell collection includes pieces from the 1940’s convention to the current race.

Saint Mary’s librarian Robert Hohl said that the buttons show women’s ambition, suffrage and contribution. It also shows the progress of women in government.

There are many buttons from various women’s rights organizations and issues including women’s rights, voting and equal pay as well as political parties.

“Women have been a very tangible role in the political arena,” Hohl said.

Hohl observed that the collection also serves as a catalyst for change. He referred to Shirley Chisholm, a black politician who ran for presidency in the 70’s, used the slogan “a catalyst for change,” which is reminiscent of Barack Obama.

Certain pieces in the collection conveyed a sense of humor, one referring to Hillary Clinton as the “wicked witch of the west wing” and another to Barbara Bush as “first mama.”

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Wednesday, November 5, 2008
Israel launches airstrike against Gaza

Fighting erupts on Israeli-Palestinian border for the first time since June truce

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Israel launched an airstrike on Gaza early Wednesday after its forces clashed with Hamas militants who fired mortars into Israel, leaving six Palestinians dead. It was the first battle since a June truce mostly quieted violence in the volatile territory.

The Israeli military said the clashes erupted late Tuesday after its forces uncovered a tunnel in central Gaza that militants planned to use to abduct Israeli soldiers. It said a special army unit headed to the area to destroy the tunnel. One Palestinian was killed in fierce gunbattles that ensued.

Hamas then fired mortars across the Gaza border into southern Israel and Israel answered with the airstrike in the early hours of Wednesday, killing five suspected Palestinian militants, Israeli and Hamas officials said. The army said the airstrike aimed at the mortar launchers and hit them.

The clashes threatened to unravel the cease-fire between Israel and Palestinian militant groups reached in June after months of indirect negotiations. The deal halted a deadly cycle of attacks on southern Israel and Israeli reprisals, halted a deadly cycle of attacks on southern Israel and Israeli reprisals.

The Israeli military claimed the move against the tunnel did not violate the truce, but instead was a legitimate step to remove an immediate threat.

A top military official said troops had discovered a "ticking tunnel," which was about to be used to abduct an Israeli soldier. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the matter, said the tunnel was dug from inside a Gaza house and showed that Hamas was using civilians for cover.

The official said Israeli did not intend to break the truce, noting that some 60 mortar have been fired since the cease-fire and Israel has chosen not to respond.

Hamas also insisted it had not violated the truce and was acting to prevent an Israeli incursion.

Palestinians gather around the body of Hamas militant Mazen Seda, 32, in the hospital in Deir El Balah in the central Gaza Strip, early Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Budget woes hit police, health services

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York City will cancel the police academy’s next class of cadets, cut hundreds of jobs and close dental clinics for poor children to trim its budget amid an economic crisis, a city official said Tuesday.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg will announce those cuts and others Wednesday when he gives an update on the $6 billion budget, an administration official said. The official spoke only on condition of anonymity because the update had not been officially announced.

Bloomberg did not give details on his budget plan at a news conference Tuesday but said he would likely ask for a "slowdown, but not really for a meltdown."

"We don’t know just how deep this thing is going to go or for how long," he said.

For now, his update will show that the city faces budget gaps of $4 billion this fiscal year and next, the administration official said.

To help bridge those deficits, Bloomberg asked all city agencies in September to come up with their own plans to cut spending by 2.5 percent this fiscal year, which ends next June, and additional cuts of 5 percent the following year.

Those are targeted to save $500 million this year and $1 billion in fiscal 2010.

The plans include cancelling the January 2009 police academy class, which means that approximately 1,100 would-be cadets will not enter the six-month program as planned. The next class would begin in July 2009.

Cancelling an academy class is an unusual move. Past mayors have delayed the start of a class by a few months and then accelerated later classes.

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Obama was gaining widespread support at her precinct, she was not so hopeful.
"People seem hopeful but not overly optimistic, at least from my perspective," she said. "I mean, it's a long shot!"
A trash-barrel sized red elephant, which sat on the podium, was soon removed so County Republican Chairman Chris Riley could host the evening.
Despite many local candidates taking the podium to give concession speeches, Riley remained optimistic throughout the evening.
"We all believe the same things, we're all in touch and we're coming back," he said.
"Eat, drink and be Republican!"
About 10 members of the College Republicans were on hand to lend support to their party.
Treasure Stephen Bant said that an unusually close presidential race in Indiana did not bode well for local candidates going to ride a wave of support for McCain.
"With it being a tight race in Indiana, there isn't going to be a coattail effect," he said.
A Democrat hasn't won in a presidential election since 1964.

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compassion," Crawford said. "We are going to do a lot better, but it's going to take everybody to help."
"Color isn't an issue anymore," she said.
Crawford was happy that she was able to see an African-American in the White House.
"Unusually close presidential race," said Ryan Dvorak, a Polish immigrant.
"I am proud to be an African-American in the White House."
"I don't think in my lifetime I would see a black president," Grozyczko, whose ancestors came to New Carlisle, Ind., and has lived in the area all his life, is, like Crawford, most impressed by the historic moment of putting an African-American in the White House.
"I'm the first to admit, I had a strong Ku Klux Klan base. They came in front of the Church and burned crosses. We went to the Church making sure the Church wasn't burned down. And the KKK came on horseback hooded under their wives' and grandmothers' skirts."
David Janes, a Notre Dame graduate from 1970 and a local activist, said he was happy about the winds of change that Obama's election signifies.
"There are a lot of people in this room who are trying to change the hopelessness," Janes said.
"We got everybody to close the circle tonight," Janes said. "We need to keep that circle closed than we can do it. We can change the course of this country.
"I am crazy with love for these people. I'm in the West Side Democratic Club." Janes said the movement that got Obama elected is all about being positive.
"Love is all around us," he said. "It's a public kind of love that's called justice. That's what justice is — it's the love of lots of people. And all you can do is work for justice.
"There's nothing more impor­tant than justice and love."
Billy Gene Easton Singer, a longtime associate of Janes, said Obama's election should be empowering.
"There's no reason for anyone black to say we can't do something," he said.
Lee Glaster, a union member, was more focused on the tangible results of Obama's election.
"We're going to bring the troops home, get single payer medical coverage," and fix the mortgage crisis, he said.
Janes fired up the crowd prior to Obama's election by leading the club in a singlet of what he called "The Freedom Song," or "It's really going to turn me around."
"He said he learned the song from Minnesotans civil rights workers in the 1960s, but that Tuesday was the first time it had been sung in the West Side Democratic Club.
The song shows that "we are a sea of togetherness," and that "that circle is this room," Janes said.
Local candidates helped show that Indiana is a part of the change sweeping across America.

Students watch election coverage at the G.O.P. headquarters in South Bend Tuesday.

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All of the above are invited to attend our first annual Spa Night on Friday in the Lesraute Notre Dame Room from 5-8 PM. Enjoy massages, facials, manicure and more! Tickets will be sold at the door from the student body!

Meet Coach Brey

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Grant Park in Chicago. During the speech, many people in the room began to cry or to hug each other in joy.

One voice cried out, "It's all about love, it's all about love," and people at the table around the voice burst out into cheers.

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FCC probes cable, Verizon pricing policies

PHILADELPHIA — The Federal Communications Commission has opened a investigation into the pricing policies of major cable operators and Verizon Communications Inc.

The agency was prompted by complaints that customers are being treated fairly, FCC Chairman Kevin Martin said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"We are concerned with the increasing cable prices that consumers are bearing," he said. "They are getting less and being charged the same or more."

The FCC wrote to Verizon and 11 cable companies last month about their practice of moving analog channels into digital tiers to free up bandwidth for other uses, such as high-definition television. To watch channels that have been moved, subscribers to analog service must either subscribe to a more expensive digital tier, rent a digital set-top box or use an adapter, which service providers are starting to offer for free.


Cable providers are in a race with satellite TV and phone companies to offer the most high-definition channels. About half of the nation's 65 million cable households buy only the analog basic or "enhanced basic" tiers.

The agency also will investigate whether providers are misleading customers into thinking that when analog television channels move to the digital tier of service the shift is related to the federal government's mandate that all broadcasts be digital by February, Martin said.

The two moves are unrelated. Linking the two in customers' minds could prompt more people to use the digital video services.

The FCC has asked companies being probed to submit information about their pricing and channel switching practices within two weeks.
The events that have recently taken place in the financial markets give Americans and investors all over the world plenty of reason to worry. The complete annihilation of the investment banking industry, as well as the failure of companies like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, AIG and Washington Mutual have destroyed investor confidence in the market. In an attempt to help remedy market conditions, the House and Senate recently passed a $700 billion bailout plan which would use taxpayer dollars to help buy up assets backed by failing mortgages. The hope is to help cash strapped companies by buying up their illiquid assets and to provide even more credit to the market. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson seem to think that this will thwart a recession and allow the markets to function normally again. The problem is it will not work, and, in fact, it will make the problem much worse.

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Why the rush?

To My Fellow Irish.

As a 1994 graduate whose last game as a student was the loss at home to BC, I sympathize with your feeling somewhat frustrated by the absence of a definitive celebration.

While I completely understand and can appreciate your need to rush the field after the Syracuse game, I believe that it would have been far more appropriate to do so after the loss to USC.

I understand your need to create a moment of excitement and cohesion among the student body, but rushing the field after a loss to USC is not the way to do it.

Instead, I suggest that you consider a more appropriate way to celebrate your loss to USC. Perhaps a bonfire on campus or a vigil for the seniors would be more fitting.

In conclusion, while I understand your need to express your frustration, rushing the field after a loss to USC is not the way to do it. I urge you to consider alternative ways to express your feelings.

Yours in Notre Dame,

Stephanie Joyce
Alumna
Clas of 1994
The former singer, bassist and lead songwriter of the Beach Boys is widely known for the enormous impact he has made on pop music, but also for his long history of drug abuse and mental issues. With this new album, though, Wilson seems to proclaim his final redemption and his newfound love for life.

"That Lucky Old Sun" was released on Sept. 2, a strange choice for a distinctly summer-flavored record. The album cover features oranges and bright flowers, while the lyrics are chock full of images of the beach, the sun, and Southern California. What else would you expect from a former Beach Boy? The music is pop at its most exuberant, combining the warm vocal harmonies of the Beach Boys with more complex song arrangements and instrumentation.

The album centers on a theme that is initiated in the title track and then reprised several times throughout the album. In addition to this running theme, four so-called "narratives" intersperse the album. The narratives — spoken pieces of poetry placed over top of music — contain some of the best moments of the album, with Wilson almost channelling Jack Kerouac.

The songs and narratives all flow seamlessly into each other, making the album play like one long, sustained musical piece instead of a chopped-up assortment of individual parts. What with the spoken pieces, the "Lucky Old Sun" theme, and the related subject matter of all the songs, the album is undoubtedly best when played all the way through.

Although the Beach Boys' influence can clearly be heard, the music departs from the surf rock genre in several key ways. One of the first things you will notice is Brian Wilson's voice, which is clearly that of an older man, not the fresh falsetto of the adolescent Beach Boys.

The music is more complex and challenging than that of the Beach Boys, although it is still highly accessible pop. Most significantly, the lyrics are more mature. Most of them express a joyful passion for life, using the vibrant locales of California as a backdrop. In a few songs, Wilson deals with his dark years of depression, but always with a happy resolution.

It is clear that he has left his despondency behind and now has a much more positive outlook on life. Some other songs wax sentimental about the bygone days of youth, but Wilson avoids melancholy, instead looking back with rosy glasses.

Often, the simple pop melodies and chord progressions might even seem tired and boring. Since Wilson's music has influenced so much of modern music, it is inevitable that listeners will feel like they've heard this stuff before.

Likewise, many of Wilson's lyrics seem trite and cliché (though there are flashes of poetic brilliance). Nevertheless, the record's simplicity is its beauty. Often a happy song with a catchy melody and uplifting lyrics are just what our jaded college souls are yearning for. When that's the case — when it's negative 30 degrees outside and seasonal affective disorder is setting in — look to "That Lucky Old Sun" to give you a little warmth.

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Most of us inherit our musical tastes early on in life, growing up listening to our parent's favorites. We drive around in the car with their music on, and often times initiated the growth and development of rock music. What is your take on rock music today?

Wilson: I see the music turning into some good things while listening to his CDs.

At some point in your life, you probably heard the harmonic, sunny tunes of the Beach Boys. Beginning in the 1960s, these southern Californians came out with a series of surf-friendly songs that are hard to resist. Their impact continues to be felt, often through the movies that still feature their songs, such as "50 First Dates" ("Wouldn't It Be Nice").

"Lucky Old Sun," an ode to LA that Wilson is fit to deliver. He will perform live in South Bend at the Morris Performing Arts Center on Nov. 13, about which Scene talked with him. After noting the lasting impact of the trade-mark Beach Boy harmonies, Wilson explained that he wanted to paint a picture of LA using carefully chosen images. He also answered questions about his feelings on the Beach Boys' long history. Part of the interview can be read below.

Interview with Brian Wilson

Scene: What has had the strongest impacts on your music?

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Scene: What do you think a fan-base in every generation.

The man behind most of the magic is Brian Wilson, who formed the Beach Boys with his two brothers, Carl and Dennis, their cousin Mike Love and their friend Al Jardine. After a series of hits Wilson fell on some bad times as he dealt with drug use for years. He continued to write as he fell deeper into isolation, but his bouts with drugs weren't really over till the late 1980's. Now he takes the stage with a completely new album, "That Lucky Old Sun," an ode to LA that Wilson is fit to deliver. He will perform live in South Bend at the Morris Performing Arts Center on Nov. 13 to perform "That Lucky Old Sun," along with classic fan favorites. Tickets are $27-562. Call 574-255-9190 for more information.

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Wilson: Well, it's quite a thrill, actually.

Scene: How does the audience usually respond?

Wilson: Very well. They like it a lot.

Scene: Is it fun for you when you perform it?

Wilson: Yes, I love to perform it.

Scene: What do you think a 50 year old can sing to your show would get out of it?

Wilson: He would get a bang out of it because he would love the lyrics!

Scene: Where do you want to go from here? How do you see your music evolving?

Wilson: I see the music turning into some good soft rock and some rock and roll.

Scene: Throughout your career you have seen some important changes in the development of rock music. What is your take on rock music today?

Wilson: I don't listen to the rock music of today. I listen to oldies but goodies on records.

Scene: What's your favorite song to perform?

Wilson: "California Girls" is my favorite.

Scene: What is the greatest song you ever wrote?

Wilson: "God Only Knows"

Scene: If you were stranded on a desert island and got to bring the entire work of one musical artist, whose music would you want to have?

Wilson: The Beatles

Scene: What has had the strongest impacts on your music?

Wilson: I think the Beatles, and the Rolling Stones, and Phil Specter.

Scene: What inspired you to take this album and do a solo tour?

Wilson: My wife.

And so, with his wife's blessing he takes the stage at the Morris Performing Arts Center Nov. 13 to perform "That Lucky Old Sun," along with classic fan favorites. Tickets are $27-562. Call 574-255-9190 for more information.

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Lindsey Buckingham, a member of Fleetwood Mac, once described Dennis Wilson, drummer for the Beach Boys, as halfway to his famous brother, Brian Wilson. "He was crazy just like a lot of other people," Buckingham said, "but he had a really big heart, and he was the closest thing to Brian [Wilson] there was, too. He was halfway there." A founding member of the Beach Boys, Dennis Wilson is not Brian or Carl, but a drummer, musician and songwriter in his own right.

"Pacific Ocean Blue" was his only solo record, originally recorded and released in 1977. Legacy Records, a division of Sony BMG, has released a re-mastered version of "Pacific Ocean Blue" as part of a 2-disc set. The release's second disc is comprised of Wilson's additional recordings with Caribou/CBS Records, which would have composed his second solo effort.

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"What's Wrong," the second track, has elements of his previous style, with strains of brass and piano thumping emphatically through the track. That signature vocal sound, that Beach Boys harmony, is hard to escape, but Wilson effectively makes it his own here and elsewhere. "Moonshine" has a quieter start and more melancholy feel. The following track, "Friday Night," is dark and waning, with a nearly two minute instrumental intro. It shifts in tone from the previous tracks, but in a way that still jives with the rest of "Pacific Ocean Blue."

The vocals on "Dreamer" are grainy and distant, an effect that's expanded and developed on "Thoughts of You." The latter track uses electronic effect to its benefit, alternating between the stark piano and Wilson's gruff, honest vocal style, and a more stylized studio sound. The effect is an intriguing one.

The album's title track, "Pacific Ocean Blue," is a study in contrasts. The song makes use of blurred, harmonic background vocals, an almost funk-style musical arrangement and Wilson's gruff, almost Loudon Wainwright-esque singing.

"Farewell My Friend" plays with background sounds — cooing birds, electronic effects and even the occasional ukulele. Wilson repeats the lines, "Farewell I want to see you again," leaving the listener to think they're hearing a surfer's funeral dirge. Ironically, it was Dennis' surfer style that influenced the look and feel of the Beach Boys — of the band's original members, he was the sole surfer by trade.

Other highlights on the first disc include "Fug of Love (Feel the Pull)," "You and I" and "Only with You," but truthfully the entire album deserves a listen. Its final track, "Mexico," is a solid cap on an intriguing effort.

The second disc, "Bambu," picks up where "Pacific Ocean Blue" left off and develops it further, and is well deserving of its own review. Befittingly, the sweeping anthem "Remember Me," the gruff stylings of "Wild Situation" and the Randy Newman-like "He's a Bum" are all excellent. "I Love You" takes a turn for the pseudo-psychdelic in its latter half, and "Constant Companion" is an energetic, brass-laden romp. In the liner notes to "Pacific Ocean Blue," guitarist and producer Earle Mankey describes recording with Wilson saying, "People would start talking about notes, parts, the melody or the rhythm and [Wilson] would say, 'I just want the truth.' That's all that mattered to him. For a real sense of Wilson, the man, the artist and admittedly the former beach boy, check out "Pacific Ocean Blue."

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Hurricanes waste three-goal lead only to win in overtime; Fisher scores first goal of season to lift Senators

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NHL

Islanders top rival Rangers thanks to short-handed goal

Rangers defensemen Paul Mara checks Islanders center Mike Comrie into the boards in the third period of the Islanders’ 2-1 win at Madison Square Garden in New York on Tuesday.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Islanders finally had a third period to brag about.

After two straight late meltdowns at home, the Islanders turned a strong effort by backup goalie Joey MacDonald into a 2-1 victory over the New York Rangers on a pair of short-handed goals, including one by Nate Thompson and Richard Park.

"That was a huge boost for us," Thompson said after his first NHL point broke up the deadlock in the third period. "I can’t say enough for our team and Joey MacDonald for sticking with the game plan."

Just 4:42 after Thompson scored, during a different Rangers power play, Park netted (Islanders’ league-leading sixth short-handed tally. The Islanders got off a frustrated Madison Square Garden with their best win of the season despite being outshot 36-19.

In their previous two games, the Islanders squandered three-goal leads in the third period. The first on Saturday resulted in a 5-4 regulation loss to Montreal. On Monday, they recovered to beat Columbus 4-3 in overtime at home.

The Islanders own a two-game winning streak after they defeated the Rangers, although losing six straight losses (0-5-1), and they moved out of last place in the Northeast Division (4-7-1).

"After the second period, we made a point to say, ‘Let’s let them beat themselves. Let’s let them make some mistakes and try to capitalize on some opportunities. If we can do that and sneak two points out of here, then it’s a good game for us,’" said Marcus Naslund, who scored the Islanders’ second goal after 1:41 left.

Despite the Islanders having a 29-12 shots advantage through two periods, this one was too close to call. The Rangers entered with a league-best 21 points, but they ended the night with a more dubious distinction of having allowed an NHL-worst five short-handed goals this season.

The Rangers have dropped two straight after their franchise-best 10-2-1 start. This effort against their biggest rivals was the second straight disappointing loss at Toronto on Saturday when they led 2-0 in the third period only to fall 5-2.

They went 0-2-for-4 on the power play, while putting up two goals, after connecting at least once with the advantage in five of the previous six games.

"Unacceptable performance," Rangers coach Tom Renney said. "We gave the power play up, too. Take responsibility for it. Power play structure, if people are committed to it and work hard at it, it doesn’t take a lot of outside of what we have been teaching our guys."

MacDonald entered the third period with a shot at his first NHL shutout for the second straight night. Subbing for injured No. 1 goalie DiPietro, MacDonald settled for his seventh career NHL win in his 26th game.

He admitted to being a bit disappointed to lose the shutout, but was happy to get out of the massage center Mike Comrie into the boards in the third period

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Carolina grabbed a 1-0 lead before the first period was half over.

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### Cycling

American cyclist Lance Armstrong warms up before riding a Trek prototype bicycle at the Low Speed Wind Tunnel in San Diego on Tuesday. Armstrong is considering a return from retirement.

**Armstrong still considering Tour de France**

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Lance Armstrong has yet to decide whether he will try for an eighth Tour de France title in 2009.

"I want to say I'm not trying to be coy, I'm not playing games with them (the Tour) or with fans or with media. I simply don't know," Armstrong said Tuesday during wind tunnel testing at the San Diego Air & Space Technology Center. "I'm not in a hurry. It's Nov. 4. ..." I know there is tension. There is tension with French cycling fans, with French media and certainly tension with the organizers. And right now I don't want to deal with tension. And I don't know if I want to deal with tension in July."

Jean-Etienne Amaury, the new president of the Tour's organizer, said last month that Armstrong had "embarrassed" the event.

Armstrong suggested his safety might be at risk if he enters the Tour again. The Austin, Texas, resident recalled watching his hometown college football team, the Texas Longhorns, lose at Texas Tech last weekend.

"(Texas Tech fans) hated, hated Texas; they hated them. ... I'm at home watching it and the trick there is that you're in a stadium and you're sort of protected," Armstrong said. "Cycling's not the way. So if they hate you and you're on the roads and they want you, you can get you." His last Tours "weren't good," Armstrong said.

He doubted that the animosity would subside between now and the Tour's start in July.

"The only way it would change is if I gave up my American citizenship and became a French citizen, which is obviously not going to happen," Armstrong said. "And that might not even change it." Armstrong questioned why he seems to be embraced by fans in other parts of Europe but not in France.

"It's very weird and the psychology of it. I can't figure it out," he said. "In a sense it's a historical event to them; no one had ever won more than five. The way I race the Tour, even stuff like I'm doing here today, the thought and methodical approach, and the robotic approach to racing, not showing emotion, not showing suffering or pain, is not a popular style of racing in France."

"To them panache is the guy who suffers and is swinging all over his bike and looks like he's about to fall off. And I've never found that to be an effective way to try to win."
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Byron Leftwich has already shown the Washington Steelers he can finish. He may get the chance Sunday to prove he can start.

With starter Ben Roethlisberger on the injured list, the Steelers (6-2) may give Leftwich his first start since last Nov. 18 with Atlanta.

Roethlisberger underwent an MRI exam Tuesday, but the results are still pending. He reinjured his pectoral muscle, the right shoulder on a TD drive, that was torn near the end of the first quarter Monday night.

Leftwich took over to set up a touchdown drive with a long command pass to Hines Ward on his first throw, threw for a score and led another TD drive during a 23-6 win over the Washington Redskins.

Leftwich's performance for a short but productive night's work: 7 of 10 for 129 yards, no interceptions and one touchdown as the Steelers kept their AFC North lead.

"He made a lot of friends in there," coach Mike Tomlin said.

The sore shoulder has bothered Leftwich, though he hasn't said how much, since he was hurt Sept. 7 against Houston.

"I'm sure his shoulder has affected his pitching a bit," Tomlin said. "I don't know. It really is kind of irrelevant. We really don't look for or seek excuses. We don't make them up. Whether we're talking about Ben or anybody else."

Mike Tomlin Steelers head coach

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Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — For the next three to four months, the New Jersey Devils are going to have to learn about life without Martin Brodeur.

The 36-year-old Brodeur, a four-time Vezina Trophy winner who is on the verge of becoming the NHL's all-time winningest goaltender, will be sidelined until at least February after tearing a distal biceps in his left elbow last weekend.

Brodeur will undergo surgery Thursday. "It's shocking because you expect my knee is going to go or my groin or my thumb, something I use as a goalie," Brodeur said Tuesday in a conference call. "I didn't expect, my biceps could be a big factor in an injury. It was a freak accident. That's why I am shocked about the injury. That's not something I expected to hurt. That biceps attaches to the big bone (proximal radial) in the arm at the elbow joint. Brodeur was injured Saturday against Atlanta mak- ing a second-period glove save on a shot that was going wide of the net.""I just extended my arm real quickly and I just felt a pop, and a tapping kind of feeling in my biceps," said Brodeur, who stayed in the game for another minute before being replaced by Kevin Weekes during Thursday's 4-1 loss to the Rangers at the Prudential Center. "He will not be back until after the All-Star break before missing Monday's game. "I think it's a great opportunity for him to go out and prove himself to be the top goalie," Brodeur said. "He is going to play in front of a great team like I did for a lot of years and, hopefully, he will do well for us and hold the fort until I come back."

Brodeur has won the Vezina Trophy as the NHL's top goaltender four times, including last season when he posted a 44-27 record and a 2.17 goals-against average. His seven seasons with 40 or more wins are an NHL record, and his 2.20 career goals-against average is the lowest in the modern era. He set a single-season record for wins with 48 in 2006-07, breaking Bernie Parent's old mark of 47. Brodeur has 544 career games with 484 wins, tying for third all-time with 648 wins and a .553 winning percentage. "It's unfortunate. It's too bad," New York Rangers coach Tom Renney said. "You want to see the best players in the game playing. We all have a lot of respect for Marty and what he's done and we want to see him get healthy. But in the meantime, let's make hay."

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Canseco pleads guilty to charges

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Jose Canseco went to a Tijuana pharmacy looking for something to boost his testosterone level — low after years of admitted steroid use — and got himself in trouble again.

Limping slightly and saying he’s tired, depressed and nearly bankrupt, the former slugger pleaded guilty Tuesday to a misdemeanor offense of trying to bring a fertility drug across the Mexican border. He was sentenced to 12 months’ unsupervised probation.

The 44-year-old Canseco apologized to U.S. Magistrate Judge Ruben B. Brooks, saying, “I made a really, I think, really big mistake.”

Brooks wondered aloud whether to make community service and drug testing conditions of Canseco’s sentence. The judge decided against those stipulations after attorney Greg Emerson said Canseco is dealing with physical difficulties due to his steroid use and is doing his best to turn around his life.

“IT was ignorance on my part, it is all it was,” Canseco told The Associated Press afterward. Canseco, who said he also has a bun knee, faced a maximum sentence of one year in prison and a maximum fine of $1,000. The former star was ordered to pay a $25 special assessment.

“I didn’t realize you needed a prescription, and obviously I’m paying for it,” he said. “I do have a prescription for it now. I wish I would have gotten it sooner. I wouldn’t be going through all this.”

In his 2005 book “Juiced,” Canseco admitted to using steroids and also alleged steroid use by other baseball players, which attracted Congress’ attention.

On Tuesday, Canseco said he was using to try to restore his testosterone level wasn’t working, so he went to a Tijuana pharmacy seeking something better.

“I didn’t go down there looking for steroids,” Canseco said while seated on a bench outside the courtroom with his girlfriend, who gave only her first name, Heidi. “I needed something to help me get my own levels back to normal, just to get me to, you know, normal working conditions, I guess.

“Well, when you have no testosterone level, you’re depressed, you lose muscle mass, no sex drive, no libido, you have nothing,” he added. “You’re kind of like tired, depressed all the time. You just don’t want to do anything.”

The former AL MVP and Rookie of the Year was a six-time All-Star who hit 462 home runs in 17 seasons.

NFL

Quinn introduced as Browns QB

BEREA, Ohio — Derek Anderson answered the final question, bowed his head and stared blankly at the floor. He then walked slowly toward a door at the far end of Cleveland’s locker room, pausing to exchange a fist bump with linebacker and fellow team captain Andra Davis on his way out.

Seconds later, Brady Quinn entered to face a media semicircle in front of Anderson’s stall.

Quietly, the quarterbacking torch was passed.

On a Tuesday in which change was the buzzword across the country, power shifted for the Cleveland Browns.

The team began a new era with fan favorite Quinn as its on-field leader. He’ll replace Anderson, benched by coach Romeo Crennel who said he based his decision on the Pro Bowl QB’s inconsistent play, Cleveland’s poor offensive ranking and the club’s disappointing 5-5 record at the season’s halfway point.

“I felt like we needed a different dynamic on the offense,” said Crennel, who added that he had been considering a Quinn-Alex Starke rotation “for a while now.

The switch came one day after Anderson threw a costly interception late in the fourth quarter of Sunday’s 37-27 loss at home to the Baltimore Ravens. Thousands of Browns fans, who have been enamored with Anderson, who hit 462 home runs last season, was shocked by his demotion.

But the soft-spoken, rocket-armed, 25-year-old understands the rationale behind the change.

“We didn’t win enough games,” he said. “We’re 3-5. That’s how it is in this league. It’s a bottom-line thing. RAC (Crennel) has always told us that, you’ve got to win. That’s kind of how things go and a lot of times it goes to the quarterback.

Anderson threw six interceptions in his first four games, but he had just one in his previous four and seemed to be getting himself turned around. It didn’t help him that No. 1 wide receiver Braylon Edwards had dropped 14 passes and that he hasn’t had his full complement of targets with Joe Jurevicius out for the season and Donte’ Stallworth slowed by injuries.

“Obviously it is a team game and I can only control what I can control,” Anderson said. “Obviously it’s tough getting your job taken away from you. It means a lot to me. I put a lot of effort into it, and that’s probably the hardest thing for me.”

The Browns now turn to the wildly popular Quinn, whose No. 10 jersey was already in the stands and should see another spike in sales. Quinn has prepared for the possibility ‘he’ll get into a game by studying film, directing the scout team and helping Anderson get ready.

Now, he’s the one in the spotlight — and under the magnifying glass.
DENVER — Denver coach George Karl has been petitioning for a pure point guard, a player with a proactive passing mentality.

He got his wish when the Nuggets acquired Chauncey Billups from Detroit on Monday in a trade involving Allen Iverson.

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Besides acquiring Billups, the Nuggets got Antonio McDyess and Cheikh Samb from the Pistons.

If McElroy ends up playing for the Nuggets, it will be his third time with the team. But

there's a chance the cost-cutting Nuggets could buy out his contract.

"We'll let you know something when we know something," Nuggets vice president of player personnel Rex Chapman said after practice Tuesday.

Karl wouldn't mind having McElroy around, a forward who's retooled his game after serious knee injuries.

"Antonio used to be a runner, an athlete, a rebounder, a rim-hitter," Karl said. "Now he plays the game. He'd be good for us."

After a day to digest the news of the deal, the Nuggets were looking forward to the arrival of Billups for his second stint in Denver. They don't think he will take long to get acclimated.

"They can't afford any lag time," Smith said. "We think he's going to fit whatever the coach wants me to do."
against Pittsburgh and had an MRI on Monday to determine the extent of the injury. "I just looked at him, and based off of MRI results, it looked like they have something he might have to get it scoped," Weiss said. "We don’t want to be in that position. I’m not saying, but just looking at him, it didn’t look like he was ready for a while. So that just means we move [freshman] Trevor (Robinson) up and let’s go.”

Charlie Weiss
Irish coach

"Just from looking at him, I would imagine he’d be gone for a little while. And based off MRI results, when they come back he might have to get it scoped... so that just means we move [freshman] Trevor (Robinson) up and let’s go.”

Gannon
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for the players to sprint out of traps and throw a hand in the shooter’s face. "I think it’s getting a lot better," McGraw said. "The sense of urgency, the awareness is much better. I’ve really been pleased with that.”

The Irish finished last season 25-9, 11-5 in the Big East, but shooting guard and leading scorer Charlie Allen and starting point guard Tuhyah Gaines both graduated. This year, Lechlitner will lead the offense. "What I see is that she’s really leading the team," McGraw said. "She’s definitely in charge when she’s out there, the team really looks to her.”

Lechlitner said the team’s offensive production can come in a variety of different ways. "There are a lot of opportunities, a lot of different ways you can score out of it," she said. "The freshman are adapting to the struggles of learning a new offense well, McGraw said. Since the team has so many veterans, however, McGraw said the freshman will have difficulty cracking the lineup. The veterans are a bit ahead of them in just knowing what we’re doing," McGraw said. "We’re doing a lot of the same stuff we’ve been doing last year so it’ll be easier for them. There’s a big learning curve for the freshman but they’re handling it really well.”

Novosel said learning the offense will allow her stop focusing on what she’s doing and simply play the game. "You don’t have to think about it, you just go out there and play," she said. Sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski is nearing full health after missing the second half of last season with a torn ACL. McGraw said she was surprised by Peters’ level of participation this fall. "She gets a little stronger every day. She hasn’t missed anything," McGraw said. "She’s been really working hard.”

Lechlitner said it will be nice to have Peters back to assist with shot-blocking and the press, which Peters played a large role in last year. McGraw said she will tinker with some lineup changes during the game. What she said she wants to avoid, however, is putting all of the freshmen in at once, so she wants to mix one or two of the younger players in with the veterans. "We’re going to start with a veteran group and try to get the freshman in as quickly as we can," she said.

Gannon finished last season 16-12 and 10-7 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. The Golden Knights scored 71.5 points per game and made seven 3-pointers per game.

Junior guard Kristina Freeman made 48 3-pointers last season and hit 37.5 percent of her shots from behind the arc. Junior guard Kim Vargas led the Golden Knights in scoring last season with 16.2 points per game.

Notes:

• Peters will not play in the Gannon game because she missed a tutoring session.
• McGraw said Lechlitner, senior guard Lindsay Schrader, junior guard Ashley Barlow, sophomore forward Breca Bruszewski and junior center Erica Williamson will start.

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In the second set, Adrian's defense, a strength all season long, clamped down in the late going to seal a 25-22 victory. In the third set, the Belles gained an early edge before mistakes allowed the Bulldogs to rebound and seize a 25-21 victory.

The Saint Mary's offense sputtered throughout much of the fourth set, and several late errors sealed their fate as Adrian claimed a 25-19 victory, clinching the match. Hellmann led the Belles offensively and defensively with a .318 attacking percentage and 18 kills alongside 25 digs and 1.5 blocks. Sophomore defensive specialist Meghann Rose added 21 digs and four service aces. Junior setter Liana Rohr kept the offense running with 43 assists in the absence of the regular setter, freshman Danielle Brink.

Quiet throughout the match was hitter Lorna Słupczynska, the junior provided the spark for Saint Mary's all through the season, leading the team in kills while providing 2.82 assists per game. Słupczynska finished the night with 10 kills against seven errors in 36 attempts for a .083 attacking percentage.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said that the offensive game plan is "right in front of you" before a game, but rather has to adapt throughout it, at his weekly press conference on Tuesday.

"I think that when you're running things on offense, it's just gritting it out and the running game," he said. "I think the complexion of how a game goes has a lot to do with how you call a game."

Weis was responding to comments about his team's inabilities to close out games in the second half. The Irish had two three-loss leads in two of their three losses on the season — at North Carolina on Oct. 11 and Saturday against Pittsburgh.

After the loss to the Panthers, sophomore wide receiver Golden Tate said that he felt the team has the tendency to get complacent. Weis was not pleased with Tate's comments, and said as much during his press conference on Sunday.

"Let's just say that I'll have a talk with Golden and he won't be saying that any more."

Weis seems to be the team spokesman for two weeks in a row now, just like Michael Floyd was trying to lateral the ball in the North Carolina game," Weis said of Floyd's fumble on the final play of the North Carolina loss, which Tate also commented on.

Although Weis said his team is not complacent, he did say that shifts in games can sometimes change the entire dynamic of the game.

"I mean, sometimes as you're grinding it out and getting first downs or not getting first downs, you're content with playing a field position game ... But the complexion of games sometimes changes as all of a sudden — let's say you're shutting the team's offense down and all of a sudden they start kicking it into gear," he said. "The complexion of the game, there's ebbs and flows that happen in a game. So I think each game has its own set of circumstances that come with that."

Weis commented specifically on the performance of his defense against Pittsburgh. The Panther offense could only muster 71 yards of total offense in the first half Saturday, but an early Harrison Smith personal foul jumpstarted the Pittsburgh offense, rejuvenating the team for the second half.

"You're feeling pretty good about your chances, just as long as you keep on doing what you're doing," he said. "And all of a sudden the momentum starts to go the other way, then you have to go ahead and react accordingly."

Notes:

- Irish right guard Chris Stewart injured his knee running onto the field Saturday.

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Muffet McGraw means what she said during media day about stopping the 3-pointer this year. So much so that in practice, if a 3-pointer shot goes uncontested, the players must run sprints.

"In the beginning it was pretty atrocious actually," freshman guard Natalie Novosel said. "We were running a lot during practice. But it's gotten a lot better."

Notre Dame's exhibition game against Gannon tonight will test its progress in perimeter defense — Gannon shot 60.4 3-pointers last year.

"We're going to be tested right away," McGraw said. "It's definitely one of the big things we're going to look at."

Junior guard Melissa Lechlitner said McGraw wants the team to contest all perimeter passes to prevent easy looks.

Bring it on

Melissa Lechlitner ready to lead squad, starting with tonight's home exhibition game

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

SMC Volleyball

Belles out in MIAA's first round

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's season ended Tuesday night with a first-round loss to Adrian in the MIAA Tournament, dropping the match in four sets to the Bulldogs, 21-25, 25-22, 25-21, and 25-19.

The loss capped a 9-7 MIAA season for the Belles, who went 18-11 overall.

The Belles' regular-season MIAA record had earned them the No. 4 seed and first-round home court advantage against No. 5 Adrian, who finished 8-8 in the conference and 15-15 overall.

The Belles previously clashed with 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

Men's Soccer

Irish wait, watch as Big East tourney opens

Observer Staff Report

After Saturday's 1-0 win at West Virginia clinched the Big East Blue division, No. 13 Notre Dame will get to watch the 12-team conference tournament field narrow itself to eight without playing a game. On Saturday, the Irish (11-1-2, 7-2-2 Big East) will host either the Mountaineers or Louisville, who play at 2 p.m. today.

A win Saturday would place the Irish in the semifinals Nov. 14 in Tampa, Fla.; one victory away from the Nov. 16 championship game.

In other first-round action, Villanova plays at Providence, with the winner set to face St. John's, the Red division's top team. DePaul hosts Pittsburgh today for the right to play at Connecticut.

Girardti plays at Georgetown tomorrow in the final first-round game, the winner of which will play at South Florida.

If the seedings hold, the Irish would draw USF in the semifinals.

Hockey

ND shores up power play

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Last week's five power-play goal explosion may have come as a surprise to some Irish fans, but for Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson, it was just a culmination of something the team had been working on all week in practice.

"We work on power-play skills and then we work on tactics," Jackson said. "We want our players to be creative, but we want to give them some guidelines to look down the

Irish junior right wing Ryan Thang handles the puck during Notre Dame's 3-2 home loss to Miami on Oct. 25.