**Yes, we did!**

Victory chant fills Chicago in celebration of momentous election

By KAITLYNN RIEY

**CHICAGO** -- Standing before a crowd of thousands in Grant Park Tuesday night, Obama declared victory and millions more watching on television and online cheered, District 220, was not only the chance for us to make the change we seek," he said. "It is our moment of truth. It is our chance to heal and threats from schools to build, a financial crisis that resonated with Valerie Jefferies, a 44-year-old African-American grandmother, who is 90 years old, voted Saturday for Obama. "It was a historic moment, for her as well as for all of us," Obama said. "Her name is Judy. She barely could fill out the ballot, but with your help, we made it through. It was a proud moment for Jeffries and her family." Obama's victory earlier that day, when CNN announced that he had won the presidency, caused many families to hug total strangers. "I voted this morning," Jefferies said. "I was very excited with emotion. I never thought that would happen." Emotions were running high in Grant Park Tuesday night, and when CNN announced that Obama had secured the electoral count, and won the presidency, the crowd broke out in celebration. Joseph Colson, 34, was standing in the non-ticketed section of the Grant Park Election Night rally when Obama's victory was announced. He said he was ecstatic. "Words cannot describe," he said. "I did not think I would ever see this day." He said he could not have asked for a better evening. "I was very excited all day, and came down cautiously into the park, but when I arrived, the thrills came in got more excited," he said. Saying George and Laurie Morgan, both 54, are described themselves as part of the older generation who were also watching the Election Night coverage in the non-ticketed area. "We've been following this for two years now," said George Morgan. "Every night we sit and watch TV, and this whole battle, two whole years, but just like everyone else we had this fear that it wouldn't happen. So it's a combination of excitement and relief." Laurie Morgan almost didn't come to the rally Tuesday night, but George convinced her to go. "You'd say, you've got to come and be part of something bigger than yourself, so we came," she said.

Silas family, Shana, 32, Earl, 36, and R.J., 6, were standing near the Morgans on Grant Park Election Night in Grant Park. They came to watch the election results because they couldn't sleep. "It's been wonderful," Shana Morgan said. "We have all been walking for years and thousands of others, to "breathe living history." "It was wonderful," Shana Morgan said. "We have all been walking for years and thousands of others, to "breathe living history.""

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Clockwise from top left: Crowds watch the election returns projected on large television screens on the perimeter of Grant Park, with Chicago's skyline behind them. Catherine Matthews, 71, clad in Obama gear, came out to support the Democratic candidate; she marched with Martin Luther King, Jr. from Selma to Montgomery, and told The Observer she would not miss Election Night in Grant Park “for the world.” Excited Obama fans cheer when their candidate makes history, becoming the first black man to be elected to the United States presidency. A young child in attendance holds up a sign calling for peace, as those around him watch the returns in anticipation of an Obama victory. Members of the crowd celebrate the Obama win, and welcome the president-elect to the stage.
WASHINGTON — Barack Obama swept to victory as the nation’s first black president Tuesday night in an electoral college landslide that overcame racial barriers as old as America itself.

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

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

McCain called his former rival to concede defeat — and the end of his own 10-year quest for the White House. “The American people have spoken, and spoken clearly,” McCain told disappointed supporters in Arizona.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Democratic leaders of Congress celebrated in Washington. “It is not a mandate for a party or ideology but a mandate for change,” said Senate Majority leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

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

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

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

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

Interviews with voters suggested
Unfolds battle for the White House

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

The results of the AP survey were based on a preliminary partial sample of nearly 10,000 voters in Election Day polls and in telephone interviews over the past week for early voters.


At least two Democrats lost their seats. Rep. Kevin Mahoney fell after admitting to two extramarital affairs while serving his first term in Florida. In Louisiana, Democratic Rep. Don Cazayoux lost the seat he had won in a special election six months ago.

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

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

An estimated 187 million voters were registered, and in an indication of interest in the battle for the White House, 40 million or so had already voted as Election Day dawned.

Obama sought election as one of the youngest presidents, and one of the least experienced in national political affairs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Obama retorted that he might as well be, telling audiences in state after state that the Republican had voted with the president 90 percent of the time across eight years of the

“We’ve come to the end of a long journey ...”


11:18 p.m.

McCain spoke to a group of supporters at The Biltmore in Phoenix, encouraging them to find ways to come together as Americans after a disappointing result for the Republican camp.

“Tonight is your answer.”


11:57 p.m.

President-elect Obama takes the stage with his family to deliver his victory speech to over 100,000 people in Chicago’s Grant Park, becoming the first black man elected to hold America’s top office.
trends in voter turnout

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the race for the senate

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- New Republican Seats: Total = **40**
- Change = -9

Number of seats not up for election, 2008
- Democrat
- Republican

Number of seats won, 2008
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- Republican
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**Win of electoral votes**

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Ohio was long considered a tossup, and was subject to heavy campaigning. Polls showed the state leaning towards Obama, and he clinched this key state early in the evening. McCain had famously called this state his "last stand."

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A state that went decisively for Bush in 2000 and 2004 stayed with the GOP as McCain carried the state, despite Obama's efforts to increase turnout among black voters.

**the race for the house**

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Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Republican Mitch Daniels defeated former Congressman Joe Donnelly Tuesday to win a second term as governor, but early Wednesday morning it remained unclear which party would control the Indiana House.

Republican control of the House could make it easier for Daniels to get what he wants, since Republicans maintained their lock on the Senate and the governor’s office. The counting was to resume Wednesday morning, and it remained unclear which party would control the chamber to Republicans through a tie-breaking law.

The parties traded control of three seats each, but Republican Kelly Gaskill led Rep. Scott Kelso, D-Fort Edward, in District 37 with nearly 12,000 absentee votes left to be counted in Monroe County. The counting was to resume Wednesday morning, and it remained unclear which party would control the chamber to Republicans would wield the gavel.

Daniels wasn’t shy about what he wanted — to return to a second term as he celebrated his victory with supporters at Conseco Fieldhouse about 9:30 p.m. "The movement for change is moving forward," Daniels declared. "This is less an endorsement than an instruction, this is less a victory than an assignment," Daniels said. "And what the people of Indiana have said is that they want us to press forward with change and improvement and reform to make education better, taxpayers better protected and make this the great state it can be."

With 99 percent of Indiana precincts reporting, Daniels won 58 percent of the vote, according to official returns tabulated by The Associated Press.

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

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

Daniels, a former policy adviser to President Reagan and Governor George Bush, had a huge fundraising advantage throughout the campaign and overcame his Democratic rival by at least $10 million.

Democrats had hoped to capitalize on the momentum of Barack Obama’s presidential campaign and voter unhappiness over changes in Daniels’ first term, which included decisions to observe daylight saving time statewide and lease the Indiana Pacers to a foreign venture.

Many of those changes came during his first two years in office, with help from a House then controlled by Republicans.

Democrats regained the House in 2006 but held a 51-49 edge that left open the possibility that Daniels could again find friendly territory in House chambers after Tuesday’s votes were tallied.


Former Democratic Greencastle Mayor Nancy Donnelly won a seat in District 97 in Indianapolis. Democrat John Barnes also won District 89 in Indianapolis for a seat being vacated by longtime Republican Rep. Larry Buch.


Senate Republicans, meanwhile, maintained the 33-17 advantage they went into Election Day with. They have controlled the chamber since late 1978.

INDIANA 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT RACE

By JOHN TIERNEY

Joe Donnelly was re-elected Tuesday to a second term as congressman from Indiana’s 2nd Congressional District, winning 67 percent of the vote.

"It’s hard to put into words just how lucky and how fortunate I feel to have friends like you," Donnelly said in his victory speech at the West Side Democratic Club in South Bend. "We’ve worked so hard to make the country we love a much better place.

"And Donnelly stressed a non-partisan approach to the way he views politics.

"I want what’s best for Indiana, for working families and for our country," he said in his speech. "That’s what we are doing in the next two years.

The pro-life Democrat also reached out to all the candidates on the ballot, both Democratic and Republican.

"In all candidates, on our side and on the other side, I thank you for helping our country," Donnelly said.

Donnelly addressed the crowd before Barack Obama’s election was guaranteed.

"I believe Barack Obama is going to win Indiana and will be the next president of the United States," Donnelly said.

He suggested that Obama’s election will make the United States a better place.

"We all want a better country where we stand up for our families, our jobs, and our soldiers who protect our country," Donnelly said.

In an interview with The Observer, Donnelly said that despite the Democratic sweep of both houses of Congress and the presidency, bipartisanship will be necessary.

"We’re going to try to work together with Republicans and Democrats to get things done," he said.

"We need to balance the budget, create new jobs and make our country a better place.

"People understand that I don’t worry about partisan politics," Donnelly told The Observer. "I care about family, jobs, our troops. … That’s what Indiana is about.

Not all of the Democrats elected to the House and the Senate are representatives from the left-wing of the party. Donnelly, who was elected to the House in the 2006 midterm election that gave the Democrats control of Congress for the first time since 1994, is himself a more moderate member of the party, as evidenced by his pro-life views.

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

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

One of the biggest single issues of the next two years will be energy. "We still have to become energy independent," Donnelly told a group of reporters. "We can’t think that we have $2 gas and it’s back to normal. We have a huge gap in gas.

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

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

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

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COLORADO
The retirement of Republican Wayne Allard left one of Colorado's Senate seats vacant, opening the door for the Democrats in a state that has long been a GOP stronghold. In a tight race, Democratic Representative Mark Udall edged out Republican Albuquerque Incumbent Jeff Sessions trounced his Democratic challenger, State Senator Vivian Flanagan, in the election for the GOP in major elections.

Hawaii
Democrats Neil Abercrombie and Mazie Hirono coasted to re-election in the House of Representatives. Meanwhile, Brian Schatz maintained his position as mayor of Honolulu, over Councilwoman Ann Kobayashi.

Connecticut
New England's only Republican representative Christopher Shays lost his seat to a Democratic challenger, Jim Himes in a hard-fought contest. Himes will now represent Connecticut's 4th district, which is composed of one of America's wealthiest enclaves.

Idaho
In the election to fill the seat of long-time Republican Senator Larry Craig, who decided to run for re-election after drawing national attention for his arrest on a prostitution sting in a men's bathroom, Lt. Gov. Jim Bryan easily defeated Democrat Larry LaRocca, a former mayor of Boise.

Kentucky
Facing the nationwide backlash against Republicans; Senate minority leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican, faced a tough challenge. Democrat Mitch McConnell had faced since he was elected in 1984.

Michian
Sen. Carl Levin, a Democrat, easily defended his seat against a Republican challenger. Michigan's two House seats were toss-ups — the 7th district and 9th district, which were not called at press time.

Nebraska
Mike Johanns, a Republican, won by the slimmest of margins over Democrat Chuck Hagel, defeating Scott Kleck in the race. Two Republican House members defended their seats against Democratic challengers, with a vote of 52-48.

Ohio
Incumbent Sen. John Kasich, a Republican, won re-election, defeating Democrat and former governor Ted Strickland. The race was closely contested and uncalled at press time.

New Mexico
Two Congressional representatives squatted off in a contest for New Mexico's 1st district. Congressional incumbent Democrat Tom Udall was able to soundly defeat his Republican opponent, who sought to challenge Udall for New Mexico's 2nd district. The vote was called as New Mexico's 2nd district was won by Democrat Martin Heinrich, with a vote of 60-40.

Oklahoma
Incumbent Sen. James Inhofe, a Republican, was re-elected, defeating State Senator Andrew Rice in a close race. The race was called as Republican with a narrow lead over Senator Rice, who won with half of the ballots counted. Inhofe is riding the coattails of a voter registration initiative to expand voter turnout, sponsored by the Oklahoma Democratic Party.

Oregon
In a closely watched race, Rep. Steven Horsford, a Democrat, won his seat against Republican Charlie Green, defeating incumbent Democrat James McCartney in the race. Horsford won with a narrow lead over Republican, with a vote of 51-49.

Pennsylvania
In a closely watched race, Rep. John Garamendi, a Democrat, won his seat against Republican Doug Sauer, who was defeated in a closely contested race.

Texas
Challenger Rick Noriega, a Democrat, was not able to defeat incumbent Republican John Carter in the race. Carter won easily, capturing 59 percent of the vote.

Rhode Island
With nearly 70 percent of the votes in, Democratic Reps. Patrick Kennedy and Jim Langevin, won their seats in the House. Sen. Jack Reed, a Democrat, kept his seat.

Utah
Jon Huntsman Jr., a Republican, defeated two challengers in the race for Utah's 4th district. The race was closely contested, with a vote of 51-49.

South Dakota
Sen. Tim Johnson, a Democrat, was re-elected, defeating Republican late comer, Dave Zywicki. The race was called as easy victory for Johnson, with a vote of 58-42.

Washington
Returns early Wednesday showed Governor Christine Gregoire, a Democrat, holding a slight lead over Democratic challenger Alan Doda. The race remained uncalled at press time. Of the nine House seats up for election, two went to Democrats and four went to Republicans.

West Virginia
Rep. Evan Jenkins, a Republican, won his seat easily, defeating Democratic challenger Evan Jenkins, with a vote of 57-43.

Wisconsin
In a close race, Rep. Mark Pritzker, a Democrat, defeated Republican Rick Berg, with a vote of 52-48. Berg's campaign was marked by a strong ground operation.

Arkansas
Incumbent Democratic Mark Pryor didn't face a serious opponent for his Senate seat, and won nearly 50 percent of the vote against Green party candidate David Sanders. Pryor is facing a tough re-election battle this year.

California
A proposed ban on same-sex marriage, which would overturn a recent state Supreme Court decision, is too close to call as of early Wednesday morning.

Georgia
Incumbent Republican Senator Saxby Chambliss held a narrow lead over Democratic challenger Jim Martin with 95 percent of the ballots counted. However, the race is too close to call as of early Wednesday morning.

Iowa
Riding the wave of Democratic support for Barack Obama, incumbent Senator Tom Harkin easily defeated his opponent, Republican Christopher Smith. Harkin emphasized his experience in the Senate and his work on the Agriculture Committee.

Maryland
The first Senate race between Sen. Andy Harris, a Republican, and Frank M. Kratovil Jr., a Democrat, was closely contested and won by Kratovil with a vote of 52-48.

Missouri
Jay Nixon, a Democrat who is the state attorney general, won his seat in the Senate, defeating incumbent Republican, with a vote of 55-45. Nixon won a seat that was decided by less than one percentage point.

New Jersey
Democratic State Senator John Adler defeated Republican mayor of Camden, on Tuesday, in a hotly-contested Congressional race.

New Hampshire
Former Democratic Governor Jeanne Shaheen scored a major upset in a narrow victory over Republican candidate, to fill the seat vacated by Judd Gregg. Shaheen linked her opponent to President Bush while riding the wave of support for Barack Obama.

North Carolina
Governor Roy Coone, a two-term incumbent, defeated challenger, with a vote of 51-49. The race was won by the state's strong economy based on oil and gas production.

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Wyoming
Sen. Michael Enzi, a Republican, won his third term, defeating Democratic challenger Chris Rothfuss. In a state that is heavily Republican, the race was called early Wednesday morning.
President-elect Barack Obama delivers his victory speech on Election Night at a rally at Grant Park in Chicago.

March 4, 1933.
Obama gets just 27 to put together his government; inauguration is Jan. 20.
He will chart the country's course against this dreary backdrop: Obama now has a chance to rise as high as 7.5 percent next year; pessimistic consumers have cut back spending; home foreclosures are rampant; Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security face huge financial problems; and 152,500 U.S. troops are in Iraq more than five years after the initial invasion, while 27,000 are in Afghanistan in the sixth year of war.
With Democrats expanding their majorities in both the House and Senate, Obama will have to figure out how to lead a country that's more conservative than liberal while trying to satisfy the demands of the liberal left wing of his party. He will face demands for a quick pullout from Iraq. He's promised withdrawal, but carefully.
Perhaps addressing his party faithful, Obama said: "There are many who won't agree with every decision or policy I make as president. And we know the country can't solve every problem. But I will always be honest with you about what I can accomplish.
From the outset, how Obama acts to confront the worst economic conditions will set the stage for his presidency.

Chicago
continued from page 2 people showing heavy support for the candidate.
5:50 p.m.
We finally run into some Notre Dame people. Betsy Dwyer, a member of the class of '74, and her husband, Nelson, a member of the class of '66, have entered the park.
Dwyer, a community organizer, said Obama is her hero. She says he is the only politician she has ever prayed for.
He's going to win in a landslide, Nelson predicts. He tells us to tell Charlie Weis last Friday's pep rally was the best one he's been to. He added, high school or college.
5:59 p.m.
We hug it out over the large television screen set up on the lawn, one of several set up all around the park, broadcasting CNN.
6:00 p.m.
CNN projects Ohio will go to Obama. Few minutes later, CNN's John King said the Ohio vote can possibly pull out a win. The crowd at Grant Park is ecstatic.
6:47 p.m.
Michael Phillips, 39, says he's feeling "absolutely elated" after the Ohio and Pennsylvania projections. If Obama wins, he says he will kiss the person standing next to him.
9:23 p.m.
The crowd at Grant Park tries to start the wave. Seconds later, they give up.
9:52 p.m.
Ben Townsend, 45, is watching the final returns, victory cigar in hand, ready to light.
9:58 p.m.
CNN declares an Obama win in Virginia. CNN's Wolf Blitzer can't be heard over the cheers.
10:00 p.m.
CNN declares Obama the 44th president of the United States. The crowd explodes.
3:30 a.m.
We finally go to sleep, just half a mile away from where history was made.
Contactoidal Riedy at k Reidy@od.edu

Voter turnout could be highest in century

WASHINGTON — America voted in record numbers, standing in lines that stretched around blocks and in some places in pouring rain. Voters queued up Tuesday in record numbers and millions who voted early ballots propelled 2008 to what one expert said was the highest turnout in a century.
It looks like 136.6 million Americans will have voted for president this election, based on an 88 percent of the country's precincts tallied and projections for absentee ballots, said Michael McDonald of George Mason University. Using his models, that would give 2008 a 64.1 percent turnout rate. "That would be the highest turnout rate that we've seen since 1908," which was 65.7 percent, McDonald said early Wednesday. It also would beat the old post-World War II mark of 63.8 percent in the famed 1960 John F. Kennedy-Richard Nixon election. The 1960 election was the first in which the public could choose between two party candidates.
Voter turnout could take a day or so, will be "somewhere between 134 and 135 million," McDonald said.
The most interesting about early results is not just how many people voted, but the shifting demographic of American voters, said Stephen Ansolabehere, a political science professor at Harvard and MIT.
Using exit polling data, Ansolabehere determined that the electorate was more diverse than the voters of the 2008 electorate. That's down considerably from 1960 when whites made up 95 percent of the electorate, and down substantially in 2004 when whites made up 88 percent of the electorate.
"That's a big shift in terms of demographic composition of the electorate," which is "one of the reasons Obama won," Ansolabehere said early Wednesday.
Breakdown by party voting was 49 percent for Democrats and Republican candidate John McCain 44 percent, with independent voters pushing the margin to 50 percent.
But another expert disagrees with McDonald's calculations and only puts 2008 as the best in 40 years. Different experts calculate turnout rates in different ways, making it difficult for voters to know who they can trust.
Democrats gain ground in both House, Senate

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

Republican Sen. Elizabeth Dole, shown voting above, was unseated by Democratic challenger Kay Hagan, in one of the seats recently captured by Democrats in the Senate.

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

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

"It's been a really good night," Reid said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Obama ran a terrific campaign, he inspired millions of people.

McConnell, the Senate Republican leader, had been a target of national Democrats after leading successful filibusters against much of their legislative agenda the past two years. He won re-election against two-time Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bruce Landfish in a contentious race.

Melvin Cornwell Jr. once said that the most exhilarating feeling in life is to be shot at — and missed," McConnell said late Tuesday. "After the last few months, I think what he really meant to say is that there's nothing more exhausting."

In a tight Mississippi contest, Republican Roger Wicker defeated former Democratic Gov. Ronnie Musgrove to serve another four years of the term originally won in 2006 by Lott. Wicker was appointed to the post temporarily after Lott stepped down.

With Warner's victory in Virginia, Democrats now control both Senate seats and the governor's mansion. Virginia usually votes Republican in presidential elections, but Obama also won there Tuesday.

Democrats expand their House lead with broad gains, Speaker Pelosi calls House wins a 'wave upon a wave'

Republican Sen. Elizabeth Dole, shown voting above, was unseated by Democratic challenger Kay Hagan, in one of the seats recently captured by Democrats in the Senate.

Associated Press

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


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

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

Democrats unseated eight Republican incumbents and captured nine open GOP seats, capitalizing on the unusually high 29 Republican departures. Republicans were only able to knock off three Democratic incumbents.

With less than three dozen races still undecided, Democrats had won 232 and were leading for another 14. Republicans had won 160 and were leading in 12. If those trends held, Democrats could have a net gain of 20 seats. And Republicans were on track for their smallest numbers since 1994, the year a Republican Revolution retook the House for the first time in 40 years.

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

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

"This will be a wave upon a wave," Pelosi said.

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

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

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

In the northeast, GOP Reps. John R. "Randy" Kuhl of New York and Phil English of Pennsylvania were defeated.

Democrats Eric Massa unseated Kuhl in New York's southern tier, and Kathy Dahlkemper, a 56-year-old mother of five, topped Democrat Tom Tancredo in a swing district of rural communities and old industrial steel towns in Pennsylvania's northwest corner.

In Connecticut, Democrat Jim Himes, a Greenwich businessman, defeated Shays despite the Republican's highly publicized late criticism of McCain's presidential campaign.

Outside Column

Global appeal

Ten months ago, I was standing in line for the coat check at a posh London club when a man tapped me on the shoulder. He'd heard my American accent and wanted to get my opinion: Who did I think would win the Democratic primary, Clinton or Obama?

His curiosity surprised me, and not just because it was a serious inquiry in a shadowy night club, a place where the men all wear skinny jeans. "The B-52's know you them, they sang Love Shack," we'd heard rumors that Peaches, the British socialite, was in the building. I'd paid little attention to the elections that happen in other countries, but in pubs and parks, in line for shawarma and on the Tube, Londoners asked me about my thoughts on the dramatic race for the American presidency.

They weren't just being friendly. Elections in the United States attract the attention of the citizens of the world, because the outcome of the Nov. 4 election has a global impact. The world watched a black man accept the presidency of the United States, a country where slavery existed only 150 years ago.

When I left the United States last January for London, I was worried I would be disconnected from the exciting races for the Democratic and Republican nominations. But an ocean away, news about the debates, the primaries and the speeches were front pages as well.

"It's just like 'West Wing,'" one woman told me.

But Aaron Sorkin's creation never got ratings this good.

The ovation watched as Hillary Clinton made it clearer to the presidential nomination on a major party ticket than any woman ever had before her. They saw John McCain, a former Vietnam prisoner of war, capture the Republican nomination, and months later, they saw him pick Gov. Sarah Palin to be the first woman to run for vice president.
ELECTION 2008

Some students experience ID problems at polls

Over 40 voters encounter identification difficulties at Legends, an on-campus polling location; 6 to 8 were turned away

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Students made their way to the polls Tuesday at Legends of Notre Dame, where Norman Chadwick, Precinct Director, said a steady stream of people voted throughout the day. "There were about 14, 15 people in line at 6 a.m.,” Chadwick said, and while there were rarely lines, all six booths (were) always full.”

The evening soon culminated when a campaign official at the polling location said some voters seeking to vote could not find a place to vote. They were then shown to a place where they could vote.

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

"Yes we did!” was the response by the West Side Democratic Club in South Bend as Barack Obama was elected as the 44th president of the United States. “This is historic. Great. This is the United States of America,” said Alvin Levy, a South Bend resident. “We came together to elect an African-American, an American, as president of the United States of America.”

"This is everything that America stands for,” Levy, a former Air Force reservist, said. "The United States has its mission supported by all its people. That mission is to be the leader of the free world. I’m proud to be an American.”

Obama’s election is “amazing and hard to put into words,” according to Notre Dame College Democrats co-president Spencer Howard. "There are so many people around the country have been inspired by what he has brought to the table.”

"I am absolutely exhilarated,” she said. "He’s going to be an amazing president.”

Maxie Crawford was in tears following Obama’s victory.

"I am so happy and so proud we have elected a man who has compas-
INSIDE COLUMN

Stay politically active

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

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

So, I may not be the ideal politically-active and politically-informed citizen. But, when it became time for me to observe my civic duty and vote for our nation's next president, my inclination to get very excited about politics only when politics are very exciting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For the next few days, weeks, months, the media will still focus on a politician — analyzing the election outcomes and the next administration's transition into the White House. But slowly, the regular news cycle will return, and the dialogue about the issues that will face us in the coming years will shift back to a dialogue about celebrity baby names, the new vampire movie in season and whatever fantasy sport is in season.

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

Being politically active doesn't have to be popular only during election season. As college students, we will personally witness the effects of the changes that may or may not be made by the new administration, and our elected representatives can continue to hear our voice if we take the time to make it heard.

Keep the conversation going. Keep watching 30 Rock. And keep thinking about the issues — today on Nov. 5 and afterwards.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Jenn Metz at jmetz@nd.edu

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU WRITE IN FOR PRESIDENT?

Casey Englebert
senior
off-campus

"Fergie."

Jeanine Decanantantio
senior

"Sr. Katherine."

Leah Kohley
senior
off-campus

"Leonardo from the Ninja Turtles because he's a leader."

Christopher Aguilar
senior

"Michael Dukakis because he would honestly provide for this country."

Christopher Aguilar
senior

"Ronald Reagan. He was a great president."

Jenn Metz
News Editor

OFFBEAT

92-year-old Texas woman votes in ambulance

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

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

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

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

Son allegedly attacks mom in Myspace altercation

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

The mother said she confronted her 6-foot-2, 320-pound son, after which he became agitated and packed his belongings to leave their home.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Notre Dame senior Nick Krafft speaks to a South Bend resident while canvassing neighborhoods for Barack Obama on Tuesday.

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IN BRIEF

Saint Mary's College Right to Life will sponsor Right to Life Week. It includes a Celebration of Life party in Reginello's Lounge in LeMans Hall at 7 p.m. today, and a panel discussion from 6 to 7 p.m. in Baggar College Parlor on Thursday.

A colloquium entitled "What the most metal-poor stars tell us about the early Universe" will be held today from 5:30 p.m. Dr. Anna Freheli, of the McDonald Observatory, University of Texas at Austin will present in 118 Newland Hall of Science. The event is sponsored by the Department of Physics.

Downtown Lunch & Learn/Eco Film Series:
"Six Degrees Could Change the World" will be held at the Crossroads Gallery (Notre Dame Downtown, 217 S. Michigan Street, South Bend) on Thursday at 12:05 p.m. The event is for a free environmental film series.

Frank Baseman will present a lecture sponsored by the Slate Room Gallery, Art and the Department of Art, Art History, and Design on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the museum. The main event on Thursday is free and open to the public.

Baseman is on campus to meet with and critique the works of design students.

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

CORRECTIONS

The Observer regrets itself as a professional publisher and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-3453 so we can correct our error.
Election night unfolds at Notre Dame

Observer writers visit election watches at ND, SME and off campus to gather student reactions to coverage.

By BECKY HOGAN and EMMA DRISCOLL
New Writers

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

8:15 p.m.

We started at the LaFortune and found a handful of students who were finishing up their early election results on the TV and the Internet. The first two states had announced their results: Sen. John McCain won eight electoral votes in Kentucky and Sen. Barack Obama retained the three from Vermont. Campaign Democrats member Sy Doan was taking in some of the election coverage while working at Reckers and he estimated that the night would pan out the way he hoped.

“I like what I’m seeing,” he said. “I’ve been a supporter of Obama and everything is going according to schedule I guess.”

Sy Doan
student

8:40 p.m.

Once we arrived at LaFortune, we saw that Obama and McCain had 34. The gap was widening. Freshmen Cavanaugh and Sergio were watching the election coverage for a few minutes at a table in LaFortune. Both planned to continue watching on their laptops throughout the election.

Sergio said that the race was going pretty much as he expected.

Although Hannah said nothing would surprise him from the election, he was amused by the initial covering of the Tea Party’s Senatorial candidate.

“I’m still in shock that Texas is pretending to be blue for a little while. I think it’s funny,” Hannah said.

Hannah said that either candidate could have the election, and that a winner would be determined by the end of the night.

Hannah said he felt a bit more certain about what the night would bring.

“I’ve had a feeling since the primaries that Obama would win that I couldn’t shake,” Hannah said.

9:10 p.m.

We heard that there was an election watch in Cavanaugh, and wanted to check it out. There were about 20 girls gathering in the library space watching the coverage on CNN.

“I think [the elections are] going well,” freshman Maggie Sergio said.

As Obama supporters, Fahs, freshman Hannah Laura Wertier agreed that Obama’s victory in Pennsylvania was “reassuring.”

They expected to know the result of the election by the end of the night.

“I think soon there will be a definitive answer with the way things are going,” Fahs reached.

Both liked CNN’s coverage of the events and said that they did not think that it had been biased.

They said the group of residents with approved ballots had actually been split between supporting Obama and McCain.

“I don’t have a vote and yet and no one is getting upset,” Fahs reached.

“My initial thought was actually, ‘Not again,’” he said. Fahs said that Michigan residents are not allowed to vote absentee in their first election, which prevented him from voting in a previous election. He said that he would be able to vote in person in Indiana after registering.

“I wish I hadn’t voted in New Jersey. I realize now how close it was going to be,” he said.

Regardless of where he voted though, he was excited about fulfilling his civic duty.

“[It’s] really just awesome for this to be the first presidential election I’m voting in,” Fahs said.

9:25 p.m.

As we continued to venture out to Duncan Hall since one of us had yet to visit the new residence hall on campus. It was a good thing we did because the Highlander was sold out.

American classics such as peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and root beer floats in their social space.

Freshmen Davin Sakamoto had been keeping up with the election results for a few hours and now the count was Obama 195, McCain 90.

Sakamoto said he was pleased with the results, saying that he was happy for the nation and the students.

“I think it’s pretty cool that we’re going to make monumental change for our country’s future,” he said.

9:40 p.m.

Our election watch was about to take us to the home of the Bees. This took some time, however, since we had to search for the Saint Mary’s campus election watch. Our sources told us that the event would take place in the Vanden Venne Theatre in the basement of the Student Center, but by the time we arrived, it had relocated to the LeMans Hall.

Senior Andrea Ortiz had been watching election coverage on a campaign trail of her own, as she had watched election coverage in three different places throughout the day — the Multicultural Affairs Office in the Student Center, Vander Venn Venne Theatre and finally in LeMans. She said she continued to move because buildings began to close for the night.

Senior Siobhan Gordon was surprised that Obama was taking such a large lead in the election.

“We all expected it was going to be a little too close and hardly fought,” Siobhan Gordon
student

10:30 p.m.

Since Obama had promised the nation a campaign to put “Main Street” first, and he was close to clinching the necessary 270 electoral votes, we headed to Main Street Pub in South Bend to find some students taking in the results off campus.

Playing pool with his friends, junior William Kemp said he had been watching Fox News and CNN closely, which brought election coverage among different news networks to his attention.

As a pre-med student, Kemp said the greatest issue in the campaign was healthcare and he supported McCain for his healthcare policy.

“I’m pre-med, and I think my career is on the line. For me, it’s just as far as healthcare,” he said.

11:00 p.m.

We were about to wrap up our own election watch, and decided to make one last stop off campus to see votes being counted.

Senior Mike Folger was celebrating the results with his roommates.

“I assume Obama is going to win, and it’s great to be on the right side of one of the most historic elections,” Folger said.

He also said he was disappointed with the election coverage on the major news networks because he felt the “fancy graphics” and large number of analysts distracted from the results of the election.

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

Deadlines are calling — we have to cut our trip short. However, the results of this historic election will continue to be analyzed long into the night, and for weeks afterward.

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Polls

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card at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles by surrendering an out of state driver’s license. If identification cannot be obtained, citizens do have the option of filling out a provisional ballot.

“I try to give them as many options as possible,” Lehner said, “I just want to see them vote."

Lehner said of the 40-plus people with improper identification, he estimated that only six to eight people were turned away. Fennel said more than 20 people filled out provisional ballots.

“They came back with proper ID,” Lehner said.

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

“The provisional balloting procedure is complex. You really don’t want to vote provisionally if you can possibly help it,” Chadwick said.

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

“I didn’t have an Indiana issued ID, so [they wouldn’t accept my Michigan driver’s license],” he said. “I did go down to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles... and the only thing they asked from me to give me a photo ID there.

Unfortunately if I did that, I had to surrender my license, and I couldn’t have driven myself home.”

Fah said he does not have a passport or any other form of Federal identification.

“This isn’t the first time Fath has had problems voting. Initially, his thought was actually, ‘Not again,’” he said. Fah said that Michigan residents are not allowed to vote absentee in their first election, which prevented him from voting in a previous election. He said that he would be able to vote in person in Indiana after registering.

“That’s the only way... but I don’t want to do it, because my driver’s license is booked up to my bank accounts [and car insurance],” Fah said.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group addresses game day arrests

BY JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

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

Student Body President Bob Reish opened the floor for COR members to give their advice on how to proceed with meeting with the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Campus Safety, Security, and Hospitality Protocols and Practices for Football Gamedays, which was convened by University President Fr. John Jenkins. Reish has been selected as the student representative for the committee.

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

"There's a lack of information regarding the law," student body Vice President Grant Schmidt said. "That's a very tangible role for us to fill by informing them what is legitimate and what is not." Schmidt said there are two issues in regard to law enforcement before the football games when students enter the stadium and when they are at tailgates in parking lots.

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

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

"We need to cause understanding because there's a lot of misunderstanding," Weber said.

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

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

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

"Think about your experience as a student and as an alum as being greater than football," Geist said.

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

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

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

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

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

The committee's first meeting will occur Wednesday.

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College celebrates women in politics

By EMILY DABISH
News Writer

In recognition of the political season, the Cushing-Leighton Library at Saint Mary's has displayed a collection of memorabilia representing the transformative nature of women's role in politics. Consisting mainly of buttons, the Joyce Shell collection includes pieces from the 1940s' convention to the current-run.

Saint Mary's Librarian Robert Hohl said that the Joyce Shell collection began the collection of memorabilia when her husband took her to political conventions. After visiting a few sites in political memorabilia grew and she found particular interest in the art relating to women in politics.

The buttons show women's and suffrage contributions. It also shows the progress of women's involvement.

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

These presented issues help to start an investigation," Saint Mary's Librarian Robert Hohl said.

Some buttons illustrate events that aren't commonly known, like women who ran for presidency before they even had the right to vote. Others show more widely acknowledged movements, such as women rebelling against inequality during the Women's Rights Movement.

One of the earliest buttons, stating "Edith Wilson Roosevelt" dates to the candidacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt, but not only shows the support of Roosevelt's opposition, but also signifies the influence the first lady has in a presidential campaign.

Other buttons show support of First Lady's Hillary Clinton, Nancy Reagan, and Barbara Bush.

Several buttons asked for the First Lady to "pack up the white house" as though the old candidate was going take everything with him.

Hohl explained such an idea is very relevant in the latest presidential race, and that some displayed slogans are still current. For instance Shirley Chisholm, a black politician who ran for presidency in the 70's, used the slogan a "catalyst for change," which is reminiscent of Barack Obama.

Certain pieces in the collection conveyed a sense of humor, one referring to Hillary Clinton as the "slydog with the west wing" and another to Barbara Bush as "first mama."

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Israel launches airstrike against Gaza

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

Taher Nana, a Hamas government spokesman, said the group considered the Israeli airstrike a violation of the truce. "This is a serious breach of the truce understandings reached through Egyptian mediation," he said in an e-mail message to reporters. "We consider this the most serious in a string of breaches." The Israeli army claimed the move against the tunnel did not violate the truce, but instead was a legitimate step to remove an immediate threat. A top military official said troops had discovered "a 'ticking tunnel,'" which was about to be used to abduct an Israeli soldier. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the matter, said the tunnel was dug from inside a Gaza home and showed that Hamas was using civilians for cover. The official said Israel did not intend to break the truce, noting that some 60 mortar batteries have been fired since the cease-fire and Israel has chosen not to respond. Hamas also insisted it had not violated the truce and was acting to prevent an Israeli incursion.

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Israel launched an airstrike on Gaza early Wednesday after its troops clashed with Hamas militants who fired mortars into Israel, leaving six Palestinians dead. It was the first battle since a June truce modestly quieted violence in the volatile territory. The Israeli army said the clashes erupted late Tuesday after its forces uncovered a tunnel in central Gaza that militants planned to use to abduct Israeli soldiers. It said a special army unit headed to the area to destroy the tunnel. One Palestinian was killed in fierce gunbattles that ensued. Hamas then fired mortars across the Gaza border into southern Israel andIsrael answered with air strikes in the early hours of Wednesday, killing five suspected Palestinian militants and two Israeli policemen. The army said the airstrike aimed at the mortar launchers and hit them.

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

There has been only one other fatal similarity since the June truce, in July when Israeli troops shot and killed a teenage Palestinian militant along the border with Egypt.

The Islamic militant Hamas, which spoke on condition of anonymity in Gaza, quickly vowed revenge. "Our response will be harsh, and the enemy will play a heavy price," Hamas said in a statement on its military wing’s Web site.

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

Osama Hassinan, a Palestinian Health Ministry official, said the initial gunbattles killed one Palestinian and wounded three, including one woman. Residents identified the man killed as a Hamas militant. Hassinan said rescue officials were having a hard time reaching the site of the fighting and getting precise information on casualties. Israel has maintained a blockade of Gaza, where 1.4 million Palestinians live, since Hamas overran the territory in June 2007, seizing it by force from the rival Fatah faction.

Budget woes hit police, health services

NEW YORK — New York City will cancel the police academy’s next class of thousands of jobs and close dental clinics for poor children when it slashes its budget in an economic crisis, a city official said Tuesday.

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

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

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

Those are targeted to save $500 million this year and $1 billion in fiscal 2010. The plans include canceling the January 2009 police academy class, which means that approximately 1,100 would-be cadets will not enter the sixth-month program as planned. The next class would begin in July 2009.

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

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

There has been only one other fatal similarity since the June truce, in July when Israeli troops shot and killed a teenage Palestinian militant along the border with Egypt.

The Islamic militant Hamas, which spoke on condition of anonymity in Gaza, quickly vowed revenge. "Our response will be harsh, and the enemy will play a heavy price," Hamas said in a statement on its military wing’s Web site.

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

Osama Hassinan, a Palestinian Health Ministry official, said the initial gunbattles killed one Palestinian and wounded three, including one woman. Residents identified the man killed as a Hamas militant. Hassinan said rescue officials were having a hard time reaching the site of the fighting and getting precise information on casualties. Israel has maintained a blockade of Gaza, where 1.4 million Palestinians live, since Hamas overran the territory in June 2007, seizing it by force from the rival Fatah faction.

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NEW YORK — New York City will cancel the police academy’s next class of thousands of jobs and close dental clinics for poor children when it slashes its budget in an economic crisis, a city official said Tuesday.

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

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

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

Those are targeted to save $500 million this year and $1 billion in fiscal 2010. The plans include canceling the January 2009 police academy class, which means that approximately 1,100 would-be cadets will not enter the sixth-month program as planned. The next class would begin in July 2009.

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"We all believe the same things, we're all in touch and we're coming back," he said. "Eat, drink and be Republican." College Republicans were on hand to lend support to their party. Treasurer Stephen Bant said that an unusually close presidential race in Indiana did not bode well for local candidates hoping to ride a wave of support for McCain.

"With it being a tight race in Indiana, there isn't going to be a coattail effect," he said. A Democrat hasn't won in a presidential election since 1964.

Obama's election should be empowering. "There's no reason for anyone black to say we can't do something," he said. Lee Gloster, a union member, was more focused on the tangible results of Obama's election. "We're going to bring the troops home, get single payer medical coverage," and fix the mortgage crisis, he said.

Gloster and Jones are both "old activists," said he. James fired up the crowd prior to the speech, many people in the room began to cry or to hug each other in joy.

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

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

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Oil prices rise to highest level in 2 weeks

Erratic oil costs are unique to 2008; presidential elections likely a factor

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Oil prices surged above $70 a barrel Tuesday in the final hours of a two-year U.S. presidential campaign, mirroring global stock markets that strengthened hopes that Barack Obama will lead the U.S. to Asia to Europe. A weaker dollar also helped.

At home, the Dow Jones industrial average jumped 300 points despite a new Commerce Department report that said factory orders fell 2.5 percent in September from August, much worse than analysts had predicted.

As the pace of industry has slowed and businesses consume less crude, the price of oil has fallen $30 from just over a month ago. The price of retail gasoline dipped below $2.40 Tuesday for the first time since early in 2007.

Crumbling home prices, a shaky job market and gasoline that spiked above $4 per gallon have dramatically changed how Americans use fuel. While plummets gas prices have certainly been welcomed by consumers, much of that exuberance has been lost amid broader economic fears.

"The volatility and huge price swings we've seen this year are unmatched," said Ben Brockwell, director of data, pricing and information services for the Oil Price Information Service. "These erratic changes are a 2008 phenomenon.

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

The presidential election could be influencing the market, said analyst and trader Stephen Schork.

"There may be a lot of money moving from the sidelines that's waiting to see how this election is going to shake out," Schork said.

Oil has not traded above $70 in nearly two weeks. Some industry experts, including Schork, also attributed Tuesday's spike to the weaker dollar.

Commodities such as oil are used as a hedge against inflation and a weak dollar. Investors flood the crude futures market when the greenback falls.

A weak dollar also makes oil less expensive to buyers dealing in other currencies.

The euro rose nearly 4 cents Tuesday to $1.29, the dollar lost ground to the yen, the pound and other currencies as well. Light, sweet crude for December delivery rose $6.62 to $70.53 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after rising as high as $71.77.

"Anytime oil rises more than $4 a barrel, it's usually myriad items at play," said Jim Ritterbusch, president of Energy Consultancy Ritterbusch and Associates.

"When the Dow is up, the world is good and nobody wants the dollar as a safe haven."

The week has thus far been characterized by volatile trading.

Crude prices fell $4.46 on Monday, but those losses were erased early Tuesday. Oil industry analysts earlier this year believed that the booming economies of India and China would pick up any slackening of demand if Western nations went into recession. Few still hold onto that view, as the economic crisis in the United States has spread across the globe.

FCC probes cable, Verizon pricing policies

Associated Press

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

The agency wants to ensure that customers are being treated fairly. FCC Chairman Kevin Martin said in an interview with The Associated Press.

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

The FCC wrote to Verizon and 11 cable companies last month about their practices of moving analog channels to digital tiers to free up bandwidth for other uses, such as high-definition channels.

To watch channels that have been moved, subscribers to analog service must either subscribe to a more expensive digital tier, rent a digital set-top box or use an adapter, which service providers are starting to offer for free.

The FCC's Oct. 30 letter went to Comcast Corp., Time Warner Cable Inc., Cox Communications Inc., Charter Communications Inc., Cablevision Systems Corp., Bright House Networks, Suddenlink Communications, Bend Cable Communications, GCI Company, Harcon Entertainment, a unit of Harcon Communications, RCN Corp. and Verizon. Verizon was included because it offers pay-TV through its FIOS service.

Cable providers are in a race with satellite TV and phone companies to offer the most high-definition channels. About half of the nation's 56 million cable households buy only the analog basic or "enhanced basic" tiers.

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

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

The FCC has asked companies being probed to submit information about their pricing and channel switching practices within two weeks.
The Observer

Why bailouts don’t work

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

Let’s go back to early 2001. Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Chairman at the time, began slashing the federal funds rate (the interest rate at which banks lend to each other) in order to jumpstart the economy out of an impending recession caused by the recently burst internet bubble. Greenspan lowered rates from 6.5 percent at the beginning of January 2001, to a ridiculously low 1 percent by June 2003. After holding rates steady for a year, the Fed gradually raised them back up to 5.25 percent by June 2006. The abundance of credit through low interest rates gave incentive to many businesses to begin making deals that would not be economically feasible if the rates were at the real market price. This manifested itself in the creation of a new asset bubble in the housing market. Housing prices began to rise rapidly and all related assets, such as mortgage securities, became very lucrative. In short, people were borrowing when they should have and were living beyond their means because artificial market conditions made it possible. When the housing bubble burst, this short lived recovery came crashing down and billions of dollars in value suddenly disappeared from the economy.

The problem is that artificially low interest rates cause misinvestments which soon cause many unintended consequences. When scarse resources are allocated according to a central planner’s policies instead of real market conditions, inefficiencies will always exist. The market’s tool to cope with this situation on a large scale is recession. Recession allows the market to correct for activities that the economy cannot afford and consumers do not want. This $700 billion bailout plan will provide the credit to sustain these profitable and unprofitable activities for a limited time, but at a large cost. The benefit of credit will continue to drive up inflation and thereby decrease the money supply and thus rob purchasing power from every holder of U.S. dollars. When bubbles are created, recession is an unavoidable consequence. Artificial credit cannot create inflation and delay the inevitable.

The actions of the Federal Reserve and Department of the Treasury show an unwillingness to come to terms with the reality that the crisis is based on real factors which cannot be rectified through more of the same. When misinvestments and bad decisions are made, you have to allow prices to adjust downward to the real market value. Yes, we are looking at hard times. But if you continue to prop up this system that isn’t viable, you will have depression for the next decade instead of recession for the next year. The bailout aims to continue the fantasy that more artificial credit can fix the problem. Keynesian economists would have you believe that "deficits don’t matter." Well, they are going to start to matter real soon when GDP growth begins to stagnate or turn negative as a direct result of current monetary policy.

Capitalism works on the back of savings and our debt ridden government cannot afford the temporary relief a bailout will grant. It is time to be honest and realistic about our monetary future. We need to return to principles of sound money, understand that the Federal Reserve System is the problem and not the solution and create wealth through free markets. We must face the consequences and live within our means, for soon it will be too late.

Patrick Graff
Guest Columnist

Observer Poll

How far will the ND men’s basketball team go this season?

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Quote of the Day

"Bacchus hath drowned, more men than Neptune."
Dr. Thomas Fuller
British physician
Why the rush?

To My Fellow Irish:

As a 1994 graduate whose last game as a student was the loss at home to BC, I sympathize with your feeling somewhat frustrated by the absence of a definitive celebratory win. I feel I’m not the only one to rush the field after the Syracuse game. Dress up, jump around, even throw marshmallows (gasp!), but please do not attempt the spectacle of rushing the field after the game. One of only two possible perceptions will result: the student body has laughably low expectations for the Fighting Irish, or the student body is being disrespective to Syracuse who surely will leave the stadium in defeat. Imagine the headlines Sunday morning atop the less-than-friendly sports periodicals.

We will win the game, of that there is no doubt. Save rushing the field for our victory over USC in November 2009. Your restraint today will make that moment all the more glorious then.

Yours in Notre Dame,

Stephanie Joyce
Nov. 4

It’s that time again ...

[Insert pleas for columnists here]

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U Wire

The element election season
an undignified end

When I go to my local polling station to vote today, I’m bringing a football with me. When I emerge from behind that curtain, my sense of democracy fulfilled, I am going to spike that football. Hard. I will not spike it because I’m excited at the prospect of a new president, but because I want that little piece of sewn-together synthetic pigskin to feel the pain I’ve dealt with for the last year. For too long I’ve been tortured with attack ads, debates, staged public appearances and substance-free stump speeches. This was not a race, but a poorly scripted, prime-time TV show. And judging by how the public made out after this endurance test of the organisn and rhetoric, I’d call that show “Lost.”

Remember Rudy Giuliani? Or how about John Edwards? The marathon for the presidency has run so long it’s hard to remember who the starting players were. There was a time when nobody thought Barack Obama could beat Hillary Clinton, and even fewer people thought John McCain was actually alive. It’s easy to see why presidents appear to age physically at an incredible rate; I swear, this campaign lasted decades. Arguing that Obama lacks experience is foolish when he’s pretended to be president for the last three months. He’s not a politician. He’s an actor. Or as a puckish McCain ad I’ve seen a mere 100 times proclaims, he’s a “celebrity.”

But it was unfair of McCain to label Obama like that. Ultimately, they’ve both become celebrities. They’ve both toured the talk show circuit, basking in constant media spotlight. Obama bought a half hour of airtime to remind America how horrible the middle class has it, and McCain sent his VP to The Rockefeller Center to smile at jokes. Do McCain and Obama think the American public spends all its time watching TV? Apparently, as evidenced last night, they think we do.

Monday night, with their final debate, with their last chance to manage to elect a new pope within three weeks, and their choice needs to be made? That we’re excited to beat one of the worst teams in college football? I don’t want to see the creditors roll on this election. In fact, I’d like to see them fast-forwarded, like they do with movies on TV. No Jackie Chan-style outtakes, no extra scene with Ben Stiller in a fat suit, just a bunch of thank yous followed by blackness. This election needs a black ending, so make it happen. And don’t make it close. It just feels like that third “Lord of The Rings” movie. As soon as the screen fades and you think you’ve finally hit the end, there’s another scene full of small people with hairy feet. I want to see the credits roll on this election. In fact, I’d like to see them fast-forwarded, like they do with movies on TV. No Jackie Chan-style outtakes, no extra scene with Ben Stiller in a fat suit, just a bunch of thank yous followed by blackness. This election needs a black ending, so make it happen. And don’t make it close.

John and Barack. "The Boat, Baby." Obama sat down with a man whose political credibility is only matched by his ability to narrate a Home Run Derby. This is demeaning to the job of commander in chief, and Congress should get together to pass a law banning any person with presidential aspirations from appearing on a show with a Hank Williams Jr. theme song. I’m relatively confident his intro to Monday Night Football is pumped into cells at Guantanamo Bay.

At this point, it isn’t even important who wins. It just needs to be a landslide. I want a good, clean election with a projected winner by 9 p.m., and I’m looking at you, Fox News. I don’t want stories of disenfranchised voters; I don’t want talk of lawsuits or recounts. If this election takes any more time, it will qualify for medical benefits, assuming they’d exist under the new president’s health plan. If this job requires decisive action and “I’m a phone call,” there’s no need to wait this long to vote: Cardinals manager to elect a new pope within three weeks, and their choice needs to be unanimous. All-Star ballooning takes a month or two, but it determines home field advantage in the World Series, and something that’s a little more important than the head of the executive branch.

The American public might watch too much “Dancing With The Stars,” but it’s not totally devoid of brain cells, and I’m pretty sure we’ve been ready to check the box for a while now. It just feels like that third “Lord of The Rings” movie. As soon as the screen fades and you think you’ve finally hit the end, there’s another scene full of small people with hairy feet. I want to see the credits roll on this election. In fact, I’d like to see them fast-forwarded, like they do with movies on TV. No Jackie Chan-style outtakes, no extra scene with Ben Stiller in a fat suit, just a bunch of thank yous followed by blackness. This election needs a black ending, so make it happen. And don’t make it close. This column first appeared in the Nov. 4 edition of The Observer herald, the daily paper at the University of Wisconsin. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
By JOSEF KUHN

Brian Wilson's done lying in bed. He's up and at 'em again with a new album, "That Lucky Old Sun." The former singer, bassist and lead songwriter of the Beach Boys is widely known for the enormous impact he has made on pop music, but also for his long history of drug abuse and mental issues. With this new album, through, Wilson seems to proclaim his final redemption and his newfound love for life.

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

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

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

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

The music is more complex and challenging than that of the Beach Boys, although it is still highly accessible pop. Most significantly, the lyrics are more mature. Most of them express a joyful passion for life, using the vibrant locales of California as a backdrop. In a few songs, Wilson deals with his dark years of depression, but always with a happy resolution. It is clear that he has left his despondency behind and now has a much more positive outlook on life. Some other songs wax sentimental about the bygone days of youth, but Wilson avoids melancholy, instead looking back with rosy glasses.

While the album is enjoyable and definitely worth listening to, it is not without flaws. Some other songs seem to reflect on much of your life. What kind of experience is it for you when you perform it?

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

Scene: What inspired you to take this album on tour?

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

By STEPHANIE DEPREZ

Most of us inherit our musical tastes early in life, growing up listening to our parent's favorites. We drive around in the car with mom's radio station on and we watch dad fix things while listening to his CDs.

At some point in your life, you probably heard the harmonic, sunny tunes of the Beach Boys. Beginning in the 1960s, these southern Californians came out with a series of surf-inspired songs that are hard to resist. Their impact continues to be felt, often through the movies that still feature their songs, such as "50 First Dates" ("Wouldn't It Be Nice"), "Love Actually" ("God Only Knows") and "Happy Feet" ("Do It Again"). Their presence in pop culture is undeniable and they've managed to gain a fan-base in every generation.

The man behind most of the magic is Brian Wilson, who formed the Beach Boys with his two brothers, Carl and Dennis, their cousin Mike Love and their friend Al Jardine. After a series of hits, Wilson fell on some bad times as he dealt with drug use for years. He continued to write as he fell deeper into seclusion, but his bouts with drugs weren't really over till the late 1980's.

Now he takes the stage with a completely new album, "That Lucky Old Sun," an ode to LA that Wilson is fit to deliver. He will perform live in South Bend at the Morris Performing Arts Center on Nov. 13, about which Scene talked with him.

After noting the lasting impact of the trademark Beach Boy harmonies, Wilson explained that he wanted to paint a picture of LA using carefully chosen images. He also answered questions about his feelings on the Beach Boy's long history. Part of the interview can be read below.

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**Pacific Ocean Blue**

Dennis Wilson Remastered: Returning to "Pacific Ocean Blue"

By ANALISE LIPARI

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

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

The release is a fascinating glimpse into the life and art of a virtually forgotten man, overshadowed in music history by his famous siblings and former project.

"River Song" opens the album with a vocal style similar to the Beach Boys, but in a way that feels distinct, both lyrically and in scope, from the most famous hits in that band's recorded past. The experimental sounds of Beach Boys albums like "Pet Sounds" clearly paved the way for Wilson's work here, but "River Song" helps this album take a new turn. "Pacific Ocean Blue" has elements of seventies folk, funk and beach music, but its occasionally eclectic feel somehow retains a cohesiveness that helps the album feel complete.

"What's Wrong," the second track, has elements of his previous style, with strains of brass and piano thumping emphatically through the track. That signature vocal sound, that Beach Boys harmony, is hard to escape, but Wilson effectively makes it his own here and elsewhere.

"Moonshine" has a quieter start and more melancholy feel. The following track, "Friday Night," is dark and waning, with a nearly two minute instrumental intro. It shifts in tone from the previous tracks, but in a way that still gives with the rest of "Pacific Ocean Blue." The vocals on "Dreamer" are grainy and distant, an effect that's expanded and developed on "Thoughts of You." The latter track uses electronic effect to its benefit, alternating between the stark piano and Wilson's gruff, honest vocal style, and a more stylized studio sound. The effect is an intriguing one.

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

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

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

The second disc, "Bambu," picks up where "Pacific Ocean Blue" left off and develops it further, and is well deserving of its own review. Briefly, the sweeping anthem "Remember Me," the gruff stylings of "Wild Situation" and the Randy Newman-like "He's A Bum" are all excellent. "I Love You" takes a turn for the pseudo-psychedelic in its latter half, and "Constant Companion" is an energetic, brass-laden romp.

In the liner notes to "Pacific Ocean Blue," guitarist and producer Earle Mankey describes recording with Wilson saying, "People would start talking about notes, parts, the melody or the rhythm and [Wilson] would say, 'I just want the truth.' That's all that mattered to him." For a real sense of Wilson, the man, the artist and admittedly the former Beach Boy, check out "Pacific Ocean Blue."

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New York — The New York Islanders finally had a third period to brag about. After two straight late meltdowns at home, the Islanders turned a strong effort by backup goalie Joey MacDonald into a win over the New York Rangers on a pair of short-handed goals by Nate Thompson and Richard Park.

"That was a huge morale-lifter for us," Thompson said after his first NHL point broke up the deadlock in the third period. "I can't say enough for our team and Joey MacDonald for sticking with the game plan. Just 4-2 when Thompson scored, during a different Ranger power play, Park netted the Islanders' league-leading sixth short-handed tally. The Islanders got out of a frustrated Madison Square Garden with their best win of the season despite being out-shot 36-19.

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

The Islanders own a two-game winning streak, scoring six straight losses (0-5-1), and they moved out of last place in the Atlantic standings (4-7-1).

"After the second period, we made a point to say, 'Let's let them beat us,'" Thompson said. "They did, but in the third period, we didn't allow them to do that. It felt really good." Thompson said his 36 saves made him feel he was not overly on his game. "I think my biggest advantage was, I didn't think it was too good." Park then broke up Michal Rozsival's cross-ice pass at the blue line and streaked down the left side. His drive eluded Lundqvist at 8:00.

The Rangers dominated on the shot clock in the second period, but the Islanders couldn't dent MacDonald. He made 18 saves in the frame, while the Islanders sent only five shots on Lundqvist.

"We had momentum on our side, and I take responsibility for having two mistakes on the power play that cost us the game," Rozsival said. "There's no excuse for that." Gordan used his timeout with 7:57 left after MacDonald reached over his head and behind him to snare Rozsival's rising drive. At that point, the Rangers held a 14-2 shot advantage in the second and 25-9 overall.

Carolina, Toronto

Nicolas Wallin scored 1:52 into overtime as Carolina Hurricanes blew a three-goal lead before pulling out a victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Tuesday night. Tuomo Ruutu, Dennis Seidenberg and Nate Thompson also had goals for Carolina (7-3-2). Mikhail Grabovski had two goals and Niklas Hagman and Mike Van Ryn also scored for the Maple Leafs (5-4-4).

There were 10 goals scored when the teams faced each other in Raleigh on Sunday, so it wasn't all that surprising to see the offense carry over to the second half of the back-to-back series. The Hurricanes grabbed a 3-0 lead before the first period was over.

Ruutu beat Vesa Toskala with a low shot at 2:20, Seidenberg scored on a power play at 5:15, and Lallone tallied his fourth goal of the season at 8:53 after the puck bounced out from the end boards.

Toronto started its comeback when Hagman finished a give-and-go with Nikolai Kulemin by beating Cam Ward with a high shot at 13:52 of the first period.

The Hagman-Grabovski-Kulemin unit was easy to keep an eye on in the third, providing energy and the team's second goal after Bayda had made it 4-1 for Carolina. Grabovski got his eighth goal of the season in the second for Ottawa, which improved to 3-0-1 in its last four games.

Tomis Fleischmann drew Washington even at 1 with his fourth goal just 2:13 after Heatley scored.

Andrew Echevarria returned to the Capitals' lineup after he missed two games in order to visit his ailing grandfather in Russia.

Johnson turned aside 42 shots, including 13 in the first, which saw the Capitals successfully kill a Senators 5-on-3 advantage for 1:52 midway through the opening period. Alex Auld stopped 26 shots in his sixth straight start for the Senators.

Heatley opened the scoring 1:13 into the second to give Ottawa a 1-0 lead. The high-scoring forward got home Washington defense- man Jeff Schultz in the neutral zone to receive a break-away pass from Mike Fisher. Heatley drove the net and deked Johnson before stuffing the puck inside the left post and past the goalie's outstretched right pad.

Fleischmann drew Washington even at 1 when he took a pass from Alexander Semin and put a backhand past Auld.

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

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

Associated Press

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

"I want to say I'm not trying to be coy; I'm not playing games with them (the Tour) or with fans or with media. I simply don't know," Armstrong said Tuesday during wind tunnel testing at the San Diego Air & Space Technology Center. "I'm not in a hurry. It's Nov. 4.

"I know there is tension. There is tension with French cycling fans, with French media and certainly with the organizers. And right now I don't want to deal with tension. And I don't know if I want to deal with tension in July." Jean-Etienne Amaury, the new president of the Tour's organizer, said last month that Armstrong had "embarrassed" the event.

Armstrong suggested his safety might be at risk if he enters the Tour again.

The Austin, Texas, resident recalled watching his hometown college football team, the Texas Longhorns, lose at Texas Tech last weekend.

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

His last Tours "weren't good," Armstrong said.

He doubted that the American citizenship and international acceptance he's earned since a precipitous fall in 2006 and $12 million in the remaining two seasons of his remaining contracts. The pitcher will forfeit $24 million signing bonus, a $1 million salary and can file for free agency.

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In Brief

Burnett decides to opt out of contract with Blue Jays

TORONTO — Right-hander A.J. Burnett told the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday that he will opt out of the remaining two seasons of his $55 million, five-year contract. The pitcher will forfeit $24 million and can file for free agency. His contract called for a $6 million signing bonus, a $1 million salary in 2006 and $12 million in the remaining seasons.

Burnett went 18-10 with a 4.07 ERA in 207 innings over four starts in 2007 and led the American League with 231 strikeouts.

Nadal ailing from tendinitis in knee, doubtful for Davis Cup

MADRID, Spain — Rafael Nadal has tendinitis in his right knee and could be in doubt for Spain's Davis Cup final against Argentina. Medical tests Tuesday confirmed the tendinitis, and Spain team doctor Angel Ruiz-Cotorro said the top-ranked player would undergo treatment through Saturday.

Nadal will have more tests Monday to assess the injury. Spain plays Argentina in the final on indoor hard court at Mar del Plata from Nov. 21-23.

Spanish Davis Cup captain Emilio Sanchez Vicario will not pick Nadal if he is unfit, Nadal's uncle and coach Toni said Tuesday.

On Monday, Nadal pulled out of the season-ending Masters Cup in Shanghai citing fatigue after a season in which he's played in 111 matches.

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7:00 p.m., ESPN
PITTSBURGH — Byron Leftwich has already shown the Pittsburgh Steelers he can finish. He may get the chance Sunday to prove he can start.

With starter Ben Roethlisberger’s status for Sunday’s game against the Colts uncertain due to his right shoulder injury, the Steelers (6-2) may give Leftwich his first start since last Nov. 18 with Atlanta.

Roethlisberger underwent an MRI exam Tuesday, but the results did not immediately solve the mystery. He could be ready to return to the bench with the guys try¬ing to rally around him.

Leftwich took over to set up the game-winning touchdown in the fourth quarter Monday night.

“We really don’t look for or seek excuses. We don’t make them, whether we’re talking about Ben or anybody else.”

Tomlin Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin

Associated Press

Devil’s Brodeur out for 3 to 4 months

NEWARK, N.J. — The New Jersey Devils goalie is going to learn about life without Martin Brodeur.

The 36-year-old Brodeur, a four-time Vezina Trophy win¬ner who is on the verge of becoming the NHL’s all-time win¬ningest goaltender, will be sidelined until at least Feb¬ruary after tearing a distal biceps in his left elbow last weekend.

Brodeur will undergo sur¬gery Thursday.

“It’s shocking because you expect my knee is going to go or my groin or my thumb, some¬thing I use as a goalie.”

Martin Brodeur Devils goalie

The Associated Press

The Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies welcomes the University Community to a talk by

Distinguished folklorist Diarmuid Ó Góiliótáin of University College, Cork

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Canseco pleads guilty to charges

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Jose Canseco went to a Tijuana pharmacy looking for something to boost his testosterone level — low after years of admitted steroid use — and got himself in trouble again. Limping slightly and saying he's tired, depressed and nearly bankrupt, the former slugger pleaded guilty Tuesday to a misdemeanor offense of trying to bring a fertility drug across the Mexican border. He was sentenced to 12 months' supervised probation.

The 44-year-old Canseco apologized to U.S. Magistrate Judge Ruben B. Brooks, saying, "I made an honest mistake." Brooks wondered aloud whether to make community service or drug testing conditions of Canseco's sentence. The judge decided against those stipulations after attorney Greg Emerson said Canseco is dealing with physical difficulties due to his steroid use and is doing his best to turn around his life.

"It was ignorance on my part, it is all it was," Canseco told The Associated Press afterward.

Canseco, who said he also has a bum knee, faced a maximum sentence of one year in prison and a maximum fine of $1,000. The former star was ordered to pay a $25 special assessment.

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

In his 2005 book "Juiced," Canseco admitted to using steroids and also alleged steroid use by other baseball players, which attracted Congress' attention. On Tuesday, Canseco said a gel he was using to try to restore his testosterone level wasn't working, so he went to a Tijuana pharmacy seeking something better. "I didn't go down there looking for steroids," Canseco said while seated on a bench outside the courtroom with his girlfriend, who gave only her first name, Heidi. "I needed something to help me get my own levels back to normal, just to get me to, you know, normal working conditions, I guess." "Well, when you have no testosterone level, you're depressed, you lose muscle mass, no sex drive, no libido, you have nothing," he added. "You're kind of like tired, depressed all the time. You just don't want to do anything." The former AL MVP and Rookie of the Year was a six-time All-Star who hit 462 home runs in 17 seasons.

Quinn introduced as Browns QB

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Derek Anderson answered the final question, bowed his head and stared blankly at the floor. He then walked slowly toward a door at the far end of Cleveland's locker room, passing to exchange a fist bump with linebacker and fellow team captain Andra Davis on his way out. Seconds later, Brady Quinn entered to face a media semiflank in front of Anderson's stall. Quietly, the quarterbacking torch was passed.

On a Tuesday in which change was the buzzword across the country, power shifted for the Cleveland Browns. The team began an era with an untouchable quarterback as its on-field leader. He'll replace Anderson, benched by coach Romeo Crennel who said he based his decision on the Pro Bowl QB's inconsistent play, Cleveland's poor offensive ranking and the club's disappointing 3-5 record at the season's halfway point.

"I felt like we needed a different dynamic on the offense," said Crennel, who added that he has been considering a Quinn-Crennel swap "for a while now.

The switch came one day after Anderson threw a costly interception late in the fourth quarter, and got himself in trouble again. It means a lot to me, I put a lot of effort into it, and that's probably the hardest thing for me. The Browns now turn to the wildly popular Quinn, whose No. 10 jersey was already in high demand and should see another spike in sales. Quinn has prepared for the possibility he'll get into a game by studying film, watching the scout team and helping Anderson get ready. Now, he's the one in the spotlight — and under the magnifying glass.
DENVER — Denver coach George Karl has been petitioning for a pure point guard, a player with a proclivity for passing.

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

Now, Karl needs to tweaked the offense, restructuring it from Iverson's shot-first mentality to Billups' pass-first philosophy.

Not that he minds the challenge.

"We all get excited when you've got a point guard that's special," Karl said Tuesday. "I think he's an orchestrator of winning. He'll help everybody get better shots. He'll help me coach the game."

Karl has been searching for just such a point guard since surrendering Andre Miller to the Philadelphia 76ers in the trade that brought Iverson to town in December 2006.

"I think it fits, it fits what we need," said Karl, who's not expected to have Billups available Wednesday at Golden State, but should have him Friday against Dallas. "But when you make a trade, there's a nervousness to Billups around, a forward who's retooled his game after serious knee injuries. "Antonio used to be a runner, an athlete, a rebounder, a rim-biter," Karl said. "Now, he plays the game. He'd be good for us."

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

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Does Smith prefer a passer at point?

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"We think he is going to fit with exactly what we stand for here," Dumas said. "It's all about winning and being in the big dance at the end of the year. Those are his goals."

"I don't think we're going to sit here today and make any grand predictions because everybody knows our goals," Dumas said. "I think it's going to be a tough, physical battle to see who wins."

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Jackson said he also shifted
his special teams units around
after going 0-16 with the man
advantage this fall.
These changes included moving
Kyle Lawson to the front of
the net, and forming a unit
that had three right-handed
shooters playing with powerful
point man Cole.
“We were trying to create
more emotion on our power play,”
Jackson said. “We just try to
give them a basic outline to
follow, then they have to make
puck plays. They break the box
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and
Lawson tallied power-play
goals for Notre Dame in two wins
over the Wildcats.
While Jackson said the mid­
week changes contributed to
this success, other factors were
in play as well.
“Northern plays a more pas­
tive system on penalty kill, which
could’ve had something to
do with it,” he said.
“Being on the Olympic ice
sheet over there, I’ve never seen a
factor, too, in a positive way.”
Defensive linemen Brett Blatchford
also had a big weekend against
Northern, notching four assists, three with the
man-advantage. Jackson said
after the series that he hoped
Blatchford would develop into
a better point man on the
power play, and that playing at
an off-point position has actu­
ally helped him in that regard,
allowing Blatchford to play
primarily on his forehand
instead of backhand.
“He’s walking across instead of
pulling it across,” Jackson
said. “Also, it allows him
to potentially see the ice better.”
This power play success is a
far cry from the struggles that
plagued Notre Dame in the
middle of last season, when
the Irish fell into an 0-for-39
slump at one point.
But the Irish will be tested
next weekend when they take
on Boston College in a
rematch of last year’s national
championship game. Jackson
said the Eagles can score
out of it,” she said.
The freshmen are adapting to
the struggles of a new
offense well, McGraw said. Since
the team has so many veterans,
however, McGraw said the fresh­
man will have difficulty cracking
the lineup.
The veterans are a little bit
ahead of them in just knowing
what we’re doing,” McGraw
said. “We’re doing a lot of the same
stuff we did last year, which has
been easier for them. There’s a
big learning curve for the freshman
but they’re handling it really well.”
Novosel said learning the
offense will allow her stop focus­ing
on what she’s doing and simply
play the game.
“You don’t have to think about it,
you just go out there and play,”
she said.
Sophomore for­
ward Devereaux
Peters is nearing
full health after
missing the sec­
ond half of last season with a
turn ACL. McGraw said she was
surprised by Peters’ level of par­
ticipation this fall.
“She gets a little stronger every
day. She hasn’t missed anything,”
McGraw said. “She’s been really
working hard.”
Lechlitner said it will be nice
to have Peters back to assist with
shot-blocking and the press,
which Peters played a large role
in last year.
McGraw said she will tinker
with some lineup changes during
the game. What she said she
wants to avoid, however, is put­
ting all of the freshmen in at once,
she wants to mix one or two of
the younger players in with the
veterans.
“We’re going to start with a veter­
ner group and try to get the
freshman in as quickly as we can,” she said.
Gannon finished last season
16-12 and 10-7 in the Pennsylvania
State Athletic Conference. The Golden Knights scored 71.5 points
per game and made seven 3­
pointers per game.
Junior guard Kristina
Freeman made 48 3-pointers last season
and hit 37.5-percent of her shots
from behind the arc. Junior guard Kim
Vargas led the Golden Knights in scoring
last season with 16.2 points per game.
Notes:
• Peters will not play in the
Gannon game because she missed a
tutorial session.
• McGraw said Lechlitner, sen­
ior guard Lindsay Schrader, jun­
ior guard Ashley Barlow, sopho­
more forward Becca Brusonik and
junior center Erica
Williamson will start.
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rough victory in an MIAA mini-
tournament later that month. Each match, despite the straight-set outcomes, were
grinding, defensive battles that favored the team that made the fewest offensive mis-
takes.

Tuesday night’s match fol-
lowed suit, with the teams combining for 14 blocks and 163 digs in four closely-fought
sets. In the end, Adrian was able to capitalize on errors from the Saint Mary’s squad,
while the Belles struggled late in each set and squandered several leads.

In the first set, the Belles
came out of the gate forcefully and established a 14-7 lead at one point. The Bulldogs took
advantage of Saint Mary’s mis-
cues while getting some key
kills to come back and tie the
score at 19-19 before a kill by
junior provided the spark
for Saint Mary’s all through
the set and a 3-1 victory.

Tracy McGrady scored 26
points for Houston and tied
in kills while providing 2.82
assists in the absence of the
talented Artest. He guarded by 6-10
seconds remaining. Brent Barry then shot an air-
ball and Garnett caught it to
secure the win.

The Celtics proved Houston
doesn’t have the depth to
contend for the NBA title.

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NBA

Boston’s Big 3 proves superior

Associated Press
HOUSTON — Boston’s Big 3
outplayed Houston’s trio of
stars Tuesday night.

Ray Allen scored 29 points,
Kevin Garnett added 14
points and 11 rebounds and the
Celtics shot down Ron
A rtest and Yao Ming in a
103-96 victory over the
Rockets.

The Celtics led 101-97
when McGrady roose for a 3-
pointer and was fouled by
Tony Allen. McGrady landed
awkwardly and grabbed his
left knee as Boston coach Doc
Rivers protested the call, claiming McGrady
was trying to pass.

Referees reviewed the play
as McGrady walked off to
the blow to his knee. He was
given three foul shots and
made two, cutting Boston’s
lead to 101-99.

Eddie House hit two free
throws at the other end with
9.6 seconds remaining. Brent
Barry then shot an air-
ball and Garnett caught it to
secure the win.

Paul Pierce added 13
points and nine rebounds for
the Celtics (3-1). Yao went 4-
for-14 from the field and
scored eight points, while
Artest missed 13 of 16 shots
and scored 15.

Since acquiring Artest in
the off-season, the Rockets
have boldly talked about
contending for the NBA title.
The Celtics proved Houston
still has a ways to go.

Yao, Artest and McGrady
combined for 14 blocks and
four service aces. Junior setter
Danielle Brink
kept the offense running with
43 assists in the absence of the
regular setter, freshman
Diane Brink.

Quiet throughout the match
was hitter Lorna Sulpzynski;
the junior provided the spark
for Saint Mary’s all through
the set and a 3-1 victory.

Yao returned with 10:52
left in the first half. With Yao
backing off, Glen Davis
grabbed an offensive rebound
and scored, part of a 15-5
Celtics run. Davis converted a
three-point play, drawing Yao’s third foul, to
put Boston up 43-27 with
7.56 remaining in the half.

Yao went out again and
the smaller Rockets’ lineup
mounted a 25-4 run, sinking
nine straight shots, including
three 3-pointers. The Celtics
hit one field goal and
committed three turnovers in
the five-minute stretch, and
Aron Brooks’ jumper put
Houston ahead 52-47.

Ray Allen stopped the
Rockets’ run with a three-
point play and swished a 3-
pointer on the next posses-
ion to put the Celtics back
in front. Pierce hit a 3-point-
er in the final minute and
Boston led 58-53 at the
break.

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FOOTBALL

Weis says 'complexion' of games affects team's strategy

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said that the offensive game has been a little different before a game, but rather has to adapt throughout it, at his weekly press conference on Tuesday.

"I think that when you're running things on offense, it isn't just grinding it out and the running game," he said. "I think the complexion of how a game goes has a lot to do with how you call a game."

Weis was responding to comments about his team's inabilities to score, and to the three losses on the season — at North Carolina on Oct. 11 and Saturday against Pittsburgh.

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

"Let's just say that I'll have a talk with Golden and he won't be saying that any more. He seems to be the team spokesman for two weeks in a row now," Weis said. "Last week, just like Michael Floyd was trying to lateral the ball in the North Carolina game." Weis said of Floyd's fumble on the final play of the North Carolina loss, which Tate also commented on.

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

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

Notre Dame's exhibition game against Gannon tonight will test the Irish in the semifinals Nov. 14 in Tampa, Fla., one victory away from the Nov. 16 championship game.

In other first-round action, Villanova clinched the Big East Blue division, No. 13 Notre Dame will get to watch the 12-team conference tournament field narrow itself to eight without playing a game. On Saturday, the Irish (11-5-2, 7-2-2 Big East) will host either the Mountaineers or Louisville, who play at 2 p.m. today.

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

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles out in MIAA's first round

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

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

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

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

The Belles previously clashed with the Bulldogs twice this season, with each team picking up a victory in straight sets.

HOCKEY

ND shores up power play

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

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

"We work on power-play skills and then we work on tactics," Jackson said. "No want our players to be creative, but we want to give them some guidelines to follow down the ice."