ELECTION 2008

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ND Votes holds final election forum

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

ND Votes '08 hosted its final Pizza, Pop and Politics event in the Coleman-Morse Lounge Wednesday, which featured two professors who explained the Tuesday's results, along with the election's future implications.

Political science professor David Nickerson spoke about the the Coleman-Morse Lounge Tuesday, and in doing so has given hope to millions of black people who once thought they would never live to see a black president.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The good 'ole days

When say the "good 'ole days," I'm not talking Notre, Ara or even Lou — I wasn't alive for the reign of the first two and was too young to appreciate all that is Lou Holtz.

No, when I ask if you remember the good 'ole days, I'm talking about the most recent peak of Irish football, the last glimpse of what big games in Notre Dame Stadium should be like. And, in a sad sign of the current — but not permanent, I might add — state of Notre Dame football, that "peak" came in a loss.

I'm taking out USC 2005 — you know last game with that Bush-league push.

Standing on the sidelines of Saturday's four-overtime loss to Pitt, I won't describe it as gut-wrenching, or heart-breaking, or mind-hurting, or unexplainable, or unreasonable, because it was all of those things. I couldn't help but wonder what I would have been thinking had I been back in, yes, the good 'ole days, when a three-point lead to the hated Trojans would have been more disappointing than shocking in, shocking that the game was that.

As I ran from the North end of the field to the South four times with dozens of reporters following the overtime action, so, I was invested in the game — it's my school, after all. But the facts remain that this team, despite its talent, just isn't yet to the point where this loss should merit the kind of cell phone-breaking, note-book-throwing, tantrum-starting kind of reaction that the '05 loss to USC induced.

When the Florida Gators — my dad's alma mater and the only team I'd consider rooting for against the Irish — lost a 31-30 home game to Mississippi earlier this year, I screamed, sobbed and swore all afternoon, even as last in the Notre Dame Stadium press box for the first time and with a half-decent Jimmy Clausen and the gang guttae Pudge.

Why? The Gators, with a national title two years ago against a tradition of winning big games, have earned the high expectations placed upon them. When they fall short, it hits hard.

But the Irish, God love them, just haven't earned the high expectations we, as hard-headed Irish Notre Dame followers, insist on placing upon them.

Put things in perspective. This is a team that hasn't won three in a row, so far, thus they're likely heading to a halfway-decent bowl game this year is an accomplishment — don't overlook it, appreciate it.

Of course the loss to Pitt hurts. It was a game the Irish and their fans expected to win and truly should have won. The Irish didn't get it done, but there's still a lot left to accomplish for this team, even if it falls short of somewhat-unrealistic expectations;

The Irish will soon have a return to the true "good 'ole days," when Notre Dame's on-field record will match its storied tradition and top-caliber talent. But until then, I can only remember, both with envy and disgust, USC '05 as the closest thing to them.

The views expressed in the Inside Columns are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Gamber at mgamber@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, some stories did not end as they should. See the Nov. 9 edition of The Observer. Please see The Observer's Web site at www.ndobserver.com for the full text. The Observer regrets this error.

OFFBEAT

Jogger runs a mile with rabid fox attached to arm

PREScott, Ariz. — Authorities in Arizona say a jogger attacked by a rabid fox ran a mile with the animal's jaws clamped on her arm and then drove herself to a hospital. The Yavapai County sheriff's office said the woman told deputies she was on a trail near Prescott on Monday when the fox attacked and bit her foot.

She said she grabbed the fox by the neck when it went for her leg but it bit her arm.

The woman wanted the animal tested for rabies so she ran a mile to her car with the fox still clinging to her arm, then piled it off and tossed it in her truck and drove to the Prescott hospital.

FBI: Airline passenger restrained with duct tape

RALEIGH, N.C. — An airline crew used duct tape to keep a passenger in her seat because they say she became unruly, fighting flight attendants and grabbing other passengers, forcing the flight to land in North Carolina.

Martin Esther Castillo de Oviedo, N.Y., is due in court Thursday, charged with resisting arrest and interfering with the operations of a flight crew aboard United Airlines Flight 645, from Puerto Rico to Chicago.

Castillo, 45, struck a flight attendant on the buttocks with the back of her hand during Saturday's flight, FBI Special Agent Peter Carricato said in a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Charlotte.

She also stood and fell on the head of a blind passenger and later started pulling the person's hair, the complaint stated.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Student group asks for sponsorship

Club hopes to make trip to ASHA convention in Chicago later this month

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Communicative Disorders Club asked Board of Governance (BOG) to help fund their trip to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) convention during the Board’s meeting Wednesday night. The convention is being held in Chicago from Nov. 20-22.

The club represents Saint Mary’s newest major on campus, Communicative Disorders, which began last year, Amanda Blackwell, president of the club, said. “The reason we are asking for sponsorship is so that we can be a prominent voice on campus for people who have communicative disorders,” Blackwell said.

“The convention consists of seminars and learning sessions for the students, a graduate school fair and other networking opportunities,” Blackwell said.

“It’s where 1,200 speech language pathologists and audiologists from all over the world come together and share the most current research and talk about the most pertinent issues pertaining to our field,” Blackwell said.

The group would like to share the information they receive at the convention with their fellow classmates, Frannie Shelburn, vice president of the club, said. They hope to give an information session to students as well, she said. After voting on the co-sponsorship, student body vice president Sarah Falvey said the Constitution Oversight Committee met for the first time Monday and began discussing possible amendments to the Constitution. "We are going to try and hold a Constitution Forum in the next two weeks," Falvey said. She wants to give students the opportunity to voice the changes they would like to see made.

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One of the changes she said she would like to look into was the time frame for student government elections. Although Election Commissioner Francesca Johnson would have to propose any changes. “The Constitution currently states the elections should be held during Heritage, which is traditionally the second week of April. Falvey said. The committee would like to decrease the amount of time between the elections and when the new elected officials actually take office. Putting back the elections would also give the Board the opportunity to finish the Constitution in time for students to vote. “I would like to have the Constitution revised so that students can vote on it at the same time they vote on the president and vice president, and I don’t think we can have it done by the second week of school,” Falvey said.

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Abroad students take in ‘08 election

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

Students abroad noticed two interesting trends: Foreigners took a stronger interest in the election and they overwhelmingly supported Barack Obama.

Junior Becky Kant, who is studying in China, watched the coverage in a hotel. The event was hosted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. “We were surrounded by members of the Chinese press who began snapping picture after picture of our reactions to the results,” she said. “With all those cameras flashing around us, we felt like celebrities although all we were doing was showing support for our country.”

She also noticed some things about the American government’s presence in China. “There were tables set up explaining the American method of democracy in an attempt to show these ideas to the Chinese,” Kant said. “I felt it was a large form of propaganda for the American system of government.”

Junior Tiffany Oller went to a bar in Angers, France to see who would be her next president. She was surprised about the level of interest around her. “I was astonished to learn that even the nine-year-old grand-daughter of our host parents knew who Obama was and wanted him to win,” she said. “The surprising part of the French opinion towards our elections was the strong, unified support of Obama over McCain.”

Junior Michelle Nguyen, now in the London Program, had some festive discussions with fellow students before heading out for the night. “Ugandans — and Africans in general — are obsessed with Obama, so there is wild excitement throughout the city,” she said.

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The Last Nomads of Europe

The Roma and their Migration

Lecture by Dezső Benedek
Associate Professor of Comparative Literature and Cultural Anthropology
University of Georgia

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Public Welcome
Race

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Outlaw’s assessment, saying Obama has provided an inspiration to all black people, but there is still work to be done. “President Obama has knocked open a huge door for African-Americans to do anything we wish to achieve and he has given us the strength to know that sky is limit,” he said. “However it is still our responsibility to walk in that door.”

Outlaw said the focus on the economy and the wars overseas has helped numb the issue of race in the campaign. If the country were not in such dire straits, the so-called Bradley Effect, where voters have trouble pulling the lever for a black candidate, might not have seen the few people who still think we are living in the Civil War era and still cannot fathom how on earth a black man was elected.

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“Race is still relevant to society, and still presents a major challenge. “If we elect an African-American to the most powerful position in the world, people would tend to say that race is no longer relevant,” he said. “That is the downside to Barack Obama’s success.”

Outlaw said she hopes there is no racist backlash after this historic event, and Tipton added Obama’s wide appeal will probably help prevent any widespread violence. “Of course we are going to have those few people who still think we are living in the Civil War era and still cannot fathom how on earth a black man was elected,” Tipton said. “However I think that a majority of America is behind President Obama, and this backlash will be minimal. To quote Sen. McCain, ‘The American people spoke, and they spoke clearly.’”

Outlaw said the diversity she saw at the Obama rallies across the country bodes well for future race relations and collaboration within the Obama presidency.

“What is promising was the diversity that was seen in Grant Park, Times Square and Harlem, which is a true picture of what we as American people who work collectively can accomplish,” she said.

Outlaw, who still has vivid memories of the Civil Rights Era and the atrocities committed by men such as George Wallace and Bull Connor, concluded by saying Obama’s election is just one more step on the road to full equality.

“Racism unfortunately, is alive and well, this is a step to begin to eradicate it, but more is needed, which includes a change in mindset and acceptance of all humankind,” she said. “We still have to address disparity in housing, education, employment and other areas, where institutional racism is deeply embedded.”

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraqi officials expect no hasty pull-out

WASHINGTON - President-elect Barack Obama Thursday vowed to end the U.S. combat mission in Iraq by 2011, but expressed reservations about the possibility of an abrupt withdrawal, in a speech to Congress that sought to reassure the nation's military commanders on the ground.

With the economy on the recovery track and the economy No. 1 on American voters' minds, the Iraq pullout plans are a top priority for Obama and his national security team confronted a formidable task complicating the path to the war's end. However, he assured America that all efforts would be made to bring the war to an end.

OMAN'S SECRETARY OF STATE, MARK RITCHIE, MAINTAINED HIS STANCE OF NOT KNOWING ABOUT THE館 RESULT OF THE RECOUNT.

ST. PAUL — A slugfest for nearly two years, Minnesota's U.S. Senate race headed into a new round Wednesday as the campaigns geared up for an automatic statewide recount to determine whether Republican Sen. Norm Coleman's bare lead over Democratic challenger Al Franken would stand.

Coleman declared himself the winner of Tuesday's election. But if his lead were to be tossed out, Franken said he would let the recount play out, hoping it would erase the incumbent's 475-vote lead out of nearly 2.9 million ballots.

State officials said the recount wouldn't start until mid-November and would probably take weeks.

If he hangs on, Coleman would be among the Republicans who survived Democratic gains in Senate races nationwide. Democrats controlled two Republican incumbents and picked up three seats held by retiring Republicans. Three other Republicans besides Coleman were trying to hang on in races too close to call.

"Yesterday the voters spoke. We prevailed," Coleman said Wednesday at a news conference. He noted Franken could opt to waive the recount.

"It's up to him whether such a step is worth the tax dollars it will take to conduct," Coleman said, telling reporters he would "step back" if he were in Franken's position.

Franken's secretary of state, Mark Ritchie, said the recount would cost 3 percent to 4 percent of total ballots, or about $90,000.

As counties and Ritchie's office reconciled their unofficial vote totals Wednesday, Coleman's margin fluctuated but was at 475 votes Tuesday. Democratic challenger Franken had 1,211,642 votes, or 41.99 percent of the total vote, while Coleman had 1,211,167 votes, or 41.91 percent.

Dean Barkley of the Independence Party was third with 15.16 percent.

"We won't know for a little while who won the race, but at the end of the day we will know the voice of the electorate is clearly heard," Franken said Wednesday.

"This has been a long campaign, but it is going to be a little longer before we have a winner." Franken said his campaign was looking into reports of possible irregularities in Minneapolis, where some voters had trouble registering, though he didn't elaborate.

"We'll all have to be vigilant and work together to complete this recount successfully," his attorney, David Lillehaug, said.

Coleman said he had hoped that "the healing process would begin today" but indicated he would nonetheless begin preparations for a second term.

"My focus is going to be getting Minnesotans the leadership they deserve in these challenging times," Coleman said.

Ritchie, a Democrat, said a recount wouldn't begin until Nov. 19 and could stretch into December. It would involve hand counts by local election officials from around the state, and lawyers from both campaigns would be allowed to observe.

"No matter how fast people would like it, the emphasis is on accuracy," Ritchie said.

"Ritchie's office run a speedy recount in September of a close primary race for a Supreme Court seat. That took just three days, but Ritchie said the Senate race is different.

"Having a host of lawyers and other partisans injected into the process, that will change the dynamics of it," Ritchie said.

Each ballot will be inspected manually. Ballots with illegible or stray marks could be analyzed to determine voter intent, but partisan observers can challenge those decisions.

The five-member state canvassing board votes later on the challenged ballots.

Israël

Hostility in Israel claims six lives

Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel and Gaza's Hamas rulers scrambled Wednesday to contain a fallout from a deadly missile barrage that left 10 people dead and wounded scores of civilians in northern Gaza.

The army said it was targeting a rocket launcher, whose Islamic Jihad group identified as its own. The target had fired two rockets at the Israeli border town of Sderot and one of its leaders, Khader Habib, declared the truce over.

Hamas, which agreed in the Egyptian-mediated truce, said Israel was breach-

ing it. Before the Egyptian-mediated truce in June, near daily rocket barrages played havoc with southern border towns and Israel has not found a military solution to stop them. Retaliatory Israeli airstrikes killed scores of Palestinians in Gaza.
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and what will be interesting is to watch here is whether he embarks on more of what he said in the selection process.

But generally, Obama will choose to have a bipartisan staff. It is definitely think you will see some symbolic moves in appointments to the three high profile Republicans in the senior levels of his administration," he said.

Obama's bipartisan will extend into his dealings with Congress, according to Storin.

"He will make efforts to reach out to Republicans to socialize with them somehow," he said. "I wouldn't rule out working with Newt or McCain in that regard."

Storin said Obama's major accomplishments of change will be the result of this bipar-}

ship. "It's going to be very difficult for him to fundamentally change how these things are done," he said. "But the tone he sets and the spirit to the extent that he can in the partisan impulses of his own party, there should definitely be a change in tone."

These partisan impulses will most likely come from the Democratic Congressional Leadership which was the House of Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Storin said.

"Left to their own devices, Congress, particularly the House, would want to roll back the last eight years in eight weeks," Storin said.

But Storin said Obama would want to stand up to his own party.

"Judging by the way he ran his campaign and with his own self-confidence, Obama is smarter than that," he said. "It's smart enough to know it's a bad idea."

Obama will be helped by the fact that many of the newly-elected members of Congress are indeed on him for elections, Schumil and Storin said.

"Obama's word should be stronger than anybody else's," Storin said.

In terms of political initiatives, Storin said Obama will be on Iraq and health-care could be dis- traited by the economic crisis.

"I suspect that he will keep his promise to some extent with regard to Iraq," Storin said. "But Obama will not be willing to do something that leads to chaos. So I would take a specific timeframe to the bank."

Still, Obama's promise to end the war "is kind of a non-negotiable part of what made him president," Storin said. "He has to change the paradigm over there, including with regard to Afghanistan. He realizes that the idea that you can achieve a military victory with regard to Afghanistan we do more remote than in Iraq."

Storin said health care will be a prior- ity for the administration, but com- prehensive reform may not be success- ful.

There are going to be so many other problems and dis- tractions, including problems facing Social Security and the economy that a lot of other things that he has talked about are going to take a back seat for a while," Storin said.

Obama should mostly be able to pursue his own agenda in foreign affairs, according to Storin.

"He's an internationalist, he's a negotiator, he's a collabora- tor," he said. "There's going to be enormous change in how we do business internationally."

Obama has some skills that should prove to be particularly helpful in foreign affairs, Storin said. "He's a good listen- er, he's strong willed when he makes up his mind, and he's surrounded by smart people," he said. "Look for him to travel a lot and to talk to all sorts of people — friends and foes."

At the end of the day, Obama's promises of change will not come up empty, according to Schumil.

"Barack Obama is very differ- ent from the person who now occupies the White House, and in both policy and percep- tion, we will see change," he said.
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Dow Jones Industrial Average continues to slide as investors, looking past Barack Obama's presidential victory, returned to their fears of a deep and protracted recession. Volatility swept the markets as investors absorbed more bad news from the financial sector.

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The market was widely expected to give banks some breathing room after a group that bailed out the Standard & Poor's 500 index more than 18 percent and that cut the Dow's best weekly advance in 34 years; moreover, many analysts had warned that Wall Street faced more turbulence after two months of devastating losses.

Basis to borrow $550 billion for bailout

WASHINGTON — One day after Barack Obama was elected the next U.S. president, the outgoing Bush administration announced plans to borrow a record $550 billion to cover the historic bailout and a budget deficit that's expected to hit a near-$1 trillion next year.

The Federal Reserve, meanwhile, said it will boost interest payments to banks as authorities battle the worst financial crisis in decades.

The Treasury Department said Wednesday it will sell $550 billion in bonds next week, part of a massive borrowing effort to cover the $700 billion bailout and a budget deficit that's expected to hit a near-$1 trillion next year.

The central bank said it will slightly boost the interest rates it pays banks on their required reserves and the excess reserves they choose to deposit with the Fed. The rescue bill authorizes the central bank to start paying interest rates to commercial banks on the reserves.

The slowdown, which was sparked by a credit crisis that began in the U.S. last year, shows signs of spreading across the world. Credit Suisse on Monday cut its forecast for growth in China's oil demand next year to nearly zero from 4 percent on the back of lower economic growth forecasts.

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Crude oil prices continue to slide

SINGAPORE — Oil prices slid below $56 a barrel Wednesday in Asia, retreating after a U.S. Election Day rally, as expectations a slowing global economy will cut crude demand reemerged as the market’s dominant driver.

Light, sweet crude for December delivery was down $1.98 to $56.55 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange by midday in Singapore, ignoring the cue from Asian stock markets, which rallied as Democrat Barack Obama claimed an historic victory in U.S. presidential elections.

The contract overnight rose $6.62 to settle at $70.53 as the two-year U.S. presidential election campaign wrapped up.

"This is partly just a correction from a very large gain yesterday," said David Moore, commodity strategist at Commonwealth Bank of Australia in Sydney. "In the near term, worries about the international economic outlook will be really hard to overcome. The data flow is going to contain a lot of negatives that create pressure on the oil price."

Economic indicators out of the U.S. this week suggest the world's largest economy may be heading for its worst recession in decades. A Commerce Department report Tuesday said factory orders fell 2.5 percent in September from August, much worse than analysts had predicted.

On Monday, U.S. manufacturers reported lethargic numbers for October, slowing the worst reading in more than a quarter century, according to the Institute for Supply Management.

Steven Ridenhour of Eureka, Mo., sits in his kitchen Wednesday after recently being laid off from the nearby Chrysler plant.

Chrysler to cut 18,500 jobs as plant closes

Financial crisis causes businesses to layoff workers, close factories

Associated Press

Steven Ridenhour knows how to build a car. But after the Chrysler plant where he worked for 15 years in St. Louis shut down last week, Ridenhour has little else to show for his career.

With four kids, a wife and mortgage, Ridenhour, 39, is scrambling to replace his $28-per-hour pay. He isn't optimistic.

"I don't have any proof I have skills in any other area," he said. "So I'm competing with a lot of other people, and the odds aren't a lot of jobs around."

Workers across the country are stuck in similar straits. Even before the financial crisis hit the economy hard in late summer, economists had warned thousands of jobs would hit a near-$1 trillion next year.

"Firms are more aware of how sales are going and cutting employers right away," he said.

In October, PepsiCo, Inc. cut 3,300 jobs, Goldman Sachs Group Inc. cut 2,500 and American Express cut about 10 percent of its worldwide work force. And this week, Circuit City said it will cut about 17 percent of its domestic work force, or about 7,300 people.

Economists say the surge in layoffs is just starting, with some saying the unemployment rate could reach 8 percent or higher, which would be the highest since it hit 10.5 percent in December 1982.

The collapse of the housing and credit markets has led thousands of companies to retrench into spending and lay off workers. The cuts have dealt a spiraling blow that threatens to produce more job losses. As families have lost income, they've cut back on spending and hurt companies that depend on their consumption.
Festival hosts authors during Nov.

SUB holds Student Lit Night to allow students to present work

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Student Union Board hosted Ben Nugent as a part of the 42nd annual Notre Dame Literary Festival at the LaFortune Student Center Tuesday, which will feature three more authors in addition to a variety of other events throughout the month.

"The purpose of the festival is to bring authors to Notre Dame," festival programmer Alex Benner said. "The Student Union Board wants to give students access to real-life authors. They also get to see insights into what the literary profession is all about.

The festival lasts throughout the entire month of November and features authors from across the country as well as Notre Dame student writers. The festival began on Oct. 26 with Student Lit Night, which gives students a chance to showcase their own writing.

"Student Lit Night gives students a chance to present their work to other students," Benner said. "This year we had about seven or eight students and we featured short stories and poems. We're open to any type of genre.

The remainder of the festival features authors whose appearances are spread out over three weeks. Every author has one day in which they participate in a question and answer session in the afternoon followed by a talk and reading later that night. After the reading, there is a reception where the attendees are able to meet the author and have their books signed.

"We try to get a variety of authors," Benner said. "Novelists, journalists, short story writers have all been a part of the festival in the past." Benner says that the most important thing when selecting authors is to try and bring ones that "will be appealing to the Notre Dame community.

"The Student Union Board is looking to bring in authors that the students will find interesting. We hope that the festival generates interest in literature, reading and writing.

This year's selection of authors has something for every Notre Dame student.

The first author that spoke at the Montgomery Auditorium in the LaFortune Center Tuesday night was Nugent, who is a journalist and an essayist whose work has appeared in Time and The New York Times Magazine.

Nugent's most recent work is entitled "American Nerd: The Story of My People." It's a combo of memoir, history and cultural criticism," Nugent said. "It's stories of my nerdy childhood and also a history of nerdy people."

The second author is Rivka Galchen, who will be at the University tomorrow. Galchen is a novelist and the author of "Atmospheric Disturbances," a novel about doctor whose wife disappears but then meets a woman who not only looks and behaves like his missing wife, but also claims to be her.

On Nov. 12, novelist and short story writer Maris Silver will be speaking at LaFortune. Silver is the author of the short story collection Babe in Paradise as well as the novels "No Direction Home" and "The God of War."

The final author is the journalist and novelist Aleksandar Hemon, who will speak on Nov. 17. His latest novel, "The Lazarus Project," is a finalist for the National Book Award.

Overall, the Student Union Board hopes students who attend the festival will feel the desire to pick up a book.

"I hope that by attending something like this will spur someone to read," Benner said. "I hope that the festival encourages them to read for pleasure or even write themselves."

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AME to hold 34th annual conference

"Faith, Democracy and Values" will feature 100 presenters from around the world

Special to The Observer

The Association for Moral Education (AME) will hold its 34th annual conference, titled "Faith, Democracy and Values: The Challenge of Moral Formation in Families, Schools and Societies," at the University of Notre Dame from Nov. 13 to 15 (Thursday to Saturday).

Featuring more than 100 presenters from around the world, the conference aims to examine moral education and the ways it informs and, in turn is informed by, faith and political perspectives in a diverse and complex global community.

Principal speakers for the event will be James Youniss, Wylma R. and James R. Curtin Professor of Psychology at Catholic University and Fellow of the Life Cycle Institute, and Carolyn Nordstrom, professor of anthropology at Notre Dame.

The AME is the leading professional society for social scientists studying moral psychology, education, and values.

In conjunction with the conference, Notre Dame's Center for Ethical Education (CEE) will hold its second annual Notre Dame Symposium on Moral Personology on Nov. 13. This event will explore the relationship between personality theories and moral character with the aim of providing a psychological foundation for moral education.

Speakers for the symposium are John Boris of Washington University in St. Louis, Owen Flanagan and David Wong of Duke University, Jorge Mol of the National Institutes of Health, and Linda Stitka of the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The CEE (soon to be renamed the Collaborative on Ethical Education) builds ethical community and character and envisions a world in which media, sports and schooling embrace opportunities for ethical leadership and intentionally promote ethical growth. The center accomplishes its goals by fostering scholarship and developing resources for education, sports and media.

2nd Annual Alumnae Networking Exposition

@ Saint Mary's College

Weds., Nov. 5

5:30 p.m.
Vander Vennet Theatre
Q & A Panel with SMC Alums

Thurs., Nov. 6

11:45 a.m.
Dining Hall
Lunch with SMC Alums

4:00-6:00 p.m.
Student Center Lounge
Networking Exposition with SMC Alums

Business Casual Attire

Network with Saint Mary's Alums 
Explore Career Options 
Learn About Career and Internship Opportunities

Co-Sponsored by the SMC Board of Governance, Alumnae Relations Office and Career Crossings Office
SMC alumnae panel offers career advice

Members stressed importance of internships, writing skills in students’ job searches

By TARA SCANNELL
News Writer

A panel of Saint Mary’s College alumnae answered students’ questions about their future careers and gave valuable advice on their own experiences last night in Vander Vennet Theater.

Many of the panel members stressed the importance of internships in college so students gain experience before graduation. Gaining an in-depth knowledge of a certain field through internships sets an applicant apart from others and makes them more likely to get hired.

“I actually studied journalism in college but the one reason I didn’t really pursue it out of college was because I never interned and didn’t have that experience,” Sara Whitfield, a 2005 graduate who currently works as an assistant manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car, said.

Even if a student does not plan on applying for a job right after graduation, the panel stressed internships are resume builders which help when applying to law or graduate school.

The alumnae panel also explained the impact that Saint Mary’s had on how they approached their job searches prior to graduation.

“I think a lot of our professors tried to instill in us that you can do anything and there is no guy out there that can do anything better than you,” Jennifer Urgonski, a 2004 graduate who now works as an investment advisor for the John Hancock Financial Network, said.

Other alumnae spoke of how beneficial the emphasis the College places on writing skills impacted them.

“The writing skills that I learned here were essential. Being able to write well is beneficial in any job setting, and that’s something that Saint Mary’s teaches their students well,” Debbie Higgins, a 1992 alumna, said.

One regret several of the panelist shared about their interviewing experience is they felt they simply did not go on enough interviews.

“I should have just gone to more, if only for the interview experience,” Urgonski said. Emphasizing interviewing is a skill that needs to be practiced just like any other, Urgonski said she wished she had not been so critical about the interviews she chose.

Many of the students present at the discussion were anxious to hear the panel’s opinion on the affect the economy would have on graduating students’ job searches.

The general consensus was that it depends on the student’s area of interest.

“Hospitals are always in need, so nursing students definitely have an advantage,” Ellie Ryan, who received her nursing degree from Saint Mary’s College in 1986, said.

Panelists also advised students to set themselves apart from the group in interviews.

Sending a thank you note after an interview can often be the deciding factor between two closely qualified applicants.

When students asked panelists how well Saint Mary’s College was actually known on a national level, many turned to each other and laughed.

“There’s no question that Saint Mary’s is known on a national level, many turned to each other and laughed.

“Just wear your ring and people will know where you’re from. They recognize the ring and know we’re well-educated women.” Contact Tara Scannell at @saintmarys.edu

Sustainable Shorts Film Contest

We’re looking for your short films on the topic of sustainability. Your video could be broadcast nationally on NBC during the Syracuse game!

Entries are due Nov 17th
Details at greend.nd.edu

GO IRISH! BEAT SYRACUSE!
Palin’ll be back

Well, our long, national nightmare is finally over.
No more Joe Six Pack.
No more hawk-eye maxims.
No more candidates-as-terrorists.
The election is over, and Sarah Palin is on a plane back to Alaska, ready to dominate her wardrobe and become a grandmother.

For now.

In the next days, and weeks, and years, we’ll doubtless hear a few different ways to interpret this loss.

We will see the development of one of two storylines: either you will see Republicans try to return to Reaganism (claim that McCain was too similar enough to Reagan) or you will see them shift left (McCain was too Reagan-y).

Do we interpret this election as a rejection of the policies of Republicanism/Palin Republicanism of the last three decades (and more)? Or do we interpret it as a rejection of McCain?

To some — especially Democrats — this is a sign of the failure of Republican ideas. It is a rejection of the intellectual and pragmatic legacy of George W. Bush,” as a certain President-elect might put it.

It rejctes trickle-down justi­fied tax cuts and the PATRIOT Act and torture.

This is a refrain we’ve heard before, though W’s “mandate” in 2004 was supposed to be a rejection of Democratic policies. But, of course, the outcome of this year’s election and the state of the economy should make us question that wisdom. 2004 was not a rejection of Democratic politics and an embrac of Reaganomics.

It was a rejection of John Kerry and, at the time, an embrace of George W. Bush.

Bush (How strange is that to see in print?).

Now, 2008 is not 2004 and the collapsing economy made this election more about ideas than the 2004 election was. But, appropriately, to a certain breed of Republican this is a sign that John McCain simply was not a compelling candidate. McCain couldn’t decide if he was a Republican or an Independent.

He wanted to have one foot in each, and ended up in neither.

That’s what’s mean? It means that this isn’t the last we’ll see of Sarah Palin.

Last week, a McCain campaign advisor told CNN: “She is a diva. She takes no advice from anyone. She does not have any relationships of trust with any of us, her family or anyone else. Also, she is playing for her own future and sees herself as the next leader of the party. Remember: Divas trust only unto themselves, as they see themselves as the beginning and end of all wisdom.”

Saturday Night Live last weekend played on the same view of Palin: Tina Fey mocked-advertised “Palin 2012” T-shirts which weren’t to be worn until after Tuesday.

In her rhetoric and appeal, Sarah Palin represents some of the worst American politics has to offer.

Republicans — and Democrats — have long offered a false populism fused with “have a beer with you” likability as a winning strategy. They’ve been appealing because they seem to be like you — they don’t seem caught up in the pretentious self-righteousness of academia and Washington.

This Palin relies exclusively on her ability to have a beer with you. While others — Reagan, Bush Sr., and, yes, even W — combined their relatable-ability with the underlying knowledge that they are not actually just your average Joe Six Pack from down the block.

Palin’s consistent policy stumbles make no such guarantee.

Editors want people who seem similar to them, not people who are them. But by 2012 or, more likely, 2016, Palin will have a chance to improve. She’ll be a likely to position herself — maybe as a Senator — as your average Joe Six Pack who can speak competently on Meet the Press.

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The story of Sarah Palin will likely be one with which many of her supporters are particularly familiar:

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She will rise again, and I can only hope she won’t be the savior.

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A regular reaction typically follows in the wake of an election like the one just completed. Aware of the divisiveness of the past months, many instinctively want to reforge the unity — however tenuous or illusory — that the campaign season has shredded.

Neither the polarization nor the reaction afterwards is surprising. Political battles encourage the drawing of clear differences, as competing candidates present themselves in as good a light as possible, usually by simultaneously diminishing the competition. With electoral pressure eased after the votes are counted, however, a long-receded tide of fellow feeling returns to cover the backwash of an event like an election.

Yet it is worthwhile — before simply moving on — to consider the costs of the polarization typical of elections. Polarization encourages certain distortions in the portrayal of one's opponent — sometimes even outright mendacity. Yet polarization shapes self-presentation, too, in misleading ways, as those engaged in contested environments imagine themselves in terms of the ever-present content in which they have been engaged. Marginal differences with opponents loom large in self-presentation, while core values recede in the performative act of presenting the self. Thus polarization, at times necessary and desirable, can subtly distort self-perception.

Appreciating how polarized environments shape us represents a political maturity associated with responsible citizenship. But polarization increasingly shapes not only elections but our entire lives, both inside and outside the formal political arena. As someone committed to the church and the faith of believers, I care in particular about how ubiquitous polarization in church matters predisposes us to view religious beliefs and practices in ways that exaggerate the peripheral or marginal while submerging foundational aspects of our religious identity. It is all too easy, I believe, to think of our faith lives in terms of these features that distinguish us from others rather than from ourselves or fellow believers less like us. This is very dangerous.

I believe that frustrations with the Pharisais, as depicted in the Gospels, reflect this (and, perhaps more decisive ly, the early church's) instinct about the dangers of polarization in disturbing our religious sensibilities. Christ not only rejected the Pharisais' supposed hypocrisy, but also warned about how their very zeal led them to emphasize those aspects of their faith-based behavior that differentiated themselves from other Jews, at the expense of what they shared with them. Axiomatic to display their special status, the Pharisais (in the gospels portrayal, at least) paraded their works, emphasized their adherence to Sabbath regulations that burdened ordinary people, and delighted in showing how they exceeded required legal observances. In so doing, they risked de-emphasizing the central features of their faith. The logic of differentiation by which they determined their religious status distorted their self-understanding.

The Pharisees were neither the first nor last ambitious religious practitioners led astray by their very zeal. I observe these days that life in the church all too often generates the felt need to perform our religious identity in order to differentiate from rather than unite with. Zeal for holiness is to be applauded, of course. But when used for the purposes of self-congratulatory comparisons it is dangerous indeed, and not only for how it depletes others. We distort ourselves. We need to remember that unity is work, requiring constant vigilance. It is more than a discovered result in the backwash of an event like an election, even if we can break a sigh of relief after the commercials have left the airwaves. Moreover, unity in faith is a religious duty. Unity among Catholics, between Catholics and other Christians, among believers in the one God, among those who embrace religious faith, among people of good will — at each stage and in various ways unity at each of these levels of human interaction does not come naturally. It requires the kind of self-awareness that sees how the instincts to differentiate that typically accompany polarization can seduce us. Such instincts not only foreclose avenues to deeper unity, they lead us away from the important features of our lives of faith. Phariseism in the service of religious distinctiveness is an ever-present spiritual danger.

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FROM A BAR

Drunken revelry inappropriate

I believe that many of the celebrations that occurred after the elections were inappropriate and uncalled for. Several groups of students ran amuck and shouted bastards while the rest of us tried to stay focused on our studies. On my short walk to LaFortune, I noticed several instances of rioting. In one particular instance, I came across a group of girls shouting and screaming at the top of their lungs, disregarding the students working on final projects within Bond Hall. One girl had even taken off her shirt in what seemed to be a drunken frenzy and ran around at the top of the Bond Hall stairs. She had taken with her a student's bike, attempting to block the doors to Bond Hall. I also noticed a few other bicycles waving in the trees.

I believe that we are all entitled to celebrate the results of this years election, but we should do so with restraint. We cannot be aware that others on campus are trying to study for important tests and are working on important projects. We should show the same respect toward our fellow student as McCain showed towards Obama. We should not resort to rioting on campus and drunken revelry. If you want to go crazy, please take it to the bar.
By SHANE STEINBERG
Scene Writer

Ever since 2003’s “Mystic River,” Clint Eastwood has had the Midas touch. He reads a script, picks it up and turns it into Oscar gold. It’s as simple as that.

So it comes as no surprise that when it was announced that Eastwood’s latest film, “Changeling,” was slated for release this year, Oscar hopefuls throughout Hollywood began quivering in their shoes. Too bad Eastwood’s streak of brilliance ends here.

It’s an OK movie, perhaps even above average by some measures, but for a film bearing Eastwood’s stamp, “Changeling” doesn’t quite make the grade. Its plot is suspect, the actors give forced performances (minus Angelina Jolie’s perfectly-cast turn), and to make matters worse, in keeping with a mostly-faithful transition from historical record to script, writer-director J. Michael Straczynski ends up writing an open-ended conclusion that is far from satisfying. The journey, however, isn’t strong enough to justify the disappointing destination here.

Set in Los Angeles during the late 1920s, this arresting, true story chronicles Christine Collins (Jolie), whose struggles with heroin were the cover-up of her son Walter’s abduction, Eastwood’s latest film, Jolie steals the show. Perfectly cast as Collins, the script gives her the chance to shine, especially in the underpinning half of the film when she gets thrown in a psych ward, bringing back memories of her son’s disappearance in "In the Valley of the Dolls." She shines on her throughout the film’s two-and-a-half hour runtime, the rest of the cast is hung out to dry by her dominating on-screen presence.

As “Changeling” half-consciously tip-toes its way towards its disappointing ending, Eastwood piles climax upon climax in doing so he turns the film from a mildly interesting melodrama into a dull and increasingly contrived mess.

Under the ground. In the end, “Changeling” is probably more heavily criticized than it deserves to be, but that only because Eastwood has set the bar so high for himself that anything less than perfection is a disappointment.

In Hollywood, you’re only as good as you’re last film. With that in mind, it may be right to say that Clint Eastwood no longer has the Midas touch.

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In the Fontainhas district of Lisbon, Portugal, one man has met with local men and women to create a new kind of cinematic art. Tonight, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will host director Pedro Costa and show his latest film, "Colossal Youth." "Colossal Youth," the third in his series depicting the lives of marginalized Cape Verdean immigrants in Lisbon, "Colossal Youth," or "Juventude em Marcha" in its original Portuguese, follows 1997’s "Honeys" and 2000’s "No Quarto da Vanda" (in Vanda’s Room) in portraying the people of Fontainhas. The film reunites Costa with a man only identiued as Ventura, a 75 year-old Cape Verdean immigrant who has known Costa since the filming of "Luzias." The film also features Vanda Duarte, whose struggles with heroin were the focus of Costa’s 2000 film, "Colossal Youth," Ventura wanders between the former Fontainhas district, which has been razed by the city government in favor of new developments on the outskirts of Lisbon.

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In the film, Ventura visits Vanda and others of his "children," who call him "papa." His wife has left him, and he lives a meandering life between settlements. Ventura’s wife has left him, leaving him with little but the time to make rounds from child to child. The film depicts what the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Web site calls a "material and emotional wasteland," while also featuring Costa’s filmmaking style, one of rustic austerity and naturalistic dialogue. The blend of reenactment and improvisation of film and documentary, is an exercise in documentary filmmaking that should not be missed.

Contact Analise Lipari at alipari@nd.edu.
Weekend Events Calendar

**THURSDAY**

**Thurs:** SUB Movies presents "Tropic Thunder" in 101 DeBartolo at 10 p.m.

Crushing something politically incorrect, controversial, debaucherous, and just downright good, side-splitting fun? Then the summer blockbuster "Tropic Thunder" is the film for you. Washed up action star, Tugg Speedman (Ben Stiller), fresh off a bailed attempt to make the real handicapped world of "Simple Jack," teams up with the award-winning Kirk Lazarus (Robert Downey, Jr.), fake-addicted, fart-movie star Jeff Portnoy (Jack Black) and bawdy rapper Alpo Chino (Benjamin E. Jackson) to make the most expensive war film ever made. When the film quickly falls behind schedule, director Damien Cockburn (Steve Coogan) decides to take drastic measures, rigging the jumble with cameras and dropping his actors off to film, and die for themselves. Things heat up when a heroin-cartel discovers the midlife and don't realize it's all an act. This one is not to be missed. Admission is $3. (There are also showings on Friday 8 p.m. and Saturday at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.)

**Fri:** Howie Day at Legends, 10 p.m.

You've undoubtedly heard Howie Day's music. It's been featured on such shows as "Scrubs," "Grey's Anatomy," "ER," "Bones," "Cold Case," "One Tree Hill" and "Lost." The singer-songwriter's music has been compared to the likes of Dave Matthews and John Mayer and his hit single "Collette," off the album "Stop All the World Now," broke into the Top 10 of the US Adult Top 40 charts in 2004. Rumor has it that the native has a third album in production and a single "Everyone Loves To Lie" was released on Day's MySpace page in February. Day brings his solo act to Legends Friday along with Internet sensation Nick Zubeck. The show is free with a student ID.

**SATURDAY**

**Sat:** Aziz Ansari at Legends, midnight

Los Angeles based award-winning comedian up-and-coming star Aziz Ansari will be bringing his stand-up routine to Legends Saturday night. The NYU graduate starred on the MTV sketch comedy series "Human Giant" and has appeared on the hit HBO show "Flight of the Conchords" as well as Comedy Central's "Tropic Thunder.

According to Ansari's website, he currently has a part in Judd Apatow's new movie "Funny People" with will star Adam Sandler and Seth Rogen. Ansari is travelling with the star of the show "Covenem," Nick Kroll. If you're looking for some laughs after the game, stop by Legends for this free show (with a student ID).

**SUNDAY**

**Sun:** Third Day at the Morris Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

Since they formed in the early 1990s, the Christian Rock and Worship group Third Day has sold more than six million albums. Their 2000 record "Offerings: A Worship Album" went platinum and six other records have gone gold. The Grammy-award winning band dropped their 11th studio album "Revelations" over the summer with the help of none other than Howard Benson (Daughtry, Hoobastank) and it has become one of the highest selling Christian Alternative albums on the market. If you're looking for an added kick to your Sunday worship, check out Third Day. Tickets for the show range from $23.50 - $33.50 and can be purchased at the Morris Box Office or by calling 235-9190.

-Mark Witte

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**Dining Hall Dish**

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Sports Editor

Grilled cheese ... who doesn't love it? A childhood memory and one of the first meals a lot of people learn how to make, it holds a special place in a lot of our hearts.

The dining hall gives us the great classic version — goopy, buttery, cheddar cheese and white bread — most every day. This column gives you a selection of ways to put a twist on an old classic. Made using the Panini press, you lose the butter but keep all the good insides, making them healthier options! Want that golden brown goodness back? Butter them up and stick 'em in a pan at home. I think grilled cheese sandwiches are best served with tomato soup, an option the dining hall has most days, but they are good with a handful of chips and a pickle or a salad too. Don't forget the glass of milk to really take you back!

This week's recipes:

**Bacon, Tomato and Apple Grilled Cheese**

The savoury bacon and cheddar balance out the sweet tomatoes and apples in this sandwich, filling it with tons of flavor.

1. Pick up apple slices (or slice an apple yourself).
2. Pick up two slices of wheat bread.
3. Layer on two slices of cheddar cheese, tomatoes, the apples and bacon (two slices, rippled in half so that there is a full layer should be enough)
4. Grill in the Panini press until the cheese melts and the bread browns.

**Swiss and Spinach Grilled Cheese**

Most people think cheddar when they think grilled cheese, but don't forget the other options! This sandwich takes advantage of Swiss cheese, tosses in some pickles to give it a zing and uses dense dark bread and vegetables like spinach and bell peppers to make it really hearty.

1. Pick up two slices of dark bread.
2. Spread one side with Dijon mustard.
3. Layer with two slices of Swiss cheese, spinach, bell peppers and pickles.
4. Grill in the Panini press until the cheese melts and the bread browns.

Want an even easier option? Try ham and cheddar (sometimes like the dining hall does this one for you) or mozzarella or provolone and tomato. If you're really having a lazy day, you can take one of the dining hall's pre-made grilled cheese sandwiches, pull it apart, and toss in tomatoes or lettuce.

Quick Tip

Make a quick fruit salad. Slice up pieces of whole fruit and toss it in with whatever other fruit is available in the dining hall. Use yogurt or honey and lemon as a dressing.

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.
First other-time honorees for defensive excellence were St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina, San Francisco first baseman Adrian Gonzalez, Cincinnati second baseman Brandon Phillips and Pittsburgh outfielder Nate McLouth. The Houston Astros, who committed 16 fewer errors than any other major league team, did not have a winner.

Maddux has been a Gold Glove annually since 1997, managers and coaches vote on players in their own leagues before the regular season ends, but they may not select members of their own teams.

American League winners will be announced Thursday.

Pondering retirement after 355 wins, Maddux has been the NL recipient for pitchers since 1999, with the exception of 2003, when Mike Hampton interrupted the streak.

"I can't imagine winning two, much less 18," Wright said. "But I think it goes to show you how much pride he takes in winning." Last year with the Padres, Maddux snapped a tie with third baseman Brooks Robinson as the fewest in the majors for the most Gold Gloves. Maddux spent most of this season in San Diego before an Aug. 19 trade to the Los Angeles Dodgers. He struggled in seven starts down the stretch for the Dodgers, finishing the campaigns, going 2-4 with a 5.09 ERA to finish the year 8-13 with a 4.22 mark overall.

The four-time Cy Young Award winner may have lost a yard on that pitch, tailing a fastball, but his reflexes are just quick as a cat's on the mound. At 6 feet, 170 pounds, his simple windup has always left him in perfect fielding position after each pitch.

"I've seen some 70s hit pretty hard right back at him," Wright said. "Those kids, especially when they're 42, you just don't see that." Maddux worked four innings out of the bullpen during the playoffs and the Dodgers were eliminated by Philadelphia in the NL championship series. He filed for free agency after the World Series.

Victorino moved from right field to center this season to replace Aaron Rowand, a 2007 Gold Glove winner for Philadelphia before signing with the San Francisco Giants.

McLouth's award capped a breakthrough season for the 25th-round draft pick in his first year as a full-time starter. A bright spot for the last-place Pirates, he showed off his strong arm in the July All-Star game at Yankee Stadium by throwing out a runner at the plate to keep the score tied in the 11th inning.

"I am thrilled," said McLouth, the first Pirates player to win a Gold Glove since shortstop Jay Bell in 1993. "I worked especially hard on my defense from the beginning of spring training and I'm glad that all work paid off with this award. The Pirates have a long list of past winners like Roberto Clemente, Bill Mazeroski, Tony Pena and Andy Van Slyke. I'm especially honored to be included on that list."

All three NL outfield Gold Gloves went to center fielders.

"I take a lot of pride in being a complete player," Beltran said. "Even on the days when I don't get a hit, I feel I can make a difference in the field."

Phillips lost out to Arizona's Orlando Hudson last season despite leading the NL in fielding percentage, which he did again this year.

"I think this thing here is the best thing that ever happened to me," Phillips said. Winning the Gold Glove raises Phillips' salary next season by almost $1 million. The award earns Beltan $100,000 bonus, while Maddux, Molina, Boldin and Wright get $50,000 bonuses.

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Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas State State coach Prince was unable to rebuild the Wildcats into a contenter this season after they were under his predecessor.

Now after 2 seasons in Manhattan, Prince is in his way out and K-State is in the market for his next coach who can carry on all that Bill Snyder did in the Little Apple.

Kansas State athletic director Bill Krause fired Prince, effective at the end of the season, on Wednesday, three days after signing the coach to a five-year contract.

Prince took over as Snyder in 2006, his first head coaching job after 14 years at six different schools. He never lived up to the standard Snyder set before retiring 16-18, including 4-5 this year.

"It's a decision that we arrived at in the best interest in the University and the program," Krause said during a conference. "All along I've looked at understanding we're in a performance-based profession and in the final analysis we're at a point where our goal remains the same. A change is necessary.

Snyder was a consistent winner in 17 seasons as Kansas State's coach, turning a team that won one game from 1987-89 into that racked up at least 10 victories seven times, and reached bowl games 12 straight seasons from 1992-2003.

He retired after a 5-season in 2006, handing over the program to Prince, Virginia's relatively unknown offensive coordinator the previous three years.

Prince never got the Wildcats going in the right direction.

Kansas State State was 7-6 and went to a bowl game in his first season, but the program has regressed since, going 5-7 last season and losing four of Big 12 games.

The Wildcats have lost three straight bowl games this season and are 5-26-1 since 2005.

"What they want is a winning program," Prince said. "That's why we came here and that's why we do what we do, and ultimately educate those kids along the way. We're disappointed, but we're in a position to accept the decision that's been made."

In August, Kansas State signed Prince to a 5-year contract that runs through 2012, paying him a base salary of $132,000 with a total guaranteed package of $1.1 million. The deal included a larger buyout, meaning Prince will receive $1.2 million, along with a prorated longevity bonus of about $500,000.

"There's a plan in place and there's a method to how I want to have with some individuals," Krause said. "I'm coming down to the point where you have a list of folks you think have the ability to the take program and accomplish the things we want to accomplish."

Prince's team never had trouble generating offense, with a wide-open attack and an armed quarterback Josh Freeman piling up yards and points.

Defense was a problem, though.

Kansas State had one of the nation's worst last season, allowing 252.4 yards per game and the Wildcats have yet been worse this year, they rank 107th in scoring defense at 33.7 points per game and 108th in total defense at 444.67 yards per game.

Kansas State State allowed 110 points in its past two games, more than 30 times three in a row.

"Our objective in coming to Kansas State in December of 2005 was to establish a program that would be sustained for 40 years," Prince said. "Today, we ran out of time to accomplish that."
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NFL

Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo looks on during practice Wednesday at Dallas' training facility. Romo has not played since breaking his pinkie during a loss to Arizona on Oct. 12. The Cowboys have struggled without him.

Romo returns to practice during bye-week

IRVING, Texas — Tony Romo was back under center at practice Wednesday, once again zipping passes to Terrell Owens. Expect him to be doing so the next time the Dallas Cowboys play, too.

Romo's return from a broken pinkie on his throwing hand is coming along as expected. The clunky cast he wore the last three weeks has been replaced by a small splint and a practice Wednesday afternoon.

"It's still not all the way healed, but it's getting there," Romo said. "I can definitely grip the ball much better." Romo was hurt during a loss to Arizona on Oct. 12. He practiced a little that week and tried to play in the following game, but realized during warmups that his bulky bandage prevented him from properly controlling the ball and sat out over since.

Dallas went 1-2 without Romo, scoring no more than 14 points with Brad Johnson and Brooks Bollinger running the offense. The Cowboys scored at least 24 all six games that Romo played.

Associated Press

In Brief

Raiders cut ties with Hall after just eight games

ALAMEDA, Calif. — DeAngelo Hall's disappointing stint with the Oakland Raiders came to an early finish.

The Raiders waived Hall on Wednesday, less than eight months after they traded for the former Pro Bowl cornerback and gave him a $70 million contract.

Hall had a three-week window to earn a spot on the 53-man roster, but the Raiders announced his release Wednesday.

Raiders GM Reggie McKenzie said he wasn't surprised by the move and Hall didn't comment on the situation.

"I'm not going to tell you what they are, but I think this team is going to have its best football in front of it," he said. The Cowboys will prac­tice again Thursday, then have a three-day week­end. They'll return to the field Monday, then get back to their regular rou­tine Wednesday.

Gwynn gets 3-year contract extension at San Diego State

SAN DIEGO — Hall of Fame Tony Gwynn signed a three-year contract to remain the baseball coach at San Diego State, his alma mater.

The former San Diego Padres star is 173-190 in six seasons at SDSU.

"Now that the contract has been signed, we can move forward and concentrate on our aim of making Aztec baseball a perennial con­tender both in the Mountain West Conference as well as nationally," Gwynn said in a statement released by the school Wednesday.

"I remain fully committed to my job here at San Diego State and look forward to working with my staff and players toward these goals."

Gwynn has taken two of his teams to the title game of the NCAA tour­nament, and was the conference coach of the year in 2004 after leading the Aztecs to a first-place finish.

Giants place Super Bowl hero Tyree on injured reserve

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Super Bowl star David Tyree was told by the New York Giants that there will be no catches this year. Tyree, who made "The Catch" in New York's Super Bowl victory over the Patriots in February, was placed on injured reserve by the Giants on Wednesday. The move was made after Tyree ran out of time trying to get back on the field following offseason knee surgery and then a hamstring injury.

The 28-year-old Tyree spent the entire training camp on the physi­cally unable to perform list because of knee surgery. Being on PUP pre­vented him from playing until after the sixth week of the season. He had a three-week window to earn a roster spot after he started practic­ing on Oct. 15. However, a ham­string injury allowed him on the field only a couple of times.

Maryland at Virginia Tech

Tyree on injured reserve
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| 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Invited Speakers |
| Session 1: Finding Fairest Love in the Church of the Home |
| Session 2: Beyond the Rights of Children: The Family Critically Re-Examined |
| Session 3: An Aristotelian Feminism? |
| 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m. | Invited Speakers |
| Session 1: Fundamentals of Human Infant Biology and Its Relationship to Parental Caregiving: Western Constraints on Creating a “Fairest Love”? |
| Session 2: Families, Neighborhoods and the Built Environment: A New Paradigm for Notre Dame |
| Session 3: Lessons from the Locker-Room on Courtly Love |
| Session 4: Conscious Parenthood |
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| 3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m. | Colloquium Sessions |
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| 5:15 p.m. | Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart |
| 6:00 p.m. | Dinner |

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Steelers unsure if Big Ben will play

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger rested his sore right shoulder on Wednesday, although his latest tests showed no additional damage. The Pittsburgh Steelers might not know until late in the week if he can play Sunday against Indianapolis.

Byron Leftwich, who came off the bench to lead two key second-half touchdown drives against the Redskins on Monday night, practiced with the regulars and said he's ready to play if needed.

"It really depends on where he (Roethlisberger) is at the end of the week and if he's capable of being Ben," coach Mike Tomlin said. "If he's not, we will go with Byron."

Roethlisberger's MRI exam on Tuesday "is very similar (to his previous one), but it is not the same as it has been," Tomlin said.

Roethlisberger's throwing shoulder was slightly separated for a 1-yard touchdown run late in the first half of the Steelers' 23-6 win Monday night and did not play again.

"I think what happened was it was getting better, then it went back to square one," said Roethlisberger, although he is optimistic about playing. "I played through it before and we'll do it again."

Resting a week might not necessarily benefit Roethlisberger, Tomlin said, even if sitting out would temporarily alleviate the stress placed on the shoulder in games.

"I don't think he is any more susceptible to injury than if he was given a clean hill of health," Tomlin said. "I think it is one of those injuries that is going to be better in the offseason, like a lot of (the injuries) those guys have down in the locker room."

Despite the nagging injury, Roethlisberger has thrown 10 touchdown passes while guiding the division-leading Steelers to a 6-2 record.

Leftwich, if he is needed to play, knows the Colts well. He was Jacksonville's quarterback from 2002-06, going 2-4 against Indianapolis while completing 109 of 155 passes for 1,134 yards, six touchdowns and three interceptions.

"It's two different teams, two different organizations, but we did play each other twice a year," Leftwich said. "You know each other pretty well. But I don't think that, because he's had some success in the past, it will automatically carry over."

One problem for Leftwich is getting comfortable with a Steelers offense he only began learning two weeks into training camp. He didn't sign with them until Charlie Batch broke his collarbone Aug. 8.
Recently unretired Culpepper may start for Lions Sunday

Associated Press

ALLIN PARK, Mich. — The Detroit Lions tried to be coy about how much Daunte Culpepper practiced Wednesday and whether their new quarterback will play just days after signing.

In the locker room, though, it seemed obvious Culpepper is expected to make his Lions debut against the Jacksonville Jaguars.

“We’re throwing him in the fire right away,” captain Cory Redding said. “I feel like it’s something he can handle because he’s been in this league long enough. It’s like riding a bike.”

Coach Rod Marinelli and Culpepper declined to reveal how the first-string snaps were shared between the former star and second-year pro Drew Stanton.

But wide receiver Shaun McDonald provided at least a hint.

“It was pretty even,” McDonald said when asked how the repetitions were divided. “Daunte might’ve had a little bit more.”

Culpepper arrived in the Detroit area on Monday, was given a playbook when he signed a two-year deal Tuesday and then practiced the next day for the first time this year.

“I’m like a sponge right now, trying to absorb it all,” he said.

Culpepper may make his Detroit debut in haste because Dan Orlovsky’s injured right hand is severe enough to be covered by a soft cast and examined by a specialist and the team does not seem to be confident in Stanton.

Orlovsky, who started the previous four games, said he had “no idea” whether he could be ready to play this week.

Stanton hopes to get a chance to play in an NFL game for the first time.

Despite being a second-round pick last year, Stanton might not get a chance to play for the Lions, whose offensive coordinator said last week he didn’t want to embarrass Stanton by putting him in a game because he wasn’t ready.

Marinelli said Culpepper looked “solid.”

“It’s got to play out as the week goes,” Marinelli said.

The 31-year-old Culpepper had 10 lackluster starts and 11 appearances in the previous two seasons for Oakland and Miami. He was a three-time Pro Bowl quarterback in Minnesota before a knee injury stunted his career in 2005.

“Believe it or not, I was contacted a lot since I had retired,” Culpepper said.

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claimed himself just about fluent at listening to Norwegian but still unable to speak the language.
"It sounds like they're singing when they talk," Lapira said.
The former Irish striker has also had to adapt to a new set of coaches. After four years spent building strong relationships with head coach Clark and assistant coaches Jamie Clark and Chad Riley, Lapira has had his ups and downs gelling with his new coaching staff at Norteigburs.
"It has helped me in terms of realizing how biased professional sports can be," Lapira said. "My coach isn't my favorite person in the world, so you have to learn to say the least. It kind of helps you to know that the best player isn't always going to play because you're not the one who makes all the decisions."
But professional soccer in Norway does have its perks. The aforementioned log cabin on the ski mountain — paid for by the club — has put outdoor activities like hiking, fly fishing and skiing at Lapira's doorstep. In between all those outdoor activities, Lapira has still found time to do what he does best — scoring goals.
Though the South Bend native has scored for both the natural striker position, Lapira has scored eight goals in 32 games, good for third on the club. That type of performance should lead to increased interest in Lapira when his contract ends this month, although the former Notre Dame striker said he isn't concerned with that at the moment.
"I have an agent, and I think some staff has come in, but I've told him that I don't want to worry about that until the time is closer," Lapira said. "I like to worry about what's going on right now like getting my fitness up.
But such words don't mean Lapira isn't interested in exploring new opportunities once the time is right. With the professed ultimate goal of playing in the English Premier League, Lapira recognizes that a few intermediate steps may still lie ahead. Lapira said that signing with a first-division Scandinavian team or non-EPL team in Great Britain are more realistic immediate goals.
But Lapira is confident, or more accurately, he said he knows he needs to be confident to fulfill his goals if he wants to eventually compete against the likes of Liverpool, Chelsea and Manchester United.
"Confidence, patience, and confidence," Lapira said when asked what the defining characteristics of a first-class footballer are. "Confidence is the most important of the three. Confidence can turn a bad player into a good player and a good player into a great player. If I can get my confidence under control as well as my fitness, I think I'll be well on my way to achieving my goals."
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one her way into the game before tip-off, but she forced a turnover just eight seconds into her college career.
The entire Irish defense played in man-to-man form, holding Gannon to only 11-49 shooting (22.4 percent), while forcing 46 turnovers — 29 of steals. In fact, only forward Erica Solomon failed to grab a steal instead, the 6-foot-2 freshman had four blocks.
Solomon's most impressive stretch came in the second half, when Lady Knights guard Abby Rosel tagged out a seemingly wide-open 3-pointer from the right corner, only to see Solomon run fast and knock the ball out of bounds.
"She was really altering shots. The one she didn't block, I think she changed," McGraw said. "For her to run out there — and that wasn't even her job, she wasn't supposed to go out there — that was just a heads-up play. She saw that the ball was wide open and went out to help out and did a great job."
Solomon was filling in for forward Beavera Peters, who had to sit out Wednesday's game because she missed a tutoring session.
The one low point for the Irish against Gannon was their scoring. Even though Notre Dame did drop 96 on the Lady Knights, the team shot 47-of-67 from the floor (70.1 percent) and 17-of-29 (58.6 percent) from the floor and 3-of-34 (9-29) from the three free-line during the game. The free-throw shooting was particularly unremarkable; McGraw said, especially because last year's Notre Dame team shot 75.9 percent from the charity stripe.
McGraw said executing the offense will be a point of emphasis during upcoming practices this week.
"I thought we did a good job running the floor, but we didn't really run a lot of plays," McGraw said.
"One reason the Irish could not run their set offense was because they were almost constantly in a fast-paced offense. Notre Dame managed 56 points off turnovers — including 18 in the first half.
The fast break was mainly successful because of Notre Dame's defense. Freshman guard Frederica Miller played the least amount of time but still notched 13 minutes of game time and added five points and three steals to the Irish effort.
"I think it puts pressure on the defense when you can keep running fresh bodies in and out of the game," McGraw said. "I thought the pace of the game was very fast because I thought we were pretty well-executed most of the time."
Starting point guard Melissa Lechlitner could not run the Irish offense early in the contest after committing two fouls in the first four minutes, landing her on the bench for the rest of the first half.
"Nothing you can really do about the fouls. The refs make the calls and you just gotta take them and head to the bench," Lechlitner said.
But the junior found her minutes in the second half, and scored 13 points and had three assists without a turnover.
McGraw said she was pleased with Lechlitner's performance in the second half.
"I thought the second half is what you're going to see from Lech all year long," McGraw said. "I thought she just played great. She made good decisions, she took great shots, she performed well, she defended well, she ran the team. She did absolutely everything she needs to do to be a successful guard this year."
Notes:
- Skylar Diggins, a five-star recruit from Washington High School in South Bend, attended the Gannon game. Diggins took her official visit to Notre Dame last week end.
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University Counseling Center
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The Food Bank of South Bend, IN

The Food Bank of South Bend, IN Releases New Website

The Food Bank of South Bend, IN has recently launched a new website at http://foodbanksbnd.org. The new website features an updated food bank calendar, information on volunteering opportunities, and a resource directory for those in need of food assistance. The website also includes a blog where staff members and volunteers share their experiences and tips on how to best use the food bank.

In addition to the new website, the Food Bank of South Bend, IN has also launched a new mobile app for iOS and Android devices. The app allows users to access the food bank's phone number, hours of operation, and a list of the food items available at the food bank. The app also includes a feature that allows users to donate to the food bank directly from their smartphone.

The Food Bank of South Bend, IN is committed to providing food for those in need in the South Bend area. The organization receives food donations from a variety of sources, including local food banks, donors, and area restaurants.

The Food Bank of South Bend, IN is located at 930 Wilson Avenue, South Bend, IN. The food bank is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm.

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No Cover This Weekend at Legends
“We have a new coach this year and our entire team is just overall thrilled with the decision to have him coach here,” Sylvester said. “The program is a lot different than it has been in the past, and the practices are a lot more challenging than they were last year. Everyone has really stepped up to the challenge and just accepted that it’s going to be hard, even out of the pool. Practices seem to be going really well this early in the season and we have already seen some personal best times.”

With a year of experience under their belts, the Irish sophomores feel comfortable and confident about the upcoming season. Furthermore, the Irish sophomores share a strong bond with each other that helps them succeed along with their other teammates.

“I know I can speak for the whole team, and I can definitely say it for the sophomore class, but we do not like to lose whether it be as a team or in our individual races,” Sylvester said. “We are a really competitive class and team overall.”

Although the season is young, the team has high aspirations. For starters, Notre Dame looks to extend its 12-year Big East title streak. In addition, they will try to increase the number of qualifiers they send to the NCAA Championship. It is clear that, like their counterparts who line up on Saturdays in Notre Dame Stadium, any success that the Irish women have this season will greatly depend on contributions from their talented sophomore class.

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**ND Women's Basketball**

Tipping off

Irish secure win in first exhibition game

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

If freshman guard Natalie Novosel and the rest of the Irish had any opening game jitters, they sure had a funny way of showing it.

Every Notre Dame player who played registered at least five points during the teams’ 96-30 exhibition win over Div. II Gannon Wednesday night.

"It is a really great opportunity, mostly for the freshmen, just to get in front of a crowd with the uniform on," McGraw said. "I like these games because we get that jitters out. That's probably the best part of it."

Novosel was one of four freshmen who made their debuts during the win.

"I was really anxious just to get out there and then once I got out there not to go in there and try to do everything at once," she said. Novosel might have wanted to see GANNON/page 20

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**Men's Soccer**

ND grad Lapira adjusts to playing in Norway

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Settled in a log cabin on the top of a ski mountain surrounded by woods, rivers and bears, one might say that Louisiana native Joseph Lapira is a long way from home.

About 4,000 miles to be more specific.

After three record-setting seasons at Notre Dame that included winning the program's first-ever Hermann Trophy in 2006, Lapira opted for the fjords of Norway over the fertile plains of America and Major League Soccer (MLS). Tagged as a top prospect for the MLS SuperDraft, Lapira was put off by the MLS requirement that all players must sign at least a four-year contract.

If you ask any player in the States if they want to play in MLS or Europe, they'd say Europe because that's the center of football," Lapira said. "I didn't want to wait four years for a chance to come overseas."

With that reasoning, Lapira was off to the other side of the pond by last January — although Norway wasn't the original destination. Initially, Lapira received trials from several squads in Great Britain including Southampton and Nottingham Forest of the English Championship League. Lapira also got a look from Scotland's Aberdeen, who current Irish coach Bobby Clark played for from 1963-1982 while winning the 1980 Premier League Championship.

Lapira failed to receive a contract offer before the end of January, which marked the end of the transfer window for the British leagues. Consequently, if Lapira had signed a contract with a team in Great Britain, he would have been unable to play until the following season.

"My first few trials I wasn't in the best shape, and that might have cost me a few opportuni­ties," Lapira said. "After the Great Britain transfer window closed, the Scandinavian transfer window was still open, and that was ideal for me because I didn't want to be without game experience for several months."

A few weeks later, Lapira signed a one-year contract with Nybergsund of the Norwegian second division. Setting foot in Scandinavia for the first time, Lapira began his journey of European football and all that comes with it — culturally and from a footballing perspective.

Surrounded by new teammates and coaches who all speak an unfamiliar language, Lapira has made great efforts to improve his Norwegian. Hard at work since March, Lapira pro-

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**Women's Swimming and Diving**

Talented sophomores pace squad in meets

By MIKE GUTIMER
Sports Writer

Most Notre Dame students would probably agree that Notre Dame football’s sophomore class has had a profound impact on Notre Dame’s early-season success.

In terms of swimming, a trip to the pool this weekend’s meet against Purdue with an undefeated home record and they have not lost any of their 28 races at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. Of the 14 individual events the team won against Pittsburgh last weekend, all but one of them were won by a Notre Dame’s sophomore.

The 13 wins for the Irish sophomores against Pittsburgh were split amongst six different swimmers. Breaststroker and individual medley swimmer Samantha Maxwell won three individual events while distance freestyler Lauren Sylvester, sprint freestyler

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**Men's Tennis**

Team heads to William and Mary

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Senior Brett Helgeson will travel to Charlottesville, Va., to compete in the ITA National Indoors this weekend, while the rest of the team will compete in the William and Mary Invitational in Williamsburg.

"We are involved in two events this weekend," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Brett Helgeson was able to get into the ITA National Indoors in Charlottesville. This is an elite event limited to the top 32 players in the country and Brett secured one of only six at-large

Irish sophomore Stephen Havens attempts a forehand during the Tom Fallon Invitational on Oct. 11.