ELECTION 2008

Debaters weigh in on candidate performance

Students gather in Coleman-Morse to watch nominees square off on domestic issues for third and final debate

By KRISTIN DOLD
News Writer

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

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

Members of the debate team had a mixed reaction to the candidates' performances.

"I think Obama did a better job than McCain did in the past two debates," said Neelie Hall. "McCain appeared cool and level-headed, but Obama’s performance was stronger. He had a lot of new stuff to say and was very confident in his delivery." 

"The girls are so excited about the debates, even girls who aren’t so active in the club are talking about the debates and loving every minute of them," she said. "However, Obama did a good job articulating how his policies will affect them." 

"I don’t know if Joe the Plumber exists, but if he does, Obama did a good job articulating how his policies will affect him," said Ava Brown.

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

The final debate, held at at

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ELECTION 2008

Saint Mary’s political clubs anticipate election

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

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

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

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

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

"The Biden/Palin debate has brought a lot of good information to the table because of the way it played out," Nolan said. "The interest level is very high. I get daily e-mails about girls wanting to get involved in many different aspects of the club.

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

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Numbers attending Rep meetings increases exponentially

By KATIE KOTARAK
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College Republicans are getting excited for the historic vote on Nov. 4, said Erin Horvath, the president of the Saint Mary’s College Republicans, with involvement in the club up significantly since last year.

"This year, the group has nearly 70 members and 30 attend meetings regularly. Last year, honestly, we had between 2-5 girls at meetings... it was pretty sad," she said.

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

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

"I enjoy the meetings because a lot of different perspectives are expressed," Rusnak said. "Due to this year’s presidential campaign, interest and participation have increased, allowing the group to plan more events involving campus Republicans, Horvath said."

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

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Group promotes body love

Through yoga, dance and talks, Feminist Voice builds confidence

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

On a rainy Wednesday afternoon, some students were taking midterm exams. Others were writing papers. On the second floor of the Rock, 17 students were doing Downward-Facing Dog.

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

The free yoga session was

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Notre Dame Feminist Voice club members have been handing out pins for “Love Your Body Week”.

Board of Governance

Board fails to approve budget with stipend

By LIZ HARTER and ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writers

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

The budget, which failed to pass in a 14-11 vote, had been revised after last week’s meeting. The original budget included an $20,000 stipend for the Executive Board consisting of student body president Mickey Gruninski, student body vice president Sarah Falvey, executive treasurer Mo Weaver, Student Activities Board coordinator Michele Petersen, Student Diversity Board president Adrianna Rodriguez, Residence Hall Association president Maura Coughlin and executive secretary Jenny Hoffman, who has previously written for The Observer.

The revised budget decreased the amount of the stipend to $16,000 and increased the funding for the College's
INSIDE COLUMN

Undecided voter

I still don't know who I'm going to vote for.

If you don't know either, raise your hand. 

Now look around the dining hall to see how many other people haven't decided. Now feel foolish for a minute because you're the only one raising your hand.

I'll take just as long to fill out my MLL all-star ballots in June, so it could just be voter indecision. But I can't decide between Barack Obama and John McCain. It's not a matter of economy, policy, foreign relations or the aesthetics of the vice-presidential candidates. Campaigning doesn't do it for me. I know they're lying the whole time.

What I want to see is intelligence and reason behind the lies that tell me a candidate will perform well in office. I'm still waiting for a definite sign.

I've thought in passing about writing in an outsider for president. Brett Favre and Lil Wayne, obviously, were my first choices. But what about others who have previous experience as a world leader, even if they did so in a fictional setting? Then there's Sydney Ellen Wade, my favorite fictional president.

I think Whitmore 

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Robert Brink
Sports Editor

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Site offers opinions, reviews on top colleges

By ELLYN MICALAK
News Writer

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

"The college-resource market is typified by costly print guidebooks which generally have only a few pages of information, no photos, no interactivity and are written from the point of view of the expert — the students who attend the schools," said Jordan Goldman, founder and CEO of the New York-based company.

Goldman graduated from Wesleyan in 2004 with the idea to start an online student-produced college guidebook. After he e-mailed over 500 people in the Wesleyan database with jokes in finance, Goldman finally received a reply from Frank Sica, a former president of Sager Management. The two met, and Sica joined as Unigo.com's leading investor.

Goldman's company has grown exponentially over the past year — he has a Park Avenue office and 25 employee volunteers to work under him. During the past year, 18 full-time editors, 350 on-campus interns and more than 15,000 students contributed to create Unigo.com. Last year, Unigo began to collect information that is not on any campus list. Each on-campus managing editor was in charge of finding student liaisons on about 10 college campuses. One managing editor, Dan Maresca, sent an e-mail to Notre Dame's English department last spring looking for interns. Junior Lindsay Sena applied and now serves as the Unigo intern for Notre Dame. "The main reason I decided to work for Unigo is that I love Notre Dame," Sena said. "For far longer, I think high school students deserve to learn what Notre Dame is really about and why we are so incredible, but they shouldn't also learn that we aren't perfect."

Since February 2007, Sena has collected student reviews from Notre Dame students and taken photos for the Web site. Unigo even provided 100 of its interns with flip video cameras to include "unofficial" footage of campus life on the site. One video Sena created was an "unofficial" campus tour. A Notre Dame official told Sena to stop making money from the technology fund," Byrne said.

Sen. Barack Obama proposed a resolution commenting the Office of Information Technology (OIT) for its work on the transition to Google Mail from the old Webmail system. "We're thanking OIT for going through the WebMail transition helping students get some new applications to communicate," Senate Technology Committee chair Devin Fee said. The resolution passed by a vote of 26 to 1, with Casummah Sensenig, the next senator to Russ, voting yes only on a one-dissenting vote.

"I don't want to engage in this kind of politics. All resolutions are just a waste of time," Link said. "But student body vice president Grant Schmidt said the resolution was a nice way of thanking OIT for their work."

"It is a formal way of appreciating the work they did," Link said.

Senator Academics Committee chair Evan Bertrand agreed, saying the resolution will help strengthen the working relationship between student government and OIT. "By doing this it encourages OIT to keep working with us," Bertrand said.

Continuing his crusade to clean up and organize the student computer system, Senate Oversight Committee chair Ian Secviar proposed a student-governed review of student government — the Irish Clover Award and the Michael J. Palmouho Award, under the same name. The amendment to the constitution passed unanimously.

In other Senate news:

- Schmidt handed out copies of University President Fr. John Jenkins' recent address to the faculty and asked the senators to read the address with the next task to be prepared to discuss it in Senate.

- Knott senator Greg Salter said he was giving a resolution to the Oversight Committee for review which would seek to make the constitutional stipulation that states "no person may simultaneously hold more than one office enumerated in this Constitution.

Salter's proposal would allow this clause to be suspended in specific cases by a two-thirds vote of the Senate. Salter said Knott Hall pres-ident Matt Barbish, who led the dorm to Hall of the Year honors last year, was being forced to resign his presidency to be president of The Shirt Project. Salter said Barbish's resignation would be a major loss for the dorm.

"None of us want to see him stand because there are too many things for the dorm," Salter said. "But we're going to let his hands to decide whether or not he's still capable."

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Break draws students off campus

By ANDAMA GRAH
News Writer

This fall, Notre Dame students are Cape Fear keeping their eyes on the map — returning home, visiting friends or going on service projects.

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

Freshman Chris Stare is also going home. "I'm looking to party with my friends in Milwaukee and see my dog," he said.

"I love my friends in Milwaukee and going home," he said.

Some students, instead of visiting friends or going on service projects, are going to enjoy spending time at Sacred Heart grade school and it seemed like it would be fun," he said.

"We think it should be in our control," said Perone.

Sophomore Simone Bigi is also visiting home. "I like that the classes we've been attending in the weeks leading up to the trip have been making sure we understand the department's priorities," Perone said. "This level of understanding adds a whole new dimension to actually doing service.

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The table discussion format should have run four years for repeated siding with including the economy, defending his tax policies to spiritual health.

"I'm feeling very centered," she said. "I love my body.

"Our bodies can do amazing things for us and a lot of times we kind of take them for granted and don't give from them the respect they deserve," DeAgostino said. "I like the [shirts] because they promote voting and are not going to agree on something, but we need to come together."

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**U.S. soldiers kill no. 2 al-Qaeda leader**

RAGHDAD — American soldiers killed the applauded No. 2 leader of al-Qaeda in Iraq, a Moroccan who trained in Afghanistan, recruited foreign fighters and ran operations in northern Iraq where SUNNIS remain a potent threat, the U.S. military said Wednesday.

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

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

**Fighting erupts at Cambodian border**

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — Escalating tensions between Thailand and Cambodia over a disputed border near a historic temple erupted Wednesday, prompting officials to quickly declare that they would resolve the dispute through talks, not bullets.

Two Cambodian troops were killed, the first deaths in a 4-month standoff that began when UN peacekeepers, approved Cambodia's bid to have Preah Vihear temple named a World Heritage Site. Thailand feared it could become a "life-and-death battle zone." Thailand moved reinforcements up to the border area.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Nancy Reagan suffers broken pelvis**

LOS ANGELES — Nancy Reagan suffered a broken pelvis in a fall at her home and will be hospitalized for several days, her spokeswoman said Wednesday.

The 87-year-old former first lady fell last week, spokeswoman Joanne Drake said. She did not seek immediate medical care but decided Monday to get checked out because of persisting pain, Drake said.

Doctors at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center determined she had a fractured pelvis and saccrum, the triangular bone at the base of the spine.

"She's in some pain but in very good spirits," Drake said.

**Residents return after fire fears diminish**

LOS ANGELES — Residents of the San Fernando Valley air basin woke up Wednesday for the first time in four days after being told to leave their homes.

Gone were the convulsive winds that at times reached gale force. Nowhere could Los Angeles police be found using bullhorns to order residents out of homes and away from deadly fires that have blackened more than 34 square miles and destroyed more than 50 homes.

The last evacuation orders for two big fire areas at opposite ends of the valley were lifted, though some locations were open just to residents. Some of those who returned found only rubble.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Disputed early votes may be tossed**

INDIANAPOLIS — A lawyer for Indiana Republicans warned Wednesday that courts might throw out disputed absentee votes being cast in the democratic stronghold of Lake County, raising a new legal cloud over politically competitive Butler University.

Democratic leaders including an adviser to Barack Obama on Friday urged U.S. Senate candidates Barack Obama and John McCain's campaign of dirty tricks aimed at suppressing votes in Indiana and creating undetectable breaches over possible vote fraud in the northwestern Indiana county with a long history of political corruption.

**IRAQ**

**Pact calls for limited U.S. jurisdiction**

RAGHDAD — American troops could face trial before Iraqi courts for major crimes committed off base and when not on missions, under a draft security pact hammered out in months of tortuous negotiations, Iraqi officials familiar with the talks said Tuesday.

The draft also calls for U.S. troops to leave Iraq by the end of June and withdraw from the country entirely by Dec. 31, 2011, unless the Baghdad government asks some of them to stay for training or security support, the officials said.

It would also give the Iraqis a greater role in U.S. military operations and full control of the Green Zone, the 37-square mile area of central Baghdad that includes the U.S. Embassy and major Iraqi government offices.

One senior Iraqi official said Baghdad may demand even more concessions before the draft is submitted to parliament for a final decision. The two sides are working against a deadline of year's end when the U.N. mandate authorizing the U.S.-led mission expires.

The Iraqi officials, familiar with details of the draft, spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not supposed to release the information. In Washington, the State Department confirmed a draft had been finalized but refused to discuss any details.

"There is a test that people are looking at," spokesman Sean McCormack told reporters. "Nothing is done until everything is done. Everything isn't done. The Iraqis are still talking among themselves. We are still talking to the Iraqis.

U.S. officials declined to discuss details of the draft but characterized it as the administration's final offer, saying no more concessions would be considered.
Colleges face priest shortage
Declining number of clergy pose problems for Catholic institutions

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The shortage of Roman Catholic clergy is getting more pronounced. A recent survey found that nearly one-fifth of priests are over age 70, creating a crunch for Catholic institutions that have to hire nuns and lay workers to fill the gaps.

The study, released by the Center for Applied Research in the Ministry, found that the number of priests nationwide during that period, according to the Center, is 38,000 in 1965 to 13,000 this year. Currently, there are about 3,000 nationwide and their average age is 60.

Religious orders are losing priests at a greater rate than dioceses. Overall, the number of religious order priests in the U.S. has dropped from about 23,000 in 1965 to 13,000 this year. That's a decline of 40 percent — slower than the 30 percent slide in total number of priests across the country during the same period, according to Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.

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MARKET RECAP

Stocks

Dow Jones 8,577.91 -733.08

NEW YORK — Investors agonizing over a faltering economy sent the stock market plunging again Wednesday after a string of disheartening data convinced Wall Street that a recession, if not already underway, is inescapable. The market's despair propelled the Dow Jones industrials down 733 points to their second-largest point loss ever, by far.

"Even though the banking sector may be returning to normal, the economy still isn't. The economy continues to face a host of other problems," said Doug Roberts, chief investment strategist at ChannelCapitalResearch.com. "We're in for a tough ride."

Analysts have warned that the market will see continued volatility as it tries to recover from the devastating losses of the last month, including the nearly 2,400-point plunge in the Dow over the eight sessions that ended Friday.

Sarkozy said emerging economies "won't provide an instantaneous jolt to the market's anxiety about the shaky economy and a punishing stock market."

Fears send stocks plunging again

Dow Jones suffers staggering 733-point loss, economic anxiety continues

"It really doesn't come as a shock after Monday's gains were, I think, a little bit excessive," said Charles Norton, principal and portfolio manager at GNICapital, referring to the market's previous gains.

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BUSH: federal intervention is temporary

Bush said all European Union nations "will, broader economies.

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

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Americans wary about visiting Ciudad Juarez

Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas — Mexican officials are trying to assure Americans that it’s safe to come to Juarez, a border city once known for its drug violence.

Local and federal public safety officials are making that pitch this week in El Paso as they work to persuade Americans that Ciudad Juarez is no longer the dangerously violent city it once was.

But there are signs that the message isn’t getting through to everyone.

Celebrity football player David Beckham — who has become the face of tourism in the city — has canceled plans to visit Juarez this week. Beckham was to have been the grand marshal of a border-crossing parade but dropped out last week.

"I had a gun to my face," said Tony Payan, an expert on border crime at the University of Texas at El Paso. "Anyone at any time can commit a crime and anyone at any time can become a victim."

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

Dozens of shootings victims, several of them U.S. citizens or legal residents, have been treated at the University of Texas General Hospital — the only facility equipped to handle such patients — at a cost to local taxpayers of more than $1 million.

The hospital has had several high-profile cases because of fears that hit men would realiize a victim was still alive and came to remove the body to finish the job — something that has happened in hospitals on the Mexican side.

Soldiers at the Army’s Fort Bliss, across the border, have had to be deployed to El Paso after a 17-year-old boy was killed by stray gunfire in January. El Paso police said they were responding to a gun battle.

"It’s a very dangerous situation," Tony Payan, an expert on border crime at the University of Texas at El Paso, said.

Violence in Juarez has always been a rough town, but one where Americans felt safe enough to play, shop and work.

The government isn’t in control, and that makes for a very dangerous situation," Tony Payan, a professor at the University of Texas at El Paso, said.

What women contribute to society is incredibly important," Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky said during her lecture.

"Women have to be empowered in all aspects of their lives," she said.

What Women’s Campaign International has tried to do is figure out how, without turning a lot of people off, we integrate what we know about the importance of women and leadership into members of parliaments all over the world," Margolies-Mezvinsky said.

Women’s Campaign International is an organization that works on training women in democracy.

"We only go into emerging democracies. We often go into failed states. We always go into countries where we are invited into," Margolies-Mezvinsky said.

Five years ago, Women’s Campaign International went into Malawi. "There they were able to double the number of women in the caucus, and have been working with them ever since," she said.

"We work very closely with the people who are there," Margolies-Mezvinsky said.

"We do an assessment. We go in and figure out what’s needed. We just do a lot of listening. We set up in a room's worth of meetings."

Women’s Campaign International does not only work with women in political positions. The Campaign also does charitable work by testing women for HIV and helping support certain international hospitals. They also work to change laws that are unfair to women.

The Campaign wanted to increase testing for HIV in Malawi, so they tested the Congressional Women’s Caucus.

"The country is at 14.5 percent HIV positive," Margolies-Mezvinsky said. Since that time, Malawi has quadrupled the amount of testing for HIV through the Women’s Caucus.

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

Margolies-Mezvinsky was the Democratic candidate for the Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania in 1998.

She is the author of four books, which have been translated into 11 languages and published in 24 countries. She was the first woman to be chosen as a professor at the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania, with her alma mater.

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"Call You Friends" (p. 15.16)

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

A Special Silent Retreat Opportunity for Faculty Members

Retreat Director:
Fr. Gustavo Gutierrez, O.F.
John Cardinal O’Hara Chair of Theology

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

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

What is the cost? The cost is $25 which is followed by guided meditation and conversational response for the group, and opportunity for individual prayer and reflection afterward. The day will end with Mass and dinner.

Who is invited? All faculty members interested in deepening their relationship with God. The retreat is in the living tradition of Catholic spirituality. It can be meaningful fully experienced from a variety of perspectives, including those with no previous exposure. The only requirement as participation is a commitment to silence.

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


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**Bus seat belts mandated**

**New Alabama policy requires safety devices after deaths of 4 students**

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

School districts sometimes expect as many as three younger children to share a bus seat, but if there are only two belts installed per seat, then fewer children can ride than are normally allowed.

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

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

It was started after four Lee High School teens were killed in Huntsville on Nov. 20, 2006 when their school bus went over a highway overpass rail and plunged to a street below, with dozens of students flung from seats.

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

A bus driver who has been part of the pilot project, large vertical seat belts were keeping children from falling into her lap, which is a problem. He said the bus cannot start until all are strapped in, but sometimes after he starts driving it’s not long before he hears belts being unfastened.

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

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

A similar device, called a 3-year-old, said she supported them.

“They keep me safe,” she said.

Schools buy about 2,500 of the smaller school buses each year, the Transportation Department said. The buses seat about 16 to 20 students. Larger buses carry more than 50 students.

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

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

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

“Federal highway safety money is very limited and using that money to install seat belts on school buses isn’t supported by crash data,” Adkins said. “School buses are already an incredible safe mode of transportation. We are more concerned about the areas surrounding the school and how a million or billion a year shouldn’t be pressured on this issue.”

The new rule also includes a performance standard for the seat belt systems. In larger buses so that schools that voluntarily add belts will have guidance on what belts are best. Peters said.

Providing a common standard may also lower the cost of adding belts, she said.

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

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

We trust this will make the world a better place.

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

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

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

In many ways, this is true-we will have to be more open about ourselves because more information will be instantly available. This is still a good thing. We won’t be able to as easily sugarcoat our pasts. We will have to acknowledge complexity and mistakes, and admission will become normalized.

From the top down, our policy and interactions will be governed by these acknowledgments.

But I was wrong, too. This openness won’t be—and shouldn’t be—as absolute as it might sound. Yes, the Internet means that more information about each of us is available. But college still encourages-or, at least, allows-us to bracket our private and public selves.

Increasingly, even those with whom you are closest have lives beyond what you know of them. We’re becoming adults, and adults have secrets.

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

College and emergence into adulthood begin to create entirely separate spheres in which we operate. Before, we operated in small spheres—in general, one or two social groups dominated our social and academic activities. Most people in our lives knew most about you. Many friends. Because we begin to exist in separate spheres in college, it is challenging to define each other based solely on our experiences with each other.

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

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**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

AND I PROMISE ALL SENIOR CITIZEN VOTERS THAT IF I’M ELECTED MY ECONOMIC PLAN IS FILLED WITH ALL KINDS OF THINGS THAT WOULD BENEFIT ANYONE AS OLD AS ME!

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

“Truth does not happen, it just is.”

American Indian Proverb
After suffering record-breaking losses last week, the stock market finally began a potential recovery on Monday with abang, jumping up 1.9 percent in the best single day surge. Close-up photos of joyful-looking traders replaced the close-up photos of horrified, stressed-out traders on the front pages of newspapers.

The non-stop news coverage of this financial crisis has felt overwhelming at times, and in fact it did trump all other news for the past week or so. After all, in times banks and individuals investors watched trillions of dollars evaporate overnight. Jobs and companies and homes that seemed secure have been exposed as overbuilt on shaky foundations. This financial meltdown has touched just about everybody somehow.

On one level, we all have to hope that really, really smart people have taken the best interests of the common good to heart to help us out of this mess, without letting it become hopelessly politicized or lobbied into complete ineffectiveness. On another level, though, can we view this as an opportunity for a clean slate for a fresh start? A reason to re-examine the way we really hold nearest to our hearts? Our faith and our politics may call us on a new way of living. Why not try to get by on less of everything? Make your downsizing intentional and purposeful, so that you have more room and time and resources for a life as different as possible from before.

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Carlos Mencia performs at the Palace Theatre in Cleveland during his "Punisher Tour" in 2006.

Since its debut in July 2005, "Mind of Mencia," has enjoyed increasing success, becoming a staple on the popular comedy network. Known for his exploitation of stereotypes and questionable depictions of ethnic and social groups, Mencia's comedy is often criticized as inappropriate and crude. Mencia, however, disagrees.

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

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

A self-proclaimed intellectual, Carlos Mencia didn't realize he had a future in comedy until he was about nineteen years old. "I was never funny as a kid, but I always saw the irony and the angst in life," he said. He said his closest friends provided the initial motivation to develop his comedic talent, Mencia said. He described his first performance experience as an epiphany.

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

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

Although Mencia's material continues to evolve, he admits that he harbors rooted influences from some of history's greatest comedians. He cites the work of Lenny Bruce, George Carlin, Sam Kinison and Bill Cosby as some of his more popular influences, while also drawing motivation from lesser-known artists like Paul Mooney and John Compaera. Mencia regards the successors of other comedians as a valuable resource, while acknowledging the importance of defining his own personal style.

"Anyone who claims to be a self-made comedian is mistaken... but I do want to become my own entity on stage after having all of these influences," Mencia said. While Carlos Mencia continues his "At Close Range" tour of 80 American cities, he is unsure of what endeavors the future holds. Regardless of what path his career takes after his tour concludes in January, Mencia wants his fans to know that his time in entertainment is far from over.

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

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

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

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American movie viewing public isn't a severe downward spiral. While record has received a warm critical end endeavor is the then that the few far from surprising among their favorites (Or "favs"). It is legitimate music that the lavish praise has created some entertainment are virtually in ruins.

Pop music isn't much better. While Led by earnest, neo-hippie Robin Pecknold, the Fleet Foxes played the majority of their debut album, as well as most of the songs off their 2008 "Sun Giant EP." Both records are characterized by three and four part harmonies, which echoed throughout the small Northwest venue. The music is bountiful in the Smoky Mountains.

The Fleet Foxes harmonic folk brings a keen notion of melody to Pecknold's lyrics, which focus on the beauty of nature and life. Whereas peer Craig Finn borrows lines for "On the Road," Pecknold explores themes present in the lesser known Kurecvo novel "The Dharma Bums." In this later work, Kerouac trades the speed-infused 6 a.m jazz blowouts for a bottle of wine and the terrain of the American Northwest.

Crowd favorites included the up-tempo "Mykonos" and the set closer "Blue Ridge Mountains." The 15-song, 90-minute set was broke up by Pecknold performing two songs without his bearded friends. The lead singer sang a touching version of Judee Sill's "Craven Angels," followed by the acoustic ballad "Oliver James." During their encore, the band also treated the capacity crowd, which included members of Wilco and Beach House, to a new, unreleased song, "Silver City." Pecknold picked up an electric on this tune, yet there were no "Judas" declarations as the Foxes showed that their new album will continue to accentuate their knack for harmonic melodies.

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Dining Hall Dish

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

This week's recipes:

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

1. Add in root beer. You may have to look in the microwave for at least a minute. Serve with a tortilla you have warmed in the Panini press until it starts to brown and bubble.

Quick Tip

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

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Fleet Foxes' harmonic tunes have drawn comparisons to the Beach Boys, Crosby, Stills and Nash and Band of Horses.
Bogut, Ridnour lead Bucks to victory in China

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

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

With seconds to play, Azubuike missed a 3-pointer that would have tied it at 92. The Bucks then hit free throws to seal the victory.

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

The Warriors took a 7-50 lead going into the last period. But Bogut had 8-5 with about six minutes to play when Alexander hit a short turn-around from the baseline.

The Bucks broke to a 10-3 lead, with Richard Jefferson making two 3-pointers in the first three minutes. But Milwaukee went scoreless for nearly four minutes, and the Warriors finished the quarter ahead 27-18. Golden State was led by Azubuike, who came off the bench to score seven points during the Bucks' drought.

In the second quarter, Milwaukee drew within two points of the Warriors as center Francisco Elson scored six points to narrow the gap at 31-33. Anthony Morrow, who did not play in the first quarter, gave the Warriors a spark, scoring six points to put them up 48-41.

Alexander, who played for West Virginia, was the Bucks' top pick in the last NBA draft, and Skiles said he has a lot to learn.

Phoenix 102, Atlanta 100

Grant Hill made an 18-foot jumper shot with 5.6 seconds left and the Phoenix Suns beat the Atlanta Hawks in a preseason game Wednesday night.

"I thought it was going to be 120 or something the way it was in the first half," Suns coach Terry Porter said of the game, which Phoenix led 59-58 at halftime. "There wasn't that much defense to be played in the first half. It was like we had signed a peace treaty with each other."

Raja Bell scored 18 points and Boris Diaw added 15 points for the Frenchmen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We didn't defend like we could have," Horford said. "We gave up a lot of layups, stuff like that. It's things we need to clean it up before the regular season starts. Guys were coming in and shooting the ball quickly rather than running offense."

Dallas 93, Indiana 100

Danny Granger had 18 points and rookies Brandon Rush and Roy Hibbert scored 15 each, leading the Indiana Pacers to a victory over the Dallas Mavericks in a preseason game Wednesday night.

Jeff Foster finished with 10 points and nine rebounds, and T.J. Ford and Jarrett Jack each scored 10 for Indiana, which evened its preseason record at 2-2. The Pacers have nine new players competing for roster spots.

"We have a new team, we got to get acclimated," Granger said. "You don't have time to just breeze through the preseason. We're actually trying to win some games."

Antoine Wright scored 14 points, James Singleton added 11 points and nine rebounds, and DeSagguon Diop contributed 10 points and eight rebounds for the Mavericks, who dropped to 3-5 in the preseason.

Dallas guards Jason Kidd and Jerry Stackhouse, and center Erick Dampier did not play because of a coach's decision. Dirk Nowitzki had two points in 12 minutes.

Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle returned to Indiana, where he spent four years coaching the Pacers. During his tenure in Indiana, the Pacers led the Pacers to three straight playoff appearances, including a trip to the 2004 Eastern Conference finals.

"This will always feel like home in a certain way," he said.

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

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

Dallas jumped out to an 11-2 lead on Josh Howard's layup early in the first quarter. Indiana outscored the Mavericks 23-11 over the rest of the period to open a six-point advantage.

The Pacers took a 45-43 lead on Stephen Graham's layup with 2:35 left in the second quarter, but Dallas scored the final seven points of the half to go up by five.

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MLB

Philadelphia's Jimmy Rollins is congratulated by teammate Chase Utley after Rollins hit a home run Wednesday in the first inning of Game 5 of the NLCS. The Phillies won the series with their 5-1 win.

**Phillys earn first Series berth since 1993**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jimmy Rollins gut the Phillies rolling" with a leadoff homer and they kept right on going. Next stop, the World Series.

Rollins homered in the first inning, Cole Hamels pitched his third gem of the playoffs and Philadelphia beat the humbling Los Angeles Dodgers 5-1 Wednesday night to win the NL championship series 4-1 for its first pennant since 1993.

"These guys are going crazy right now," slugger Ryan Howard said. "I can only imagine how it is in Philadelphia."

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

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

"After hearing about the '93 team over and over and over again, we finally get a chance to make our mark," Rollins said. "This was an organization that I wanted to change. We were used to losing, I wanted to see what I could do."

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

Now they're headed back, carrying the hopes of a championship-starved city that hasn't had a title to celebrate since the NBA 76ers won it all in 1983.

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

"It's a great feeling right now," Howard said. "I don't know what to say."

Ramirez homered in the sixth to end Hamels' shutout bid in what might have been his final game with the Dodgers. The slugging left fielder, who hit 520 with four home runs, 10 RBIs and 11 walks in eight playoff games, can become a free agent after the World Series. He hit .326 with 17 home runs and 53 RBIs in 53 regular-season games for the Dodgers after being acquired July 31 from

In Brief

Owners consider adding pre season games in spring

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

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

"I think the focus was on how do we prepare for the season," commissioner Roger Goodell said. "Football readiness was probably the No. 1 issue that everyone wanted to do fur ther analysis on. We still have a lot more work to do on the analysis."

Spring games, normally an intrasquad contest, have become commonplace in college football. Some top programs have capacity crowds for the game.

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

Knight says he may return to coaching in interview

INDIANAPOLIS — Bob Knight, the winningest coach in Division I history, left the door ajar to a return to coaching college basketball during a wide-ranging television interview broadcast Wednesday night.

"I got nothing else to do. It would just depend on the circumstances," the former Army, Indiana and Texas Tech coach told host Mickey Mauer on "Mickey's Corner" on Indianapolis public TV station WFYI.

Knight, well-known for his crusty demeanor, peppered his answers with language that brought on several bleeps, but overall was laid-back during the half-hour interview taped Sept. 10 and eight years to the day the Hall of Fame coach was fired from Indiana, which he led to three national championships in his 29 years there.

Pacman's probation will not be revoked in Georgia

ATLANTA — Twelve-suspended cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones is off the hook with Georgia probation officers over his scuffle with a cowboy Sunday night at an upscale Dallas hotel in Fort Worth and related scrum with his own bodyguard at an upscale Dallas hotel.

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Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

Matsuzaka has been Boston's most reliable pitcher in the play­offs, with the Red Sox winning each of his first two starts. Meanwhile, Jon Lester struggled in his last start, and Josh Beckett has had problems in both of his. Beckett's problem appears to be the lingering effects of a side strain he sustained at the end of the regular season, an injury that has deprived Boston of the ace who was 6-2 with a 1.73 ERA in his postseason career before this year.

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

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

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

Associated Press

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

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"Manning, the perfectionist, still isn't satisfied.

Despite the dramatic improvement July 13-20 showed against the league's top defense, Manning believes the Colts can improve in a few areas. They had 11 penalties, one of which cost Manning a fourth touchdown pass and his first game of the season, and they still ran for only 76 yards.

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

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

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

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

Irish head to West Lafayette

By ERIC PRISTER

The Irish will try to continue their winning ways when they compete this weekend at the Lady Northern Tournament in West Lafayette, Ind. They are coming off their first-settling first-place finish at the Heather Farr Memorial Golf Course. The course, Holt said, is a difficult one, but is similar to Notre Dame's own Warren Golf Course.

"The greens are very big. We have to hit the ball in the right place or you could be three-putting all day long," Holt said.

"But, the kids are used to doing those types of things when they're playing. It's a good test of golf, but I think we'll be up to the challenge."

The Irish will play with the same five golfers as they did in the Heather Farr, which includes Irish seniors Lisa Maunus, junior Beth Verbeek, seniors Soh-Hyun Park and Kathy Conway, and freshman Beca Huffer. Junior Kristen Weitzel will also compete as an individual in the tournament.

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NHL

Khabibulin's 29 saves lead Blackhawks to win

Associated Press

CHICAGO - Nikolai Khabibulin kept it close until the Chicago Blackhawks' offense took over midway through the second period. Khabibulin made 29 saves, and Martin Havlat, Patrick Sharp, Brian Campbell and rookie Colin Fraser scored in the final 29 minutes to lead the Blackhawks to their first victory of the season, 4-1 over the Phoenix Coyotes on Wednesday night.

Director Keith and Kris versteeg each had two assists, and the Blackhawks (1-2-3) scored more than two goals in a game for the first time this season.

It didn't take long for the case to score-
less early. He made several close-in saves until a power-
play goal by Phoenix's Peter Mueller at 4:30 of the second
game to grab the 4-1 lead.

We're not French either. My subs just taste
OK, so my subs really aren't gourmet and
my subs really aren't gourmet and
do n't matter how you score.

The whole team was working hard and
Habby was unbelievable tonight.

Francois's goal was the first in the
NHL's Campbell was first with the Blackhawks after
marking the right one for the season.

"When every game, we're getting a little better," Campbell said. "The turnovers were down a ton, although we came out a little loose.

Bryzgalov made 26 saves in the Coyotes' first game, opening with two victories. We played too easy of a game. Our coach Wayne Gretzky said. "After a period of that, we were trying to cheat a little bit. If you cheat, you're going to get beat this level.

The Coyotes played most of the
game without their defense-
man Derek Morris, who was
injured in the first period and didn't return.

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Junior Lindsay Ferguson and sophomore Marissa Treece have finished first and second for Notre Dame at every race this season. Ferguson finished 17th at the ND Invitational, while Treece finished 38th. BehindTreece was freshman Rachel Velarde, who was running in only her second race.

Although the opposition will be more intense, Connolly said the basic strategy has not changed. "It’s not like basketball where you install a new offense," he said. "Basically, you’re training every day, you’re running, and hopefully you’ll improve your fitness."

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SMC SOCCER

Belles get first MIAA win

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s natched its first MIAA win of the season with a 2-0 lead heading into halftime. This goal marked the first time the Belles have scored more than once in a game this season. But it didn’t stop there. In the 62nd minute, the freshmen duo of Michelle Leonard and Michelle Marshall hooked up on Marshall’s first career goal to give the Belles a decisive lead. Hinton added her fifth goal of the season in the 69th minute to finish off the Thunder.

In a rainy match, the Belles put together their 1st dominant performance of the season, outshooting Trine 33-0. Junior Patty Duffy played the first 70 minutes in goal before senior Nicole Beier took her place to finish out the game. They combined to provide Saint Mary’s with its second shut-out win of the season.

The Belles improve to 2-0-1 on the season with a 1-4 conference record.

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Hoosiers

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

While Indiana enters Thursday’s game in less than convincing form, the Irish have impressed with their recent play. After a two-game losing streak to Louisville and Michigan, Notre Dame seems to have regained the early-season form that saw the Irish rise as high as No. 3 in the polls. Last week, the Irish defeated Michigan State and Pittsburgh by a combined score of 7-2. The catalyst for last week’s impressive results was a dynamic offensive attack that has helped the Irish overwhelm opponents at times this season. Notre Dame is currently averaging 3.5 goals per game, which is good for second in the nation.

"It’s a fun team to watch," Clark said after the Pittsburgh game. "We have a lot of attacking personalities and very skilful players. It’s hard to single anybody out. On any given day somebody different can step up."

Ten different Irish players have found the back of the net so far this season. Despite the balanced team scoring, senior forward Bright Dike has emerged as the go-to attacker, scoring in six consecutive games. Dike currently leads the team in shots, goals, and points. Thursday’s begins at 7:30 p.m. Clark said he sees the dynamic atmosphere that awaits as a positive for his team.

"This will be a great opportunity because it will have the feel of a road game but the permanent game atmosphere," Clark said. "It will be a fantastic opportunity to give our guys a chance to play in that environment. This will be especially good for some of our younger guys who haven’t had a chance yet to play in an environment like that."

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Brown said she does not believe being behind or ahead in the standings has any effect on the way the team plays. She said she considers the team highly determined to win. "The team has that attitude to compete all the time anyway," Brown said. "Needing motivation is not a factor for us. We are already motivated.

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

On Tuesday is a rare non-conference opponent, Long Beach State (14-3, 4-1 Big West). The Irish hope this matchup will keep the team sharp over the break and allow the team to improve without affecting the conference standings. "It is really good for us to have a match thrown in there," Brown said. "There is no question that we are going to be playing to win. We are going to be pushed."

At the end of fall break will be matchups against Big East opponents Villanova (11-9, 2-3 Big East) and Seton Hall (10-10, 2-3 Big East). Although both teams are below .500 in the Big East, Brown said she's concerned that her team be properly prepared to face the Wildcats and Pirates. "Both of these teams are good," Brown said. "With the parity in the Big East, every team could beat any other team on any given night."

These games are coming at the right time for the Irish, as they finally feel like they are starting to get healthy. Brown said she was especially happy that she has no new injuries to report. Junior outside hitter Serinity Phillips and freshman libero/defensive specialist Frenchy Silva are back and playing well. Brown said junior middle blocker Tara Enzweiler is getting ready to comeback soon.

Notre Dame will be back in the gym on campus in two weeks when it faces Big East foes Syracuse (12-9, 4-3 Big East) and Marquette (7-10, 2-3 Big East).

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THIS WEEK IN IRISH SPORTS

#9 Men's Soccer

Sun. Oct. 19th @ 1 pm
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Free admission for all ND, SMC, and HCC students
place to play over the years," he said. "Part of that's been that they've been one of the top teams in the conference. We've gone out there defeated a few times and they've ruined it for us. They've got enough to make life difficult for us."

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

"It's good for us to finish with some really good teams like that," he said. "You want to be tested as you head into the Big East tournament the later the NCAA Tournament." But before the Irish have the opportunity to take on heavyweights like Connecticut and Rutgers, they will head to Providence (5-5-3 overall, 0-4-3 Big East) Friday. And Waldrum said Notre Dame is not overlooking the Friars.

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Providence is 10-3-1 overall and 5-1-1 in Big East play. Part of Villanova's loss in 5-0 on Sept. 22. Last weekend, Villanova took Notre Dame to overtime before the Irish won 3-2.

"Rutgers has had some really good results," Waldrum said. "And life will not get any easier for the Irish after they take on Connecticut. They return for their final home weekend, which concludes with a match against No. 14 Rutgers."

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The Forbidden Doughnut

Patrick Gartland

So, dude, where did you get all that candy?

I'm as charge of all the candy, so I keep some for myself.

Knock, knock.

Whoopee! I'm sorry I couldn't fix the economy.

Knock, knock. I think I learned a few things from you along the way.

Yell 'em, I ain't here.

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Crossword

TEEN PUZZLEMAKER WEEK

Note: All the daily crosswords this week, Monday through Saturday, have been contributed by puzzlemakers under the age of 20.

Today's crossword is by Caleb Madison, 19, of New York City. He is a senior at Bard High School in Manhattan. This is his fourth puzzle for The Times.

Special instructions: When this puzzle is done, connect the circled letters in alphabetical order, and then back to the start, to reveal something seen on the 30-Down 4-Down.

Across

1. Wheat, 2 stars (in medicine)
2. First name in "Waxing"
3. Actress Tyler
4. "Tru" for one
5. Impeach
6. A grenadier
7. "Tru" for one
8. Hemingway's novel
9. The Observer circled letters in alphabetical order, and then back to the start, to reveal something seen on the 30-Down 4-Down.

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1. Runner of a TV show
2. Charged
3. Filmmaker Von Stroheim
4. Theme of this puzzle
5. What you'll be if you don't do this crossword
6. May be wrinkled
7. Angelic somethings
8. Bakery employee
9. Elvis Presley's first hit
10. Director's nod
11. A natural six-packer
12. Life saving device
13. "Tru" for one

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Answer: What they did when she pressed his shirt

Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Paloma Faith, 27; Sarah Ferguson, 43; Daniel Igarashi, 41; Laverne Cox, 45

Happy Birthday: Don't ruin a great opportunity that could potentially change your life for the better because someone is allergic but her other plots for you. Consider making a residential move or taking on a little bit different lifestyle. Lingering past people might still be around. Living with someone you once thought was gone should be implemented in some capacity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Think through before you decide to take a leap of faith. A unique partnership can help you become more realistic and considerate. However, remember, you need to be demanding and controlling to hold you back. 4 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You need to make some fabulous new connections. Move and accomplishments. That you are not aware of any coming up. Recognizing your value and knowing when your move is over will help solidify your success. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may want to consider making a move before others get to you. Don't offer others what you are going to do. Your work will be more productive if you don't overdo things. Do not provide answers. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't listen to bad advice. Make up your own mind. A love situation will yield positive benefits. Sensual and romantic advances will be made. Expect an impromptu visit or a spontaneous desire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't push your luck. You are dealing with family. Your nose is in someone else's business, a lot to you. Forget work, money, marriage, what you can be successful and your personal life on hold for now. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may want to take some time from your routine. Do not donate, give or spend anything. Open your mind to new alternatives that complement what you already have going for you. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Before you decide to do something that may influence your financial future in a major way. Be sure you're making the right move. Don't be led astray. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be pressured with a rising emotion. Attempt an association with someone you've known for a long time will change. Don't get other people involved in your personal affairs or your close friends and relatives in your house.

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

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Setting new rules at home and at work will enable you to be more productive, have more time to enjoy the pleasures of life. You will be a waste of time. Your nose will be in the air. It will work for you here. 1 star

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be afraid to be someone you've become. Think about the person you are and how you can make it work in your way. Anger and emotion must not be allowed to rule or dominate. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you have caused someone grief, or vice versa, you have to get over it. An upcoming expense will force you to do something you can't afford. You will be concerned and a little melancholy. Difficult with those who are clearing your vision. Face the truth. 4 stars

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**ND WOMEN’S SOCCER**

**Friars next, Huskies loom**

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

By FRAN TOLAN

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

But Irish coach Randy Waldrum said his team will face an even bigger test at Connecticut Sunday.

"Our team is pretty close," head coach Debbie Brown said. "We are hungry. We want to get back out focused," head coach Debbie (9-9, 4-2 Big East) move Villanova and Seton Hall a tough schedule over the next 10 days.

"Our team is pretty focused," head coach Debbie Brown said. "We are hungry. We want to get back out there and compete."

Three of the upcoming games are in the Big East, which could help the Irish (9-9-4 Big East) move closer to their goal of winning the regular season conference title. With a 2-0 weekend against West Virginia (6-2, 0-6 Big East) and Pittsburgh (11-8, 5-1), the Irish fell from first place in the conference to a tie for thirds with Cincinnati (16-5), George town (11-8) and Louisville (8-9). This puts the Irish in a bad position, Brown said. "We had a little bit of success, going 4-4 against the Hoosiers under coach Bobby Clark's tenure. If recent signs are any indication, the Irish have a good shot to move above .500 against Indiana with Clark at the helm."

Men's Soccer

In-state rivalry renewed against No. 22 Hoosiers

By GREG ARBOGAST

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With recent matches against out-of-state opponents, No. 9 Notre Dame will travel to Bloomington Thursday to renew its rivalry with No. 22 Indiana.

The Hoosiers await the Irish in what will be the 29th installment of the series between the two schools, the eighth consecutive year they have met. Indiana holds a 22-5-1 edge in the all-time series, but Notre Dame has enjoyed a recent run of success, going 4-4 against the Hoosiers.

For the women, the duo of Senior Patrick Smyth finished second career race for Jackson and Gamboa. It was only the second career race for Jackson and Gamboa.

For the women, the duo of Sophomore defender Julie Sheldon passes the ball during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Louisville on Sept. 26. Notre Dame faces Providence Friday and Connecticut Sunday.

The Hoosiers enter Thursday's game with a 6-4-2 record and a 2-0 loss to Michigan State in the team's most recent game on Oct. 12. Indiana is currently averaging only slightly more goals scored than conceded at a 1.15 to 1.25 clip.

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