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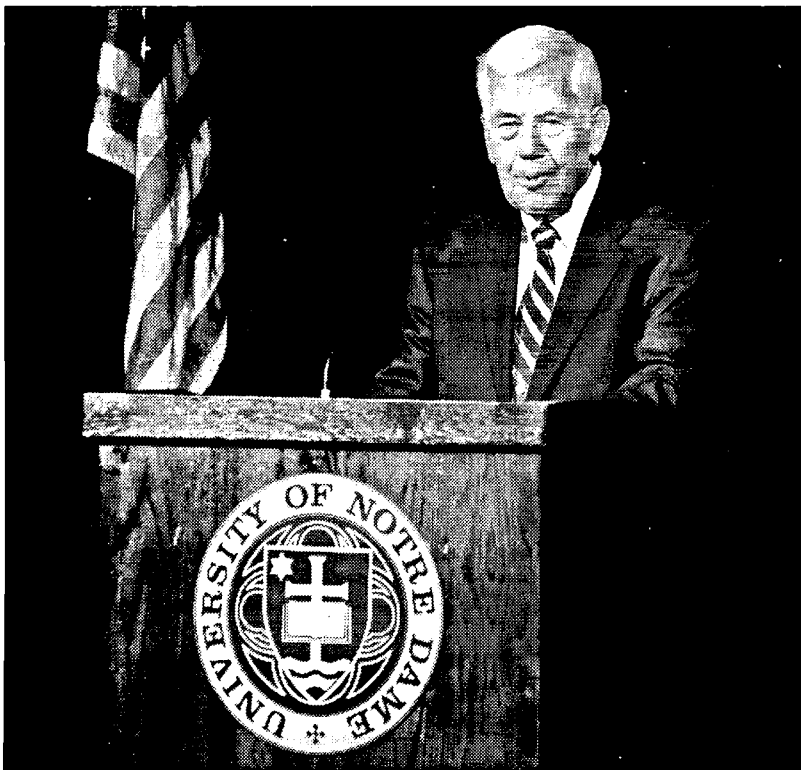
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Lugar calls for urgent action on energy policy



Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., spoke Wednesday in Washington Hall on Notre Dame's campus about energy policy.

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Indiana senator says next president must make issue a top priority

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

The United States' current energy dilemmas will require "game-changing policies," Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., said Wednesday. He added that the country must work to overcome technical obsta-

cles and societal inertia to address the growing energy supply problems.

Lugar spoke to students, faculty and administrators at Washington Hall during a daylong visit to Notre Dame's campus.

"America's voracious appetite for energy exists in a world of unpredictable competition for increasingly

scarce supplies of energy," Lugar said.

As a nation, he said, the United States must put high emphasis on the energy issue, which is tied to a multitude of other issues including foreign policy and the economic crisis.

But with the challenge

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Visit includes time with students, Jenkins and a trip to ND Energy Center

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind. got an inside look at Notre Dame's work — both on-campus initiatives and academic research — on energy issues Wednesday, and he praised the University for that work.

"This University continues to

make a difference everyday," he said during opening remarks at a speech at Washington Hall, after visiting with University President Fr. John Jenkins, speaking with student leaders and visiting Notre Dame's Energy Center, a research institution on campus.

Lugar formally recognized the student group GreeND by presenting the group with a Lugar

Energy Patriot Award after his speech. Lugar cited the group's work on game day recycling initiatives, nominating dorm sustainability commissioners and installing over 1,400 energy efficient light bulbs.

GreeND president Lourdes Long and vice president Colleen Kelly accepted the award on

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ELECTION 2008

Professors debate role of abortion in election

Catholic committee members for McCain, Obama argue about role of moral responsibility

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Notre Dame law professors Gerard Bradley, a member of the Catholics for McCain National Steering Committee, and Vincent Rougeau, a member of Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama's Catholic National Advisory Council steering committee, debated the role the abortion issue should play in the voting

decision of a Catholic citizen in a packed auditorium in McKenna Hall Wednesday.

Bradley, a supporter of Republican candidate Sen. John McCain, spoke first, representing the pro-life side of the issue. He said the pro-life stance is based on two beliefs — human life begins at conception, so aborting a fetus is killing a person, and it is morally wrong to kill an innocent person.

"You can figure out that killing is wrong by reflecting on the

natural law ... or any society's legal code," Bradley said.

The moral responsibility for the injustice of abortion is not limited to the pregnant woman and those immediately involved in the action, he said. The responsibility extends to the society that allows the act to happen and the voter that puts pro-choice candidates in office, Bradley said.

"It is wrong, in my opinion, to support a political candidate that approves or supports these

[abortion] policies," he said. "It is wrong to support this sinful structure."

In order to determine if, as a Catholic, a person should consider voting for a pro-choice candidate, Bradley said the person should apply the Golden Rule — to treat others as you would like to be treated — to the situation. He said this rule makes people walk in others' shoes.

"We have the tendency to dis-

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Budget motion fails to pass

By LIZ HARTER and ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writers

The Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) voted Wednesday against passing the Student Government Association's (SGA) budget, a motion discussed last week at its meeting.

The motion, which needed 16 votes to receive the two-thirds majority, did not carry with a 15-9 vote. Gruscinski said the motion will be presented to BOG again next week.

The vote took place because it was brought to the Executive Board's attention that BOG might be required to give final approval to the budget as directed by the SGA Constitution, student body president Mickey Gruscinski said.

"There's a discrepancy in the Constitution," student body vice president Sarah Falvey said. "In some places it says the execs approve it as the budgeting committee and in some it says that Board of Governance has a say."

Gruscinski read the section of the Constitution about the

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Community celebrates Yom Kippur

Jewish students, faculty observe holiday

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

Starting at sunset Wednesday, members of Notre Dame's Jewish community will officially begin observance of Yom Kippur, also known as the "Day of Atonement," one of the most important holidays in the Jewish faith.

Traditionally, Jews observe Yom Kippur by spending time in prayer, abstaining from work and fasting for the day.

Notre Dame junior Damian Sharratt, who is Jewish, said he will be observing the holy

day by fasting and praying at a synagogue in South Bend with the local Jewish community.

Sharratt explained that today's holiday marks the conclusion of the "10 Days of Repentance," which began last Tuesday with Rosh Hashanah.

"Rosh Hashanah is the Day of Judgment — the Jewish New Year," he said. "It means that for Jews, the entire year is evaluated on that day to see how they did."

On Rosh Hashanah, Sharratt said, the first of the

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Left to right, Adam Miller, Dan Smith, Tiffany Nelson, Jenna Zigman and Sara Felsenstein gather in South Dining Hall for a Yom Kippur dinner.

INSIDE COLUMN

A girl's guide to football

Question: What's the one place in Notre Dame Stadium where, at halftime, the men's room has a line and the women's room is deserted?

Answer: The press box.

I usually get some friendly jabs from my fellow sports writers in The Observer office due to my gender, mainly centering on how the sports guys must not have been paying attention when they kept me on staff rather than sending me to News or Scene.

For the most part, though, I don't think my presence in the press box on football Saturdays is very different from that of any other writer. Granted, I don't think Bill Brink would proclaim a desire to marry Michael Floyd, but that's his loss. (By the way, Mike, the offer stands.)

I'll admit, my knowledge of football isn't nearly as complete as that of most boys. I compare it to a foreign language — even though I've studied it for years, I will never be at the level of a natural-born speaker.

However, I have plenty of female friends who know a lot less than I do. I don't blame them; I'm pretty sure I'm one of four girls at ND who didn't come from an all-girls Catholic school.

Girls ask me all the time to explain something to them, to give them a talking point or even to explain who the players are. So here's my attempt to put a few necessary Irish football facts into laywoman's terms.

First, the offensive line. This little touted group is the most important part of the football team. An effective line blocks the other team's defense from getting to the playmakers. Thus, the quarterback doesn't get sacked (our line is doing well on this so far) and the running backs have a place to run (not quite as well, but still better than last year). Without the offensive line, Jimmy Clausen would be getting knocked over more than Charlie Weis.

Second, USC. The Trojans are our biggest rivalry, and yes, that does matter. We've hated them since the days of Knute Rockne, which is why today we cheer every year when they get pummeled by Oregon State and why we refuse to speak to people wearing their gear. As a recent historical reference point, you can bring up the Bush Push (look it up, I can't get into it without crying like a Cubs fan). If that awful event is ever mentioned, you must shake your head and give a long, sad sigh, showing that you know what happened just a few years before you matriculated and, most importantly, that you loathe USC.

Sadly, I'm only two points in and I'm fairly sure I've gone over my word count. I leave you with some good conversation starters sure to impress any guy:

"Check out that great blocking! Jimmy had all the time in the world to get off that TD pass!"

"*&# USC!" Yes, you can start a conversation with that. I do frequently.

It's very probable I'm going to have to write another one of these, because I've barely scratched the surface here. Heck, I didn't even mention Mark May.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Sports Writer

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CEREAL?



Adam Miller

junior
Carroll

"Special K with berries, because it's berry-licious!"



Keith Hetrick

freshman
Keenan

"Honey Bunches of Oats for its golden goodness ... and its tremendous health benefits."



Kelly Jones

sophomore
Howard

"Morning Harvest ... because of the blueberries."



Tommy Osberger

senior
Zahm

"Cookie Crisp. I know everyone who reads this will think it's not funny."



TOM LA/The Observer

Keenan Resident Assistant Jim Nugent awards sophomore Paul Hotovy with the "Hoodrat of the Fortnight" trophy, given to the most valuable resident every two weeks.

OFFBEAT

Skinny-dipping tailgater accused of kneeling cop

AMHERST, Mass. — A tailgater skinny dipping inside a truck bed at a University of Massachusetts football game has been charged with assault for allegedly kneeling a campus police officer in the groin.

Deputy Chief Patrick Archbald said a 21-year-old man was among several fans splashing around in the back of a pickup truck before Saturday's game against the University of Delaware.

When police told them to stop, the man refused to get out. He then approached an

officer and knelt him twice in the groin, Archbald said.

The officer, whom Archbald did not name, was given morphine at a hospital. He could miss up to two weeks of work.

Polygraphs proposed for Ind. congressional debate

JASPER, Ind. — Two challengers for an Indiana congressional seat have agreed to be hooked up to lie detectors during a debate, but an official with the incumbent's party dismisses the idea as "bizarre."

Ninth District Republican Party Chairman Larry Shickles on Wednesday pro-

posed the political polygraphs for Democratic Rep. Baron Hill, GOP challenger Mike Sodrel and Libertarian candidate Eric Schansberg. The three are scheduled to debate Oct. 21, but an official with a debate co-sponsor said lie detectors won't be included.

"Our planning committee worked up the format and rules, and we are not inviting negotiations from the candidates," Alan Johnson, dean of Vincennes University's Jasper Campus, told The Herald of Jasper.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Free flu shots will be provided by University Health services today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Joyce Center to Notre Dame students, staff, faculty, retirees and spouses of retirees.

Notre Dame Law School will host a lecture by Columbia Law School professor Kent Greenwalt called "Religion and the Constitution: Volume 2: Establishment and Fairness" today at 4 p.m. in the Eck Visitors' Center Auditorium.

"Bach's Lunch: A Noontime Concert," a short classical concert featuring advanced students from the Department of Music will take place Friday at 12:10 p.m. in Penote Performer's Hall in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The audience is welcome to bring their lunch to this event.

The Institute for Latino Studies will host the "Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month: Fiesta del Sol" Friday at 7 p.m. There will be music, dancing and food available at Fieldhouse Mall for all students.

The Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies will host a lecture called "The Formation of the Irish Historical Consciousness" Friday at 3 p.m. in DeBartolo 118.

There will be a walk of solidarity called the "Gulu Walk" Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to raise awareness for child soldiers in Uganda. transportation will be provided at Main Circle starting at 12:30. Donations are encouraged.

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STUDENT SENATE

Group discusses registration

Senators consider if scheduling times should be arranged around classes

By JOSEPH McMAHON
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Student Senate discussed Wednesday whether or not registration times for classes each semester should be moved to before or after students have classes rather during class.

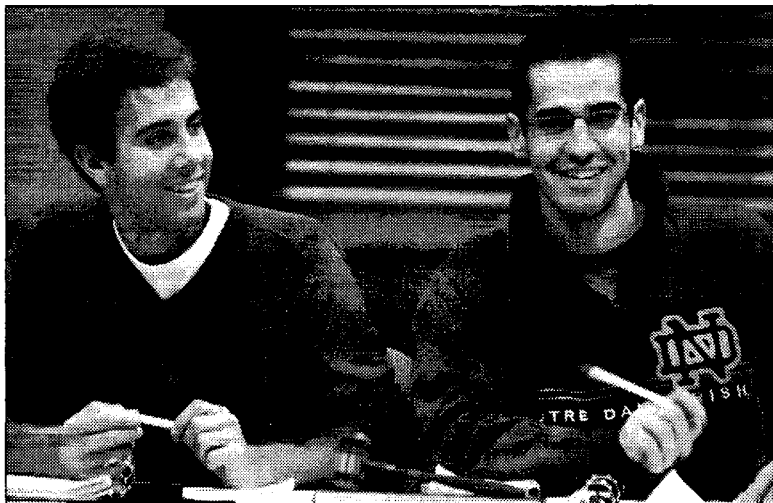
Senate Academic Affairs committee chair Ryan Brellenthin said representatives from the University Registrar's office had recently asked him to gauge the response for moving the registration times. As it currently stands, registration times are on two days for each class year and between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 p.m.

"The status quo is you wouldn't register outside of 8 to noon," Brellenthin said.

However, because many students have classes during these times, Brellenthin said the Registrar's office was considering moving registration times to either in the early morning, between the hours of 6 and 8 a.m., or late at night, between the hours of 8 p.m. and midnight.

While registration times are scheduled around a student's classes, Brellenthin said students with early morning classes were less likely to get a good registration time and thus could lose a competitive advantage in registering for classes. The process of deciding whether students register on the first or second day would still be decided based on the last digit of the student's ID number (odd numbers register on the first day for spring semester classes, even numbers register on the first day for fall semester classes).

Senate Technology committee chair Devin Fee said problems could arise with students who have difficulties registering, as help desks would not be open both early in the morning and late at night.



Student body president Bob Reish and vice president Grant Schmidt consider changing class registration times Wednesday.

"You'd be pushed essentially to the next business day and would lose your advantage if you had an early time," Fee said.

Lewis Senator Robin Brown said the early morning registration times would be better because people would be too busy with activities in the evening.

"I think it should be in the morning before all the classes," Brown said. "People are going to have clubs or projects late at night."

Siegfried senator Ryan Hawley said students would be furious if they were forced to wake up in the wee hours of the morning or stay up until midnight just to register for classes.

"I think you're going to have a ton of angry people," Hawley said.

Overall, student body vice president Grant Schmidt said most people seemed to be happy with the registration times the way they are currently administered, and he said he would most likely recommend they don't change them.

"There doesn't seem to be an overwhelming response for change," Schmidt said.

In other senate news:

♦ By a vote of 26-1, the

Senate amended the constitution to include a new stipulation for those appealing for funding from the Council of Representatives' (COR) Collaboration Fund.

Senate Oversight Committee chair Ian Secviar introduced the amendment, which does not require that representatives of clubs seeking money from COR be present at the meetings where the resolution is discussed. The amendment also requires the clubs' presidents to give COR one week of advance notice that they will be appealing for funds.

"If there is no one there to answer questions to help alleviate apprehension, it could put a lot of pressure on the vote," Secviar said.

♦ Brellenthin was elected by a vote of 26 to 1 as the student representative to the Advisory Committee on Academic and Student Life (ACASL), with Brellenthin being the only nay vote. University President Fr. John Jenkins had requested the Senate elect a student representative for the council, which seeks to integrate academics better into student life.

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Professor lectures on racial color blindness

Speaker addresses American misconceptions of race, ethnicity held by white society

By EMILY DABISH
News Writer

White American society experiences "color blindness," in that white society commonly believes that racism no longer accounts for the hardships experienced by black society, said professor Charles Gallagher, the chair of the Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice Department at LaSalle University, during a lecture Wednesday at Saint Mary's.

"Color blindness creates an illusion, even though we know race still shapes life," he said. "What people say and do are unbelievably different things.... If you're in a minority the playing field isn't level."

White Americans think "a level playing field now exists," Gallagher said.

"Success, like failure, is a choice," Gallagher said. "You can run a prison or you can be a prisoner."

Gallagher explained that race has become something not talked about but something that lives under the surface. This under-the-surface racism can be thought of as "incidental racism," he said.

"We aren't moving forward; we're moving back-

ward," he said. There is a hands-off approach to racism now and government has no involvement. This is known as laissez-faire racism, he said.

"Fundamentally, Americans know opportunity structure is not the same," he said. "Since [racism] is below the surface they get to keep their privileges. ... Power is concentrated within a very tight window in American society."

"People live in bubbles,"

Gallagher said. "They are segregated."

Whites do not know ethnicities through personal interaction but through examples shown on the television, he said. People explain racism by talking about something else.

Gallagher said people convince themselves that "everyone has equal opportunity, [and ask] 'why do we need to talk about race?'"

"Whites have unbelievably rosy view of racial structure," he said.

Gallagher has received various awards for his work including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Torch of Peace award. He has published multiple articles about race theory.

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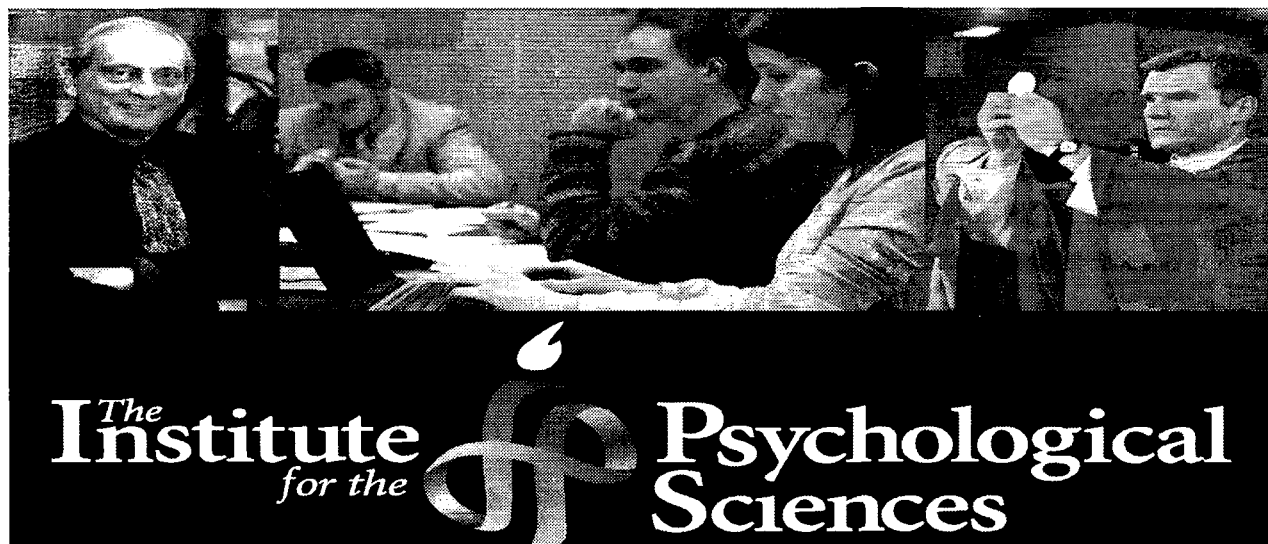
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LaSalle University professor

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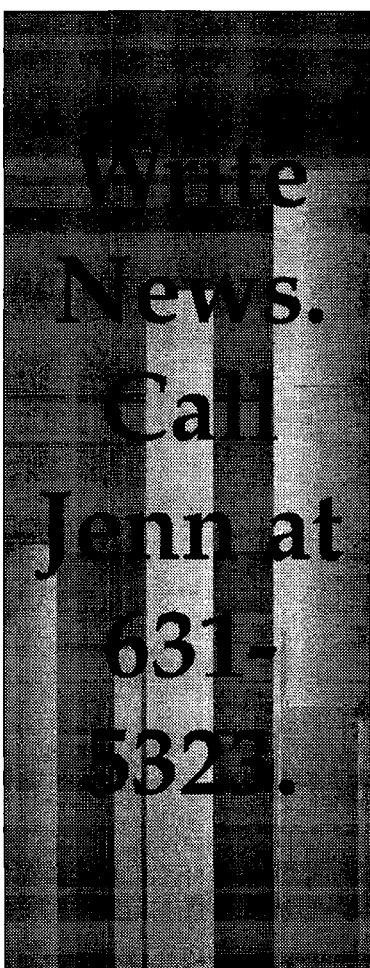


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comes opportunities, Lugar said, and the United States should recognize that addressing the energy problem could in fact include "pro-growth" solutions.

With that in mind, the next president must make "energy innovation that brings jobs and economic growth, and that also saves Americans money" a top priority.

"The next president must be more than thoughtful and attentive," Lugar said. "The president must be relentless."

"He must be willing to have his administration judged on how successful it is on this issue."

Future energy policy will require investment by the government, Lugar said.

"The U.S. government can use its purchasing power to jumpstart new energy technologies," he said.

In addition, the costs of research and development must be decreased, and unfortunately, the market hasn't driven down these costs, Lugar said. In this situation, he would resort to mandates to improve research and infrastructure development.

"I suggest with some reservations, that these are areas that need to be mandated," he said.

Lugar said that he feels there is now enough understanding within Congress that practical action can be taken.

"It just seems to me that we are at a threshold point," he said, calling the energy crisis "fertile ground" and an opportunity for the United States.

The solutions though, will be complex, as the problems are complex, he said.

Lugar said at the current rate, global demand for energy would increase 50 percent by the year 2030. Much of the demand comes from fossil fuels, Lugar said, noting that

in China over 80 percent of the energy is supplied by fossil fuels.

"Countries rich in oil gain staggering amounts of wealth," Lugar said. The wealth flowing to many of these countries — including Russia, Iran and Venezuela — is used to finance objectives that hurt American foreign policy objectives, Lugar said.

"We try to foster global respect," Lugar said, but the money flowing from oil purchases often goes to foster corrupt practices. Likewise, the United States tries to fight poverty, but energy-poor countries are becoming impoverished by the high cost of importing energy.

The energy problem is complex, Lugar said, but working towards energy independence should take priority.

"Our first priority to should be reducing dependence on foreign oil," he said, calling that dependence our "most intense short-term vulnerability."

The next president, he said, should set "a national goal of making competitively priced biofuels available to all motorists in America" as one way to combat dependence on oil.

Cars should be equipped to be flex-fuel capable, Lugar said, and manufacturers must address the poor fuel efficiency of American produced vehicles.

Lugar said that all forms of alternative energy — biofuels, wind, solar, nuclear, clean carbon and others — must be a part of developing energy independence.

It will take serious action on the part of leadership and society, he said.

"Making meaningful progress requires dogged devotion," Lugar said, and the country has to work fast.

"All of this has got to be done with some degree of urgency," he said.

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"The U.S. government can use its purchasing power to jumpstart new energy technologies."

Richard Lugar
U.S. senator

Holiday

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10 holy days, a person's fate is "inscribed" based on God's evaluation of their life over the past year. The next eight days, "days of awe," serve as a period of prayer and reflection for Jews. Then on the final day, Yom Kippur, God "seals" their fate for the coming year.

Jewish Club president Jenna Zigman, a practicing Catholic but half-Jew by heritage, hosted a dinner at South Dining Hall Wednesday night to celebrate the holiday. She explained the significance of Yom Kippur.

"It sets the tone for the whole year," Jenna said. "That's why people take the 10 days so seriously, because it could affect the kind of year they're going to have."

Professor Curtis Franks, a practicing Jew and member of the Hebrew Orthodox Congregation in South Bend, further explained the holiday's importance.

"It's not just a time of prayer, but it's also a time of coming to reconciliation with people we're close to," he said.

Franks translated the meaning of one of the Hebrew greetings that is commonly used on the holiday: "Leshana tova tikosevu."

The phrase means, "May you be inscribed for a good and enjoyable New Year."

"The idea behind that saying is that our fate is being inscribed in a book by God," Franks said. "It's a moment when free will and predeterminism realign annually."

Sharratt explained the biblical significance of Yom Kippur, specifying the origin of its

themes of penance and redemption.

"During Yom Kippur, the sin of the golden calf happened," he said. "The basic idea is we have these 10 days to make resolutions and try to correct what we've done wrong in the past and continue to grow."

It is traditional for Jews to avoid wearing jewelry on Yom Kippur, Sharratt said, so as to not remind God of the golden calf.

Although there are few Jewish Notre Dame students, Sharratt said he usually feels comfortable practicing his faith on a predominately Catholic campus.

"It is hard at times, but that's natural wherever you go when you're a minority," he said. "People are very respectful here."

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BOG

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authority and responsibility of BOG in question.

"Once approved by the Executive Board, provide final approval for the distribution of funds by approving the Executive Treasurer's Student Government Association Budget," she read.

The meeting was then open to discussion on the budget, during which executive treasurer Mo Weaver said that no clubs, organizations or students asking for co-sponsorships would receive any money until the budget is passed.

"Just to let you know, there are a lot of processes that go into getting money," she said. "If this doesn't go through,

the soonest money can get to you students is November."

Falvey announced that next week's BOG meeting will not be an open forum as originally planned.

"In light of the fact that the budget didn't pass, we need to be able to conduct business," Falvey said. "We'll be meeting at 9 to go over business."

The Board then discussed the fact that posters advertising events the Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) has planned for National Coming Out Week are being torn down and vandalized around campus.

"This is vandalism, this is against student's rights, against the first amendment, it goes against Dr. Martin Luther King's quote that 'a threat to justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,'" Gruscinski said.

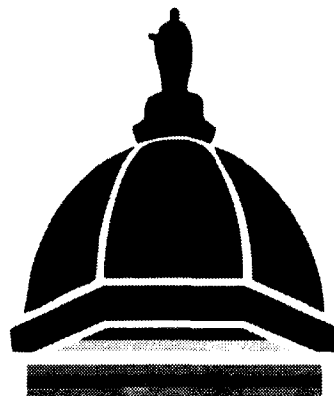
Women's Issues commissioner Becki Faunce said the vandalism is occurring primarily in LeMans Hall, with people writing negative comments on the posters.

Gruscinski said the Executive Board will be drafting a resolution stating the student government's opinion on the topic, which will be presented to BOG next week to vote on.

In other BOG news:

♦As a part of Saint Mary's National Coming Out Week, there will be a panel discussion at Dalloways at 6 p.m., Faunce said. Faculty, students and alumni will be speaking at the event hosted by SAGA.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

NATO defense ministers set to meet

LONDON — When NATO defense ministers meet in Budapest on Thursday, they will face a worsening situation in Afghanistan and vexing questions about whether the war can be won.

Increasingly, military commanders and political leaders are asking: Is it time to talk to the Taliban?

With U.S. and NATO forces suffering their deadliest year so far in Afghanistan, a rising chorus of voices, including Defense Secretary Robert Gates and the incoming head of U.S. Central Command, have endorsed efforts to reach out to members of the Taliban considered willing to seek an accommodation with President Hamid Karzai's government.

"That is one of the key long-term solutions in Afghanistan, just as it has been in Iraq," Gates told reporters Monday. "Part of the solution is reconciliation with people who are willing to work with the Afghan government going forward."

Gen. David Petraeus, who will become responsible for U.S. military operations in Afghanistan as head of U.S. Central Command on Oct. 31, agreed.

Security agreement still not in place

BAGHDAD — A U.S.-Iraqi security agreement spelling out how American troops and contractors operate was supposed to be in place over the summer, but the thorniest issues remain unsettled and neither side is budging.

Time is running out. The deal must be finished and ratified by Iraq's parliament before Dec. 31, when the U.N. mandate authorizing the U.S. military mission expires. Otherwise, there will be no legal basis for the U.S. presence in Iraq.

For President Bush, some of the pressure to get a fast deal has faded since Iraq is no longer a dominant issue in the presidential campaign.

NATIONAL NEWS

Ike damages beaches, homes

GALVESTON, Texas — The coast here doesn't have the whitest sand or the clearest water, but to millions of Houstonians and other Texans, this is the beach. And thanks to Hurricane Ike, it's also a mess. The remains of houses, rotting cattle carcasses and other debris are scattered along Galveston Island. In some spots, all the sand was sucked back out to the Gulf of Mexico, leaving only rocks.

Galveston-area officials are scrambling to clean up the sand, which draws throngs of out-of-towners who spend millions on food, rental housing and shopping. They say they're relieved that the most popular beach spot along the seawall is largely intact, but they've asked Congress for \$100 million to help them bring the beach back to life.

McCain, Obama talk about trust

WASHINGTON — With the deepening U.S. economic crisis rippling around the globe, Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain seem to agree the question facing anxious voters is: Who do you trust?

"All we heard from Sen. McCain was more of the same Bush economics that led us into this mess," Obama said in Indianapolis the day after their second debate. "He thinks we won't notice" downsides of his health care proposals, but "we're not going to be hoodwinked. We're not going to be bamboozled. We're not going to let him get away with it."

In Bethlehem, Pa., McCain shot back: "I don't need lessons about telling the truth to American people." And, McCain said, if he ever did, he "probably wouldn't seek advice from a Chicago politician."

LOCAL NEWS

Governor candidate hits the road

INDIANAPOLIS — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jill Long Thompson is spending the week touting her economic plan to voters around the state — trying to draw attention to her campaign after about a month without television advertising.

If Long Thompson can't afford to hit the airwaves, it makes sense for her to hit the road in hopes of earning news coverage from local newspapers and television stations, said political analyst Brian Vargus.

"She has to go out and just do what she can," Vargus said. "What else can she do?"

SWEDEN

U.S.-based scientists win Nobel Prize

Team discovers, develops green fluorescent protein to win Chemistry Prize

Associated Press

Three U.S.-based scientists won a Nobel Prize on Wednesday for turning a glowing green protein from jellyfish into a revolutionary way to watch the tiniest details of life within cells and living creatures.

Osamu Shimomura, a Japanese citizen who works in the United States, and Americans Martin Chalfie and Roger Tsien shared the chemistry prize for discovering and developing green fluorescent protein, or GFP.

When exposed to ultraviolet light, the protein glows green. It can act as a marker on otherwise invisible proteins within cells to trace them as they go about their business. It can tag individual cells in tissue. And it can show when and where particular genes turn on and off.

Researchers worldwide now use GFP to track development of brain cells, the growth of tumors and the spread of cancer cells. It has let them study nerve cell damage from Alzheimer's disease and see how insulin-producing beta cells arise in the pancreas of a growing embryo, for example.

In awarding the prize, the Royal Swedish Academy compared the impact of GFP on science to the invention of the microscope. For the past decade, the academy said, the protein has been "a guiding star" for scientists.

GFP's chemical cousins produce other colors, which let scientists follow multiple cells or proteins simultaneously.

"This is a technology that has literally transformed medical research," said Dr. John Frangioni, an associate professor of medicine and radiology at Harvard Medical School. "For the first time, scientists could study both genes and proteins in living cells and in living animals."

Last year, in what the Nobel citation called a "spectacular experiment," Harvard researchers announced that they had tagged brain cells in mice with some 90 colors. The



Roger Tsien, Ph.D., discusses his research at a news conference at the University of California-San Diego after he won a Nobel Prize for Chemistry Wednesday.

technique is called "Brainbow."

GFP was first discovered by Shimomura at Princeton University. He'd been seeking the protein that lets a certain kind of jellyfish glow green around its edge. In the summer of 1961, he and a colleague processed tissue from about 10,000 jellyfish they'd collected near the island town of Friday Harbor, Wash. The next year, they reported the finding of GFP.

Some 30 years later, Chalfie showed that the GFP gene could make individual nerve cells in a tiny worm glow bright green.

Tsien's work provided GFP-like proteins that extended the scientific palette to a variety of colors. Tsien "really made it a tool that was extremely useful to lots of people," Chalfie told

reporters.

Shimomura, 80, now works at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass., and the Boston University Medical School. Chalfie, 61, is a professor at Columbia University in New York, while Tsien, 56, is a professor at the University of California, San Diego, and an investigator with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

The trio will split the \$1.4 million award.

Chalfie said he slept through the Nobel committee's phone calls early Wednesday because he'd accidentally adjusted his telephone to ring very softly. He found out about the prize only when he checked the Nobel Web site to see who had won.

"It's not something out of the

blue, but you never know when it's going to come or if it's going to come, so it's always a big surprise when it actually happens," Chalfie said.

Shimomura told reporters that he, too, was surprised.

"My accomplishment was just the discovery of a protein. ... But I am happy," he said.

Speaking to reporters by telephone, Tsien thanked scientists worldwide. When they do "good things with GFP and its progeny," Tsien said he can "bask in the warmth of that glow a little bit too."

Gunnar von Heijne, the chairman of the chemistry prize committee, demonstrated the award-winning research to reporters by shining ultraviolet light on a tube with E. coli bacteria containing GFP. The tube glowed green.

Chinese Muslims to stay at Guantanamo

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court on Wednesday temporarily blocked a judge's decision to immediately free 17 Chinese Muslims at Guantanamo Bay into the U.S.

In a one-page order, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit issued the emergency stay at the request of the Bush administration. The three-judge panel said it would postpone release of the detainees for at least another week to give the government more time to make arguments in the case.

It comes after U.S. District Judge Ricardo M. Urbina on Tuesday made a dramatic decision ordering the government to free the detainees by Friday.

Urbina said it would be wrong for the Bush administration to continue holding the detainees, known as Uighurs (pronounced WEE'gurz), since they are no longer considered enemy combatants.

"We are pleased that the Court of Appeals granted our request for a temporary stay, and we look forward to presenting our case," Justice Department spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said in response to the appeals court decision.

The Bush administration had asked the appeals court to block Urbina's order no later than Wednesday. The detainees were scheduled to arrive in Washington early Friday and appear in Urbina's courtroom for release to local Uighur families who have agreed to help them settle into the United States.

The government says the detainees at the U.S. naval base in Cuba had admitted receiving weapons training in Afghanistan and were a national security risk.

Earlier Wednesday, lawyers for 17 Chinese Muslim detainees urged the appeals court in filings not to interfere with Urbina's decision, which is the first court-ordered release of Guantanamo detainees. The detainees said they have been cleared of wrongdoing and have waited long enough for their freedom after being held at Guantanamo for nearly seven years.

"The government would prolong by months, and perhaps years, an imprisonment whose legal justification it has conceded away," the detainees' lawyers wrote in filings.

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behalf of the group.

"We're really excited to have had Sen. Lugar just with us today, and also for him to have taken the time to learn about what the University's doing," Long said.

Long said the group was honored to receive the award and said it spoke to the University's commitment to energy issues and sustainability.

Kelly, who worked as an intern for Lugar last summer, agreed.

"[Sen. Lugar] coming here, and recognizing the [work] that's going on with the University is a huge thing," she said.

Kelly called him the Senate's foremost expert on energy issues.

The pair, along with a dozen other Notre Dame students and a few faculty members, had the chance to talk with Lugar in depth about the issue over lunch Wednesday.

"He could have had lunch with whoever he wanted, but [that shows] his commitment to having an open dialogue with [stu-

dent] leaders," Long said.

Lugar said during his speech that through his visits with various group on campus he got a better idea of the work going on at Notre Dame.

"I had a wonderful opportunity to catch up on what was occurring at N.D., talk about what's occurring in our country," he said.

Lugar told The Observer after his presentation that he was especially impressed with the level of coordination among universities in Indiana and across the country.

"Not only is there an active research program [at Notre Dame] ... but cooperation with Purdue, cooperation with [Indiana University], and that this has been encouraged by all parties," he said. "That's really important, and that's reassuring to note that this is not an exclusive problem, but this knowledge ... is widely shared, and so are some of the professors."

Lugar has visited colleges across Indiana and seen firsthand the work they do on energy issues. He said his work in Congress has at times been related to gaining support for research projects at institutions

like Notre Dame.

"I want to encourage this. We're trying to get appropriations from Congress that are applicable to these projects," he said. "I think the possibilities at Notre Dame are huge — this University has an international reputation, it has a national constituency," Lugar said. "People love Notre Dame, but they're surprised, I think, to understand how much is occurring in these laboratories, how many people right here are now devoted to this, how many gifted professors [are here]."

In addition to speaking about Notre Dame, Lugar also commented on the presidential election in comments to the media following his speech.

As a Republican, Lugar has endorsed Sen. John McCain, but he said he has had good relationships with both candidates.

"I've had a very good association with Senator McCain in the U.S. Senate for over two decades," Lugar said. "I've seen him almost every day at the Senate sessions for all of these years."

Sen. Barack Obama is a more recent figure in the U.S. Congress, but Lugar said he quickly made a positive impression.

"He has been a very good member of the Foreign Relations Committee, and we've introduced legislation to help with arms control," Lugar said.

Regardless of who is elected, Lugar said the next president and his administration would face significant challenges, related first to the economic crisis.

"I think this is a point in perhaps which there needs to be a breakthrough in terms of addressing the economy of this country," Lugar said.

Economic issues, as well as a number of other urgent issues, including energy, will require some sense of urgency from the next president "to prepare the public for changes that are going to have to be made, in our country, in our lives and in our world," he said.

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count the harms we visit on other people by what we do," Bradley said. "[The Golden Rule] is essential if justice is to be done."

Bradley then offered counterpoints to several common assertions by voters that it is "fair and just" to vote for a pro-choice candidate.

Bradley said many believe they are justified in voting for a pro-choice candidate if they think the candidate is superior in other positions. But Bradley said if the voter would not support a candidate who put two million innocent immigrants in prison, even if they agreed with the candidate on other issues, the voter is just morally justified in voting for a pro-life candidate.

Bradley also said many people support abortion because they believe it furthers women's ability to participate equally in society.

"Would we say that it is fair and just to obtain or require that equality at such a great cost?" he asked. "I don't think we would."

Rougeau disagreed with Bradley's views on voting morals, but he said he believes they both hope for a time in which abortions don't happen.

But Rougeau said Catholic voters should not be held back simply by a party's or candidate's stance on abortion.

"No American Catholic should feel they must vote for a particular party," Rougeau said. "That is not good for democracy."

In the current election, Obama has expressed pro-choice views, Rougeau said. However, Obama realizes abortion is a serious moral issue, he said.

"Clearly Sen. Obama supports a legal regime that supports abortion but he has policies that I think will lower abortion rates," Rougeau said.

The women most likely to seek abortions are poor African American or Hispanic women, he said, who will benefit from Obama's plan for increased public spending.

Rougeau said he felt that other issues should also be addressed when a Catholic voter chooses a candidate.

"I do not believe I have to vote for candidate whose policies I don't support simply because he

shares my view that abortion is wrong," he said.

He said Catholic voters should consider other policies that affect people's quality of life. Although the Republican Party often takes a pro-life stance, they have a pattern of treating the weakest members of our society, namely immigrants and migrant workers badly, while often stepping in and assisting big corporations, he said.

Rougeau also said Republicans often support capital punishment, a practice which also opposes the Catholic respect for life.

"I found the Democratic Party's positions [on other issues] much more consistent with my idea of Catholic Social Teaching," Rougeau said.

Rougeau said Americans need to move forward on the issue of abortion while realizing that the country will never reach perfection.

"We are living in a morally flawed and complex world," he said.

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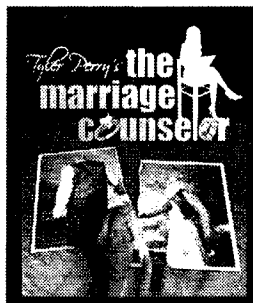
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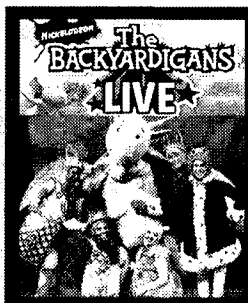
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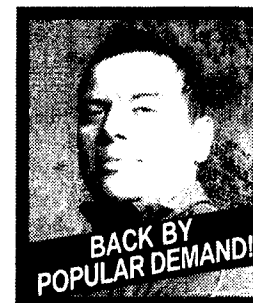
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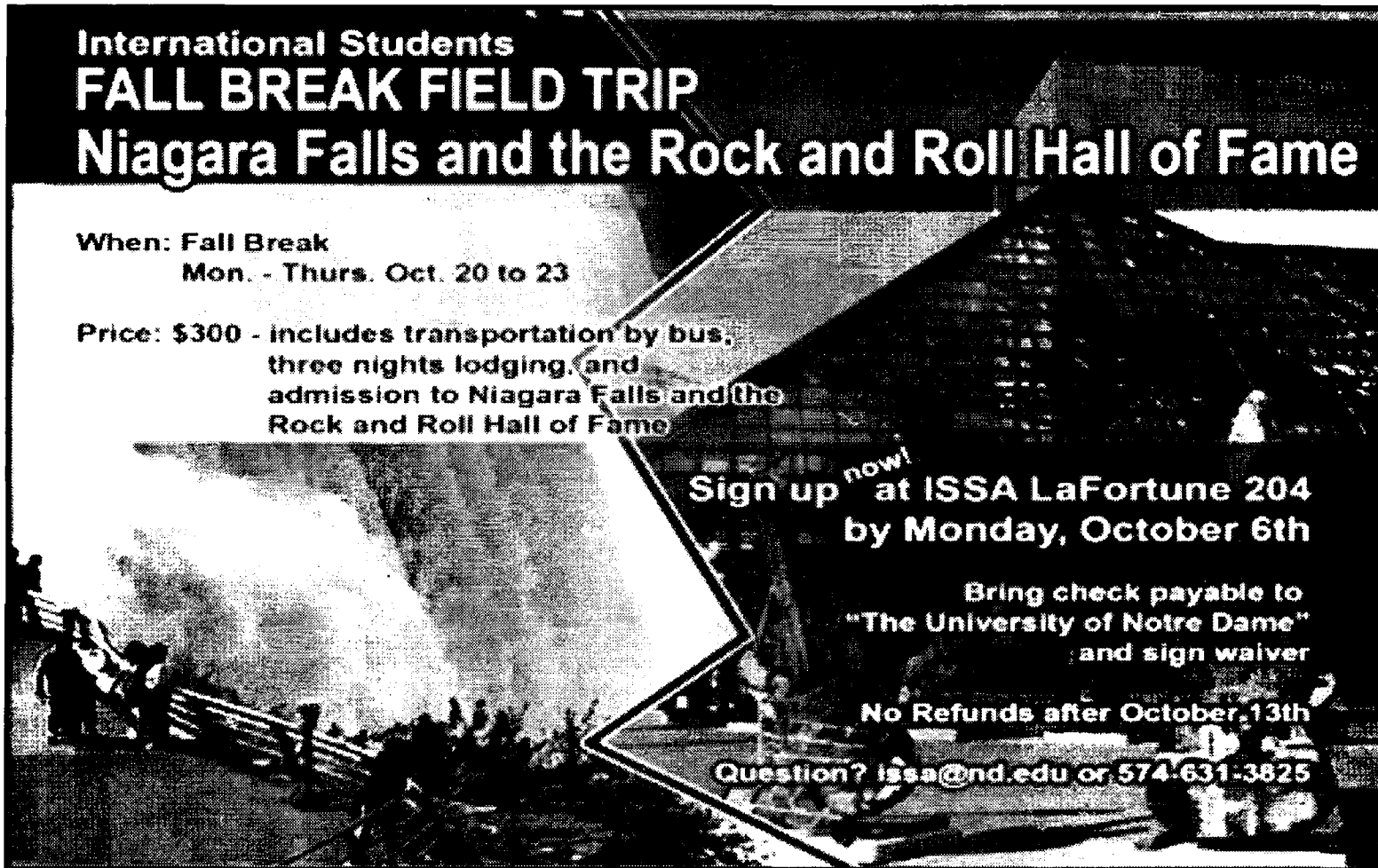
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Federal Reserve loans \$37.8 billion

CHARLOTTE — The Federal Reserve on Wednesday agreed to provide insurance giant American International Group Inc. with a loan of up to \$37.8 billion, on top of one made to the troubled company last month.

Under the new program, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will borrow up to \$37.8 billion in investment-grade, fixed income securities from AIG in return for cash collateral. These securities were previously lent by AIG's insurance company subsidiaries to third parties.

The arrangement will help AIG secure funds on an as-needed basis, the New York-based insurer said in a statement.

As of Monday, about \$37.2 billion of securities were available for loans under AIG's securities lending program.

On the brink of failure last month, AIG was bailed out when the government offered it an \$85 billion loan during the ongoing credit crisis that saw Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. file for bankruptcy protection and the sale of Merrill Lynch & Co. to Bank of America Corp. In return for the two-year loan, the government received warrants to purchase up to 79.9 percent of AIG.

Experts skeptical of mortgage plan

WASHINGTON — Ordering the government to buy up bad mortgages to cut homeowners' monthly payments might sound good, but experts are skeptical. They say the plan John McCain is promoting is unlikely to solve the housing crisis that's pushing the economy toward recession.

One big problem: The vast majority of the toxic home loans that are clogging financial markets and freezing up credit have been sliced, diced and repackaged into complex investments that the government would be hard-pressed to unravel and buy.

Even if the government did gain access to the mortgages, it would have to pay far more than they would ever be worth, housing specialists said Wednesday. That would effectively bail out banks and lenders with taxpayer money to a greater degree than Congress and the Bush administration are already doing through the \$700 billion financial industry rescue enacted last week.

Wall Street bounces between extremes

Federal Reserve drops funds rate to 1.5 percent; Dow Jones loses 189 points

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Wall Street bounced higher and lower Wednesday trying to make up its mind about an unprecedented coordinated interest rate cut by central banks around the world. In the end it settled on a familiar feeling — fear — and plunged again.

The Federal Reserve, desperately trying to jump-start the lending that keeps the U.S. economy moving, dropped its closely watched federal funds rate to 1.5 percent. The cut from 2 percent took the rate to its lowest level in more than four years.

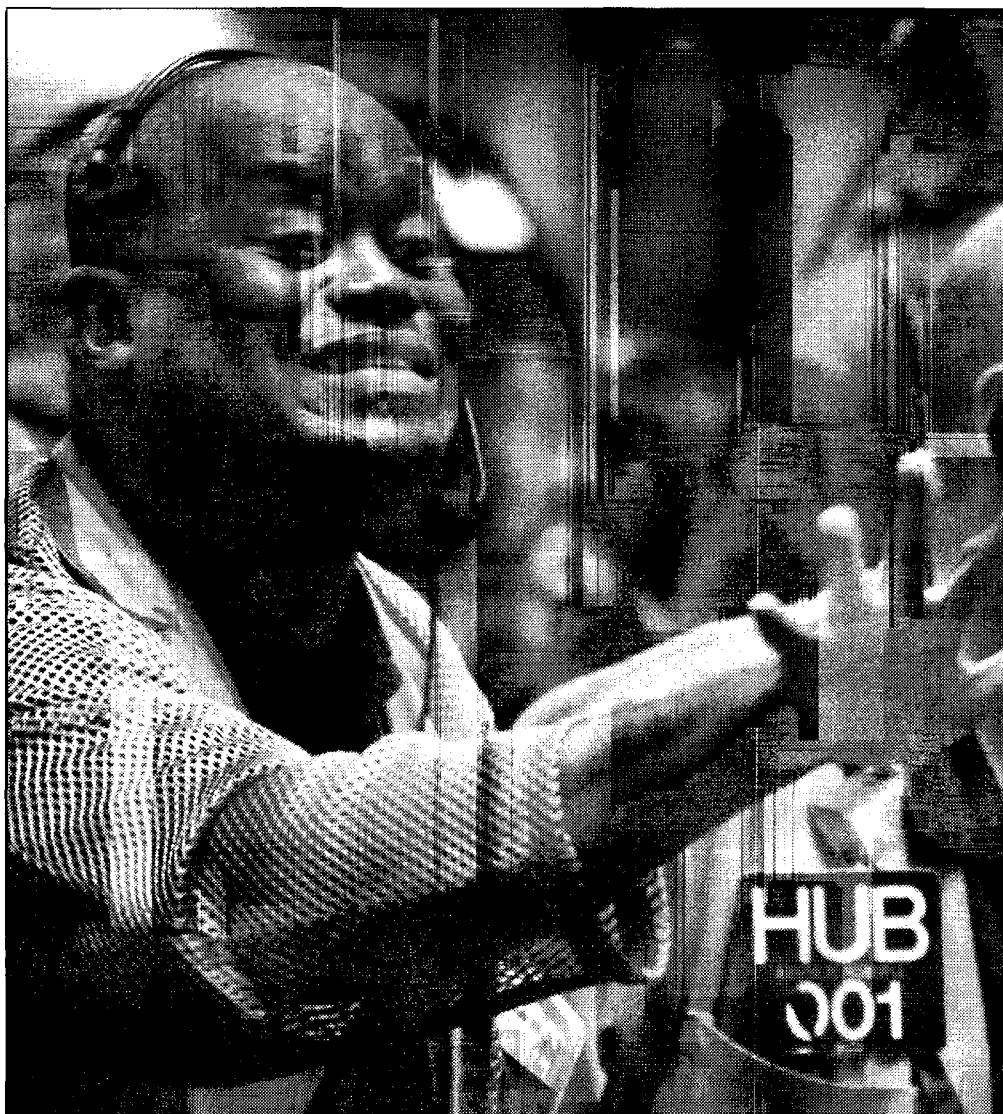
Central banks in England, China, Canada, Sweden and Switzerland and the European Central Bank also cut rates after a series of high-stakes phone calls over several days between Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his counterparts.

But the Dow Jones industrial average lost another 189 points, or 2 percent, to close at 9,258. It was the sixth straight day of losses for the Dow. The index has shed more than a third of its value, nearly 5,000 points, since its all-time high, set one year ago Thursday.

The Dow opened down more than 200 points. Within an hour, it was up almost as much. A late morning sell-off gave way to an afternoon rally, and the Dow was ahead for the day in the last half-hour of trading — then took a dive at the close.

The day's losses were lighter for the Nasdaq composite index and the Standard & Poor's 500. And Wall Street as a whole fared far better than Asia, where some stock exchanges were down 9 percent, and Europe, where some lost 5 percent.

The Fed acted in concert with the European Central Bank to make emergency interest rate cuts after the Sept. 11 terror attacks in 2001. But Wednesday's cuts



Trader Anthony Norman works in the Eurodollar trading pit Wednesday at the CME Group in Chicago.

were unprecedented with the number of nations that participated, the Fed said.

For millions of Americans, the Fed's cut means borrowing money becomes cheaper. Home equity loans, credit cards and other floating-rate loans all fluctuate depending on what the Fed does.

Bank of America, Wells Fargo and other banks cut their prime rate by half a point to 4.5 percent, also the lowest in more than four years, after the Fed announced its decision early Wednesday.

Fed watchers believe the central bank might cut rates

further when it meets later this month, and perhaps again in December, in hopes of cushioning the blow if the United States falls into recession.

"Even if the financial crisis was put to bed today, that would still leave the economy in a probable recession," said economist Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

One day after a presidential debate that focused heavily on the economy, both major candidates embraced the Fed's action. Both Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain described the

crisis as global.

The White House welcomed the cooperation among central banks to battle the crisis. "It's important and helpful that central banks are working in a coordinated way to deal with stress in the financial system," spokesman Tony Fratto said.

But even that may not break the panicky mindset that has gripped investors across the world as jobs evaporate and retirement savings dry up. Banks may still be inclined to hoard cash, and until they decide to lend again the crisis is not likely to let up.

Retailers' sales dismal in September

Associated Press

NEW YORK — American consumers went into hiding in September, leaving retailers with dismal sales and an uncertain future well beyond the holiday season as the fallout from the financial meltdown pushes spending even lower.

As retailers reported their monthly sales figures Wednesday, even discounters weren't immune to shoppers' mounting worries about their financial security.

"Discretionary spending has come to a trickle," said Ken Perkins, president of research company RetailMetrics LLC. "Consumers are the most worried I have seen since at least the 1991 recession. There are so many factors laying on their psyche."

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's

largest retailer, said sales of discretionary items were weak as it posted solid results that were nevertheless a bit below expectations. Target Corp. fared far worse, reporting a bigger-than-expected drop and said it is cutting its profit outlook as it expects problems with its credit card business to last through the rest of the year as customers have trouble making payments.

Luxury stores such as Neiman Marcus Group Inc. and Saks Inc. suffered sharp drops as well-heeled shoppers held off on buying \$600 stilettos and other luxuries. Many mall-based apparel stores and department stores including J.C. Penney Co. and American Eagle Outfitters Inc. find themselves mired in a deep sales slump.

With no clear spending recovery in

sight, retailers are navigating in the dark about how much to cut their spring orders and store expansions to address the dramatic changes in consumer behavior that are expected to persist at least until next year — if not longer.

"We rarely eat out, and even groceries have become a big-ticket item," said Cincinnati resident Victoria Gentry, 41, a single mother of a 15-year-old daughter, who now worries about her job at a bank's merchant service division. "No more payday pizzas now."

Before the financial meltdown began in the middle of last month, customers had already been switching to lower-price brands and stores, cutting back on essentials and making other changes like mending their clothes instead of buying new ones.

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Judging the performances

As the debate wrapped up, I was immediately bombarded with about four hundred analysts ready to tell me all about what had just happened. I immediately turned the T.V. off and walked over to my computer to write.

I turned off the T.V. not because I didn't care, but precisely because I was afraid that I myself would be too influenced in an attempt to make an honest judgment of what had happened. This would be difficult with the "point" scoring and instant replay analysis so common to the major news network follow-ups. As an amateur journalist, my stab at this, of course, will be amateur, but it will be my own honest reaction.

To begin, I think it is necessary to outline what each candidate needed to achieve in the debate.

Since the beginning of the financial crisis, Obama has slowly been pulling away in a number of important battle ground states. Because of this Obama's goals were not, nor needed to be, quite as lofty, so we will start with him.

Obama only truly needed to hold steady, as he had in the first debate. He had to keep to the issues that he does well on, the economy and healthcare, and show fluency in the issues that he hasn't done as well on, such as foreign policy.

Conversely, John McCain needed to turn in an excellent performance. The election was (and is) still close enough not to necessitate any sort of Hail Mary-type of tactic, but he would have to hit a few runs to slow Obama's momentum. McCain also needed to distance himself from Bush, and continue to push the "naïveté" button, as he had done fairly successfully in the first debate. Of course, neither candi-

date could afford to make any major mistakes.

While I wouldn't declare either candidate the winner, it seems that Obama achieved his goals a little bit more clearly than did McCain. As soon as the topic turned to the economy, Obama wasted no time in taking the first jab, repeating McCain's oft-repeated statement on the fundamentals of the economy. This works towards Obama's advantage.

McCain swung back with an awkward comment on Obama and his "cronies," in regards to some sort of Fannie/Freddie regulation. It was a bit unclear, but it seemed that the cronies to whom he was referring would have been his fellow senators. If this is the case, this line worked against McCain's general argument that he is the greater steward of bi-partisanship. If it's not the case, McCain's argument came out a bit convoluted.

One of the few weak points for Obama came soon thereafter, however, when the discussion turned toward government spending and taxing. When pressed, Obama made a fairly large claim — that all of his proposed spending would be covered by increased revenue — without offering much in the way of support. Regardless of whether this is true or not, I felt the statement was too large to end the question.

While I wouldn't consider it a misstep, McCain failed to press this issue at all, and turned instead to earmarks, a favorite topic of his. In both debates so far, this topic has seemed to completely flat line McCain on the CNN viewer reaction graph. I'm just not sure that Americans see this as an issue essential to the state of the economy.

One of the more interesting sequences occurred later, with McCain chastising Obama for being too hawkish on attacking terrorists within Pakistan's borders. He had invoked Teddy Roosevelt's famous adage, "Speak softly and carry a big stick," in respect to Obama's policy.

Obama promptly turned the situation around, calling to mind far more bellicose statements made by McCain on bombing Iran and annihilating North Korea. If there was any sort of serious headshot in the debate, this was it. McCain was unable to respond effectively, nor made a serious attempt to explain what he meant.

In regards to how they carried themselves, I thought Obama did a little better in looking and acting presidential. McCain's few attempts at humor fell flat (in part because the audience was not permitted to respond) and a few of his comments seemed reminiscent of the kid who sits in the back making wise cracks — "We never heard the size of the fine?" While Obama did not make too many serious attempts at wit, he seemed more presidential and in control. I'm not sure how much this sort of perception plays into voter preference, but I think it is important to note.

Honestly, I don't think either one blew the lid off this debate. Obama was able to focus the topic back to the economy on a number of questions, which could only help. He also held his own within the town hall format that many believe favored McCain.

McCain also did all right. Although he was unable to really hit any home runs, he did seem to have a clearer plan for the economy and pushed it a little bit more effectively than in the first debate. He also left out a lot of the gimmicks from his campaign (the suspension last week, for instance) that seemed to be holding him down.

My prediction: little movement in the polls. We'll move on to next Wednesday and domestic policy issues.

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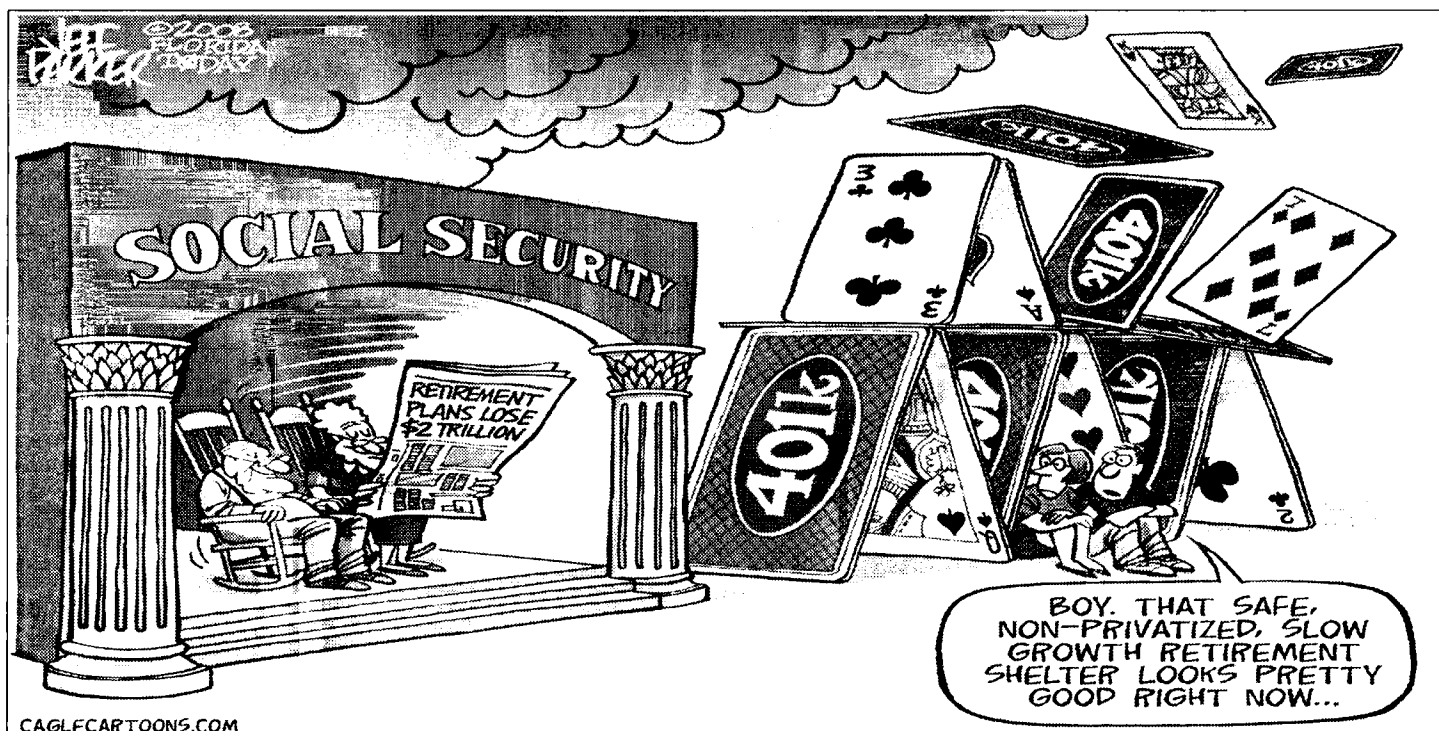
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Frozen bubbles and the mysteries of God

Being a Notre Dame or St. Mary's student means having to wrestle with two competing realities. The first of these realities is that, in the person of Jesus Christ, we seek to know the Logos, the Divine Word, or as so beautifully pre-figured in Jewish Wisdom Literature, Sophia, the Divine Craftsperson, who sat beside the Creator as the world was birthed into being. It is this Jesus, as St. Paul writes, through whom and for whom our world was created, who ordered the world and to whom the world is ordered. So that, as Gerard Manley Hopkins inimitably poeticized: "The world is charged with the grandeur of God."

Fr. Tim Scully

Faithpoint

So, on the one hand, our world is Incarnational — God dwells within it; which means that, by delving into its depths — through natural and social sciences, through theology and philosophy, art and literature — we come to know God, and come to love God, and

God's creation. There is a wonderful image from the diaries of Hopkins, in which the Jesuit poet spends pages and pages describing the formation of air bubbles frozen in the lake outside his rectory. He sat on the ice and just stared, mesmerized by their frozen formation, and was convinced — perhaps as only a poet can be! — that these formations of suspended bubbles, if perceived with enough reason, imagination, and faith, would unlock mysteries about the God who created them. I find it a helpful image some days, as I sift through seemingly endless iterations of regression analyses derived from recent survey data for my current research on religion and politics in Latin America. Maybe, just maybe, if I stare and ponder and imagine enough, I can come to know creation — and thereby the Creator — in beautiful ways.

On the other hand, and at the same time, we in pursuit of a "Catholic education" must contend with the stubborn reality that, as St. Paul writes, "The wisdom of God is foolishness to the wise."

Or, again more poetically, as Pascal said, "There are reasons of the heart of which reason is unaware." The human person is much more than intellect alone. As educators and learners in the tradition of the Congregation of Holy Cross, we consciously seek to be formed in the heart as well as the mind, and to invite and persuade the heart and the mind mutually to form and inform one another. As Holy Cross' founder, Blessed Basil Moreau, wrote, "We shall always place education side by side with instruction; the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart. While we prepare useful citizens for society, we shall likewise do our utmost to prepare citizens for heaven."

Even more, as we seek to uncover the fingerprints of our Creator throughout creation, we never lose sight of that other Way — the Way of the Beatitudes and the Cross — revealed to us by our Creator's Son, in which creation also becomes known through paradox. In Christ's new creation, which is in no way opposed to God's Creation and mys-

teriously enlivens it even as it disrupts it, the poor are rich, those who mourn laugh, and the ones who give their lives away in love gain the fullness of existence.

As seekers of the truth within a distinctively Catholic context, we live and learn in the tension of these two competing realities, simultaneously and boldly. We do so full of hope that this tension will reveal, not a more confused understanding of creation, but a fuller one. We do so fully aware that the journey of faith and reason — as well as our common destiny — is infinitely richer than what either our hearts or minds alone could conceive.

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The views expressed in this Faithpoint are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Respect Life week

Dear Observer Reader,

The week of October 5-11 the Notre Dame Campus, in union with the United States Council for Catholic Bishops, will observing Respect Life Week. The aim of the week is to promote prayer for an end to abortion and all issues that offend the dignity of human life, to educate campus on the essential facts of these life issues and to promote practical ways in which students can help to address these issues.

I can imagine that you, Observer reader, might fall into one of three camps. You might be avidly pro-choice, and with the best of intentions might believe that while abortion is a truly tragic thing, a woman ought to have a right to make a choice about her future and her body. In that case, in the true spirit of a university — which comes from the Latin universitas, meaning "the whole, the total, the universe, the world" — I invite you to come and hear "the whole;" I invite you to hear what we have to say. Your claim is that you care for women — and I believe you do — but we claim to care as well. Thus I invite you to come and see exactly how it is that we claim to care for the dignity of women.

Pardon if I'm entirely misrepresenting you, Observer reader, and the above might not be you at all. You might be joyfully pro-life, and very much in line with the cause for life. With that in mind, you might wonder, "I know what they're going to talk about, why ought I to go?" True, you might know exactly all that we'll be addressing, but you might have a friend who does not. Further, you might not have heard this or that particular point of view. Finally, as a one who truly cares about promoting a culture of life, it is your responsibility to form yourself in the best way to uphold and defend this culture, and a huge part of this week is meant to be just that: formational.

Finally, Observer reader, you might be neither A nor B above, but rather C: "it's not really that big of an issue, people get too worked up about it." Maybe that's not quite it either: "I'm personally opposed, but I think women ought to have a right to choose," or maybe just simply, "I don't really know what I think, and I don't really care." Granted, A and B above are much more defined, but C is the very broad middle ground of the life debate.

If that be the case, then I'll leave you with this: thousands of people around the world claim that this is a huge issue — one way or the other — and this University is giving you the chance to find out why. And ultimately, a university education is about finding out the 'why.' I invite you to come see for yourself.

If you've made it this far in this letter, I commend you; you've already been far too generous with your time. That's exactly what I want to finish with: time. You are all tremendously busy, and busy with many good things: friends, service, studying, etc. But this year's Respect Life Week I want to challenge you to seriously think about these life issues. Think seriously — whether you fall into A, B, C, above or even none of the above — if you could do something for yourself by attending one of our events this Respect Life Week.

Will everything entirely collapse, will you not get into law school, will your girlfriend or boyfriend dump you or will you flunk out of college if you spend between an hour or an hour and a half one day of this week to seriously engage life issues? Probably not, but you might end up doing something, quite literally life-changing [no pun intended] for yourself or a friend.

For more information, please visit www.ndrighttolife.org or e-mail us at prolife@nd.edu

A message from: Notre Dame Right to Life.

Mary Kate Daly
president
Notre Dame Right to Life
Oct. 3

Correct pronunciation

As an enthusiastic Irish fan and a member of the Band of the Fighting Irish, I love playing and hearing the Victory Clog. "Damhsa Bua," at Concert on the Steps.

As a student of the Irish language, I cringe every time it's mispronounced. I know it's a confusing language, but mispronouncing Irish week after week at one of the only schools in the country with an Irish language department is truly a shame on the University. Repeated requests for this to be fixed have come to naught.

The correct pronunciation of the word "Damhsa" is "Dow-sa," wherein the first syllable rhymes with "cow." That "mh" combination is foreign, I know, but just think of it as a "w." Each time it's said

"Dam-sha," some sort of strange dyslexic abomination comes through that speaker and makes me wish the school had more pride in our excellent Irish language department.

JT, I love everything you do for the band and the fans, but PLEASE pronounce it correctly. It's "Dow-sa" Bua! Thank you so much for having enough respect for the language and the department to say the word correctly.

Go Irish!

Kelsey Robertson
junior
Regina Hall
Oct. 5

Attire isn't everything

While I agree with a majority of Mr. Mooney's letter ("Of colors and T-shirts," Oct. 7), I must object strongly to the unfair stab he took at students who choose to deviate from the normal student attire.

Going into this season, I knew that I had precious few games left as a student to enjoy. I thought long and hard about how I could best celebrate and enjoy those games. Without a doubt, Notre Dame football is a spectacle. What better way to celebrate that than to make a spectacle out of my appearance?

I proudly admit that I am one of those students who thinks it is "really cool or funny" to wear something other than The Shirt. For the Michigan game I donned a set of overalls with rolled up pant legs over a bright green Irish shirt and a sweet bandanna. You may have spotted me during the Purdue game sporting a referee shirt complete with cutoff jean shorts (a.k.a "jorts") and argyle socks.

I'd also like to point out that a number of students in the seats surrounding me have taken up this noble practice, and there is a

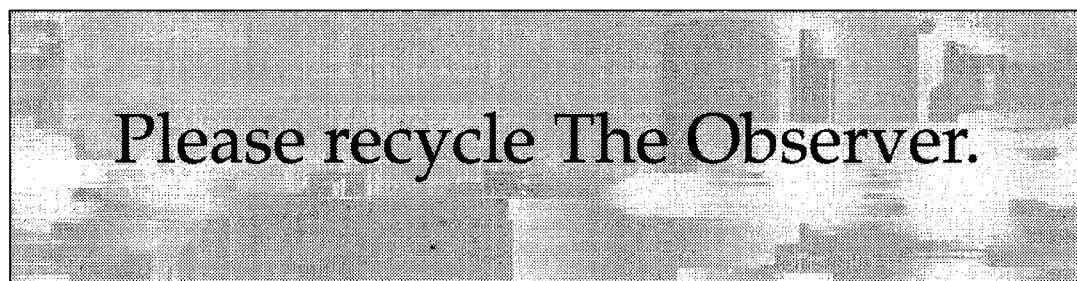
mutual respect and admiration between those who dress outside the box. I don't do this to call attention to myself or to separate myself from the student body. I am merely celebrating and supporting the football team in a different manner than the rest of the student section.

I am just as much a fanatic and supporter of our team and University as everyone else. The last time I checked, this is America, where a fan can support his team any way he pleases.

On a final note, the next home game against Pittsburgh falls on the day after Halloween. I can only hope that a large part of the student body decides to wear a creative costume in order to celebrate Notre Dame, Halloween, and our First Amendment rights.

Go Irish!

Dan Fanele
senior
off campus
Oct. 7



Bringing Radio Back

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Assistant Scene Editor

For most members of our generation, the "radio" is what is used when the iPod is out of battery, you can't find a good CD on the floor of your car or you're taking shower late at night. It is a music provider for the moments when no other distraction is available, or a last resort when you've run out of music of your own.

But it wasn't always that way. The birth of radio meant mass communication in real-time. It meant that everyone across America could tune in and listen to a program together. There was a sense of unity in listening to the radio, a comfort in knowing that by listening to it you were connecting to other people in far away places. One of the biggest draws of early radio was that it was performed live in front of an audience, so the listener could hear a crowd laughing, clapping and being actively involved in the performance.

This weekend, L.A. Theatre Works seeks to bring back that early radio feel with their presentations of "War of the Worlds" and "The Lost World." "War of the Worlds" is well known for its phenomenal first reception, when Orson Welles (pre-"Citizen Kane") broadcast the adaptation of H.G. Wells's story and caused widespread panic. 6 million people heard it, and 1.7 million believed it. Many went to ask their neighbors about it during the broadcast, spreading a word-of-mouth rumor that aliens from Mars were attacking the world. People who then turned on their

radio heard a series of news flashes, uninterrupted by radio commercials, and were convinced they were all going to die.

L.A. Theatre Works was founded in 1974 to preserve great dramatic works through audio presentation. They broadcast weekly on the Internet and have many troupes traversing the country in different forms bringing old-fashioned radio theatre to life.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday a six member group of cable and television veterans will take the stage at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center to present "War of the Worlds," along with their version of Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Lost World." It will be true to the radio style, with limited sets and an emphasis on telling the story through sound. The performance will star Jerry Hardin ("The X-Files," "Star Trek: The Next Generation"), Josh Clark ("Heroes," "Star Trek Voyager"), Kenneth Alan Williams ("Will

and Grace"), Jen Dede ("Entourage," "Gilmore Girls"), Peter McDonald ("Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman") and Kyle Colerider-Krugh.

This is a unique opportunity for anyone to experience what it is like to be part of a live radio audience. This theatrical offering once again demonstrates the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's commitment to bringing the Notre Dame community performances that are culturally relevant and yet unique in their once-in-a-lifetime appeal.

Tickets are \$45 for the public, \$36 for faculty and staff, \$34 for seniors and \$15 for students.

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and
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L.A. Theatre Works Coming to Campus

WAR OF THE WORLDS
&
THE LOST WORLD

Weekend Events Calendar

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Thursday: Gary Cosay FTT Talk. 5 p.m. Browning Cinema

Gary Cosay will speak at the latest in a series of talks presented by the Film, Television and Theater Department at the Browning Cinema. Cosay, a veteran of the industry with over fifty years of experience in media entertainment, will discuss his life as an agent, beginning with his first job at William Morris as an agent trainee. During his career he has represented a variety of entertainment figures, including producer David E. Kelley. The event is free but ticketed; call the ticket office at (574) 631-2800 to reserve tickets.

Friday: College Humor Live Tour with Neal Brennan and TJ Miller. 10 p.m. Legends

Are you a fan of the videos, pictures and articles at collegehumor.com? Check out the best College Humor has to offer at Legends on Friday night. The College Humor Live Tour will feature a group of stand-up comedians. Neal Brennan has written for "Chappelle's Show" and you may recognize TJ Miller as the cameraman from the movie "Cloverfield."

In the past the tour has included the likes of Dan Levy, Aziz Ansari and others, and also has permanent shows in New York and Los Angeles.

Saturday: "The Butler Did It." 7:30 p.m. Everest-Rohrer Chapel at Bethel College

Whodunnit? Students at Bethel College are asking audiences to figure out the mystery in their performance of "The Butler Did It," a spoof play by Tim Kelly. In "The Butler Did It," a society dowager named Miss Maple stages a murder mystery party with a group of detective writers, only to find the mystery turned real when a real murder takes place.

Tickets are \$12 for the public and \$10 for seniors and students. For ticket information, call (574) 807-7763 or visit www.artseverywhere.com.

Sunday: "Maxim Kantor: Selections from the Wasteland and Metropolis Print Suites" at the Snite Museum of Art.

Lazy Sunday afternoons got you down? Get yourself some culture by visiting the Snite to check out their fall exhibit on the etchings of Russian artist Maxim Kantor. Kantor's "Wasteland" print suite examines the late Soviet era and the chaos of the new Russian state, while "Metropolis" is a blend of images inspired by art, print and photography and encompassing a powerful blend of mythology, society, history and geography. The exhibition will run until Nov. 23.

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SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Dining Hall Dish

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

This week, we're aiming for a healthy bent. Sometimes it's hard to stick to the food pyramid when you're surrounded by some of the less-than-optimal-but-so-addicting foods you can find in the dining hall, whether it's the French fries, the oh-so-buttery grilled cheese or the s'mores (just to name some of my weaknesses). These recipes at least send you in the right direction, without losing any taste, of course. We can't have that.

This week's recipes:

Pasta with Feta, Wine Vinegar and Broccoli

This dish is a lighter and

healthier alternative to the cream pasta sauces provided by the dining hall, using lemon and wine vinegar to flavor instead of a thick pasta sauce. But don't think that means the flavors have to be any less strong, the feta, vinegar and lemon give this pasta a good zing.

1. Fill a bowl with whole grain pasta (or any short pasta if that is not available).
2. Add feta, red onion and broccoli to the pasta.
3. Drizzle with a good dosage of red wine vinegar and spritz with a lemon wedge.
4. Mix and make sure the feta is crumbled and the ingredients are evenly distributed.
5. Heat in the microwave for about 45 seconds.
6. Top with lots of pepper and take a bite. Feel free to experiment with other vegetables; both

edamame and bell peppers would pair nicely with this dish as well.

Hummus Nosh

I love that the dining hall always has hummus. If I am completely at a loss for what to eat, it is usually what I turn to. Not only is it delicious, but it also ensures that I eat some of those pesky vegetables, and the hummus itself is pretty good for you. Even better, this is beyond easy.

1. Fill a bowl with hummus.
2. Gather up your favorite things to dip into hummus. Some of my favorites include: pita bread, olives, and bell peppers of any color. Other popular options are carrots, celery, and cucumber. Also pick up a lemon.
3. Squeeze the lemon into your hummus and give a good dash of

pepper. Mix.

4. Dip away! Didn't I tell you that was easy?

Quick Tip

Try this challenge: make a salad without using dressing. Dressing is usually the least healthy part of the salad, and the best thing about a dining hall is that there are so many options that would normally take considerable effort to slice and dice. And don't limit yourself to the salad bar. Explore the dining hall for fruits, vegetables, beans, cheeses and meats (got to have that protein) to make your salad explode with flavor without drowning in dressing.

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.

NFL

Green Bay QB commits to play

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Barring some sort of minor medical miracle, Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers will once again be playing through the pain of a sprained right shoulder on Sunday.

At least now he knows he can do it, leaving "no doubt" that he'll be on the field in Seattle.

With his effort in a loss to Atlanta last Sunday, Rodgers removed any lingering doubts in his own mind about his ability to shrug off a significant injury.

"Being able to play, and realizing the pain that I went through last week and pushing through it told me I can play with it," Rodgers said Wednesday. "I'm very confident I can play this week. I'm hoping the pain and the soreness will be less, but either way I'm going to go."

A week after spraining his right shoulder in a game against Tampa Bay, Rodgers played against the Falcons — and played well. The Packers lost the game, but Rodgers won more respect in the locker room.

Rodgers said he felt a "duty" to play as one of the team's leaders. But he was quick to point out that linebacker A.J. Hawk, cornerback Charles Woodson and others also are playing through significant injuries.

"I don't want to single myself out as the only guy playing with pain, because we all are," Rodgers said. "A.J. didn't practice all week and played, Wood's been doing it for a number of weeks now. But, as one of the leaders of this football team, I felt like it was my duty to be on the field as long as I could play close to the level of effectiveness I feel I'm capable of playing at."

The decision to let Rodgers play against the Falcons wasn't made until a few hours before game time, after Rodgers proved to Packers coach Mike McCarthy that he could make all the throws he needed to in a closed-door warmup session at an indoor practice facility across the street from Lambeau Field.

And while Rodgers' participation in practice will be significantly restricted again this week, he doesn't expect to be a game-time decision against Seattle.

"I'm going to play. No doubt about that," Rodgers said. "But I'm hoping I can be a little better for Friday and maybe do a little bit more. But that still remains to be seen."

Rodgers made only a cameo appearance in the portion of Packers practice that was open to the media on Wednesday. He didn't throw a pass during a jog-through period, then left before full-speed team drills began.

McCarthy's plan going into the week was to have Rodgers begin throwing on a limited basis Thursday, but the Packers want to see how he responds to rehabilitation exercises.

"He was sore yesterday so they backed off him, and then they were going to rehab him hard again today," McCarthy said. "We'll see where he is in the morning."

Either way, Rodgers said the injury is better than it was a week ago.

"The shoulder's doing better than it was last week at this point," Rodgers said. "But we're just going day-by-day. The guys in the training room are doing a great job, spending time with me. We've been working on strength and flexibility, just trying to maintain and feel better each day and go from there."

Rodgers barely practiced at all last week, but still managed to go 25-for-37 for 313 yards with three touchdowns against Atlanta — and nearly led the Packers to a late comeback.

He did make one major mistake, a fourth-quarter interception deep in Packers territory that set up a Falcons touchdown. But McCarthy said earlier this week that coaches gave Rodgers' overall performance high marks.

"I think I proved to the staff and really to myself — although you don't want this to be a precedent — that I can play effectively without practicing all week," Rodgers said. "Now, I don't want to set that as a precedent for the season. I want to be out there as much as I can, but you have to be realistic with the state of my body at the moment."

For Rodgers, the biggest concern about missing practice is not having a handle on what his distance and accuracy might be like until the game starts.

But he figures that's how it's going to be until the Packers' off week Oct. 26.

"That's kind of what I have to deal with at the moment," Rodgers said. "Hopefully my shoulder will be feeling a little bit better this Sunday, but I think until I have a couple good weeks to not do anything, which will be the bye week, that's kind of the pain I'll be in. I think my pain threshold is such that I can deal with that."

NFL

Ovechkin focused on Stanley Cup

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Va. — Alex Ovechkin is hardly the first professional athlete to emphasize winning percentage above personal statistics, to maintain he's all about team, to insist he won't rest until he's earned a championship.

"I want to win the Stanley Cup; that's why we play hockey in the NHL," he said during an interview at the Washington Capitals' charity golf event this week. "I'm always that way. I want to do everything for the victory."

Standard stuff, right?

Here, then, is what separates Ovechkin: He isn't just talk.

This is an MVP who skates with the rookies, a \$124 million man who thinks nothing of a two-hour drive on his night off to catch a little exhibition hockey, a league-leading scorer who keeps close tabs on what the club is up to during free agency.

All with a singular aim.

"Ultimately," teammate Brooks Laich said, "I don't think Alex will go to sleep at night until he's won a Stanley Cup."

Ovechkin took it upon himself to lace up his skates and get out on the ice at the Capitals' rookie camp in September, a week before the defending Southeast Division champions opened training camp for veterans.

"I just want to support all the guys on my team," Ovechkin said. "It doesn't matter if they play in the NHL or the minors."

Coach Bruce Boudreau appreciated the effort.

"When I blew the whistle, he was the first one to get over to me, the first one in line," Boudreau said. "And I'm sure — because he's this smart — he knew players would see that and they would say, 'Well, if that's how Alex Ovechkin operates, that's how I want to operate.' He never wanted any applause or anything. He just knew this was a good thing to do for the kids."

Ovechkin, who just turned 23, is basically a kid himself, one whose energy, enthusiasm and will to win are infectious.

That's the case whether he's slamming his body into the boards to celebrate one of his goals or tackling a teammate to celebrate one of theirs. Or trying to beat linemate Nicklas Backstrom at pingpong. Or showing off during a pickup basketball game at a team dinner last weekend (Ovechkin's mother won two Olympic gold medals in that sport; his hockey jersey bears her No. 8). Or playing poker ("When he



Washington left winger Alex Ovechkin passes the puck during their 5-1 preseason win Friday against Philadelphia.

bluffs," goalie Jose Theodore said, "he's going to show you his cards — just to let you know.")

Or carrying on during a charity golf outing.

Ovechkin dished fist bumps on the green of the first hole, then slapped high-fives between yells of "Whooo!" and "Yes!" after his next tee shot. He prepared for a par-3 by bouncing a ball on the head of an iron and jokingly referring to himself as "Tiger." He plopped his first effort there into the water, then took a mulligan and put his second try right on the green, turning to anyone who would listen to shout, "Told you! Told you!"

So much for country club manners, eh?

"Guys like that — you know why they're always on top. It's because they try to be the best at whatever they do," veteran enforcer Donald Brashear said. "They always try to win, and they always find a way to."

To that end, Ovechkin's actions speak loudly.

Teammates take note of what might seem like little gestures, such as when he hopped in his car and went to Philadelphia during the preseason to watch the Capitals play a game from which he was scratched. Did the same thing last year.

The Russian is no prima donna on skates, either. He ranked in the league's top 10 in hits last season and helped kill penalties this preseason — doing the latter, Ovechkin said, because then "the whole team trusts you" — even though those aren't the skills that prompted the Capitals to rebuild around him.

They, of course, were fascinated by the talent that

allowed him to break the NHL record for goals by a left wing with 65 last season, the first player at any position to top 60 in a dozen years. Add in his 47 assists, and Ovechkin led the league in total points. Not only are his 163 goals so far 17 more than anyone else has scored since the start of 2005-06, but his total ranks No. 3 in history for a player's first three NHL seasons, behind only Wayne Gretzky and Mike Bossy.

Boudreau acknowledges he was nervous when he was introduced to Ovechkin while still coaching Washington's AHL affiliate.

"Well, you know," Boudreau explained, "it's like when I first met Gretzky."

Boudreau is far from the only person associated with the Capitals who speaks about Ovechkin in reverential tones.

"He's a remarkable human being. He's very self-actualized at a very young age," owner Ted Leonsis said.

The fawning is the sort that might lead to resentment among teammates.

"You know why it's not an issue? Because Alex isn't like that. If Alex was like that and just craved the spotlight and just talked about himself, then maybe it would rub guys the wrong way," Laich said. "We haven't heard Alex say one word about himself being the star and himself winning these awards and himself earning all this money. We haven't heard one word of that."

Instead, they hear about how Ovechkin called a Capitals spokesman over and over from Russia on July 1, the first day of free agency, and checked in with general manager George McPhee, too, intent on getting the latest news.

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1	Oklahoma	1608	1
2	Alabama	1537	2
3	Missouri	1487	4
4	LSU	1444	3
5	Texas	1374	5
6	Penn State	1287	6
7	Texas Tech	1163	7
8	USC	1137	9
9	BYU	1103	8
10	Georgia	1014	11
11	Florida	977	12
12	Ohio State	931	14
13	Vanderbilt	833	15
14	Utah	815	15
15	Boise State	677	17
16	Kansas	623	16
17	Oklahoma State	565	21
18	Virginia Tech	485	20
19	South Florida	392	10
20	Auburn	236	13
21	Wake Forest	205	25
22	North Carolina	196	NR
23	Michigan State	161	NR
24	Pittsburgh	121	NR
25	Ball State	97	NR

Football ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll

	team	points	previous
1	Oklahoma	1524	1
2	Missouri	1404	3
3	LSU	1398	2
4	Alabama	1339	4
5	Texas	1305	5
6	Penn State	1203	6
7	Texas Tech	1101	8
8	Brigham Young	1086	7
9	USC	1055	9
10	Georgia	937	10
11	Ohio State	893	12
12	Florida	883	13
13	Utah	793	15
14	Vanderbilt	704	19
15	Kansas	667	16
16	Boise State	624	18
17	Oklahoma State	523	22
18	Virginia Tech	393	24
19	Michigan State	273	NR
20	South Florida	267	10
21	Wake Forest	247	25
22	Northwestern	231	NR
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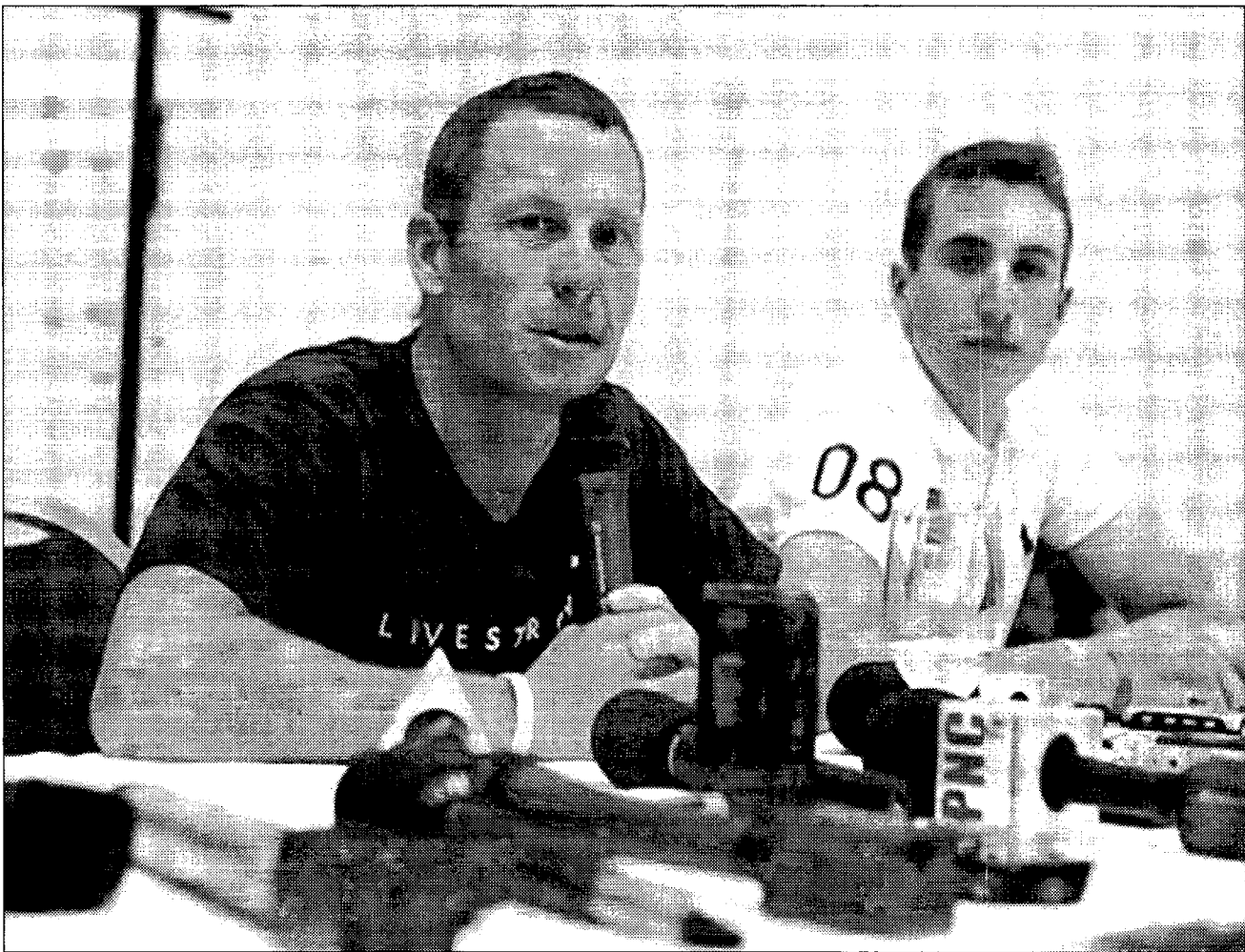
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CYCLING



Lance Armstrong, left, speaks at a press conference at the annual Interbike International Bicycle Expo in Las Vegas on Thursday, September 25. Armstrong is attempting to return to cycling in January in Australia.

Armstrong comeback approved by ICU

Associated Press

GENEVA — Cycling's governing body is relaxing its rules to allow Lance Armstrong to make his comeback at a road race in Australia in January.

The International Cycling Union said the seven-time Tour de France champion can compete in the Jan. 20-25 Tour Down Under, his first race since coming out of retirement after three years.

A strict application of testing rules would not have allowed the 37-year-old Texan to compete until Feb. 1, 2009, six months after he filed

paperwork with the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

But the UCI said Wednesday that Armstrong could return early because its drug-testing standards have improved since the rule was drawn up four years ago.

"Riders are now subject to a much-reinforced system of monitoring compared to that of the past," the governing body said in a statement. "Lance Armstrong has and will be the subject of very strict monitoring throughout the period running up to his return to the peloton."

Armstrong's comeback is meant to draw atten-

tion to his global campaign to fight cancer, a disease he survived before winning seven straight Tours from 1999-2005.

It is also a defiant stand against critics who doubt he could have achieved those victories without the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Now he is liable to be tested at any time without notice and will have his own biological passport as part of a UCI-backed initiative to monitor possible doping offenses.

Riders must give a series of blood and urine samples that allow a World Anti-Doping Agency-accredited labo-

ratory to establish a baseline. Fluctuations from those readings afterward could indicate doping.

Armstrong said last month he was tested in late August, and has enlisted personal anti-doping expert Don Catlin, who will make his test results available to the public.

Catlin, who ran the first anti-doping lab in the United States at UCLA for 25 years, will freeze and keep samples of Armstrong's blood to be analyzed in the future.

Armstrong will not be paid for returning to the saddle and the testing costs will be covered by his Kazakhstan-based

IN BRIEF

Tuberville fires coordinator after seven games on offense

AUBURN — Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville fired offensive coordinator Tony Franklin on Wednesday just seven games into his tenure, pulling the plug after the Tigers' rocky attempt to adapt to his spread offense.

The 20th-ranked Tigers have struggled offensively all season after entering as the favorites to win the Southeastern Conference Western Division. They have dropped Southeastern Conference games to LSU and Vanderbilt after beating Mississippi State by a score of 3-2.

"After evaluating where we are at this point of the season offensively, I felt it was in the best interest of the Auburn football program to make this change," Tuberville said. "I'm not satisfied with where we are and I am personally going to take a larger role with the offense the remainder of the season."

Utley and Howard lacking any production in playoffs

PHILADELPHIA — For all their big hits and long homers during the regular season, Chase Utley and Ryan Howard have to provide the Philadelphia Phillies with more offense in October.

The slumping stars were a combined 4-for-26 in the first round of the playoffs against Milwaukee, but strong pitching and timely hitting from other Phillies carried the team into the NL championship series against Los Angeles. Utley and Howard also had troubles in their postseason debuts last year, and Philadelphia was swept out of the first round by Colorado.

If the Phillies are going to beat the Dodgers and advance to the World Series for the first time since 1993, they'll need their 3-4 hitters to break out of their funks. Game 1 of the NLCS is Thursday night at Citizens Bank Park.

QB Brady has successful surgery on his left knee

BOSTON — New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady underwent surgery on his left knee this week, a month after he was sidelined with the season-ending injury, The Boston Globe said.

The paper reported Wednesday that the operation was performed Monday in Los Angeles. Brady's replacement, Matt Cassel, said he tried calling him.

"I haven't gotten a return phone call yet," he said. "I'm sure he's just resting."

Patriots spokesman Stacey James declined comment. Coach Bill Belichick refused comment during his regular news conference Wednesday at San Jose State, where the team is practicing for Sunday's game at the San Diego Chargers.

"We're not going to comment on anybody's situation," he said. "We're not going to get into a daily update."

MLB

Daisuke tagged to start game one of championship series

Playoff stud Beckett, still Red Sox ace, set to start game two in Tampa Bay; Lester to get first toss in Boston

Associated Press

BOSTON — Daisuke Matsuzaka will be on the mound for the Red Sox when the AL championship series begins Friday night against the Tampa Bay Rays.

That doesn't make him Boston's ace.

Josh Beckett is still No. 1 in the Red Sox rotation — especially during the playoffs — even though he had the worst outing of the three Boston starters who faced the Los Angeles Angels in the first round. Beckett, coming off a strained side muscle, is scheduled to pitch Game 2 in the best-of-seven series against the Rays.

"Before Beckett's last start, he was the best postseason pitcher maybe in the history of the game," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said Wednesday after announcing his rotation. "He had the audacity to be a little rusty after two weeks. We don't need to run away from Beckett, we need to get him on a run."

Francona chose Matsuzaka to start against the Rays in Game 1 not because of Beckett's injury, and certainly not because the team lost any faith in a guy who won five straight postseason outings before Boston's Game 3 loss to the Angels. Even with his off night versus L.A., Beckett is 6-2 with a 2.09 ERA in his postseason career.

Instead, Francona said, the Red Sox scheduled Beckett for the second game because it would give him, Matsuzaka and Game 3 starter Jon Lester essentially the same amount of rest. Tim Wakefield will start Game 4, with Matsuzaka, Beckett and Lester ready to pitch again in Games 5-7 if necessary.

"Nobody's going to throw three," Francona said. "So having those three twice is really what's important, regardless of how it's lined up."

Matsuzaka was 18-3 with a 2.90 ERA this season, best among the Boston starters in both categories. But he also led the rotation with 94 walks, raising his pitch count and limiting him to 167 2-3 innings.

"We're going to have to wait him out and see how he's throwing," Rays rookie Evan Longoria said. "It's a little bit different when you're playing in a playoff game. Walks are so important, and if he's going to come out and do what he normally does, he usually walks a ton of guys and throws a lot of pitches early. If we can get him on the ropes early, we've really got to take advantage of that."

In the NL, Philadelphia and the Los Angeles Dodgers begin their series Thursday night, with Cole Hamels facing Derek Lowe in Game 1. The Phillies haven't made it to the World Series since losing to Toronto in 1993, and the Dodgers haven't been there since their victory over Oakland in 1988.

The Red Sox have gone twice since 2004, sweeping the Series both times. But the Rays had never finished above .500 before this year, posting the worst record in the majors in '07.

All season long, the Rays were described as "surpris-

ing," and some thought they would falter down the stretch. But with the AL East lead on the line in September, they rallied against Boston closer Jonathan Papelbon at Fenway Park one night and then took the series finale the next in 14 innings to turn back the Red Sox charge.

The Rays again took two of three from Boston a week later at home to cement their hold on the division lead, going on to win by two games and leave the Red Sox as the wild card. Tampa Bay then dispatched the Chicago White Sox 3-1 in the best-of-five first round.

And they no longer qualify as surprising.

"It shouldn't be a surprise 162 games and a playoff series that they're good," Francona said. "I understand some of the story behind this. They haven't had any success going into this year and all of a sudden they went from the bottom to the top. It's a great story for baseball. It made our life a little bit more miserable this year."

"They have a real good thing going. Our job will be to derail that."

Matsuzaka will face James Shields (14-8) in the opener, with Beckett (12-10) going against Scott Kazmir (12-8) on Saturday night. Lester (16-6) will face Matt Garza (11-9) back at Fenway Park in Game 3 and Wakefield (10-11) will pitch against Andy Sonnanstine (13-9) in the fourth game.

Beckett would have six days off before starting a second time in Game 6, if necessary. Boston catcher Jason Varitek isn't worried about the 28-year-old right-hander being able to rebound from a rough start against the Angels, when he allowed four runs in five innings and got no decision.

"The strength in Josh's pitching was there," Varitek said. "He hadn't been on the mound in a while and it just led to a little sharpness issue."

Francona said the decision to go with Wakefield over midseason acquisition Paul Byrd in Game 4 allows the Red Sox to

match their knuckleballer with Kevin Cash, his regular catcher during the season. Byrd also was more easily moved to the bullpen, the manager said

after the team's workout at Fenway on Wednesday.

The rest of the 25-man roster, which could change from the first round because of an

injury to third baseman Mike Lowell and the need for an extra reliever, will be discussed after Thursday's workout at Tampa Bay.

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NFL

McNabb calls meeting after losses

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb decided it was time to speak up.

After a pair of disheartening losses dropped the Eagles to 2-3 and the bottom of the competitive NFC East, the veteran quarterback called a team meeting earlier this week.

"I tried to let them know that it's easy for us to sit and say we could be undefeated right now or we should be 4-1, whatever it may be, but we're not," McNabb said. "So, in order for us to correct that and put these four or five games behind us, we have to do it right now."

Against Washington last week, the Eagles jumped to a 14-0 lead but were dominated on both sides of the ball the rest of the game. In the fourth quarter they had to settle for a field

goal after driving to the Washington 2-yard line and eventually lost, 23-17.

Against the Bears the previous week, the Eagles snapped out of a second-half offensive lull long enough to drive inside the Bears' 5-yard line in the closing minutes. But Philadelphia failed to score the go-ahead touchdown on three runs from the 1 in a 24-20 defeat.

"There is no reason for us to come out the way we did early in the season and to be where we are at right now," McNabb said. "People take it hard. I'm one of the guys who are very

competitive and I hate losing, and especially hate losing in that fashion."

On his blog, McNabb wrote Tuesday that he was "embarrassed" by the team's performance.

"I'm embarrassed with the way we played the past two weeks," McNabb wrote. "I believe that we lost to teams we should have beaten. Not because I think they are not good — they are. But I still believe we are better; we just didn't show it."

McNabb did not single out any teammates for criticism, saying only that he didn't do enough to win, and added it's

not too late to turn the season around.

"I'm better than this and I'll prove it," he wrote. "I know my team is too. Now we have to prove it."

McNabb was impressive the

first two weeks but has been unspectacular the last three games. He's completed 64 percent of his passes for 1,296 yards and six touchdowns with two interceptions and a quarterback rating of 92.9.

There was plenty he could have done better against Washington, he said.

"I'm very hard on myself. If it's a throw that I missed that I know I can make, that's something that I have to correct," McNabb said. "If it's a sudden movement in the pocket to buy a little time, that's something that I also see."

McNabb and the Eagles

could be missing a big offensive weapon if running back Brian Westbrook is unable to play against the 49ers.

After sitting out the Bears game with an ankle injury, Westbrook broke two ribs early in the game against Washington. He was able to return after an injection of painkillers, but sat out Wednesday's practice.

"I am just trying to get healthy enough to play and get to the point where the pain is not as strong and try to get out there on the field," Westbrook said.

"You try to go out there, you want to be as healthy as possible and produce for your team. When you're out there and you keep getting injured and keep getting nicked up, it's tough to handle that type of thing."

Coach Andy Reid praised Westbrook's toughness but did not know if he could play this week.

"He was a warrior in that game, being able to play," Reid said. "We've just got to get it calmed down there. We'll see how things go as the week progresses."

Westbrook finished with 84 total yards and a touchdown against Washington, but the Eagles offense was stuck in neutral for much of the rest of the game after he was hurt.

"Everyone has to understand what situation we are in," McNabb said. "It's a one-game-at-a-time approach, but you have to have a sense of urgency to go out and change that. And in order for us to change that, we all, collectively, have to do it at the same time."

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Donovan McNabb
Eagles quarterback

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Rays outfielder

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Rays pitcher

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Boston head coach

MLB

Rays ready and full of confidence

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Young, eager and brimming with confidence.

The surprising Tampa Bay Rays spent the entire season dispelling the notion that they were too inexperienced to compete with the Boston Red Sox, and the AL East champions aren't about to stop believing in themselves now that they're four wins from the World Series.

"We don't want to get ahead of ourselves," left fielder Carl Crawford said, "but we definitely feel good about our chances."

With good reason.

The Rays won the season series between the division rivals 10-8, taking eight of nine meetings at Tropicana Field, where the best-of-seven ALCS begins Friday night. The managers set their pitching rotation Wednesday, with Tampa Bay's James Shields facing 18-game winner Daisuke Matsuzaka in the opener.

"I just have to go out there and pitch my game. I'm one not to change anything," said Shields, who matched a Rays record with 14 regular-season wins. "I've had a lot of success this year doing what I do. I feel pretty good right now. I feel alive. I'm ready to go."

The defending World Series champion Red Sox won seven of nine between the clubs at Fenway Park, but both of Tampa Bay's wins there came in mid-September while the Rays were taking four of six from the Red Sox in a 10-day span.

After spending the last two months of the season chasing the Rays, the Red Sox would be the last to call Tampa Bay's success a fluke.

"I understand some of the story behind this. They haven't had any success going into this year and all of a sudden they went from the bottom to the top. It's a great story for baseball. It made our life a little bit more miserable this year," Boston manager Terry Francona said.

"If you look at their team from top to bottom, there really shouldn't be a surprise," he added. "They have a real good thing going. Our job will be to derail that."

That won't be easy, especially with the series starting

at The Trop, where the Rays compiled the best home record in baseball (57-24) and won the first two games of their first-round playoff series against the Chicago White Sox.

"We're excited. This is how we envisioned it from Day 1. The two best teams playing for the American League championship," Rays rookie Evan Longoria said.

Tampa Bay isn't discounting Boston's experience. The Red Sox won two of the past four World Series titles, while the Rays — in the playoffs for the first time — are just four games into their postseason history.

"Although we did well against them here, the time of year it is, I don't see an overt advantage (at home)," Rays manager Joe Maddon said.

"They understand how this part of the year works. After that you look at their personnel. Their starting pitching is very good and they match up well with us. We have to equally pitch with them in order to have a chance to stay in these games."

Designated hitter Cliff Floyd is one of the veterans the Rays signed last winter to bring leadership and stability to a clubhouse loaded with young talent. He's one of eight players on the team with previous playoff experience.

Floyd, who won a World Series ring with the Florida Marlins in 1997, sees no reason why inexperience should hold Tampa Bay back.

After all, most people expected the Rays' youth to be a hindrance in holding off the Red Sox in the division.

"It's been a treat to come here every day and watch these guys grow up over the course of the season," Floyd said, adding the club has prospered because every one puts the team before themselves.

"I've been on some teams that were very young and inexperienced and you could see it because everybody wanted to win 20 games, everybody wanted to hit .300 with 30 home runs. You don't have that here. ... We do things the right way on the field. We hustle, we catch the ball, we pitch the ball, we get timely hitting. If you ask anybody in baseball what you need to win, I hope they tell you that."

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NFL

Orton coming on as Bears starter

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Suddenly, Kyle Orton's play is as difficult to ignore as his beard.

Quarterbacks who throw for 334 yards as he did for the Chicago Bears in a 34-7 win at Detroit last week tend to attract attention, and he certainly turned a few heads with that performance.

That jittery rookie who left fans clamoring for Rex Grossman three years ago? He's all grown up now.

"This is how I expect to play," he said. "I expect to get better. Hopefully, this week that continues."

He'll have a hard time topping what he did against the Lions.

While Atlanta's defense ranks just 23rd, Orton will have to keep an eye on John Abraham, who leads the league with seven sacks. There were no such issues with Detroit.

The Lions fired general manager Matt Millen two weeks ago, but turning around the franchise will take time. Orton was brilliant even if he was matched against the league's worst defense, completing 24 of 34 passes (70.6 percent) for an average of 13.9 yards. He threw two touchdowns and no interceptions and did not fumble the ball.

No one passed for more yards last week than Orton, who set a career-high for the second time in three weeks, and only Eli Manning had a higher rating than his 121.4.

This is Kyle Orton?

A few years ago, photos of Orton at bars and parties circulated on the Internet and it's still not hard to find pictures of him holding a bottle of Jack Daniels. But lately, his exploits on the field are attracting attention, which is one reason the Bears are 3-2 and lead the NFC North.

"You see him progressing every week," Atlanta linebacker Keith Brooking said. "At the beginning of the year, he was relying on his running game and his defense."

Orton's passes sailed on a couple deep attempts, but more often than not, he showed pinpoint accuracy against the Lions — like on this one to Rashied Davis in the second quarter. He dropped it between two defenders for a 34-yard gain.

There was also a 30-yard completion in the third quarter to Marty Booker, who picked the ball away from

Lions cornerback Travis Fisher.

He showed poise under pressure and offensive coordinator Ron Turner showed his faith in the quarterback by calling for passes on 14 of 30 first downs before Grossman came in at the end.

"We're not going to do it if we don't feel confident that we can have success doing it, but also it's a reflection of what they were trying to do defensively," Turner said.

The days of simply managing the offense are over.

Which is exactly what Orton's role was three years ago when Grossman's broken ankle thrust him into the starting role in 2005.

A fourth-round pick out of Purdue, he went 10-5 running a scaled-down offense.

His job was to hand the ball off and not turn it over. He completed just 190 of 368 passes (51.6 percent) for 1,869 yards and threw more interceptions (13) than touchdowns (nine).

Even so, the Bears won eight straight following a 1-3 start. But fans couldn't wait for Grossman after a loss at Pittsburgh in December, and when they got their wish in the second half against Atlanta a week later, the crowd at Soldier Field erupted.

Orton played in the final game of the 2005 regular season but stayed stuck on the sideline until the final three games last season, when a left knee injury knocked out Grossman. Orton completed 43 of 80 passes for 478 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions as Chicago won two of the final three games, and that was enough to persuade the Bears to open up the competition.

He then beat out Grossman in the preseason and has been opening eyes the past few weeks.

Orton threw for 268 yards against Tampa Bay on Sept. 21, which was a career-high until the Detroit game, and his three touchdown passes against Philadelphia two weeks ago are the most he's ever thrown. The Bears rarely asked him to throw long in the past, but now, he's looking downfield.

He already has 18 completions for 20 or more yards, after managing 26 coming into this season.

"I think he's getting better at it," Turner said. "He needs reps, he needs to play. He needs to get the timing and get in sync with the receivers. ... It takes time to get that feeling, but we're very confident with Kyle. He has the ability to throw it and he has improved it over the years."

"This is how I expect to play. I expect to get better. Hopefully this week that continues"

Kyle Orton
Bears quarterback

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Keith Brooking
Atlanta linebacker

MLB

Cubs exercise Harden's option

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Rich Harden's \$7 million option for next year was exercised Wednesday by the Chicago Cubs, one day after a test showed the hard-throwing right-hander had no structural damage in his pitching shoulder.

The Cubs acquired Harden from Oakland on July 8. He was the losing pitcher in Game 3 of the NL division series Saturday night as the Cubs were swept in three games by the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The 26-year-old Harden went a combined 10-2 with a 2.07 ERA in 25 starts for the Athletics and Cubs this season. Harden, who has battled arm problems throughout his career, was 5-1 with a 1.77 ERA in 12 starts with the Cubs.

He underwent an MRI arthrogram Tuesday that revealed no tears in his rotator cuff or labrum, general manager Jim Hendry said.

Hendry said Harden has been bothered by rotator tendinitis and some subtle instability in the shoulder. Harden will undergo an offseason conditioning and rehabilitation program to strengthen the shoulder and should be ready for the start of next season.

"If you told me today we are going to get 24, 25 good starts out of Rich next year and we're going to have to push him back or miss a start or two here or there, I'd do that in a heartbeat," Hendry said.

Harden, who broke in with the A's in 2003, has made six trips to the disabled list in his career. He was acquired with reliever Chad Gaudin for outfielder Matt Murton, right-han-

der Sean Gallagher, outfielder-infielder Eric Patterson and catcher Josh Donaldson.

"If Rich Harden had no issues at all from a medical standpoint, you would have never even come close to being able to acquire him," Hendry said. "Seven million is an investment — it's a lot of money — but in this day and age if Rich Harden gives us ... and maybe he'll do more, maybe he'll have better success after the offseason program."

The Cubs brought Harden in to solidify an already capable rotation featuring Carlos Zambrano, Ryan Dempster and Ted Lilly. Harden had five double-figure strikeout games for Chicago.

When they acquired him, the Cubs knew they would have to be prudent with Harden because of his history of injuries.

Harden reportedly had a cortisone injection in early September. Chicago gave him extra rest in the final month when he made only three starts, throwing 17 innings but averaging nearly 100 pitches per outing.

"He's had to take care of this for a long time," Hendry said, adding he appreciated Harden's effort late in the season. "I'm sure there were times he pitched with some discomfort."

Against the Dodgers in Game 3, Harden allowed three runs

over 4 1-3 innings and the Cubs were ousted quicker than any team in the playoffs after having the NL's best regular-season record.

After that loss at Dodger Stadium ended the short playoff run, a pipe in the Cubs' dugout was broken, flooding the walkway to the locker room, the Chicago Sun-Times reported Thursday.

"If Rich Harden had no issues at all from a medical standpoint, you would have never even come close to being able to acquire him."

Jim Hendry
Cubs general manager

Hendry acknowledged that an incident occurred, though he didn't witness it firsthand.

"I guess it was just a nozzle knocked off the piping of the wall and it's probably in a convenient spot

when you're leaving the dugout to smack it," Hendry said, adding that he told Dodgers management the Cubs would pay for anything that needed to be fixed.

"There was no permanent damage done to the facility," Hendry added. "Honestly, major leagues players that won a division and lost the way we played and then we're three and out, I certainly would have been disappointed if some people, if they weren't angry either at themselves or angry at the results."

Hendry said he doesn't know who broke the nozzle.

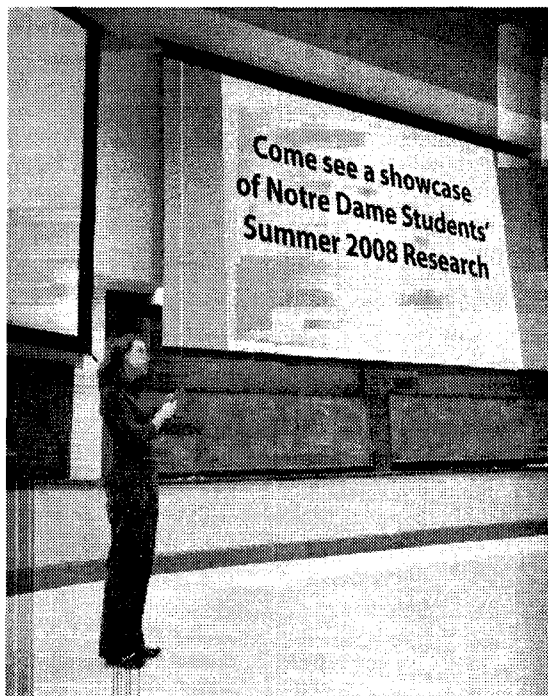
"No idea and I don't have any interest in finding out," he added. "To me it's not even an issue. Believe me, if I'd been in uniform, it might have been me."



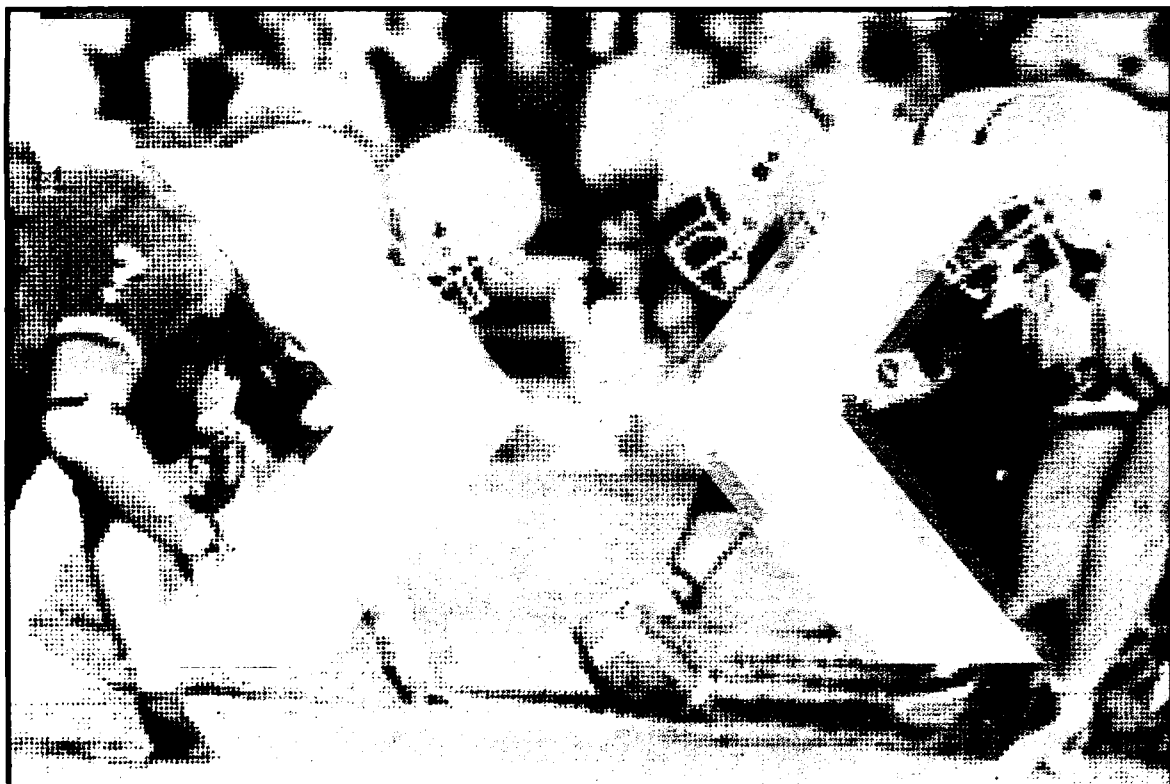
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"We hope to finish the regular season strong," sophomore captain Kathy Poploski said. "And establish momentum for the playoffs."

This game will definitely affect seeding in the women's playoffs. But each team is more focused on setting a pattern for the playoffs and building momentum.

The teams kick off tonight at 7 at the Riehle Fields.

Lewis vs. Breen-Phillips

Though a win is a win, no matter when it comes, a team's first win can set the tone for the rest of the season.

Tonight at 8 at Riehle Field, Lewis (0-4-0) and Breen-Phillips (0-2-2) will face off to determine which team gets its first taste of success.

Chicks captain Katie Sushinsky believes her team is close to breaking through.

"We have improved a lot in the last few games," Sushinsky said. "In practice we've focused a lot on scrimmaging and trying to improve on our consistency. If we are able to come out and play two good halves of football like we know we can, we're going to be successful. We feel confident going into this game."

Although the Chicks will not be able to make the playoffs, they are still motivated to finish the season strong.

"We are always excited to play, no matter the outcome," Sushinsky said. "It's really important for us to end the season on a high note and gain some momentum heading into next year."

Meanwhile, the Babes are also looking to rebound, coming off a tough loss to Walsh in which they led 21-7 at halftime but ended up losing on a touchdown pass on the last play of the game.

"In several of our games, we just haven't been able to finish," Babes captain Melissa Meagher said. "We've come as close as you possibly can to winning without actually winning. We are definitely right on the brink."

Still, Meagher has her team working hard, and she recognizes that it still has a lot to play

for.

"Our practices have been intense this week," Meagher said. "We've run through our offensive playbook, and we've focused on new kinds of offense to give our defense a chance to see some different looks. We may still have a chance to make the playoffs if we win out, so the time to step up is now."

Welsh Family vs. Badin

After an emotionally charged comeback win last week against Farley, Welsh Family finds itself positioned for a potential "trap game" against Badin at 9 tonight night at Riehle Fields.

Despite having a standout quarterback in Jenni Gargula and a defense which supplements its tenacious pass rush with a ball-hawking secondary, Welsh Family (4-0) hopes to avoid tripping up in a game against the Bullfrogs.

"Even with the big win over Farley, we're just going to try and stay focused and concentrate on winning tomorrow," Gargula said.

Badin (1-2-1) is hungry to keep its playoff aspirations alive after a scrappy 7-6 victory over Lewis last week. With only one win, Badin cannot afford to drop another game, and with Welsh Family on the horizon, the Bullfrogs will need to pull out all the stops if they want to topple the powerhouse Whirlwinds.

The Bullfrogs played stingy defense against Lewis but the Whirlwinds, even with a few miscues against Farley, will provide a stiffer test. The onus will be on Badin senior Katie Rose Hackney not only to motivate her team, but also to pick apart the Whirlwinds' opportunistic defense.

"The things we've worked on in practice this week have been the same as the previous weeks. This consistency has really helped us put together such a good season thus far," Gargula said.

Relying mostly on young players, Badin will have to play like veterans tomorrow if it wishes to take down the Goliath that is Welsh Family.

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nine players who have shown, at times, that they are very capable of winning in the lower lineup slots."

The Irish are coming off an impressive showing at the Wolverine Invitational, where they took five of the seven singles matches from a Michigan team that advanced to the Sweet 16 a year ago. Even more impressive about the five victories over the Wolverines was that none of those victories came from Helgeson who was out with an injury.

Bayliss also noted that the team's showing against Miami was a good sign of things to come, and a testament to the potential the team has.

This weekend the team, minus Helgeson will host the Tom Fallon Invitational. The tournament field includes Harvard, Wisconsin, Michigan State, Western Michigan and Ball State.

"We approach this tournament on two fronts," Bayliss said. "One, to see how we

stack up against the other teams. And two, to give each individual the opportunity to garner some good wins. We will move our players up and down the lineup to see what each might be able to achieve. The field will give us some indication of how far we need to go before January when we open with Pepperdine."

Bayliss said he has a lot of confidence in his freshman class, which has been led by Casey Watt and Niall Fitzgerald.

"Casey Watt can be an impact freshman, and Niall Fitzgerald is improving by leaps and bounds," Bayliss said. "[Freshman] Sam Keeton has his arm in a cast, but has taken that opportunity to add better net play and a slice backhand to his repertoire."

The Irish will look to show the rest of the teams at the Tom Fallon Invitational how dangerous they can be, with the tournament opening on Friday. Helgeson will open today at the All-American Championships.

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Midpoint

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two-week stint on the sidelines with an ankle injury. Much of the rest of the team has been banged up as well.

"We've had the injury bug already," Brown said. "Hopefully we will be able to come back strong, but injuries happen sometimes. Luckily we have been able to compensate for it so far."

With the Irish sitting atop the Big East despite all these injuries, there should be a renewed energy when the team finally starts to get healthier.

"We've moved things around to deal with injuries more than we would have liked to," Brown said. "But we found a way to win by playing different positions."

The brightest spot for the team has been its offense. Notre Dame has the highest hitting percentage in the conference at a .301 clip. The Irish also lead the Big East in assists per game at 14.43 and kills per game at 15.

"I am pretty pleased with how the offense has played so far," Brown said. "We have really progressed."

Leading the Irish offense so far have been junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin with 3.25 kills per set, sophomore outside hitter Kellie Sciacca with 2.59 kills per set, and freshman outside hitter Kristen Dealy with 2.67 kills per set.

Dealy has been a pleasant surprise for the Irish so far this year.

"Dealy is doing a really, really good job," Brown said. "Whether its passing, defense, or serving, she is playing everything very well. She has really stepped in."

What worries Brown, however, is the state of the defense and the lack of opportunities that are being generated for their potent offense.

"Our hitting percentage is very good, but our defense is not so good," Brown said. "We've struggled with our serves, our blocks and our defense in general. We need to practice our serves more."

The Irish will look to improve their overall defense and continue their initial dominance of the Big East this weekend at home when they play West Virginia and Pittsburgh.

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his confidence each game. As his confidence grows, he'll become a bigger and bigger threat."

After taking their one-goal lead into halftime, the Irish doubled their advantage in the 67th minute. Junior midfielder Justin Morrow threaded a ball through to sophomore forward Jeb Brovsky whose angling run put him behind the defense. Brovsky made no mistake, firing past Michigan State goalkeeper Avery Steinlage low to the near post.

Junior midfielder Michael

Thomas finished off the scoring in the 86th minute when he headed home a Dike cross.

Notre Dame's offensive outburst was accompanied by an equally impressive defensive performance.

The Irish did an especially good job shutting down Spartans forward Doug DeMartin, who entered the game ranked second in the nation in averaging 1.11 goals per game. DeMartin had no chance of reaching that total as the Irish defense

held him to only one shot on the evening.

"DeMartin is one of the best strikers in the country in my opinion, and we held him to only one shot," Clark said. "I thought [Aaron] Maund, [Matt] Besler and [Matt] Armstrong did a great job because three guys cover the area that DeMartin works in."

"We talked about playing smartly and not getting caught in transition because that was what killed us against Michigan. We kept

the game in their half. It was a good bounce back."

The Irish defense shut down not only DeMartin but the entire Spartans offense, holding Michigan State to only six shots on the evening. Notre Dame keeper Andrew Quinn was up to the challenge of stopping the few Spartan chances in the game. The senior goalie made four saves to register the shutout and improve his record to 7-2-1.

Notre Dame will be in action again at Alumni Field this Saturday evening at 7 p.m. when they welcome Big East rival Pittsburgh.

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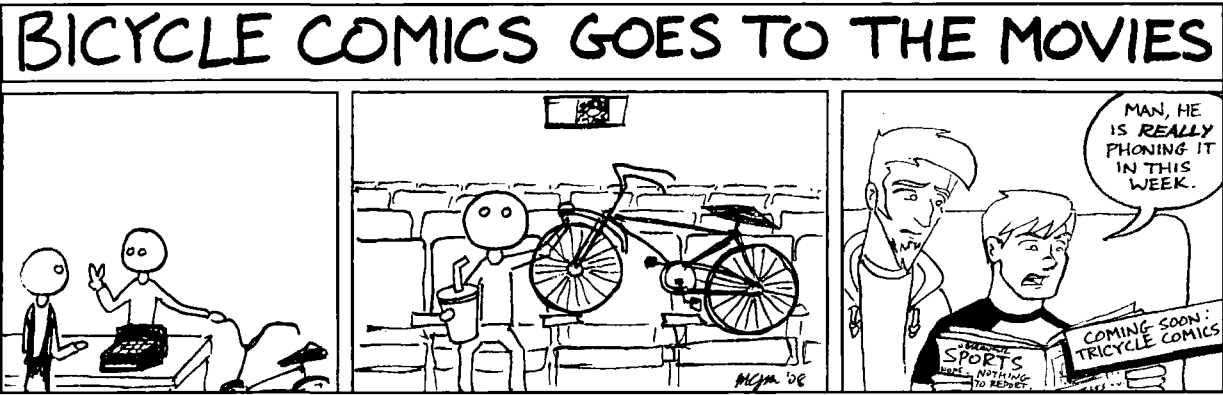
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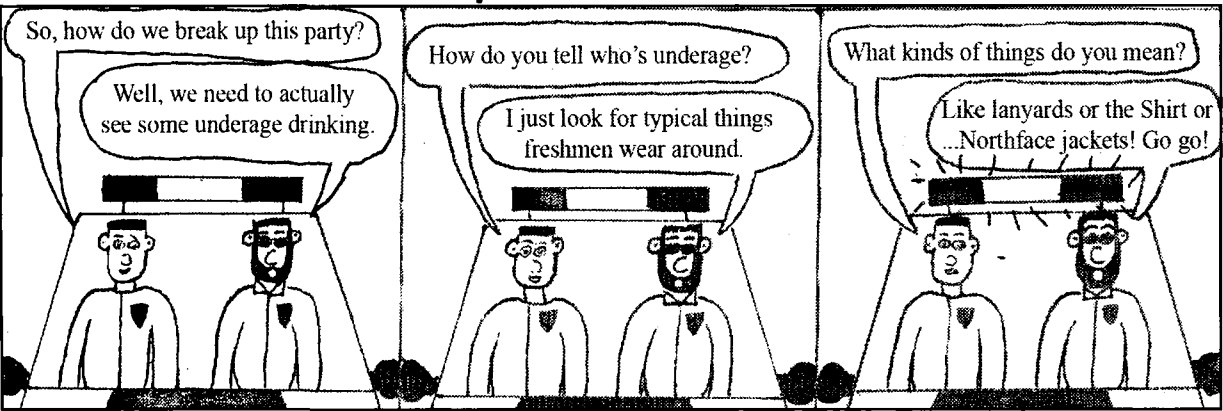
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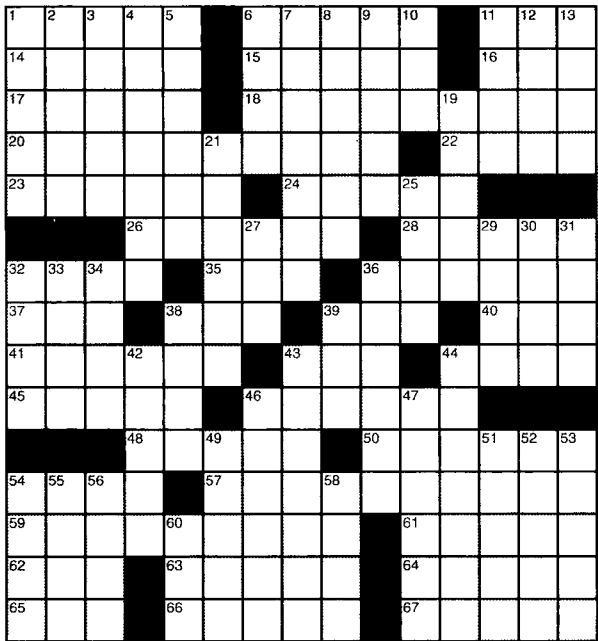
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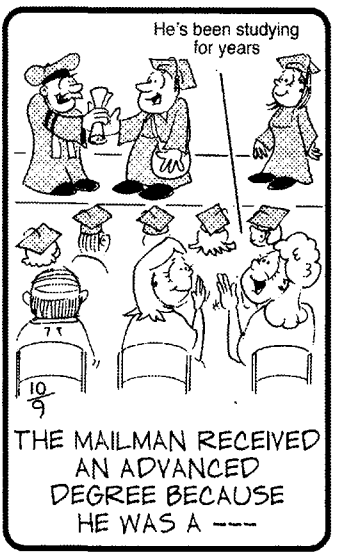
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish tied for first in conference at midpoint of season

Coach says squad must improve defense

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

After reaching the midpoint of their season, the Irish find themselves tied atop the Big East standings with St. John's, Pittsburgh and Georgetown and in position to have a very good second half.

"You can ask anyone on the

team, and they would all say that they would like to have a better record," head coach Debbie Brown said. "But we are definitely going in the right direction."

According to Brown, the Irish (8-8; 3-1 Big East) set three primary goals at the beginning of the season — to go undefeated at home, win two of their non-conference tournaments, and win the regular season title in the Big East. Although the first two goals were not achieved, the third and most important goal — winning

the Big East regular season title — is right within their grasp.

"It's still pretty early," Brown said. "But to have your first four Big East games on the road and come out 3-1 puts us in pretty good position."

The Irish have already defeated two of the Big East favorites in convincing fashion on the road this season — South Florida (11-7; 2-2 Big East) and Louisville (6-8; 2-2 Big East). Louisville was picked by the Big East coaches to win the conference this year.

"Although it was great to beat

them, we can't rest on the past," Brown said. "Against [South Florida] we played very well with a lot of intensity, and against Louisville I didn't think we played as well, but we still found a way to win. Going forward it is not going to be easy."

Adding significance to these victories is the fact that they have all been on the road in hostile environments. The Irish will finally get a travel break this weekend and play West Virginia (5-10; 0-4 Big East) and Pittsburgh (10-8; 3-1 Big East) in

front of their home fans for the first time in three weeks.

"It's not really easier to play at home," Brown said. "But it does give you a lot more control over everything. Everything is more familiar and you don't have to travel, so you hope you play well at home."

The first half of the season has been partly characterized by a severe case of the injury bug. Junior outside hitter Serenity Phillips has just returned from a

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MEN'S SOCCER

Return to Bright skies

Dike puts team ahead for good with tally in first period

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

For a coach and a team that have never faced a two-game losing streak, Bobby Clark and his No. 14 Irish were very composed heading into Wednesday night's game against Michigan State.

Good thing.

Notre Dame turned in a confident and dominating performance, downing the Spartans 3-0 at Alumni Field to get back into the winner's circle.

"We didn't talk a lot about setting the record straight [before Wednesday's game]," Clark said. "We talked about what we normally talked about — playing with tempo, playing quickly and getting our fullbacks involved in the attack."

"I felt we played well in the

other two games, but you can sometimes start doubting yourself. You've got to hold to your beliefs, and I think we did that."

After being outscored 5-2 in their past two games, the Irish dominated the Spartans on both ends of the field. Forward Bright Dike jump-started the offense once again. The senior has quickly turned himself into one of the most dangerous strikers in the country.

Dike opened the scoring for Notre Dame in the 39th minute when he received a ball near the top of the box from midfielder Michael Thomas, turned on his defender and fired home from 12 yards out. It was Dike's team-leading eighth goal of the season and the fifth straight game that the senior has found the back of the net.

"He's just such a handful for any team to try and handle," Clark said of Dike. "I think the good thing is that, after not playing last year, he's finding

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Irish senior forward Bright Dike fights for a ball in front of the Marquette goal during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over the Golden Eagles at Alumni Field on Sept. 11.

MEN'S TENNIS

Young squad will host Tom Fallon Invitational

Helgeson heads to ITA Championships

By KATE GRABAREK
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Senior Brett Helgeson will head to the ITA All-American Championships this weekend, while the rest of the team will stay in South Bend to host the Tom Fallon Invitational.

"We are sending Brett Helgeson to the All-American Championships," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "He was ranked highly enough nationally to get into the main draw of the top 64 collegiate tennis

players in the country. He has worked hard this fall and has improved on his transition skills and his ability to get to net and finish there."

Bayliss also noted that this year's squad is very young and inexperienced. The Irish have four freshman and six sophomores currently on the roster.

"There are two words to describe our team: young and deep," Bayliss said. "We are lacking in experienced upper lineup players. Our depth is strong. It is difficult to know who will start this year in singles because we have eight or

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Phoxes, Finest square off

Breen-Phillips and Lewis each looks for first win of the season

By DOUGLAS FARMER,
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After putting up 74 points in its last three games, Pangborn is not short on confidence.

That confidence will be put to the test Thursday, as the Phoxes will take on Farley (4-1), who is coming off of its first loss of the season.

Both teams are already focusing on life after fall break. A win Thursday for Pangborn (3-2) will assure it a playoff berth. Farley is already in great position for the playoffs, but wants more.

Last Sunday, Farley lost 15-7 to Welsh Family in a tough defensive battle. If not for two deflected interceptions going in Welsh Family's favor, Farley could still be undefeated.

"It is definitely a goal of ours to make it to the playoffs," Farley senior captain Jenny Rolfs said. "And [we would like to] get a chance to play Welsh Family again."

Rolfs herself is especially hungry for a win. Sunday was her first game back from a rib injury. While not at full strength, she will play the rest of the season. A second matchup against Welsh Family, next time in the playoffs, is inspiring, Rolfs said.

Farley will collide with a team stronger than its 3-2 record indicates in Pangborn. The Phoxes began the season 0-2, but have since reeled off three dominating victories.

In the past three games, the Pangborn defense has seven interceptions, including four by safety Kaitlin Furrey. Sophomore quarterback Gabby Tate has had four rushing touchdowns and four more passing in the past two games alone.

Appreciating their recent string of victories, the Phoxes are intent on keeping the season rolling.

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