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Fr. Riehle dies at 83 after brief illness

Chaplain to sports teams remembered for his love of Notre Dame athletics, students

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

Rev. James Riehle, C.S.C., chaplain to Notre Dame sports teams for nearly three decades and former dean of students died at Holy Cross House Wednesday. He was 83.

Riehle's died following a brief illness, the University said.

"He was a man's man. He was always interested in sports..." said University president emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, who gave Riehle his final blessings before he died. "He was a good friend because I sat next to him over at the

dining hall at Holy Cross Hall and I knew a good deal about him. I saw him every day. We were good friends."

Riehle, who enjoyed cigar smoking and playing golf, began his role as chaplain in 1966 and served his first football game in that capacity on Nov. 19 of that year — Notre Dame's classic 10-10 tie with Michigan State, when the Irish



Rev. James Riehle

were ranked No. 1 and the Spartans were No. 2.

Riehle, who graduated from Notre Dame in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in business administration, played the football team's chaplain in the 1993 movie "Rudy," and was featured in an Adidas football commercial with former Notre Dame and Super Bowl winning quarterback Joe Montana in which he asked Montana: "What did you ever end up doing after you left college?"

But beyond his association with Notre Dame athletics, Riehle served in many offices at Notre Dame, including dean of students from 1967-73, during the student protests of the

Vietnam War. At universities around the country, some student protests against the Vietnam War turned violent, but not at Notre Dame, where Hesburgh said students could protest as long as they did not disrupt classes or University business. Hesburgh said Riehle did a "very good job" enforcing this policy in a pragmatic way.

"About 250 of my fellow presidents were fired at that time, or died, or just left in frustration during that period," Hesburgh said. "We had, like every university, a fairly rough time but we came through without any big disruption of

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ND no. 1 for athlete grad rates

University at top of NCAA for 3rd time

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

For the third time in four years, Notre Dame ranked No. 1 among the 119 Football Bowl Subdivision institutions in the NCAA's 2008 report on student athlete graduation rates.

The annual report, released Oct. 14, showed that 19 of Notre Dame's 22 programs received Graduation Success Rate (GSR) figures of 100, resulting in a .863 percentage, which placed the University ahead of Northwestern (.789), Boston College (.740), Duke (.681), Vanderbilt (.667), Wake Forest (.642), Stanford (.629), U.S. Naval Academy (.578), Rice (.539) and Tulane (.500).

The 2008 national GSR for Division I-A is 78 percent, a news release from Notre Dame Athletics said. The GSR data show the percentage of student athletes earning a degree in six years.

All 11 of the women's athletic programs - basketball, cross country and track, fencing, golf, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis and volleyball - received perfect scores of 100.

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OIS prepares abroad students for election

Students overseas experience difficulties in making sure their votes are counted by election day

By JENN METZ
News Editor

As students on campus are scramble to send out absentee ballots before Nov. 4, the estimated 450 Notre Dame sophomores and juniors currently studying abroad are experiencing a very different presidential election season, complete with logistical difficulties for sending their vote to the United States to make sure it's counted.

The Office of International Studies (OIS) helped prepare students by reminding them of

the upcoming election during orientation sessions last spring, sending out pre-departure letters and posting links on their Web site.

Kathleen Opel, director of OIS, told the Observer the Office believes "voting is a vital component of democracy and strongly encourage[s] students abroad who are U.S. citizens to exercise the right to vote."

"How many students actually vote, I don't know," she said.

Program managers reminded participants to remember to register for absentee ballots before they left the United

States, a message that was repeated at OIS' "Bon Voyage" meeting for all students last spring, Opel said.

Opel told the students their "franchise to vote is a privilege to be cherished, and recent elections have demonstrated the value of each vote" in a pre-departure letter sent over the summer.

The Web site offers scrolling reminders of the upcoming election and a link to the Association of International Educators' (NAFSA) Web site, which provides information about absentee ballot procedures for students and educa-

tors living abroad, which are different than domestic absentee ballot procedures.

"Every state has different rules for voting, so it's hard to give specific voting information to a group of students from different states," Opel said. The NAFSA Web site, she said, provides that information for each state.

In some locations in capital cities, students may be able to vote in person at consulates, she said; other students send their vote in the mail.

Opel said OIS will assist stu-

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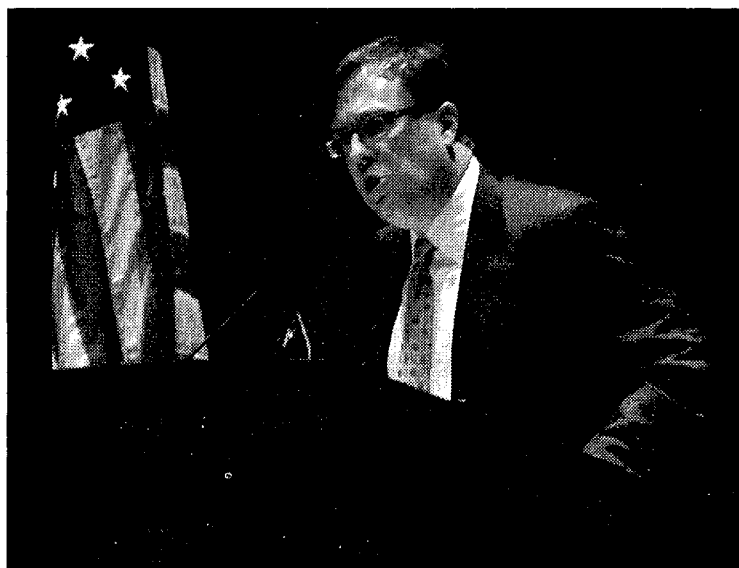
Bush speechwriter delivers lecture

Gerson speaks about changing political landscape in America

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Michael Gerson, former speechwriter to President George W. Bush, delivered the inaugural McCullough Lecture in Responsible Journalism and Government Wednesday. Gerson spoke in the McKenna auditorium to a crowd of about fifty people.

Gerson wrote two inaugural addresses, several State of the Union addresses and many important post-9/11 speeches during his time working for President Bush. In addition to writing speeches, he served as a White House policy advisor on global health, development



JESS LEE/The Observer

Gerson, a former presidential speechwriter to George W. Bush spoke Wednesday about how U.S. politics are changing.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group approves budget after poll

By LIZ HARTER and ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writers

The Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) approved the Student Government Association (SGA) budget after the third vote on the issue at their meeting Wednesday night. The budget was approved with 24 for it and one abstention.

BOG polled the student body through e-mail as to whether or not they thought the Executive Board deserved a stipend on Tuesday.

Student body president Mickey Gruscinski said 557 students, which is almost one third of the student body, voted and the majority did not agree with the stipend.

Treasurer Mo Weaver presented a revised budget to BOG for their approval. The revised budget did not contain a stipend and the money formerly allocated to the stipend was dispersed to funds for clubs and organizations, co-sponsorships, and the campus Readership Program which brings the USA Today. New

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INSIDE COLUMN

Rays' play: not sexy

Stupid Rays. Thanks to them, I have to watch the "Sex and the City" movie. What in God's name brought about this unfortunate chain of events? How did I bury myself in this predicament? I placed faith in the Rays, something which, as history should show us, I never should have done.

I had a bet with my girlfriend on the World Series. If the Rays win, she had to watch "Clerks" with me. "Clerks" is one of my top 10 favorite movies, one of the greatest of all time. Dante and Randall's witty banter demonstrate what's really important in life, especially in today's dreary climate. Who cares that the economy is in the dumpster? Who cares that we're involved in two wars? Isn't it much more important to understand the dichotomy between the destruction of the Death Star in "A New Hope" and "Return of the Jedi?"

The hockey game on the roof, the funeral, the unfortunate death in the convenience store bathroom: sheer brilliance.

Instead, I have to watch Charlotte and Miranda parade around New York City comparing their Prada handbags and Manolo Blahnik kicks.

Game 1 was an aberration. Game 2, the Rays got back on track. Game 3 was a great baseball game. Game 4 just sucked. Once Game 5 rolled around with Hamels as the starter, I thought the Rays were done for.

But then fate intervened; God didn't want me to watch "Sex and the City" after all. He let Upton steal second and score on Pena's single, meaning the game was tied when rain forced its stoppage. I thought for sure that was the last sign the Rays needed. But no, Joe Maddon must have liked the movie and wanted to make sure I saw it.

I have no interest. The only relation I have to "Sex and the City" is the one time Charlotte was on "Seinfeld." Jerry dropped her toothbrush in the toilet, prompting her to retaliate and send Jerry on a germaphobia-induced cleaning frenzy. Good times.

I've seen one episode of the TV show; I think I saw it with my step mom. It's the one where Kim Cattrall dates a rabid Knicks fan, and she can't sleep with him unless the Knicks win. As a rabid Knicks fan myself, that episode wasn't half-bad. Maybe it will be like "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" and there will be a scene at Madison Square Garden with the Knicks in the playoffs.

So thanks to Ryan Howard and Shane Victorino and the rest of the Phillies, I won't enjoy watching Jay and Silent Bob waste their day away outside the Quick Stop, or the egg-obsessed shopper rolling eggs down the aisle to ensure their quality. Instead, I'll hear four 30-something-year-old women whining about their boyfriends — or lack thereof. The whole time, I'll think of one thing: how sweet it will taste when my beloved Yankees mop the floor with Tampa Bay next April.

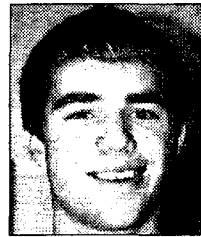
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DRESSING UP AS FOR HALLOWEEN?



Chris Anderson
freshman
Keenan

"A banana."



Dan Scheper
freshman
Keenan

"Snorlax."



Kimberly Hildner
sophomore
Lewis

"The witch from Monty Python and the Holy Grail."



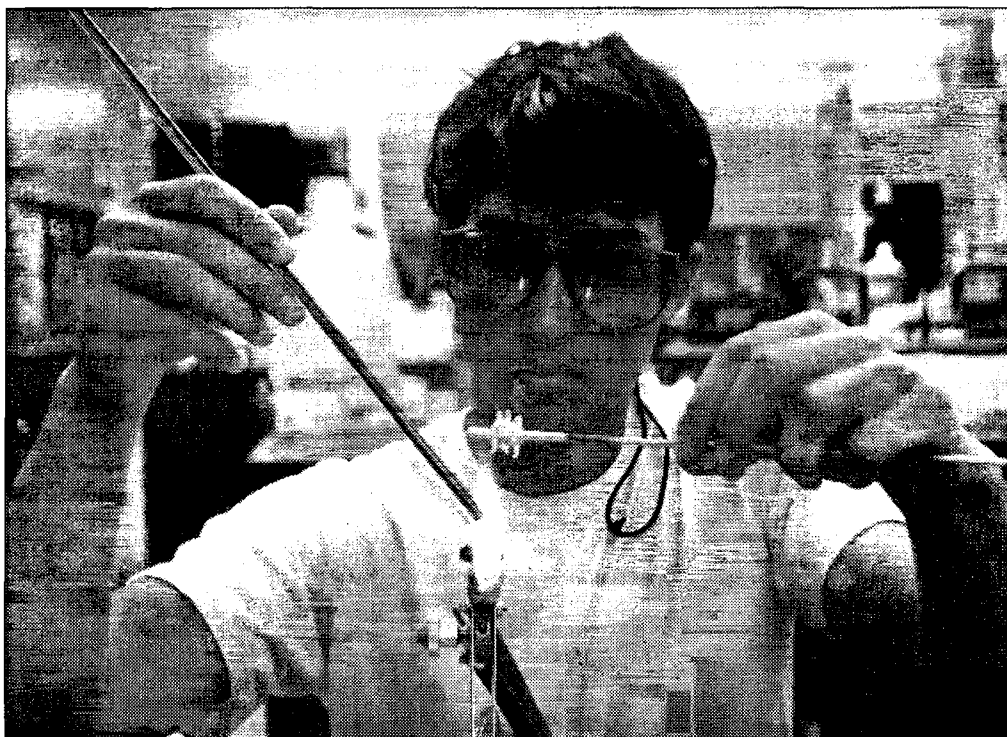
Patrick Doonan
senior
off-campus

"I'm going to be R.J. Jacobi."



Cherie Ng
freshman
McGlinn

"Joe the Plumber."



THOMAS LA/The Observer

Senior Matthew Napierski makes glass beads in Glass Club which meets every Tuesday and Wednesday in Jordan Hall.

OFFBEAT

Man hospitalized in car crash after firing at gas pump

NAUGATUCK, Conn. — A man who police said fired gun shots into a gasoline pump on Saturday morning was expected to be charged with three felonies when he's released from a local hospital.

Police said the man went to the Sunoco gas station on New Haven Road and fired a shotgun at a gas pump several times while customers stood nearby.

Luckily, nobody was injured and the pump did not explode.

The man drove off and

struck two cars and was injured in a crash following the shooting incident.

Police have an arrest warrant for the man and his hospital room is being guarded 24-hours a day by two police officers.

Man goes to jail following centipede attack on neighbor

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A Malaysian man has been accused of trying to hurt his neighbor with a dangerous weapon — centipedes. Prosecutor Mazri Mohamed said Wednesday that R. Prabakaran has been charged with attempting

to cause harm with a dangerous weapon after allegedly unleashing four centipedes and bugs in his neighbor's bed last week following an argument.

Prabakaran, 21, allegedly climbed on to the roof to enter his neighbor's house where he committed the offense, Mazri said.

Prabakaran pleaded not guilty Tuesday in a court in the southern city of Johor Baru and has been released on bail, Mazri said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Today South Bend area students and their families will be welcomed to North Quad for Fall Fest — a community relations event taking place from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30.

Saint Mary's College will bless Spes Unica Hall, the new academic building, today with open houses and tours for the Board of Trustees starting at 1:30 p.m. and academic department presentations from 3:30 to 5 p.m. throughout the building. The blessing will take place in the atrium at 5 p.m. with a reception to follow and a Mass of Thanksgiving in Holy Spirit Chapel, LeMans Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Joan Payden, Chief Executive Officer of Payden & Rygel Investment Management will speak as part of the Mendoza College to Business' Boardroom Insights Executive Speaker Series Friday at 10:40 a.m. in Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

Gregory P. Crawford, Dean of the College of Science will give a lecture entitled "Notre Dame Science: Making a Difference" Saturday at 11 a.m. in Room 105 of the Jordan Hall of Science.

Black Images will be held on Saturday from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. It will be held in Washington Hall. Admission is \$5.

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

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SMC students enjoy Halloween festivities

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

Saint Mary's students got in the Halloween spirit early last night as Holy Cross Hall and Dalloway's hosted campus-wide events. The activities, put on by the Holy Cross Hall Council, resident advisors, and Residence Hall Association (RHA) were all free and open to students and the children of Saint Mary's faculty and staff.

In years prior, Holy Cross has hosted Haunted Tunnels, a haunted house set up in the sub basement of the hall open to students and children of faculty and staff. However, this year, due to construction and low-hanging pipes, Saint Mary's Security said it would be safer to cancel the activity. As a result, Terrie Paul, Holy Cross Hall director and the rest of the Holy Cross Hall Council came up with a contingency plan.

"Security told us we can't go on with Haunted Tunnels because they are undergoing construction and it's a safety concern for the students," Paul said.

Instead, Holy Cross hosted "Ho'Cro Halloween" in the hall lounges. Activities included ghost stories, coloring for the children, drinks and snacks from 8 to 10

p.m.

In addition, all the residence halls on campus were given the opportunity to host Trick-or-Treaters from 6 to 8 p.m.

Construction aside, Paul also attributed some of the stress of preparing the events to getting a late start on hall council this year.

"Security told us we can't go on with Haunted Tunnels because they are undergoing construction and it's a safety concern for the students."

Terrie Paul
Holy Cross Hall director

"Hall council was off to a slow start, especially since Halloween is really soon in the year. This is a Holy Cross tradition and generates money for Hall Council," she said. "But there was an excellent turnout and the girls really took control of a last minute situation."

Dalloway's, the coffee shop on campus, also put on "Haunted Tours" which is one of their most attended events, Stephanie Anton, Dalloway's commissioner said. It occurs annually.

The Haunted Tour is a walk around campus hosted by the Dalloway's Board. The guide of the tour stops at a certain place to tell a scary story related to the event, Anton said. There was free hot cider, cookies and candy available at Dalloway's.

Anton said the board has been preparing for the event for about two weeks and focused mostly on the decorations. The event was open to the public, but mainly

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STUDENT SENATE

Group examines dorm printing

Printers not available in 18 residence halls, senators discuss expansion

By JOSEPH McMAHON
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Prompted by a number of complaints, the Student Senate discussed the need for printers in every residence hall yesterday.

"People complain about it on a regular basis," Alumni Hall Senator Zach Reuvers said. "It always comes up during hall elections."

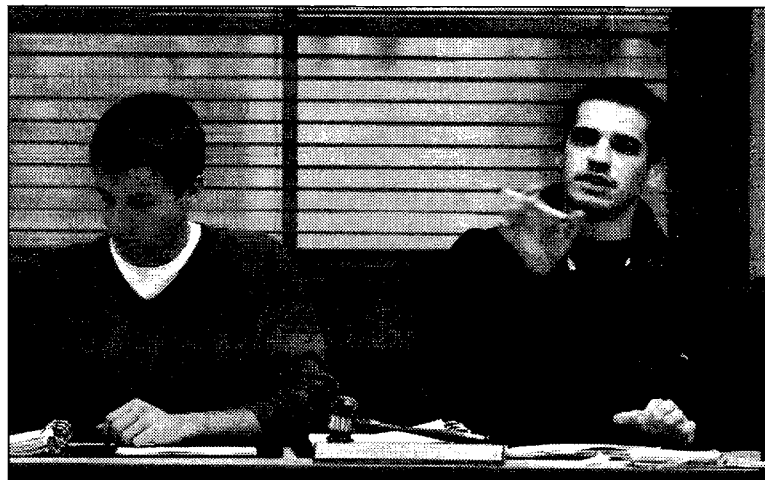
Students often complain of having to wait on long lines to print at the clusters.

"I live in McGlenn and sometimes when I go to DeBartolo in the morning before classes there are really long lines," Senate Committee on Student Outreach chair Sarah Rodts said. "I don't always get what I need printed."

Currently, Lyons, Carroll, O'Neil, Lewis, Farley, Dillon, Pasquerilla West, Pangborn, Siegfried and Keenan all have printers, while students in the other 18 residence halls are forced to trek to computer clusters. Senate Committee on Oversight chair Ian Secviar said all dorms should have equal access to printers.

"Regardless of whether it reduces traffic or not, in the pursuit of fairness this is something that we should do," he said.

Senate Committee on Technology chair Devin Fee said the University is currently pursuing a new contract with an outside company for printers, but if the contract is too costly, printers in dorms could



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Student body vice president Grant Schmidt discusses printing services in residence halls during a senate meeting Wednesday.

be cut.

"It is something that could get cut if the bids are too low," Fee said. "I think they realize that it's significant to us, but it's something that has to be worked into the budget."

Fee said he would seek support from the University, which has a much larger budget than the Office of Information Technology (OIT).

"I think it would be a lot easier to push this through with the University supporting than OIT supporting," he said.

Farley senator Robyn Grant said the dorms' needs should not detract from the clusters in the Library, the Coleman-Morse Center and LaFortune.

"I feel that you shouldn't detract from the clusters for the dorms," she said.

However, in a simple straw poll taken by student body vice president Grant Schmidt, there weren't any senators against expanding printer service in dorms.

Education and Outreach Coordinator at the Office of Sustainability. Novick, who is in charge of outreach on environmental issues, said the Office of Sustainability would be taking two different approaches to environmentalism.

The top-down approach, she said, examines major infrastructure problems, including the campus' sprinklers.

"The main change is that [the sprinklers] will all be electronically controlled," said Novick, which she claimed would stop leaks and prevent the sprinklers from coming on right after a rainstorm.

Novick said the bottom-up approach focuses more on individual efforts by "encouraging faculty and students to change their lifestyles a little bit."

The bottom-up approach includes activities such as the recent dorm-wide recycling competition, which was won by Walsh Hall, who reduced their energy use by 31 percent.

In other Senate news:

♦The Senate received a brief presentation from Rachel Novick

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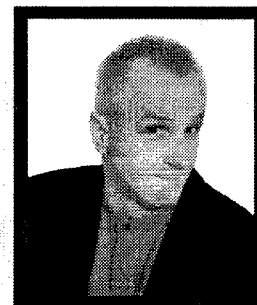
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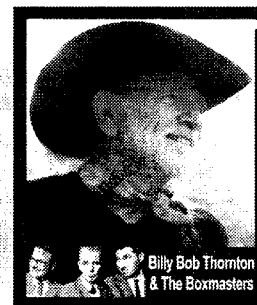
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class or the University. Fr. Riehle stood firm on the policy that I put out that it was OK to protest in any way one wanted, but you shouldn't disrupt the life of the University.

"And they tried to shut down one of the University offices, and Fr. Riehle said, 'Either you leave here or you're gone.' He applied the policy that I had laid down. The students went along so it was successful. I give him some credit for getting us through the revolution with a minimum of pain and strain."

Hesburgh said Riehle was able to enforce the policy because he had a good rapport with the students and as a result, Notre Dame became a model for other schools dealing with the student revolution.

"He was very good with students," Hesburgh said. "They say he was in the hot seat during all of the student revolution, but he met with them very often. The fact is we were one of the few universities that not only did not have serious disruptions, but we gave leadership to the others. And when we faced possible disruptions

successfully, that was the end of the era. Things went quietly after that across the land."

After leaving his post as dean of students, Riehle became the rector of Pangborn Hall in 1973 and served there until 1985. Riehle had previously been rector of Sorin Hall in 1966 and chaplain of Sorin Hall in 1964.

He was also chairman of the board of directors for the University Club from 1971-77 and director of energy conservation.

Riehle also served as the executive director of the Monogram Club from 1978 through 2002 and in 2001, Riehle received the 2001 Moose Krause Man of the Year Award from the club.

Riehle was named an honorary member of the Monogram Club, something Hesburgh said was very important to him.

The intramural fields near the Stepan Center were also named in his honor.

On Sunday, a visitation will begin at 3:30 at Moreau Seminary and a wake will be held at 7:30. A funeral mass will be held Monday at 3:30 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Jay Fitzpatrick contributed to this report.

NCAA

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Eight of the men's sports programs - basketball, baseball, cross country and track, lacrosse, fencing, soccer, swimming and tennis - received perfect scores of 100.

The three programs that did not receive perfect scores did, however, all receive scores in the 90s. Hockey received a score of 96, football a score of 94 and golf a score of 90.

"It is a testament to the philosophy of the University in terms of athletics that graduation should be a routine part of the experience," said John Heisler, the senior associate athletics director for media and broadcast relations at Notre Dame.

Heisler credited the high scores this year, and in each of the four years the survey

has been conducted, to the athletes, coaches and academic advisors, but also to the "culture of Notre Dame."

"It's a message probably that is sent early on, in the recruiting process. If you are interested in coming to college and not going to class and sleeping late and doing nothing but concentrating on athletics, then Notre Dame isn't going to be the place for you," he said. "The idea is that athletics is only going to take you so far, no matter how accomplished you are as an athlete."

This year's numbers are consistent with how Notre Dame has performed in the past, Heisler said, and in some areas, Notre Dame improved. Last year, 18 of the University's 22 athletic programs received a GSR score of 100.

"I suppose, in a lot of cases, that the numbers are impressive enough that the

goal is probably perfection," Heisler said. "You'd like to see 100s across the board."

The 2007 NCAA report showed Notre Dame had a percentage of .818 (18 of 22), which made it No. 1. In 2006, Notre Dame's percentage was .773 (17 of 22), which placed it at the No. 2 rank behind the U.S. Naval Academy. In 2005, Notre Dame's score was .800 (16 of 20), which resulted in a No. 1 rank, according to a news release on the Notre Dame Athletics Web site.

The numbers released in the fourth year of the NCAA GSR survey are based upon entering classes from 1998 to 2001.

According to the Notre Dame Athletics Web site, the GSR was developed four years ago to account for transfer student athletes and others not tracked by federal graduation rate accounting, to account for increased mobility of students. Under these standards, schools are not penalized for students who transfer from the institution in good academic standing.

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athletics director

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dents in the cases it advises it best not to use local mail to send absentee ballots to the United States; on-location program directors will send these ballots by DSL to ensure they arrive on time to be counted.

"Unfortunately, in some places, the local mail takes forever," she said.

OIS will be sending out e-mails today reminding abroad students once again about the election and referring them to the Youth Vote Overseas Web site in the event their ballots are lost or late in arriving.

The United States election is a hot topic in various media outlets abroad, though not to the same degree as domestic coverage.

"I would imagine they are definitely talking about the election, especially in Europe," Opel said.

Junior Clare Brady, currently studying abroad in Dublin, registered to vote through the NAFSA Web site before she left; it was sent to her in Ireland. When she received it, she filled it out and sent it back, citing no problems with mail delivery.

Brady said the United States election is a very popular topic of conversation in Ireland.

"People here are very, very obsessed with the election and love [Sen. Barack] Obama, just because they hate [President George] Bush," she said.

The level of interest in the United States political system is very high; Brady said she noticed "some people here care more than people at home."

She said the students do need to work and seek out election

news a little bit, but that it's "readily available."

Junior Molly Conway, currently studying abroad in London, said "Londoners seem to be overwhelmingly pro-Obama."

"They see him as being a breath of fresh air for American politics and they are very vocal about their endorsement," she said.

Conway also voted by absentee ballot, which she also had mailed to her abroad location.

She said that due to the time difference, six hours for those in London, many students have been watching presidential debates on YouTube or other Web sites after they occur Stateside.

"But some people stayed up to watch them," she said.

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and genocide.

Gerson's lecture concerned the changing political landscape. He emphasized three main aspects that are causing a shift in the political nature of the United States.

The first factor is the economic decline of mainstream media, which has led to a major change in the nature of news, he said. The rise of Internet media, according to Gerson, has facilitated a culture of exclusion, encouraging those who do not agree with an idea to remain silent rather than challenge it.

"Americans can now if they choose live in an ideological universe of their own choosing, and view everyone outside that universe as idiots, as fools," said Gerson.

Gerson admitted that the mainstream media could also be corrupt, even hypocritical. But hypocrisy cannot exist without standards, he said. Without a mainstream media and journalists devoted to exposing the truth, Americans are left with a news media where anger rules, he

said.

The second factor is a lack of liberalism in politics, he said. The last two presidents worked to change their respective parties, Gerson said. There is none of that in today's election and both parties are running empty campaigns, he said. Gerson said that Obama is naturally talented in the art of politics, but that he has not made any moves to innovate his policies.

A lack of any sort of moderate policy agenda will empower the Democrat-led Congress, leading to backlash from conservatives, he said.

"Obama is a strong, able man," Gerson said. "But it may take a strong president with a developed and centrist ideology to shape and defy a democratic Congress."

The third factor relates to conservatism, he said. Gerson said the party is lost, exhausted, and preparing for fratricide. Unless Republicans change their tactics and apply creative, free-market ideas to human problems, they

will never succeed, he said. Reform is the key idea in improving the conservative party, he said.

Gerson said that McCain has been such a reformer. In the past, he was willing to oppose his own party. However, he is also running an empty campaign now. He has made no announcement of any kind of reform, he said.

"Candidates need to decide if they want to provide a message for the masses or be in business for themselves."

Gerson also asked why the winner of this year's election would even want the presidency.

The three factors will certainly complicate the office. There will likely be a recession, along with a host of other problems. However, he said with a new leader comes new optimism.

"A new presidency is a chance for a new beginning," Gerson said. "It is one of the best things about this country."

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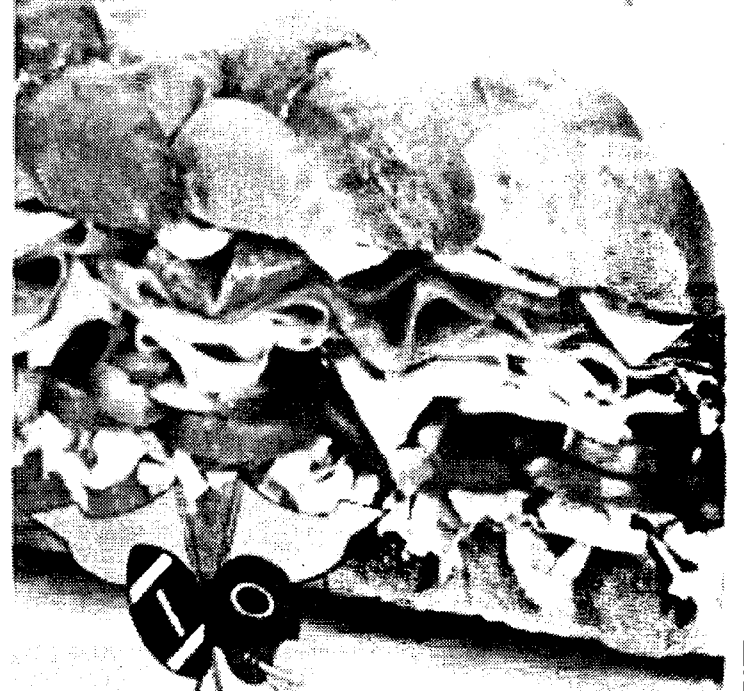
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israeli court clears way for museum

JERUSALEM — Plans for a Jerusalem museum dedicated to tolerance and coexistence got the final go-ahead Wednesday from Israel's Supreme Court, which rejected an appeal by Muslims who complained the site covers part of an ancient Muslim cemetery.

The judges ruled they would not block construction since no objections had been lodged in 1960 when the city put a parking lot over a small section of the graveyard.

The Museum of Tolerance is intended to bring the city's warring tribes together. But the planning alone sparked a fight with political, religious and historical dimensions between Muslims and Jews.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center, the Los Angeles-based Jewish organization behind the project, welcomed the court ruling after a two-year delay in work on the \$250 million museum caused by legal proceedings.

"All citizens of Israel, Jews and non-Jews, are the real beneficiaries of this decision," Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder of the Wiesenthal Center, said in a statement.

Iraq outlines desired pact changes

BAGHDAD — Iraq wants a security agreement with the U.S. to include a clear ban on U.S. troops using Iraqi territory to attack Iraq's neighbors, the government spokesman said Wednesday, three days after a dramatic U.S. raid on Syria.

Also Wednesday, the country's most influential Shiite cleric expressed concern that Iraqi sovereignty be protected in the pact. Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani wields vast influence among the Shiite majority and his explicit opposition could scuttle the deal.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the ban was among four proposed amendments to the draft agreement approved by the Cabinet this week and forwarded to the U.S.

NATIONAL NEWS

Thousands lack power in the Northeast

ALBANY — More snow fell Wednesday in parts of the Northeast as utility crews labored to restore service to thousands of customers blacked out by the region's first big snowstorm of the season.

The wet snow that began falling Tuesday collected on trees still covered with leaves, and its weight combined with gusty wind to send limbs crashing onto power lines.

The National Weather Service reported storm totals of about 14 inches at northern New Jersey's High Point State Park, as much as 15 inches along the northwestern edge of New York's Catskill Mountains, and a foot in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains.

Halloween returns to Pa. town

OIL CITY, Pa. — For 16 years, real horror overshadowed the make-believe terror of Halloween in this Pennsylvania town, where trick-or-treating after dark was banned after an 11-year-old girl was abducted off the street and murdered.

But on Friday, pint-sized witches, princesses and vampires will once again be shuffling from house to house at night, thanks to a petition drive by a fifth-grader.

Elizabeth Roess gathered signatures, wrote an essay outlining her argument, and persuaded City Council two months ago to bring back nighttime trick-or-treating.

"I was a little scared that happened," Elizabeth said of the 1992 slaying of Shauna Howe, who was kidnapped while walking home from a pre-Halloween party. But she added: "I did this and now I'm so happy."

LOCAL NEWS

Date set for racketeering trial

HAMMOND — A federal judge has set Jan. 19 for the start of a civil racketeering trial against former East Chicago Mayor Robert Pastrick and two of his top aides.

The lawsuit claims that Pastrick and others used more than \$24 million of city money for paving projects to buy votes in the 1999 Democratic primary election.

U.S. District Judge James Moody, who in June rejected a request from Pastrick to dismiss the lawsuit, set the Jan. 19 trial date on Wednesday and scheduled a final pretrial conference for Jan. 8.

College tuition up despite economy

Students and families see no relief amid falling wages and job losses

Associated Press

As the economy walloped their finances, students and families saw little relief this fall from rising college costs, which jumped 6.4 percent at state universities, according to new figures out Wednesday.

Next year is already looking bad, too. More state budget cuts to higher education are virtually certain, and schools in at least two states — Michigan and Rhode Island — will take the unusual step of raising prices midyear.

"At a time of flattening wages, widespread job losses and shrinking home values, the last thing parents need is another big increase in the cost of college," said James Boyle, president of the group College Parents of America.

But that's what they got.

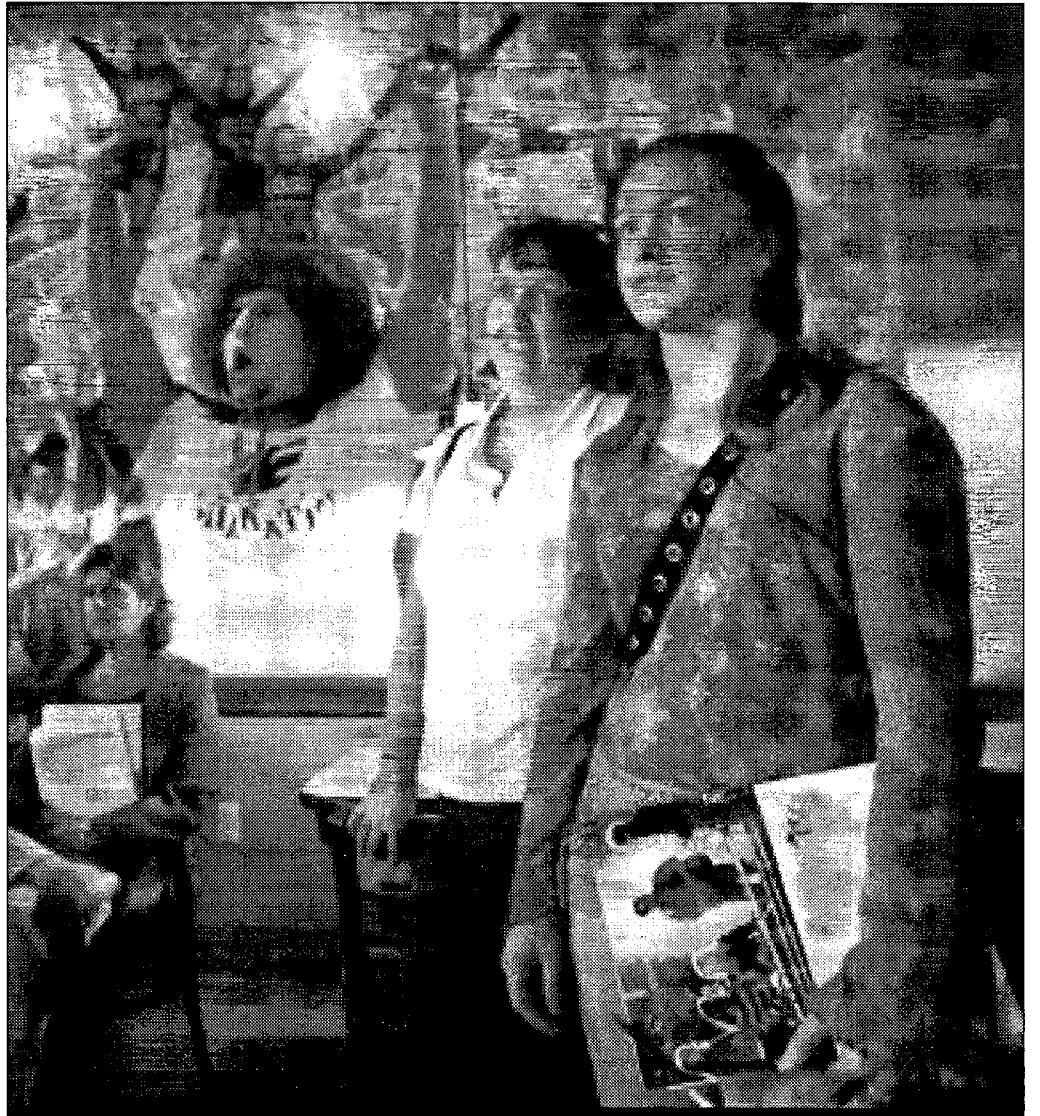
For the current academic year, the average list price of tuition and fees at four-year public universities rose \$394, or 6.4 percent, to \$6,585 for in-state students. At private colleges, prices rose \$1,399, or 5.9 percent, to \$25,143, according to the annual "Trends in College Pricing" report from the College Board.

It's important to remember that many students don't pay the full list price. At private colleges, grants and tax breaks lower the average net price to about \$14,900. At public universities the average actual cost is only about \$2,900.

And while some private colleges now exceed \$50,000 when room and board are figured in, they are the exception. Overall, more than half of four-year college students attend institutions where the list price for tuition and fees is less than \$9,000.

"No student should rule out a private college and university without first checking with the institution about financial aid options," said David Warren, president of the National Association of Colleges and Universities. He noted that over the last decade independent colleges have increased financial aid at more than three times the rate they've increased tuition.

But they've done so largely by tapping rapidly growing endowments. Now, like family savings, college endowments have taken a beating on Wall Street, just as demand for financial aid rises. Some colleges may try to hold down prices — Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill., has announced a freeze — but in



Erin O'Connell, right, and her mother listen during a visit to Elon University. The souring economy and dramatic slump on Wall Street are providing a cold dose of financial reality for many families.

most cases the pressure to charge more will be greater.

"If current economic patterns continue, it is possible that some tuition increases next year will be higher than the usual 5 to 6 percent at our institutions," Warren said.

At public institutions — which enroll about three-quarters of American college students — the economy already has prompted big increases. At least 21 states cut higher education spending this year, and some passed tuition increases well above the national average, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. The University of Florida, for instance, is eliminating 430 faculty and staff positions, lowering enrollment by 1,000 students and increasing prices 15 percent for in-state undergraduates.

"Despite every effort by our institutions to increase aid to students and families, I am afraid this year's report may prove only to be a snapshot of a time in history that we might soon be referring to as the 'good old days,'" said Molly Corbett Broad, president of the American Council on Education, the principal group representing colleges in Washington, D.C.

The College Board report emphasized that, accounting for overall inflation, prices rose less than 1 percent this year, and actually declined at public two-year colleges. But that's only because overall inflation was unusually high — about 5.6 percent.

"No one really thinks it's easier to pay for college just because other prices have gone up," Sandy Baum,

economics professor at Skidmore College and senior policy analyst at the College Board, said in a telephone interview. While families may postpone other big-ticket items, "It's harder to wait to go to college than to wait to buy a car," she said.

Public two-year colleges once again were the biggest bargain. Average list prices there rose \$108, or 4.7 percent, to \$2,402. Factoring in financial aid, the College Board estimates the average net cost is only about \$100.

The College Board also reported that the amount of private borrowing — the loans students take out on top of federal aid — declined slightly in 2007-2008. After years of double-digit increases that fueled worries about student debt, private borrowing has plateaued.

PAKISTAN

At least 170 dead in Pakistan quake

Associated Press

Pakistan — Desperate villagers clawed through piles of mud and timber looking for victims of an earthquake that collapsed thousands of homes in southwestern Pakistan before dawn Wednesday, killing at least 170 people.

Army planes began flying in tents, medical supplies and blankets to the quake zone in Baluchistan province, but some 15,000 homeless people in the impoverished region faced a night in the open in near freezing temperatures following the 6.4-magnitude jolt.

"I have lost everything," said Haji Shahbaz, mourning the deaths of 17 relatives in Wam, a hard-hit village.

"Nothing is left here, and now life is worthless for me," he added, then wailed in despair, tears streaking his dust-caked face.

Pakistan is no stranger to natural disasters, but the quake comes at an especially precarious time for the Muslim country, with the civilian government battling al-Qaida and Taliban attacks while grappling with a punishing economic crisis.

As the army and other government agencies rushed to provide help, at least three hard-line Islamic organizations also were quick to aid quake survivors, according to an Associated Press reporter who toured the area.

Among them was Jamaat-ud-Dawa,

designated a terrorist group by the U.S. government for its links to Muslim separatists fighting in India's portion of the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

The group set up relief camps and won friends among survivors of a 7.6-magnitude quake that devastated Kashmir and northern Pakistan in October 2005, killing about 80,000 people and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless.

Baluchistan is home to a long-running separatist movement, but has so far been spared the level of militant violence seen in the northwestern tribal areas along the border with Afghanistan, where Muslim extremists are strong.

BOG

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York Times, Chicago Tribune, and the South Bend Tribune to campus.

The budget also allowed for an increase to the contingency fund.

"We upped [the contingency fund] just because we don't know about this readership program," Weaver said. "Last year, they budgeted \$13,000 for it.

So, we just want to make sure we have that covered."

Patrick Daniel, director of Student Involvement and BOG advisor, congratulated the board on passing the budget;

however, he said he was disappointed with the way the issue was handled.

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has the opportunity to move forward. "Let's not let it be just about the money," he said. "You have to move forward as BOG."

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fliers calling for the boycott that were put under students' doors before break.

"He said we [have] the twelfth lowest [cost] out of the top 100 liberal arts colleges for meal plans," Meadors said. She said Bowles wants to provide a variety of food in the dining hall, and he wants to make sure that it is the variety that students want.

Bowles has an open door policy for students with concerns about the food, she said.

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UNITED KINGDOM

Russell Brand quits BBC after radio show suspended

Associated Press

LONDON — Every entertainer knows there's a fine line between offbeat and offensive. Russell Brand has built a career walking it — but now he may have stumbled.

The wild-haired, motor-mouthed British comedian is renowned for risqué routines, wrote a memoir recounting his drug and sex addiction and called President Bush "that retarded cowboy fellow" while hosting MTV's Video Music Awards.

On Wednesday, Brand quit his BBC radio show after he and fellow performer Jonathan Ross were suspended indefinitely for leaving lewd messages on the voicemail of a 78-year-old actor. Also under threat is the reputation of Britain's state-funded national broadcaster, which allowed Brand's routine to make it to air.

The calls by Brand and Ross to actor Andrew Sachs — best known for playing Spanish waiter Manuel in the 1970s Britcom "Fawlty Towers" — have drawn more than 18,000 complaints. Prime Minister Gordon Brown called the comments "inappropriate and unacceptable."

In the ad-libbed messages, the pair claimed Brand had slept with Sachs' granddaughter Georgina Baillie, and joked that Sachs might hang himself as a result of the news. Baillie, a 23-year-old burlesque performer, acknowledged she had a sexual relationship with Brand but said the calls to her grandfather were "cruel."

The duo made further calls to Sachs in which they tried to apologize but continued to blurt out lewd messages. The calls were recorded Oct. 16 and aired on Brand's radio show two days later.

Both Brand and Ross apologized.

"I am sorry that I upset Mr. Sachs," Brand, 33, told reporters outside his London

home Wednesday. Ross, 47, said he was sorry for his "stupid error of judgment."

BBC director general Mark Thompson made a "personal and unreserved apology" for the "gross lapse of taste by the performers and the production team."

He said the pair would be suspended pending a full report into the affair.

Brand later said he had decided to resign from his BBC radio program, which attracted 2 million listeners a week.

"As I only do the radio show to make people laugh, I've decided that given the subsequent coverage I will stop doing the show," he said in a statement. "I got a bit caught up in the moment and forgot that at the core of the rude comments and silly songs were the real feelings of a beloved and brilliant comic actor and a very sweet and big-hearted young woman."

Several politicians have called on the BBC to fire the pair. Telecommunications regulator Ofcom said it would investigate whether the calls breached the broadcasting code, which sets standards for fairness and privacy.

The case is reminiscent of the antics of American "shock jocks" such as Howard Stern — who paid repeated obscenity fines before jumping to the unregulated haven of satellite radio — or Don Imus, who was fired from MSNBC and CBS Radio for making racist and sexist comments about a women's basketball team. There have been numerous incidents of DJ-inspired outrage in the U.S. In 2002, DJ team Opie and Anthony were fired by CBS Radio after broadcasting a live account of two listeners having sex in New York City's St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Sachs said he did not plan to complain to the police or other authorities.


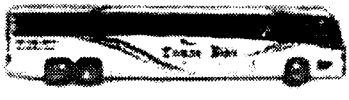
"I respect his decision," he said about Brand. "I hope he moves forward, I really hope he does."

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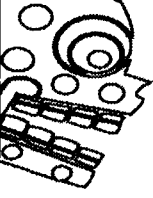
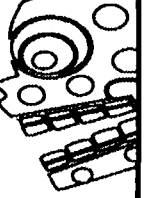
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IN BRIEF

FDA officials opposed drug suit policy

WASHINGTON — Top scientists and career employees at the Food and Drug Administration opposed agency regulations that weaken consumers' ability to sue drug makers, congressional investigators said Wednesday.

At issue is language in a drug labeling rule from 2006 that effectively limits when people can sue in state court over injury claims involving medications. The FDA contends federal regulations prevail when there is a conflict with state law. This concept is called pre-emption.

Internal agency documents showed that career officials opposed this approach, according to a report released by Rep. Henry Waxman, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. In the past, the agency had viewed private suits as an additional layer of protection against unsafe drugs, the report said.

"Much of the argument for why we are proposing to invoke pre-emption seems to be based on a false assumption that the FDA approved labeling is fully accurate and up-to-date in a real time basis," the report quoted Dr. John Jenkins, who oversees FDA's new drug reviews, as saying. "We know that such an assumption is false."

Patients injured by drugs have won suits against drug manufacturers for failing to warn against certain dangers.

World stocks higher as Fed cuts rate

LONDON — World stock markets ended mostly higher Wednesday but many retreated from their session peaks as investors returned to fretting about corporate earnings in a global recession and a rally on Wall Street fizzled.

The U.S. Federal Reserve met market expectations by trimming a key interest rate by half a percentage point in a bid to revive the world's largest economy. Global markets surged Tuesday in anticipation of the Fed's move but there appeared to be only lackluster follow-through.

Late-session selling sent the Dow Jones industrials down 74.16, or 0.82 percent, to end at 8,990.96 after being up nearly 280 points, which would have given them a two-day gain of more than 1,160 points.

European stock markets closed mostly higher Wednesday, catching up with Tuesday's surge on Wall Street that started after European exchanges had closed.

Governors, mayors seek fiscal help

Facing budget troubles, states ask Washington for public works projects

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bevy of governors, mayors and interest groups came to Capitol Hill Wednesday, pressing for tens of billions of dollars for new public works projects and help for cash-strapped states, among other ideas aimed at boosting the economy.

They found sympathetic ears at a pair of House hearings — even from some Republicans — for ambitious plans to build roads and water and sewer projects, extend jobless benefits and help states cope with multibillion dollar budget shortfalls.

Democrats are eyeing a huge economic stimulus measure, either in a postelection session next month or as the first item of business next year. They are focusing more on the spending side of the federal ledger, as opposed to the tax rebate checks sent out earlier this year, with a key focus on generating new jobs.

"Every billion dollars in spending on infrastructure, on highway and transportation expenditures does result in 35,000 new jobs," said Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., at a hearing of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Before another panel, New York Gov. David Paterson, a Democrat, pressed for billions to help close a projected \$12.5 billion budget gap caused in large part by the chaos on Wall Street. He said falling tax revenues will mean harmful cuts to in health care, anti-poverty programs and other state services.

"The cruel irony is that at the time when citizens need their state governments the most, state governments are least equipped to help them because of plummeting revenues," Paterson said. "When states are hurting, our national economy suffers."

New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine, a Democrat and former chairman of Goldman Sachs, called for a deficit-financed stimulus measure tagged at up to two percent of



New York Gov. David Paterson, left, talks with South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford on Capitol Hill prior to testifying on states financial crisis.

the size of the economy — or about \$300 billion — with a heavy emphasis on infrastructure projects such as road construction, railway repairs and water and sewer projects.

"This time of adversity should be translated into a time of opportunity with respect to our infrastructure projects," Corzine told the transportation committee. "We should not lose the opportunity to invest in our future, our children, and our grandchildren's future."

But the immediate future of any stimulus measure is murky at best, given resistance from President Bush to

the spending-focused approach favored by Democrats. While Democrats say there's no time to waste, given the faltering economy, they may have to wait until January to enact their plans — if Barack Obama is elected.

Congressional aides say an extension of unemployment benefits is likely next month, but that a large stimulus bill is unlikely to pass while Bush is in office.

"A lot of the claims that are made about how much transportation could actually help build the economy are overblown," said White House Press Secretary Dana Perino. Generally on new stimulus

measures, she said the White House has not "seen a package that we could support."

"It remains a mystery to me whether this hearing is merely a fact-finding expedition or whether it is laying the groundwork for action in Congress next month on a stimulus package," said Rep. Jim McCrery, R-La., a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. "If our goal is to make law this year, then I want to remind my colleagues that it is of little use to draft a package ... if it cannot also pass the closely divided Senate and be signed by the current occupant of the White House."

Key interest rate lowered to 1 percent

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve slashed a key interest rate by half a percentage point Wednesday, driving it to a level seen only once before in the last half-century, and the government finally began distributing funds from the billions in the financial rescue package.

Those efforts and others were part of a concerted drive by officials, just days before a national election, to demonstrate they are moving as quickly as possible to deal with the most serious financial crisis to hit the country since the 1930s.

"Policymakers have their foot to the accelerator and they are using every effort at their disposal to stop the slide in the economy and financial markets," said Mark Zandi, chief economist with Moody's Economy.com. "And it's not a moment too soon given the serious damage that has already been done."

Wall Street, which the previous day posted

the second biggest point gain in history, was less impressed with Wednesday's activity. The Dow Jones industrial average finished the day down 74 points, a drop analysts said partly reflected growing worries about whether the government's actions will be sufficient to avert a deep and prolonged recession.

The Fed, as investors had hoped, announced a half-point cut in the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans, driving it down to 1 percent, a low last seen in 2003-2004. That rate has not been lower since 1958 when Dwight Eisenhower was president.

Reducing the rate as low as zero cannot be ruled out, some analysts said, but they cautioned that reducing rates that far carried some risks, including that if the credit crisis suddenly worsened, the Fed would have used up its ammunition.

Analysts also noted that just lowering rates cannot serve as a panacea to overcome a

credit crisis. While the goal is to encourage banks to begin lending again, financial institutions are skittish about extending new loans given the huge losses they have racked up in bad mortgages.

Meanwhile, the administration announced that the spigot had been opened on the \$700 billion fund created by Congress Oct. 3 to rescue the U.S. financial system. Treasury issued a report showing checks had been disbursed for \$125 billion in payments to nine major banks, including Bank of America, Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley. The goal is to bolster their balance sheets so they will resume more normal lending.

And the administration was nearing an agreement on a plan to help around 3 million homeowners avoid foreclosure, according to sources who had been briefed on the matter. The program would be the most aggressive effort yet to limit damages from the severe housing slump.

CONGO

Soldiers, refugees flee rebel fighters

Rwandan Tutsi-led government denies charges that troops crossed the border, attacked soldiers

Associated Press

GOMA — Firing wildly, Congolese soldiers commandeered cars, taxis and motorbikes Wednesday in a retreat from advancing rebel fighters, joining tens of thousands of terrified refugees struggling to stay ahead of the violence.

As gunfire crackled in this eastern provincial capital, the Tutsi rebels said they had reached the outskirts of Goma and declared a unilateral cease-fire to prevent panic as the army retreats and residents flee.

Congo said Rwandan troops had crossed the border and attacked its soldiers — raising the specter that neighboring nations will again be drawn into Congo's war. Rwanda's Tutsi-led government immediately denied the charge, but Congo turned to Angola for help defending its territory.

As the chaos mounted, the U.S. announced its officials were leaving Goma and urged all American citizens to do the same. The State Department said Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Jendayi Frazer was heading to the capital, Kinshasa, and would arrive Thursday.

"There is a lot of violence," said spokesman Sean McCormack. "This is of deep concern to us."

Thousands of panicked refugees clogged the dirt roads out of Goma, struggling to reach safety.

Women carrying huge bundles on their heads and babies in their arms trudged alongside men pushing crude wooden carts crammed with clothing, food and cooking utensils. Bewildered children walked alongside. Young boys led goats and pigs on tethers as men on bicycles weaved in and out.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said about 45,000 people fled the nearby village of Kibati, where they had been sleeping in a makeshift camp in the open air, in a matter of hours on Wednesday.

"It was very chaotic," said agency spokesman Ron Redmond, speaking from Geneva. Most of the refugees had arrived only the day before after fleeing fighting farther north.

"They suddenly became very agitated and people began leaving the camp in a panic," Redmond said. They first headed toward Goma to the south, then changed direction and headed back out as it became clear the city was about to fall.

Goma's governor, Julien Mpaluku, acknowledged that panic was spreading, but stressed that U.N. peacekeepers were still in charge and rebels had not yet entered the city. U.N. spokesman Madnodje Mounoubai said peacekeepers were deployed at the airport

and at other strategic points.

A rebel statement said their fighters were just outside Goma.

"We are not far from Goma," rebel leader Laurent Nkunda was quoted as saying on the BBC's Web site. "But because there is a state of destabilization in the town we decided ... unilaterally to proclaim a cease-fire."

Nkunda, who has ignored calls by the Security Council to respect a U.N.-brokered truce signed in January, called on government forces to follow suit.

The U.N. says its biggest peacekeeping mission — a 17,000-strong force — is now stretched to the limit with the surge in fighting and needs more troops quickly. India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uruguay and South Africa are the main contributors to the existing force.

But hopes for immediate backup from the European Union dimmed. French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said Wednesday the EU had considered sending troops to reinforce the peacekeepers in Congo but some countries refused.

Fears have grown of a wider war that could drag in Congo's neighbors. Congo suffered back-to-back wars from 1996 to 2002 that embroiled eight

African nations and became a rush at the country's vast mineral wealth.

The unrest in eastern Congo has been fueled by festering hatreds left over from the 1994 Rwandan genocide, in which half a million Tutsis were slaughtered. More than a million Hutu extremists fled to Congo where they regrouped in a brutal militia that helps fuel the continuing conflict in Congo.

Rebel leader Nkunda, an ethnic Tutsi and former general, quit the army several years ago, claiming the government of President Joseph Kabila was not doing enough to protect minority Tutsis from the Hutu extremists.

On Wednesday, retreating government soldiers entered Goma along with the fleeing refugees, grabbing cars, taxis and motorbikes to help in their escape.

About 15 soldiers briefly commandeered a car carrying an AP cameraman and photographer and demanded to be driven about 50 miles to the town of Saki.

"I'll kill you! I'll kill you!" yelled one soldier in front of an airfield near downtown Goma.

The soldiers grabbed boxes that looked like ammunition from the U.N. compound at the airport, piled them into the SUV and took off. Some of the soldiers piled onto the roof, others hung from open doors. The journalists finally managed to get away, jumping out of the moving vehicle at a military police checkpoint.

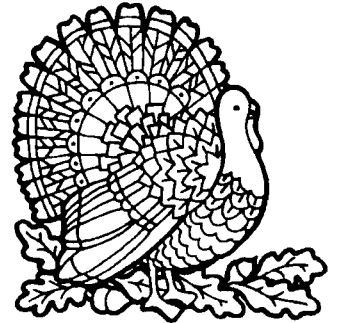
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CAMPAIGN NEWS

Obama on prime-time; McCain criticizes

MIAMI — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama plunked down \$4 million for a campaign-closing television ad Wednesday night, summoning voters to "choose hope over fear and unity over division" in Tuesday's election. Republican John McCain derided the event as a "gauzy, feel-good commercial," paid for with broken promises.

"America, the time for change has come," Obama said in the final moments of the unusual ad, a blend of videotaped moments and a live appearance before thousands in Sunrise, Fla.

"In six days we can choose an economy that rewards work and creates jobs and fuels prosperity starting with the middle class," Obama said.

The 30-minute ad, aired on CBS, NBC, Fox and several cable networks, came just days from the end of a race in which Obama holds the lead in polls nationally as well as in most key battleground states as he bids to become the first black president.

Republicans and even some Democrats said the race was tightening as it neared the end. And while Obama made no mention of McCain in his paid television ad, both men sharpened their rhetoric during the day.

Palin suggests she will be a GOP fixture

TOLEDO, Ohio — Facing the unhappy prospect of defeat, Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin indicated Wednesday that she will not disappear from the national political scene if the GOP ticket loses on Tuesday.

"Absolutely not. I think that, if I were to give up and wave a white flag of surrender against some of the political shots that we've taken, that ... that would ... bring this whole ... I'm not doing this for naught," Palin said in an interview with ABC News, according to excerpts of a transcript released by the television network.

Palin was steadfast in saying Republican presidential nominee John McCain would defeat Democrat Barack Obama.

"I'm just ... thinking that it's gonna to go our way on Tuesday, Nov. 4. I truly believe that the wisdom of ... of the people will be revealed on that day. As they enter that voting booth, they will understand the stark contrast between the two tickets," the Alaska governor said.

In addition to the interview, Palin delivered a policy address in which she called for a "clean break" from the Bush administration's energy policies. She said the White House plans rely too much on importing foreign oil.

Democrats dominate early voting

WASHINGTON — Democrats are dominating early voting in six key states President Bush won four years ago, forcing Republican John McCain to play catch-up even before Election Day arrives.

Democrats outnumber Republicans among early voters in Iowa, North Carolina, Florida, Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada, according to statistics from election and party officials in those states. Bush won all six in 2004, and McCain needs to win most of them to claim the White House this year.

Georgia, another red state, doesn't track early voters by party, but it does by race. About 1.4 million Georgians have already cast ballots, and blacks are voting in disproportionate numbers. Black voters overwhelmingly support Democrat Barack Obama, who is bidding to become the nation's first black president.

Values issues highlight state ballots

Voters can decide their states' position on issues like abortion and gay marriage

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Social issues so volatile that the presidential campaigns sidestepped them will be on the ballots in several states next week, including measures that would criminalize most abortions, outlaw affirmative action and ban same-sex marriage in California, one of only three states that allows it.

In all, there are 153 proposals on ballots in 36 states.

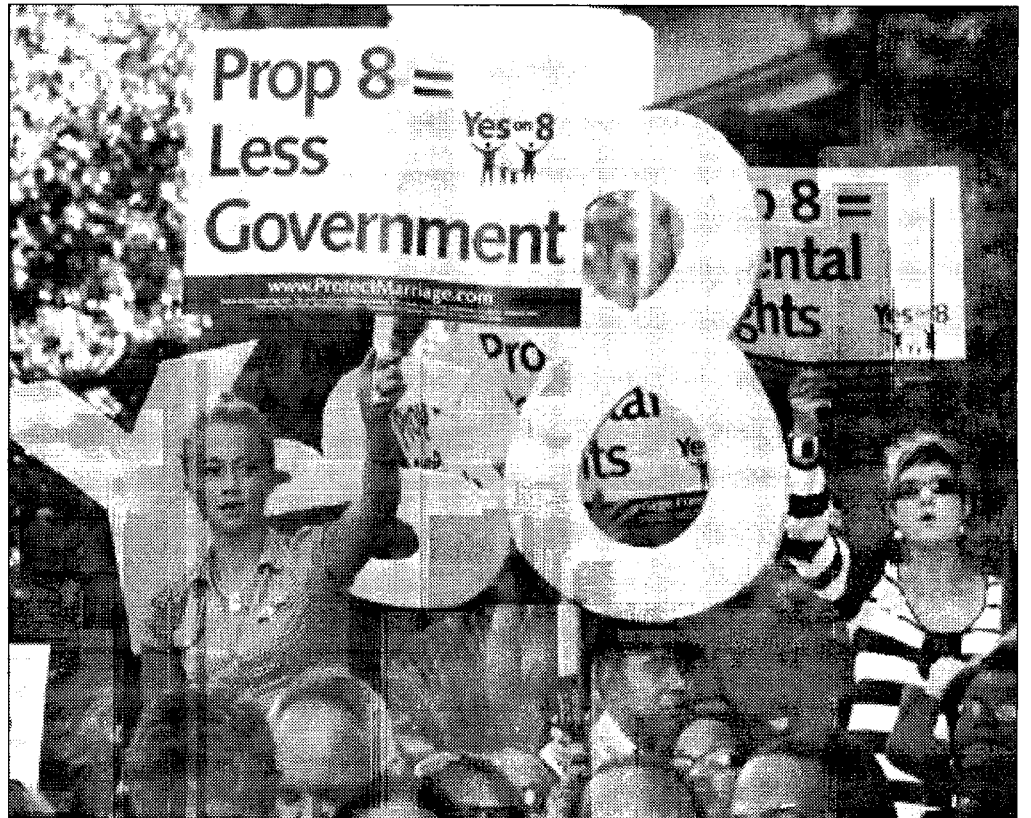
In Washington, voters will decide whether to join Oregon as the only states offering terminally ill people the option of physician-assisted suicide. Massachusetts has three distinctive measures on its ballot — to ban dog racing, ease marijuana laws and scrap the state income tax, a step that could unleash budgetary tumult.

The main presidential rivals, Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain, have rarely made proactive comments during the campaign about same-sex marriage or affirmative action — issues on which the public is deeply divided. Abortion also has seemed like an uncomfortable topic for them at times, although Obama makes clear he supports abortion rights and McCain says he would like to ban most abortions.

But in a half-dozen states, these three issues are front and center.

Florida, Arizona and California have constitutional amendments on their ballots that would limit marriage to a man and a woman. More than two-dozen states have previously approved such amendments, but none were in California's situation — with same-sex marriage legal since a state Supreme Court decision in May and thousands of gay and lesbian couples already wed.

The rival camps view the California vote in epic terms, with the outcome of Proposition 8 having enormous influence on



More than 300 supporters of Proposition 8, the ballot measure that would take away the right of same-sex couples to wed, rally at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif., Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008.

prospects for same-sex marriage rights in other states.

"If we lose California, if they defeat the marriage amendment, I'm afraid that the culture war is over and Christians have lost," said Donald Wildmon, founder of the American Family Association. "California is a big dam, holding back the flood — and if you take down the dam in California, it's going to flood 49 other states."

Obama is expected to win easily in California, but the vote on Proposition 8 is expected to be close. Of keen interest to both sides is how churchgoing black and Hispanic voters — in general a pro-Obama constituency — will vote on the ballot measure.

Both Obama and McCain say they oppose same-sex marriage. But Obama, unlike McCain, opposes Proposition 8 and endorses the concept of broader rights for same-sex couples.

Gay rights also is an issue in Arkansas, where a

ballot measure would prohibit unmarried couples from adopting or being foster parents. Conservatives backing the idea say it's aimed at same-sex couples, who are able to adopt and be foster parents in most states.

Abortion is a dominant campaign topic in South Dakota, which has an initiative that would ban the procedure except in cases of rape, incest and serious health threat to the mother. A tougher law without the rape and incest exceptions was defeated in 2006; a recent poll on the new version showed a dead heat.

Colorado has a "personhood" amendment on its ballot that would define human life as beginning at fertilization. It doesn't explicitly mention abortion, but activists on both sides in the campaign view it as a blunt challenge to abortion rights — so blunt that the National Right to Life Committee, Colorado's Roman Catholic bishops and some other anti-abortion groups have declined

to endorse it on strategic grounds.

Some of those skeptical of the idea believe it would run aground in legal challenges. Abortion-rights activists contend it would — if approved — potentially lead to the banning of certain types of birth control.

Colorado and Nebraska have proposals that would ban race- and gender-based affirmative action, similar to measures previously approved in California, Michigan and Washington. The man spearheading the movement, California activist-businessman Ward Connerly, says the candidacies of Obama, Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin prove blacks and women no longer need affirmative action.

"Anyone who raises \$150 million in one month is being judged pretty much on the basis of their political abilities and not on the basis of race," Connerly said of Obama during a debate in Nebraska last week.

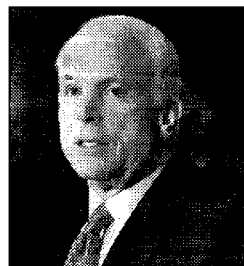
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Obama

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McCain

"To use their money effectively, Americans need more choices. We should give additional help to those who face particularly expensive care. If it is done right and the additional money is there, insurance companies will compete for these patients - not turn them away. It is a challenge to develop techniques that allocate the right amount to each of these families."

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With less than a week until election day, I have found myself wondering what I'll do with all the time I will save by not checking multiple blogs, new feeds, and polls several times every day. I also find myself reflecting on the entire election season as a whole, remembering — not quite nostalgically — some of the more sensational twists and turns, and deciding what I learned from my first true immersion into American politics.



Jason Coleman

Man at Large

For me, it started last Christmas break when a friend of mine called me a few days before New Year's, asking if I wanted to drive up to Iowa to see the candidates make their pitches just days before the caucuses. Over a forty-eight hour span I would see stump speeches from four candidates at middle schools and diners.

It's funny to think back on that now. First, I saw Mike Huckabee at a bar in some sleepy town. He was a mostly unknown Arkansas governor at the time, and made a strong enough pitch on values and compassion to win the contest. (McCain came in fourth). I'm not sure anybody thought that he was going to be the runner-up in the GOP contest even with the win, surviving the deadly Republican National Convention primary system clear into March.

Then, I walked a block or two down to a small diner, where Rudy Guiliani answered questions and signed autographs. Even as late as last Christmas, a lot of the smart money pegged him as the nominee. He had chosen to use Florida as his first (and last) stand in the process. The effectiveness of that position was more or less summed up

when a native Iowan shouted out "Why aren't you showing Iowa any love?" That was tough for even America's mayor to answer. It also probably explains why he finished behind Ron Paul.

Later that evening, I watched John Edwards in a middle school gym. His strategy, more or less, was to come out ahead or close to ahead in Iowa as a result of vote splitting between the two superstar candidates, Clinton and Obama. He ended up finishing second, edging Clinton out by no more than one percent. With his recent recreational activities exposed, I still shudder to think what would have happened had he been the nominee.

The next morning, on the way out of Des Moines, we stopped to see Barack Obama speak in an elementary school auditorium. I had heard of him, like many others, after his 2004 DNC speech, but had not followed him or even knew what his chances were. Everyone figured Clinton would win anyhow. But, we were intrigued and decided it was worth checking out. Little did we know that in a few days Iowa would shock political circles, allowing Obama to draw first blood against the Clinton Machine.

Of course, since then, there has been no lack of surprises and upheavals in the political world. Some of these were completely external; common knowledge through the spring indicated that Iraq would weigh heaviest on voter's minds. Who would have thought the global economy would implode dramatically over a matter of weeks?

Other surprises were intentional. The GOP VP pick, for instance, comes to mind. Who saw that coming? Add to the mix "Joe Six Pack," Joe the Plumber and Joe "Foot in Mouth" Biden, and you could have a primetime sitcom.

In all seriousness, the political education I received over the last year has provided more insight into the way America works

than any book or course ever could. In some cases, it was experience, such as going up to Iowa or volunteering to canvass, that provided first hand insight into how a political following is built. In others, it was all the information gleaned from watching CNN, or following the New York Times commentators. Most importantly, though, it was probably the arguments with my friends over such important issues that helped me to clarify my worldview and see how it fit with the way the world currently works.

All of this, however, led me to conclude that voting in and of itself is tantamount to being an American. Voting is the constitutional right of the people to change the face of America every time they step to the ballot box, and one that should not be voluntarily given up. I understand that it is hard to justify voting as a Democrat in a deeply Red state or visa versa, but I don't think this provides a reason not to do so. The vote is the strongest political statement one can make, regardless of how it figures into the bigger picture. It should not be taken lightly.

So, let me send you off, in my last column of the election season, with the charge to vote. If the absentee ballot is sitting on your desk, close it up and drop it in the mailbox. If you are registered here in Indiana, brave the lines and make your voice heard on Tuesday. Make sure you remind your friends and family. Regardless of who wins the race, America wins if everyone participates. Plus, as Bob Schieffler reminded us in the third debate, voting "will make you feel big and strong."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have chosen

In response to the various abortion arguments gracing the Viewpoint's pages these cold fall days, all it really shows is the obvious discord between beliefs in this country. I thought an opinion from experience would be useful to throw into the mix.

I am a mother. I have faced the "choice." There are no words to express the flood of emotions which fill a woman when she discovers she is pregnant, especially at such a young age. From happiness to fear, it ranges across the spectrum.

Overall, I agree with Mary Daly's opinion ("For Clarification," Oct. 28) when she says, "A pregnant woman who finds herself in a position in which abortion seems the only answer ... is not being afforded the right to choose."

Unfortunately, in today's society, that is often the case. I have held a staunch pro-life view throughout my life, but not until you are faced with the issue at hand do you truly question your beliefs. I will admit, abortion was an option, and a highly considered option for me the first few days.

When one is flooded with ideas of today's norm of leading life (i.e. college,

job, marriage, promotion, then children) and the more-common-than-not shame afforded to unwed mothers in our society, I felt very alone when, with a single decision, I was ripped from that norm into a life-track of my own. This loneliness directed me to consider abortion; however, after a night of tears and prayer, that "choice" was forever deleted from my mind.

What made me decide not to partake in this option given to me? It came down to one word: support. I learned of the support offered to me by my family and friends. I discovered the support given to me by the University. I supported myself by knowing I could be a mother and still reach all the goals in my life.

Too often today are women like me faced with the same decision and not given the support they need in order to know that abortion, while a legal choice, is actually the worst choice available to them. While I feel that this nation is a long way from making abortion illegal again based on a rights disagreement, we should be focusing on making less and less women feel the need to terminate a pregnancy because she feels there is no other

choice.

How? Support, and unlimited amounts of it. I still believe abortion is the murder of an innocent life, but I now understand how a woman can feel so trapped that she feels there is no other option available. Now, after going through the most difficult nine months of my life, I have a beautiful one-year-old daughter who never stops smiling, a wonderful fiancé I am marrying next spring, high grades in school, a promising internship next summer and the most fulfilling life I could have ever imagined.

I do hope, as Lindsey Schwartz ("Who has the 'Right to Life'?" Oct. 13) pointed out, that no one is put into the situation that I was; however, know that the choice you make can lead you to be the happiest you have ever been. I look at my daughter and tears fill my eyes with the thought that I might have never seen her big, beautiful, blue eyes with a "choice" I almost made.

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Oct. 28

OBSERVER POLL

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Joe Biden
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it."

Henry David Thoreau
U.S. author

Sitting with Grandpop and God

I wish you could have met Thomas Fizzano, my grandfather. I think I wish you could have met him. He was one intimidating old man. The completely undisputed patriarch of our traditionally Italian family.

He was steely quiet — in that aloof and intimidating kind of way — and utterly unapproachable. I can't remember ever

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actually talking to him. As a kid, I learned about him largely through legends that others would tell around the Christmas table after he left the room. How he had built a huge concrete company from scratch. How he had invited his brothers and cousins from Italy, and supported them until they got on their feet in America. How he had flown a fighter jet in World War II, and returned home a hero.

So, this is how I knew my grandfather for most of my life — more as an unapproachable legend than as a real human being.

Then, in 7th grade, an unforeseen breakthrough. My history teacher assigned us to interview someone who had lived through the Depression. My mind, of course, immediately jumped to my kind and gentle grandmother, but my mom informed me that she was not in the country during the Depression.

Then, I could read my mom's eyes — and I screamed, "No way!" — as she asked, "Why not ask grandpop?"

On the appointed day, my mom drove me to my grandparents' house. I pulled out a piece of looseleaf on which I had written out every word I was going to say to my grandpop. And, hiding behind the paper, I began the interview: "Where were you living when the Depression began?"

I will never forget the next hour of my life.

Because over the next hour, this man, in all of his inapproachability and intimidation, looked me in the eye, smiled, and spoke to me, quietly, gently.

And one particular moment in our interview stands out. My grandfather spoke about losing his brother to cancer during the Depression, and regretted not having enough money to get better care for him. As he told this story, I heard just the slightest pause in his voice. I remember stealing a glance, and caught sight of a tear that hung on the edge of his eyelash.

Two years later, my grandfather himself died of cancer. In his last days, he couldn't speak and was barely conscious. And I used to sit next to his bed for an hour or two, just reading the names of the horses and jockeys in that day's races at Philadelphia Park (just to complete the old Italian patriarch stereotype, my grandfather loved horse racing).

I remember during those days feeling oddly comfortable sitting next to my grandfather. This man, who had intimidated me my entire life, suddenly seemed gentle, and approachable, and knowable.

Today, when I want to really remember my grandpop, I think of two times: the day we sat at his kitchen table and he cried about losing his brother in the Depression; and the days I sat next to him as he died.

My point is this: I think there is something deeply revelatory about seeing someone who you know to be powerful become suddenly vulnerable. Someone who seemed totally secure and in control, living in another world than ourselves, become suddenly helpless and human, and knowable.

And I wonder if Jesus isn't sometimes one such person for us.

Surely all of us have been attracted by Jesus' message, by his power, his goodness and holiness. And it is sometimes difficult, in the face of such overwhelming goodness, to think that this person can truly love us in our own limitations. Pity us, perhaps, but not love.

At some points in my life, I have a hard time praying because I feel, deep down, that God must be somehow disappointed in me. That is to say, God, in my weakness, can seem unapproachable.

But when I walk into Church, I am confronted by this man on a cross. Jesus, the good and holy one, dying. And on the cross, precisely dying, we see Jesus as someone like us — for on the cross, Jesus takes on our greatest limitation and our certain fate — that one day we will die. And if he is willing to take on that limitation, which other of our limitations would

drive him away?

On the Cross, we see someone like us — and in doing so, our Church invites us to see our God.

We all have people in our lives, like my grandfather was in mine — people who seem unapproachable, because of their power or their authority or even because of their goodness. They can often seem larger-than-life. They can tend to make us see our own deficiencies, rather than our potential goodness. We can feel insufficient around them.

Maybe, sometimes, Jesus is one such person for us?

But the central mystery of our faith asserts a profound response to this natural question in our hearts. That our God has become weak like us, vulnerable like us, broken like us — human like us. And precisely as such, he invites us to come to know him and to love him.

Perhaps that is why, when Christians throughout the centuries have wished to spend time with their God, to know him and love him, in all his unapproachable glory, they have done so by sitting before Jesus, hanging on the cross.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Scraping by on a quarter million

Like countless Notre Dame students, I started off my Tuesday morning by zoning out in my 9:30 and perusing The Observer, where I discovered a viewpoint entitled "Barack the Socialist" (Oct. 28). In her article, Christina Pesavento draws a contentious connection between Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama's opinions and socialist tendencies. How original. I was on the verge of not completing the column based solely on the banality of the argument until I read the section in which she provides three reasons why Obama's intention to increase taxes for Americans that earn a net income of over \$250,000 is unwarranted.

First, Pesavento declares, "... English philosopher John Locke ... states, 'government has no other end than the preservation of property.'" Yes, Locke's views greatly influenced Thomas Jefferson when he drafted the Declaration of Independence. However, Ronald Terry Constant, a historian, claims, "Next to the Bible, Locke's writings were the most quoted source in revolutionary literature." Furthermore, the Bible asserts, "... when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed." This is not an argument against separation of Church and state. It simply emphasizes that Christian ideals truly inspired the framers of the Declaration, indicating that the government is obligated to support the impoverished.

Secondly, Pesavento compares Obama's tax policies to exam grades, where "A" students would have to give some of their points to students that "have slacked off and are receiving lower grades." Well, how about students who could not even afford books to study for this exam? Pesavento makes it seem as if all Americans are provided with the necessary resources to succeed monetarily in this country. False. Individuals who live below the poverty line are lucky to have a "Where's Waldo" book during their youth.

Lastly, Pesavento asserts "... for those Americans who live in areas where the cost of living is very high, \$250,000 a year is next to nothing." ... Seriously?

For the record, I am not arguing Pesavento's belief that Obama supports socialist principles. While I strongly disagree with her on that conviction, I do not have the time or political knowledge to debate that topic. Nonetheless, Pesavento's column fails to comprehend the atrocious financial conditions in which a great amount of Americans live. In fact, no one, including myself, can truly understand the horrid environment that these unfortunate people must experience daily.

Clearly not someone making over \$250,000.

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Spread the logic

I am proud of Sean Lyttle ("We need socialism," Oct. 29) and his future "lucrative career" as a trial lawyer. I'm sorry, however, that he feels guilty for everything from his upbringing to his race to his potentially successful future. There is no reason he should.

It does, however, represent a key difference between the thinking of liberals and conservatives. Lyttle suggests that it is some kind of destiny that puts people in the life situations they are in, and there is really nothing good or bad that they can do to reverse the course. That's where the government must come in to "even out the playing field." In a debate with Hillary Clinton during the Democratic primaries, Charles Gibson asked Senator Obama why he would propose raising the capital-gains tax from 15 percent to as high as 28 percent, when it has been shown in recent years that raising the rate has actually decreased the revenues to the treasury. Obama, stunned that a mainstream reporter asked him a legitimate, tough question, responded: "Well, Charlie, what I've said is that I would look at raising the capital-gains tax for purposes of fairness."

Now we understand his true motive. It has nothing to do with the adopting the best policy or growing the economic pie, but rather deciding himself how best to divide up the pieces. Obama's running mate, Joe Biden, said recently that paying taxes is patriotic. I can't see how, given the fact that taxes are involuntary.

But if guilty upper-class liberals or trial-lawyers-to-be feel that they are not contributing a fair amount to the treasury, they should take the lead and voluntarily write checks to the government whenever they feel like not enough kids have the proper textbooks. Rather than let

Obama decide the "fairest" allocation of the people's resources, why not decide for our guilty selves?

Moreover, Lyttle claims that the leading cause of personal bankruptcy in this country is "catastrophic medical bills." This very well may be true, and it reminds one of P.J. O'Rourke's quote: "If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free."

Lyttle is right that the recent bailouts on Wall Street were ludicrous, and it's forcing an already broke U.S. Government to print money to finance basic operations. Given all this, how can any reasonable person expect Obama to deliver on any of his never-ending promises, such as a health care utopia, when inheriting this astronomical debt?

Lyttle writes that "perhaps according to Webster's dictionary, it is proper to label Barack Obama a 'socialist.'" But to do so misses the point." I'm not sure which dictionary he would prefer to use, but I'd trust Webster's. And it doesn't miss the point at all.

Lyttle accuses Pesavento ("Barack the socialist," Oct. 28) of a "classist bias," but it is he, not Pesavento, who wants different rules applied to people strictly based on class. Progressive taxation was not introduced in this country until 1913, and since that time it has spun progressively out of control. This class discrimination is not what America was founded on, though Barack Obama has made it clear that it is one of his guiding principles.

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Great Things Are Attached to Grocery Stores:

El Paraiso

By KARA KING
Scene Writer

Just down Main Street in South Bend, El Paraiso is a Mexican restaurant that few students beyond the Irish ski team have discovered. And this needs to change. With prices and speed to rival Taco Bell, and traditional Mexican food that is hard to find past the Red River, it is more than worth a visit.

El Paraiso looks (and feels) like the type of dive frequented by Guy Fieri. Attached to a Mexican grocery store, it screams authenticity throughout the dining experience. The smell is overpowering when you enter, and it sets the stage for the dining experience to follow.

The restaurant itself is basic: a simple room with several cafeteria-type tables, orange walls and a few Mexican decorations spaced throughout. This simplicity belies all this place has to offer.

The menu offers anything and everything Mexican, from favorites such as tacos, burritos, and quesadillas to chimichangas and milanesa.

Most selections are à la carte, although there are several plate options and daily specials. Rice and beans can also be added to any order for a few dollars more. But with the exceptionally generous portion sizes, they aren't needed. The burrito size

easily rivals those of Chipotle, except that instead of being overly stuffed with rice and other fillers, they contain copious amounts of meat with just enough sides to enhance the flavor. Quite obviously, these burritos mean business.

The food itself is amazing, albeit a little bit greasy (although with Mexican food that should be expected). To begin, pick an entrée. Then

customize. Choose a main filling from steak, chicken, ground beef, pork or black beans. Several options, such as tacos and burritos, are offered in several styles, including 'El Paraiso,' with sour cream, cheese and ample guacamole, and "Mexican style" with cilantro and onions. For those less adventurous, they also offer the traditional "American style," with lettuce, tomatoes and cheese.

Besides all the offerings for such a small place, even the little things are done right. The beans and rice are a welcome break from what passes for such in the dining hall. The salsa actually has flavor and heat. The wet burrito and

chimichanga are especially delicious and even their lesser-known entrées are cooked to perfection.

Best of all, it's cheap. Tacos start at \$1.50 each and burritos at \$5.00. Even the most expensive offerings fail to bust the \$10 mark. It is an easy place to visit on a budget and leave full and satisfied.

The service is good, for what it is. Mostly intended as a take out restaurant, the waitress managed to keep the chip basket full (although they do charge for refills beyond a certain point) and brought out the food as it was ready and warm. And while service is clearly not the strength of El Paraiso, it is better than expected.

The attached grocery store is an added bonus and worth a walk through even if you don't buy anything. With traditional Mexican produce year-round, if you ever find yourself in need of a mango or coconut, you know where to look. The Mexican candy section is also culturally enlightening and offers several interesting Halloween treats.

Overall, El Paraiso offers an unexpected Mexican dining experience in South Bend on a college student budget. Go for the affordability. Return for the food.

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With prices and speed to rival Taco Bell, and traditional Mexican food that is hard to find past the Red River, [El Paraiso] is more than worth a visit.

The beans and rice are a welcome break from what passes for such in the dining hall. The salsa actually has flavor and heat.



Service: 2 of 4

Food: 3.5 of 4

Atmosphere: 3 of 4

Cost: 4 of 4

Overall: 3.25 of 4



Weekend Events Calendar

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



Thursday: "Shaun of the Dead" at Legends, midnight.

In light of this spooky holiday season, Legends is getting into the horror game by sponsoring a showing of the 2004 British film "Shaun of the Dead." This spot-on parody spoofs classic zombie movies while still scaring up its share of chills and Halloween thrills.

In the film, slackerish Shaun (Simon Pegg) attempts to win back his girlfriend Liz (Kate Ashfield) while he and his buffoon best friend Ed (Nick Frost) battle hordes of flesh-eating zombies across their North London neighborhood. Not to be missed.

Friday: Notre Dame Glee Club Fall concert, Leighton Concert Hall, 8 p.m.

If your Halloween plans won't start until the wee hours of All Hallow's Eve, spend the earlier portion of your evening with the men of the Notre Dame Glee Club. Their seasonal concert will feature several of their traditional stand-bys, classic Notre Dame music, and a variety of other liturgical and secular pieces. The concert will also feature several of the smaller ensembles within the Glee Club, as well as some spooky Halloween-type selections. Also, watch for sales of the group's albums outside of the concert hall. Tickets cost \$8, \$6 for faculty and staff, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students.



Saturday: "Dracula" at the South Bend Civic Theatre, 8 p.m.

Yes, it's the day after Halloween, but why not keep the spooky spirit alive another night?

The South Bend Civic Theatre, minutes from both the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses, will feature performances of "Dracula" all weekend. As the Count himself says in the play, "I want your fear . . . for your fear renders your veins rich and full."

The play is an adaptation by Steven Dietz of the original Bram Stoker novel. Visit www.artseverywhere.com for more information. Tickets cost \$17 and there is also a midnight showing on Friday.

Sunday: The Alison Brown Quartet, Leighton Concert Hall, 2 p.m.

Ever given bluegrass a try? Even if you've never seen a banjo, the Alison Brown Quartet is sure to impress. Alison Brown is a Grammy-winning banjo artist who has worked with a variety of bluegrass performers, including Alison Krauss. Billboard magazine once likened Brown's banjo playing to "James Taylor's voice or B.B. King's guitar" for its unique style and beauty. Tickets cost \$38, \$30 for faculty and staff, \$28 for seniors and \$15 for students.

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SATURDAY

SUNDAY



Dining Hall Dish

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

We're back and the doors to the dining hall are flung open once again, so it's time to get back to work finding good things to eat. Hopefully a week off has put a shine back on the offerings of North and South, but if not here are some ideas to keep you going, so dig in!

This week's recipes:

Pitas with Garbanzo Beans and Spinach

There is something about pitas that just makes them fun, so stuff away! Spinach has gotten a bad name, probably because it is often served over-cooked, but don't give in to the association. It has a great flavor and is a

good shake up from the usual lettuce. Garbanzo beans (the stars of many Middle Eastern foods such as hummus and falafels) with their nutty flavor are a good source of protein.

Fill a bowl with spinach, garbanzo beans, mushrooms, feta cheese (Not a feta fan? Try blue cheese, or even sprinkle on a bunch of the parmesan from the pizza area.) and red onion.

Mix a dab of Dijon mustard into red wine vinegar and pour over the contents of the bowl. You can squeeze some lemon on top as well, if that is to your taste. (Too much work? You can actually just toss a dab of Dijon mustard on the top, pour over the vinegar and mix it later.)

If you want a hot pita, stop by the microwave and zap it for about 1 minute. If you're in more of a crunchy and fresh

mood, just leave it as is.

Make sure everything is well mixed and cut into bite sized pieces. Sprinkle with pepper.

Stuff the mixture into the pitas.

Black Bean and Bacon Salad

Lettuce is hardly a requirement for a salad. This one is based around black beans, a bunch of other yummy vegetables and of course, bacon. There isn't much that beats bacon, is there?

Fill a bowl with black beans, shredded carrot (or dice up a couple of carrot sticks), diced tomatoes, red onion and corn.

Add a little red wine vinegar, but not too much, you don't want to overwhelm this one.

Pick up a couple slices of bacon from the sandwich area

(or hot from the breakfast area if it is early enough in the day). Shred and mix into the other ingredients.

Warm up the bowl in the microwave for about a minute. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. You can try adding in some ranch dressing for another taste.

Quick Tip

Have a favorite sandwich you always make? Try transferring the same ingredients to a wrap, a pita, or even just some of the nicer breads you have to slice yourself. It will make a tried and true dish a little more special. Don't forget the pickle!

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

MLB

Lidge closes 50-hour game to give Phils the title

Pedro Feliz's gamewinning RBI single sealed Philadelphia's 4-3 victory in game five and clinched a 4-1 series win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — From losingest team to longest game, the Philadelphia Phillies are World Series champions.

Strange as that sounds.

Strange as it was.

Brad Lidge and the Phillies finished off the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 in a three-inning sprint Wednesday night to win a suspended Game 5 nearly 50 hours after it started.

Left in limbo by a two-day rainstorm, the Phillies sawed to their first championship since 1980. Pedro Feliz singled home the go-ahead run in the seventh and Lidge closed out his perfect season to deliver the title Philly craved for so long.

"It was a crazy way to win it with a suspended game but we did and we're very excited," 45-year-old Phillies pitcher Jamie Moyer said. "It has been a long wait, but it's worth it."

Bundled in parkas and blankets, fans returned in force to Citizens Bank Park and saw the city claim its first major sports championship in 25 years. No more references needed to those sad-sack Phillies teams in the past and their 10,000-plus losses.

"They could taste it just as much as we could," Series MVP Cole Hamels said.

It was among the wackiest endings in baseball history, a best-of-seven series turned into a best-of-3 1/2 showdown when play resumed in the bottom of the sixth inning tied at 2.

How bizarre? Hamels was a star in Game 5 — and the ace never stepped on the mound Wednesday night; Two Rays relievers warmed up to start, and there was a pinch-hitter before a single pitch; "God Bless America" was sung rather than the national anthem, and it was quickly followed by the seventh-inning stretch.

All because the game was suspended Monday night after rain made the field into a quagmire, washing out the

foul lines, creating a puddle at home plate and turning every ball an adventure. Commissioner Bud Selig eventually called it — he got booed when he presented the MVP trophy to Hamels.

For Philly, it was more than a World Series win. It was a bit of redemption for all the losses, the jokes, the slights.

Finally, something to celebrate.

How much did Philly fans want a champion to call its own?

Well, the sports hero they point to with the most pride isn't even a real person — Rocky Balboa.

Yo, Adrian ... the Phillies did it!

"It's over," shortstop Jimmy Rollins said. "It's over, man."

Lidge went 48-for-48 on save chances this year, including

two this week. He retired two batters with a runner on second, striking out pinch-hitter Eric Hinske to end it.

Lidge jumped in front of the mound, landing on his knees with arms outstretched. Catcher Carlos Ruiz ran out to grab him, and teammates sprinted to the mound to join them as towel-waving fans let loose.

"At first, I couldn't believe it. And then the gravity of what happened hit me," Lidge said.

A generation ago, it was Tug McGraw who went wild when the Phillies won their first title. A few days after country singer Tim McGraw scattered his dad's ashes on the mound, it was Lidge's turn to throw the final pitch.

Despite low TV ratings and minus the majors' most glamorous teams, fans will always remember how this one wrapped up. And for the first time in a long while, kids saw a World Series champion crowned before bedtime.

"I believe this firmly, our guys are not going to be satisfied without playing in October from now on," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "And that's a good thing. And that's all because of this group of people this year."

Reliever J.C. Romero got the win, his second of the Series.



Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Brad Lidge celebrates on the mound after defeating the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 to clinch the franchise's second World Series title.

Hamels went 4-0 in five postseason starts, beating the Rays in Game 1 and pitching six sharp innings in the rain during Game 5. He was set to be the first batter when the game resumed, and was immediately pulled for a pinch-hitter.

While former NL MVPs Ryan Howard and Rollins drive the Phillies, it was their less-heralded teammates who helped win it on this chilly night.

Tied at 3, Pat Burrell led off the seventh with a drive off the center-field wall against J.P. Howell. Chad Bradford relieved and one out later Feliz singled home pinch-runner Eric Bruntlett.

Rocco Baldelli's solo home run off Ryan Madson made it 3-all in the top of the seventh. The Rays almost got more, but All-Star second baseman Chase Utley alertly blundered a throw to first on a bluffer over the bag and instead threw out Jason Bartlett at the plate.

Pinch-hitter Geoff Jenkins, the first batter Wednesday

night, doubled and later scored on Jayson Werth's bloop single.

In all, there were six new pitchers, three pinch-hitters and two pinch-runners when play restarted.

Manager Charlie Manuel, whose NL East champions clinched a playoff spot in the final week, guided the Phillies' second overall championship in six World Series tries. The Phils helped themselves by going 7-0 at home this postseason, beating Milwaukee and the Dodgers in the NL playoffs and then defeating the Rays.

"I always thought we'd win the World Series. I knew we could beat anyone in the league," Manuel said.

Once known as a city of champions, Philadelphia sports fell on hard times after Julius Erving and Moses Malone led the Sixers to that 1983 title.

Since then, the Phillies, Eagles, Sixers and Flyers made it to the championship game or round — seven times,

in total — and lost all of them.

The city became so starved for a crown that it was ready to throw a parade down Broad Street for a horse. But local colt Smarty Jones lost, too, in his bid for the Triple Crown.

"People enjoy being associated with winning and a world championship is the ultimate," Mike Schmidt, MVP of the Phillies' other championship, wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press this week. "It unites a town behind one team."

Cheesesteaks, on the house.

Tampa Bay did itself proud, too, until this final week. Baseball's best success story this season, the worst-to-first Rays played like the down-trodden Devil Rays from the past decade.

Even so, the gap between the Phils and Rays wasn't enormous. Had Evan Longoria's late, long drive off Jamie Moyer in Game 3 not been blown back by the wind, the teams might still be playing.

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USTFCCA Women's Cross Country Rankings

team	points
1 Washington (12)	360
2 Oregon	347
3 Florida State	334
4 Princeton	324
5 West Virginia	311
6 Villanova	302
7 Minnesota	280
8 Michigan	273
9 Michigan State	259
10 Illinois	245
11 Georgetown	237
12 Texas Tech	231
13 Arkansas	204
14 Florida	202
15 Arizona State	192
16 Wisconsin	183
17 Baylor	173
18 Stanford	165
19 Penn State	153
20 Rice	136
21 Iowa	112
22 Stony Brook	107
23 New Mexico	95
24 Providence	69
25 Wake Forest	55

NSCAA/Adidas Men's Soccer Rankings

team	points	record
1 Wake Forest (23)	575	15-0-1
2 Akron	535	13-1-2
3 Creighton	510	10-1-2
4 St. John's	497	12-1-3
5 Maryland	495	13-3-0
6 Northwestern	455	11-1-2
7 Loyola (Md.)	451	14-0-1
8 California	399	7-2-4
9 Tulsa	383	11-3-1
10 UC Davis	359	12-2-3
11 South Florida	341	10-3-2
12 North Carolina	317	11-3-1
13 Illinois-Chicago	274	10-2-4
14 UC Santa Barbara	265	9-4-2
15 Connecticut	247	8-3-5
16 Saint Louis	223	7-2-5
17 Indiana	184	9-4-2
18 Michigan	183	10-4-2
19 NOTRE DAME	152	9-5-2
20 UC Irvine	133	8-1-6
21 Louisville	95	9-5-2
21 Dayton	76	11-2-2
23 Pennsylvania	65	9-2-3
24 Drake	50	11-3-0
25 Michigan State	44	9-5-1

Big East Men's Soccer Standings

Team	League Record
1 St. John's	6-1-2
2 USF	6-3-1
3 NOTRE DAME	5-2-2
3 Connecticut	5-3-2
5 Georgetown	4-2-3
6 DePaul	4-3-2
7 Louisville	4-4-1
7 Providence	4-5-1
7 Cincinnati	4-5-1
10 Rutgers	3-4-2
10 Villanova	3-4-2
10 Pittsburgh	3-5-2
13 West Virginia	2-3-4
13 Seton Hall	2-4-4
13 Syracuse	3-5-1

around the dial

NCAA FOOTBALL

No. 23 South Florida at Cincinnati
7:30 p.m., ESPN

NBA



Detroit Pistons head coach Michael Curry talks with guard Richard Hamilton on the sideline during their 100-94 victory over the Pacers Wednesday night.

Curry wins debut with Pistons

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS — Michael Curry wants the Detroit Pistons to project a new image, consistently attacking on offense and playing hard on defense.

After Game One, it's a work in progress.

The Detroit Pistons played well enough to build big leads only to allow the Indiana Pacers to rally before beating them 100-94 Wednesday night in the opener for both teams.

Curry, though, can't fault the effort he saw in his debut as a head coach.

"If you get a big lead, NBA teams are going to come back on you because

they're too good," Curry said. "The key is minimizing their runs and we did that."

Tayshaun Prince had 19 points, Richard Hamilton scored 15, Chauncey Billups added 13 points and seven assists, and Walter Herrmann had 10 points to help Detroit's reserves easily outscore their counterparts.

Danny Granger led the new-look Pacers with 33 points and got some help from new teammates T.J. Ford, Jarrett Jack and Rasho Nesterovic.

Indiana had seven more turnovers and nine fewer offensive rebounds than Detroit.

"The difference in the game was the turnover differential and the offensive glass," Pacers coach Jim O'Brien said. "We shot 50 percent and we got to the line 13 times more than they did, but we shot ourselves in the foot."

Just eight of the 15 players on Indiana's opening-night roster were on the team at the end of last season.

The Pistons planned to shake up their core — which helped them win a championship in 2004 and advance to six straight Eastern Conference finals — but they ended up standing pat and counting on Curry along with an

influx of youth to take them back to the NBA finals.

Expectations are relatively low for Detroit after getting eliminated in Game 6 of conference finals the past three seasons.

The Pistons have provided fodder for doubters with inconsistent play and arrogant attitudes that have stunted their potential.

"We've earned the right for people to ask, 'Has this team made their last run?' We've earned the right [for people] to ask if we're going to be able to get it with the few changes we've made," Curry said. "We have to reassure ourselves, first and foremost."

IN BRIEF

Artest debuts in Rocket victory over Grizzlies

HOUSTON — Since acquiring Ron Artest in the offseason, the Houston Rockets have talked boldly about contending for the NBA championship. They have plenty of improvements to make before that happens.

Yao Ming had 21 points and 10 rebounds, Artest added 16 in his Houston debut, and the Rockets overcame poor shooting to beat the Memphis Grizzlies 82-71 on Wednesday night.

Luis Scola had 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Rockets, who were 28-for-76 (36.8 percent) from the field. They also went 5-for-16 from 3-point range and were outrebounded 49-44.

"It was ugly," said Artest, who went 6-of-14 from the field. "But if it means we're 1-0, then we'll take it."

Rudy Gay scored 20 and Darrell Arthur had 11 points and 15 rebounds for the Grizzlies, who've lost all eight season openers since moving to Memphis in 2001.

Utah outlasts Denver in Western Conference duel

SALT LAKE CITY — Carlos Boozer had 25 points and 14 rebounds and Andrei Kirilenko added 16 points in his new reserve role and the Utah Jazz opened the season with a 98-94 win over the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday night.

Mehmet Okur had 13 points and 10 rebounds and Ronnie Price finished with five assists starting in place of Deron Williams, who is out with a sprained ankle.

Denver rallied from a 14-point deficit to tie it in the fourth quarter, but couldn't overtake the Jazz, who went 13-for-16 from the foul line in the final period to hold on.

Allen Iverson had 18 points and eight assists to lead the Nuggets, who were missing star Carmelo Anthony while he served the first of a two-game suspension from a DUI arrest over the summer.

Hagman's goal lifts Maple Leafs over Devils

NEWARK, N.J. — Niklas Hagman pulled out a move he worked on in practice to beat Martin Brodeur in the shootout.

Hagman scored on a nifty backhand in the fourth round to give the Toronto Maple Leafs a 6-5 win over Brodeur and the New Jersey Devils on Wednesday night.

Hagman came in very tight on Brodeur, whipping home the deciding goal while showering the goalie with a spray of ice shavings.

"I decided I was going to try something else and I felt pretty confident with it," Hagman said. "I didn't want to put snow in his face. That's why I felt a little bad. I didn't want to celebrate too much. I didn't want to be cocky."

After Hagman gave Toronto a 2-1 shootout lead, Vesa Toskala secured the win with a blocker save on Jamie Langenbrunner.

NBA

Raptors hold off 76ers in opener

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Chris Bosh just about single-handedly carried the Toronto Raptors into the playoffs last season. Now he has a much-improved supporting cast.

Bosh had 27 points and 11 rebounds to help the Raptors beat the Philadelphia 76ers 95-84 on Wednesday night in the opener for both teams.

Jermaine O'Neal added 17 and Jason Kapono had 15 for the Raptors, who finished 41-41 last season.

The Raptors improved drastically when they acquired O'Neal, a six-time All-Star, from the Indiana Pacers on July 9. He appears to be healthy after missing 40 games last season because of lingering pain from a torn ligament in his left knee that was surgically repaired the previous summer.

"I feel really good," O'Neal said. "I said from the time I got here that I wanted to be part of the team and bring playoff-type intensity every night. We have to treat every game like a playoff game."

The start of the game was moved up an hour to 6 p.m. because the Philadelphia Phillies and Tampa Bay Rays were set to resume the bottom of the sixth inning of Game 5 of the World Series at 8:37 p.m. across the street at Citizens Bank Park.

Many fans attending the Sixers game were wearing Phillies attire in anticipation of the city's first major professional sports championship since 1983 when Philadelphia swept the Los Angeles Lakers. Still, it was a sparse crowd with pockets of empty seats scattered throughout the 20,000-plus seat Wachovia Center.

In the second half, chants of "Let's Go Phillies!" began to resonate in parts of the arena, especially as fans began to file out.

"I can't say enough about our defense," Toronto coach Sam Mitchell said.

Lou Williams scored 16 points, Andre Iguodala added 15, Elton Brand had 14

points and 13 rebounds in his Sixers debut and Samuel Dalembert pulled down 17 rebounds. Andre Miller had 13 points.

"It's disappointing," Brand said of the loss. "There's [game] tape in the background and I see these layoffs they got. It hurts."

The Sixers lured Brand away from the Los Angeles Clippers in the summer and signed the free agent forward to a five-year, \$79.8 million contract. Brand was limited to only eight games last season because of a ruptured left Achilles.

The Sixers took a chance on the nine-year veteran, who is one of four active players in the league to have averaged a double-double for a career along with Tim Duncan, Kevin Garnett and Shaquille O'Neal. Brand entered the 2008-09 season with career averages of 20.3 points and 10.2 rebounds.

Philadelphia started 18-30 last season but rallied to finish at 40-42. The Sixers then pushed the Detroit Pistons to six hard-fought games in the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs before falling short.

Toronto outscored the Sixers 33-24 in the second quarter to take a 51-45 lead at halftime.

The Raptors built a 14-point lead on a 3-pointer by Jose Calderon with 44.8 seconds left in the third quarter. But a basket by Brand and three free throws by Williams — after being fouled on a 3-pointer — cut the lead to 74-65 at the end of the quarter.

Toronto led by as many as 14 in the second half and maintained a steady lead throughout most of the fourth quarter.

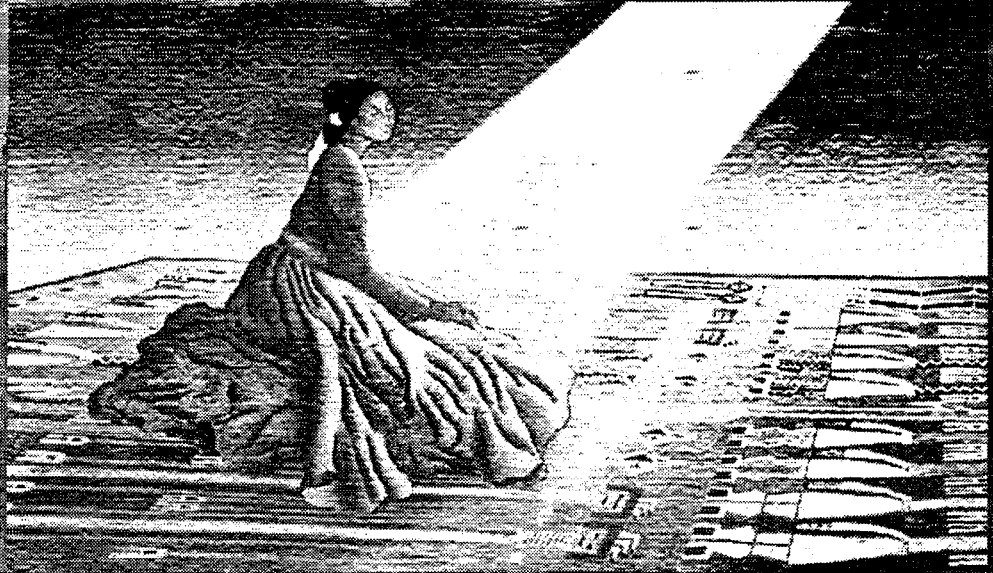
A three-point play by Williams with 2:39 left cut the Raptors lead to 88-82.

"I thought we had the momentum back, but it wasn't meant to be," Williams said.

Bosh responded with a jumper and Kapono hit a 3-pointer, giving Toronto a commanding 93-82 advantage.

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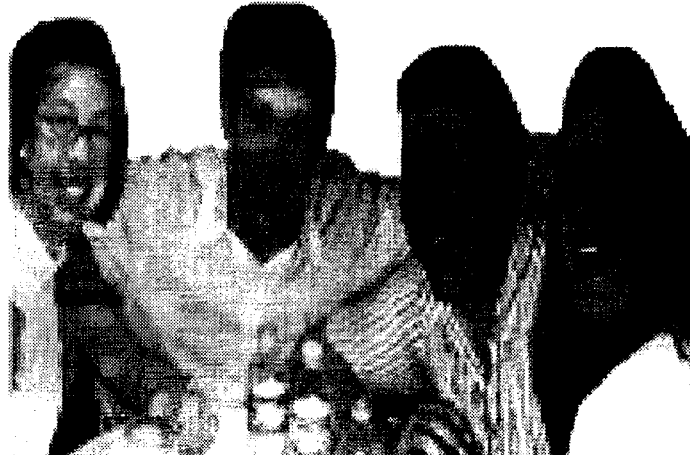
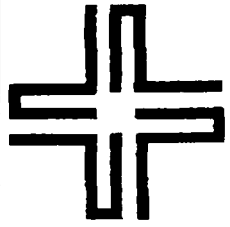
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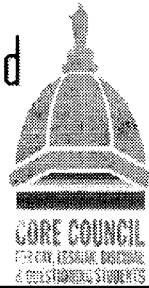
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NBA

Oden sidelined with injured foot

Trail Blazers star to miss two to four weeks

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland Trail Blazers center Greg Oden will miss two to four weeks because of an injury to his right foot.

The team said Wednesday that MRI and computerized axial tomography scans confirmed Oden has a mid-lateral foot sprain.

Oden, who missed all of last season after knee surgery, injured his foot in the first quarter of the Blazers' 96-76 season-opening loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night.

"I was trying to go get a rebound, and kind of came down on Derek Fisher's foot on like the third play of the game. I kind of fell and didn't think twice about it," he said after the game.

Oden missed four field goals and two free throws in 13 minutes of play.

The 7-foot center was the top pick in the 2007 draft. But even before his rookie season started, it was postponed by microfracture surgery on his right knee.

Trail Blazers coach Nate McMillan had not yet heard of the MRI results when he addressed reporters Wednesday at the team's practice facility in Tualatin, Ore.

"You don't want injuries, and he's worked so hard throughout this summer to get himself back," McMillan said. "And we tried to do everything we could to get him ready for the season and the opener, and he steps on a guy's foot."

Blazers guard Brandon Roy, who also spoke before the tests were complete, said the team will prepare to move forward without Oden for Friday night's home opener against San Antonio.

"I feel bad for him," Roy said. "I know this is a big year for him and he had a lot on his shoulders."

Oden's first game was highly anticipated by Blazers fans, who had waited a long time to see the top draft pick. The team had not had a No. 1 pick since 1978, when they chose center Mychal Thompson of Minnesota.

After he was held out last season, Oden rolled his ankle in the first practice of the fall. That injury wasn't serious, however.

At Ohio State, Oden averaged 15.7 points and 9.6 rebounds, but Oden struggled with a wrist injury. He led the Buckeyes to the national championship game, scoring 25 points and grabbing 12 rebounds in the loss to Florida.

NFL

Wilfork fined for hit on Cutler

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New England defensive tackle Vince Wilfork will be fined but not suspended by the NFL after meeting with commissioner Roger Goodell about a hit on Denver quarterback Jay Cutler, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The Patriots nose tackle met Tuesday with Goodell and the commissioner decided to forgo a possible suspension. That's according to a person familiar with the case who asked for anonymity because there has been no official announcement.

The NFL declined comment, noting that fines and suspensions normally are announced on Fridays.

Wilfork was summoned before Goodell after the Broncos claimed tape of New England's 41-7 win Oct. 20 showed Wilfork elbowing Cutler in the helmet.

However, the tapes that were reviewed during the hearing did not show that clearly, upholding New England's contention there was no intent to injure. They

also showed Wilfork helping up Cutler and patting him on the back after the play.

Wilfork was fined a total of \$35,000 last season for four different episodes. They included hits on Buffalo quarterback J.P. Losman and Dallas tight end Jason Witten. He also was fined for putting a finger inside the facemask of New York Giants running back Brandon Jacobs and grabbing the facemask of San Diego's Michael Turner during the AFC championship game.

Wilfork has played for the Patriots since being drafted in the first round out of Miami in 2004.

He said Wednesday that he didn't know what the outcome of the meeting would be, but felt the session was productive.

"I think both sides were happy," Wilfork said. "He got a chance to hear my side of my story of how I approach the game. I got a chance to hear what he had to say about the whole situation of my past history and playing football and all that good stuff. So I think we both left pretty happy."

NBA

Carter's 21 leads Nets past Wizards

Hawks start fast, hold on for victory over Magic

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vince Carter scored 21 points to lead his rebuilding New Jersey Nets to a 95-85 season-opening victory Wednesday night over a Washington Wizards team missing Gilbert Arenas.

Carter — whose teammates elected him the Nets' captain, coach Lawrence Frank announced before the game — made a 16-foot fadeaway jumper over Caron Butler to put the visitors ahead 90-82 with a minute left and effectively settle a back-and-forth game.

These are teams that took very different approaches this offseason. The Wizards essentially stayed pat, re-signing All-Star Arenas and Antawn Jamison to big contracts, while the Nets continued an overhaul that began when they traded away Jason Kidd.

Carter had plenty of help Wednesday, with 17 points from Yi Jianlian and 14 from former Wizards player Jarvis Hayes.

Six Wizards scored in double-figures, led by Jamison and DeShawn Stevenson with 14 apiece. All-Star forward Caron Butler shot 3-for-11 and finished with 13 points.

Elan Thomas played in his first real NBA game since an April 30, 2007, playoff loss to Cleveland. Thomas missed all of last season after having open-heart surgery, but he looked fit and aggressive Wednesday and finished with 10 points and eight rebounds.

The Wizards are opening the season without Arenas, who is recovering from a third operation on his left knee in 1 1/2 years. When healthy, he is the Wizards' top scorer, most creative player and go-to option when they need a buzzer-beater. They certainly could have used him while managing to score only one field goal in last 6 minutes Wednesday.

Arenas has offered varying estimates for when he might be back this season, and Washington coach Eddie Jordan was vague when asked about his star's rehabilitation.

"No timetable. Due process. He's on course. He's disciplined about it. He's diligent about it," Jordan said. "And we'll just have to see as it goes along."

During a glittery pregame ceremony, Arenas was not introduced to the crowd. When play began, he sat on the sideline wearing a sports coat and brightly colored foulard. A row behind Arenas was center Brendan Haywood, who had a breakthrough 2007-08 season but needed surgery on his right wrist this month and could be out for the season.

Neither team looked quite ready to go in a first half that lacked any rhythm and ended with Washington leading 46-44.

In the third quarter, Washington went on 10-0 run, with half the points scored by Antonio Daniels, to take a 62-58 lead with 4:14 left. But Hayes came in to score five consecutive points — with a background of boos — and put the

Nets back in front.

Keyon Dooling scored the last four points of the third quarter to give New Jersey a 69-67 edge heading to the fourth.

The Wizards' last lead was 75-74 with 8:17 left, and New Jersey ended the game on a 21-10 run.

The Nets returned only one starter from last season's opening-night roster: Carter, of course. Overall, only three current players — Carter, Josh Boone and Sean Williams — were on the roster at the start of last season, the fewest number of holdovers in franchise history.

That is why Frank said he's installed less than half of his offense.

"We're not going to be a finished product now," he said. "This is going to be an evolving thing — clean up and improve and continue to put in things whenever the group is ready for it. We have hardly anything in."

Still, on this night, it was enough.

Atlanta 99, Orlando 85

Joe Johnson scored 25 points, including nine in the fourth quarter, to help the Atlanta Hawks hold off a late Orlando rally for a 99-85 win Wednesday night in the season opener for both teams.

Dwight Howard had 22 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Magic, who lost their home opener for only the second time in the last nine seasons. Mickael Pietrus added 20 points.

Josh Smith chipped in 17 for the Hawks.

Orlando had a better road than home record last season in winning 52 games, and one of the Magic's priorities this season was doing a better job defending their home court.

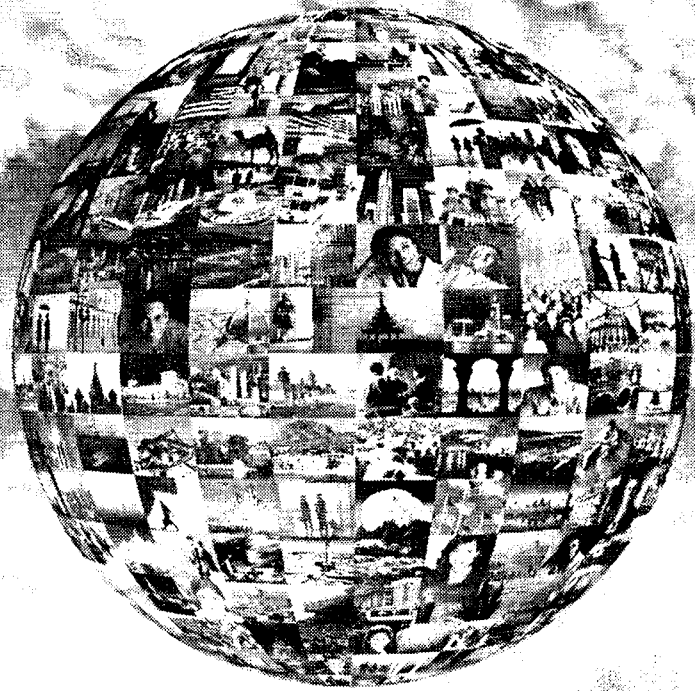
The Magic, expected to contend with Boston and Detroit for the Eastern Conference title, fizzled more than sizzled, shooting only 37 percent. Atlanta led by as many as 19 before Orlando got within seven points in the final minute, but Mike Bibby hit three free throws after a flagrant foul by Hedo Turkoglu to seal the victory.

Orlando struggled early, making only three of its first 18 shots. Howard, who moments before tipoff told the crowd, "We're going to be something special this year," was anything but in the first half, missing four of his first five shots, including two that were blocked.

Howard finished strongly, scoring 12 points in the fourth quarter. He had his familiar struggle from the free throw line, going 6-for-13.

Atlanta dominated on the boards early, and held the Magic without a point for nearly six minutes near the end of the first quarter in building a 23-8 lead. Rashard Lewis, Pietrus and backup point guard Anthony Johnson, who threw an alley-oop to Pietrus for a dunk, keyed a second quarter run that cut Atlanta's halftime lead to 47-40.

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NBA

Thunder falter in franchise debut

Three Bucks score 20 in opening night win

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — A block party filled the street with fans in blue Oklahoma City Thunder shirts. NBA commissioner David Stern walked to midcourt and welcomed the city to the league. A banner was unfurled with the team's new logo.

Then the ball was tipped off and the celebration promptly ended.

Michael Redd, Richard Jefferson and Charlie Villanueva each scored 20 points and the Milwaukee Bucks gave Oklahoma City's sellout crowd little hope about by spoiling the Thunder's debut with a 98-87 win on Wednesday night.

The Bucks were in control from the start, taking their first double-digit lead by the midway point of the first quarter, and they gave the 19,136 in attendance little to cheer about until it was too late.

"We had to come out hitting. That was the whole goal tonight was to come out fast," Redd said. "We knew we were in a hostile environment."

Oklahoma City started 2-for-12 from the field and never led, falling behind 20-9 and then watching Rookie of the Year Kevin Durant come out of the game with early foul trouble.

Even when he returned, it didn't make a difference. Durant was held scoreless in the first half, and instead it was Redd that broke through first.

Coming off a 30-point performance a night earlier, Redd hit his first 3-pointer and then stole the ball from Durant for a fast-break layup during a 10-1 run that pushed the Bucks' lead to 39-21.

By then, any electricity from the crowd had been turned off.

"We were just hoping that if they were playing on a lot of emotion early in the game that we'd be able to weather it," said Bucks coach Scott Skiles, who

got his first win with his new team. "And they were. I think that probably sometimes these kind of events can weigh on the home team a little bit also and we were able to take advantage of it."

Andrew Bogut added 14 points and Bell scored 11 for Milwaukee. Villanueva also had 12 rebounds.

Chris Wilcox led Oklahoma City with 15 points off the bench, first-round pick Russell Westbrook scored 13 in his debut and Durant finished with 12 on 5-for-14 shooting.

"I thought the atmosphere was definitely great," Wilcox said. "We had a lot of fans here, fan support, and I think if we get that night in and night out, a lot of games that we struggle, down the stretch we will come out with."

The Thunder had too big of a deficit for their excitable crowd to really play a factor.

Jefferson, Redd and Villanueva each hit 3-pointers early in the second half as the Bucks had little trouble against a Thunder defense that was the fourth-worst in the league last season. The lead grew to 71-47 after Villanueva scored off the Bucks' fourth offensive rebound of the same possession and then he and Jefferson combined to hit four free throws.

Westbrook got Oklahoma City within 90-79 when he capped a 20-8 run with a 3-pointer from the right wing with 5:11 remaining, but Redd scored an easy layup underneath sparked a seven-point spurt that put the game away for Milwaukee.

"For one night at least, it came together well for us," Skiles said.

Johan Petro had the Thunder's first official shot with a missed jumper from the left wing, and Bogut made the first basket of the game, 39 seconds in. Earl Watson had Oklahoma City's first points on a layup 13 seconds later.

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NBA

Knicks survive late Heat surge in season opener

Jamal Crawford paces the way for New York, picking up 29 points; Dwyane Wade picks up 26 in losing effort

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mike D'Antoni's New York Knicks are off and running — and a couple of former core players could only sit and watch.

Jamal Crawford scored 29 points, Zach Randolph added 20, and the Knicks beat the Miami Heat 120-115 on Wednesday night in their first game under D'Antoni. Wilson Chandler had 17 points and nine rebounds, and David Lee and Quentin Richardson each scored 16 points for New York. Relying just as much on solid defense as D'Antoni's

uptempo offense, the Knicks seized control late in the second quarter, opened a 23-point lead in the third, then held on after the Heat got within three points in the final minute.

"I just liked the overall play," D'Antoni said. "I think those last five minutes ... we kind of shut it down. We can't do that. We're not that good to be able to do that."

And they did it without former coach Isiah Thomas' two prized acquisitions, Stephen Marbury and Eddy Curry. D'Antoni kept both former starters on the bench, ignoring rather loud chants of "We want Steph! We want Steph!" late in the third quarter. Curry spent the final period in the training room icing a sore right knee.

"He should do whatever he feels he should do. I can't control what he does. He's the coach," said Marbury, who said he understood D'Antoni's decision. "If this is what it is, I mean there's always next year."

Dwyane Wade had 26 points, nine assists and seven rebounds in his return to regular-season action for the Heat, but fouled out on what appeared to be a good block of Crawford's 3-pointer with 1:25 left after Miami closed within six.

Udonis Haslem added 23 points and 10 rebounds for the Heat in rookie coach Erik Spoelstra's debut. Spoelstra, 37, became the youngest head coach in the NBA when he replaced Pat Riley.

Rookie Michael Beasley, the No. 2 pick in the draft, had only nine points on 4-of-14 shooting for the Heat. Mario Chalmers also started, giving the Heat two rookies in the opening night lineup for the first time since Wade and Haslem started on Oct. 28, 2003, against Philadelphia.

"We started the game so slow. By the time we woke up, it was too late," Beasley said.

D'Antoni replaced Thomas, bringing his entertaining offensive style that led the Phoenix

Suns to an average of 58 wins the last four seasons. The Knicks quickly picked up the system, scoring 106.9 points per game in the preseason, and were even better in the opener.

New York is coming off a miserable 23-59 last season, its seventh straight sub-.500 finish. D'Antoni won't promise a winning team yet, but he did vow the Knicks would play hard and be entertaining, and that was certainly true on opening night.

D'Antoni also has made it clear he values the Knicks' future as much as their present, which is why Marbury and Curry, who won't be part of that future, found themselves out of the rotation.

"There's certain guys I want to see and make sure and it's a delicate situation. Steph's been great. It hasn't been his fault," D'Antoni said. "I know he's not going to be happy about it and I wouldn't be either, but the team goes on two different tracks. One is for the future and one is for trying to win now."

"I know it's not a great situation for him and so is Eddy, it's not a great situation. But nothing is closed. No door is closed. We'll see how it goes forward."

The Heat were an NBA-worst 15-67 last season, and they'll be in for another long year if they can't find more help from Wade, who was visibly frustrated in the third quarter after firing a pass out of bounds.

Wade hadn't played a regular-season game since March, before the Heat decided to shut him down for the season so he could rest his surgically repaired knee before playing in the Olympics. He was only 9-of-24, perhaps trying to do too much while his teammates struggled for so long.

"I've been on a team like this

before and I understand when it goes well, it can go well," Wade said. "And I also know when it goes bad, it can go bad, from last season. So just trying to figure out our identity."

Also returning to action was Shaun Livingston, who appeared in his first game since suffering a massive left

knee injury while playing for the Los Angeles Clippers on Feb. 26, 2007. He had two points in 4 minutes.

New York used a 19-3 run in the second quarter to build a 56-42 cushion. Beasley's 3-pointer cut it to 10 with 8:21 left in the third, but New York scored 13 straight over the next 4:20 for an 84-61 bulge.

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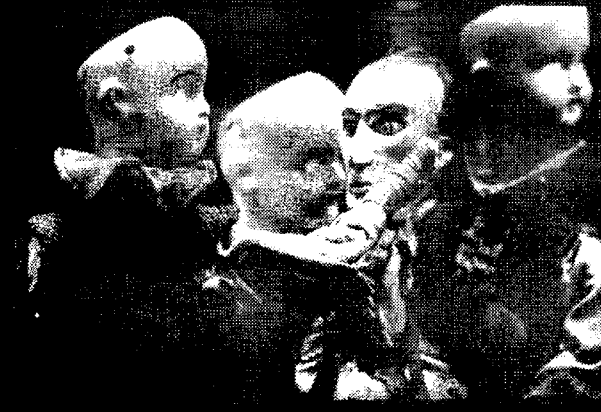
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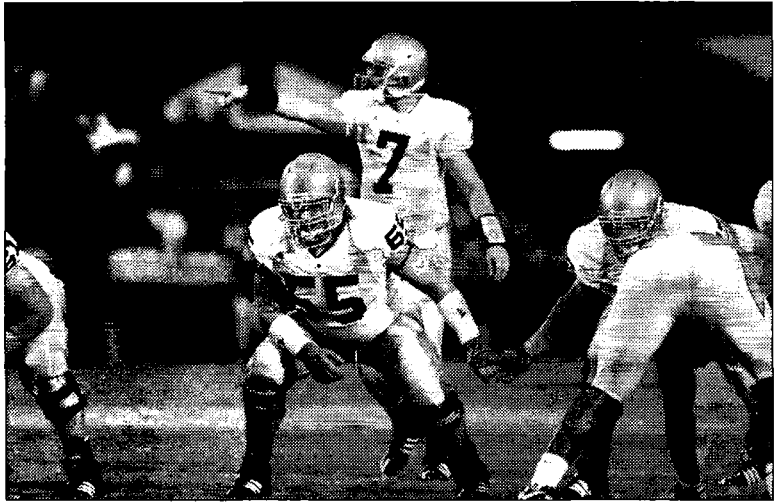
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field in a do-or-die scenario against top-seeded Calvin College when the MIAA tournament begins Nov. 1. The contest is scheduled to kickoff at noon.

In a match up earlier this season with the Knights, the Belles did not fair well falling 4-0 at home. Saturday, Saint Mary's will look to reverse that result and claim its first MIAA tournament victory in school history.

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Junior left guard Eric Olsen holds senior left tackle Mike Turkovich's hand prior to a snap in Notre Dame's 29-24 loss to North Carolina. VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

NBA

Suns win opener behind Stoudemire

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Amare Stoudemire patiently waited until the fourth quarter before taking over and giving Terry Porter a win in his coaching debut.

Stoudemire scored 22 points — 11 coming on 5-of-5 shooting in the fourth quarter — and four other Phoenix players scored in double figures to help the Suns beat the San Antonio Spurs 103-98 in the regular-season opener for both teams Wednesday night.

"It was just being patient," said Stoudemire, who had only six shots heading into the fourth quarter. "That's the main thing tonight — just being patient. Just let the game come to me."

"There in the fourth quarter, I was able to get going."

Tim Duncan and Tony Parker each scored 32 points for the Spurs, who were playing without guard Manu

Ginobili who is out until December after ankle surgery.

Nash added 13 points and 13 assists for the Suns. Leandro Barbosa had 18 points, Shaquille O'Neal 15, and Grant Hill 13.

"Obviously, the first one is nice, especially on the road," said Porter, who was hired when Mike D'Antoni opted during the offseason to coach the New York Knicks.

"Our guys really gutted it out tonight," he said. "It was great to see that down the stretch."

San Antonio won a five-game series over the Suns in the first round of the playoffs last season, partly on a long 3-pointer by Duncan late in

Game 1. Duncan tried another 3-pointer Wednesday that would have tied the game, but it bounced off the front of the rim with eight seconds left.

"I thought, 'Oh, no. Not again,'" Stoudemire said. "Luckily he missed that one, we got the rebound and went down the floor."

Barbosa added two free throws with three seconds to go.

Stoudemire broke a tie game with 2:53 to go with a three-point play.

"Amare was huge for us down the stretch," Porter said. "[Nash] also made a couple of big plays. It was a solid win for us and just a great way to start the season."

After Raja Bell stole the ball away from Duncan on the other end of the court, Stoudemire quickly scored on a fastbreak on an assist from Nash to give Phoenix a 99-94 lead with 2:31 remaining.

The turnover and quick basket angered Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, who was 12-0 in season-opening games.

"It was the worst transition defense I've seen in years," Popovich said. "I can't imagine how bad it was."

"Several people made poor decisions in the game down the stretch. It was very disappointing."

Bell stole the ball on a Duncan pass. Bell fired the ball to Nash, who set up Stoudemire for an easy layup.

Phoenix led 101-98 with less than a minute remaining, but Parker missed a 3-pointer with 39 seconds left before Duncan missed his try.

Once again the Spurs employed the Hack-a-Shaq that helped them last season in the playoffs. During the preseason, O'Neal called Popovich's liberal use of the Hack-a-Shaq during the first round last season "a coward move."

Popovich poked fun at O'Neal in the opening seconds of the ballgame when Michael Finley grabbed the big center away from the ball a scant five seconds into the game. O'Neal laughed when he looked over to the Spurs bench and saw Popovich smiling while giving two thumbs up.

"I thought it was funny — bring a little humor to the game," Duncan said.

It got more serious before halftime when the Spurs employed the Hack-a-Shaq four times in the final 1:26 with Phoenix leading 46-40.

Even though O'Neal made 5-of-8, the Spurs were able to cut the Suns' lead to 49-46 at halftime.

Before the grabbing and pulling was done, O'Neal got tangled with Ime Udoka. Udoka was motioning to the official that he was going to foul O'Neal, and O'Neal raised his left arm toward Udoka and sent the Spurs defender flat onto the floor. Udoka was called for the foul and O'Neal made both shots.

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Big East

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"Georgetown knew what was at stake today," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It was a big game for their program, and they were very ready. To win the Big East two years in a row is a big accomplishment. It would be nice to win it outright this year."

Leading the way for Notre Dame Wednesday was forward Jeb Brovsky who tallied both Irish goals. The first came in the 24th minute when, after receiving a pass from fellow forward Bright Dike, Brovsky slipped past a defender and fired past Georgetown keeper Matthew Brutto.

After Peter Grasso tied the game for the Hoyas in the 53rd minute, Brovsky put Notre Dame back in front almost immediately. The sophomore was the first to rise and get connect with a Jack Traynor free kick heading the ball past Brutto. Brovsky's game winning goal was his fifth tally of the season.

"Both goals from Jeb were very good," Clark said. "The second goal was a great ball from Jack Traynor, and the first goal was very well-taken. Jeb is arguably our most clinical finisher. He's developing into a first class player."

What made Brovsky's goals even more impressive was whom they came against. Georgetown entered Wednesday's game with a miniscule 0.58 goals against average, and Brovsky's goals were the first time an opponent has found the back of the

net against Brutto in 763 minutes this season.

Brovsky's tallies also helped the Irish break out of a mini-scoring slump. In their two games over Fall Break, Notre Dame scored only one goal against Seton Hall and Connecticut. Clark was encouraged but not totally pleased by the team's effort on Wednesday.

"Against Seton Hall, everything was there but the finishing," Clark said. "Against Connecticut, we had more of the game than we've ever had there, but to be fair, we didn't generate many scoring chances. There was some good buildup today, but the finishing still wasn't there to be honest."

"We had three one-on-ones with their keeper in the second half, and we missed all three of them. That wasn't good, but in retrospect it was good because we had to fight to the end learning how to manage a tight game."

There was one downer for Notre Dame Wednesday afternoon as starting goalie Andrew Quinn had to leave the game part way through the second half. In the 72nd minute, Quinn made a diving save, but he landed awkwardly injuring his shoulder in the process.

After the game, Clark said that the team would have a better idea of the extent of Quinn's injury after he gets an MRI, but Quinn will be out for at least a few weeks. Junior goalie Phillip Tuttle will start in his place.

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Freshmen

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helped out," he said.

The freshman from Saint Paul, Minn. hauled in his team leading fifth touchdown against Washington to set a record for freshman receivers. He is also only one catch away from breaking sophomore Duval Kamara's freshman receptions record.

The fast start for one of the most impressive freshmen classes in the country is due in a big way to the camaraderie the team was able to develop before they came to campus.

"We were already close enough so when we're working out and pushing one

another you're not like, 'Ok who's this guy pushing me,' it's more like 'Ok this is my teammate, this is my buddy, so we were able to all push one another pretty hard," Rudolph said.

The class knew long before they arrived that they had the chance to be something special. That's why none of the recruits, who had their pick of the nation's top colleges, backed down even after the dismal 3-9 season in 2007. Several players said they were asked relentlessly if they would change their minds, but they all had the same response — no way.

"I had a lot of people ask me about that, but I knew that Notre Dame with all it offered was too good to pass up,"

quarterback Dayne Crist said.

Crist threw for over 2,000 yards as a senior year at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, Cal. Last year and was ranked the third best quarterback prospect by Scout.com. He has yet to see the field this year, but said he was content learning the offense and waiting for his chance to perform with his classmates.

"There are a lot of really unselfish guys. Guys who just really want to be part of something special," Rudolph said.

After a 6-2 start with major contributions from the frosh on both sides of the ball, they seem to have made the right decision.

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Trine

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defense, tallying an astonishing fifteen blocks alongside 43 digs to hold the Belles to a .126 attacking percentage. Senior

hitter Kaela Hellmann lead Saint Mary's with 9 kills, while fellow senior Kathy Kurczak added 8 kills with a .389 attacking percentage. Junior hitter L o r n a

Slupczynski, who has been the spark for the Belles' offense all season, posted only five kills with seven errors in 36

attempts.

Hellmann also paced the team in digs and blocks with 14 and 1.5, respectively. Junior setter Liana Rohr took over duties from freshman Dani Brink, totaling 23 assists on the night.

For Trine, senior hitter Sallie Richardson dominated both offensively and defensively, with 15 kills, 16 digs, and 1.5 blocks alongside her .483 attacking percentage. Freshman hitter Stefanie Pellegrom added 4.5 blocks and a .429 attacking percentage for the Thunder.

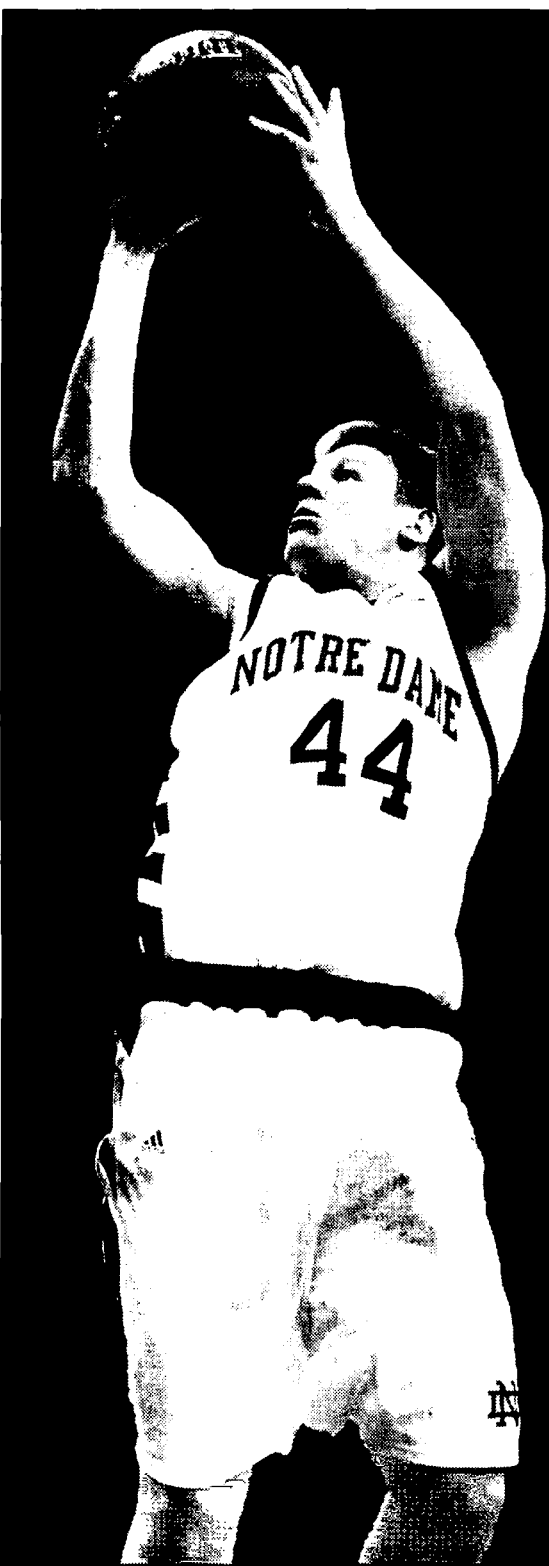
After a disappointing 13-18 season last year (6-10 in the

MIAA), Schroeder-Biek guided her team to a winning record and a fourth-place conference finish; smothering defense and superlative play from Slupczynski have been the deciding factors in the team's success throughout the season.

"We need to build on that success," Schroeder-Biek said. "The players are well aware of what it will take to get to where we want to be. We want to be playing for a championship."

Saint Mary's is off until the first round of the MIAA Tournament. With the fourth place finish, the Belles will host No. 5 seed Adrian in the first round of the tournament at Saint Mary's Angela Athletic Facility on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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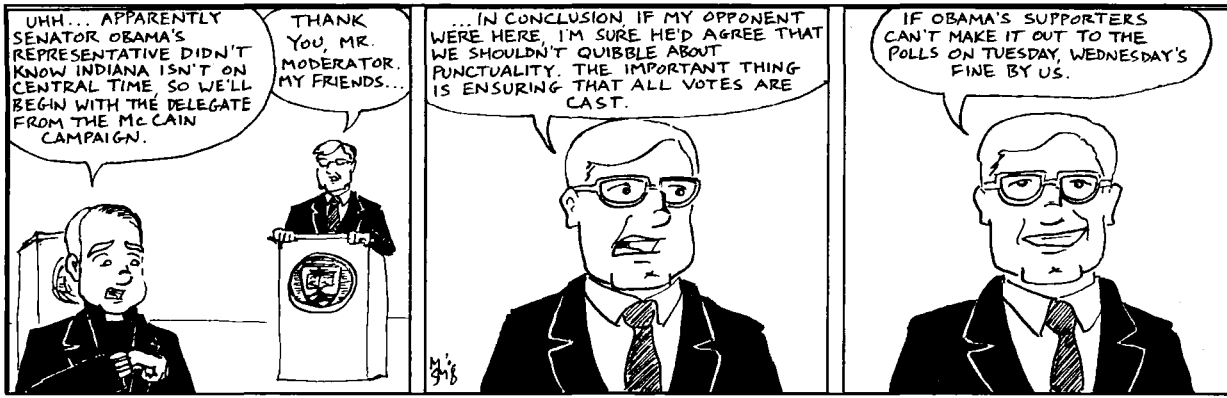
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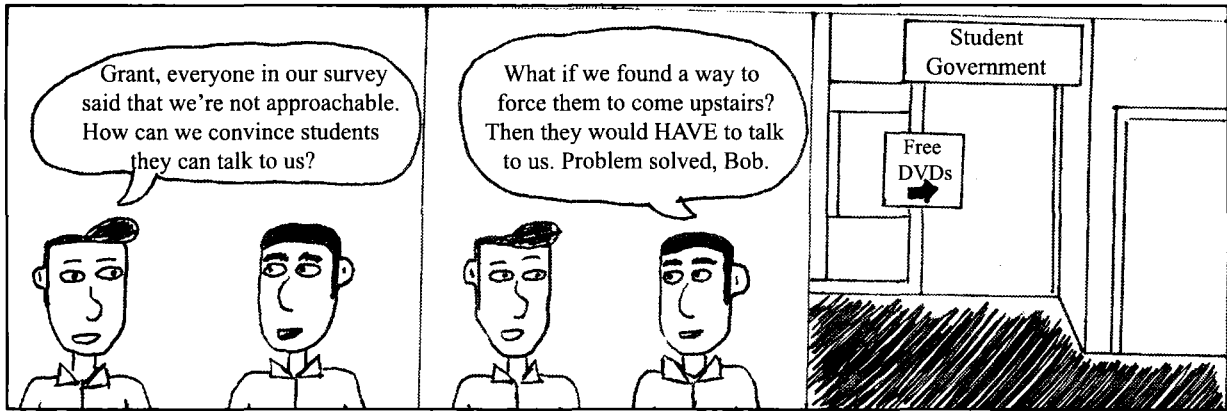
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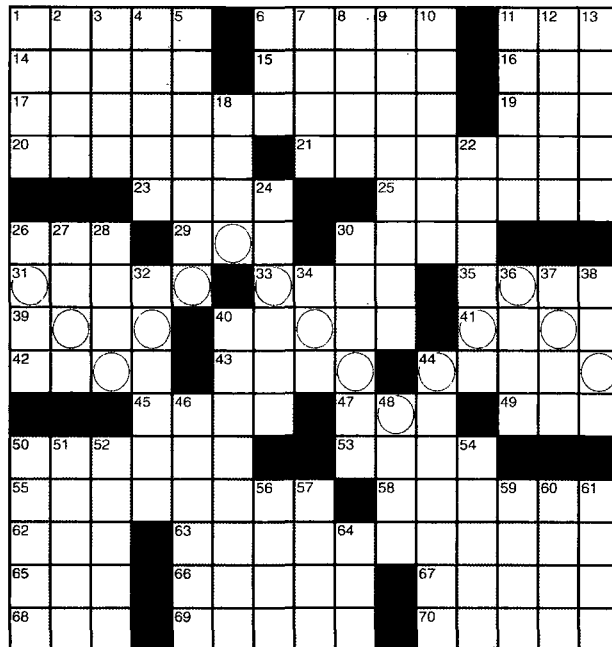
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CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Eric's "Will & Grace" co-star
 - 6 Language from which "divan" is derived
 - 11 Dunderhead
 - 14 Thin as ___
 - 15 Strand, somehow
 - 16 Nickname for #6 on the Sixers
 - 17 [See circles]
 - 19 D.D.E.'s W.W. II command
 - 20 Well-dressed, photogenic male
 - 21 [See circles]
 - 23 Delays set them back: Abbr.
 - 25 "No horsing around!"
 - 26 Negligent
 - 29 A.B.A. member's title
 - 30 Burger order
 - 31 "How Do ___" (1997 LeAnn Rimes hit)
 - 33 One pointing and clicking
 - 35 Oenophile's interest
 - 39 80, for Hg
 - 40 Northern Europeans
 - 41 Start time for many a military mission
 - 42 Colonel's div.
 - 43 Check box option on a Spanish survey?
 - 44 "Dream Lover" singer, 1959
 - 45 CNBC news topics, for short
 - 47 Business with a register
 - 49 Paris's Basilique ___-Clotilde
 - 50 Language that treats "dz" as a single consonant
 - 53 Use a cell phone outside one's calling area
 - 55 [See circles]
- Down**
- 1 Family pet in "Hi and Lois"
 - 2 Former "ER" co-star La Salle
 - 3 Having one's heart set (on)
 - 4 Change colors?
 - 5 Oliver Twist, for one
 - 6 Hi-___
 - 7 Result of overstrain
 - 8 Concrete
 - 9 Court huddles
 - 10 Taken-aback response
 - 11 Start of many dedications
 - 12 ___-Detoo
 - 13 Finger of the ocean
 - 18 Forms a union
 - 22 Program
 - 24 Occupies an abandoned building
 - 26 Either of two guests on "To Tell the Truth"
 - 27 Der ___ (Konrad Adenauer)
 - 28 Deer
 - 30 Garage job
 - 58 Recess
 - 62 Dick
 - 63 [See circles]
 - 65 Egypt's ___ Simbel historical site
 - 66 Defensive retort
 - 67 Scottish child
 - 68 Seedy sort?
 - 69 Majority of a crowd at a Jonas Brothers concert
 - 70 "I'm outta here!"



- Puzzle by Mike Nothnagel
- 32 Like some candles
 - 34 When flowers bloom: Abbr.
 - 36 Crew members
 - 37 "M*A*S*H" co-star
 - 38 Feminizing suffix
 - 40 Attention-getting cry
 - 44 Test sites
 - 46 Handles roughly
 - 48 Linguist Chomsky
 - 50 Relatively cool red giant
 - 51 Remain inactive
 - 52 How actors should appear
 - 54 Jazz's Carmen
 - 56 Drop paper in a box, maybe
 - 57 Coll. major
 - 59 Tex's neighbor
 - 60 Especially
 - 61 It's about 21/2 times as high as Vesuvius
 - 64 W.B.A. finales

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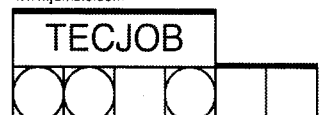
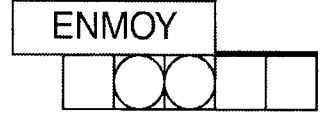
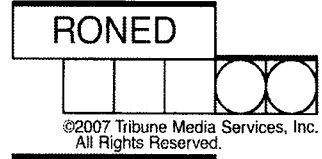
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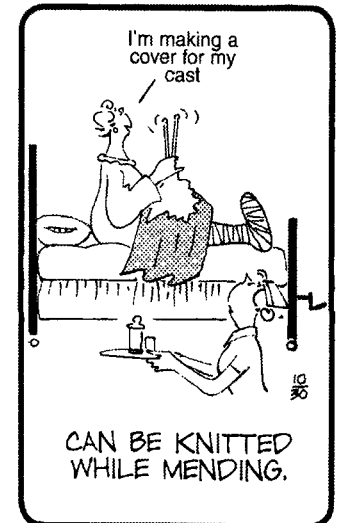
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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EUGENIA LAST

- CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Amit Paul, 25; Winona Ryder, 37; Kate Jackson, 60; Richard Dreyfuss, 61
- Happy Birthday:** Take a close look at the possibilities that exist, especially in your personal life. The opportunity to move ahead is available but only if you are willing to put yourself and your ideas on the line. Forget the trivial little things. Problems with someone you are close to should not be allowed to hold you back. Separate your professional and personal dreams. Your numbers are 8, 12, 17, 23, 27, 33, 47
- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You cannot count on everyone. Look for any signs of dishonesty or insincerity. Once you realize whom you can trust, you will be able to move ahead with lightning speed. ★★★
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Take things as they come. Acceptance will be half the battle. Gauge the situation you face before reacting. An intense encounter will resolve any differences you have with a partner. ★★★
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Take what you hear as interesting but not necessarily factual. Find out what is actually going on, especially with work or a co-worker. Gossip or false comments may cause you to make a poor decision. Don't let pressure be a deciding factor for you. ★★★
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You'll be given an opportunity to present an idea to entrepreneurial people looking for something worth investing in. A person who used to be a part of your life will want back in your circle. Consider what this person has that will complement what you do. ★★★★★
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Expect complaints if you haven't contributed or given your all to something you promised you would do. The people you need in your corner will not be happy with anything less than your best. Accept any changes going on at home. ★★
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Reconnect with old friends. Attend a reunion or plan a trip to visit someone you miss. He or she will help you see more clearly a situation you face. Travel or educational pursuit should be planned and pursued. ★★★★★
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't fall short now. You have to put everything into your future through education or professional maneuvers. Find a way to drum up more demand for your expertise and you will be able to make a few adjustments to your financial plans. ★★★
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** It's time to state how you feel and discover that open conversation can lead to some solid reforms. Don't give in to someone who is trying to force unwanted changes to your home. Protect your interests and your assets. ★★★
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** If someone wants something for nothing, say no. Don't let anyone dump added responsibilities on your shoulders. If you don't speak up, you will have regrets. A love connection needs some adjustments. ★★★
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Stay focused and on track and put your own needs first. An unconventional alteration regarding your career will turn out in your favor. Stick to the facts and don't exaggerate. Your credibility will lead to your success. ★★★★★
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Expect the unexpected and you won't be caught off-guard. Taking impulsive action without having all the facts will cause too much trouble. A trip back to your roots may be enticing but costly. ★★★★★
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Proceed to finalize a deal that can increase your income or help you resolve your financial situation. By acting now, you can spare yourself anxiety and grief. Money will come to you through an unlikely source. ★★★★★
- Birthday Baby:** You have a strong code of ethics and demand justice. You are strong and steadfast. You are changeable and strong-willed.
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MEN'S SOCCER

Biting the Big East



Irish clinch share of league title with win

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

It may have been the biggest game in Georgetown's recent program history, but it was Notre Dame who made the statement Wednesday afternoon with a 2-1 victory at Alumni Field.

Only two points behind the Irish entering the game, the Hoyas arrived in South Bend eyeing their first ever Big East Blue Division title. With the victory, the Irish not only denied Georgetown that accomplishment, but they also clinched at least a share of the Big East Blue Division title for the second consecutive season — Notre Dame shared the title with Connecticut in 2007.

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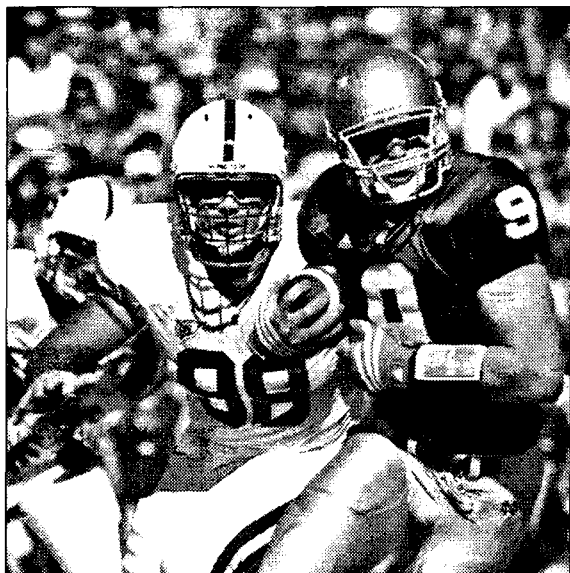


Brovosky celebrates with senior defender Matt Besler after a goal in the 2-1 Irish win over Georgetown Wednesday.

Sophomore forward Jeb Brovosky prepares to shoot the ball against Georgetown in Notre Dame's 2-1 win Wednesday.

FOOTBALL

Highly touted freshman class beginning to show promise



Freshman receiver Michael Floyd, left, possesses the ball after a catch in Notre Dame's 33-7 win over Washington Saturday. Tight end Kyle Rudolph evades the Stanford defense in the 28-21 Irish victory Oct. 11.

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

More than half of Notre Dame's freshmen class met each other on January 5, 2008.

15 of the team's 27 freshmen were invited to San Antonio that week for the Army All-America Bowl for graduating high school players.

"We spent that week together down there and we kind of had our Notre Dame group and then there was everyone else," tight end Kyle Rudolph said. "I think that played a more role in our class coming so close together."

The highly-touted group continued to stay in touch with one another throughout the summer to talk about how excited they were to get to South Bend

and get things rolling. Once they arrived, they didn't waste much time.

Rudolph is only one of several freshmen who have played a major role in Notre Dame's 5-2 start this season. He has been listed as the No. 1 tight end since week one and currently has 14 catches for 166 yards and two touchdowns.

Those numbers make him the second leading freshman receiver on the team behind wide receiver Michael Floyd. Floyd, who has 31 catches for 533 yards, was also in San Antonio at the All-America Bowl.

"It was a good way to get to know all my teammates, getting to know them all then really

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's falls in last game before MIAA's

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's, in a final tune-up game before the MIAA Tournament next week, dropped a match Wednesday night against struggling Trine to finish fourth in the MIAA this season. The Belles (18-10, 9-7 MIAA) labored to generate any offense in the three set loss (25-22, 25-22, 25-21) against the Thunder (9-18, 4-11 MIAA) at the Trine's Hershey Hall in Angola, Mich.

Saint Mary's head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was not concerned by the tough match, highlighting the ability that her team has shown to bounce back after losses this season.

"Our approach is to keep going forward and finishing strong," Schroeder-Biek said. "I have been incredibly proud of my team for how well they have responded [to struggles this season]."

The Thunder kept Saint Mary's in check with stifling

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SMC SOCCER

Belles one goal short again

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Once again, the Saint Mary's found itself in a very tightly contested match. But, once again, they came up just one goal short.

Saint Mary's endured its third consecutive one-goal loss falling 2-1 against conference foe Albion Wednesday afternoon.

A first half headlined by great defensive play yielded only one goal for Albion which came with just three minutes remaining before halftime.

The Belles came out with a quick answer in the 51st minute off the foot of junior forward Micki Hedinger. Hedinger received a pass from fellow junior Sam Smogor and slid it past the Briton keeper to knot the game at one.

However, the Saint Mary's resurgence was quickly matched when Albion countered with a goal of its own in the 58th minute.

Junior Patty Duffy had another solid game in goal for the Belles recording five saves. Duffy has made 77 saves on the season.

This loss brings the Belles'

season record to 2-12-1 overall and 1-7 in MIAA play. Saint Mary's finishes eighth in the conference, good enough to clinch the final spot in the postseason tournament.

In his first season as Belles head coach, Ryan Crabbe has had his work cut out for him taking over such a young and inexperienced team. The freshman class led by Katelyn Tondo-Steele's two goals and one assist has contributed about half of the offensive production this season.

Saint Mary's will take the

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STORY BY KAITLYNN RIELY

Pollsters and pundits are making predictions about the outcome of the presidential election, but for all the pontificating, one of the biggest Election Day uncertainties is whether the “youth vote,” young people between the ages of 18 and about 29, will vote in significant numbers.

“Some people say, it’s the young vote ... that would decide the election one way or another, if they really get out and vote for [Democratic candidate Sen. Barack] Obama,” said Jack Colwell, a political columnist for the South Bend Tribune and a Notre Dame professor in the Journalism, Ethics and Democracy program.

If the youth vote does not materialize, he said, then Republican candidate Sen. John McCain has a better chance of winning.

Nov. 4 marks the first time most Notre Dame students can vote in a presidential election. But based on the past youth voting record, it is likely that many students at Notre Dame, and many young people across the country, will not vote.

“Young people just don’t have a history of voting,” Notre Dame political science professor David Nickerson said. Since young people tend to move around the country more often than older people, they are harder for campaigns to mobilize. Voting is a habit, Nickerson said, so once a person votes, he is more likely to vote the next time.

Many young people have not developed the habit, he said.

Others may believe their vote does not matter, Colwell said.

“They may be soured by politics, or have the theory that they are all crooks, or that none of them are going to do anything, which isn’t true, because elections do matter,” Colwell said.

The high point for the youth vote was the 1960s, Nickerson said, but since then, the percentage of younger voters has declined. When Bill Clinton ran for president in 1992, he made an “unprecedented outreach to young voters,” Nickerson said, and that caused a jump in the number of young people who voted.

This year, Nickerson said, more young people than in the past have been responding in surveys that they are likely to vote.

“The general consensus is that turnout will be higher amongst young people [this year] than in 2004,” Nickerson said.

Colwell agreed that young people seem more interested in the 2008 election than presidential

elections four and eight years ago.

“This time, they seem to be more interested in the election, probably realizing that there is a lot more at stake,” he said.

Issues like the Iraq War, the environment and energy initially attracted the interest of the young electorate, Colwell said.

Obama has inspired many young voters to become interested in politics for the first time, Nickerson said. Obama has been aggressively courting the youth vote, pushing for people to apply for absentee ballots if they are out of state on Nov. 4. McCain has also targeted young voters, but where Obama’s approach has been broad-based, McCain’s is more selective, aimed at young people

likely to vote Republican, Nickerson said.

But it will be another week before the McCain and Obama campaigns will be able to tell whether their youth strategy has worked.

Based on their observations and interactions, some Notre Dame professors and students predicted a high percentage of Notre Dame students would vote.

Notre Dame students are more interested in the turnout of this election than they have been in the past, Colwell said, offering anecdotal evidence from his classes and his time on campus.

Two months ago, Colwell was part of a panel during a “Pizza, Pop and Politics” event

A republican John McCain

Excerpt from Sen. John McCain's nomination speech to the Republican National Convention, as released to the Associated Press:

"In a time of deep distress at home, as tyranny strangled the aspirations to liberty of millions, and as war clouds gathered in the West and East, Franklin Delano Roosevelt accepted his party's nomination by observing:

"There is a mysterious cycle in human events. To some generations much is given. Of other generations much is expected. This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny."

The awful events of September 11, 2001 declared a war we were vaguely aware of, but hadn't really comprehended how near the threat was, and how terrible were the plans of our enemies.

It's a big thing, this war.

It's a fight between a just regard for human dignity and a malevolent force that defiles an honorable religion by disputing God's love for every soul on earth. It's a fight between right and wrong, good and evil.

And should our enemies acquire for their arsenal the chemical, biological and nuclear weapons they seek, this war will become a much bigger thing.

So it is, whether we wished it or not, that we have come to the test of our generation, to our rendezvous with destiny.

And much is expected of us.

We are engaged in a hard struggle against a cruel and determined adversary.

Our enemies have made clear the danger they pose to our security and to the very essence of our culture — liberty.

Only the most deluded of us could doubt the necessity of this war. Like all wars, this one will have its ups and downs.

But we must fight.

We must.

The sacrifices borne in our defense are not shared equally by all Americans.

But all Americans must share a resolve to see this war through to a just end.

We must not be complacent at moments of success, and we must not despair over setbacks.

We must learn from our mistakes, improve on our successes, and vanquish this unpardonable enemy.

If we do less, we will fail the one mission no American generation has ever failed — to provide to our children a stronger, better country than the one we were blessed to inherit.

Remember how we felt when the serenity of a bright September morning was destroyed by a savage atrocity so hostile to all human virtue we could scarcely imagine any human being capable of it.

We were united.

First, in sorrow and anger.

Then in recognition we were



attacked not for a wrong we had done, but for who we are — a people united in a kinship of ideals, committed to the notion that the people are sovereign, not governments, not armies, not a pitiless, inhumane theocracy, not kings, mullahs or tyrants, but the people.

In that moment, we were not different races.

We were not poor or rich. We were not Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative. We were not two countries.

We were Americans.

All of us, despite the differences that enliven our politics, are united in the one big idea that freedom is our birthright and its defense is always our first responsibility.

All other responsibilities come second.

We must not lose sight of that as we debate who among us should bear the greatest responsibility for keeping us safe and free.

We must, whatever our disagreements, stick together in this great challenge of our time.

My friends in the Democratic Party — and I'm fortunate to call many of them my friends —

assure us they share the conviction that winning the war

against terrorism is our government's most important obligation.

I don't doubt their sincerity.

They emphasize that military action alone won't protect us, that this war has many fronts: in courts, financial institutions, in the shadowy world of intelligence, and in diplomacy.

They stress that America needs the help of her friends to combat an evil that threatens us all, that our alliances are as important to victory as are our armies.

We agree.

And, as we've been a good friend to other countries in moments of shared perils, so we have good reason to expect their solidarity with us in this struggle.

That is what the President believes.

And, thanks to his efforts we have received valuable assistance from many good friends around the globe, even if we have, at times, been disappointed with the reactions of some.

I don't doubt the sincerity of my Democratic friends. And they should not doubt ours.

Our President will work with all nations willing to help us defeat this scourge that afflicts

us all.

War is an awful business. The lives of a nation's finest patriots are sacrificed. Innocent people suffer. Commerce is disrupted, economies are damaged.

Strategic interests shielded by years of statecraft are endangered as the demands of war and diplomacy conflict.

However just the cause, we should shed a tear for all that is lost when war claims its wages from us.

But there is no avoiding this war. We tried that, and our reluctance cost us dearly. And while this war has many components, we can't make victory on the battlefield harder to achieve so that our diplomacy is easier to conduct.

That is not just an expression of our strength.

It's a measure of our wisdom.

That's why I commend to my country the re-election of President Bush, and the steady, experienced, public-spirited man who serves as our Vice-President, Dick Cheney.

Four years ago, in Philadelphia, I spoke of my confidence that President Bush would accept the responsibilities that come with America's distinction as the world's only

superpower.

I promised he would not let America "retreat behind empty threats, false promises and uncertain diplomacy;" that he would "confidently defend our interests and values wherever they are threatened."

I knew my confidence was well placed when I watched him stand on the rubble of the World Trade Center, with his arm around a hero of September 11th, and in our moment of mourning and anger, strengthen our unity and summon our resolve by promising to right this terrible wrong, and to stand up and fight for the values we hold dear.

He promised our enemies would soon hear from us. And so they did.

So they did.

He ordered American forces to Afghanistan and took the fight to our enemies, and away from our shores, seriously injuring al Qaeda and destroying the regime that gave them safe haven.

He worked effectively to secure the cooperation of Pakistan, a relationship that's critical to our success against al Qaeda.

He encouraged other friends to recognize the peril that terrorism posed for them, and won their help in apprehending many of those who would attack us again, and in helping to freeze the assets they used to fund their bloody work.

After years of failed diplomacy and limited military pressure to restrain Saddam Hussein, President Bush made the difficult decision to liberate Iraq.

Those who criticize that decision would have us believe that the choice was between a status quo that was well enough left alone and war. But there was no status quo to be left alone.

The years of keeping Saddam in a box were coming to a close. The international consensus that he be kept isolated and unarmed had eroded to the point that many critics of military action had decided the time had come again to do business with Saddam, despite his near daily attacks on our pilots, and his refusal, until his last day in power, to allow the unrestricted inspection of his arsenal.

Our choice wasn't between a benign status quo and the bloodshed of war.

It was between war and a graver threat. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. Not our critics abroad. Not our political opponents.

And certainly not a disingenuous film maker who would have us believe that Saddam's Iraq was an oasis of peace when in fact it was a place of indescribable cruelty, torture chambers, mass graves and prisons that destroyed the lives of the small children held inside their walls."

John Sidney McCain III

August 29, 1936

Coco Solo Naval Air Station,
Panama Canal Zone, Panama

Cindy Lou (Hensley) McCain (m. 1980);

Carol Shepp (m. 1956, div. 1980)

Douglas, Andrew, Sidney, Megan,
Jack, Jimmy, Bridget

Phoenix, Arizona

United States Naval Academy, 1958

Southern Baptist

United States Navy

(Vietnam, prisoner of war); Hensley & Co.;
United States House of Representatives
(elected 1982); United States Senate (elected
1988, incumbent)

Barack Obama

Excerpt from Sen. Barack Obama's nomination speech to the Democratic National Convention, as released to the Associated Press:

Four years ago, I stood before you and told you my story of the brief union between a young man from Kenya and a young woman from Kansas who weren't well-off or well-known, but shared a belief that in America, their son could achieve whatever he put his mind to.

It is that promise that has always set this country apart, that through hard work and sacrifice, each of us can pursue our individual dreams but still come together as one American family, to ensure that the next generation can pursue their dreams as well.

That's why I stand here tonight. Because for 232 years, at each moment when that promise was in jeopardy, ordinary men and women, students and soldiers, farmers and teachers, nurses and janitors, found the courage to keep it alive.

We meet at one of those defining moments, a moment when our nation is at war, our economy is in turmoil, and the American promise has been threatened once more.

Tonight, more Americans are out of work, and more are working harder for less. More of you have lost your homes, and even more are watching your home values plummet. More of you have cars you can't afford to drive, credit card bills you can't afford to pay, and tuition that's beyond your reach.

These challenges are not all of government's making. But the failure to respond is a direct result of a broken politics in Washington and the failed policies of George W. Bush.

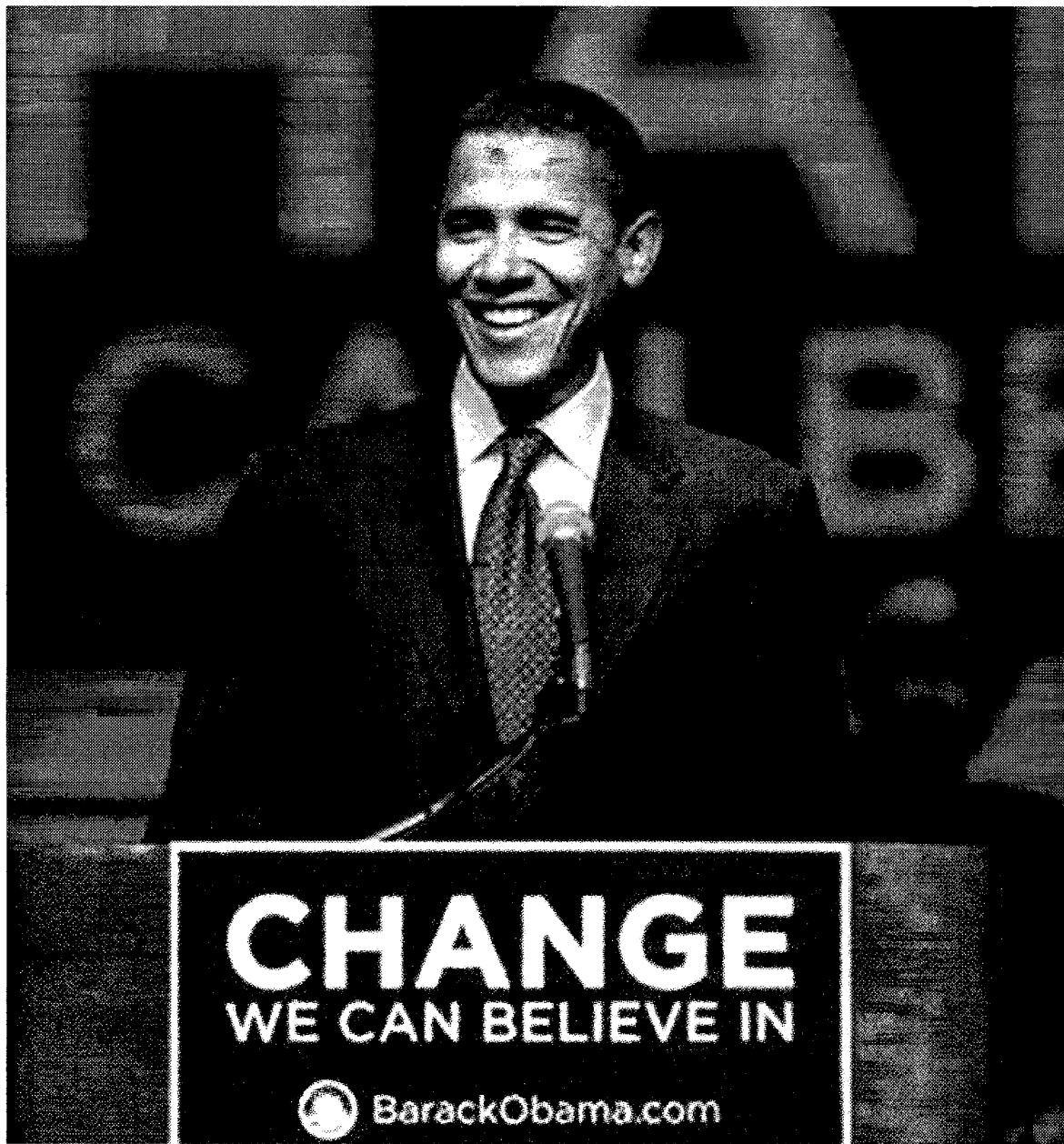
America, we are better than these last eight years. We are a better country than this.

This country is more decent than one where a woman in Ohio, on the brink of retirement, finds herself one illness away from disaster after a lifetime of hard work.

This country is more generous than one where a man in Indiana has to pack up the equipment he's worked on for twenty years and watch it shipped off to China, and then chokes up as he explains how he felt like a failure when he went home to tell his family the news.

We are more compassionate than a government that lets veterans sleep on our streets and families slide into poverty; that sits on its hands while a major American city drowns before our eyes.

Tonight, I say to the American people, to Democrats and Republicans and Independents across this great land: enough! This moment, this election is our chance to keep, in the 21st century, the American promise



alive. Because next week, in Minnesota, the same party that brought you two terms of George Bush and Dick Cheney will ask this country for a third. And we are here because we love this country too much to let the next four years look like the last eight. On Nov. 4, we must stand up and say: "Eight is enough."

Now let there be no doubt. The Republican nominee, John McCain, has worn the uniform of our country with bravery and distinction, and for that, we owe him our gratitude and respect. And next week, we'll also hear about those occasions when he's broken with his party as evidence that he can deliver the change that we need.

But the record's clear: John McCain has voted with George Bush 90 percent of the time. Senator McCain likes to talk about judgment, but really, what does it say about your judgment when you think George Bush has been right more than ninety percent of the time? I don't know about you, but I'm not ready to take a ten percent chance on change.

The truth is, on issue after issue that would make a difference in your lives, on health care and education and the

economy, Senator McCain has been anything but independent. He said that our economy has made "great progress" under this president. He said that the fundamentals of the economy are strong. And when one of his chief advisers, the man who wrote his economic plan, was talking about the anxiety Americans are feeling, he said that we were just suffering from a "mental recession," and that we've become, and I quote, "a nation of whiners."

A nation of whiners? Tell that to the proud auto workers at a Michigan plant who, after they found out it was closing, kept showing up every day and working as hard as ever, because they knew there were people who counted on the brakes that they made. Tell that to the military families who shoulder their burdens silently as they watch their loved ones leave for their third or fourth or fifth tour of duty. These are not whiners. They work hard and give back and keep going without complaint. These are the Americans that I know.

Now, I don't believe that Senator McCain doesn't care what's going on in the lives of Americans. I just think he doesn't know. Why else would he

define middle-class as someone making under \$5 million a year? How else could he propose hundreds of billions in tax breaks for big corporations and oil companies but not one penny of tax relief to more than 100 million Americans? How else could he offer a health care plan that would actually tax people's benefits, or an education plan that would do nothing to help families pay for college, or a plan that would privatize Social Security and gamble your retirement?

It's not because John McCain doesn't care. It's because John McCain doesn't get it.

For over two decades, he's subscribed to that old, discredited Republican philosophy — give more and more to those with the most and hope that prosperity trickles down to everyone else. In Washington, they call this the Ownership Society, but what it really means is, you're on your own. Out of work? Tough luck. No health care? The market will fix it. Born into poverty? Pull yourself up by your own bootstraps, even if you don't have boots. You're on your own.

Well, it's time for them to own their failure. It's time for us to change America.

You see, we Democrats have a very different measure of what constitutes progress in this country.

We measure progress by how many people can find a job that pays the mortgage; whether you can put a little extra money away at the end of each month so you can someday watch your child receive her college diploma. We measure progress in the 23 million new jobs that were created when Bill Clinton was president, when the average American family saw its income go up \$7,500 instead of down \$2,000, like it has under George Bush.

We measure the strength of our economy not by the number of billionaires we have or the profits of the Fortune 500, but by whether someone with a good idea can take a risk and start a new business, or whether the waitress who lives on tips can take a day off to look after a sick kid without losing her job in an economy that honors the dignity of work.

The fundamentals we use to measure economic strength are whether we are living up to that fundamental promise that has made this country great, a promise that is the only reason I am standing here tonight.

Because in the faces of those young veterans who come back from Iraq and Afghanistan, I see my grandfather, who signed up after Pearl Harbor, marched in Patton's Army and was rewarded by a grateful nation with the chance to go to college on the GI Bill.

In the face of that young student who sleeps just three hours before working the night shift, I think about my mom, who raised my sister and me on her own while she worked and earned her degree; who once turned to food stamps but was still able to send us to the best schools in the country with the help of student loans and scholarships.

When I listen to another worker tell me that his factory has shut down, I remember all those men and women on the South Side of Chicago who I stood by and fought for two decades ago after the local steel plant closed.

And when I hear a woman talk about the difficulties of starting her own business, I think about my grandmother, who worked her way up from the secretarial pool to middle-management, despite years of being passed over for promotions because she was a woman. She's the one who taught me about hard work. She's the one who put off buying a new car or a new dress for herself so that I could have a better life. She poured everything she had into me. And although she can no longer travel, I know that she's watching tonight, and that tonight is her night as well."

<p>name Barack Hussein Obama II birthdate August 4, 1961 birthplace Honolulu, Hawaii</p>	<p>spouse Michelle LaVaughn (Robinson) Obama (m. 1992) children Malia (10) and Sasha (7) residence Chicago, Illinois education BA, Columbia University, 1983 JD Harvard Law School, 1991</p>	<p>religion United Church of Christ previous organizations University of Chicago Law School; Davis, Miner, Barnhill & Galland; Illinois Senate (elected 1998, 2002); United States Senate (elected 2004, incumbent)</p>
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Joe Biden

Excerpt from Sen. Joe Biden's nomination speech to the Democratic National Convention, as released to the Associated Press:

Since I've never been called a man of few words, let me say this as simply as I can: Yes. Yes, I accept your nomination to run and serve alongside our next President of the United States of America, Barack Obama.

Let me make this pledge to you right here and now. For every American who is trying to do the right thing, for all those people in government who are honoring their pledge to uphold the law and respect our Constitution, no longer will the eight most dreaded words in the English language be: "The vice president's office is on the phone."

Barack Obama and I took very different journeys to this destination, but we share a common story. Mine began in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and then Wilmington, Delaware. With a dad who fell on hard economic times, but who always told me: "Champ, when you get knocked down, get up. Get up."

I wish that my dad was here tonight, but I am so grateful that my mom, Catherine Eugenia Finnegan Biden, is here. You

know, she taught her children—all the children who flocked to our house—that you are defined by your sense of honor, and you are redeemed by your loyalty. She believes bravery lives in every heart and her expectation is that it will be summoned.

Failure at some point in everyone's life is inevitable, but giving up is unforgivable. As a child I stuttered, and she lovingly told me it was because I was so bright I couldn't get the thoughts out quickly enough. When I was not as well dressed as others, she told me how handsome she thought I was. When I got knocked down by guys bigger than me, she sent me back out and demanded that I bloody their nose so I could walk down that street the next day.

After the accident, she told me, "Joey, God sends no cross you cannot bear." And when I triumphed, she was quick to remind me it was because of others.

My mother's creed is the American creed: No one is better than you. You are everyone's equal, and everyone is equal to you.

My parents taught us to live our faith, and treasure our family. We learned the dignity of work, and we were told that

anyone can make it if they try.

That was America's promise. For those of us who grew up in middle-class neighborhoods like Scranton and Wilmington, that was the American dream and we knew it.

But today that American dream feels as if it's slowly slipping away. I don't need to tell you that. You feel it every single day in your own lives.

I've never seen a time when Washington has watched so many people get knocked down without doing anything to help them get back up. Almost every night, I take the train home to Wilmington, sometimes very late. As I look out the window at the homes we pass, I can almost hear what they're talking about at the kitchen table after they put the kids to bed.

Like millions of Americans, they're asking questions as profound as they are ordinary. Questions they never thought they would have to ask:

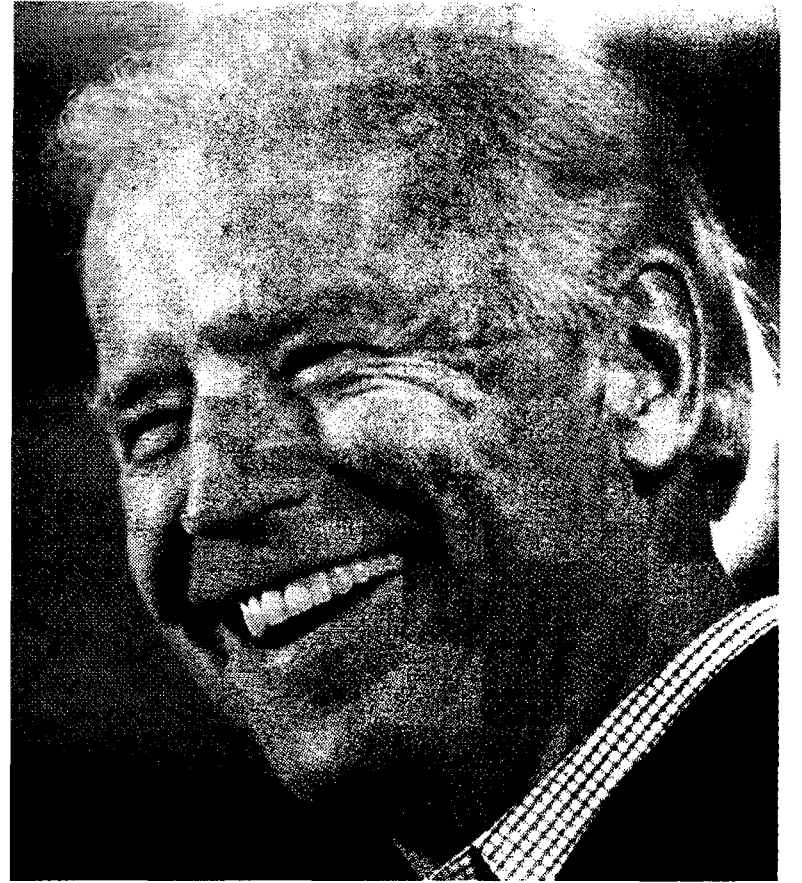
Should mom move in with us now that dad is gone?

Fifty, sixty, seventy dollars to fill up the car?

Winter's coming. How we gonna pay the heating bills?

Another year and no raise?

Did you hear the company may be cutting our health care?



Now, we owe more on the house than it's worth. How are we going to send the kids to college?

How are we gonna be able to

retire? That's the America that George Bush has left us, and that's the future John McCain will give us."

Joseph Robinette "Joe" Biden, Jr. November 20, 1942 Scranton, Pennsylvania Jill Tracy Jacobs Biden (m.1977), Neilia Hunter (deceased; m. 1966-72)	Joseph (39), Robert (38), Naomi (deceased), Ashley (27) Wilmington, Delaware BA, University of Delaware, 1965; JD, Syracuse University, 1968	Roman Catholic U.S. Senator from Delaware (1972–present); New Castle County council member (1970–72); attorney
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A republican Sarah Palin



Excerpt from Gov. Sarah Palin's nomination speech to the Republican National Convention, as released to the

Associated Press: "Our nominee for president is a true profile in courage, and people like that are hard to

come by. He's a man who wore the uniform of this country for 22 years, and refused to break faith with those troops in Iraq who have now brought victory within sight.

And as the mother of one of those troops, that is exactly the kind of man I want as commander in chief. I'm just one of many moms who'll say an extra prayer each night for our sons and daughters going into harm's way.

Our son Track is 19. And one week from tomorrow — September 11th — he'll deploy to Iraq with the Army infantry in the service of his country.

My nephew Kasey also enlisted, and serves on a carrier in the Persian Gulf.

My family is proud of both of them and of all the fine men and women serving the country in uniform. Track is the eldest of our five children.

In our family, it's two boys and three girls in between — my strong and kindhearted daughters Bristol, Willow, and Piper.

And in April, my husband Todd and I welcomed our littlest one into the world, a perfectly beautiful baby boy named Trig. From the inside, no family ever

seems typical. That's how it is with us. Our family has the same ups and downs as any other ... the same challenges and the same joys.

Sometimes even the greatest joys bring challenge. And children with special needs inspire a special love.

To the families of special-needs children all across this country, I have a message: For years, you sought to make America a more welcoming place for your sons and daughters.

I pledge to you that if we are elected, you will have a friend and advocate in the White House. Todd is a story all by himself.

He's a lifelong commercial fisherman ... a production operator in the oil fields of Alaska's North Slope ... a proud member of the United Steel Workers' Union ... and world champion snow machine racer.

Throw in his Yup'ik Eskimo ancestry, and it all makes for quite a package.

We met in high school, and two decades and five children later he's still my guy. My Mom and Dad both worked at the elementary school in our small town.

And among the many things I owe them is one simple lesson: that this is America, and every woman can walk through every door of opportunity.

My parents are here tonight, and I am so proud to be the daughter of Chuck and Sally Heath. Long ago, a young farmer and haberdasher from Missouri followed an unlikely path to the vice presidency.

A writer observed: "We grow good people in our small towns, with honesty, sincerity, and dignity." I know just the kind of people that writer had in mind when he praised Harry Truman.

I grew up with those people. They are the ones who do some of the hardest work in America ... who grow our food, run our factories, and fight our wars.

They love their country, in good times and bad, and they're always proud of America. I had the privilege of living most of my life in a small town.

I was just your average hockey mom, and signed up for the PTA because I wanted to make my kids' public education better.

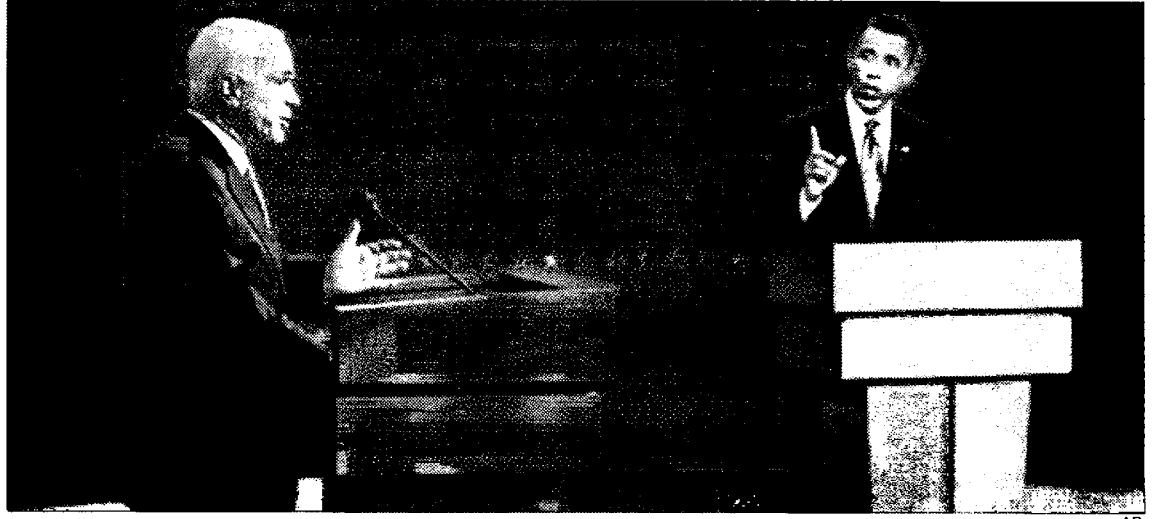
When I ran for city council, I didn't need focus groups and voter profiles because I knew those voters, and knew their families, too."

Sarah Louise (Heath) Palin February 11, 1964 Sandpoint, Idaho	Todd Mitchell Palin (m. 1988) Track (19), Bristol (17), Willow (13), Piper (7), Trig (5 mo.) Wasilla, Alaska BA Journalism, University of Idaho, 1987	Non-denominational Christian Alaska governor (2006–present); Wasilla, Alaska mayor (1996–2002); Wasilla city council member (1992–1996) small business owner; sports reporter
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scenes from the debates



Flanked by their wives, Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama shake hands following their last debate.



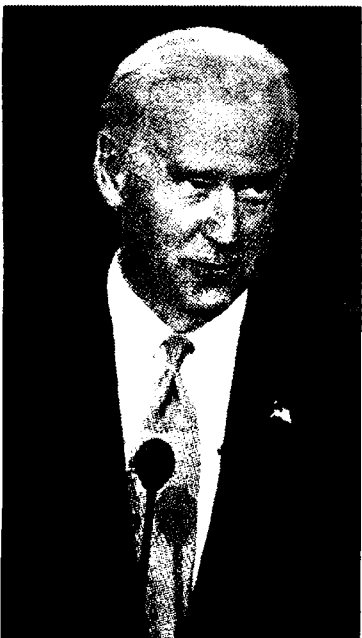
In the first presidential debate, Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama face off over foreign affairs, in a debate moderated by PBS news anchor Jim Lehrer.



Sen. Joe Biden and Gov. Sarah Palin gather with their families following the vice presidential debate moderated by Gwen Ifill.



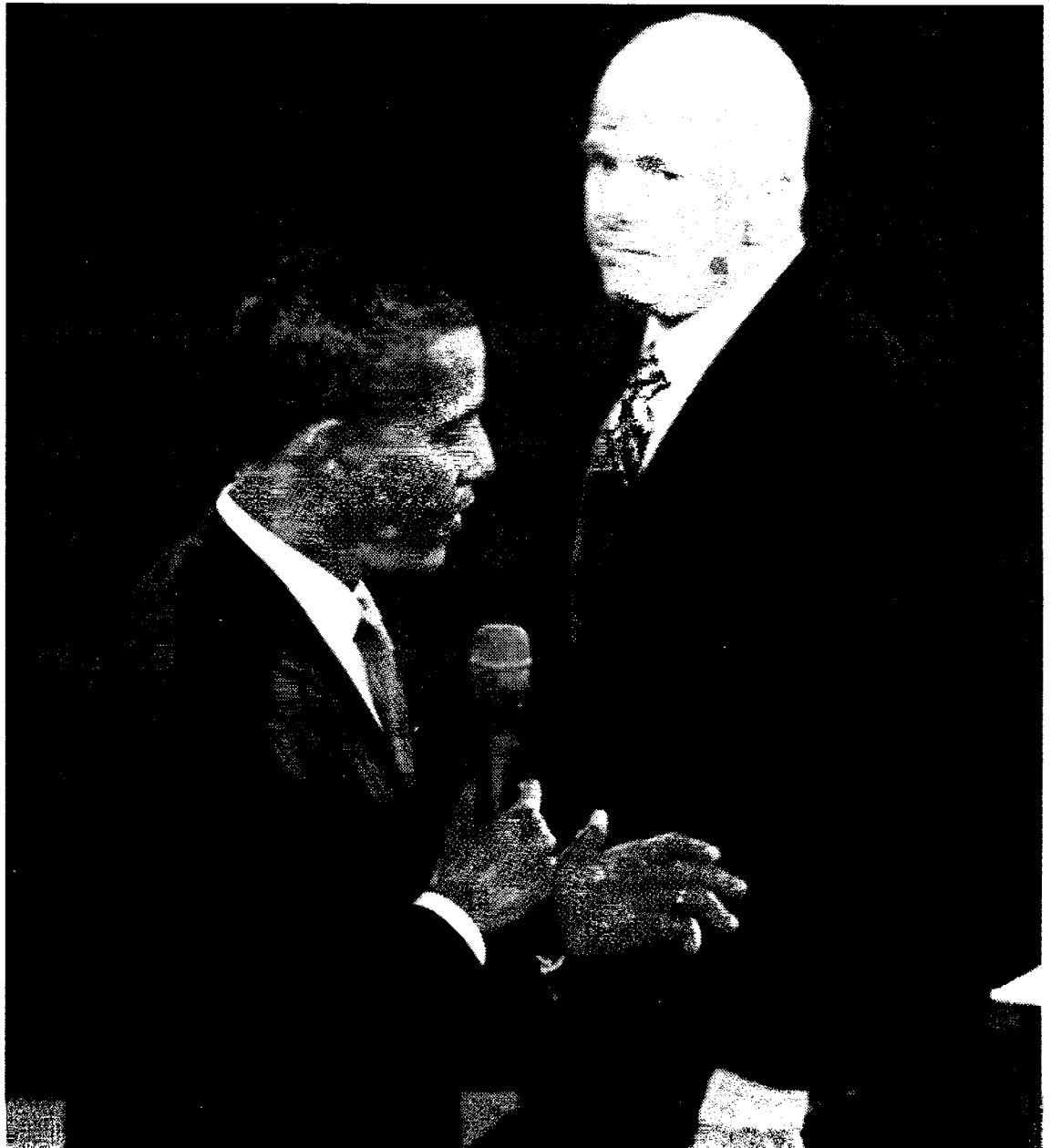
Sen. John McCain addresses his opponent, Sen. Barack Obama, as moderator Bob Schieffer looks on. The CBS journalist asked the questions in the third and final presidential debate.



Sen. Joe Biden answers a question during his debate.



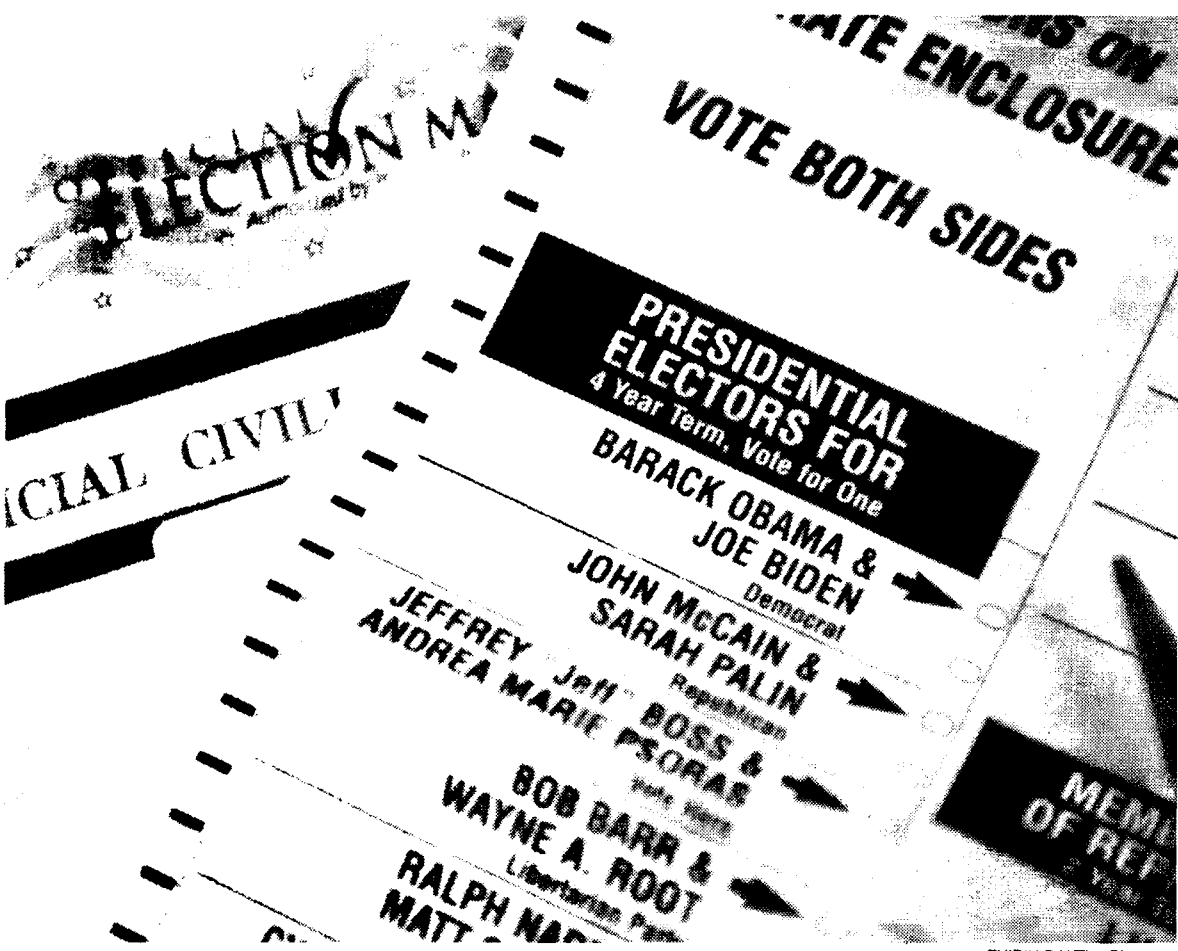
Gov. Sarah Palin winks during the vice presidential debate.



Sen. Barack Obama answers a question posed by an audience member in a town hall debate with Republican opponent Sen. John McCain. The debate was moderated by Tom Brokaw.

Indiana registration an attractive option for some students

Nov. 4 marks first time most undergraduates eligible to vote in a presidential election; many apply for absentee ballots



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With most Notre Dame students hailing from states other than Indiana, many will vote via absentee ballot prior to Election Day.

By LIZ O'DONNELL
In Focus Writer

Indiana's status as a possible swing state in the presidential elections has prompted many Notre Dame students to register to vote in the place

they call home for eight months of the year, rather than their home state.

Students from states solidly in the blue or the red have decided their vote will make more of a difference this year if it is cast in Indiana, ND Votes '08 president Christine

Romero said. "We generally advised people that voting absentee would be much simpler, but many chose to register in Indiana anyway, considering the fact that Indiana is more of a swing state in this election," she said.

Indiana, which traditionally has voted Republican in presidential elections, joins Ohio, Florida, Michigan and other states projected to be swing states this year.

But the McCain and Obama campaigns have been encouraging students to send in absentee ballots if they are from prime battleground states like Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida.

"I wanted my vote to count in this election, so I registered in Indiana," said Nathan Feldpausch, a freshman from Michigan. "Even though Michigan is a swing state, I felt that my vote would make more of an impact in Indiana."

Regardless of what state Notre Dame students are casting their ballots in, for most, this fall marks the first time members of the undergraduate community can vote in a presidential election.

Courtney Sands, a freshman from California, said she is thrilled to be able to exercise one of her fundamental rights as an American.

"It's pretty exciting to be voting for the first time," she said. "It's definitely weird to think that I'm finally going to be able to take part in such an important process that essentially defines America as a democracy."

But Sands, who is voting with an absentee ballot, said she does not think her vote will make much of a difference.

Sophomore Chelsi Gallegos,

also from California, agreed with Sands.

"Unfortunately my vote probably will not reflect how the rest of my state votes because it does tend to sway on a certain side of the political spectrum, but I am proud of my party and will never miss the opportunity to exercise the right to vote because I value it greatly," Gallegos said.

Due to the global financial crisis, some students have chosen to take a second look at the candidates to see who proposed the better solution.

"I have always been highly conservative, but now that we are having such troubles with the economy, I want to make sure that my vote is as informed as possible," Winny Hu, a freshman from New York, said.

She added: "With wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and with the economy doing as poorly as it is, this election is possibly the most important one that has taken place in our lifetime."

Gallegos pointed out that the presidential election is not the only important decision voters will make on Election Day.

"What will be equally important is electing the right senators and Congressmen to create and pass the kind of legislation that will help the economy get back on its feet," she said.

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Obama candidacy prompts questions about race

Notre Dame professors, multicultural leaders ponder whether issue will dissuade people from voting for Democratic ticket

By JOSEPH McMAHON
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Though polls show Sen. Barack Obama pulling away from Sen. John McCain in the presidential race, many, including some of Notre Dame's multicultural leaders, worry that race could still dissuade people from choosing Obama.

"The polls are not really capturing true opinions because of political correctness and social desirability," Notre Dame political science professor Darren Davis said. "People are saying they will support Barack Obama when they won't support him in the voting booth."

Davis said the so-called Bradley effect, named after 1982 California gubernatorial candidate Tom Bradley, who narrowly lost his election to a white politician despite being

ahead in the polls, still exists today. Iris Outlaw, the Multicultural Student Programs and Services director, said the issue remains a major question that will only be answered on Election Day.

"The question is whether people will fall back on that race thing and say, 'You know, I really can't pull that lever,'" she said.

Davis said it is not fear of a black president, but rather social pressures that cause many Americans to tell pollsters they will vote for Obama.

"If it's fear it's more easily dismissed than social pressure. I think people are saying things to pollsters that they're not willing to follow up on," Davis said. "I really think that [given the political and economic circumstances] any other Democratic candidate would be much further ahead."

Matthew Tipton, the president of the black men's association Wabruda, said there are many people unwilling to vote

for a black president. "That's unfortunate in this day and age, but that's just the truth," Tipton said.

But at the same time, he added, there are many people voting for Obama solely because he is black.

Tipton said Obama's identity is much more complex, and combines a variety of unique perspectives unlike previous black politicians such as the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

"People walking down the street may view him as black, but that's not just a black man. He's black, he's white; he has all these other mixtures and ties. He has a stronger sense of that than anyone else," Tipton said. "He is America. He is a melting pot."

Davis said Obama has handled the issue of race well in

the campaign, particularly when he was forced to distance himself from his former pastor Rev. Jeremiah Wright after he made several very controversial statements.

"He has so far been able to avoid really intense, racially controversial issues," Davis said. "In order to be taken seriously as a candidate, given the extent of latent racism that continues to exist, he needed to solidify his base. You have to separate yourself from traditional black politician types who are combative."

But if Obama does win in November, Outlaw said it represents a major step for the black community, although it does not mean every scar of racism has healed.

"It's going to be a monumental thing for the black race and

for underrepresented people all over the country ... but I think that the racial divide is so ingrained in our country that it is going to take a lot more than this to disintegrate that," she said.

Davis said if Obama is elected, he will face an intense level of scrutiny.

"Usually, presidents are given a honeymoon period when they are first elected. I think that people are going to be more critical of Barack Obama if he's elected president and he'll be on a shorter leash," he said.

Obama represents a major icon for all black people, Tipton said, and although he agrees with Outlaw and Davis that there is still a lot of work to be done, he said Obama's run for the presidency has helped inspire a generation.

"It gives everybody a sense that they can do anything like become the president of the United States when half a century ago I couldn't even use the same bathroom or drink out of the same water fountain as a white person," he said.

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Make sure you vote on Nov. 4.

Women contemplate possibility of first female VP

Students agree Palin's candidacy is a milestone, but disagree about her qualifications and readiness for the job



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Saint Mary's junior Katie Hinnsdale stands beside a cutout of Gov. Sarah Palin, the Republican vice presidential candidate.

mer two-term Democratic governor in the general election.

The possibility that Palin could become the nation's first female vice president has been a topic of discussion at meetings of the Notre Dame club Feminist Voice.

"I think it's a big step to have a female on a ticket like this," said senior Mary DeAgostino, the secretary of Feminist Voice. "The idea of having a woman in a position of power like this is a great idea. I think it's a really important step for women in America."

DeAgostino does not think, however, that Palin is the right woman to make this historic step.

"I think the bigger issues that people need to look at are where different candidates stand on issues that are important for everyday women in America right now," she said. "I think it's important to be critical of different candidates' stances on women and gender issues, instead of just ascribing meaning to someone's gender."

Notre Dame junior Colleen Moran, co-president of the Notre Dame club Women in Politics agreed that it is important to look at the issues, but she is happy that women have been active in the election this year.

"While I do not necessarily support those policy measures Sarah Palin would endorse as vice president, I am encouraged by the more active role women have assumed in this presidential election," she said. Moran said she is impressed

that Palin has been able to rally so many people from different backgrounds to the Republican platform.

"In the weeks immediately following her nomination, she was able to generate a great deal of enthusiasm for the McCain campaign," she said.

But Moran is disappointed that Palin has not allowed the media much access because, she said, dealing with the media is a necessity in the national political arena.

"I believe both a level of comfort with the media and an ability to respond eloquently and intelligently to public criticism are essential qualities for a national political figure," Moran said.

Notre Dame senior Sarah Lyons, the vice president of Feminist Voice, said Hillary Clinton's historic run for the presidency should not be overlooked.

"While Sarah Palin's vice presidential nomination is a critical step in women's political participation, I also think recognizing Hillary Clinton and how far she went for the Democrats is really important and should be kept in mind," Lyons said. "I think that was empowering and inspirational for many people."

Lyons does not think Palin supports the issues women are interested in, like where candidates stand on equal pay, reproductive rights and violence against women.

"Personally, I'm not sure if Sarah Palin stands for my personal interests," Lyons said. "I

don't think she does."

DeAgostino added: "I don't think she stands for feminists' interest."

But, DeAgostino added, Clinton and Palin have contributed positively to the political discussion.

"I think this election year has been critical in promoting women's political participation, and raising these issues," DeAgostino said.

Moran said Clinton and Palin have different leadership styles, tailored to appeal to different types of people.

"Hillary Clinton has, in large part, tailored her leadership style to appeal to voters at the national level," she said. "Her husband's election to the presidency thrust her into the national spotlight, and she seized the opportunity to hone her own leadership skills. Clinton comes across as — if at times harsh — both intensely focused and articulate."

"Palin, by contrast, has developed a leadership style geared towards voters at the local and state level. She demonstrates an ability to relate to everyday Americans as well as a freshness and enthusiasm at times lacking in Washington. Palin comes across as — if at times inexperienced or uninformed — someone Americans can connect with."

Kaitlynn Riely contributed to this story.

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By LIZ HARTER
In Focus Writer

For the first time in the nation's history, the United States could see a woman in a position of power in the White House after next Tuesday's

election.

Gov. Sarah Palin would make history as the first female vice president if Sen. John McCain wins the election. Palin has been governor of Alaska since 2006 when she defeated an incumbent governor in the Republican primary and a for-

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hosted by ND Votes '08, a campaign of the Center for Social Concerns.

"I was just amazed that the [Coleman-Morse] Lounge was standing room only," he said. "And even afterward,

there were still students around wanting to talk about the election."

Junior Ed Yap, the president of the Notre Dame College Republicans, said he thinks the majority of his classmates have registered to vote.

"I think Notre Dame students will vote in higher percentages than students at other universities," he said.

Senior Spencer Howard, the co-president of the Notre Dame College Democrats, agreed with Yap that Notre Dame students have been energized by the election.

"This year has been a really pleasant surprise," he said. "Our students have become excited by the election."

Yap said he hopes students turn out in large numbers for

what he said is an important election, especially for the future of the economy.

"This election right now is the most important for our lifetime," Yap said. "It's the election most prior to when we enter the workforce."

Students realize they are going to be affected by the results of the election, said sophomore Ben Linskey, the co-president of the Notre

Dame College Libertarians. Walking around campus or eating at the dining hall, Linskey said he overhears people talking about the election.

"I think that's going to translate into a lot of students going out to vote," Linskey said.

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With less than a week to go until Election Day, Sen. John McCain, above, and Sen. Barack Obama, traveled to Pennsylvania Monday to make a last-minute appeal to undecided voters and to rally supporters.



where they stand

issues

the republican John McCain

the democrat Barack Obama

abortion

Wants to overturn Roe v. Wade; Supported Supreme Court decision that upheld ban on partial-birth abortion. Believes states should decide the abortion issue locally.

Supports a woman's right to choose to have an abortion; says he will make upholding rights enumerated under Roe v. Wade a priority as president. Opposes any constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's decision in that case.

climate change

Supports a mandatory cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions 60 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

Supports a mandatory cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

economy/ taxes

Will purchase mortgages directly from financial institutions, will cut capital gains tax rate. Plans to maintain the Bush tax cuts; will eliminate the alternative minimum tax.

Will enact tax cuts for individuals and businesses to help cope with the current financial crisis. Will ban most home foreclosures for 90 days. Will repeal President Bush's tax cuts for households earning more than \$25,000.

education

Supports competition between schools for most effective, character-building teachers, hiring them and rewarding them. Will provide federal financial support so parents can take children out of failing schools and send them to better ones.

Plans to reform No Child Left Behind. Will create an American Opportunity Tax Credit to help American students go to college. Will devote \$18 billion a year to new federal spending on early childhood classes, teacher recruitment, performance pay and other initiatives.

energy

Supports a gas tax holiday and opposes taxing windfall profits; opposes drilling in the Arctic but supports offshore drilling; opposes ethanol subsidies; supports expanding nuclear power.

Supports taxing windfall profits for oil companies; opposes drilling in the Arctic and offshore; supports ethanol subsidies; double science and researching funding for clean-energy projects.

environment

Wants to limit carbon emissions; harness market forces to encourage advanced technologies, like nuclear energy, to the market faster. Will reduce America's dependence on foreign supplies of energy.

Implement a market-based cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050; develop domestic incentives to reward forest owners, farmers and ranchers when they plant trees, restore grasslands or practice farming methods that capture carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; invest \$150 billion over 10 years to advance new energy technologies.

gay rights

Will reaffirm the institution of marriage between one man and one woman.

Will end "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" in the military. Will pass federal non-discrimination law in employment that includes sexuality; will extend federal benefits to same sex couples who have a state-supported civil-union, not marriage; believes allowing civil-unions is a state issue.

health care

Wants a free-market, consumer-based system; plans to use competition to improve the quality of health insurance so there is a greater variety to match people's need and lower prices; will give families the option of receiving a tax credit of \$2,500 for individuals and \$5,000 for families to offset the cost of insurance.

Will require that all children have health insurance; Will make national health care plan available to all Americans; participants in the new public plan would be able to move from job to job without changing health care coverage.

homeland security

Plans to increase the size of the United States military; will modernize the American armed forces and develop advanced weapons systems and address force protection; will work to improve military pay and benefits and will improve quality of life for military families.

Will encourage better protection of U.S. chemical plants from potential terrorist attacks; will develop better guidelines for tracking spent nuclear fuel; will require mandatory planning for the evacuation of people with special needs during emergencies.

immigration

Helped write the 2007 immigration bill that supported a path to legalization for illegal immigrants that would include learning English and paying fines, but has said that he would no longer vote for the bill; supports building a fence along the Mexican border.

Supports a path to legalization for illegal immigrants that includes learning English and paying fines; toughen penalties for hiring illegal immigrants. Voted for a fence to be built along the Mexican border.

Iraq War

Voted in 2002 to authorize invasion of Iraq, supported troop increase, or "surge." Will accelerate the training and equipping of Iraqi armed forces and police to enable them to play a key role in securing Iraq; will encourage the international community to apply pressure to Syria and Iran in order to stop them from aiding and abetting the violence in Iraq; opposes a timetable for withdrawal, but projects most troops could be home by 2013.

Opposed invasion initially; opposed troop increase; wants to withdraw one or two brigades a month to finish within 16 months and encourage the Iraqis to reconcile their differences. Provide \$2 billion to expand services to Iraqi refugees in neighboring countries.

judges

Will nominate conservative, not activist, judges; supported nomination of John Roberts and Samuel Alito.

Will nominate judges with expansive, progressive view of the Constitution; opposed nominations of John Roberts and Samuel Alito.

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Fr. Riehle dies at 83 after brief illness

Chaplain to sports teams remembered for his love of Notre Dame athletics, students

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

Rev. James Riehle, C.S.C., chaplain to Notre Dame sports teams for nearly three decades and former dean of students died at Holy Cross House Wednesday. He was 83.

Riehle's died following a brief illness, the University said.

"He was a man's man. He was always interested in sports..." said University president emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, who gave Riehle his final blessings before he died. "He was a good friend because I sat next to him over at the

dining hall at Holy Cross Hall and I knew a good deal about him. I saw him every day. We were good friends."

Riehle, who enjoyed cigar smoking and playing golf, began his role as chaplain in 1966 and served his first football game in that capacity on Nov. 19 of that year — Notre Dame's classic 10-10 tie with Michigan State, when the Irish



Rev. James Riehle

were ranked No. 1 and the Spartans were No. 2.

Riehle, who graduated from Notre Dame in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in business administration, played the football team's chaplain in the 1993 movie "Rudy," and was featured in an Adidas football commercial with former Notre Dame and Super Bowl winning quarterback Joe Montana in which he asked Montana: "What did you ever end up doing after you left college?"

But beyond his association with Notre Dame athletics, Riehle served in many offices at Notre Dame, including dean of students from 1967-73, during the student protests of the

Vietnam War. At universities around the country, some student protests against the Vietnam War turned violent, but not at Notre Dame, where Hesburgh said students could protest as long as they did not disrupt classes or University business. Hesburgh said Riehle did a "very good job" enforcing this policy in a pragmatic way.

"About 250 of my fellow presidents were fired at that time, or died, or just left in frustration during that period," Hesburgh said. "We had, like every university, a fairly rough time but we came through without any big disruption of

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ND no. 1 for athlete grad rates

University at top of NCAA for 3rd time

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

For the third time in four years, Notre Dame ranked No. 1 among the 119 Football Bowl Subdivision institutions in the NCAA's 2008 report on student athlete graduation rates.

The annual report, released Oct. 14, showed that 19 of Notre Dame's 22 programs received Graduation Success Rate (GSR) figures of 100, resulting in a .863 percentage, which placed the University ahead of Northwestern (.789), Boston College (.740), Duke (.681), Vanderbilt (.667), Wake Forest (.642), Stanford (.629), U.S. Naval Academy (.578), Rice (.539) and Tulane (.500).

The 2008 national GSR for Division I-A is 78 percent, a news release from Notre Dame Athletics said. The GSR data show the percentage of student athletes earning a degree in six years.

All 11 of the women's athletic programs - basketball, cross country and track, fencing, golf, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis and volleyball - received perfect scores of 100.

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OIS prepares abroad students for election

Students overseas experience difficulties in making sure their votes are counted by election day

By JENN METZ
News Editor

As students on campus are scramble to send out absentee ballots before Nov. 4, the estimated 450 Notre Dame sophomores and juniors currently studying abroad are experiencing a very different presidential election season, complete with logistical difficulties for sending their vote to the United States to make sure it's counted.

The Office of International Studies (OIS) helped prepare students by reminding them of

the upcoming election during orientation sessions last spring, sending out pre-departure letters and posting links on their Web site.

Kathleen Opel, director of OIS, told the Observer the Office believes "voting is a vital component of democracy and strongly encourage[s] students abroad who are U.S. citizens to exercise the right to vote."

"How many students actually vote, I don't know," she said.

Program managers reminded participants to remember to register for absentee ballots before they left the United

States, a message that was repeated at OIS' "Bon Voyage" meeting for all students last spring, Opel said.

Opel told the students their "franchise to vote is a privilege to be cherished, and recent elections have demonstrated the value of each vote" in a pre-departure letter sent over the summer.

The Web site offers scrolling reminders of the upcoming election and a link to the Association of International Educators' (NAFSA) Web site, which provides information about absentee ballot procedures for students and educa-

tors living abroad, which are different than domestic absentee ballot procedures.

"Every state has different rules for voting, so it's hard to give specific voting information to a group of students from different states," Opel said. The NAFSA Web site, she said, provides that information for each state.

In some locations in capital cities, students may be able to vote in person at consulates, she said; other students send their vote in the mail.

Opel said OIS will assist stu-

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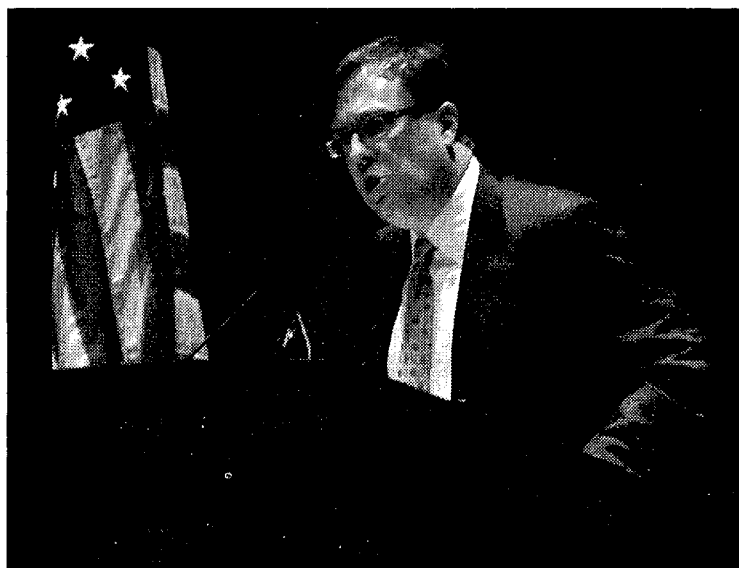
Bush speechwriter delivers lecture

Gerson speaks about changing political landscape in America

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Michael Gerson, former speechwriter to President George W. Bush, delivered the inaugural McCullough Lecture in Responsible Journalism and Government Wednesday. Gerson spoke in the McKenna auditorium to a crowd of about fifty people.

Gerson wrote two inaugural addresses, several State of the Union addresses and many important post-9/11 speeches during his time working for President Bush. In addition to writing speeches, he served as a White House policy advisor on global health, development



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Gerson, a former presidential speechwriter to George W. Bush spoke Wednesday about how U.S. politics are changing.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group approves budget after poll

By LIZ HARTER and ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writers

The Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) approved the Student Government Association (SGA) budget after the third vote on the issue at their meeting Wednesday night. The budget was approved with 24 for it and one abstention.

BOG polled the student body through e-mail as to whether or not they thought the Executive Board deserved a stipend on Tuesday.

Student body president Mickey Gruscinski said 557 students, which is almost one third of the student body, voted and the majority did not agree with the stipend.

Treasurer Mo Weaver presented a revised budget to BOG for their approval. The revised budget did not contain a stipend and the money formerly allocated to the stipend was dispersed to funds for clubs and organizations, co-sponsorships, and the campus Readership Program which brings the USA Today. New

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INSIDE COLUMN

Rays' play: not sexy

Stupid Rays. Thanks to them, I have to watch the "Sex and the City" movie. What in God's name brought about this unfortunate chain of events? How did I bury myself in this predicament? I placed faith in the Rays, something which, as history should show us, I never should have done.

I had a bet with my girlfriend on the World Series. If the Rays win, she had to watch "Clerks" with me. "Clerks" is one of my top 10 favorite movies, one of the greatest of all time. Dante and Randall's witty banter demonstrate what's really important in life, especially in today's dreary climate. Who cares that the economy is in the dumpster? Who cares that we're involved in two wars? Isn't it much more important to understand the dichotomy between the destruction of the Death Star in "A New Hope" and "Return of the Jedi?"

The hockey game on the roof, the funeral, the unfortunate death in the convenience store bathroom: sheer brilliance.

Instead, I have to watch Charlotte and Miranda parade around New York City comparing their Prada handbags and Manolo Blahnik kicks.

Game 1 was an aberration. Game 2, the Rays got back on track. Game 3 was a great baseball game. Game 4 just sucked. Once Game 5 rolled around with Hamels as the starter, I thought the Rays were done for.

But then fate intervened; God didn't want me to watch "Sex and the City" after all. He let Upton steal second and score on Pena's single, meaning the game was tied when rain forced its stoppage. I thought for sure that was the last sign the Rays needed. But no, Joe Maddon must have liked the movie and wanted to make sure I saw it.

I have no interest. The only relation I have to "Sex and the City" is the one time Charlotte was on "Seinfeld." Jerry dropped her toothbrush in the toilet, prompting her to retaliate and send Jerry on a germaphobia-induced cleaning frenzy. Good times.

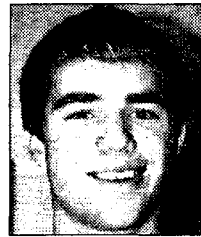
I've seen one episode of the TV show; I think I saw it with my step mom. It's the one where Kim Cattrall dates a rabid Knicks fan, and she can't sleep with him unless the Knicks win. As a rabid Knicks fan myself, that episode wasn't half-bad. Maybe it will be like "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" and there will be a scene at Madison Square Garden with the Knicks in the playoffs.

So thanks to Ryan Howard and Shane Victorino and the rest of the Phillies, I won't enjoy watching Jay and Silent Bob waste their day away outside the Quick Stop, or the egg-obsessed shopper rolling eggs down the aisle to ensure their quality. Instead, I'll hear four 30-something-year-old women whining about their boyfriends — or lack thereof. The whole time, I'll think of one thing: how sweet it will taste when my beloved Yankees mop the floor with Tampa Bay next April.

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Bill Brink
Sports Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DRESSING UP AS FOR HALLOWEEN?



Chris Anderson
freshman
Keenan

"A banana."



Dan Scheper
freshman
Keenan

"Snorlax."



Kimberly Hildner
sophomore
Lewis

"The witch from Monty Python and the Holy Grail."



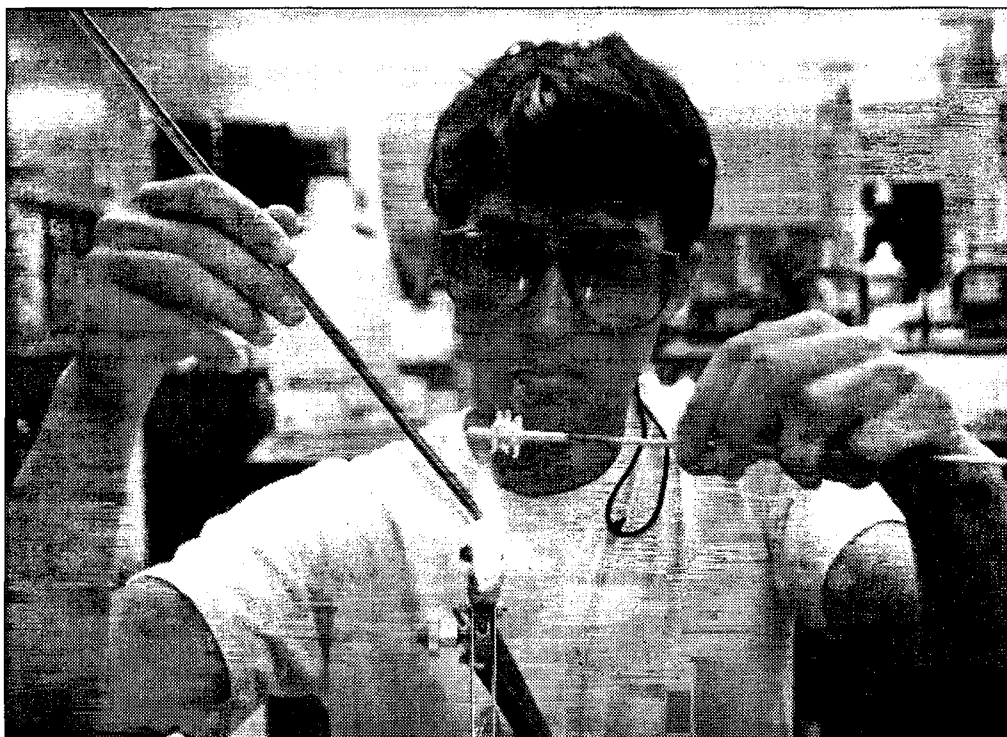
Patrick Doonan
senior
off-campus

"I'm going to be R.J. Jacobi."



Cherie Ng
freshman
McGlinn

"Joe the Plumber."



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Senior Matthew Napierski makes glass beads in Glass Club which meets every Tuesday and Wednesday in Jordan Hall.

OFFBEAT

Man hospitalized in car crash after firing at gas pump

NAUGATUCK, Conn. — A man who police said fired gun shots into a gasoline pump on Saturday morning was expected to be charged with three felonies when he's released from a local hospital.

Police said the man went to the Sunoco gas station on New Haven Road and fired a shotgun at a gas pump several times while customers stood nearby.

Luckily, nobody was injured and the pump did not explode.

The man drove off and

struck two cars and was injured in a crash following the shooting incident.

Police have an arrest warrant for the man and his hospital room is being guarded 24-hours a day by two police officers.

Man goes to jail following centipede attack on neighbor

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A Malaysian man has been accused of trying to hurt his neighbor with a dangerous weapon — centipedes. Prosecutor Mazri Mohamed said Wednesday that R. Prabakaran has been charged with attempting

to cause harm with a dangerous weapon after allegedly unleashing four centipedes and bugs in his neighbor's bed last week following an argument.

Prabakaran, 21, allegedly climbed on to the roof to enter his neighbor's house where he committed the offense, Mazri said.

Prabakaran pleaded not guilty Tuesday in a court in the southern city of Johor Baru and has been released on bail, Mazri said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Today South Bend area students and their families will be welcomed to North Quad for Fall Fest — a community relations event taking place from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30.

Saint Mary's College will bless Spes Unica Hall, the new academic building, today with open houses and tours for the Board of Trustees starting at 1:30 p.m. and academic department presentations from 3:30 to 5 p.m. throughout the building. The blessing will take place in the atrium at 5 p.m. with a reception to follow and a Mass of Thanksgiving in Holy Spirit Chapel, LeMans Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Joan Payden, Chief Executive Officer of Payden & Rygel Investment Management will speak as part of the Mendoza College to Business' Boardroom Insights Executive Speaker Series Friday at 10:40 a.m. in Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

Gregory P. Crawford, Dean of the College of Science will give a lecture entitled "Notre Dame Science: Making a Difference" Saturday at 11 a.m. in Room 105 of the Jordan Hall of Science.

Black Images will be held on Saturday from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. It will be held in Washington Hall. Admission is \$5.

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

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SMC students enjoy Halloween festivities

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

Saint Mary's students got in the Halloween spirit early last night as Holy Cross Hall and Dalloway's hosted campus-wide events. The activities, put on by the Holy Cross Hall Council, resident advisors, and Residence Hall Association (RHA) were all free and open to students and the children of Saint Mary's faculty and staff.

In years prior, Holy Cross has hosted Haunted Tunnels, a haunted house set up in the sub basement of the hall open to students and children of faculty and staff. However, this year, due to construction and low-hanging pipes, Saint Mary's Security said it would be safer to cancel the activity. As a result, Terrie Paul, Holy Cross Hall director and the rest of the Holy Cross Hall Council came up with a contingency plan.

"Security told us we can't go on with Haunted Tunnels because they are undergoing construction and it's a safety concern for the students," Paul said.

Instead, Holy Cross hosted "Ho'Cro Halloween" in the hall lounges. Activities included ghost stories, coloring for the children, drinks and snacks from 8 to 10

p.m.

In addition, all the residence halls on campus were given the opportunity to host Trick-or-Treaters from 6 to 8 p.m.

Construction aside, Paul also attributed some of the stress of preparing the events to getting a late start on hall council this year.

"Security told us we can't go on with Haunted Tunnels because they are undergoing construction and it's a safety concern for the students."

Terrie Paul
Holy Cross Hall director

"Hall council was off to a slow start, especially since Halloween is really soon in the year. This is a Holy Cross tradition and generates money for Hall Council," she said. "But there was an excellent turnout and the girls really took control of a last minute situation."

Dalloway's, the coffee shop on campus, also put on "Haunted Tours" which is one of their most attended events, Stephanie Anton, Dalloway's commissioner said. It occurs annually.

The Haunted Tour is a walk around campus hosted by the Dalloway's Board. The guide of the tour stops at a certain place to tell a scary story related to the event, Anton said. There was free hot cider, cookies and candy available at Dalloway's.

Anton said the board has been preparing for the event for about two weeks and focused mostly on the decorations. The event was open to the public, but mainly

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STUDENT SENATE

Group examines dorm printing

Printers not available in 18 residence halls, senators discuss expansion

By JOSEPH McMAHON
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Prompted by a number of complaints, the Student Senate discussed the need for printers in every residence hall yesterday.

"People complain about it on a regular basis," Alumni Hall Senator Zach Reuvers said. "It always comes up during hall elections."

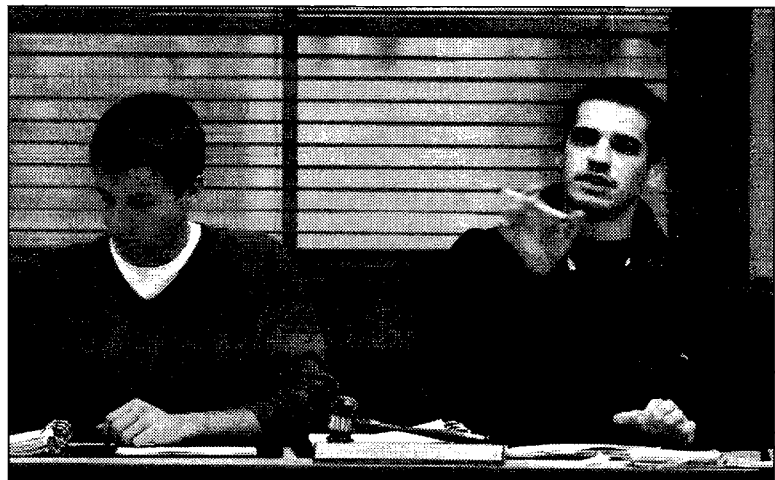
Students often complain of having to wait on long lines to print at the clusters.

"I live in McGlenn and sometimes when I go to DeBartolo in the morning before classes there are really long lines," Senate Committee on Student Outreach chair Sarah Rodts said. "I don't always get what I need printed."

Currently, Lyons, Carroll, O'Neil, Lewis, Farley, Dillon, Pasquerilla West, Pangborn, Siegfried and Keenan all have printers, while students in the other 18 residence halls are forced to trek to computer clusters. Senate Committee on Oversight chair Ian Secviar said all dorms should have equal access to printers.

"Regardless of whether it reduces traffic or not, in the pursuit of fairness this is something that we should do," he said.

Senate Committee on Technology chair Devin Fee said the University is currently pursuing a new contract with an outside company for printers, but if the contract is too costly, printers in dorms could



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Student body vice president Grant Schmidt discusses printing services in residence halls during a senate meeting Wednesday.

be cut.

"It is something that could get cut if the bids are too low," Fee said. "I think they realize that it's significant to us, but it's something that has to be worked into the budget."

Fee said he would seek support from the University, which has a much larger budget than the Office of Information Technology (OIT).

"I think it would be a lot easier to push this through with the University supporting than OIT supporting," he said.

Farley senator Robyn Grant said the dorms' needs should not detract from the clusters in the Library, the Coleman-Morse Center and LaFortune.

"I feel that you shouldn't detract from the clusters for the dorms," she said.

However, in a simple straw poll taken by student body vice president Grant Schmidt, there weren't any senators against expanding printer service in dorms.

Education and Outreach Coordinator at the Office of Sustainability. Novick, who is in charge of outreach on environmental issues, said the Office of Sustainability would be taking two different approaches to environmentalism.

The top-down approach, she said, examines major infrastructure problems, including the campus' sprinklers.

"The main change is that [the sprinklers] will all be electronically controlled," said Novick, which she claimed would stop leaks and prevent the sprinklers from coming on right after a rainstorm.

Novick said the bottom-up approach focuses more on individual efforts by "encouraging faculty and students to change their lifestyles a little bit."

The bottom-up approach includes activities such as the recent dorm-wide recycling competition, which was won by Walsh Hall, who reduced their energy use by 31 percent.

In other Senate news:

♦The Senate received a brief presentation from Rachel Novick

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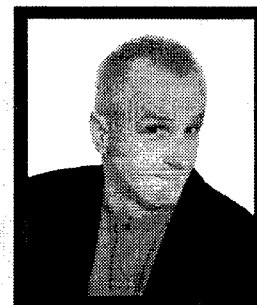
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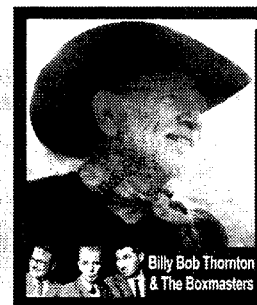
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class or the University. Fr. Riehle stood firm on the policy that I put out that it was OK to protest in any way one wanted, but you shouldn't disrupt the life of the University.

"And they tried to shut down one of the University offices, and Fr. Riehle said, 'Either you leave here or you're gone.' He applied the policy that I had laid down. The students went along so it was successful. I give him some credit for getting us through the revolution with a minimum of pain and strain."

Hesburgh said Riehle was able to enforce the policy because he had a good rapport with the students and as a result, Notre Dame became a model for other schools dealing with the student revolution.

"He was very good with students," Hesburgh said. "They say he was in the hot seat during all of the student revolution, but he met with them very often. The fact is we were one of the few universities that not only did not have serious disruptions, but we gave leadership to the others. And when we faced possible disruptions

successfully, that was the end of the era. Things went quietly after that across the land."

After leaving his post as dean of students, Riehle became the rector of Pangborn Hall in 1973 and served there until 1985. Riehle had previously been rector of Sorin Hall in 1966 and chaplain of Sorin Hall in 1964.

He was also chairman of the board of directors for the University Club from 1971-77 and director of energy conservation.

Riehle also served as the executive director of the Monogram Club from 1978 through 2002 and in 2001, Riehle received the 2001 Moose Krause Man of the Year Award from the club.

Riehle was named an honorary member of the Monogram Club, something Hesburgh said was very important to him.

The intramural fields near the Stepan Center were also named in his honor.

On Sunday, a visitation will begin at 3:30 at Moreau Seminary and a wake will be held at 7:30. A funeral mass will be held Monday at 3:30 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Jay Fitzpatrick contributed to this report.

NCAA

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Eight of the men's sports programs - basketball, baseball, cross country and track, lacrosse, fencing, soccer, swimming and tennis - received perfect scores of 100.

The three programs that did not receive perfect scores did, however, all receive scores in the 90s. Hockey received a score of 96, football a score of 94 and golf a score of 90.

"It is a testament to the philosophy of the University in terms of athletics that graduation should be a routine part of the experience," said John Heisler, the senior associate athletics director for media and broadcast relations at Notre Dame.

Heisler credited the high scores this year, and in each of the four years the survey

has been conducted, to the athletes, coaches and academic advisors, but also to the "culture of Notre Dame."

"It's a message probably that is sent early on, in the recruiting process. If you are interested in coming to college and not going to class and sleeping late and doing nothing but concentrating on athletics, then Notre Dame isn't going to be the place for you," he said. "The idea is that athletics is only going to take you so far, no matter how accomplished you are as an athlete."

This year's numbers are consistent with how Notre Dame has performed in the past, Heisler said, and in some areas, Notre Dame improved. Last year, 18 of the University's 22 athletic programs received a GSR score of 100.

"I suppose, in a lot of cases, that the numbers are impressive enough that the

goal is probably perfection," Heisler said. "You'd like to see 100s across the board."

The 2007 NCAA report showed Notre Dame had a percentage of .818 (18 of 22), which made it No. 1. In 2006, Notre Dame's percentage was .773 (17 of 22), which placed it at the No. 2 rank behind the U.S. Naval Academy. In 2005, Notre Dame's score was .800 (16 of 20), which resulted in a No. 1 rank, according to a news release on the Notre Dame Athletics Web site.

The numbers released in the fourth year of the NCAA GSR survey are based upon entering classes from 1998 to 2001.

According to the Notre Dame Athletics Web site, the GSR was developed four years ago to account for transfer student athletes and others not tracked by federal graduation rate accounting, to account for increased mobility of students. Under these standards, schools are not penalized for students who transfer from the institution in good academic standing.

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athletics director

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dents in the cases it advises it best not to use local mail to send absentee ballots to the United States; on-location program directors will send these ballots by DSL to ensure they arrive on time to be counted.

"Unfortunately, in some places, the local mail takes forever," she said.

OIS will be sending out e-mails today reminding abroad students once again about the election and referring them to the Youth Vote Overseas Web site in the event their ballots are lost or late in arriving.

The United States election is a hot topic in various media outlets abroad, though not to the same degree as domestic coverage.

"I would imagine they are definitely talking about the election, especially in Europe," Opel said.

Junior Clare Brady, currently studying abroad in Dublin, registered to vote through the NAFSA Web site before she left; it was sent to her in Ireland. When she received it, she filled it out and sent it back, citing no problems with mail delivery.

Brady said the United States election is a very popular topic of conversation in Ireland.

"People here are very, very obsessed with the election and love [Sen. Barack] Obama, just because they hate [President George] Bush," she said.

The level of interest in the United States political system is very high; Brady said she noticed "some people here care more than people at home."

She said the students do need to work and seek out election

news a little bit, but that it's "readily available."

Junior Molly Conway, currently studying abroad in London, said "Londoners seem to be overwhelmingly pro-Obama."

"They see him as being a breath of fresh air for American politics and they are very vocal about their endorsement," she said.

Conway also voted by absentee ballot, which she also had mailed to her abroad location.

She said that due to the time difference, six hours for those in London, many students have been watching presidential debates on YouTube or other Web sites after they occur Stateside.

"But some people stayed up to watch them," she said.

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and genocide.

Gerson's lecture concerned the changing political landscape. He emphasized three main aspects that are causing a shift in the political nature of the United States.

The first factor is the economic decline of mainstream media, which has led to a major change in the nature of news, he said. The rise of Internet media, according to Gerson, has facilitated a culture of exclusion, encouraging those who do not agree with an idea to remain silent rather than challenge it.

"Americans can now if they choose live in an ideological universe of their own choosing, and view everyone outside that universe as idiots, as fools," said Gerson.

Gerson admitted that the mainstream media could also be corrupt, even hypocritical. But hypocrisy cannot exist without standards, he said. Without a mainstream media and journalists devoted to exposing the truth, Americans are left with a news media where anger rules, he

said.

The second factor is a lack of liberalism in politics, he said. The last two presidents worked to change their respective parties, Gerson said. There is none of that in today's election and both parties are running empty campaigns, he said. Gerson said that Obama is naturally talented in the art of politics, but that he has not made any moves to innovate his policies.

A lack of any sort of moderate policy agenda will empower the Democrat-led Congress, leading to backlash from conservatives, he said.

"Obama is a strong, able man," Gerson said. "But it may take a strong president with a developed and centrist ideology to shape and defy a democratic Congress."

The third factor relates to conservatism, he said. Gerson said the party is lost, exhausted, and preparing for fratricide. Unless Republicans change their tactics and apply creative, free-market ideas to human problems, they

will never succeed, he said. Reform is the key idea in improving the conservative party, he said.

Gerson said that McCain has been such a reformer. In the past, he was willing to oppose his own party. However, he is also running an empty campaign now. He has made no announcement of any kind of reform, he said.

"Candidates need to decide if they want to provide a message for the masses or be in business for themselves."

Gerson also asked why the winner of this year's election would even want the presidency.

The three factors will certainly complicate the office. There will likely be a recession, along with a host of other problems. However, he said with a new leader comes new optimism.

"A new presidency is a chance for a new beginning," Gerson said. "It is one of the best things about this country."

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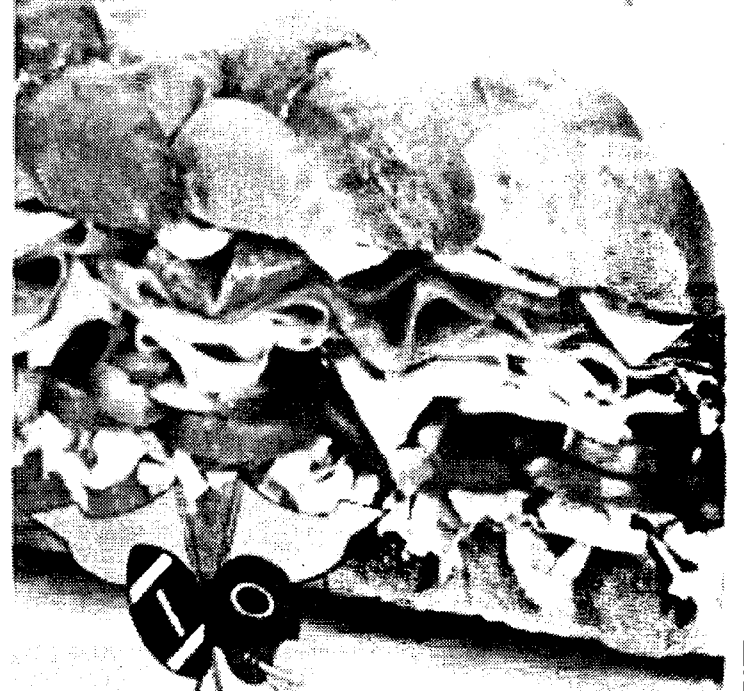
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israeli court clears way for museum

JERUSALEM — Plans for a Jerusalem museum dedicated to tolerance and coexistence got the final go-ahead Wednesday from Israel's Supreme Court, which rejected an appeal by Muslims who complained the site covers part of an ancient Muslim cemetery.

The judges ruled they would not block construction since no objections had been lodged in 1960 when the city put a parking lot over a small section of the graveyard.

The Museum of Tolerance is intended to bring the city's warring tribes together. But the planning alone sparked a fight with political, religious and historical dimensions between Muslims and Jews.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center, the Los Angeles-based Jewish organization behind the project, welcomed the court ruling after a two-year delay in work on the \$250 million museum caused by legal proceedings.

"All citizens of Israel, Jews and non-Jews, are the real beneficiaries of this decision," Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder of the Wiesenthal Center, said in a statement.

Iraq outlines desired pact changes

BAGHDAD — Iraq wants a security agreement with the U.S. to include a clear ban on U.S. troops using Iraqi territory to attack Iraq's neighbors, the government spokesman said Wednesday, three days after a dramatic U.S. raid on Syria.

Also Wednesday, the country's most influential Shiite cleric expressed concern that Iraqi sovereignty be protected in the pact. Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani wields vast influence among the Shiite majority and his explicit opposition could scuttle the deal.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the ban was among four proposed amendments to the draft agreement approved by the Cabinet this week and forwarded to the U.S.

NATIONAL NEWS

Thousands lack power in the Northeast

ALBANY — More snow fell Wednesday in parts of the Northeast as utility crews labored to restore service to thousands of customers blacked out by the region's first big snowstorm of the season.

The wet snow that began falling Tuesday collected on trees still covered with leaves, and its weight combined with gusty wind to send limbs crashing onto power lines.

The National Weather Service reported storm totals of about 14 inches at northern New Jersey's High Point State Park, as much as 15 inches along the northwestern edge of New York's Catskill Mountains, and a foot in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains.

Halloween returns to Pa. town

OIL CITY, Pa. — For 16 years, real horror overshadowed the make-believe terror of Halloween in this Pennsylvania town, where trick-or-treating after dark was banned after an 11-year-old girl was abducted off the street and murdered.

But on Friday, pint-sized witches, princesses and vampires will once again be shuffling from house to house at night, thanks to a petition drive by a fifth-grader.

Elizabeth Roess gathered signatures, wrote an essay outlining her argument, and persuaded City Council two months ago to bring back nighttime trick-or-treating.

"I was a little scared that happened," Elizabeth said of the 1992 slaying of Shauna Howe, who was kidnapped while walking home from a pre-Halloween party. But she added: "I did this and now I'm so happy."

LOCAL NEWS

Date set for racketeering trial

HAMMOND — A federal judge has set Jan. 19 for the start of a civil racketeering trial against former East Chicago Mayor Robert Pastrick and two of his top aides.

The lawsuit claims that Pastrick and others used more than \$24 million of city money for paving projects to buy votes in the 1999 Democratic primary election.

U.S. District Judge James Moody, who in June rejected a request from Pastrick to dismiss the lawsuit, set the Jan. 19 trial date on Wednesday and scheduled a final pretrial conference for Jan. 8.

College tuition up despite economy

Students and families see no relief amid falling wages and job losses

Associated Press

As the economy walloped their finances, students and families saw little relief this fall from rising college costs, which jumped 6.4 percent at state universities, according to new figures out Wednesday.

Next year is already looking bad, too. More state budget cuts to higher education are virtually certain, and schools in at least two states — Michigan and Rhode Island — will take the unusual step of raising prices midyear.

"At a time of flattening wages, widespread job losses and shrinking home values, the last thing parents need is another big increase in the cost of college," said James Boyle, president of the group College Parents of America.

But that's what they got.

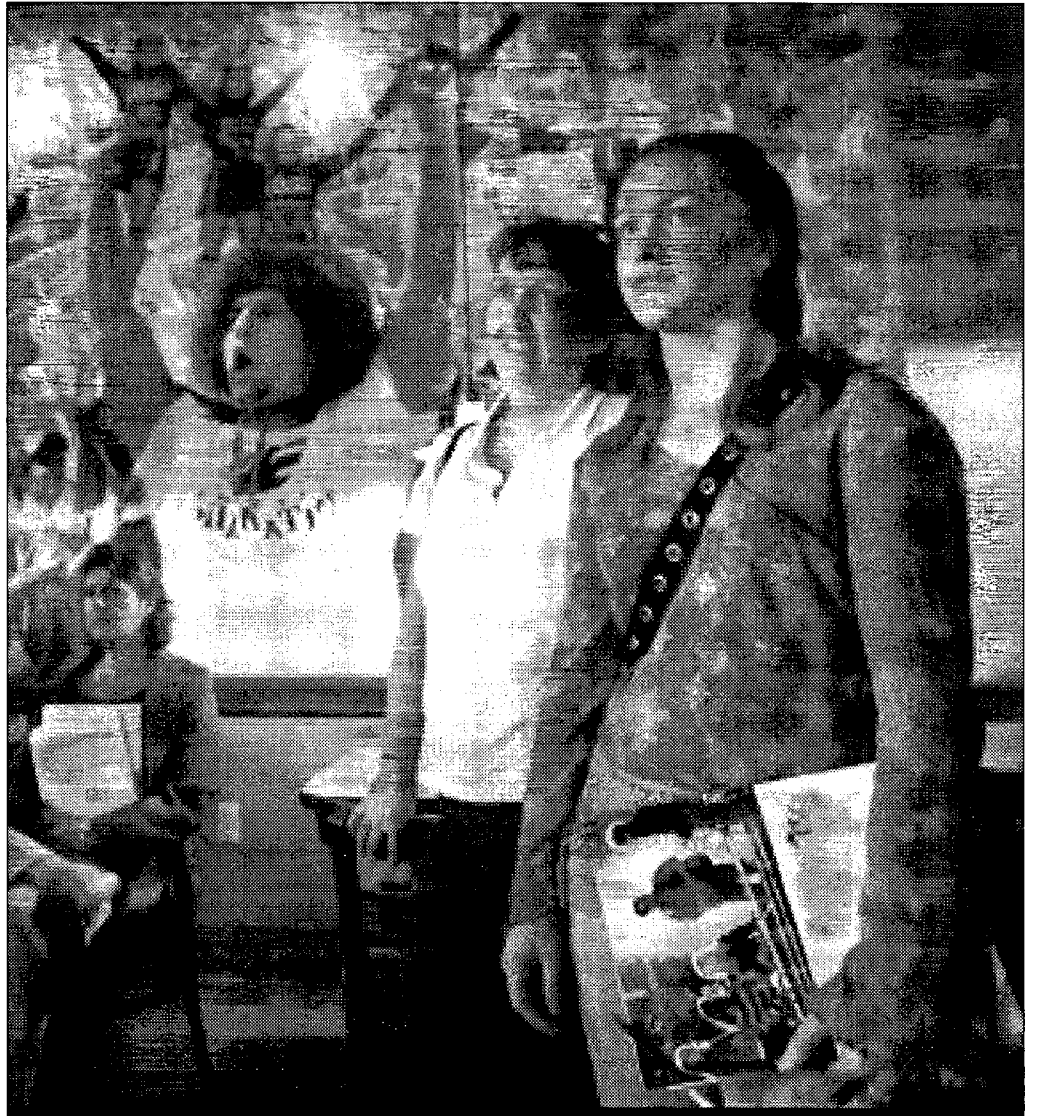
For the current academic year, the average list price of tuition and fees at four-year public universities rose \$394, or 6.4 percent, to \$6,585 for in-state students. At private colleges, prices rose \$1,399, or 5.9 percent, to \$25,143, according to the annual "Trends in College Pricing" report from the College Board.

It's important to remember that many students don't pay the full list price. At private colleges, grants and tax breaks lower the average net price to about \$14,900. At public universities the average actual cost is only about \$2,900.

And while some private colleges now exceed \$50,000 when room and board are figured in, they are the exception. Overall, more than half of four-year college students attend institutions where the list price for tuition and fees is less than \$9,000.

"No student should rule out a private college and university without first checking with the institution about financial aid options," said David Warren, president of the National Association of Colleges and Universities. He noted that over the last decade independent colleges have increased financial aid at more than three times the rate they've increased tuition.

But they've done so largely by tapping rapidly growing endowments. Now, like family savings, college endowments have taken a beating on Wall Street, just as demand for financial aid rises. Some colleges may try to hold down prices — Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill., has announced a freeze — but in



Erin O'Connell, right, and her mother listen during a visit to Elon University. The souring economy and dramatic slump on Wall Street are providing a cold dose of financial reality for many families.

most cases the pressure to charge more will be greater.

"If current economic patterns continue, it is possible that some tuition increases next year will be higher than the usual 5 to 6 percent at our institutions," Warren said.

At public institutions — which enroll about three-quarters of American college students — the economy already has prompted big increases. At least 21 states cut higher education spending this year, and some passed tuition increases well above the national average, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. The University of Florida, for instance, is eliminating 430 faculty and staff positions, lowering enrollment by 1,000 students and increasing prices 15 percent for in-state undergraduates.

"Despite every effort by our institutions to increase aid to students and families, I am afraid this year's report may prove only to be a snapshot of a time in history that we might soon be referring to as the 'good old days,'" said Molly Corbett Broad, president of the American Council on Education, the principal group representing colleges in Washington, D.C.

The College Board report emphasized that, accounting for overall inflation, prices rose less than 1 percent this year, and actually declined at public two-year colleges. But that's only because overall inflation was unusually high — about 5.6 percent.

"No one really thinks it's easier to pay for college just because other prices have gone up," Sandy Baum,

economics professor at Skidmore College and senior policy analyst at the College Board, said in a telephone interview. While families may postpone other big-ticket items, "It's harder to wait to go to college than to wait to buy a car," she said.

Public two-year colleges once again were the biggest bargain. Average list prices there rose \$108, or 4.7 percent, to \$2,402. Factoring in financial aid, the College Board estimates the average net cost is only about \$100.

The College Board also reported that the amount of private borrowing — the loans students take out on top of federal aid — declined slightly in 2007-2008. After years of double-digit increases that fueled worries about student debt, private borrowing has plateaued.

PAKISTAN

At least 170 dead in Pakistan quake

Associated Press

Pakistan — Desperate villagers clawed through piles of mud and timber looking for victims of an earthquake that collapsed thousands of homes in southwestern Pakistan before dawn Wednesday, killing at least 170 people.

Army planes began flying in tents, medical supplies and blankets to the quake zone in Baluchistan province, but some 15,000 homeless people in the impoverished region faced a night in the open in near freezing temperatures following the 6.4-magnitude jolt.

"I have lost everything," said Haji Shahbaz, mourning the deaths of 17 relatives in Wam, a hard-hit village.

"Nothing is left here, and now life is worthless for me," he added, then wailed in despair, tears streaking his dust-caked face.

Pakistan is no stranger to natural disasters, but the quake comes at an especially precarious time for the Muslim country, with the civilian government battling al-Qaida and Taliban attacks while grappling with a punishing economic crisis.

As the army and other government agencies rushed to provide help, at least three hard-line Islamic organizations also were quick to aid quake survivors, according to an Associated Press reporter who toured the area.

Among them was Jamaat-ud-Dawa,

designated a terrorist group by the U.S. government for its links to Muslim separatists fighting in India's portion of the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

The group set up relief camps and won friends among survivors of a 7.6-magnitude quake that devastated Kashmir and northern Pakistan in October 2005, killing about 80,000 people and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless.

Baluchistan is home to a long-running separatist movement, but has so far been spared the level of militant violence seen in the northwestern tribal areas along the border with Afghanistan, where Muslim extremists are strong.

BOG

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York Times, Chicago Tribune, and the South Bend Tribune to campus.

The budget also allowed for an increase to the contingency fund.

"We upped [the contingency fund] just because we don't know about this readership program," Weaver said. "Last year, they budgeted \$13,000 for it.

So, we just want to make sure we have that covered."

Patrick Daniel, director of Student Involvement and BOG advisor, congratulated the board on passing the budget;

however, he said he was disappointed with the way the issue was handled.

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**Mo Weaver
student body treasurer**

After discussing the budget, Student Services commissioner Catherine Meadors said Barry Bowles, General Manager of Sodexo at the College, provided her with more information

response to the anonymous about a boycott of the dining hall which took place before Fall Break in students discontent with the food. She said Bowles told her that the boycott did not significantly affect the number of students in the dining hall. Boles also provided her with figures in

agree with at times, and hopes people will focus on the issue instead of making things personal in the future.

He also said that with the passing of the budget, BOG

has the opportunity to move forward. "Let's not let it be just about the money," he said. "You have to move forward as BOG."

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fliers calling for the boycott that were put under students' doors before break.

"He said we [have] the twelfth lowest [cost] out of the top 100 liberal arts colleges for meal plans," Meadors said. She said Bowles wants to provide a variety of food in the dining hall, and he wants to make sure that it is the variety that students want.

Bowles has an open door policy for students with concerns about the food, she said.

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UNITED KINGDOM

Russell Brand quits BBC after radio show suspended

Associated Press

LONDON — Every entertainer knows there's a fine line between offbeat and offensive. Russell Brand has built a career walking it — but now he may have stumbled.

The wild-haired, motor-mouthed British comedian is renowned for risqué routines, wrote a memoir recounting his drug and sex addiction and called President Bush "that retarded cowboy fellow" while hosting MTV's Video Music Awards.

On Wednesday, Brand quit his BBC radio show after he and fellow performer Jonathan Ross were suspended indefinitely for leaving lewd messages on the voicemail of a 78-year-old actor. Also under threat is the reputation of Britain's state-funded national broadcaster, which allowed Brand's routine to make it to air.

The calls by Brand and Ross to actor Andrew Sachs — best known for playing Spanish waiter Manuel in the 1970s Britcom "Fawlty Towers" — have drawn more than 18,000 complaints. Prime Minister Gordon Brown called the comments "inappropriate and unacceptable."

In the ad-libbed messages, the pair claimed Brand had slept with Sachs' granddaughter Georgina Baillie, and joked that Sachs might hang himself as a result of the news. Baillie, a 23-year-old burlesque performer, acknowledged she had a sexual relationship with Brand but said the calls to her grandfather were "cruel."

The duo made further calls to Sachs in which they tried to apologize but continued to blurt out lewd messages. The calls were recorded Oct. 16 and aired on Brand's radio show two days later.

Both Brand and Ross apologized.

"I am sorry that I upset Mr. Sachs," Brand, 33, told reporters outside his London

home Wednesday. Ross, 47, said he was sorry for his "stupid error of judgment."

BBC director general Mark Thompson made a "personal and unreserved apology" for the "gross lapse of taste by the performers and the production team."

He said the pair would be suspended pending a full report into the affair.

Brand later said he had decided to resign from his BBC radio program, which attracted 2 million listeners a week.

"As I only do the radio show to make people laugh, I've decided that given the subsequent coverage I will stop doing the show," he said in a statement. "I got a bit caught up in the moment and forgot that at the core of the rude comments and silly songs were the real feelings of a beloved and brilliant comic actor and a very sweet and big-hearted young woman."

Several politicians have called on the BBC to fire the pair. Telecommunications regulator Ofcom said it would investigate whether the calls breached the broadcasting code, which sets standards for fairness and privacy.

The case is reminiscent of the antics of American "shock jocks" such as Howard Stern — who paid repeated obscenity fines before jumping to the unregulated haven of satellite radio — or Don Imus, who was fired from MSNBC and CBS Radio for making racist and sexist comments about a women's basketball team. There have been numerous incidents of DJ-inspired outrage in the U.S. In 2002, DJ team Opie and Anthony were fired by CBS Radio after broadcasting a live account of two listeners having sex in New York City's St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Sachs said he did not plan to complain to the police or other authorities.


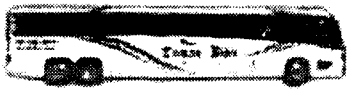
"I respect his decision," he said about Brand. "I hope he moves forward, I really hope he does."

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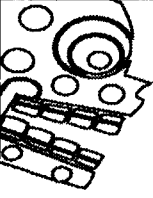
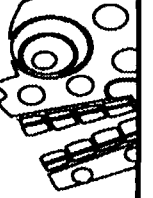
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IN BRIEF

FDA officials opposed drug suit policy

WASHINGTON — Top scientists and career employees at the Food and Drug Administration opposed agency regulations that weaken consumers' ability to sue drug makers, congressional investigators said Wednesday.

At issue is language in a drug labeling rule from 2006 that effectively limits when people can sue in state court over injury claims involving medications. The FDA contends federal regulations prevail when there is a conflict with state law. This concept is called pre-emption.

Internal agency documents showed that career officials opposed this approach, according to a report released by Rep. Henry Waxman, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. In the past, the agency had viewed private suits as an additional layer of protection against unsafe drugs, the report said.

"Much of the argument for why we are proposing to invoke pre-emption seems to be based on a false assumption that the FDA approved labeling is fully accurate and up-to-date in a real time basis," the report quoted Dr. John Jenkins, who oversees FDA's new drug reviews, as saying. "We know that such an assumption is false."

Patients injured by drugs have won suits against drug manufacturers for failing to warn against certain dangers.

World stocks higher as Fed cuts rate

LONDON — World stock markets ended mostly higher Wednesday but many retreated from their session peaks as investors returned to fretting about corporate earnings in a global recession and a rally on Wall Street fizzled.

The U.S. Federal Reserve met market expectations by trimming a key interest rate by half a percentage point in a bid to revive the world's largest economy. Global markets surged Tuesday in anticipation of the Fed's move but there appeared to be only lackluster follow-through.

Late-session selling sent the Dow Jones industrials down 74.16, or 0.82 percent, to end at 8,990.96 after being up nearly 280 points, which would have given them a two-day gain of more than 1,160 points.

European stock markets closed mostly higher Wednesday, catching up with Tuesday's surge on Wall Street that started after European exchanges had closed.

Governors, mayors seek fiscal help

Facing budget troubles, states ask Washington for public works projects

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bevy of governors, mayors and interest groups came to Capitol Hill Wednesday, pressing for tens of billions of dollars for new public works projects and help for cash-strapped states, among other ideas aimed at boosting the economy.

They found sympathetic ears at a pair of House hearings — even from some Republicans — for ambitious plans to build roads and water and sewer projects, extend jobless benefits and help states cope with multibillion dollar budget shortfalls.

Democrats are eyeing a huge economic stimulus measure, either in a postelection session next month or as the first item of business next year. They are focusing more on the spending side of the federal ledger, as opposed to the tax rebate checks sent out earlier this year, with a key focus on generating new jobs.

"Every billion dollars in spending on infrastructure, on highway and transportation expenditures does result in 35,000 new jobs," said Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., at a hearing of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Before another panel, New York Gov. David Paterson, a Democrat, pressed for billions to help close a projected \$12.5 billion budget gap caused in large part by the chaos on Wall Street. He said falling tax revenues will mean harmful cuts to in health care, anti-poverty programs and other state services.

"The cruel irony is that at the time when citizens need their state governments the most, state governments are least equipped to help them because of plummeting revenues," Paterson said. "When states are hurting, our national economy suffers."

New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine, a Democrat and former chairman of Goldman Sachs, called for a deficit-financed stimulus measure tagged at up to two percent of



New York Gov. David Paterson, left, talks with South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford on Capitol Hill prior to testifying on states financial crisis.

the size of the economy — or about \$300 billion — with a heavy emphasis on infrastructure projects such as road construction, railway repairs and water and sewer projects.

"This time of adversity should be translated into a time of opportunity with respect to our infrastructure projects," Corzine told the transportation committee. "We should not lose the opportunity to invest in our future, our children, and our grandchildren's future."

But the immediate future of any stimulus measure is murky at best, given resistance from President Bush to

the spending-focused approach favored by Democrats. While Democrats say there's no time to waste, given the faltering economy, they may have to wait until January to enact their plans — if Barack Obama is elected.

Congressional aides say an extension of unemployment benefits is likely next month, but that a large stimulus bill is unlikely to pass while Bush is in office.

"A lot of the claims that are made about how much transportation could actually help build the economy are overblown," said White House Press Secretary Dana Perino. Generally on new stimulus

measures, she said the White House has not "seen a package that we could support."

"It remains a mystery to me whether this hearing is merely a fact-finding expedition or whether it is laying the groundwork for action in Congress next month on a stimulus package," said Rep. Jim McCrery, R-La., a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. "If our goal is to make law this year, then I want to remind my colleagues that it is of little use to draft a package ... if it cannot also pass the closely divided Senate and be signed by the current occupant of the White House."

Key interest rate lowered to 1 percent

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve slashed a key interest rate by half a percentage point Wednesday, driving it to a level seen only once before in the last half-century, and the government finally began distributing funds from the billions in the financial rescue package.

Those efforts and others were part of a concerted drive by officials, just days before a national election, to demonstrate they are moving as quickly as possible to deal with the most serious financial crisis to hit the country since the 1930s.

"Policymakers have their foot to the accelerator and they are using every effort at their disposal to stop the slide in the economy and financial markets," said Mark Zandi, chief economist with Moody's Economy.com. "And it's not a moment too soon given the serious damage that has already been done."

Wall Street, which the previous day posted

the second biggest point gain in history, was less impressed with Wednesday's activity. The Dow Jones industrial average finished the day down 74 points, a drop analysts said partly reflected growing worries about whether the government's actions will be sufficient to avert a deep and prolonged recession.

The Fed, as investors had hoped, announced a half-point cut in the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans, driving it down to 1 percent, a low last seen in 2003-2004. That rate has not been lower since 1958 when Dwight Eisenhower was president.

Reducing the rate as low as zero cannot be ruled out, some analysts said, but they cautioned that reducing rates that far carried some risks, including that if the credit crisis suddenly worsened, the Fed would have used up its ammunition.

Analysts also noted that just lowering rates cannot serve as a panacea to overcome a

credit crisis. While the goal is to encourage banks to begin lending again, financial institutions are skittish about extending new loans given the huge losses they have racked up in bad mortgages.

Meanwhile, the administration announced that the spigot had been opened on the \$700 billion fund created by Congress Oct. 3 to rescue the U.S. financial system. Treasury issued a report showing checks had been disbursed for \$125 billion in payments to nine major banks, including Bank of America, Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley. The goal is to bolster their balance sheets so they will resume more normal lending.

And the administration was nearing an agreement on a plan to help around 3 million homeowners avoid foreclosure, according to sources who had been briefed on the matter. The program would be the most aggressive effort yet to limit damages from the severe housing slump.

CONGO

Soldiers, refugees flee rebel fighters

Rwandan Tutsi-led government denies charges that troops crossed the border, attacked soldiers

Associated Press

GOMA — Firing wildly, Congolese soldiers commandeered cars, taxis and motorbikes Wednesday in a retreat from advancing rebel fighters, joining tens of thousands of terrified refugees struggling to stay ahead of the violence.

As gunfire crackled in this eastern provincial capital, the Tutsi rebels said they had reached the outskirts of Goma and declared a unilateral cease-fire to prevent panic as the army retreats and residents flee.

Congo said Rwandan troops had crossed the border and attacked its soldiers — raising the specter that neighboring nations will again be drawn into Congo's war. Rwanda's Tutsi-led government immediately denied the charge, but Congo turned to Angola for help defending its territory.

As the chaos mounted, the U.S. announced its officials were leaving Goma and urged all American citizens to do the same. The State Department said Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Jendayi Frazer was heading to the capital, Kinshasa, and would arrive Thursday.

"There is a lot of violence," said spokesman Sean McCormack. "This is of deep concern to us."

Thousands of panicked refugees clogged the dirt roads out of Goma, struggling to reach safety.

Women carrying huge bundles on their heads and babies in their arms trudged alongside men pushing crude wooden carts crammed with clothing, food and cooking utensils. Bewildered children walked alongside. Young boys led goats and pigs on tethers as men on bicycles weaved in and out.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said about 45,000 people fled the nearby village of Kibati, where they had been sleeping in a makeshift camp in the open air, in a matter of hours on Wednesday.

"It was very chaotic," said agency spokesman Ron Redmond, speaking from Geneva. Most of the refugees had arrived only the day before after fleeing fighting farther north.

"They suddenly became very agitated and people began leaving the camp in a panic," Redmond said. They first headed toward Goma to the south, then changed direction and headed back out as it became clear the city was about to fall.

Goma's governor, Julien Mpaluku, acknowledged that panic was spreading, but stressed that U.N. peacekeepers were still in charge and rebels had not yet entered the city. U.N. spokesman Madnodje Mounoubai said peacekeepers were deployed at the airport

and at other strategic points.

A rebel statement said their fighters were just outside Goma.

"We are not far from Goma," rebel leader Laurent Nkunda was quoted as saying on the BBC's Web site. "But because there is a state of destabilization in the town we decided ... unilaterally to proclaim a cease-fire."

Nkunda, who has ignored calls by the Security Council to respect a U.N.-brokered truce signed in January, called on government forces to follow suit.

The U.N. says its biggest peacekeeping mission — a 17,000-strong force — is now stretched to the limit with the surge in fighting and needs more troops quickly. India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uruguay and South Africa are the main contributors to the existing force.

But hopes for immediate backup from the European Union dimmed. French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said Wednesday the EU had considered sending troops to reinforce the peacekeepers in Congo but some countries refused.

Fears have grown of a wider war that could drag in Congo's neighbors. Congo suffered back-to-back wars from 1996 to 2002 that embroiled eight

African nations and became a rush at the country's vast mineral wealth.

The unrest in eastern Congo has been fueled by festering hatreds left over from the 1994 Rwandan genocide, in which half a million Tutsis were slaughtered. More than a million Hutu extremists fled to Congo where they regrouped in a brutal militia that helps fuel the continuing conflict in Congo.

Rebel leader Nkunda, an ethnic Tutsi and former general, quit the army several years ago, claiming the government of President Joseph Kabila was not doing enough to protect minority Tutsis from the Hutu extremists.

On Wednesday, retreating government soldiers entered Goma along with the fleeing refugees, grabbing cars, taxis and motorbikes to help in their escape.

About 15 soldiers briefly commandeered a car carrying an AP cameraman and photographer and demanded to be driven about 50 miles to the town of Saki.

"I'll kill you! I'll kill you!" yelled one soldier in front of an airfield near downtown Goma.

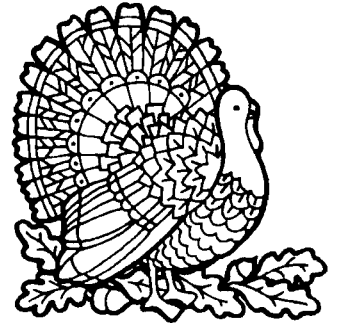
The soldiers grabbed boxes that looked like ammunition from the U.N. compound at the airport, piled them into the SUV and took off. Some of the soldiers piled onto the roof, others hung from open doors. The journalists finally managed to get away, jumping out of the moving vehicle at a military police checkpoint.

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CAMPAIGN NEWS

Obama on prime-time; McCain criticizes

MIAMI — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama plunked down \$4 million for a campaign-closing television ad Wednesday night, summoning voters to "choose hope over fear and unity over division" in Tuesday's election. Republican John McCain derided the event as a "gauzy, feel-good commercial," paid for with broken promises.

"America, the time for change has come," Obama said in the final moments of the unusual ad, a blend of videotaped moments and a live appearance before thousands in Sunrise, Fla.

"In six days we can choose an economy that rewards work and creates jobs and fuels prosperity starting with the middle class," Obama said.

The 30-minute ad, aired on CBS, NBC, Fox and several cable networks, came just days from the end of a race in which Obama holds the lead in polls nationally as well as in most key battleground states as he bids to become the first black president.

Republicans and even some Democrats said the race was tightening as it neared the end. And while Obama made no mention of McCain in his paid television ad, both men sharpened their rhetoric during the day.

Palin suggests she will be a GOP fixture

TOLEDO, Ohio — Facing the unhappy prospect of defeat, Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin indicated Wednesday that she will not disappear from the national political scene if the GOP ticket loses on Tuesday.

"Absolutely not. I think that, if I were to give up and wave a white flag of surrender against some of the political shots that we've taken, that ... that would ... bring this whole ... I'm not doing this for naught," Palin said in an interview with ABC News, according to excerpts of a transcript released by the television network.

Palin was steadfast in saying Republican presidential nominee John McCain would defeat Democrat Barack Obama.

"I'm just ... thinking that it's gonna to go our way on Tuesday, Nov. 4. I truly believe that the wisdom of ... of the people will be revealed on that day. As they enter that voting booth, they will understand the stark contrast between the two tickets," the Alaska governor said.

In addition to the interview, Palin delivered a policy address in which she called for a "clean break" from the Bush administration's energy policies. She said the White House plans rely too much on importing foreign oil.

Democrats dominate early voting

WASHINGTON — Democrats are dominating early voting in six key states President Bush won four years ago, forcing Republican John McCain to play catch-up even before Election Day arrives.

Democrats outnumber Republicans among early voters in Iowa, North Carolina, Florida, Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada, according to statistics from election and party officials in those states. Bush won all six in 2004, and McCain needs to win most of them to claim the White House this year.

Georgia, another red state, doesn't track early voters by party, but it does by race. About 1.4 million Georgians have already cast ballots, and blacks are voting in disproportionate numbers. Black voters overwhelmingly support Democrat Barack Obama, who is bidding to become the nation's first black president.

Values issues highlight state ballots

Voters can decide their states' position on issues like abortion and gay marriage

Associated Press

Social issues so volatile that the presidential campaigns sidestepped them will be on the ballots in several states next week, including measures that would criminalize most abortions, outlaw affirmative action and ban same-sex marriage in California, one of only three states that allows it.

In all, there are 153 proposals on ballots in 36 states.

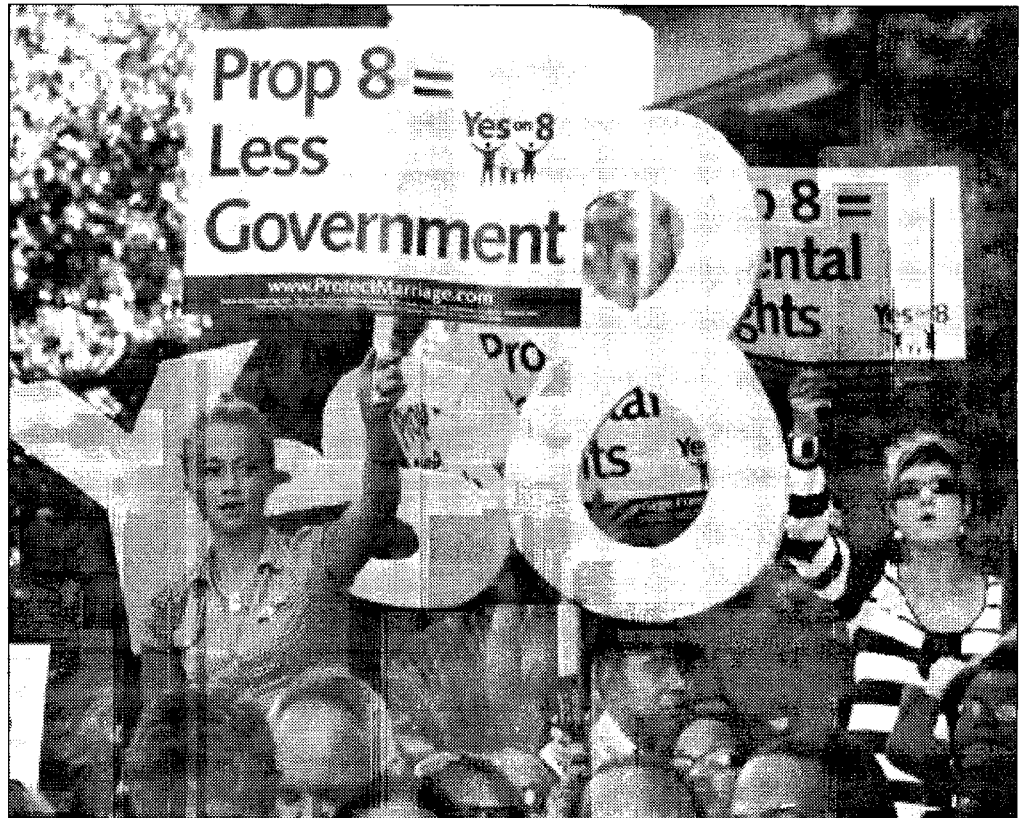
In Washington, voters will decide whether to join Oregon as the only states offering terminally ill people the option of physician-assisted suicide. Massachusetts has three distinctive measures on its ballot — to ban dog racing, ease marijuana laws and scrap the state income tax, a step that could unleash budgetary tumult.

The main presidential rivals, Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain, have rarely made proactive comments during the campaign about same-sex marriage or affirmative action — issues on which the public is deeply divided. Abortion also has seemed like an uncomfortable topic for them at times, although Obama makes clear he supports abortion rights and McCain says he would like to ban most abortions.

But in a half-dozen states, these three issues are front and center.

Florida, Arizona and California have constitutional amendments on their ballots that would limit marriage to a man and a woman. More than two-dozen states have previously approved such amendments, but none were in California's situation — with same-sex marriage legal since a state Supreme Court decision in May and thousands of gay and lesbian couples already wed.

The rival camps view the California vote in epic terms, with the outcome of Proposition 8 having enormous influence on



More than 300 supporters of Proposition 8, the ballot measure that would take away the right of same-sex couples to wed, rally at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif., Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008.

prospects for same-sex marriage rights in other states.

"If we lose California, if they defeat the marriage amendment, I'm afraid that the culture war is over and Christians have lost," said Donald Wildmon, founder of the American Family Association. "California is a big dam, holding back the flood — and if you take down the dam in California, it's going to flood 49 other states."

Obama is expected to win easily in California, but the vote on Proposition 8 is expected to be close. Of keen interest to both sides is how churchgoing black and Hispanic voters — in general a pro-Obama constituency — will vote on the ballot measure.

Both Obama and McCain say they oppose same-sex marriage. But Obama, unlike McCain, opposes Proposition 8 and endorses the concept of broader rights for same-sex couples.

Gay rights also is an issue in Arkansas, where a

ballot measure would prohibit unmarried couples from adopting or being foster parents. Conservatives backing the idea say it's aimed at same-sex couples, who are able to adopt and be foster parents in most states.

Abortion is a dominant campaign topic in South Dakota, which has an initiative that would ban the procedure except in cases of rape, incest and serious health threat to the mother. A tougher law without the rape and incest exceptions was defeated in 2006; a recent poll on the new version showed a dead heat.

Colorado has a "personhood" amendment on its ballot that would define human life as beginning at fertilization. It doesn't explicitly mention abortion, but activists on both sides in the campaign view it as a blunt challenge to abortion rights — so blunt that the National Right to Life Committee, Colorado's Roman Catholic bishops and some other anti-abortion groups have declined

to endorse it on strategic grounds.

Some of those skeptical of the idea believe it would run aground in legal challenges. Abortion-rights activists contend it would — if approved — potentially lead to the banning of certain types of birth control.

Colorado and Nebraska have proposals that would ban race- and gender-based affirmative action, similar to measures previously approved in California, Michigan and Washington. The man spearheading the movement, California activist-businessman Ward Connerly, says the candidacies of Obama, Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin prove blacks and women no longer need affirmative action.

"Anyone who raises \$150 million in one month is being judged pretty much on the basis of their political abilities and not on the basis of race," Connerly said of Obama during a debate in Nebraska last week.

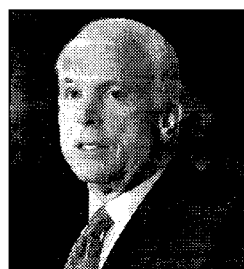
SOUND BYTE: HEALTH CARE

What will you do to improve the health care system?



Obama

"My health care plan will make sure insurance companies can't discriminate against those who are sick and need care most. If you have health insurance, the only thing that will change under my plan is that we will lower premiums. If you don't have health insurance, you'll be able to get the same kind of health insurance that Members of Congress get for themselves."



McCain

"To use their money effectively, Americans need more choices. We should give additional help to those who face particularly expensive care. If it is done right and the additional money is there, insurance companies will compete for these patients - not turn them away. It is a challenge to develop techniques that allocate the right amount to each of these families."

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With less than a week until election day, I have found myself wondering what I'll do with all the time I will save by not checking multiple blogs, new feeds, and polls several times every day. I also find myself reflecting on the entire election season as a whole, remembering — not quite nostalgically — some of the more sensational twists and turns, and deciding what I learned from my first true immersion into American politics.



Jason Coleman

Man at Large

For me, it started last Christmas break when a friend of mine called me a few days before New Year's, asking if I wanted to drive up to Iowa to see the candidates make their pitches just days before the caucuses. Over a forty-eight hour span I would see stump speeches from four candidates at middle schools and diners.

It's funny to think back on that now. First, I saw Mike Huckabee at a bar in some sleepy town. He was a mostly unknown Arkansas governor at the time, and made a strong enough pitch on values and compassion to win the contest. (McCain came in fourth). I'm not sure anybody thought that he was going to be the runner-up in the GOP contest even with the win, surviving the deadly Republican National Convention primary system clear into March.

Then, I walked a block or two down to a small diner, where Rudy Guiliani answered questions and signed autographs. Even as late as last Christmas, a lot of the smart money pegged him as the nominee. He had chosen to use Florida as his first (and last) stand in the process. The effectiveness of that position was more or less summed up

when a native Iowan shouted out "Why aren't you showing Iowa any love?" That was tough for even America's mayor to answer. It also probably explains why he finished behind Ron Paul.

Later that evening, I watched John Edwards in a middle school gym. His strategy, more or less, was to come out ahead or close to ahead in Iowa as a result of vote splitting between the two superstar candidates, Clinton and Obama. He ended up finishing second, edging Clinton out by no more than one percent. With his recent recreational activities exposed, I still shudder to think what would have happened had he been the nominee.

The next morning, on the way out of Des Moines, we stopped to see Barack Obama speak in an elementary school auditorium. I had heard of him, like many others, after his 2004 DNC speech, but had not followed him or even knew what his chances were. Everyone figured Clinton would win anyhow. But, we were intrigued and decided it was worth checking out. Little did we know that in a few days Iowa would shock political circles, allowing Obama to draw first blood against the Clinton Machine.

Of course, since then, there has been no lack of surprises and upheavals in the political world. Some of these were completely external; common knowledge through the spring indicated that Iraq would weigh heaviest on voter's minds. Who would have thought the global economy would implode dramatically over a matter of weeks?

Other surprises were intentional. The GOP VP pick, for instance, comes to mind. Who saw that coming? Add to the mix "Joe Six Pack," Joe the Plumber and Joe "Foot in Mouth" Biden, and you could have a primetime sitcom.

In all seriousness, the political education I received over the last year has provided more insight into the way America works

than any book or course ever could. In some cases, it was experience, such as going up to Iowa or volunteering to canvass, that provided first hand insight into how a political following is built. In others, it was all the information gleaned from watching CNN, or following the New York Times commentators. Most importantly, though, it was probably the arguments with my friends over such important issues that helped me to clarify my worldview and see how it fit with the way the world currently works.

All of this, however, led me to conclude that voting in and of itself is tantamount to being an American. Voting is the constitutional right of the people to change the face of America every time they step to the ballot box, and one that should not be voluntarily given up. I understand that it is hard to justify voting as a Democrat in a deeply Red state or visa versa, but I don't think this provides a reason not to do so. The vote is the strongest political statement one can make, regardless of how it figures into the bigger picture. It should not be taken lightly.

So, let me send you off, in my last column of the election season, with the charge to vote. If the absentee ballot is sitting on your desk, close it up and drop it in the mailbox. If you are registered here in Indiana, brave the lines and make your voice heard on Tuesday. Make sure you remind your friends and family. Regardless of who wins the race, America wins if everyone participates. Plus, as Bob Schieffer reminded us in the third debate, voting "will make you feel big and strong."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have chosen

In response to the various abortion arguments gracing the Viewpoint's pages these cold fall days, all it really shows is the obvious discord between beliefs in this country. I thought an opinion from experience would be useful to throw into the mix.

I am a mother. I have faced the "choice." There are no words to express the flood of emotions which fill a woman when she discovers she is pregnant, especially at such a young age. From happiness to fear, it ranges across the spectrum.

Overall, I agree with Mary Daly's opinion ("For Clarification," Oct. 28) when she says, "A pregnant woman who finds herself in a position in which abortion seems the only answer ... is not being afforded the right to choose."

Unfortunately, in today's society, that is often the case. I have held a staunch pro-life view throughout my life, but not until you are faced with the issue at hand do you truly question your beliefs. I will admit, abortion was an option, and a highly considered option for me the first few days.

When one is flooded with ideas of today's norm of leading life (i.e. college,

job, marriage, promotion, then children) and the more-common-than-not shame afforded to unwed mothers in our society, I felt very alone when, with a single decision, I was ripped from that norm into a life-track of my own. This loneliness directed me to consider abortion; however, after a night of tears and prayer, that "choice" was forever deleted from my mind.

What made me decide not to partake in this option given to me? It came down to one word: support. I learned of the support offered to me by my family and friends. I discovered the support given to me by the University. I supported myself by knowing I could be a mother and still reach all the goals in my life.

Too often today are women like me faced with the same decision and not given the support they need in order to know that abortion, while a legal choice, is actually the worst choice available to them. While I feel that this nation is a long way from making abortion illegal again based on a rights disagreement, we should be focusing on making less and less women feel the need to terminate a pregnancy because she feels there is no other

choice.

How? Support, and unlimited amounts of it. I still believe abortion is the murder of an innocent life, but I now understand how a woman can feel so trapped that she feels there is no other option available. Now, after going through the most difficult nine months of my life, I have a beautiful one-year-old daughter who never stops smiling, a wonderful fiancé I am marrying next spring, high grades in school, a promising internship next summer and the most fulfilling life I could have ever imagined.

I do hope, as Lindsey Schwartz ("Who has the 'Right to Life'?" Oct. 13) pointed out, that no one is put into the situation that I was; however, know that the choice you make can lead you to be the happiest you have ever been. I look at my daughter and tears fill my eyes with the thought that I might have never seen her big, beautiful, blue eyes with a "choice" I almost made.

Staysha Sigler
junior
off campus
Oct. 28

OBSERVER POLL

Who would you rather spend a night on the town with?

John McCain
Barack Obama
Joe Biden
Mr. Sarah Palin

Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it."

Henry David Thoreau
U.S. author

Great Things Are Attached to Grocery Stores:

El Paraiso

By KARA KING
Scene Writer

Just down Main Street in South Bend, El Paraiso is a Mexican restaurant that few students beyond the Irish ski team have discovered. And this needs to change. With prices and speed to rival Taco Bell, and traditional Mexican food that is hard to find past the Red River, it is more than worth a visit.

El Paraiso looks (and feels) like the type of dive frequented by Guy Fieri. Attached to a Mexican grocery store, it screams authenticity throughout the dining experience. The smell is overpowering when you enter, and it sets the stage for the dining experience to follow.

The restaurant itself is basic: a simple room with several cafeteria-type tables, orange walls and a few Mexican decorations spaced throughout. This simplicity belies all this place has to offer.

The menu offers anything and everything Mexican, from favorites such as tacos, burritos, and quesadillas to chimichangas and milanesa.

Most selections are à la carte, although there are several plate options and daily specials. Rice and beans can also be added to any order for a few dollars more. But with the exceptionally generous portion sizes, they aren't needed. The burrito size

easily rivals those of Chipotle, except that instead of being overly stuffed with rice and other fillers, they contain copious amounts of meat with just enough sides to enhance the flavor. Quite obviously, these burritos mean business.

The food itself is amazing, albeit a little bit greasy (although with Mexican food that should be expected). To begin, pick an entrée. Then

customize. Choose a main filling from steak, chicken, ground beef, pork or black beans. Several options, such as tacos and burritos, are offered in several styles, including 'El Paraiso,' with sour cream, cheese and ample guacamole, and "Mexican style" with cilantro and onions. For those less adventurous, they also offer the traditional "American style," with lettuce, tomatoes and cheese.

Besides all the offerings for such a small place, even the little things are done right. The beans and rice are a welcome break from what passes for such in the dining hall. The salsa actually has flavor and heat. The wet burrito and

chimichanga are especially delicious and even their lesser-known entrées are cooked to perfection.

Best of all, it's cheap. Tacos start at \$1.50 each and burritos at \$5.00. Even the most expensive offerings fail to bust the \$10 mark. It is an easy place to visit on a budget and leave full and satisfied.

The service is good, for what it is. Mostly intended as a take out restaurant, the waitress managed to keep the chip basket full (although they do charge for refills beyond a certain point) and brought out the food as it was ready and warm. And while service is clearly not the strength of El Paraiso, it is better than expected.

The attached grocery store is an added bonus and worth a walk through even if you don't buy anything. With traditional Mexican produce year-round, if you ever find yourself in need of a mango or coconut, you know where to look. The Mexican candy section is also culturally enlightening and offers several interesting Halloween treats.

Overall, El Paraiso offers an unexpected Mexican dining experience in South Bend on a college student budget. Go for the affordability. Return for the food.

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Service: 2 of 4

Food: 3.5 of 4

Atmosphere: 3 of 4

Cost: 4 of 4

Overall: 3.25 of 4



Weekend Events Calendar

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Thursday: "Shaun of the Dead" at Legends, midnight.

In light of this spooky holiday season, Legends is getting into the horror game by sponsoring a showing of the 2004 British film "Shaun of the Dead." This spot-on parody spoofs classic zombie movies while still scaring up its share of chills and Halloween thrills.

In the film, slackerish Shaun (Simon Pegg) attempts to win back his girlfriend Liz (Kate Ashfield) while he and his buffoon best friend Ed (Nick Frost) battle hordes of flesh-eating zombies across their North London neighborhood. Not to be missed.

Friday: Notre Dame Glee Club Fall concert, Leighton Concert Hall, 8 p.m.

If your Halloween plans won't start until the wee hours of All Hallow's Eve, spend the earlier portion of your evening with the men of the Notre Dame Glee Club. Their seasonal concert will feature several of their traditional stand-bys, classic Notre Dame music, and a variety of other liturgical and secular pieces. The concert will also feature several of the smaller ensembles within the Glee Club, as well as some spooky Halloween-type selections. Also, watch for sales of the group's albums outside of the concert hall. Tickets cost \$8, \$6 for faculty and staff, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students.

Saturday: "Dracula" at the South Bend Civic Theatre, 8 p.m.

Yes, it's the day after Halloween, but why not keep the spooky spirit alive another night?

The South Bend Civic Theatre, minutes from both the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses, will feature performances of "Dracula" all weekend. As the Count himself says in the play, "I want your fear . . . for your fear renders your veins rich and full."

The play is an adaptation by Steven Dietz of the original Bram Stoker novel. Visit www.artseverywhere.com for more information. Tickets cost \$17 and there is also a midnight showing on Friday.

Sunday: The Alison Brown Quartet, Leighton Concert Hall, 2 p.m.

Ever given bluegrass a try? Even if you've never seen a banjo, the Alison Brown Quartet is sure to impress. Alison Brown is a Grammy-winning banjo artist who has worked with a variety of bluegrass performers, including Alison Krauss. Billboard magazine once likened Brown's banjo playing to "James Taylor's voice or B.B. King's guitar" for its unique style and beauty. Tickets cost \$38, \$30 for faculty and staff, \$28 for seniors and \$15 for students.

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SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Dining Hall Dish

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

We're back and the doors to the dining hall are flung open once again, so it's time to get back to work finding good things to eat. Hopefully a week off has put a shine back on the offerings of North and South, but if not here are some ideas to keep you going, so dig in!

This week's recipes:

Pitas with Garbanzo Beans and Spinach

There is something about pitas that just makes them fun, so stuff away! Spinach has gotten a bad name, probably because it is often served over-cooked, but don't give in to the association. It has a great flavor and is a

good shake up from the usual lettuce. Garbanzo beans (the stars of many Middle Eastern foods such as hummus and falafels) with their nutty flavor are a good source of protein.

Fill a bowl with spinach, garbanzo beans, mushrooms, feta cheese (Not a feta fan? Try blue cheese, or even sprinkle on a bunch of the parmesan from the pizza area.) and red onion.

Mix a dab of Dijon mustard into red wine vinegar and pour over the contents of the bowl. You can squeeze some lemon on top as well, if that is to your taste. (Too much work? You can actually just toss a dab of Dijon mustard on the top, pour over the vinegar and mix it later.)

If you want a hot pita, stop by the microwave and zap it for about 1 minute. If you're in more of a crunchy and fresh

mood, just leave it as is.

Make sure everything is well mixed and cut into bite sized pieces. Sprinkle with pepper.

Stuff the mixture into the pitas.

Black Bean and Bacon Salad

Lettuce is hardly a requirement for a salad. This one is based around black beans, a bunch of other yummy vegetables and of course, bacon. There isn't much that beats bacon, is there?

Fill a bowl with black beans, shredded carrot (or dice up a couple of carrot sticks), diced tomatoes, red onion and corn.

Add a little red wine vinegar, but not too much, you don't want to overwhelm this one.

Pick up a couple slices of bacon from the sandwich area

(or hot from the breakfast area if it is early enough in the day). Shred and mix into the other ingredients.

Warm up the bowl in the microwave for about a minute. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. You can try adding in some ranch dressing for another taste.

Quick Tip

Have a favorite sandwich you always make? Try transferring the same ingredients to a wrap, a pita, or even just some of the nicer breads you have to slice yourself. It will make a tried and true dish a little more special. Don't forget the pickle!

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

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USTFCCA Women's Cross Country Rankings

team	points
1 Washington (12)	360
2 Oregon	347
3 Florida State	334
4 Princeton	324
5 West Virginia	311
6 Villanova	302
7 Minnesota	280
8 Michigan	273
9 Michigan State	259
10 Illinois	245
11 Georgetown	237
12 Texas Tech	231
13 Arkansas	204
14 Florida	202
15 Arizona State	192
16 Wisconsin	183
17 Baylor	173
18 Stanford	165
19 Penn State	153
20 Rice	136
21 Iowa	112
22 Stony Brook	107
23 New Mexico	95
24 Providence	69
25 Wake Forest	55

NSCAA/Adidas Men's Soccer Rankings

team	points	record
1 Wake Forest (23)	575	15-0-1
2 Akron	535	13-1-2
3 Creighton	510	10-1-2
4 St. John's	497	12-1-3
5 Maryland	495	13-3-0
6 Northwestern	455	11-1-2
7 Loyola (Md.)	451	14-0-1
8 California	399	7-2-4
9 Tulsa	383	11-3-1
10 UC Davis	359	12-2-3
11 South Florida	341	10-3-2
12 North Carolina	317	11-3-1
13 Illinois-Chicago	274	10-2-4
14 UC Santa Barbara	265	9-4-2
15 Connecticut	247	8-3-5
16 Saint Louis	223	7-2-5
17 Indiana	184	9-4-2
18 Michigan	183	10-4-2
19 NOTRE DAME	152	9-5-2
20 UC Irvine	133	8-1-6
21 Louisville	95	9-5-2
21 Dayton	76	11-2-2
23 Pennsylvania	65	9-2-3
24 Drake	50	11-3-0
25 Michigan State	44	9-5-1

Big East Men's Soccer Standings

Team	League Record
1 St. John's	6-1-2
2 USF	6-3-1
3 NOTRE DAME	5-2-2
3 Connecticut	5-3-2
5 Georgetown	4-2-3
6 DePaul	4-3-2
7 Louisville	4-4-1
7 Providence	4-5-1
7 Cincinnati	4-5-1
10 Rutgers	3-4-2
10 Villanova	3-4-2
10 Pittsburgh	3-5-2
13 West Virginia	2-3-4
13 Seton Hall	2-4-4
13 Syracuse	3-5-1

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NBA



Detroit Pistons head coach Michael Curry talks with guard Richard Hamilton on the sideline during their 100-94 victory over the Pacers Wednesday night. AP

Curry wins debut with Pistons

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS — Michael Curry wants the Detroit Pistons to project a new image, consistently attacking on offense and playing hard on defense.

After Game One, it's a work in progress.

The Detroit Pistons played well enough to build big leads only to allow the Indiana Pacers to rally before beating them 100-94 Wednesday night in the opener for both teams.

Curry, though, can't fault the effort he saw in his debut as a head coach.

"If you get a big lead, NBA teams are going to come back on you because

they're too good," Curry said. "The key is minimizing their runs and we did that."

Tayshaun Prince had 19 points, Richard Hamilton scored 15, Chauncey Billups added 13 points and seven assists, and Walter Herrmann had 10 points to help Detroit's reserves easily outscore their counterparts.

Danny Granger led the new-look Pacers with 33 points and got some help from new teammates T.J. Ford, Jarrett Jack and Rasho Nesterovic.

Indiana had seven more turnovers and nine fewer offensive rebounds than Detroit.

"The difference in the game was the turnover differential and the offensive glass," Pacers coach Jim O'Brien said. "We shot 50 percent and we got to the line 13 times more than they did, but we shot ourselves in the foot."

Just eight of the 15 players on Indiana's opening-night roster were on the team at the end of last season.

The Pistons planned to shake up their core — which helped them win a championship in 2004 and advance to six straight Eastern Conference finals — but they ended up standing pat and counting on Curry along with an

influx of youth to take them back to the NBA finals.

Expectations are relatively low for Detroit after getting eliminated in Game 6 of conference finals the past three seasons.

The Pistons have provided fodder for doubters with inconsistent play and arrogant attitudes that have stunted their potential.

"We've earned the right for people to ask, 'Has this team made their last run?' We've earned the right [for people] to ask if we're going to be able to get it with the few changes we've made," Curry said. "We have to reassure ourselves, first and foremost."

IN BRIEF

Artest debuts in Rocket victory over Grizzlies

HOUSTON — Since acquiring Ron Artest in the offseason, the Houston Rockets have talked boldly about contending for the NBA championship. They have plenty of improvements to make before that happens.

Yao Ming had 21 points and 10 rebounds, Artest added 16 in his Houston debut, and the Rockets overcame poor shooting to beat the Memphis Grizzlies 82-71 on Wednesday night.

Luis Scola had 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Rockets, who were 28-for-76 (36.8 percent) from the field. They also went 5-for-16 from 3-point range and were outrebounded 49-44.

"It was ugly," said Artest, who went 6-of-14 from the field. "But if it means we're 1-0, then we'll take it."

Rudy Gay scored 20 and Darrell Arthur had 11 points and 15 rebounds for the Grizzlies, who've lost all eight season openers since moving to Memphis in 2001.

Utah outlasts Denver in Western Conference duel

SALT LAKE CITY — Carlos Boozer had 25 points and 14 rebounds and Andrei Kirilenko added 16 points in his new reserve role and the Utah Jazz opened the season with a 98-94 win over the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday night.

Mehmet Okur had 13 points and 10 rebounds and Ronnie Price finished with five assists starting in place of Deron Williams, who is out with a sprained ankle.

Denver rallied from a 14-point deficit to tie it in the fourth quarter, but couldn't overtake the Jazz, who went 13-for-16 from the foul line in the final period to hold on.

Allen Iverson had 18 points and eight assists to lead the Nuggets, who were missing star Carmelo Anthony while he served the first of a two-game suspension from a DUI arrest over the summer.

Hagman's goal lifts Maple Leafs over Devils

NEWARK, N.J. — Niklas Hagman pulled out a move he worked on in practice to beat Martin Brodeur in the shootout.

Hagman scored on a nifty backhand in the fourth round to give the Toronto Maple Leafs a 6-5 win over Brodeur and the New Jersey Devils on Wednesday night.

Hagman came in very tight on Brodeur, whipping home the deciding goal while showering the goalie with a spray of ice shavings.

"I decided I was going to try something else and I felt pretty confident with it," Hagman said. "I didn't want to put snow in his face. That's why I felt a little bad. I didn't want to celebrate too much. I didn't want to be cocky."

After Hagman gave Toronto a 2-1 shootout lead, Vesa Toskala secured the win with a blocker save on Jamie Langenbrunner.



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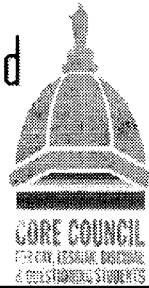
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NBA

Oden sidelined with injured foot

Trail Blazers star to miss two to four weeks

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland Trail Blazers center Greg Oden will miss two to four weeks because of an injury to his right foot.

The team said Wednesday that MRI and computerized axial tomography scans confirmed Oden has a mid-lateral foot sprain.

Oden, who missed all of last season after knee surgery, injured his foot in the first quarter of the Blazers' 96-76 season-opening loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night.

"I was trying to go get a rebound, and kind of came down on Derek Fisher's foot on like the third play of the game. I kind of fell and didn't think twice about it," he said after the game.

Oden missed four field goals and two free throws in 13 minutes of play.

The 7-foot center was the top pick in the 2007 draft. But even before his rookie season started, it was postponed by microfracture surgery on his right knee.

Trail Blazers coach Nate McMillan had not yet heard of the MRI results when he addressed reporters Wednesday at the team's practice facility in Tualatin, Ore.

"You don't want injuries, and he's worked so hard throughout this summer to get himself back," McMillan said. "And we tried to do everything we could to get him ready for the season and the opener, and he steps on a guy's foot."

Blazers guard Brandon Roy, who also spoke before the tests were complete, said the team will prepare to move forward without Oden for Friday night's home opener against San Antonio.

"I feel bad for him," Roy said. "I know this is a big year for him and he had a lot on his shoulders."

Oden's first game was highly anticipated by Blazers fans, who had waited a long time to see the top draft pick. The team had not had a No. 1 pick since 1978, when they chose center Mychal Thompson of Minnesota.

After he was held out last season, Oden rolled his ankle in the first practice of the fall. That injury wasn't serious, however.

At Ohio State, Oden averaged 15.7 points and 9.6 rebounds, but Oden struggled with a wrist injury. He led the Buckeyes to the national championship game, scoring 25 points and grabbing 12 rebounds in the loss to Florida.

NFL

Wilfork fined for hit on Cutler

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New England defensive tackle Vince Wilfork will be fined but not suspended by the NFL after meeting with commissioner Roger Goodell about a hit on Denver quarterback Jay Cutler, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The Patriots nose tackle met Tuesday with Goodell and the commissioner decided to forgo a possible suspension. That's according to a person familiar with the case who asked for anonymity because there has been no official announcement.

The NFL declined comment, noting that fines and suspensions normally are announced on Fridays.

Wilfork was summoned before Goodell after the Broncos claimed tape of New England's 41-7 win Oct. 20 showed Wilfork elbowing Cutler in the helmet.

However, the tapes that were reviewed during the hearing did not show that clearly, upholding New England's contention there was no intent to injure. They

also showed Wilfork helping up Cutler and patting him on the back after the play.

Wilfork was fined a total of \$35,000 last season for four different episodes. They included hits on Buffalo quarterback J.P. Losman and Dallas tight end Jason Witten. He also was fined for putting a finger inside the facemask of New York Giants running back Brandon Jacobs and grabbing the facemask of San Diego's Michael Turner during the AFC championship game.

Wilfork has played for the Patriots since being drafted in the first round out of Miami in 2004.

He said Wednesday that he didn't know what the outcome of the meeting would be, but felt the session was productive.

"I think both sides were happy," Wilfork said. "He got a chance to hear my side of my story of how I approach the game. I got a chance to hear what he had to say about the whole situation of my past history and playing football and all that good stuff. So I think we both left pretty happy."

NBA

Carter's 21 leads Nets past Wizards

Hawks start fast, hold on for victory over Magic

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vince Carter scored 21 points to lead his rebuilding New Jersey Nets to a 95-85 season-opening victory Wednesday night over a Washington Wizards team missing Gilbert Arenas.

Carter — whose teammates elected him the Nets' captain, coach Lawrence Frank announced before the game — made a 16-foot fadeaway jumper over Caron Butler to put the visitors ahead 90-82 with a minute left and effectively settle a back-and-forth game.

These are teams that took very different approaches this offseason. The Wizards essentially stayed pat, re-signing All-Star Arenas and Antawn Jamison to big contracts, while the Nets continued an overhaul that began when they traded away Jason Kidd.

Carter had plenty of help Wednesday, with 17 points from Yi Jianlian and 14 from former Wizards player Jarvis Hayes.

Six Wizards scored in double-figures, led by Jamison and DeShawn Stevenson with 14 apiece. All-Star forward Caron Butler shot 3-for-11 and finished with 13 points.

Elan Thomas played in his first real NBA game since an April 30, 2007, playoff loss to Cleveland. Thomas missed all of last season after having open-heart surgery, but he looked fit and aggressive Wednesday and finished with 10 points and eight rebounds.

The Wizards are opening the season without Arenas, who is recovering from a third operation on his left knee in 1 1/2 years. When healthy, he is the Wizards' top scorer, most creative player and go-to option when they need a buzzer-beater. They certainly could have used him while managing to score only one field goal in last 6 minutes Wednesday.

Arenas has offered varying estimates for when he might be back this season, and Washington coach Eddie Jordan was vague when asked about his star's rehabilitation.

"No timetable. Due process. He's on course. He's disciplined about it. He's diligent about it," Jordan said. "And we'll just have to see as it goes along."

During a glittery pregame ceremony, Arenas was not introduced to the crowd. When play began, he sat on the sideline wearing a sports coat and brightly colored foulard. A row behind Arenas was center Brendan Haywood, who had a breakthrough 2007-08 season but needed surgery on his right wrist this month and could be out for the season.

Neither team looked quite ready to go in a first half that lacked any rhythm and ended with Washington leading 46-44.

In the third quarter, Washington went on 10-0 run, with half the points scored by Antonio Daniels, to take a 62-58 lead with 4:14 left. But Hayes came in to score five consecutive points — with a background of boos — and put the

Nets back in front.

Keyon Dooling scored the last four points of the third quarter to give New Jersey a 69-67 edge heading to the fourth.

The Wizards' last lead was 75-74 with 8:17 left, and New Jersey ended the game on a 21-10 run.

The Nets returned only one starter from last season's opening-night roster: Carter, of course. Overall, only three current players — Carter, Josh Boone and Sean Williams — were on the roster at the start of last season, the fewest number of holdovers in franchise history.

That is why Frank said he's installed less than half of his offense.

"We're not going to be a finished product now," he said. "This is going to be an evolving thing — clean up and improve and continue to put in things whenever the group is ready for it. We have hardly anything in."

Still, on this night, it was enough.

Atlanta 99, Orlando 85

Joe Johnson scored 25 points, including nine in the fourth quarter, to help the Atlanta Hawks hold off a late Orlando rally for a 99-85 win Wednesday night in the season opener for both teams.

Dwight Howard had 22 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Magic, who lost their home opener for only the second time in the last nine seasons. Mickael Pietrus added 20 points.

Josh Smith chipped in 17 for the Hawks.

Orlando had a better road than home record last season in winning 52 games, and one of the Magic's priorities this season was doing a better job defending their home court.

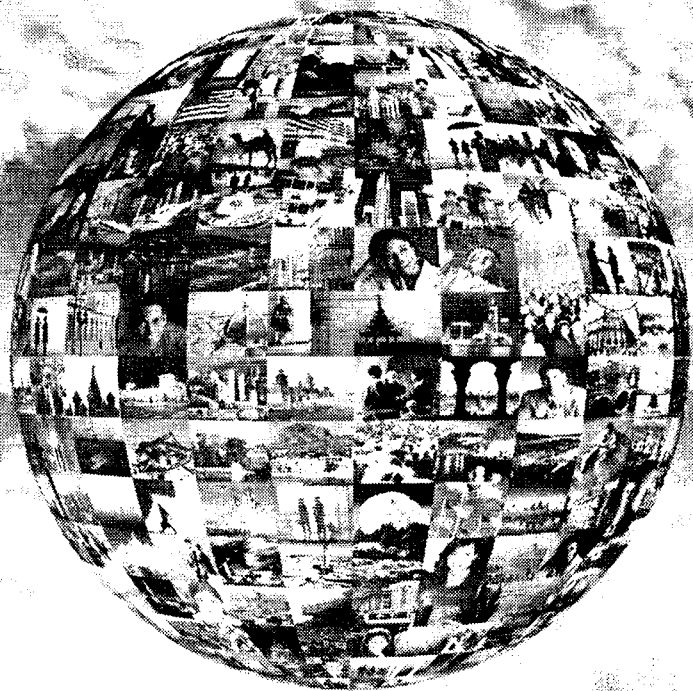
The Magic, expected to contend with Boston and Detroit for the Eastern Conference title, fizzled more than sizzled, shooting only 37 percent. Atlanta led by as many as 19 before Orlando got within seven points in the final minute, but Mike Bibby hit three free throws after a flagrant foul by Hedo Turkoglu to seal the victory.

Orlando struggled early, making only three of its first 18 shots. Howard, who moments before tipoff told the crowd, "We're going to be something special this year," was anything but in the first half, missing four of his first five shots, including two that were blocked.

Howard finished strongly, scoring 12 points in the fourth quarter. He had his familiar struggle from the free throw line, going 6-for-13.

Atlanta dominated on the boards early, and held the Magic without a point for nearly six minutes near the end of the first quarter in building a 23-8 lead. Rashard Lewis, Pietrus and backup point guard Anthony Johnson, who threw an alley-oop to Pietrus for a dunk, keyed a second quarter run that cut Atlanta's halftime lead to 47-40.

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NBA

Thunder falter in franchise debut

Three Bucks score 20 in opening night win

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — A block party filled the street with fans in blue Oklahoma City Thunder shirts. NBA commissioner David Stern walked to midcourt and welcomed the city to the league. A banner was unfurled with the team's new logo.

Then the ball was tipped off and the celebration promptly ended.

Michael Redd, Richard Jefferson and Charlie Villanueva each scored 20 points and the Milwaukee Bucks gave Oklahoma City's sellout crowd little hope about by spoiling the Thunder's debut with a 98-87 win on Wednesday night.

The Bucks were in control from the start, taking their first double-digit lead by the midway point of the first quarter, and they gave the 19,136 in attendance little to cheer about until it was too late.

"We had to come out hitting. That was the whole goal tonight was to come out fast," Redd said. "We knew we were in a hostile environment."

Oklahoma City started 2-for-12 from the field and never led, falling behind 20-9 and then watching Rookie of the Year Kevin Durant come out of the game with early foul trouble.

Even when he returned, it didn't make a difference. Durant was held scoreless in the first half, and instead it was Redd that broke through first.

Coming off a 30-point performance a night earlier, Redd hit his first 3-pointer and then stole the ball from Durant for a fast-break layup during a 10-1 run that pushed the Bucks' lead to 39-21.

By then, any electricity from the crowd had been turned off.

"We were just hoping that if they were playing on a lot of emotion early in the game that we'd be able to weather it," said Bucks coach Scott Skiles, who

got his first win with his new team. "And they were. I think that probably sometimes these kind of events can weigh on the home team a little bit also and we were able to take advantage of it."

Andrew Bogut added 14 points and Bell scored 11 for Milwaukee. Villanueva also had 12 rebounds.

Chris Wilcox led Oklahoma City with 15 points off the bench, first-round pick Russell Westbrook scored 13 in his debut and Durant finished with 12 on 5-for-14 shooting.

"I thought the atmosphere was definitely great," Wilcox said. "We had a lot of fans here, fan support, and I think if we get that night in and night out, a lot of games that we struggle, down the stretch we will come out with."

The Thunder had too big of a deficit for their excitable crowd to really play a factor.

Jefferson, Redd and Villanueva each hit 3-pointers early in the second half as the Bucks had little trouble against a Thunder defense that was the fourth-worst in the league last season. The lead grew to 71-47 after Villanueva scored off the Bucks' fourth offensive rebound of the same possession and then he and Jefferson combined to hit four free throws.

Westbrook got Oklahoma City within 90-79 when he capped a 20-8 run with a 3-pointer from the right wing with 5:11 remaining, but Redd scored an easy layup underneath sparked a seven-point spurt that put the game away for Milwaukee.

"For one night at least, it came together well for us," Skiles said.

Johan Petro had the Thunder's first official shot with a missed jumper from the left wing, and Bogut made the first basket of the game, 39 seconds in. Earl Watson had Oklahoma City's first points on a layup 13 seconds later.

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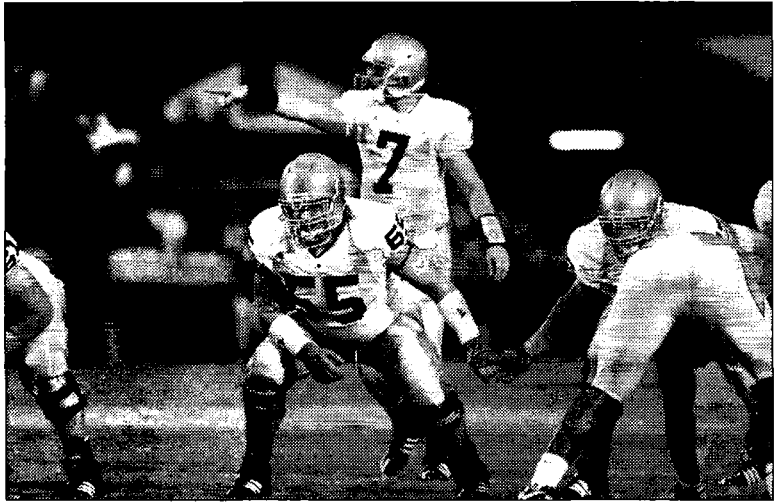
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field in a do-or-die scenario against top-seeded Calvin College when the MIAA tournament begins Nov. 1. The contest is scheduled to kickoff at noon.

In a match up earlier this season with the Knights, the Belles did not fair well falling 4-0 at home. Saturday, Saint Mary's will look to reverse that result and claim its first MIAA tournament victory in school history.

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HOLDING ON STRONG



Junior left guard Eric Olsen holds senior left tackle Mike Turkovich's hand prior to a snap in Notre Dame's 29-24 loss to North Carolina. VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

NBA

Suns win opener behind Stoudemire

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Amare Stoudemire patiently waited until the fourth quarter before taking over and giving Terry Porter a win in his coaching debut.

Stoudemire scored 22 points — 11 coming on 5-of-5 shooting in the fourth quarter — and four other Phoenix players scored in double figures to help the Suns beat the San Antonio Spurs 103-98 in the regular-season opener for both teams Wednesday night.

"It was just being patient," said Stoudemire, who had only six shots heading into the fourth quarter. "That's the main thing tonight — just being patient. Just let the game come to me."

"There in the fourth quarter, I was able to get going."

Tim Duncan and Tony Parker each scored 32 points for the Spurs, who were playing without guard Manu

Ginobili who is out until December after ankle surgery.

Nash added 13 points and 13 assists for the Suns. Leandro Barbosa had 18 points, Shaquille O'Neal 15, and Grant Hill 13.

"Obviously, the first one is nice, especially on the road," said Porter, who was hired when Mike D'Antoni opted during the offseason to coach the New York Knicks.

"Our guys really gutted it out tonight," he said. "It was great to see that down the stretch."

San Antonio won a five-game series over the Suns in the first round of the playoffs last season, partly on a long 3-pointer by Duncan late in

Game 1. Duncan tried another 3-pointer Wednesday that would have tied the game, but it bounced off the front of the rim with eight seconds left.

"I thought, 'Oh, no. Not again,'" Stoudemire said. "Luckily he missed that one, we got the rebound and went down the floor."

Barbosa added two free throws with three seconds to go.

Stoudemire broke a tie game with 2:53 to go with a three-point play.

"Amare was huge for us down the stretch," Porter said. "[Nash] also made a couple of big plays. It was a solid win for us and just a great way to start the season."

After Raja Bell stole the ball away from Duncan on the other end of the court, Stoudemire quickly scored on a fastbreak on an assist from Nash to give Phoenix a 99-94 lead with 2:31 remaining.

The turnover and quick basket angered Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, who was 12-0 in season-opening games.

"It was the worst transition defense I've seen in years," Popovich said. "I can't imagine how bad it was."

"Several people made poor decisions in the game down the stretch. It was very disappointing."

Bell stole the ball on a Duncan pass. Bell fired the ball to Nash, who set up Stoudemire for an easy layup.

Phoenix led 101-98 with less than a minute remaining, but Parker missed a 3-pointer with 39 seconds left before Duncan missed his try.

Once again the Spurs employed the Hack-a-Shaq that helped them last season in the playoffs. During the preseason, O'Neal called Popovich's liberal use of the Hack-a-Shaq during the first round last season "a coward move."

Popovich poked fun at O'Neal in the opening seconds of the ballgame when Michael Finley grabbed the big center away from the ball a scant five seconds into the game. O'Neal laughed when he looked over to the Spurs bench and saw Popovich smiling while giving two thumbs up.

"I thought it was funny — bring a little humor to the game," Duncan said.

It got more serious before halftime when the Spurs employed the Hack-a-Shaq four times in the final 1:26 with Phoenix leading 46-40.

Even though O'Neal made 5-of-8, the Spurs were able to cut the Suns' lead to 49-46 at halftime.

Before the grabbing and pulling was done, O'Neal got tangled with Ime Udoka. Udoka was motioning to the official that he was going to foul O'Neal, and O'Neal raised his left arm toward Udoka and sent the Spurs defender flat onto the floor. Udoka was called for the foul and O'Neal made both shots.

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Big East

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"Georgetown knew what was at stake today," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It was a big game for their program, and they were very ready. To win the Big East two years in a row is a big accomplishment. It would be nice to win it outright this year."

Leading the way for Notre Dame Wednesday was forward Jeb Brovsky who tallied both Irish goals. The first came in the 24th minute when, after receiving a pass from fellow forward Bright Dike, Brovsky slipped past a defender and fired past Georgetown keeper Matthew Brutto.

After Peter Grasso tied the game for the Hoyas in the 53rd minute, Brovsky put Notre Dame back in front almost immediately. The sophomore was the first to rise and get connect with a Jack Traynor free kick heading the ball past Brutto. Brovsky's game winning goal was his fifth tally of the season.

"Both goals from Jeb were very good," Clark said. "The second goal was a great ball from Jack Traynor, and the first goal was very well-taken. Jeb is arguably our most clinical finisher. He's developing into a first class player."

What made Brovsky's goals even more impressive was whom they came against. Georgetown entered Wednesday's game with a miniscule 0.58 goals against average, and Brovsky's goals were the first time an opponent has found the back of the

net against Brutto in 763 minutes this season.

Brovsky's tallies also helped the Irish break out of a mini-scoring slump. In their two games over Fall Break, Notre Dame scored only one goal against Seton Hall and Connecticut. Clark was encouraged but not totally pleased by the team's effort on Wednesday.

"Against Seton Hall, everything was there but the finishing," Clark said. "Against Connecticut, we had more of the game than we've ever had there, but to be fair, we didn't generate many scoring chances. There was some good buildup today, but the finishing still wasn't there to be honest."

"We had three one-on-ones with their keeper in the second half, and we missed all three of them. That wasn't good, but in retrospect it was good because we had to fight to the end learning how to manage a tight game."

There was one downer for Notre Dame Wednesday afternoon as starting goalie Andrew Quinn had to leave the game part way through the second half. In the 72nd minute, Quinn made a diving save, but he landed awkwardly injuring his shoulder in the process.

After the game, Clark said that the team would have a better idea of the extent of Quinn's injury after he gets an MRI, but Quinn will be out for at least a few weeks. Junior goalie Phillip Tuttle will start in his place.

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Freshmen

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helped out," he said.

The freshman from Saint Paul, Minn. hauled in his team leading fifth touchdown against Washington to set a record for freshman receivers. He is also only one catch away from breaking sophomore Duval Kamara's freshman receptions record.

The fast start for one of the most impressive freshmen classes in the country is due in a big way to the camaraderie the team was able to develop before they came to campus.

"We were already close enough so when we're working out and pushing one

another you're not like, 'Ok who's this guy pushing me,' it's more like 'Ok this is my teammate, this is my buddy, so we were able to all push one another pretty hard," Rudolph said.

The class knew long before they arrived that they had the chance to be something special. That's why none of the recruits, who had their pick of the nation's top colleges, backed down even after the dismal 3-9 season in 2007. Several players said they were asked relentlessly if they would change their minds, but they all had the same response — no way.

"I had a lot of people ask me about that, but I knew that Notre Dame with all it offered was too good to pass up,"

quarterback Dayne Crist said. Crist threw for over 2,000 yards as a senior year at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, Cal. Last year and was ranked the third best quarterback prospect by Scout.com. He has yet to see the field this year, but said he was content learning the offense and waiting for his chance to perform with his classmates.

"There are a lot of really unselfish guys. Guys who just really want to be part of something special," Rudolph said.

After a 6-2 start with major contributions from the frosh on both sides of the ball, they seem to have made the right decision.

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Trine

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defense, tallying an astonishing fifteen blocks alongside 43 digs to hold the Belles to a .126 attacking percentage. Senior

hitter Kaela Hellmann lead Saint Mary's with 9 kills, while fellow senior Kathy Kurczak added 8 kills with a .389 attacking percentage. Junior hitter L o r n a

Slupczynski, who has been the spark for the Belles' offense all season, posted only five kills with seven errors in 36

attempts.

Hellmann also paced the team in digs and blocks with 14 and 1.5, respectively. Junior setter Liana Rohr took over duties from freshman Dani Brink, totaling 23 assists on the night.

For Trine, senior hitter Sallie Richardson dominated both offensively and defensively, with 15 kills, 16 digs, and 1.5 blocks alongside her .483 attacking percentage. Freshman hitter Stefanie Pellegrom added 4.5 blocks and a .429 attacking percentage for the Thunder.

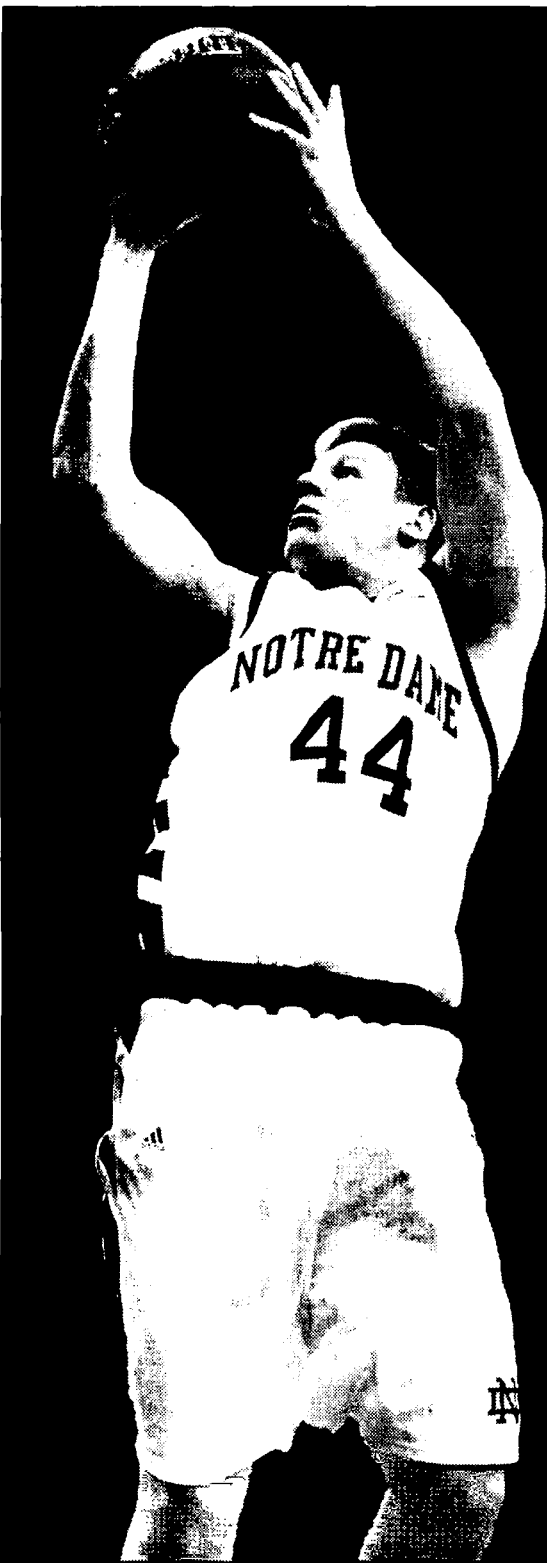
After a disappointing 13-18 season last year (6-10 in the

MIAA), Schroeder-Biek guided her team to a winning record and a fourth-place conference finish; smothering defense and superlative play from Slupczynski have been the deciding factors in the team's success throughout the season.

"We need to build on that success," Schroeder-Biek said. "The players are well aware of what it will take to get to where we want to be. We want to be playing for a championship."

Saint Mary's is off until the first round of the MIAA Tournament. With the fourth place finish, the Belles will host No. 5 seed Adrian in the first round of the tournament at Saint Mary's Angela Athletic Facility on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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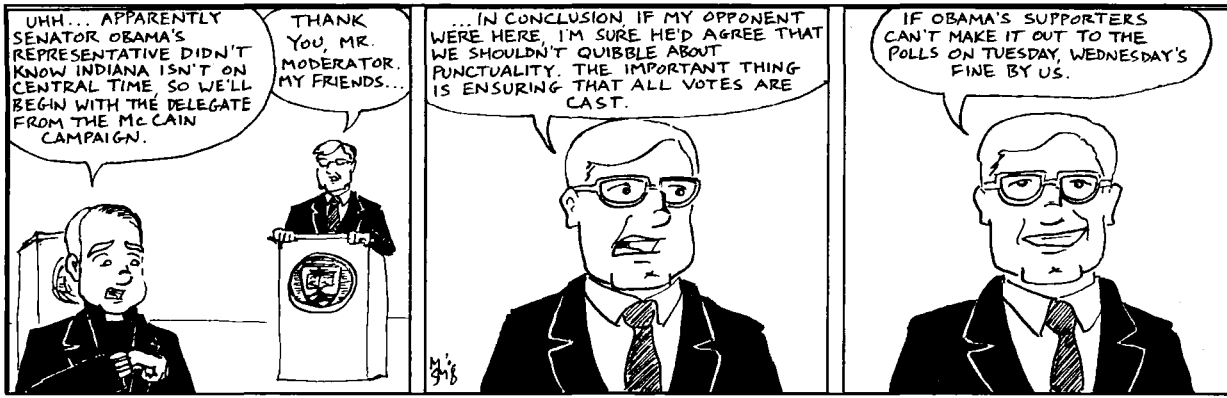
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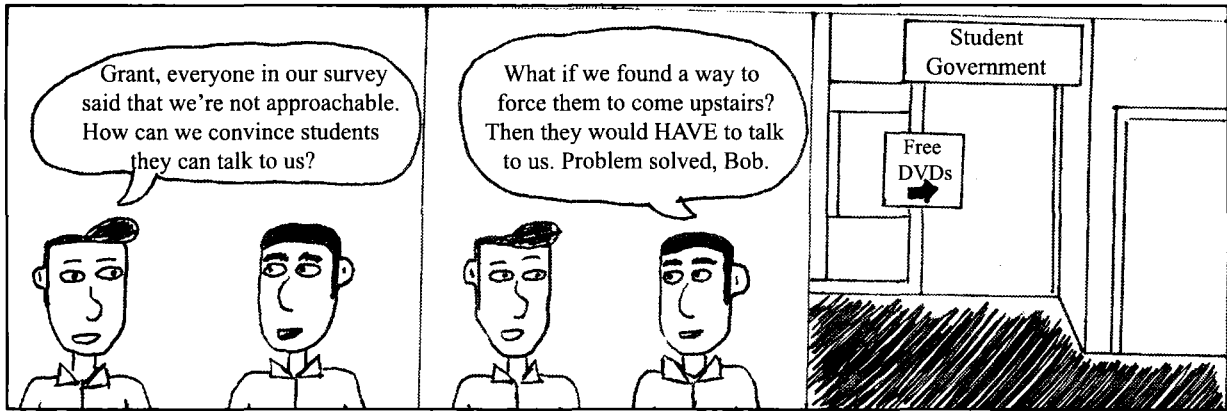
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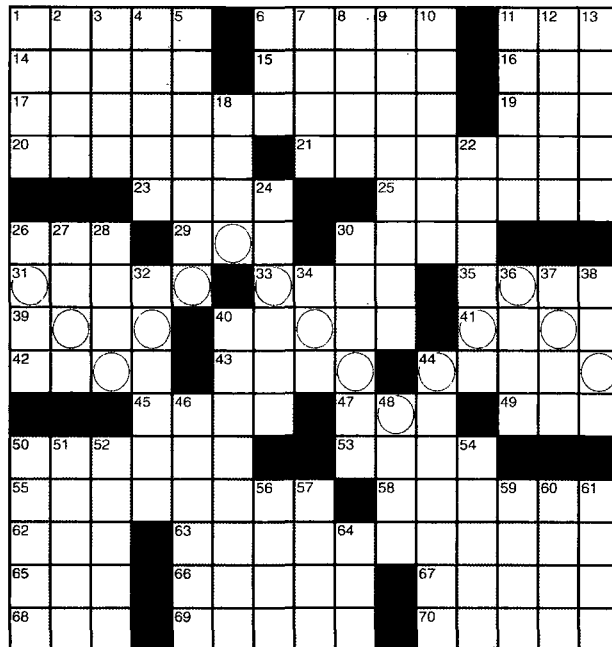
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CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Eric's "Will & Grace" co-star
 - 6 Language from which "divan" is derived
 - 11 Dunderhead
 - 14 Thin as ___
 - 15 Strand, somehow
 - 16 Nickname for #6 on the Sixers
 - 17 [See circles]
 - 19 D.D.E.'s W.W. II command
 - 20 Well-dressed, photogenic male
 - 21 [See circles]
 - 23 Delays set them back: Abbr.
 - 25 "No horsing around!"
 - 26 Negligent
 - 29 A.B.A. member's title
 - 30 Burger order
 - 31 "How Do ___" (1997 LeAnn Rimes hit)
 - 33 One pointing and clicking
 - 35 Oenophile's interest
 - 39 80, for Hg
 - 40 Northern Europeans
 - 41 Start time for many a military mission
 - 42 Colonel's div.
 - 43 Check box option on a Spanish survey?
 - 44 "Dream Lover" singer, 1959
 - 45 CNBC news topics, for short
 - 47 Business with a register
 - 49 Paris's Basilique _____Clotilde
 - 50 Language that treats "dz" as a single consonant
 - 53 Use a cell phone outside one's calling area
 - 55 [See circles]
- Down**
- 1 Family pet in "Hi and Lois"
 - 2 Former "ER" co-star La Salle
 - 3 Having one's heart set (on)
 - 4 Change colors?
 - 5 Oliver Twist, for one
 - 6 Hi-___
 - 7 Result of overstrain
 - 8 Concrete
 - 9 Court huddles
 - 10 Taken-aback response
 - 11 Start of many dedications
 - 12 ___-Detoo
 - 13 Finger of the ocean
 - 18 Forms a union
 - 22 Program
 - 24 Occupies an abandoned building
 - 26 Either of two guests on "To Tell the Truth"
 - 27 Der ___ (Konrad Adenauer)
 - 28 Deer
 - 30 Garage job
 - 58 Recess
 - 62 Dick
 - 63 [See circles]
 - 65 Egypt's ___ Simbel historical site
 - 66 Defensive retort
 - 67 Scottish child
 - 68 Seedy sort?
 - 69 Majority of a crowd at a Jonas Brothers concert
 - 70 "I'm outta here!"



- Puzzle by Mike Nothnagel
- 32 Like some candles
 - 34 When flowers bloom: Abbr.
 - 36 Crew members
 - 37 "M*A*S*H" co-star
 - 38 Feminizing suffix
 - 40 Attention-getting cry
 - 44 Test sites
 - 46 Handles roughly
 - 48 Linguist Chomsky
 - 50 Relatively cool red giant
 - 51 Remain inactive
 - 52 How actors should appear
 - 54 Jazz's Carmen
 - 56 Drop paper in a box, maybe
 - 57 Coll. major
 - 59 Tex's neighbor
 - 60 Especially
 - 61 It's about 21/2 times as high as Vesuvius
 - 64 W.B.A. finales

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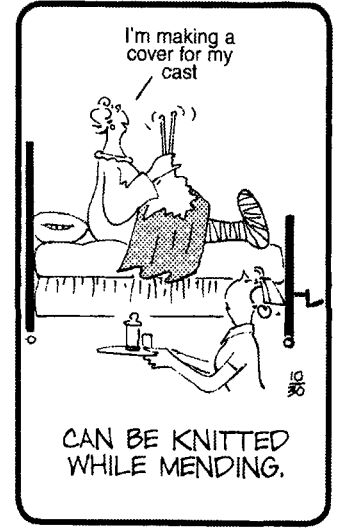
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EUGENIA LAST

- CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Amit Paul, 25; Winona Ryder, 37; Kate Jackson, 60; Richard Dreyfuss, 61
- Happy Birthday:** Take a close look at the possibilities that exist, especially in your personal life. The opportunity to move ahead is available but only if you are willing to put yourself and your ideas on the line. Forget the trivial little things. Problems with someone you are close to should not be allowed to hold you back. Separate your professional and personal dreams. Your numbers are 8, 12, 17, 23, 27, 33, 47
- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You cannot count on everyone. Look for any signs of dishonesty or insincerity. Once you realize whom you can trust, you will be able to move ahead with lightning speed. ★★★
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Take things as they come. Acceptance will be half the battle. Gauge the situation you face before reacting. An intense encounter will resolve any differences you have with a partner. ★★★
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Take what you hear as interesting but not necessarily factual. Find out what is actually going on, especially with work or a co-worker. Gossip or false comments may cause you to make a poor decision. Don't let pressure be a deciding factor for you. ★★★
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You'll be given an opportunity to present an idea to entrepreneurial people looking for something worth investing in. A person who used to be a part of your life will want back in your circle. Consider what this person has that will complement what you do. ★★★★★
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Expect complaints if you haven't contributed or given your all to something you promised you would do. The people you need in your corner will not be happy with anything less than your best. Accept any changes going on at home. ★★
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Reconnect with old friends. Attend a reunion or plan a trip to visit someone you miss. He or she will help you see more clearly a situation you face. Travel or educational pursuit should be planned and pursued. ★★★★★
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't fall short now. You have to put everything into your future through education or professional maneuvers. Find a way to drum up more demand for your expertise and you will be able to make a few adjustments to your financial plans. ★★★
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** It's time to state how you feel and discover that open conversation can lead to some solid reforms. Don't give in to someone who is trying to force unwanted changes to your home. Protect your interests and your assets. ★★★
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** If someone wants something for nothing, say no. Don't let anyone dump added responsibilities on your shoulders. If you don't speak up, you will have regrets. A love connection needs some adjustments. ★★★
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Stay focused and on track and put your own needs first. An unconventional alteration regarding your career will turn out in your favor. Stick to the facts and don't exaggerate. Your credibility will lead to your success. ★★★
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Expect the unexpected and you won't be caught off-guard. Taking impulsive action without having all the facts will cause too much trouble. A trip back to your roots may be enticing but costly. ★★★★★
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Proceed to finalize a deal that can increase your income or help you resolve your financial situation. By acting now, you can spare yourself anxiety and grief. Money will come to you through an unlikely source. ★★★★★
- Birthdays:** You have a strong code of ethics and demand justice. You are strong and steadfast. You are changeable and strong-willed.
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MEN'S SOCCER

Biting the Big East



Irish clinch share of league title with win

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

It may have been the biggest game in Georgetown's recent program history, but it was Notre Dame who made the statement Wednesday afternoon with a 2-1 victory at Alumni Field.

Only two points behind the Irish entering the game, the Hoyas arrived in South Bend eyeing their first ever Big East Blue Division title. With the victory, the Irish not only denied Georgetown that accomplishment, but they also clinched at least a share of the Big East Blue Division title for the second consecutive season — Notre Dame shared the title with Connecticut in 2007.

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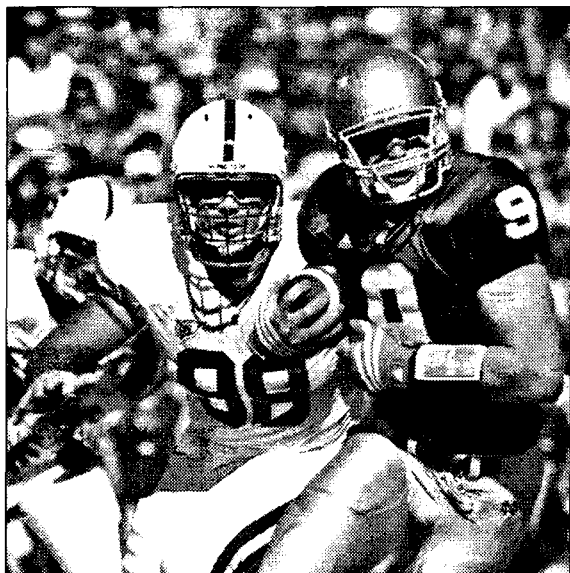


Brovosky celebrates with senior defender Matt Besler after a goal in the 2-1 Irish win over Georgetown Wednesday.

Sophomore forward Jeb Brovosky prepares to shoot the ball against Georgetown in Notre Dame's 2-1 win Wednesday.

FOOTBALL

Highly touted freshman class beginning to show promise



Freshman receiver Michael Floyd, left, possesses the ball after a catch in Notre Dame's 33-7 win over Washington Saturday. Tight end Kyle Rudolph evades the Stanford defense in the 28-21 Irish victory Oct. 11.

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

More than half of Notre Dame's freshmen class met each other on January 5, 2008.

15 of the team's 27 freshmen were invited to San Antonio that week for the Army All-America Bowl for graduating high school players.

"We spent that week together down there and we kind of had our own Notre Dame group and then there was everyone else," tight end Kyle Rudolph said. "I think that played a more role in our class coming so close together."

The highly-touted group continued to stay in touch with one another throughout the summer to talk about how excited they were to get to South Bend

and get things rolling. Once they arrived, they didn't waste much time.

Rudolph is only one of several freshmen who have played a major role in Notre Dame's 5-2 start this season. He has been listed as the No. 1 tight end since week one and currently has 14 catches for 166 yards and two touchdowns.

Those numbers make him the second leading freshman receiver on the team behind wide receiver Michael Floyd. Floyd, who has 31 catches for 533 yards, was also in San Antonio at the All-America Bowl.

"It was a good way to get to know all my teammates, getting to know them all then really

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's falls in last game before MIAA's

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's, in a final tune-up game before the MIAA Tournament next week, dropped a match Wednesday night against struggling Trine to finish fourth in the MIAA this season. The Belles (18-10, 9-7 MIAA) labored to generate any offense in the three set loss (25-22, 25-22, 25-21) against the Thunder (9-18, 4-11 MIAA) at the Trine's Hershey Hall in Angola, Mich.

Saint Mary's head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was not concerned by the tough match, highlighting the ability that her team has shown to bounce back after losses this season.

"Our approach is to keep going forward and finishing strong," Schroeder-Biek said. "I have been incredibly proud of my team for how well they have responded [to struggles this season]."

The Thunder kept Saint Mary's in check with stifling

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SMC SOCCER

Belles one goal short again

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Once again, the Saint Mary's found itself in a very tightly contested match. But, once again, they came up just one goal short.

Saint Mary's endured its third consecutive one-goal loss falling 2-1 against conference foe Albion Wednesday afternoon.

A first half headlined by great defensive play yielded only one goal for Albion which came with just three minutes remaining before halftime.

The Belles came out with a quick answer in the 51st minute off the foot of junior forward Micki Hedinger. Hedinger received a pass from fellow junior Sam Smogor and slid it past the Briton keeper to knot the game at one.

However, the Saint Mary's resurgence was quickly matched when Albion countered with a goal of its own in the 58th minute.

Junior Patty Duffy had another solid game in goal for the Belles recording five saves. Duffy has made 77 saves on the season.

This loss brings the Belles'

season record to 2-12-1 overall and 1-7 in MIAA play. Saint Mary's finishes eighth in the conference, good enough to clinch the final spot in the postseason tournament.

In his first season as Belles head coach, Ryan Crabbe has had his work cut out for him taking over such a young and inexperienced team. The freshman class led by Katelyn Tondo-Steele's two goals and one assist has contributed about half of the offensive production this season.

Saint Mary's will take the

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STORY BY KAITLYNN RIELY

Pollsters and pundits are making predictions about the outcome of the presidential election, but for all the pontificating, one of the biggest Election Day uncertainties is whether the “youth vote,” young people between the ages of 18 and about 29, will vote in significant numbers.

“Some people say, it’s the young vote ... that would decide the election one way or another, if they really get out and vote for [Democratic candidate Sen. Barack] Obama,” said Jack Colwell, a political columnist for the South Bend Tribune and a Notre Dame professor in the Journalism, Ethics and Democracy program.

If the youth vote does not materialize, he said, then Republican candidate Sen. John McCain has a better chance of winning.

Nov. 4 marks the first time most Notre Dame students can vote in a presidential election. But based on the past youth voting record, it is likely that many students at Notre Dame, and many young people across the country, will not vote.

“Young people just don’t have a history of voting,” Notre Dame political science professor David Nickerson said. Since young people tend to move around the country more often than older people, they are harder for campaigns to mobilize. Voting is a habit, Nickerson said, so once a person votes, he is more likely to vote the next time.

Many young people have not developed the habit, he said.

Others may believe their vote does not matter, Colwell said.

“They may be soured by politics, or have the theory that they are all crooks, or that none of them are going to do anything, which isn’t true, because elections do matter,” Colwell said.

The high point for the youth vote was the 1960s, Nickerson said, but since then, the percentage of younger voters has declined. When Bill Clinton ran for president in 1992, he made an “unprecedented outreach to young voters,” Nickerson said, and that caused a jump in the number of young people who voted.

This year, Nickerson said, more young people than in the past have been responding in surveys that they are likely to vote.

“The general consensus is that turnout will be higher amongst young people [this year] than in 2004,” Nickerson said.

Colwell agreed that young people seem more interested in the 2008 election than presidential

elections four and eight years ago.

“This time, they seem to be more interested in the election, probably realizing that there is a lot more at stake,” he said.

Issues like the Iraq War, the environment and energy initially attracted the interest of the young electorate, Colwell said.

Obama has inspired many young voters to become interested in politics for the first time, Nickerson said. Obama has been aggressively courting the youth vote, pushing for people to apply for absentee ballots if they are out of state on Nov. 4. McCain has also targeted young voters, but where Obama’s approach has been broad-based, McCain’s is more selective, aimed at young people

likely to vote Republican, Nickerson said.

But it will be another week before the McCain and Obama campaigns will be able to tell whether their youth strategy has worked.

Based on their observations and interactions, some Notre Dame professors and students predicted a high percentage of Notre Dame students would vote.

Notre Dame students are more interested in the turnout of this election than they have been in the past, Colwell said, offering anecdotal evidence from his classes and his time on campus.

Two months ago, Colwell was part of a panel during a “Pizza, Pop and Politics” event

A republican John McCain

Excerpt from Sen. John McCain's nomination speech to the Republican National Convention, as released to the Associated Press:

"In a time of deep distress at home, as tyranny strangled the aspirations to liberty of millions, and as war clouds gathered in the West and East, Franklin Delano Roosevelt accepted his party's nomination by observing:

"There is a mysterious cycle in human events. To some generations much is given. Of other generations much is expected. This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny."

The awful events of September 11, 2001 declared a war we were vaguely aware of, but hadn't really comprehended how near the threat was, and how terrible were the plans of our enemies.

It's a big thing, this war.

It's a fight between a just regard for human dignity and a malevolent force that defiles an honorable religion by disputing God's love for every soul on earth. It's a fight between right and wrong, good and evil.

And should our enemies acquire for their arsenal the chemical, biological and nuclear weapons they seek, this war will become a much bigger thing.

So it is, whether we wished it or not, that we have come to the test of our generation, to our rendezvous with destiny.

And much is expected of us.

We are engaged in a hard struggle against a cruel and determined adversary.

Our enemies have made clear the danger they pose to our security and to the very essence of our culture — liberty.

Only the most deluded of us could doubt the necessity of this war. Like all wars, this one will have its ups and downs.

But we must fight.

We must.

The sacrifices borne in our defense are not shared equally by all Americans.

But all Americans must share a resolve to see this war through to a just end.

We must not be complacent at moments of success, and we must not despair over setbacks.

We must learn from our mistakes, improve on our successes, and vanquish this unpardonable enemy.

If we do less, we will fail the one mission no American generation has ever failed — to provide to our children a stronger, better country than the one we were blessed to inherit.

Remember how we felt when the serenity of a bright September morning was destroyed by a savage atrocity so hostile to all human virtue we could scarcely imagine any human being capable of it.

We were united.

First, in sorrow and anger.

Then in recognition we were



attacked not for a wrong we had done, but for who we are — a people united in a kinship of ideals, committed to the notion that the people are sovereign, not governments, not armies, not a pitiless, inhumane theocracy, not kings, mullahs or tyrants, but the people.

In that moment, we were not different races.

We were not poor or rich. We were not Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative. We were not two countries.

We were Americans.

All of us, despite the differences that enliven our politics, are united in the one big idea that freedom is our birthright and its defense is always our first responsibility.

All other responsibilities come second.

We must not lose sight of that as we debate who among us should bear the greatest responsibility for keeping us safe and free.

We must, whatever our disagreements, stick together in this great challenge of our time.

My friends in the Democratic Party — and I'm fortunate to call many of them my friends —

assure us they share the conviction that winning the war

against terrorism is our government's most important obligation.

I don't doubt their sincerity.

They emphasize that military action alone won't protect us, that this war has many fronts: in courts, financial institutions, in the shadowy world of intelligence, and in diplomacy.

They stress that America needs the help of her friends to combat an evil that threatens us all, that our alliances are as important to victory as are our armies.

We agree.

And, as we've been a good friend to other countries in moments of shared perils, so we have good reason to expect their solidarity with us in this struggle.

That is what the President believes.

And, thanks to his efforts we have received valuable assistance from many good friends around the globe, even if we have, at times, been disappointed with the reactions of some.

I don't doubt the sincerity of my Democratic friends. And they should not doubt ours.

Our President will work with all nations willing to help us defeat this scourge that afflicts

us all.

War is an awful business. The lives of a nation's finest patriots are sacrificed. Innocent people suffer. Commerce is disrupted, economies are damaged.

Strategic interests shielded by years of statecraft are endangered as the demands of war and diplomacy conflict.

However just the cause, we should shed a tear for all that is lost when war claims its wages from us.

But there is no avoiding this war. We tried that, and our reluctance cost us dearly. And while this war has many components, we can't make victory on the battlefield harder to achieve so that our diplomacy is easier to conduct.

That is not just an expression of our strength.

It's a measure of our wisdom.

That's why I commend to my country the re-election of President Bush, and the steady, experienced, public-spirited man who serves as our Vice-President, Dick Cheney.

Four years ago, in Philadelphia, I spoke of my confidence that President Bush would accept the responsibilities that come with America's distinction as the world's only

superpower.

I promised he would not let America "retreat behind empty threats, false promises and uncertain diplomacy;" that he would "confidently defend our interests and values wherever they are threatened."

I knew my confidence was well placed when I watched him stand on the rubble of the World Trade Center, with his arm around a hero of September 11th, and in our moment of mourning and anger, strengthen our unity and summon our resolve by promising to right this terrible wrong, and to stand up and fight for the values we hold dear.

He promised our enemies would soon hear from us. And so they did.

So they did.

He ordered American forces to Afghanistan and took the fight to our enemies, and away from our shores, seriously injuring al Qaeda and destroying the regime that gave them safe haven.

He worked effectively to secure the cooperation of Pakistan, a relationship that's critical to our success against al Qaeda.

He encouraged other friends to recognize the peril that terrorism posed for them, and won their help in apprehending many of those who would attack us again, and in helping to freeze the assets they used to fund their bloody work.

After years of failed diplomacy and limited military pressure to restrain Saddam Hussein, President Bush made the difficult decision to liberate Iraq.

Those who criticize that decision would have us believe that the choice was between a status quo that was well enough left alone and war. But there was no status quo to be left alone.

The years of keeping Saddam in a box were coming to a close. The international consensus that he be kept isolated and unarmed had eroded to the point that many critics of military action had decided the time had come again to do business with Saddam, despite his near daily attacks on our pilots, and his refusal, until his last day in power, to allow the unrestricted inspection of his arsenal.

Our choice wasn't between a benign status quo and the bloodshed of war.

It was between war and a graver threat. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. Not our critics abroad. Not our political opponents.

And certainly not a disingenuous film maker who would have us believe that Saddam's Iraq was an oasis of peace when in fact it was a place of indescribable cruelty, torture chambers, mass graves and prisons that destroyed the lives of the small children held inside their walls."

John Sidney McCain III

August 29, 1936

Coco Solo Naval Air Station,
Panama Canal Zone, Panama

Cindy Lou (Hensley) McCain (m. 1980);

Carol Shepp (m. 1956, div. 1980)

Douglas, Andrew, Sidney, Megan,
Jack, Jimmy, Bridget

Phoenix, Arizona

United States Naval Academy, 1958

Southern Baptist

United States Navy

(Vietnam, prisoner of war); Hensley & Co.;

United States House of Representatives

(elected 1982); United States Senate (elected

1988, incumbent)

Barack Obama

Excerpt from Sen. Barack Obama's nomination speech to the Democratic National Convention, as released to the Associated Press:

Four years ago, I stood before you and told you my story of the brief union between a young man from Kenya and a young woman from Kansas who weren't well-off or well-known, but shared a belief that in America, their son could achieve whatever he put his mind to.

It is that promise that has always set this country apart, that through hard work and sacrifice, each of us can pursue our individual dreams but still come together as one American family, to ensure that the next generation can pursue their dreams as well.

That's why I stand here tonight. Because for 232 years, at each moment when that promise was in jeopardy, ordinary men and women, students and soldiers, farmers and teachers, nurses and janitors, found the courage to keep it alive.

We meet at one of those defining moments, a moment when our nation is at war, our economy is in turmoil, and the American promise has been threatened once more.

Tonight, more Americans are out of work, and more are working harder for less. More of you have lost your homes, and even more are watching your home values plummet. More of you have cars you can't afford to drive, credit card bills you can't afford to pay, and tuition that's beyond your reach.

These challenges are not all of government's making. But the failure to respond is a direct result of a broken politics in Washington and the failed policies of George W. Bush.

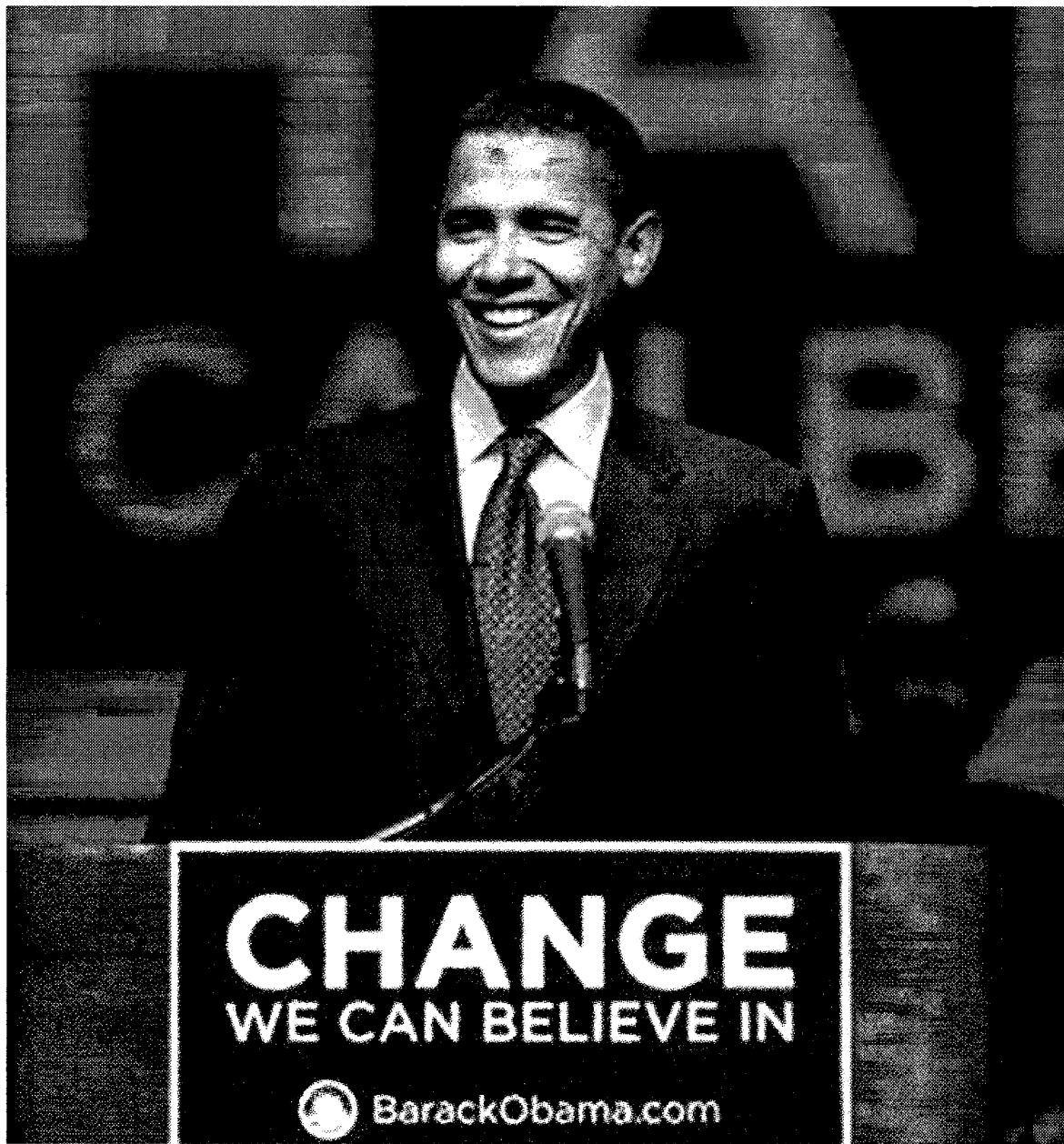
America, we are better than these last eight years. We are a better country than this.

This country is more decent than one where a woman in Ohio, on the brink of retirement, finds herself one illness away from disaster after a lifetime of hard work.

This country is more generous than one where a man in Indiana has to pack up the equipment he's worked on for twenty years and watch it shipped off to China, and then chokes up as he explains how he felt like a failure when he went home to tell his family the news.

We are more compassionate than a government that lets veterans sleep on our streets and families slide into poverty; that sits on its hands while a major American city drowns before our eyes.

Tonight, I say to the American people, to Democrats and Republicans and Independents across this great land: enough! This moment, this election is our chance to keep, in the 21st century, the American promise



alive. Because next week, in Minnesota, the same party that brought you two terms of George Bush and Dick Cheney will ask this country for a third. And we are here because we love this country too much to let the next four years look like the last eight. On Nov. 4, we must stand up and say: "Eight is enough."

Now let there be no doubt. The Republican nominee, John McCain, has worn the uniform of our country with bravery and distinction, and for that, we owe him our gratitude and respect. And next week, we'll also hear about those occasions when he's broken with his party as evidence that he can deliver the change that we need.

But the record's clear: John McCain has voted with George Bush 90 percent of the time. Senator McCain likes to talk about judgment, but really, what does it say about your judgment when you think George Bush has been right more than ninety percent of the time? I don't know about you, but I'm not ready to take a ten percent chance on change.

The truth is, on issue after issue that would make a difference in your lives, on health care and education and the

economy, Senator McCain has been anything but independent. He said that our economy has made "great progress" under this president. He said that the fundamentals of the economy are strong. And when one of his chief advisers, the man who wrote his economic plan, was talking about the anxiety Americans are feeling, he said that we were just suffering from a "mental recession," and that we've become, and I quote, "a nation of whiners."

A nation of whiners? Tell that to the proud auto workers at a Michigan plant who, after they found out it was closing, kept showing up every day and working as hard as ever, because they knew there were people who counted on the brakes that they made. Tell that to the military families who shoulder their burdens silently as they watch their loved ones leave for their third or fourth or fifth tour of duty. These are not whiners. They work hard and give back and keep going without complaint. These are the Americans that I know.

Now, I don't believe that Senator McCain doesn't care what's going on in the lives of Americans. I just think he doesn't know. Why else would he

define middle-class as someone making under \$5 million a year? How else could he propose hundreds of billions in tax breaks for big corporations and oil companies but not one penny of tax relief to more than 100 million Americans? How else could he offer a health care plan that would actually tax people's benefits, or an education plan that would do nothing to help families pay for college, or a plan that would privatize Social Security and gamble your retirement?

It's not because John McCain doesn't care. It's because John McCain doesn't get it.

For over two decades, he's subscribed to that old, discredited Republican philosophy — give more and more to those with the most and hope that prosperity trickles down to everyone else. In Washington, they call this the Ownership Society, but what it really means is, you're on your own. Out of work? Tough luck. No health care? The market will fix it. Born into poverty? Pull yourself up by your own bootstraps, even if you don't have boots. You're on your own.

Well, it's time for them to own their failure. It's time for us to change America.

You see, we Democrats have a very different measure of what constitutes progress in this country.

We measure progress by how many people can find a job that pays the mortgage; whether you can put a little extra money away at the end of each month so you can someday watch your child receive her college diploma. We measure progress in the 23 million new jobs that were created when Bill Clinton was president, when the average American family saw its income go up \$7,500 instead of down \$2,000, like it has under George Bush.

We measure the strength of our economy not by the number of billionaires we have or the profits of the Fortune 500, but by whether someone with a good idea can take a risk and start a new business, or whether the waitress who lives on tips can take a day off to look after a sick kid without losing her job in an economy that honors the dignity of work.

The fundamentals we use to measure economic strength are whether we are living up to that fundamental promise that has made this country great, a promise that is the only reason I am standing here tonight.

Because in the faces of those young veterans who come back from Iraq and Afghanistan, I see my grandfather, who signed up after Pearl Harbor, marched in Patton's Army and was rewarded by a grateful nation with the chance to go to college on the GI Bill.

In the face of that young student who sleeps just three hours before working the night shift, I think about my mom, who raised my sister and me on her own while she worked and earned her degree; who once turned to food stamps but was still able to send us to the best schools in the country with the help of student loans and scholarships.

When I listen to another worker tell me that his factory has shut down, I remember all those men and women on the South Side of Chicago who I stood by and fought for two decades ago after the local steel plant closed.

And when I hear a woman talk about the difficulties of starting her own business, I think about my grandmother, who worked her way up from the secretarial pool to middle-management, despite years of being passed over for promotions because she was a woman. She's the one who taught me about hard work. She's the one who put off buying a new car or a new dress for herself so that I could have a better life. She poured everything she had into me. And although she can no longer travel, I know that she's watching tonight, and that tonight is her night as well."

<p>name Barack Hussein Obama II birthdate August 4, 1961 birthplace Honolulu, Hawaii</p>	<p>spouse Michelle LaVaughn (Robinson) Obama (m. 1992) children Malia (10) and Sasha (7) residence Chicago, Illinois education BA, Columbia University, 1983 JD Harvard Law School, 1991</p>	<p>religion United Church of Christ previous organizations University of Chicago Law School; Davis, Miner, Barnhill & Galland; Illinois Senate (elected 1998, 2002); United States Senate (elected 2004, incumbent)</p>
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Joe Biden

Excerpt from Sen. Joe Biden's nomination speech to the Democratic National Convention, as released to the Associated Press:

Since I've never been called a man of few words, let me say this as simply as I can: Yes. Yes, I accept your nomination to run and serve alongside our next President of the United States of America, Barack Obama.

Let me make this pledge to you right here and now. For every American who is trying to do the right thing, for all those people in government who are honoring their pledge to uphold the law and respect our Constitution, no longer will the eight most dreaded words in the English language be: "The vice president's office is on the phone."

Barack Obama and I took very different journeys to this destination, but we share a common story. Mine began in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and then Wilmington, Delaware. With a dad who fell on hard economic times, but who always told me: "Champ, when you get knocked down, get up. Get up."

I wish that my dad was here tonight, but I am so grateful that my mom, Catherine Eugenia Finnegan Biden, is here. You

know, she taught her children—all the children who flocked to our house—that you are defined by your sense of honor, and you are redeemed by your loyalty. She believes bravery lives in every heart and her expectation is that it will be summoned.

Failure at some point in everyone's life is inevitable, but giving up is unforgivable. As a child I stuttered, and she lovingly told me it was because I was so bright I couldn't get the thoughts out quickly enough. When I was not as well dressed as others, she told me how handsome she thought I was. When I got knocked down by guys bigger than me, she sent me back out and demanded that I bloody their nose so I could walk down that street the next day.

After the accident, she told me, "Joey, God sends no cross you cannot bear." And when I triumphed, she was quick to remind me it was because of others.

My mother's creed is the American creed: No one is better than you. You are everyone's equal, and everyone is equal to you.

My parents taught us to live our faith, and treasure our family. We learned the dignity of work, and we were told that

anyone can make it if they try.

That was America's promise. For those of us who grew up in middle-class neighborhoods like Scranton and Wilmington, that was the American dream and we knew it.

But today that American dream feels as if it's slowly slipping away. I don't need to tell you that. You feel it every single day in your own lives.

I've never seen a time when Washington has watched so many people get knocked down without doing anything to help them get back up. Almost every night, I take the train home to Wilmington, sometimes very late. As I look out the window at the homes we pass, I can almost hear what they're talking about at the kitchen table after they put the kids to bed.

Like millions of Americans, they're asking questions as profound as they are ordinary. Questions they never thought they would have to ask:

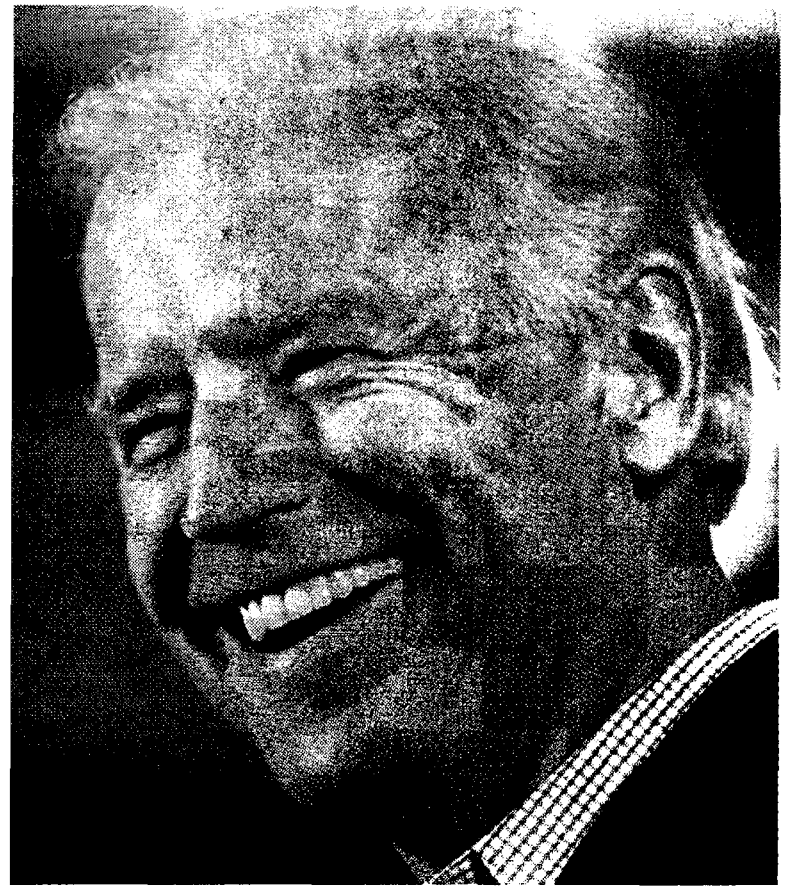
Should mom move in with us now that dad is gone?

Fifty, sixty, seventy dollars to fill up the car?

Winter's coming. How we gonna pay the heating bills?

Another year and no raise?

Did you hear the company may be cutting our health care?



Now, we owe more on the house than it's worth. How are we going to send the kids to college?

How are we gonna be able to

retire? That's the America that George Bush has left us, and that's the future John McCain will give us."

Joseph Robinette "Joe" Biden, Jr. November 20, 1942 Scranton, Pennsylvania Jill Tracy Jacobs Biden (m.1977), Neilia Hunter (deceased; m. 1966-72)	Joseph (39), Robert (38), Naomi (deceased), Ashley (27) Wilmington, Delaware BA, University of Delaware, 1965; JD, Syracuse University, 1968	Roman Catholic U.S. Senator from Delaware (1972–present); New Castle County council member (1970–72); attorney
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A republican Sarah Palin



Excerpt from Gov. Sarah Palin's nomination speech to the Republican National Convention, as released to the

Associated Press: "Our nominee for president is a true profile in courage, and people like that are hard to

come by. He's a man who wore the uniform of this country for 22 years, and refused to break faith with those troops in Iraq who have now brought victory within sight.

And as the mother of one of those troops, that is exactly the kind of man I want as commander in chief. I'm just one of many moms who'll say an extra prayer each night for our sons and daughters going into harm's way.

Our son Track is 19. And one week from tomorrow — September 11th — he'll deploy to Iraq with the Army infantry in the service of his country.

My nephew Kasey also enlisted, and serves on a carrier in the Persian Gulf.

My family is proud of both of them and of all the fine men and women serving the country in uniform. Track is the eldest of our five children.

In our family, it's two boys and three girls in between — my strong and kindhearted daughters Bristol, Willow, and Piper.

And in April, my husband Todd and I welcomed our littlest one into the world, a perfectly beautiful baby boy named Trig. From the inside, no family ever

seems typical. That's how it is with us. Our family has the same ups and downs as any other ... the same challenges and the same joys.

Sometimes even the greatest joys bring challenge. And children with special needs inspire a special love.

To the families of special-needs children all across this country, I have a message: For years, you sought to make America a more welcoming place for your sons and daughters.

I pledge to you that if we are elected, you will have a friend and advocate in the White House. Todd is a story all by himself.

He's a lifelong commercial fisherman ... a production operator in the oil fields of Alaska's North Slope ... a proud member of the United Steel Workers' Union ... and world champion snow machine racer.

Throw in his Yup'ik Eskimo ancestry, and it all makes for quite a package.

We met in high school, and two decades and five children later he's still my guy. My Mom and Dad both worked at the elementary school in our small town.

And among the many things I owe them is one simple lesson: that this is America, and every woman can walk through every door of opportunity.

My parents are here tonight, and I am so proud to be the daughter of Chuck and Sally Heath. Long ago, a young farmer and haberdasher from Missouri followed an unlikely path to the vice presidency.

A writer observed: "We grow good people in our small towns, with honesty, sincerity, and dignity." I know just the kind of people that writer had in mind when he praised Harry Truman.

I grew up with those people. They are the ones who do some of the hardest work in America ... who grow our food, run our factories, and fight our wars.

They love their country, in good times and bad, and they're always proud of America. I had the privilege of living most of my life in a small town.

I was just your average hockey mom, and signed up for the PTA because I wanted to make my kids' public education better.

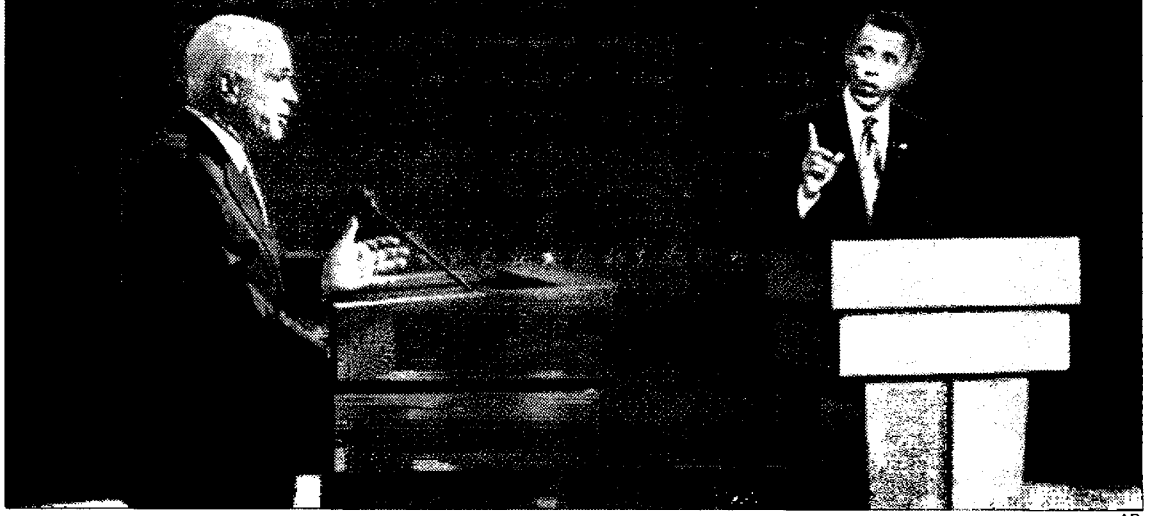
When I ran for city council, I didn't need focus groups and voter profiles because I knew those voters, and knew their families, too."

Sarah Louise (Heath) Palin February 11, 1964 Sandpoint, Idaho	Todd Mitchell Palin (m. 1988) Track (19), Bristol (17), Willow (13), Piper (7), Trig (5 mo.) Wasilla, Alaska BA Journalism, University of Idaho, 1987	Non-denominational Christian Alaska governor (2006–present); Wasilla, Alaska mayor (1996–2002); Wasilla city council member (1992–1996) small business owner; sports reporter
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scenes from the debates



Flanked by their wives, Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama shake hands following their last debate.



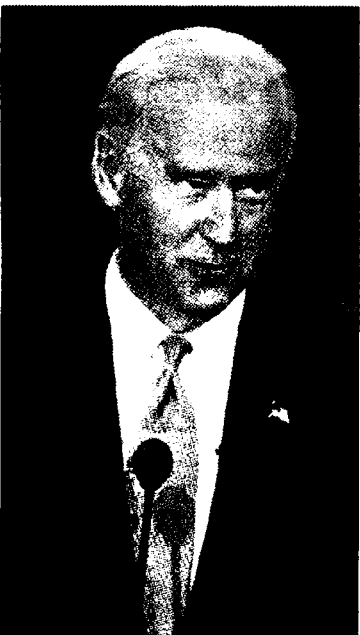
In the first presidential debate, Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama face off over foreign affairs, in a debate moderated by PBS news anchor Jim Lehrer.



Sen. Joe Biden and Gov. Sarah Palin gather with their families following the vice presidential debate moderated by Gwen Ifill.



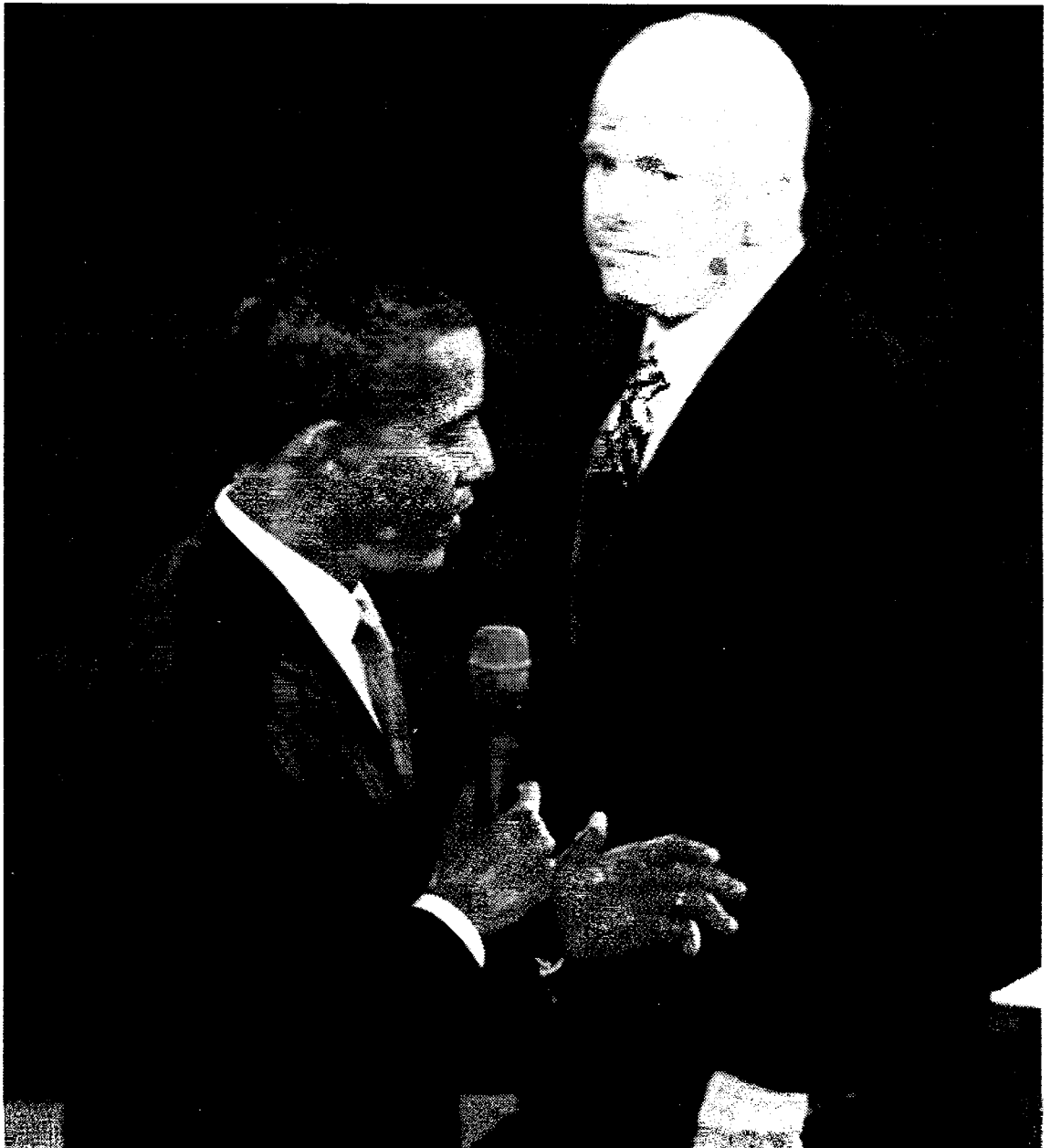
Sen. John McCain addresses his opponent, Sen. Barack Obama, as moderator Bob Schieffer looks on. The CBS journalist asked the questions in the third and final presidential debate.



Sen. Joe Biden answers a question during his debate.



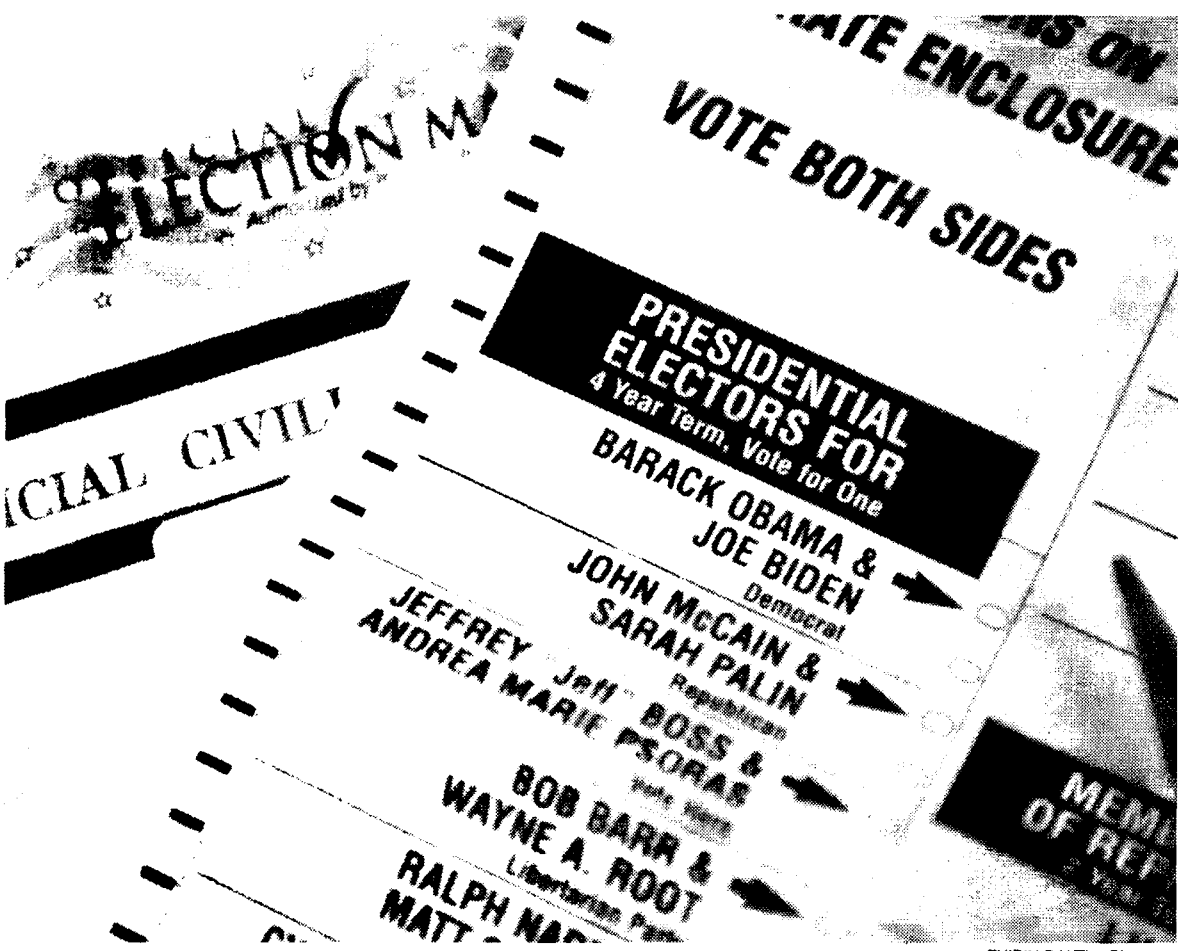
Gov. Sarah Palin winks during the vice presidential debate.



Sen. Barack Obama answers a question posed by an audience member in a town hall debate with Republican opponent Sen. John McCain. The debate was moderated by Tom Brokaw.

Indiana registration an attractive option for some students

Nov. 4 marks first time most undergraduates eligible to vote in a presidential election; many apply for absentee ballots



With most Notre Dame students hailing from states other than Indiana, many will vote via absentee ballot prior to Election Day.

By LIZ O'DONNELL
In Focus Writer

Indiana's status as a possible swing state in the presidential elections has prompted many Notre Dame students to register to vote in the place

they call home for eight months of the year, rather than their home state.

Students from states solidly in the blue or the red have decided their vote will make more of a difference this year if it is cast in Indiana, ND Votes '08 president Christine

Romero said. "We generally advised people that voting absentee would be much simpler, but many chose to register in Indiana anyway, considering the fact that Indiana is more of a swing state in this election," she said.

Indiana, which traditionally has voted Republican in presidential elections, joins Ohio, Florida, Michigan and other states projected to be swing states this year.

But the McCain and Obama campaigns have been encouraging students to send in absentee ballots if they are from prime battleground states like Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida.

"I wanted my vote to count in this election, so I registered in Indiana," said Nathan Feldpausch, a freshman from Michigan. "Even though Michigan is a swing state, I felt that my vote would make more of an impact in Indiana."

Regardless of what state Notre Dame students are casting their ballots in, for most, this fall marks the first time members of the undergraduate community can vote in a presidential election.

Courtney Sands, a freshman from California, said she is thrilled to be able to exercise one of her fundamental rights as an American.

"It's pretty exciting to be voting for the first time," she said. "It's definitely weird to think that I'm finally going to be able to take part in such an important process that essentially defines America as a democracy."

But Sands, who is voting with an absentee ballot, said she does not think her vote will make much of a difference.

Sophomore Chelsi Gallegos,

also from California, agreed with Sands.

"Unfortunately my vote probably will not reflect how the rest of my state votes because it does tend to sway on a certain side of the political spectrum, but I am proud of my party and will never miss the opportunity to exercise the right to vote because I value it greatly," Gallegos said.

Due to the global financial crisis, some students have chosen to take a second look at the candidates to see who proposed the better solution.

"I have always been highly conservative, but now that we are having such troubles with the economy, I want to make sure that my vote is as informed as possible," Winny Hu, a freshman from New York, said.

She added: "With wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and with the economy doing as poorly as it is, this election is possibly the most important one that has taken place in our lifetime."

Gallegos pointed out that the presidential election is not the only important decision voters will make on Election Day.

"What will be equally important is electing the right senators and Congressmen to create and pass the kind of legislation that will help the economy get back on its feet," she said.

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Obama candidacy prompts questions about race

Notre Dame professors, multicultural leaders ponder whether issue will dissuade people from voting for Democratic ticket

By JOSEPH McMAHON
In Focus Writer

Though polls show Sen. Barack Obama pulling away from Sen. John McCain in the presidential race, many, including some of Notre Dame's multicultural leaders, worry that race could still dissuade people from choosing Obama.

"The polls are not really capturing true opinions because of political correctness and social desirability," Notre Dame political science professor Darren Davis said. "People are saying they will support Barack Obama when they won't support him in the voting booth."

Davis said the so-called Bradley effect, named after 1982 California gubernatorial candidate Tom Bradley, who narrowly lost his election to a white politician despite being

ahead in the polls, still exists today. Iris Outlaw, the Multicultural Student Programs and Services director, said the issue remains a major question that will only be answered on Election Day.

"The question is whether people will fall back on that race thing and say, 'You know, I really can't pull that lever,'" she said.

Davis said it is not fear of a black president, but rather social pressures that cause many Americans to tell pollsters they will vote for Obama.

"If it's fear it's more easily dismissed than social pressure. I think people are saying things to pollsters that they're not willing to follow up on," Davis said. "I really think that [given the political and economic circumstances] any other Democratic candidate would be much further ahead."

Matthew Tipton, the president of the black men's association Wabruda, said there are many people unwilling to vote

for a black president. "That's unfortunate in this day and age, but that's just the truth," Tipton said.

But at the same time, he added, there are many people voting for Obama solely because he is black.

Tipton said Obama's identity is much more complex, and combines a variety of unique perspectives unlike previous black politicians such as the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

"People walking down the street may view him as black, but that's not just a black man. He's black, he's white; he has all these other mixtures and ties. He has a stronger sense of that than anyone else," Tipton said. "He is America. He is a melting pot."

Davis said Obama has handled the issue of race well in

the campaign, particularly when he was forced to distance himself from his former pastor Rev. Jeremiah Wright after he made several very controversial statements.

"He has so far been able to avoid really intense, racially controversial issues," Davis said. "In order to be taken seriously as a candidate, given the extent of latent racism that continues to exist, he needed to solidify his base. You have to separate yourself from traditional black politician types who are combative."

But if Obama does win in November, Outlaw said it represents a major step for the black community, although it does not mean every scar of racism has healed.

"It's going to be a monumental thing for the black race and

for underrepresented people all over the country ... but I think that the racial divide is so ingrained in our country that it is going to take a lot more than this to disintegrate that," she said.

Davis said if Obama is elected, he will face an intense level of scrutiny.

"Usually, presidents are given a honeymoon period when they are first elected. I think that people are going to be more critical of Barack Obama if he's elected president and he'll be on a shorter leash," he said.

Obama represents a major icon for all black people, Tipton said, and although he agrees with Outlaw and Davis that there is still a lot of work to be done, he said Obama's run for the presidency has helped inspire a generation.

"It gives everybody a sense that they can do anything like become the president of the United States when half a century ago I couldn't even use the same bathroom or drink out of the same water fountain as a white person," he said.

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Make sure you vote on Nov. 4.

Women contemplate possibility of first female VP

Students agree Palin's candidacy is a milestone, but disagree about her qualifications and readiness for the job



MANDI STIRONE/The Observer

Saint Mary's junior Katie Hinnsdale stands beside a cutout of Gov. Sarah Palin, the Republican vice presidential candidate.

mer two-term Democratic governor in the general election.

The possibility that Palin could become the nation's first female vice president has been a topic of discussion at meetings of the Notre Dame club Feminist Voice.

"I think it's a big step to have a female on a ticket like this," said senior Mary DeAgostino, the secretary of Feminist Voice. "The idea of having a woman in a position of power like this is a great idea. I think it's a really important step for women in America."

DeAgostino does not think, however, that Palin is the right woman to make this historic step.

"I think the bigger issues that people need to look at are where different candidates stand on issues that are important for everyday women in America right now," she said. "I think it's important to be critical of different candidates' stances on women and gender issues, instead of just ascribing meaning to someone's gender."

Notre Dame junior Colleen Moran, co-president of the Notre Dame club Women in Politics agreed that it is important to look at the issues, but she is happy that women have been active in the election this year.

"While I do not necessarily support those policy measures Sarah Palin would endorse as vice president, I am encouraged by the more active role women have assumed in this presidential election," she said. Moran said she is impressed

that Palin has been able to rally so many people from different backgrounds to the Republican platform.

"In the weeks immediately following her nomination, she was able to generate a great deal of enthusiasm for the McCain campaign," she said.

But Moran is disappointed that Palin has not allowed the media much access because, she said, dealing with the media is a necessity in the national political arena.

"I believe both a level of comfort with the media and an ability to respond eloquently and intelligently to public criticism are essential qualities for a national political figure," Moran said.

Notre Dame senior Sarah Lyons, the vice president of Feminist Voice, said Hillary Clinton's historic run for the presidency should not be overlooked.

"While Sarah Palin's vice presidential nomination is a critical step in women's political participation, I also think recognizing Hillary Clinton and how far she went for the Democrats is really important and should be kept in mind," Lyons said. "I think that was empowering and inspirational for many people."

Lyons does not think Palin supports the issues women are interested in, like where candidates stand on equal pay, reproductive rights and violence against women.

"Personally, I'm not sure if Sarah Palin stands for my personal interests," Lyons said. "I

don't think she does."

DeAgostino added: "I don't think she stands for feminists' interest."

But, DeAgostino added, Clinton and Palin have contributed positively to the political discussion.

"I think this election year has been critical in promoting women's political participation, and raising these issues," DeAgostino said.

Moran said Clinton and Palin have different leadership styles, tailored to appeal to different types of people.

"Hillary Clinton has, in large part, tailored her leadership style to appeal to voters at the national level," she said. "Her husband's election to the presidency thrust her into the national spotlight, and she seized the opportunity to hone her own leadership skills. Clinton comes across as — if at times harsh — both intensely focused and articulate."

"Palin, by contrast, has developed a leadership style geared towards voters at the local and state level. She demonstrates an ability to relate to everyday Americans as well as a freshness and enthusiasm at times lacking in Washington. Palin comes across as — if at times inexperienced or uninformed — someone Americans can connect with."

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By LIZ HARTER
In Focus Writer

For the first time in the nation's history, the United States could see a woman in a position of power in the White House after next Tuesday's

election.

Gov. Sarah Palin would make history as the first female vice president if Sen. John McCain wins the election. Palin has been governor of Alaska since 2006 when she defeated an incumbent governor in the Republican primary and a for-

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hosted by ND Votes '08, a campaign of the Center for Social Concerns.

"I was just amazed that the [Coleman-Morse] Lounge was standing room only," he said. "And even afterward,

there were still students around wanting to talk about the election."

Junior Ed Yap, the president of the Notre Dame College Republicans, said he thinks the majority of his classmates have registered to vote.

"I think Notre Dame students will vote in higher percentages than students at other universities," he said.

Senior Spencer Howard, the co-president of the Notre Dame College Democrats, agreed with Yap that Notre Dame students have been energized by the election.

"This year has been a really pleasant surprise," he said. "Our students have become excited by the election."

Yap said he hopes students turn out in large numbers for

what he said is an important election, especially for the future of the economy.

"This election right now is the most important for our lifetime," Yap said. "It's the election most prior to when we enter the workforce."

Students realize they are going to be affected by the results of the election, said sophomore Ben Linskey, the co-president of the Notre

Dame College Libertarians. Walking around campus or eating at the dining hall, Linskey said he overhears people talking about the election.

"I think that's going to translate into a lot of students going out to vote," Linskey said.

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With less than a week to go until Election Day, Sen. John McCain, above, and Sen. Barack Obama, traveled to Pennsylvania Monday to make a last-minute appeal to undecided voters and to rally supporters.



where they stand

issues

the republican John McCain

the democrat Barack Obama

abortion

Wants to overturn Roe v. Wade; Supported Supreme Court decision that upheld ban on partial-birth abortion. Believes states should decide the abortion issue locally.

Supports a woman's right to choose to have an abortion; says he will make upholding rights enumerated under Roe v. Wade a priority as president. Opposes any constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's decision in that case.

climate change

Supports a mandatory cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions 60 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

Supports a mandatory cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

economy/ taxes

Will purchase mortgages directly from financial institutions, will cut capital gains tax rate. Plans to maintain the Bush tax cuts; will eliminate the alternative minimum tax.

Will enact tax cuts for individuals and businesses to help cope with the current financial crisis. Will ban most home foreclosures for 90 days. Will repeal President Bush's tax cuts for households earning more than \$25,000.

education

Supports competition between schools for most effective, character-building teachers, hiring them and rewarding them. Will provide federal financial support so parents can take children out of failing schools and send them to better ones.

Plans to reform No Child Left Behind. Will create an American Opportunity Tax Credit to help American students go to college. Will devote \$18 billion a year to new federal spending on early childhood classes, teacher recruitment, performance pay and other initiatives.

energy

Supports a gas tax holiday and opposes taxing windfall profits; opposes drilling in the Arctic but supports offshore drilling; opposes ethanol subsidies; supports expanding nuclear power.

Supports taxing windfall profits for oil companies; opposes drilling in the Arctic and offshore; supports ethanol subsidies; double science and researching funding for clean-energy projects.

environment

Wants to limit carbon emissions; harness market forces to encourage advanced technologies, like nuclear energy, to the market faster. Will reduce America's dependence on foreign supplies of energy.

Implement a market-based cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050; develop domestic incentives to reward forest owners, farmers and ranchers when they plant trees, restore grasslands or practice farming methods that capture carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; invest \$150 billion over 10 years to advance new energy technologies.

gay rights

Will reaffirm the institution of marriage between one man and one woman.

Will end "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" in the military. Will pass federal non-discrimination law in employment that includes sexuality; will extend federal benefits to same sex couples who have a state-supported civil-union, not marriage; believes allowing civil-unions is a state issue.

health care

Wants a free-market, consumer-based system; plans to use competition to improve the quality of health insurance so there is a greater variety to match people's need and lower prices; will give families the option of receiving a tax credit of \$2,500 for individuals and \$5,000 for families to offset the cost of insurance.

Will require that all children have health insurance; Will make national health care plan available to all Americans; participants in the new public plan would be able to move from job to job without changing health care coverage.

homeland security

Plans to increase the size of the United States military; will modernize the American armed forces and develop advanced weapons systems and address force protection; will work to improve military pay and benefits and will improve quality of life for military families.

Will encourage better protection of U.S. chemical plants from potential terrorist attacks; will develop better guidelines for tracking spent nuclear fuel; will require mandatory planning for the evacuation of people with special needs during emergencies.

immigration

Helped write the 2007 immigration bill that supported a path to legalization for illegal immigrants that would include learning English and paying fines, but has said that he would no longer vote for the bill; supports building a fence along the Mexican border.

Supports a path to legalization for illegal immigrants that includes learning English and paying fines; toughen penalties for hiring illegal immigrants. Voted for a fence to be built along the Mexican border.

Iraq War

Voted in 2002 to authorize invasion of Iraq, supported troop increase, or "surge." Will accelerate the training and equipping of Iraqi armed forces and police to enable them to play a key role in securing Iraq; will encourage the international community to apply pressure to Syria and Iran in order to stop them from aiding and abetting the violence in Iraq; opposes a timetable for withdrawal, but projects most troops could be home by 2013.

Opposed invasion initially; opposed troop increase; wants to withdraw one or two brigades a month to finish within 16 months and encourage the Iraqis to reconcile their differences. Provide \$2 billion to expand services to Iraqi refugees in neighboring countries.

judges

Will nominate conservative, not activist, judges; supported nomination of John Roberts and Samuel Alito.

Will nominate judges with expansive, progressive view of the Constitution; opposed nominations of John Roberts and Samuel Alito.