Senator Wabruda Matthew Tipton agreed with the statement that "This election will not eradicate the racial barriers, which exist. It will help provide hope to young people who felt hopeless until now." He said, "It is a very significant rewriting of the history of African-Americans," as their achievements in doing so has given hope to millions of black people who once thought they would never live to see a black president.

Historic results improve racial equality in America

By JOSEPH McMHAON
Assistant News Editor

President-elect Barack Obama shattered the race barrier Tuesday, and in doing so has given hope to millions of black people who once thought they would never see a black president. "It is a very significant rewriting of the history of African-Americans," Director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services Iris Outlaw said. "This election will not eradicate the racial barriers, which exist. It will help provide hope to young people who felt hopeless until now.

Student body president Bob Reish, center, speaks to the Student Senate during his state of the student union address Wednesday. "This will mean appointing his cabinet and staffing his administration quickly on becoming more approachable as well as more visible around campus."

Student body president Bob Reish lauded the accomplishments of his administration while saying that a lot of work still needs to be done, specifically in the area of student safety off campus. In his state of the student union address at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday, Reish said his administration has worked on "bridging the gap between students and student government" by focusing on becoming more approachable as well as more visible around campus. Reish focused much of his speech on the issue of student safety off campus, which has been a hot-button topic this year. He said he had been working with the ad hoc committee on Stadium security, which was recently created by University President Fr. John Jenkins, and assured the Senate that "tangible progress is being made, although you may not yet see it." However, Reish said student

Bob Barr takes votes away from McCain

While much of the election coverage focused on the candidates of the two major parties, Libertarian nominee Bob Barr — the only candidate to visit Notre Dame — provided a refreshing alternative to both Barack Obama and John McCain, president of the College Libertarians Ben Linskey said.

"Bob Barr did a tremendous service over the past few months by opening up the political debate in our country and giving Americans a real alternative to the two-party system," Linskey said. Barr, who visited campus earlier this year, garnered 28,382 votes, which is about 1.1 percent of the popular vote in the state of Indiana. His showing helped contribute to McCain's loss of the traditionally red state.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The good ole days

When I say the "good ole days," I'm not talking Arais or even Lou — I wasn't alive for the reign of the first two and was too young to appreciate the latter. But until on-field record will match its storied tradition and top-caliber talent, Notre Dame will not be considered "good ole days," when Notre Dame's alma mater and the only team I'd consider a rival is the hated Trojans — a 31-30 home game to Mississippi earlier this year, I snapped, smelled and swore all afternoon, even as I sat in the Notre Dame Stadium press box for the first time.

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The game itself was dramatic, or corrections

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is your projection for the next four years in this country?

David Wilbur
senior
off-campus
"The rest of the world will have a more favorable view toward us."

Kevin Kimberly
senior
O'Neill
"Not what either candidate said."

Sean Lindbloom
freshman
Dillon
"We'll get through this together."

Sean Salt
freshman
Keenan
"I'm a Republican, so it's going to be rough, but Obama was elected so we have to get through it."

Tim Ryan
freshman
Keenan
"Obama is going to be the best president since FDR."

Irish cheerleaders build a pyramid during a timeout at the Notre Dame women's basketball game Wednesday against Gannon College.

OFFBEAT

Jogger runs a mile with rabid fox attached to arm

PRESCOTT, Ariz. — Authorities in Arizona say a jogger attacked by a rabid fox ran a mile with the animal's jaws clamped on her arm and then drove herself to a hospital.

The Yavapai County sheriff's office said the woman told deputies she was on a trail near Prescott on Monday when the fox attacked and bit her foot.

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

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

FBI: Airline passenger restrained with duct tape

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

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

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

Carricato said in a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Charlotte. She also stood and fell onto other passengers, forcing the flight to land in North Carolina.

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Olympic athlete John Carlos will be at Jordan Hall room 101 tonight at 9 p.m. to speak about the important role of Black athletes in the Civil Rights and Black Power Movements. Find out more about the event by visiting the Observer, emailed detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

In Brief

The play "Loyal Daughters and Sons," sponsored by the Gender Studies Program will take place tonight, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets will be sold at the LaFortune box office and are $3 for students and $5 for the public. The play addresses the diversity of approaches to sexuality and bringing awareness to sexual violence. It is written, directed, produced and performed by students.

The Children's Defense Fund is holding an event to advocate for children's rights called "One Night Stand." It will take place tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. There will be a panel discussion, music, food and videos on children's issues.

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**Correction:** Due to an editing error, some stories did not end in the Nov. 5 edition of The Observer. Please see The Observer's Web site at www.edonasobserver.com for the full text. The Observer regrets this error.

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Board of Governance

Student group asks for sponsorship

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

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY

News Writer

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

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

"The convention consists of seminars and learning sessions for the students, a graduate school fair and other networking opportunities," Blackwell said. "It's where 12,000 speech-language pathologists and audiologists from all over the world come together and share the most current research and talk about the most pertinent issues pertaining to our field," Blackwell said.

The group would like to share the information they receive at the convention with their fellow classmates, Frannie Shelburn, vice president of the club, said. They hope to give an information session to students as well, she said.

After voting on the co-sponsorship, student body vice president Sarah Falvey said the Constitutional Oversight Committee met for the first time Monday and began discussing possible amendments to the Constitution.

"We are going to try and hold a Constitution Forum in the next two weeks," Falvey said. "She wants to give students the opportunity to voice the changes they would like to see made."

One of the changes she said she would like to look into was the time frame for student government elections, although Election Commissioner Francesca Johnson said there would be any changes.

A Constitution currently states the elections should be held during Heritage, which is traditionally the second week of school.

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Tipton echoed Outlaw's sentiments, arguing race took a backseat to the important issues in the campaign.

"People who normally would not have the strength to pull the lever for the best-qualified black candidate did so because America is in dire need of change," he said. "I think in the end, as race stood down and the issues stood up, people confided in President Obama and simply pulled the trigger, thus making the Bradley Effect non-effective in this election."

Once he takes office in January, however, Obama will not enjoy the luxury of a grace period to adjust himself to the presidency, and instead will face intense scrutiny, political science professor Darren Davis said.

"Usually, presidents are given a honeymoon period when they are first elected," he said. "I think that people are going to be more critical of Barack Obama than of any previous president in our history."

Davis said race is still relevant to society and still presents a major challenge.

"If we elect an African-American to the most powerful position in the world, people would tend to say that race is no longer relevant," he said. "That is the downside to Barack Obama's success."

Outlaw said she hopes there is no racial backlash after this historic event, and Tipton added Obama's wide appeal will probably help prevent any widespread violence.

"Of course we are going to have those few people who still think we are living in the Civil War era and still cannot fathom how on earth a black man was elected," Tipton said. "However I think that a majority of America is behind President Obama, and this backlash will be minimal. To quote Sen. McCain, 'The American people spoke, and they spoke clearly.'"
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraqi officials expect no hasty pull-out

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials said Wednesday they don’t expect Barack Obama to with­

draw U.S. troops hastily from Iraq because he told them in a summer that he wouldn’t make a decision without consulting them and U.S. commanders on the ground.

With Wednesday’s down and the economy No. 1 on American voters’ minds, the Iraqis said they knew the new president won’t take this time before fulfilling his promise to end the war in Iraq, which costs U.S. taxpayers $12 billion a month at a time of financial crisis back home.

Exit polls Tuesday showed that only one in 10 American voters considered Iraq their main concern in choosing a president, sug­
gesting that Obama will focus more on the economy when he takes office Jan. 20.

"Obama has to deal with Iraq’s issues in a positive way and have a sense of responsibil­

ity to correct the situation in Iraq, as well the situation inside America," said Hadi Abbas, spokesman of the largest Sunni bloc in parliament.

New king brings many to capital

THIMPHU, Bhutan — Nomadic yak herders trekked for days from icy Himalayan peaks to

trek in the capital to about a new king who we hope will bring

"This ceremony, it’s not just about crowning a prince," said Tinsel Tenzin, 39, who owns a

shop in the capital. “It is about a new king who we hope will bring much good for the country and the people."

National News

Voters against gay-rights in CA

LOS ANGELES — Voters put a stop to same-sex marriage in California, dealing a crushing defeat to gay-rights activists in a state they hoped would be a vanguard and putting in doubt as many as 13,000 same-sex marriages conducted before a court ruling made it legal.

The gay-rights movement had a rough elec­
tion elsewhere as well Tuesday. Amendments to ban gay marriage were approved in Arizona and Florida, and Arkansas voters approved a measure banning unmarried couples from

taking part in what some voters had trouble

understanding the process.

Chenel chosen as chief of staff

WASHINGTON — President-elect Barack Obama has picked New York City Comptroller John F. Chenel to be his chief of staff, a new administration on Wednesday, selecting hard-charging Illinois Rep. Rahm Emanuel as White House chief of staff while aides stepped up the pace of transition work that had been cloaked in pre-election secrecy.

Several Democrats confirmed that Emanuel had been offered the job. While it was not clear he had accepted, a rejection would amount to an unlikely public snub of the new president-elect within hours of an electoral college landslide. With hundreds of jobs to fill and only 10 weeks until inauguration Day, Obama and his transition team confronted a formidable task compli­
cated by his anti-lobbyist campaign rhetoric.

Local News

i-Zoom rates lowered in Indiana

GRANGER, Ind. — The Indiana Toll Road Concession Co. lowered the initial cost of par­

chase tolls starting in July for some drivers. The change comes at the worst time since a truce was declared five months ago, but a flare-up late in the day threatened to unravel it anew.

Militants and civilians, we will act,"  said the Senate race is differ­
ent. "My focus from here on out

Hostility in Israel claims six lives

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

Haamas, which agreed to the Egyptian-mediated truce, said Israel was breach­ing it.

Before the Egyptian-mediated truce in June, near daily rocket barrages played havoc with southern border towns and Israel has not found a military solution to stop them. Retaliatory Israeli airstrikes killed scores of Palestinians in Gaza.

ELECTION 2008

Minnesota recounts votes for Senate

Race between Franken, Coleman may remain undecided until December

Mark Ritchie, Minnesota Secretary of State, explains the recount process for the Senate race between Republican Sen. Norm Coleman and DFL Sen. Al Franken.

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and what will be interesting to watch is whether he emphasizes bipartisanship in the selection process.

Storin claims that Obama will choose to have a bipartisan staff.

"I definitely think you will see some symbolic moves into appointing two or three high profile Republicans in the senior levels of his administration," he said.

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

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

Storin says Obama's major accomplishments of change will be the result of this bipartisanism. "It's going to be very difficult for him to unilaterally change how things are done," he said. "But the tone and the fact that he will be making it better, to the extent that he can reign in the partisanship in the Senate, party, could definitely be a change in tone."

"These past year impulses will most likely come from the Democratic Congressional leadership and from Senator McCain and from Republican Leader Harry Reid," Storin said.

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

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

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

Obama will be helped by the fact that many of the newly-elected members of Congress are indebted to him for their elections, Schmuhl and Storin said.

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

In terms of the specific legislative initiatives, Storin said Obama will focus on Iraq and health care, but could be distracted by the economic crisis.

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

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

Storin said health care will be a priority for the administration, but comprehensive reform may not be successful.

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

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

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

Obama has some tasks that should prove to be particularly helpful in foreign affairs, Storin said. "He's a good listener, he's strong willed when he makes up his mind, and he's surrounded by smart people," he said. "He will make a lot of and to all sorts of people -- friends and foes."

At the end of the day, Obama's promises of change will not come all at once, according to Schmuhl.

"Barack Obama is very different from the person who now occupies the White House, and in both policy and perception, we will see change," he said.

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president. The economy, it ain't rocket science."

Nickerson said many people were interested in the Bradley Effect, or whether many people who voted for Barr were signaling for a black candidate despite telling pollsters they would do so. Ultimately, it did not occur and poll results were consistent with the results.

Professor Jack Colwell, who teaches in the Journalism, Ethics and Democracy department, spoke about the impact of the media on the results of the election.

He cited one of his students, who comes from a traditionally conservative state and family, who participated in early voting over fall break.

"She went in to vote a straight Republican ticket. She got into the voting booth and suddenly, something just kind of stuck. How she thought of Tina Fey, Colwell said. "Eight in the polling booth she thought, 'I can't do this,' and she voted for Obama."

Colwell said people are increasingly getting their perception of the candidates from shows like "Saturday Night Live," the "Daily Show," or "The Late Show with David Letterman."

"More so than the newspapers," he said. "I guess it's good for us to get some information from somewhere. But it is a little bit scary if Tina Fey is having more effect on the election than something that appears in the New York Times."

Colwell said Obama's television ad campaign helped him win Indiana.

"Obama saturated Indiana with TV spots and clearly won the air war," Colwell said.

While the air war was advertising for television spots, the ground war was physical campaigning, which he said Obama also won in Indiana, winning the state 49 times, compared to McCain's three visits.

Colwell said the air war played a big role in the election of governor in Indiana, won by Republican Mitch Daniels. Daniels dominated the airwaves.

"The ability to get on television can determine whether you have any chance at all or whether you will wind up with little chance to win," Colwell said.

Senior Alicia Conley found the connections Colwell made between television and the success of the candidate particularly interesting because "he wasn't talking about party or policy." While she was not so sure about Barack Obama, she didn't really think about that if he wasn't the candidate.

Graduate student Jessica Heringer had hoped to hear about "political analysis of the current situation. I was thinking they would talk about where we go from here as a country."

But she added that she personally benefited from the effects of the University to educate students about voting, specifically the e-mail reminders sent out.

"I really do think that it's great that the University does this," Heringer said.

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tion of our civil liberties and a foreign policy focused on defending America," Linskey said.

The Libertarian Party tends to attract some of the more conservative Republicans. McCain, who earned the moniker "maverick" for his maverick views, may have lost some of his would-be supporters, however, was adamant he was not running to take away votes from McCain.

"Barr was a very attractive candidate to many Republicans. The GOP, one to a number of Libertarians and other politicians, has redefined itself as the party of big government, big government, misgoverned foreign adventurism," Linskey said. "With so little real difference between John McCain and Barack Obama, Bob Barr gave a real choice to disenchanted Republicans who believe in small government."

Barr's platform included more dramatic governmental reforms than either of the two mainstream candidates.

Barr's campaign focused on the libertarian principles of limited government and free market economies.

"Bob's campaign was focused on reducing the size and scope of government in our lives," Linskey said. "Unlike Obama and McCain, [Barr] vociferously opposed the massive Wall Street bailout forced by Congress last month. He called for tax cuts for all Americans along with major reductions in spending."

Unlike Ross Perot and Ralph Nader, who ran multiple times, Linskey doubts Barr will run again in the 2012 election.

"I don't expect Barr to run again. However, he will undoubtedly find a way to expand the Libertarian Party and advocate for America's freedom," he said.

Nationally, Barr received 467,101 votes or 0.4 percent of popular vote.

Linskey said while Barr may no longer be a challenger in presidential elections, the Libertarian Party has firmly repositioned its place in American Politics.

"It is a long road to go until we will soon learn, Barack Obama's promise of 'change' is just more of the same packaged and rebranded. The next time we wake up, the Libertarians will once again be on the ballot, offering a real choice to America and fed up with our government's failed policies."

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Festival hosts authors during Nov.

SUB holds Student Lit Night to allow students to present work

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Student Union Board hosted an event on Nov. 12 featuring four authors whose work is related to the theme of the annual Notre Dame Literary Festival at the LaFortune Student Center Tuesday, which will feature three more authors in addition to a variety of other events throughout the month.

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

The festival lasts throughout the entire month of November and features authors from across the country as well as Notre Dame student writers. The festival began on Oct. 28 with Student Lit Night, which gives students a chance to showcase their own writing.

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

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

"We try to get a variety of authors," Benner said. "Novelists, journalists and short story writers have all been a part of the festival in the past."

Benner says that the most important thing when selecting authors is to try and bring ones who will be appealing to the Notre Dame community.

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

This year's selection of authors has something for every student writer. The first author that spoke at the festival was Nugent, who is a journalist and an essayist whose work has appeared in Time and The New York Times Magazine.

Nugent's most recent work is entitled "American Nerd: The Story of My People." "It's a combo of memoir, history and cultural criticism," Nugent said. "I wish I could write myself." The second author is Rivka Galchen, who will be at the University tomorrow. Galchen is a novelist and the author of "Atmospheric Disturbances," a novel about a doctor whose wife disappears but then meets a woman who not only looks and behaves like his missing wife, but also claims to be her.

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

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

Overall, the Student Union Board hopes students who attend the festival will feel the desire to pick up a book. "I hope that by attending something like this you will spur someone to read," Benner said. "I hope that the festival encourages them to read for pleasure or even write themselves."

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The second annual Alumnae Networking Exposition at Saint Mary's College will be held on November 5th and 6th.

Weds., Nov. 5
5:30 p.m.
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Q & A Panel with SMC Alums

Thurs., Nov. 6
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Lunch with SMC Alums

4:00–6:00 p.m.
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AME to hold 34th annual conference

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

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

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

Principal speakers for the event will be James Youniss, Wylma R. and James B. Curtin Professor of Psychology at Catholic University, and John Doris of the National Institutes of Health, and Linda Sitha of the University of Illinois at Chicago.

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

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

By TARA SCANNELL
News Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

One regret several of the panelists shared about their interviewing experience is they felt they simply did not go on enough interviews. "I should have just gone to more, if only for the interview experience," Urgonski said. Emphasizing interviewing is a skill that needs to be practiced just like any other, Urgonski said she wished she had not been so critical about the interviews she chose.

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

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

"Hospitals are always in need, so nursing students definitely have an advantage," Elbe Ryan, who received her nursing degree from Saint Mary's College in 1986, said.

Panelists also advised students to set themselves apart in interviews. Sending a thank you note after an interview can often be the deciding factor between two closely qualified applicants.

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

"There's no question that Saint Mary's is known on a national level. There's a certain amount of prestige that comes with graduating from here," Whitfield said. "Just wear your ring and people will know where you're from. They recognize the ring and know we're well-educated women."

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GO IRISH! BEAT SYRACUSE!
Well, our long, national nightmare is finally over. No more Six Pack. No more hawk-eye mawms. No more candidates-as-terrorists.

The election is over, and Sarah Palin is on a plane back to Alaska, ready to don her wardrobe and become a grandmother. For now.

In the next days, and weeks, and years, we’ll doubtless hear a few different ways to interpret this loss. We will see the development of one of two storylines: either you will see Republicans try to return to Reaganism (claim that McCain was not similar enough to Reagan) or you will see them shift left (McCain was too Reagan-y). Do we interpret this election as a rejection of Reagan Republicanism/Palin Republicanism of the last three decades (and more)? Or do we interpret it as a rejection of McCain?

To some — especially Democrats — this is a sign of the failure of Republican ideas. It is a rejection of the "fulled economic policies of George W. Bush," as a certain President-elect might put it. It rejects trickle-down just tax cuts and the PATRIOT Act and torture.

This is a refrain we’ve heard before, though W’s ‘mandate’ in 2004 was supposed to be a rejection of Democratic ideas. But, of course, the outcome of this year’s election and the shape of the state economy should make us question this wisdom. 2004 was not a rejection of Reagan’s politics and an embrace of Reaganesque.

It was a rejection of John Kerry and, at the time, an embrace of George W. Bush (How strange is that to see in print?). Now, 2008 is not 2004 and the collapsing economy made this election more about ideas than people than the 2004 election was.

But, appropriately, in a certain breed of Republican this is a sign that John McCain simply was not a compelling candidate. McCain couldn’t decide if he was a Republican or an Independent. He wanted one foot in each, and ended up in neither.

What’s that mean? It means that this isn’t the last we’ll see of Sarah Palin. Last week, a McCain campaign advisor told CNN: “She is a diva. She takes no advice from anyone. She does not have any relationships of trust with any of us, her family or anyone else. Also, she is playing for her own future and sees herself as the next leader of the party. Remember: Divas trust only unto themselves, as they see themselves as the beginning and end of all wisdom.”

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

In her rhetoric and appeal, Sarah Palin represents some of the worst American politics has to offer. Republicans — and Democrats — have long offered a false populism fused with “have a beer with” likability as a winning strategy. They’ve been appealing because they seem to be like you — they don’t seem caught up in the pretensions set by righteousness of aca­demia and Washington.

But Palin relies exclusively on her ability to have a beer with you. While others — Reagan, Bush Sr., and, yes, even W — combined their relatable-ability with the underlying knowledge that they are not actually just your average Joe Six Pack from down the block. Palin’s consistent policy stumbles make no such guarantee.

Palin’ll be back

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

And that will allow her to run the sort of campaign that she seems to run best.

Way back when in 2000, then-Gov. Bush claimed that he would “change the tone" in Washington. He was a “uniter, not a divider.” Palin doesn’t even pretend.

Her rhetoric isn’t of that of the appeal bipartisanship that Bush the candid­ate embraced. It is that of the red state/blue state dichotomy that Bush the President embraced. She is a cul­ture warrior through and through. There is a pro-America America (Kasens, Dick Cheney, Hank Williams Jr.) and an anti-America America (Massachusetts, Barack Obama, Rosie O’Donnell). You’re either with her or against her.

The story of Sarah Palin will likely be one with which many of her supporters are particularly familiar: Sure, her chances at the vice presi­dency died Tuesday night. But give it four years, maybe right.

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

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

Neither the polarization nor the reaction afterwards is surprising. Political battles encourage the drawing of clear differences, as competing candidates present themselves in as good a light as possible, usually by simultaneously diminishing the competition. With electoral pressure eased after the votes are counted, however, a long-continued tide of fellow feeling returns to cover the stark contrasts that the logic of electioneering catalyzed or uncovered. We can see stark contrasts that the logic of electioneering certainly encourages distortion in the portrayal of one’s opponents — sometimes even outright mendacity. Yet polarization shapes self-presentation, too, in misleading ways, as those engaged in contested environments imagine themselves in terms of the ever-present context in which they have been engaged. Marginal differences with opponents loom large in self-presentation, while core values recede in the performative act of presenting the self. Thus polarization, at times necessary and desirable, can subtly distort self-perception.

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

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

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

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Politicians are people too**

Barack Obama is an evil man. Joe Biden is retarded. John McCain is a doddering old fool. Sarah Palin is an idiot. These types of comments dotted political conversations in the weeks leading up to the election, and unfortunately continue to plague conversations today. I have heard condescending statements of Democratic dominance and last-minute attacks at that dominance by reluctant Republicans. Today, on Nov. 5, I am voting for a dose of compassion.

It’s easy to forget that we are talking about actual people. Particularly with this campaign, it’s easy for Presidential candidates to look like products to be bought and sold. No quick pass judgment on them, falling to realize that they are a lot like us. I’m not trying to vouch for their moral character or defend them as people, but I am asking that we remember their humanity. Remember that we are human, too.

The diminishment of this kind of talk has deeper implications than we realize. It affects not only our political outlook, but also the way we respond to everyone. If I am in the habit of hurl-mouthing Presidential candidates, it becomes easier for me to extend those comments to people I actually know. I have gotten mad at Presidential candidates several times, and that tension carries over into my entire day. I’m more likely to get angry at other people if I let petty anger at Presidential candidates constantly boil beneath my surface.

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

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

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By SHANE STEINBERG
Scene Writer

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

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

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

Set in Los Angeles during the late 1920s, this arresting, true story chronicles a hypochondriacal little boy (Collins), and his mother forced to confront the Los Angeles Police Department. Following her son Walter’s abduction, Christine launches an unsuccessful search to find him. Just when it seems like all hope is lost, a nine-year-old boy claiming to be her son (Gattlin Griffith) emerges seemingly out of nowhere. After taking in the child, she begins to realize that he is in fact not her son, and challenges the LAPD about the issue. However, the Prohibition-era department alienates Collins, making her out to be a bad mother. Torn down and cast aside by society because she dared to challenge the corrupt forces behind the cover-up of her son’s abduction, she finds a lone source of hope in local activist Ventura (John Malkovich) and together they try to expose the corruption.

Although it’s Eastwood’s film, Jolie steals the show. Perfectly cast as Collins, the script gives her the chance to shine, especially in the first half of the film when she turns in a pitch perfect performance, bringing back memories of the eight-year-old girl in “Girl Interrupted.” She turns in “Girl Interrupted” for “Changeling” half-consciously tip-toes its way towards its disappointing ending, Eastwood piles climax upon climax and in doing so he turns the film from a mildly interesting melodrama into a dull and increasingly contrived mess.

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The script doesn’t know when not to be slapdash to the historical record, and Eastwood’s directing. I’m shocked to say, is clumsy and allows the already presented themes of the film to be lost and buried six feet under the ground. In the end, “Changeling” probably is more heavily criticized than it deserves to be, but that’s only because Eastwood has set the bar so high for himself that anything less than perfection is a disappointment.

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

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

The dining hall gives us the great classic version — gooey, buttery, cheddar cheese and white bread — most every day. This column gives you a selection of ways to put a twist on an old classic. Made using the great classic version — gooey, buttery, cheddar cheese and white bread — keep all the good, but they are good with a handful of chips and a pickle or a salad too. Don't forget the glass of milk to really take you back!

This week's recipes:

**Bacon, Tomato and Apple Grilled Cheese**

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

1. Pick up apple slices (or slice an apple yourself).
2. Layer on two slices of cheddar cheese, tomatoes, the apples and bacon (two slices, ripped in half so that there is a full layer should be enough).
3. Grill in the Panini press until the cheese melts and the bread browns.
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[By MICHELLE FORDICE, Assistant Scene Editor]

**Grilled Cheese Sandwiches**

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

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

- **Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@ind.edu.
National league names Gold Glove winners

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Age is no issue for Greg Maddux when it comes to fielding his position.

The 42-year-old pitcher won his record 18th Gold Glove on Wednesday while outfielder Shane Victorino of the World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies joined five first-time winners in the National League.

Slick shortstop Jimmy Rollins joined Victorino from the NL, winning for the second consecutive season. The New York Mets also had two winners: outfielder Carlos Beltran and third baseman David Wright, both of whom repeated.

"Winning a Gold Glove is a tremendous honor for me in what was already an amazing season," Rollins said. "I take a lot of pride in playing defense and to get the recognition of the managers and coaches around the league is a great compliment."

Other first-time honorees for defensive excellence were St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina, San Francisco first baseman Adrian Gonzalez, Cincinnati second baseman Brandon Phillips and Pittsburgh outfielder Nate McLouth.

The Houston Astros, who committed 16 fewer errors than any other major league team, did not have a winner. The defending NL champion Nationals presented Gold Gloves annually since 1957. Managers and coaches vote on players in their own leagues before the regular season begins, but they may not select members of their own teams.

American League winners will be announced Thursday.

Pondering retirements after 355 wins, Maddux has been the NL recipient for pitchers seven times, tying in 1990 with the exception of 2003, when Mike Hampton interrupted the streak. "I can’t imagine winning two, much less 18," Wright said. "But I think it goes to show how much pride he takes in winning." Last year with the Padres, Maddux snapped a tie with third baseman Brooks Robinson and pitcher Jim Kaat for the most Gold Gloves.

Maddux spent most of this season in San Diego before an Aug. 19 trade to the Los Angeles Dodgers. He struggled in seven starts down the stretch for the NL West champions, going 2-4 with a 5.09 ERA to finish the year 8-13 with a 4.22 mark overall.

The four-time Cy Young Award winner made the majors on that pinpoint, tailing fastball, but his reflexes are just as good as a catcher’s 3-3 right on the mound. At 6 feet, 170 pounds, his simple windup has always left him in perfect fielding position after each pitch.

"You can’t just hit pretty hard right back at him," Wright said. "Those kind of reactions at 42, you just don’t see that.

Maddux worked four innings out of the bullpen during the playoffs and the Dodgers were eliminated by Philadelphia in the NL championship series. He filed for free agency after the World Series.

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

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

"I am thrilled," said McLouth, the first Pirates player to win a Gold Glove since shortstop Jay Bell in 1992. "I worked especially hard on my defense from the beginning of spring training and I’m glad all that work paid off with this award. The Pirates have a long list of past winners like Roberto Clemente, Bill Mazeroski, Tony Pena and Andy Van Slyke. I’m especially honored to be included on that list.

All three NL outfield Gold Gloves went to center fielders.

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

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

"I think this thing here is the best thing that ever happened to me," Phillips said.

Winning the Gold Glove raises Phillips’ salary next season from $143,000 to $155,000. The award earns Beltran a $100,000 bonus, while Gonzalez, Maddux, Molina, Rollins and Wright get $50,000 bonuses.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Kansas State coach Prince will not return for 2009 season

Associated Press

Kansas State coach Ron Prince was not expected to return for the 2009 season, three days after his 45-10 playoff loss to Oklahoma.

Prince, who has a 24-13-1 record in five seasons, did not put out a statement.

A person familiar with the decision, who would not be identified because nothing has been announced, said Prince was not expected to be retained.

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In total defense at 444.67 yards per game, Kansas State allowed 110 points in its past two games, more than 50 times this three seasons.

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Kansas State coach Ron Prince watches the end of a 2007 game against Missouri.

Kansas State in December of 2005 was to establish a program that was 6-0 to 9-0, a team that would consistently compete for championships," Prince said. "Today, we ran out of time to accomplish that."

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And they say, She’s so Lucky. She’s a star. But she’s cry in her lonely room. Thinking, if there’s nothing missing, who comes in crack the window? Then why do these tears come at night?
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- **7:40 p.m.** | The Josef Pieper Keynote Lecture  
  *On Rethinking Humanae Vitae*  
  --John Finnis, University of Notre Dame and Oxford University
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- **10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.** | Break, Refreshments
- **10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** | Invited Speakers
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    -- James McKenna, University of Notre Dame  
    -- H. Tristram Engelhardt, Jr., Rice University  
  - Session 2: Beyond the Rights of Children: The Family Critically Re-Examined  
  - Session 3: An Aristotelian Feminism?  
    -- Sarah Borden, Wheaton College

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  -- William Saunders, Senior Fellow and Director of the Center for Human Life and Bioethics, Family Research Council
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  - Session 3: The Pastoral Method of Pope John Paul II  
    -- Michael Waldstein, Ave Maria University
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    -- Monsignor Charles Brown, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

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All events take place in McKenna Hall. Lectures are free and open to the public.
Steelers unsure if Big Ben will play

Associated Press

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

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

“Really depends on where he is,” Roethlisberger said at the end of the week and if he is capable of playing, coach Mike Tomlin said. “If he’s not, we will go with Byron.”

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

Roethlisberger’s throwing shoulder was slightly separated. While he was sacked by Houston’s Mario Williams during the Sept. 7 opener. He aggravated the injury on a 1-yard touchdown run late in the first half of the Steelers’ 23-6 win Monday night and did not play again.

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

Resting a week might not necessarily benefit Roethlisberger, Tomlin said, even if sitting out would temporarily alleviate the stress placed on the shoulder in games. Tomlin suggested the shoulder might not be 100 percent until after the season ends.

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

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

Leftwich, if he is needed to play, knows the Colts well. He was Jacksonville’s quarterback from 2003-06, going 2-4 against Indianapolis while completing 100 of 155 passes for 1,124 yards, six touchdowns and three interceptions.

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

One problem for Leftwich is getting comfortable with a Steelers offense he only began learning two weeks into training camp. He didn’t sign with them until Charlie Batch broke his collarbone Aug. 8.

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Recently unretired Culpepper may start for Lions Sunday

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

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

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

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

But wide receiver Shaun McDonald provided at least a hint. "It was pretty even," McDonald said when asked how the repetitions were divided. "Daunte might've had a little bit more."

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

"I'm like a sponge right now, trying to absorb it all," he said.

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

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

Marinelli said Culpepper looked "solid."

"It's got to play out as the week goes," Marinelli said.

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

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

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when his contract ends this month, although the former Notre Dame striker said he isn’t concerned with that at the moment.

"I have an agent, and I think some stuff has come up, but I’ve told him that I don’t want to worry about that until the time is closer," Lapira said. "I like to worry about what’s going on right now like getting my fitness up.

But such words don’t mean Lapira isn’t interested in exploring new opportunities once the time in Ireland is over. With the professional ultimate goal of playing in the English Premier League, Lapira recognizes that a few intermediate steps may still lie ahead. Lapira said that signing with a first-division Scandinavian team or non-EPL team in Great Britain are more realistic immediate goals.

But Lapira is confident, or more accurately, he said he knows he needs to be confident he will fulfill his goals if he wants to eventually compete against the likes of Liverpool, Chelsea and Manchester United.

“Fitness, patience, and confidence,” McGraw said when asked what the defining characteristics of a first-class footballer are. “Confidence is the most important of the three. Confidence can turn a bad player into a good player and a good player into a great player. If I can get my confidence under control as well as my fitness, I think I’ll be well on my way to achieving my goals.”

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Notes:

♦ Skylar Diggins, a five-star recruit from Washington High School in South Bend, attended the Gannon game. Diggins took her official visit to Notre Dame last weekend.

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The Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students

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Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks, otherwise it will digest itself.
The dot over the letter ‘i’ is called a titla. A female fiddler crab has one huge claw that she uses to attract a mate.
A raisin dropped in a fresh glass of red wine will sink. A raisin dropped in a glass of red wine that has already been opened will float to the top.
Every person has a unique song. Chicken scallops have fish scales. A 2000 light year old star is 1/2000 light year old.
The ‘spot’ on the HIV virus is where the virus attaches to the human cell.
Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway were brother and sister. 315 entries in Webster’s 1936 Dictionary were misspelled.
During the civil war a scene in ‘Ben Hur’ a small red car can be seen in the distance. Houdini’s real name was Ehrich Weiss.
Ketchup was sold in the 1830s in France.
Bats always turn left when exiting a cave. Some are so fat that they waddle like Skee-Lo.
The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.
The number of possible ways of playing the first four moves per side in a game of chess is 318,979,564,000.
American Airlines was founded in 1930 by elevating produce from each salad served in first class.
Chewing gum while performing magic keeps every false coin that comes across your hand from being detected.
Sharon Stone was the first American to suffer from alluraphobia, which is a fear of cats.
Laser is actually an acronym for "Light Amplification by Stimulated Emissions of Radiation."
An old law in Bali, Indonesia, states that if a school for a woman to take dancing lessons.
The world’s first passenger train made its debut in England in 1825 and ran from Holloway Road to St. Pancras.
The origin of the term "outlaw" is from a piece of land that was found outside of the law and men were apprehended and hanged for breaking it.
The number one selling of all time is the third Beatles anthology, "The Beatles Anthology." The Beatles Anthology was the best selling of all time. The Beatles Anthology was the best selling of all time.
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slots. The best thing about this appearance is the opportunity to play some of the country’s best players, thus securing a strong national ranking, increasing his NCAA status.”

Helgeson is coming off a run to the quarterfinals in the ITA Midwest Regional event that was held in Columbus, Ohio on Oct. 17-19. Helgeson lost to a German player from Wisconsin named Marek Michalka.

Helgeson was ranked No. 25 in the national preseason rankings. “I think Brett had a very strong showing at regionals,” Bayliss said. “He reached the quarters against a very strong field, losing to a red-hot German player from Wisconsin. He demonstrated poise beyond what he had shown a year ago and is finding more ways to get to the net and put pressure on his opponents.”

Among the teams that will be at the William and Mary Invitational are Maryland, William and Mary and the College of Charleston.

“The Irish again will turn to a team of young talent to lead them and prove that they are a squad to be reckoned with,” Sylvester said. “We are making progress this fall,” Bayliss said. “Our youth is pretty scary, but at times we look like we will be pretty good. There is a chance that all of our starters except Brett will be freshmen and sophomores.”

Bayliss also said that with the team’s youth comes enthusiasm and the willingness to exert maximum effort in every practice.

Notre Dame will rely heavily on young leadership from sophomores Tyler Davis and Dan Stahl with some help from David Anderson, Bayliss said.

Senior Haven, last season’s No. 4 singles player, will be relied upon to get some upper lineup wins this season.

Sophomore Matt Johnson will also be a force in both singles and doubles, Bayliss said. Sean Tan will also travel with the team to Williamsburg this weekend.

“Freshmen have been quite good, if somewhat inconsistent,” Bayliss said. “Sometimes the best thing about freshman is they become sophomores, but this group can be really good if they buy in. Casey Watt is a real shot-maker who needs only to improve his volleys and become more consistent. Niall Fitzgerald needs to believe in himself more at crunch time and firm up his backhand. Sam Keeton has been practicing without being able to use his best shot — a two-handed back hand — because his right wrist has been broken.

All of those players will be important if the Irish are to have success this season, and in the spring. After the William and Mary Invitational, the team will take a break until they face Pepperdine on Jan. 16.

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Amywren Miller, backstroker Lauren Parisi, butterflyer Katie Casey and diver Heidi Grossman took two individual events each.

Coming into the season, the sophomores had increased expectations in a program in transition. Of the three swimmers that Notre Dame sent to the NCAA championship, two of them — Maxwell and Miller — came from the sophomore class.

Sylvester said her class’ success can be partly attributed to practices under first-year coach Brian Barnes.

“We have a new coach this year and our entire team is just overall thrilled with the decision to have him coach here,” Sylvester said. “The program is a lot different than it has been in the past, and the practices are a lot more challenging than they were last year. Everyone has really stepped up to the challenge and just accepted that it’s going to be hard, even out of the pool. Practices seem to be going really well this early in the season and we have already seen some personal best times.”

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

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

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

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may want to lend a helping hand but chances are you won't be able to take advantage of it. Someone will offer friendship or a partnership only to see what your motives are. Be in the mix as a follower.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Work hard but don't let your personal life or relation­ships hinder the progress or quality. You can't trust anyone who is trying to take advantage from you. Don't give in to personalities or demands. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can make your chances and扭转table tactics to get your way but it may not work. A conflict of interest will affect the administrative process. Keep your promises and you will surprise some of your less fortunate colleagues. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep your money in your pocket. Your witty conversations coupled with eloquence will be enough to win the admiring attention of the right person. Keep your business and your personal tales separate. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you can handle the people closest to you, love is looking pretty hot but a change of heart may occur if you don't come through with a promise you made in the heat of the moment.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A challenge will prove how strong a contender you can be. Be careful how you handle the people closest to you. Love is in the stars. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will be focused on the line if you aren't willing to compromise. A secret that will change the circum­stances you face must be revealed. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make some quick moves should a problem arise at home or someone you have been depending on. Security rests on the sides of the right person. Avoid personal issues and concentrate on a professional opportunity. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be called upon to be a leader but what will turn up the heat of the day? Make or do so, you will strengthen your position. A partnership will build pressure and demands are likely to be faced. You need to make several moves. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You need to think about what it means to come to a decision. Take a wait and see position. Adventure can make you a financial winner that will establish your position path to pay day. You have enough energies. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You've got things going. In a year or recent past don't let someone confound you. Focus on the things that make you happy rather than worry about what others think. Also, please someone who is continually picking on you. Emotional confusion can only cause you to open them. 1 star

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't look for your financial goals in a goldfish bowl. Someone who wants to borrow will get you involved in a project that you may not be on the line if you aren't willing to compromise. An event that will change the circum­stances you face must be revealed. 5 stars

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Irish secure win in first exhibition game

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

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

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

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

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

“I was really anxious just to get out there and then once I get out there not to go in there and try to do everything at once,” she said.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Tipping off

Irish junior forward Ashley Barlow dribbles upcourt during Notre Dame’s 96-30 win over Gannon in the team’s exhibition opener at the Joyce Center Wednesday night. Every Irish player notched at least five points in the victory.

MEN’S SOCCER

ND grad Lapira adjusts to playing in Norway

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

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

About 4,000 miles to be more specific.

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

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

With that reasoning, Lapira was off to the other side of the pond by last January — although Norway wasn’t the original destination. Initially, Lapira received trials from several squads in Great Britain including Southampton and Nottingham Forest of the English Championship League.

Lapira also got a look from Scotland’s Aberdeen, whom current Irish coach Bobby Clark played for from 1963-1982 while winning the 1980 Premier League Championship.

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

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

A few weeks later, Lapira signed a one-year contract with Nybergunds of the Norwegian second division.

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

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WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Talented sophomores pace squad in meets

By MIKE GOTHMER
Sports Writer

Most Notre Dame students would probably agree that Notre Dame football’s sophomore class, featuring each playmaker from Jimmy Clausen and Golden Tate, is integral to the team’s success on the gridiron.

For Notre Dame’s women’s swimming and diving team, the story is no different. The sophomore class has had a profound impact on Notre Dame’s early-season success.

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

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

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MEN’S TENNIS

Team heads to William and Mary

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

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

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

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