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ELECTION 2008

Debaters weigh in on candidate performance

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

By KRISTIN DOLD
News Writer

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

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

Members of the debate team had a mixed reaction to the candidates' performances, though they all agreed that the debate had not altered the

course of the campaign.

"Because he is behind, McCain had to come in tonight with a knockout punch, and he didn't," Debate Team president Henry Chan said.

Dr. Susan Ohmer, a Film, Television and Theatre professor, moderated the debate team.

"McCain did a better job than he has in the past two debates," she said. "However, Obama appeared cool and level-headed compared to some of McCain's snarky tactics."

Tom Foote, a member of the debate team, referenced Joe the Plumber, a man, perhaps real, perhaps symbolic, whose name

was repeatedly mentioned by both candidates.

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

Junior Elyse Hoffman explained why McCain would try to show Americans how eloquent Obama is as a speaker in order to make them rethink his words.

"A big part of this is speaking pretty; however, the majority of Americans don't realize that," she said.

The final debate, held at at

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Debate Team members Mychal Stanley, left, Henry Chan, center and Tom Foote discuss the debate Wednesday.

ELECTION 2008

Saint Mary's political clubs anticipate election

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

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

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

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

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

"The Biden/Palin debate has brought a lot of good information to the table because of the way it played out."

Nolan said there has been a noticeable increase in membership this year as well.

"Our membership has almost doubled this year as compared to the past," she said. "The interest level is very high. I get daily e-mails about girls wanting to get involved in many different aspects [of the club]."

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

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Numbers attending Rep meetings increases exponentially

By KATIE KOTARAK
News Writer

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

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

The increase in the number of girls who attend meetings makes for good

discussion, Horvath said.

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

"I enjoy the meetings because a lot of different perspectives are expressed," Rusnak said.

Due to this year's presidential campaign, interest and participation have increased, allowing the group to plan more events involving campus Republicans, Horvath said.

"[The club] organized events to watch the Republican National Convention as well as the debates,"

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Group promotes body love

Through yoga, dance and talks, Feminist Voice builds confidence

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

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

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

The free yoga session was

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

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Board fails to approve budget with stipend

By LIZ HARTER and ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writers

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

The budget, which failed to pass in a 14-11 vote, had been revised after last week's meeting. The original budget included a \$20,000 stipend for the Executive Board consisting of

student body president Mickey Gruscinski, student body vice president Sarah Falvey, executive treasurer Mo Weaver, Student Activities Board coordinator Michele Peterson, Student Diversity Board president Adriana Rodriguez, Residence Hall Association president Maura Clougherty and executive secretary Jenny Hoffman, who has previously written for The Observer.

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

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INSIDE COLUMN

Undecided voter

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

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

Granted, I take just as long to fill out my MLB all-star ballots in June, so it could just be voter indecision. But I can't decide

Bill Brink
Sports Editor

between Barack Obama and John McCain. It's not a matter of economic policy, foreign relations or the aesthetics of the vice-presidential candidates. Campaigning doesn't do it for me. I know they're lying the whole time.

What I want to see is intelligence and reason behind the lies that tell me a candidate will perform well in office.

I'm still waiting for a definite sign.

I've thought in passing about writing in an outsider for president. Brett Favre and Lil' Wayne, obviously, were my first choices. But what about others who have previous experience as a world leader, even if they did so in a fictional setting? Here are my favorite fictional presidents/world leaders who I think would do an admirable job leading our country through its current mess.

◆Jed Bartlett, "The West Wing"

You gotta love the morality of this Vermonter whose relative signed the Declaration of Independence. He always knows the correct course of action. Plus, I love the idea of a president who takes time out of running the country to debate the proper procedure of cooking a Thanksgiving turkey on the Butterball hot line. The fact that he's a domer doesn't hurt.

◆Andrew Shepherd, "The American President"

He's popular, he's smart and he's a good-looking single father. He realizes the country needs to reduce fossil fuels and get guns off the streets. But he's human — he falls in love and acts on his impulses with Sydney Ellen Wade. And any guy who has the resources he does (the White House, Camp David, etc.) and uses them to full effect gets points in my book.

◆Thomas Whitmore, "Independence Day"

Unlike Bush, who pulled a cheap publicity stunt with his "Mission Accomplished" aircraft carrier landing, Whitmore flew a mission that saved American government leaders from sure destruction. Whitmore also has the rhetoric to rival Obama. Remember his speech in the early morning hours of July 4? Spine-tingling.

◆James Marshall, "Air Force One"

I admire Marshall for not wimping out and hopping in the escape pod, and he clearly knows how to deal with terrorists. In selecting a female vice president, he shows he can help break gender barriers. Also important: he did his best to shield himself from the score of the Notre Dame-Michigan game so he could watch it on the plane. That's the kind of dedication I want leading my country.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE TO YOU IN THE ELECTION?



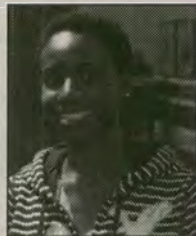
Alice Harada
freshman
Badin

"Human rights and the energy crisis."



Andrew Clark
sophomore
Alumni

"Tax policy."



Chrisandra Downer
junior
Badin

"The health care crisis and abundance of uninsured citizens."



Joe Cannova
freshman
Dillon

"The energy crisis needs to be solved. More resources need to be put toward clean energy."



Mary Goodwin
freshman
Badin

"We need to fix both the economy and our dependence on foreign energy sources."



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Autumn leaves lay scattered across God Quad, signaling the beginning of Fall Break and colder weather.

OFFBEAT

Suit against God thrown out over lack of address

LINCOLN, Neb. — A judge has thrown out a Nebraska legislator's lawsuit against God, saying the Almighty wasn't properly served due to his unlisted home address. State Sen. Ernie Chambers filed the lawsuit last year seeking a permanent injunction against God.

He said God has made terroristic threats against the senator and his constituents in Omaha, inspired fear and caused "widespread death, destruction and terrorization of millions upon millions of the Earth's inhabitants."

Chambers has said he filed the lawsuit to make the point that everyone should have access to the courts regardless of whether they are rich or poor.

On Tuesday, however, Douglas County District Court Judge Marlon Polk ruled that under state law a plaintiff must have access to the defendant for a lawsuit to move forward.

Dozens get gas for 35 cents after a mistake

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. — Sure, gas prices have come down lately. But to 34.9 cents a gallon? That's

what Kelly Joosten and dozens of other motorists paid at a Citgo station Monday. The sign advertised \$3.43 for a gallon of premium fuel, but the pump cost read \$0.349 a gallon.

"That was amazing," said Joosten, who normally spends about \$100 to fill up her 1998 Ford Expedition.

Joosten proudly showed off her receipt for 25.36 gallons at \$8.85. She said she saw other motorists filling gas cans, too, at the discounted price.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The film "Tell No One" will be played today, Oct. 17 and Saturday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

A discussion entitled "Mod Bod: Using Bodies to Sell" will take place today at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo 131 as part of "Love Your Body Week" will take a look at America's Next Top Model and the use of bodies in modeling. There will be a reception with refreshments following the discussion.

The Class of 2009 is sponsoring a lecture today at 7 p.m. called "Dispelling Myths About Haiti; AIDS, Voodoo, etc." Professor Karen Richman in the Institute of Latino Studies and senior Brennan Bollman will present in McKenna Hall.

The Kroc Institute for International Peace will host a lecture entitled "Seeking Sanctuary—Lessons from Zones of Peace" today at 12:30 p.m. The lecture will feature Charles Mitchell, professor emeritus from George Mason University and London Hancock, professor from Kent University.

South Bend Symphony Orchestra will present "Classic Baroque" at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Leighton Center Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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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LOCAL WEATHER						
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Site offers opinions, reviews on top colleges

Unigo.com serves as electronic guide for prospective students, gives tips on application process

By ELLYN MICHALAK
News Writer

New electronic college guidebook Unigo.com offers more than just statistics on a particular university — it offers students uncensored opinions through an interactive and multi-dimensional Web site.

Unigo.com is a free online guide to 267 of North America's top colleges for prospective students. Current students create the reviews so that prospective students are able to get an unbiased opinion of campus life.

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

"The college resource market is typified by costly print guide books which generally have only a few pages of information, no photos, no videos, no interactivity and little insight from the real experts — the students who attend the schools," said Jordan Goldman, founder and CEO of the New York-based start-up in a 2008 press release.

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

Goldman's company has grown exponentially over the past year — he has a Park Avenue office and 25 employees to work under him. During the past year, 18 full-time editors, 300 on-campus interns and more than 15,000 students collaborated to create Unigo.com. Last year, Unigo began to collect information through student interns on each campus. Each Unigo man-

aging editor was in charge of finding student liaisons on about 10 college campuses. One managing editor, Dan Mesure, sent an e-mail to Notre Dame's English department last spring looking for interns. Junior Lindsay Sena applied and now serves as the Unigo intern for Notre Dame.

"The main reason that I decided to work for Unigo is that I love Notre Dame," Sena said. "For better or worse, I think high school students deserve to learn what Notre Dame is really about and why we are so incredible, but they should also learn that we aren't perfect."

Since February 2007, Sena has collected student reviews from Notre Dame students and taken photos for Web site. Unigo even provided 100 of its interns with flip video cameras to include video footage of

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nationwide on the site. One video Sena created was an "unofficial" campus tour. A Notre Dame official tour guide, junior Kim Fitzgibbon, showed notable spots on Our Lady's campus

as a real tour guide would. Sena gave the real dirt on each campus hot spot.

Within the last year, the Web site has received over 30,000 bits of content from its student interns, including reviews, writing samples, photos and videos.

"I think our goal is to get the content and make the content," Unigo editor Nikki Martinez said. "We are not going to be ranking a school according to other company's views. [Unigo] is centered on the experience and what students have to say. We don't censor or edit student surveys."

Martinez also encouraged students to get their personal opinions onto the website.

"We love all kinds of perspectives and we're aiming to provide a very comprehensive look at Notre Dame," Martinez said. "So if you think your perspective is not being heard, this is definitely the platform to do it on."

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"The main reason that I decided to work for Unigo is that I love Notre Dame."

Lindsay Sena
junior

STUDENT SENATE

Group passes donations resolution

By JOSEPH McMAHON
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Wrapping up some unfinished business, Student Senate passed two resolutions and a constitutional amendment in its final meeting before fall break Wednesday.

The Senate first passed a resolution proposed by Senate Social Concerns Committee chair Michelle Byrne that called for allowing students to make charitable donations to clubs using Domer Dollars. The resolution passed by a vote of 26 to 1.

To facilitate this, student government will be forced to purchase an ID card swiper, which can cost up to \$3,500. But Byrne said she was exploring purchasing an old swiper from Food Services or the Career Center.

"We're looking into using some money from the technology fund," Byrne said.

Senate also passed a resolution commending the Office of Information Technology (OIT) for its work on the transition to Google Mail from the old WebMail system.

"We're thanking OIT for going through the WebMail transition helping students get some new applications to communicate," Senate Technology Committee

chair Devin Fee said.

The resolution passed by a vote of 26 to 1, with Cavanaugh senator Robin Link casting the one dissenting vote.

"These kinds of resolutions are just a waste of time," Link said.

But student body vice president Grant Schmidt said the resolution was a nice way of thanking OIT for their work.

"This is a formal way of appreciating the work they did," Schmidt said.

Senate Academics Committee chair Ryan Brellenthin agreed, saying the resolution will help strengthen the working relationship between student government and OIT.

"By doing this it encourages [OIT] to keep working with us," Brellenthin said.

Continuing his crusade to clean up and organize the student government constitution, Senate Oversight Committee chair Ian Secviar proposed grouping the awards given by student government — the Irish Clover Award and the Michael J. Palumbo Award — under the same article. The amendment to the constitution passed unanimously.

In other Senate news:

♦Schmidt handed out copies of University President Fr. John

Jenkins' recent address to the faculty and asked the senators to read the address within the next three weeks to be prepared to discuss it in Senate.

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

Salter's proposal would allow this clause to be suspended in specific cases by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

Salter said Knott Hall president Matt Barloh, who led the dorm to Hall of the Year honors last year, was being forced to resign his presidency to become president of The Shirt Project. Salter said Barloh's resignation would be a major loss for the dorm.

"None of us want to see him have to stand down because he's doing such great things for the dorm," Salter said. "We think it should be in our hands to decide whether or not he's still capable."

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Break draws students off campus

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

This fall break, Notre Dame students are scattering across the map — returning home, visiting friends or going on service projects.

One student returning home is junior Kevin Partington.

"I'll enjoy seeing my family, especially my three cats," he said.

Freshman Chris Stare is also going home.

"I'm looking to partying with my friends in Milwaukee and seeing my dog," he said.

Some students, instead of visiting family, are spending their break with friends at other schools.

"I'm going back to Kentucky to stay with friends at the University of Kentucky," freshman Ross Finney said. "I might see my family over the weekend. That'd be nice."

Several students will be going on seminars sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns (CSC), many of which send students to the Appalachian region.

Junior Michelle Perone will be leaving for Appalachia on Saturday morning. She's excited to be going with some of her friends.

"I've done a couple other trips with the CSC and they've been really amazing experiences," said Perone.

Sophomore Simone Bigi is attending as well.

"I saw the poster in my residence hall and it seemed like it would be fun," he said.

Freshman Greg Woods is also going to Appalachia.

"My group members and I are going to be teaching and tutoring at Sacred Heart grade school," Woods said. "I am going to enjoy spending time with the students and seeing their enormous smiles."

Besides going on the trip, the attendees are required to attend several classes given by the CSC.

"I like that the classes we've been attending in the weeks leading up to the trip have been making sure we understand the causes behind the area's poverty," Perone said. "This level of understanding adds a whole other dimension to actually doing service."

Sophomore Beth Nagel is also attending the Appalachia seminar.

"I am excited about meeting more Notre Dame students and becoming closer to those in my group," said sophomore Beth Nagel, who is also going to Appalachia.

Another seminar sponsored by the CSC over fall break is "Human Rights, Faithful Citizenship and Public Policy." Senior Christine Clark will be attending this seminar, which will be held in Washington, D.C.

"It's not a service project, per se, but a chance to learn about the intersection of human rights and public policy," Clark said.

Clark said she is going to enjoy exploring Washington and meeting new people on her trip.

Sophomore Katrina Corcoran will be attending the Cultural Diversity Seminar in Chicago, also sponsored by the CSC.

"I'm going to enjoy seeing Chicago from other people's point of view," Corcoran said. "I love to be immersed into something."

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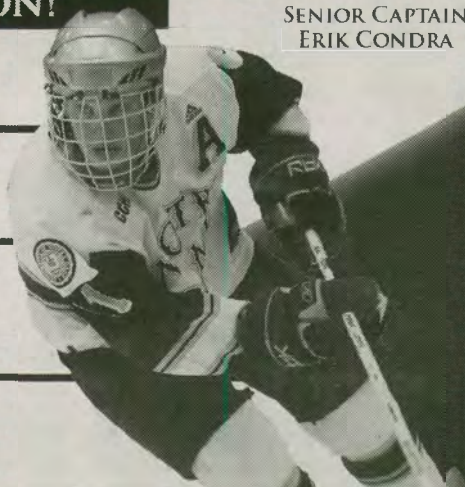
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Dems

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tant.

"We have been working on making sure that girls know how to get their absentee ballots or know that in some states they will be able to early vote over fall break in their hometowns," Nolan said.

The College Democrats have also been campaigning for Obama in the South Bend community.

Sophomore Colleen Lowry spent a lot of time working for "Canvass for Obama," a door-to-door literature drop that students and adults do every

Sunday in St. Joseph County. They answer any questions people may have, give literature to people and show support for Obama in any way they can.

Lowry explained that Indiana is a battleground state that is leaning more towards the Republican Party, but added that South Bend is very diverse and has a wide range of Obama supporters.

"We see great enthusiasm in many of the people we come into contact with every day," Lowry said. "And they are really looking to Obama to change the way the government has been running for the last eight years."

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she said. "We have also had the opportunity to go see a McCain/Palin rally in Detroit."

The College Republicans have also taken an active interest, running phone banks that are helping to elect Luke Puckett to Congress as a representative for Indiana's 2nd District and re-elect incumbent Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, Horvath said.

The College Republicans can be seen around Saint Mary's campus sporting the club's red "VOTE" T-shirts

with the GOP Elephant on the front. Members of the club are encouraged to wear their T-shirts each Tuesday leading up to the election, Horvath said.

"I like the [shirts] because [they] promote voting in general; whether you are a Republican or Democrat doesn't matter," Rusnak said. "People are just trying to get involved and do their part and that's important."

Caitlin Sullivan, the vice president of the Saint Mary's College Republicans, said she is excited about engaging fellow students, and said the club is organizing a fundraiser to send care packages to troops.

After the election on Nov. 4, Saint Mary's College Republicans' efforts in creating party awareness will continue, Horvath said. Members can look forward to a trip to Washington D.C. to attend the Conservative Political Action Committee (CPAC) in February, Horvath said.

"The CPAC event brings together young conservatives from across the nation and features prominent conservative speakers; it will be our exciting event for the year, which has been far more organized than [years past]," she said.

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part of "Love Your Body Week," a series of events spearheaded by Notre Dame Feminist Voice, a campus club that discusses gender issues.

Senior Sarah Lyons, the vice president of Feminist Voice, had to run to class after an hour of stretching, balancing and rhythmic breathing.

"I'm feeling very centered," she said. Lyons had never taken a yoga class before. She said she enjoyed it.

"Love Your Body Week" is about more than physical health, Lyons said, but also about mental, emotional and spiritual health.

Wearing pins that said "I love my body," Lyons and Feminist Voice secretary Mary

DeAgostino talked Tuesday about "Love Your Body Week," a longer version of the national "Love Your Body Day."

"Our bodies can do amazing things for us and a lot of times we kind of take them for granted and don't give them the respect they deserve," DeAgostino said.

Like a lot of Americans, Notre Dame students might forget to take the time to reflect on their bodies, she said.

"Our big push for the week is to raise the issue of how women's bodies are viewed in society, and maybe that isn't right, and refocus it, to promote awareness of some of the issues women and men experience and make it a positive message," DeAgostino said.

To start off the week, the group sponsored a sustainability dinner on Sunday,

which discussed how people could live in a sustainable way, reducing their carbon footprint and eating healthy, locally produced foods.

The group showed "Real Women Have Curves," a film starring "Ugly Betty" star America Ferrera on Monday. They invited a South Bend ob-gyn to talk about reproductive health topics, like sexually transmitted infections, natural family planning and contraception.

"It may have been the first time that contraception was discussed on campus in a non-

confrontational and unbiased way, which was really exciting for us," DeAgostino said.

There will be a dance workshop on North Quad from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, featuring ballroom dancing, break dancing and Filipino dancing instruction. Following the dance class, Valerie Staples of the University Counseling Center will use the reality show "America's Next Top Model" as a starting point to talk about the way bodies are depicted.

Lyons and DeAgostino said

"Our bodies can do amazing things for us and a lot of times we kind of take them for granted and don't give them the respect they deserve."

Mary DeAgostino
Feminist Voice secretary

they hope this week-long event will become a yearly tradition at Notre Dame. This year, they had the co-sponsorship of the Student Union, the Biology Club, GreenD, Students for Environmental Action, the Women's Running Club, Project Fresh, Ballroom Dancing Club, Gender Studies, Sociology, Men Against Violence, the Progressive Student Alliance and the Filipino-American Student Organization.

People should love their body more than just one time a year, DeAgostino said.

"Make this something you think about, not just this week but throughout your life, reassessing your relationship with your body, and how you are treating it and respecting it," she said.

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Debate

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Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., was moderated by CBS's Bob Schieffer. The table discussion format allowed the candidates to engage each other directly on a mixed bag of issues including the economy, attacks ads, their running mates, energy, abortion and education.

Both candidates strove to present the image of a strong leader when Schieffer asked them why their economic plan was superior to their opponents. Obama was left defending his tax policies to McCain who told viewers, "I know how to save billions."

Obama criticized McCain for repeatedly siding with President Bush.

McCain responded: "Sen. Obama, I am not President Bush. If you wanted to run against President Bush, you should have run four years ago. I'm going to give a new

direction to this economy in this country."

Schieffer gave the candidates an opportunity to reflect on the presence of attack ads in the campaign. Obama accused McCain for running "100 percent negative ads" and dismissed the McCain campaign for claiming he "pals around with terrorists." McCain used the opportunity to point out that Obama agreed to town hall meetings months ago and later opted out.

The candidates were asked why their pick of a running mate was better than their opponents. Obama passed on criticizing Palin and said, "heaven forbid something happen to me, Biden would make a great president." McCain, who listed Palin's accomplishments extensively, failed to address the possibility of her becoming president and ended with "her husband Todd is a pretty tough guy."

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BOG

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Readership program, which delivers the Chicago Tribune, the South Bend Tribune, New York Times and the USA Today to campus each weekday, by \$2,000 and the funding for co-sponsorships by \$2,000.

Discussion among members of BOG before the vote was short. But after the vote, Health and Wellness commissioner Pauline Kistka said that she thinks she speaks for the 11 members of BOG who voted against the budget by saying they are opposed to the principle of the budget, not the amount of the budget.

"Until the stipend is removed from the budget, we are not going to approve the budget," Kistka said. "The sooner the stipend is removed, the sooner the students will receive their money."

Before the vote, Allison Spurlock, the tri-campus commissioner, made a clarification to correct prior announcements at BOG meetings that members of the Notre Dame student government receive a stipend for

their services to the University.

"I talked to some of the people on the student government [at Notre Dame] today and they do not get paid," she said.

Student Services commissioner Catherine Meadors said the budget issue needs to be resolved because BOG needs to show a unified front to the student body and be able to move on to other business.

"Obviously neither side is going to agree on everything, but we need to compromise and we need to come together," she said.

Every BOG meeting is open to the public and about 25 members of the student body came to share their opinion on the Executive Board stipend. They were allowed to voice their concerns after members of BOG conducted their business.

Junior Wenwen Bai attended the meeting on behalf of the Around the World club. She asked BOG to consider the fact that clubs and organizations are being affected because they cannot receive funding until the budget passes, a fact which Falvey emphasized to BOG members.

"The students need their money," she said. "This is a filibuster in conventional govern-

ment so if that's what this is then all the student body is hurting. It's not necessarily one side's fault."

Senior Jessica Sobczyk said she does not believe student funds should be used for a salary for the Executive Board.

"It's not the amount it's the fact that there is [a stipend] and where [the money is] coming from," she said. "I don't think it should come from where it is coming from — from funds that should be allocated to clubs, organizations and co-sponsorships."

The students in attendance applauded Sobczyk, who also attended last week's BOG meeting but did not voice her opinions, when she said she is disappointed with the way the Executive Board is handling.

"I've noticed a lot of pressure being put on the rest of BOG saying if this doesn't pass the clubs don't get the money. Basically the implication is that it's [the rest of BOG's] fault. I don't think it's their fault," she said. "I think if you took the stipend out of the budget it would pass like that and everybody would get the money and they would all be happy. Really, it's on [the Executive Board], so take the stipend out of the budget and redistribute the funds to what it should be and let's get this year going ... Serve your student body, listen to what they're saying to you."

Since the budget once again failed to pass, it will be revised by the Executive Board and presented to BOG at its next meeting on Oct. 29.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. soldiers kill no. 2 al-Qaida leader

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

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

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

Fighting erupts at Cambodian border

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

Two Cambodian troops were killed, the first deaths in a 4-month standoff that began when UNESCO, the U.N. cultural agency, approved Cambodia's bid to have Preah Vihear temple named a World Heritage Site. Thailand feared its claims over nearby land would be undermined.

In recent days, as the dispute fueled nationalism in both countries, officials appeared to be preparing for a major confrontation.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen issued an ultimatum to Thailand on Tuesday to pull back its soldiers from the disputed territory, calling it "a life-and-death battle zone." Thailand moved reinforcements up to the border area.

NATIONAL NEWS

Nancy Reagan suffers broken pelvis

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

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

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

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

Residents return as fire fears diminish

LOS ANGELES — Residents of the San Fernando Valley breathed air free of smoke and ash for the first time in four days Wednesday under brilliant blue skies.

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

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

LOCAL NEWS

Disputed early votes may be tossed

INDIANAPOLIS — A lawyer for Indiana Republicans warned Wednesday that courts might eventually throw out disputed absentee votes being cast in the Democratic stronghold of Lake County, raising a new legal cloud over polling in this presidential battleground state.

Democratic leaders including an adviser to Barack Obama's campaign, meanwhile, accused Republicans and John McCain's campaign of dirty tricks aimed at suppressing votes in Indiana and creating unfounded fears over possible vote fraud in the northwestern Indiana county with a long history of political corruption.

Candidates get tough in last debate

McCain, Obama debate domestic policies, attack opposition campaign ads

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — John McCain repeatedly assailed Barack Obama's character and campaign positions on taxes, abortion and more Wednesday night, hoping to transform their final presidential debate into a launching pad for a political comeback. "You didn't tell the American people the truth," he charged.

Unruffled, and ahead in the polls, Obama parried each accusation, and leveled a few of his own.

"One hundred percent, John, of your ads, 100 percent of them have been negative," Obama shot back in an uncommonly personal debate less than three weeks from Election Day.

"It's not true," McCain retorted.

"It absolutely is true," said Obama, seeking the last word.

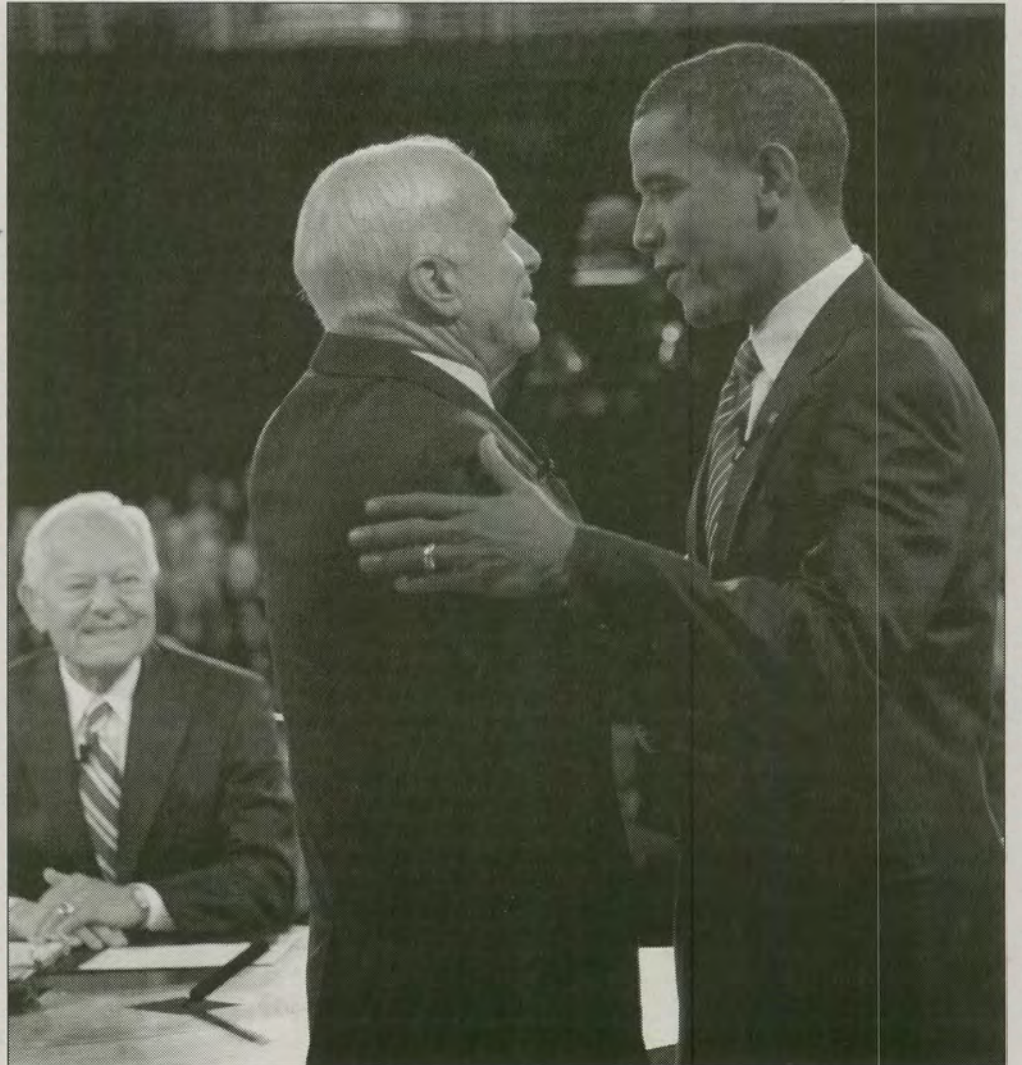
McCain is currently running all negative ads, according to a study by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. But he has run a number of positive ads during the campaign.

The 90-minute encounter, seated at a round table at Hofstra University, was their third debate, and marked the beginning of a 20-day sprint to Election Day. Obama leads in the national polls and in surveys in many battleground states, an advantage built in the weeks since the nation stumbled into the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression.

With few exceptions, the campaign is being waged in states that voted Republican in 2004 — Virginia, Colorado, Iowa — and in many of them, Obama holds a lead in the polls.

McCain played the aggressor from the opening moments of the debate, accusing Obama of waging class warfare by seeking tax increases that would "spread the wealth around."

The Arizona senator also demanded to know the full extent of Obama's relation-



Republican Sen. John McCain and Democratic Sen. Barack Obama debated domestic policy in their final presidential debate Wednesday at Hofstra University.

ship with William Ayers, a 1960s-era terrorist and the Democra's ties with ACORN, a liberal group accused of violating federal law as it seeks to register voters. And he insisted Obama disavow last week's remarks by Rep. John Lewis, a Democrat, who accused the Republican ticket of playing racial politics along the same lines as segregationists of the past.

Struggling to escape the political drag of an unpopular Republican incumbent, McCain also said, "Sen. Obama, I am not President Bush. ... You wanted to run against President Bush, you should have run four years ago."

Obama returned each volley, and brushed aside McCain's claim to full politi-

cal independence.

"If I've occasionally mistaken your policies for George Bush's policies, it's because on the core economic issues that matter to the American people — on tax policy, on energy policy, on spending priorities — you have been a vigorous supporter of President Bush," he said.

McCain's allegation that Obama had not leveled with the public involved the Illinois senator's decision to forgo public financing for his campaign in favor of raising his own funds. As a result, he has far outraised McCain, although the difference has been somewhat neutralized by an advantage the Republican National Committee holds over the

Democratic Party.

"He signed a piece of paper" earlier in the campaign pledging to accept federal financing, McCain said. He added that Obama's campaign has spent more money than any since Watergate, a reference to President Nixon's re-election, a campaign that later became synonymous with scandal.

Obama made no immediate response to McCain's assertion about having signed a pledge to accept federal campaign funds.

Asked about running mates, both presidential candidates said Democrat Joseph Biden was qualified to become president, although McCain added this qualifier: "in many respects."

IRAQ

Pact calls for limited U.S. jurisdiction

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

The Iraqi officials, familiar with details of the draft, spoke on condition

of anonymity because they were not supposed to release the information.

In Washington, the State Department confirmed a draft had been finalized but refused to discuss any details.

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

U.S. officials declined to discuss details of the draft but characterized it as the administration's final offer, saying no more concessions would be considered.

Colleges face priest shortage

Declining number of clergy pose problems for Catholic institutions

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The shortage of Roman Catholic clergy isn't just being felt in church.

Religious orders that have founded and run Catholic colleges and universities across the U.S. — in some cases for more than a century — are grappling with how to retain the institutions' distinct religious identities in the face of declining numbers of priests and nuns.

The Rev. Timothy Lannon, president of Saint Joseph's University, can envision a time when a lay person will lead the Jesuit school in Philadelphia because of the dwindling number of his brethren. So it's important now to instill the order's philosophy on campus through curriculum and staff initiatives, he said.

"Without Jesuits, how can you call yourself Jesuit?" Lannon said.

Saint Joseph's is not alone, said Richard Yanikoski, president of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

As religious orders shrink, the critical challenge is for Catholic identity "to be built into the goals and operations and practices of the institution," Yanikoski said.

Retaining that identity was somewhat easier in previous generations when priests and nuns who ran the schools wore religious garb as they carried out teaching and administrative duties, he said.

"Everyone could see the Catholic identity of the institution in those people," said Yanikoski.

Yet diminishing numbers, and members of orders opting for secular dress, have combined to change that sensibility at places like Saint Xavier University in Chicago, which was founded by the Sisters of Mercy and where Yanikoski served as the third lay president.

The school's student body has changed as well, said university spokesman Joseph Moore. While the percentage of Catholics is still very high, today's students grew up under Vatican II reforms and are less steeped in what might be considered traditional Catholic culture, he said. They are required to take two religion courses, but not necessarily on Catholicism.

Saint Xavier tries to maintain its roots by offering a "peer mentoring" program in which staff members periodically meet after work for informal, faculty-led discussions on what it means to work in a Catholic institution.

But it's still a challenge. Only two sisters remain among the faculty at the 5,700-student campus, Moore said. Five more work in other roles at the school.

Overall, the Chicago congregation of sisters has dropped from 800 to 200 since 1967, and the median age is now 79, Moore said.

The story is similar for Jesuits, whose numbers have been decreasing since the 1960s, according to the Jesuit Conference of the United States. Currently, there are about 3,000 nationwide and their average age is 60.

Religious orders are losing priests at a faster rate than dioceses. Overall, the number of religious order priests in the U.S. has dropped from about 23,000 in 1965 to 13,000 this year. That's a decline of 43 percent — steeper than the 30 percent slide in total number of priests nationwide during that period, according to Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.

The identity issue has been of concern to Pope Benedict XVI, who addressed the presidents of the nation's more than 200 Catholic universities during his U.S. visit in April. He told the educators that they "have the duty and privilege to ensure that students receive instruction in Catholic doctrine and practice."

Catholic higher education is also important in terms of developing the next generation of leaders in the church, Yanikoski said.

"We know that leadership talent has to be systematically developed. If we don't do it in Catholic colleges and universities, where will it be done?" he said.

At La Salle University in Philadelphia, the founding Christian Brothers also face shrinking numbers, said Brother Joseph Willard, executive assistant to the school president.

To supplement the presence of 38 brothers who work on

campus, the college offers La Sallian leadership training to its lay staff to help infuse the order's values of faith, service and community, Willard said. Officials are also increasing the number of liturgical events on campus.

"We consider being Catholic in name and Catholic in reality is very much what our mission is about," Willard said. "The mission of the brothers can't die with the brothers."

Saint Joseph's has a similar program for lay staff based on the "spiritual exercises" of St. Ignatius, the Jesuit patron. The 12- to 24-week program is designed to help participants strengthen their relationship with God and make decisions within the context of Gospel values.

The school, which has about two dozen priests working on campus, also plans to offer a biannual seminar on Ignatian teaching for faculty, officials said.

For students, the 57-year-old Lannon spearheaded an effort to create a required course called "Faith, Justice and the Catholic Tradition" — one component of a revised core curriculum approved last week by university trustees. A previous religion requirement did not specifically include a course on Catholicism.

The new class is meant to ensure that students understand key doctrines in Catholicism and the Jesuits' commitment to social justice, compassion for the poor and searching for God in all things, said provost Brice Wachterhauser.

"Our hope is to produce a deeper understanding of our institutional roots and commitments," he said.

Saint Joe's sophomore Marissa Foster, who grew up Methodist in Scranton, Pa., said she's interested in the Jesuit tradition and thinks the required class is a good idea.

"I don't think I'd go out on my own" and learn about it, she said.

But interacting with priests outside the classroom is important too, Foster said. Seeing Lannon — who lives among students in university housing — and other Jesuits regularly on campus and in classrooms helps create a unique, tight-knit spiritual community.

Mormon missionaries attacked in Australia

BYU basketball player, 1 other man stabbed

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A BYU basketball player on a Mormon mission and another missionary were attacked and stabbed while returning to their apartment in a suburb of Sydney, Australia.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said Wednesday that Chris Collinsworth, 19, of Mapleton, Utah, and David Ferguson, 21, of Great Falls, Mont., "suffered multiple non-life threatening stab wounds in an unprovoked attack ..."

Collinsworth, a 6-foot-9 forward for church-owned BYU, averaged 3.2 points, 4.8 rebounds and 15.9 minutes in 35 games as a freshman last season before going on the two-year mission.

A state police spokeswoman, speaking on the police policy condition of anonymity said that Collinsworth and Ferguson were attacked Tuesday night by three unknown men, who made no demands of the two missionaries. The men were described by as being Middle Eastern in their appearance, the spokeswoman said.

Alisa Collinsworth said her son was stabbed in the back near his kidney. She said Ferguson had the tendons cut in his hand and needed surgery. Efforts by The Associated Press to reach Ferguson's family were unsuccessful Wednesday.

Alisa Collinsworth said her

son called home early Wednesday.

"He said they were just walking him home when all of a sudden he just gets hit from the side, just slammed," his mother said.

Chris Collinsworth said he fought back, but told his parents that several men jumped on top of him. He got stabbed at some point during the "dog pile," his mother said.

Alisa Collinsworth said her son told her that Ferguson was cut and injured when he jumped in to get the attackers off his companion. Ferguson bled profusely and Collinsworth used a tie to make a tourniquet, his mother said.

Alisa Collinsworth said her son told her he also was held from behind and his shirt pulled over his head while several people kicked him in the face and stomach. The attack ended when a motorist pulled up and started yelling and pounding on his horn, she said.

Chris Collinsworth was released from the hospital Wednesday and told his parents he was ready to get back to missionary work, his mother said.

"He's a just a calm, put-together kid," she said.

A Westmead Hospital spokeswoman was unable to provide details of Ferguson or Collinsworth's conditions.

Church officials are working with the Australian authorities on the case.

The state police said they retrieved "a number of items for forensic examination," from the crime scene.

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Dow Jones **8,577.91** -733.08

Up: 381 Same: 30 Down: 3,125 Composite Volume: 2,329,569,665

AMEX	1,395.91	-100.94
NASDAQ	1,628.33	-150.68
NYSE	5,759.96	-620.57
S&P 500	907.84	-90.17
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	9,122.25	-425.22
FTSE 100 (London)	4,079.59	-314.62

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
SPDR S&P 500 (SPY)	-9.84	-9.83	90.02
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-8.96	-3.01	30.60
FIN SEL SPDR (XLF)	-10.85	+1.88	15.45
ISHARES MSCI (EEM)	-16.17	+4.63	24.01

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-0.30	-0.012	4.011
13-WEEK BILL	-14.89	-0.035	0.200
30-YEAR BOND	-0.28	-0.012	4.248
5-YEAR NOTE	-2.53	-0.075	2.888

Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-4.09	74.54
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-0.50	839.00
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.70	84.98

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YEN	99.7550
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BRITISH POUND	0.5796

IN BRIEF

Bush: federal intervention is temporary

ADA, Mich. — President Bush said Wednesday he's against government taking part ownership in private businesses, but that it's necessary this time — for a while. "In the long run it's not good for the country," he said.

Speaking in this traditional election battleground state, Bush said he agreed with critics who don't want the government owning private enterprises. But he said the administration's bank rescue plan was needed to help the nation through the economic crisis.

"We moved with a plan big enough to make a difference — a plan with features in it that will cause investments to be temporary, because I frankly don't want the government being involved with businesses, owning businesses," he said. "It's not — I don't think it's good for the country."

World stocks drop due to data

LONDON — World stocks fell Wednesday after poor U.S. retail sales data stoked concerns that global efforts to restore confidence in the financial system will not be enough to stave off a deep recession.

Wall Street followed Europe and most Asian stocks in heading lower, as the Dow Jones index of leading U.S. shares was down 325.84 points, or 3.5 percent, at 8,985.15, after U.S. retail sales data raised expectations that the world's largest economy is already in recession or about to move into one.

The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares closed down 314.62 points, or 7.2 percent, at 4,079.59. Germany's DAX ended 337.56 points, or 6.5 percent, lower at 4,861.63, while France's CAC-40 was 247.45 points, or 6.8 percent, down at 3,381.07.

The renewed selling pressure was stoked by a U.S. government report showing that retail sales plunged in September by a monthly 1.2 percent almost double the 0.7 percent drop analysts had expected.

Fears send stocks plunging again

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

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investors agonizing over a faltering economy sent the stock market plunging all over again Wednesday after a stream of disheartening data convinced Wall Street that a recession, if not already here, is inevitable. The market's despair propelled the Dow Jones industrials down 733 points to their second-largest point loss ever, and the major indexes all lost at least 7 percent.

The slide meant that the Dow, which fell 76 points on Tuesday, has given back all but 127 points of its record 936-point gain of Monday, which came on optimism about the banking system in response to the government's plans to invest up to \$250 billion in financial institutions.

Wednesday's sell-off began after the government's report that retail sales plunged in September by 1.2 percent — almost double the 0.7 percent analysts expected — made it clear that consumers are reluctant to spend amid a shaky economy and a punishing stock market.

The Commerce Department report was sobering because consumer spending accounts for more than two-thirds of U.S. economic activity. The reading came as Wall Street was refocusing its attention on the faltering economy following stepped up government efforts to revive the stagnant lending markets.

Then, during the afternoon, the release of the Beige Book, the assessment of business conditions from the Federal Reserve, added to investors' angst. The report found that the economy continued to slow in the early fall as financial and credit market problems took a turn for the worse. The central bank's report supported the market's belief that difficulties



Specialist Ned Zelles works the floor Wednesday at the New York Stock Exchange. Concerns over the economy sent stocks plunging again Wednesday.

in obtaining loans have choked growth in wide swaths of the economy.

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

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke offered a similar opinion, warning in a speech Wednesday that patching up the credit markets won't provide an instantaneous jolt to the economy.

"Stabilization of the financial markets is a critical first step, but even if they stabilize as we hope

they will, broader economic recovery will not happen right away," he told the Economic Club of New York.

Analysts have warned that the market will see continued volatility as it tries to recover from the devastating losses of the last month, including the nearly 2,400-point plunge in the Dow over the eight sessions that ended Friday. Such turbulence is typical after a huge decline, but the market's anxiety about the economy was also expected to cause gyrations in the weeks and months ahead.

Selling accelerated in the last hour of trading, a common occurrence during the eight days of heavy declines. One reason for

the heavy selling: Mutual funds need to unload stock to pay investors who are bailing out of the market.

Investors apparently have come to believe that Monday's big rebound over the banking sector was overdone given the problems elsewhere in the economy.

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

He contends that the government has taken so many steps to help the financial system that investors must now wait for some of the actions to help steady the economy.

BELGIUM

U.S., EU call for summit on banking

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The Group of Eight major industrial nations announced Wednesday they will hold a global summit — perhaps as early as November in New York — to forge common action to prevent another economic meltdown.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said all European Union nations backed radical restructuring of global institutions like the International Monetary Fund and World Bank. He called for a meeting "preferably in New York, where everything started" and said it should lead to "a new capitalism."

Sarkozy said emerging economies such as China, India and others outside the G-8 should also participate because "no one should feel excluded from what we are recasting."

EU leaders meeting in Brussels "all agreed that we don't want the same causes to produce the same effects in future," the French leader said. "We don't want all this to start again; we want lessons to be learned."

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said the meeting would require vision similar to the creation of the United Nations and the Bretton Woods conference that laid out the post-World War II international financial and monetary system.

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

"We are confident that, working together, we will meet the present challenges and return our economies to stability and prosperity," they said.

Brown, a longtime former Treasury chief widely seen as a leader in crafting policies to combat the financial crisis, said he wants a group of supervisors from major nations to monitor the world's 30 largest financial institutions.

MEXICO

Americans wary about visiting Ciudad Juarez

Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas — Mexican officials are trying to persuade Americans to visit Ciudad Juarez, touting the city in a new billboard campaign as a "land of encounters." But on this side of the border, that sounds like a cruel joke.

More than 1,100 people have been killed this year in Juarez, population 1.5 million, in a drug-related bloodbath so staggering that the city has been declared off-limits to U.S. soldiers looking to go bar-hopping; El Paso's public hospital is seeing a spillover of the wounded; and residents on the American side are afraid to cross over to visit family, shop or conduct business.

"We all like to make money, but the money I was making isn't worth it," said Fernando Apodaca, who spent at least one day a week for the past 18 years working in Juarez as an auto industry consultant. After his Cadillac Escalade SUV was seized in a carjacking last month, Apodaca vowed he wouldn't go over the border again.

"I had a gun to my face. There's no law over there," he said.

Juarez, situated just across the Rio Grande from El Paso, has had more murders this year than New York and Chicago together had in all of 2007 — and those two cities have seven times the population of Juarez. Last weekend alone, Juarez had 37 killings.

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

this year after Mexico's president launched a national offensive against drug lords.

Initially, the bloodshed involved drug cartels fighting each other. Then, military troops, law enforcement officers and government officials became major targets.

Assassinations have become more brazen and more and more innocents have been killed. Masked gunmen stormed a drug rehab center in August and killed eight people. Six men were gunned down last weekend at a family party. A 12-year-old girl was shot and killed in June while riding with two men targeted by hitmen. The second-in-command of the Juarez police department was killed in a hail of more than 50 bullets

near his home in May.

Armed robberies, carjackings and kidnappings for ransom are also rampant.

"The government isn't in control, and that makes for a very dangerous situation," Tony Payan, an expert on border crime at the University of Texas-El Paso. "Anyone at any time can commit a crime and anyone at any time can become a victim."

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

Dozens of shooting victims, several of them U.S. citizens or legal residents, have been treated at Thomason General Hospital — the only facility for 250 miles that is equipped to handle such patients — at a cost to local taxpayers of more than \$1 million.

The hospital has had several lockdowns because of fears that hit men would realize a victim was still alive and cross the border to finish the job — something that has happened in hospitals on the Mexican side.

Soldiers at the Army's Fort Bliss are no longer allowed to travel to Juarez, whose nightclubs were once a popular place to party.

Mexican Consul General Roberto Rodriguez Hernandez said the number of visitors crossing into Juarez from El Paso this year is down about 20 percent.

"Business has been off because we lost the students on weekends, and the soldiers," Rodriguez said.

Businesses in Juarez are shutting down or cutting hours because of both the violence and the drop in visitors.

The U.S. State Department issued a travel advisory on Tuesday, warning Americans of daylight shootings at shopping centers in Juarez and suggesting applicants for U.S. visas at the consulate in Juarez not pay in cash to avoid getting mugged while in line.

Rosa Flores, 30, has lived on both sides of the border and used to travel to Juarez twice a month to visit family with her 9-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter. With killings on the rise this summer, she insisted the children not play video games or listen to music in the car so they could be alert for gunfire.

Speaker opines on democracy

Former Congresswoman discusses role of women in leadership positions

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

What women contribute to society is incredibly important, Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky said during her lecture, "Empowering Women in Democracies Around the World" at Saint Mary's Wednesday.

Margolies-Mezvinsky chairs Women's Campaign International, a group that provides political training to women around the world. In 1992, she became the first woman elected to Congress from Pennsylvania and three years later led the United States delegation to the United Nations' Fourth International Women's Conference in Beijing.

Since that time she has represented U.S. delegations to Austria, India, Spain, Kazakhstan and Turkey.

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

Women's Campaign International is an organization that works on training women in democracies.

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

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

"We work very closely with the people who are there," Margolies-Mezvinsky said. "We do an assessment. We go in and figure out what's needed. We just do a

lot of listening. We set up in a week's time maybe 50 meetings."

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

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

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

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

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

She is the author of four books and currently she is a fellow at the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania, her alma mater.

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Bus seat belts mandated

New Alabama policy requires safety devices after deaths of 4 students

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

"We wanted to make sure that any measures we put forth don't needlessly limit the capacity of the buses and then force that school or that

school district to have more children walking, riding with parents, biking, etcetera," Peters told The Associated Press in an interview.

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

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

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

A bus driver who has been part of the pilot project, George Caudle, noted that keeping children from unclicking the belts may be a problem. He said the bus cannot start until all are strapped in, but sometimes after he starts driving it's not long before he hears belts being clicked off.

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

"If you were to flip over in a pond, the little ones might not be able to get the belt off and they might drown," he said.

But Monessia Smith, another 12-year-old, said she supported them.

"They're good. It keeps kids safe," she said.

Schools buy about 2,500 of

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

The Transportation Department estimates it will cost about \$6.1 million a year to equip new, smaller buses with the three-point seat belts and higher seat backs, and \$3.6 million a year to equip new, larger buses with higher seat backs.

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

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

"Federal highway safety money is very limited and using that money to install seat belts on school buses isn't supported by crash data," Adkins said. "School buses are already an incredibly safe mode of transportation. We are more concerned about the areas surrounding schools and bus stops. States should not be pressured on this issue."

The new rule also includes a performance standard for seat belts on new, larger buses so that schools that want to voluntarily add belts will have guidance on what belts are best, Peters said. Providing a common standard may also lower the cost of adding belts, she said.

Beer enthusiasts find God at annual festival

Brewers create drinks with divine inspiration

Associated Press

DENVER — In the beginning, there was a long line for Judgment Day ale.

Shortly after the doors opened on the 27th Great American Beer Festival, a crowd congregated at the booth offering that and other pours from The Lost Abbey of San Marcos, Calif., where the tap handle is a Celtic cross and the legacy of beer-brewing monks endures.

Standing under a banner promising "Inspired beers for Saints and Sinners Alike," proprietor and former altar boy Tomme Arthur had a confession: He's using God to sell some beer.

"It's the oldest story ever told — the struggle between good and evil," said Arthur, 35, a product of Catholic schools in his native San Diego. "There is a battle being waged between those who make good beer and those who make evil beer."

Without question, unholy excess is in evidence anytime 18,000 gallons of alcohol is served to 46,000 people over three days. See: women in Bavarian maid outfits and "Beer Pong" tables.

Yet perhaps surprisingly, God could be found at last week's Great American Beer Festival — in the crassly commercial, in homage to religion's long history in brewing, in needling faiths that turn a suspect eye on drinking, and (if the prophet of home-brewing is to be believed) at the bottom of every glass.

While alcohol and religion don't always mix, no less a figure than Benjamin Franklin once said: "Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."

Charlie Papazian, author of "The Complete Joy of Homebrewing," the undisputed bible of the craft, can cite many intersections of beer and the divine. Mayan and Aztec priests controlled the brewing of beer in pre-Columbian days, monks in Bavaria brewed strong bocks for sustenance during Lent and the first brewery in the Americas was founded by Belgium monks in Ecuador in 1534.

Before Louis Pasteur pinpointed yeast as the culprit in the 1850s, brewers didn't know what caused fermentation, said Papazian, president of the Boulder, Colo.-based Brewers Association. So they invented one run-on word to describe the mysterious stuff at the bottom of the bottle: "Godisgood."

"As you drain a glass of beer, look at the yeast at the bottom and be reminded that God is good, because that's the way it feels," Papazian said.

Like most business owners, brewers tend to avoid politics and religion out of fear of alienating customers. At the same time, microbrewing has become an intensely competitive industry, so putting a saint on a bottle can help a guy stand out.

When Brock Wagner was looking to name his new brewery in Houston 14 years ago, his search took him to the library of a local Catholic seminary. There, he found the story of St. Arnold of Metz, the French saint of brewers and

one of many patron saints of the brewing arts.

As the tale goes, Arnold (580-640) urged his people, "Don't drink the water, drink beer" because he believed water boiled in beer was safer than tainted water sources.

Centuries later, St. Arnold Brewing Co. became Texas' first craft brewery, with a "divine reserve" single-batch beer and 21 fermenters named for different saints.

"One purpose of religion is the formation of communities, and our brewery kind of has that effect, of bringing people together," said Wagner, who describes himself as spiritual but wary of organized religion. "Some of our regulars say going on our brewery tour is going to church."

Jeremy Cowan, the marketing mind behind He'Brew (the chosen beer), was absent from his company's booth on the festival's first day; it was Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of atonement.

Established in 1996 (or 5757), Cowan's Schmaltz Brewing Co. uses Jewish humor, scripture and imagery in packaging its beers, all of them kosher. There's Genesis Ale ("our first creation") Messiah Bold ("the one you've been waiting for") and Jewbelation ("L'Chaim!").

"I am passionately Jewish," Cowan said. "I don't get as caught up in the legal minutiae. I'm more fascinated in the project of Judaism as a civilization. This is the way I participate."

Some faith traditions reject alcohol as an intoxicant that invites bad behavior and abuse. Observant Muslims and Mormons, among others, abstain from drinking on religious grounds.

Last year, an evangelical church targeting young adults in the St. Louis area got in trouble with the Missouri Baptist Convention for holding a church ministry at a micro-brewery. (The Southern Baptist Convention opposes making, advertising, distributing and consuming alcohol).

At Denver's Great American Beer Festival, four ex-Mormons who met at Utah State University ran a booth selling "X-Communicated Mormon Drinking Team" T-shirts, sweatshirts and other products.

"Our business model is to sell enough T-shirts to pay the cost of a group of our friends getting together and having fun for the weekend," said Mike Hansen, 36, of Whitefish, Mont.

Another entrepreneur peddled "WWJB: What Would Jesus Brew?" T-shirts, with an image of a smiling Jesus with a mash paddle in one hand and a pint glass in the other.

Vinnie Cilurzo of Russian River Brewing Co. in Santa Rosa, Calif., brews a series of religion-themed beers that began with "Damnation." A strong golden ale, the beer's name is a nod to the great Belgian beer Duval, which comes from the Flemish word for devil.

A restaurant around the corner from Cilurzo's brewery refused to stock it.

"It all started with 'Damnation,'" said Cilurzo, who has no religious affiliation. "I felt like if we started with 'Damnation,' we needed to be redeemed. We needed 'Salvation.'"



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Is this honesty thing so good?

They don't give me 800 words every other week to state the obvious.

But sometimes, when the obvious is so different from what it long has been, it's important to make sure everybody gets what has changed.

"It's a very 17-year-old

American view of the world to think that you should tell someone you love everything and somehow the world will be a better place," a friend told journalist Phillip Weiss in New York magazine.

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

We trust this will make the world a better place.

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

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

I've written before that the Internet "means that we'll be able to talk more frankly about our experiences and their social implications. Judgments-political

and personal-will be informed by an acknowledgment of the reality of peoples' behaviors, not by denying their existence." Because of the Internet, I wrote, maturity will no longer mean shaping a public image of yourself separate from the reality of your past.

In many ways, this is true-we will have to be more open about ourselves because more information will be instantly available. This is still a good thing. We won't be able to as easily sugarcoat our pasts. We will have to acknowledge complexity and mistakes, and admission will become normalized. From the top down, our policy and interactions will be governed by these acknowledgments.

But I was wrong, too. This openness won't be-and shouldn't be-as absolute as it might sound. Yes, the Internet means that more information about each of us is available. But college still encourages-or, at least, allows-us to bracket our private and public selves. Increasingly, even those with whom you are closest have lives beyond what you know of them. We're becoming adults, and adults have secrets.

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

College and emergence into adulthood begin to create entirely separate spheres in which we operate. Before, we operated in small spheres — in general, one or two social groups dominated our social and academic activities. Most people in our lives knew most other people in our lives.

Now, we have professors who do not have yearly meetings with our parents to facilitate a well-coordinated effort towards our growth. We have friends from home, friends from school, friends from summer jobs. We will all move on to the real world, develop new social

circles, leave behind the people we know here and the identities we've created with them.

Think of it like Bug Juice-style camp friends versus home friends, super-sized.

I don't only say this to boast about my many friends. Because we begin to exist in separate spheres in college, it represents a time we can define ourselves differently for different people.

This is not earth shattering. Freshman year has always represented the ability of people to recreate themselves, without preconceived notions. And adulthood has always facilitated further expansion of these different public and private identities.

But for us-unlike for our parents or even older siblings-this is mixed with a need to be partially honest about what we've been. Now, your first impressions of your roommate aren't the body of your experiences with them. Instead, your first impression is a somewhat filtered, pre-packaged virtual self. It is a self over which we have limited-and definitely less-control. It makes it more challenging to define each other based solely on our experiences with each other.

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

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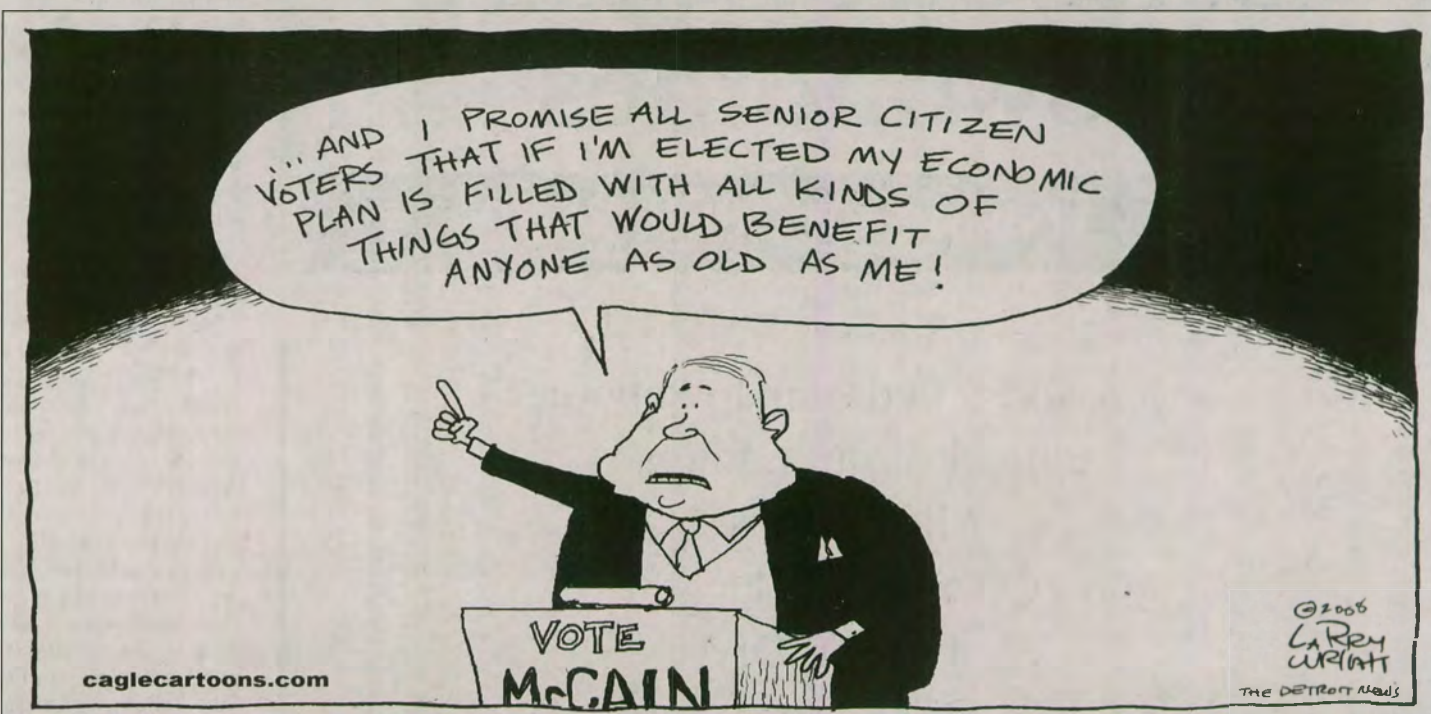
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Truth does not happen, it just is".

American Indian Proverb

Message in a meltdown

After suffering record-breaking losses last week, the stock market finally began a potential recovery on Monday with a bang, jumping up 11 percent in the best single day ever. Close-up photos of joyful, relieved-looking traders replaced the close-up photos of horrified, stressed-out traders on the front pages of newspapers everywhere.

Katte Barrett

Faithpoint

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

On one level, we all have to hope that really, really smart people who have taken the best interests of the common

good to heart can help us out of this mess, without letting it become hopelessly politicized or lobbied into complete ineffectiveness.

On another level, though, can we view this crisis as an opportunity? A chance for a fresh start? A reason to re-examine what we really hold nearest to our hearts? While there's certainly nothing wrong with accumulating and spending money, perhaps we've been sucked into the very alluring and constant call of our culture to make a god out of consuming, placing our money or material possessions at the center of our own attention. Maybe we've even come to believe that if we lead good and faithful lives, our very prosperity itself serves as a sign from God that he is pleased with us, that he has somehow blessed our efforts. Yet nowhere in the example of the life or words of Jesus Christ; or anywhere in our Scripture; or in the Tradition of the Church do we find that we can place all our trust in anything but the kingdom of heaven.

When we find the rug — financial or otherwise — pulled out from under us, our faith calls us to a new way of think-

ing. We can come to a new awareness of our true dependence on God; we can recognize the truth that our lives rest in God's hands, no matter the balance in our checking or savings accounts, the labels on our clothing, the University we attend, the kind of car we drive, or the prestige of our new job.

Our faith may call us to a new way of living. Why not try to get by on less of everything? Make your downsizing intentional and purposeful, so that you have more room and time and resources for life as a follower of Christ. Then, try giving something away. Guess what somebody out there needs it more than you do, whatever "it" is: a pair of shoes, a winter coat, a few hours of your time, a couch or a chair, or a hundred dollars.

In other words, let's try to recognize that we depend on God even more deeply than we depend on our individual (or our national) financial success, and let's try to live like it. With utterly perfect timing, this Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we ought to pursue our relationship with God more closely than the workings of our government and

economy. As Jesus fearlessly tells the angry Pharisees and Herodians, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." Though his audience has been trying to trap him by forcing him to take a side, Jesus neatly demonstrates that the coin of the realm is a limited currency, and that to recognize that God's demands go beyond the secular economy is to acknowledge the real truth of the matter.

The sense of panic and urgency which has accompanied the non-stop news reports will no doubt subside in the coming weeks and months. Will we just move on to the next "big thing," or can we force ourselves to remember what it feels like to be on such shaky ground? Can we, also with a sense of urgency, ask God by our prayers, actions and choices to help us continually re-align our priorities?

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A Shakespearean sense of political activism

It's been a pretty exciting week for any sports fan—hockey season is starting, football season is getting into full force, and baseball season is reaching its peak. As a Philadelphia native, my week has been particularly exciting, as the Phillies reached the second round of the playoffs for the first time since I was 6 years old.

Dan Blank

Columbia Daily Spectator

That's not why my hometown pride is at the highest level it's been in two decades, though. Last Saturday night, Sarah Palin dropped the ceremonial first puck at the Philadelphia Flyers' opening game as part of a promotion for finding the "Ultimate Hockey Mom." And the crowd, in true Philadelphia fashion, booed her. The chorus of boos was loud and clear, and frankly — without propagating my political beliefs too openly — I have never been more proud to be a Philadelphian.

Usually, I'm embarrassed by the notorious "boo birds" of Philadelphia, whose claim to fame is, according to legend, having booed Santa Claus. It's a reputation that's earned Philadelphia sports fans a bad name around numerous professional leagues, and it even led me to a brief stint as a Dallas Cowboys fan in fourth grade. But there was something about this booing that seemed different. It was impassioned, and directed

not at something superficial, but rather at some common dislike for a public figure. And despite how out of place it seemed and how much of it was probably caused by excessive imbibing, I couldn't help but feel somewhat inspired when hearing it.

Across America, there is a renewed sense of political activism. Voter turnout stands to be at record levels, with the young and old alike getting more and more involved in the political process. As November approaches, activists all over the country have only one concern—getting their candidate elected and cheering vehemently against the opposition. This is not an election characterized by indifference—people have strong feelings, and they're willing to voice them.

But there's a reality check question that's been on my mind for some time now. With all this focus on Nov. 4, what's the day after going to look like? Columbia's liberal environment is no secret, and there seems to be some common responses to the notion of McCain's winning. Surveying three people randomly with the question "What would you do if McCain won the election?" I was met with only two answers. The first was "I'd buy a flask and drink it instead of going to class," and the second — which I heard twice — was "I'd move to Canada." The logical question becomes, then — is that renewed sense of American political activism going to be reduced by half come Nov. 5? My columns, as some of you might

have noticed, tend to have at least a little relation to Shakespeare. Re-watching the classic Marlon Brando Julius Caesar this past weekend, I was reminded of how powerful a people's interaction with its leader can be. One element of it struck me, in particular, perhaps due to its current relevance — the desire of a few high-ranking men to take power into their own hands.

Shakespeare's plays, particularly his histories, are often concerned with how to deal with a ruler who has become tyrannical. The question underlying Julius Caesar is whether taking desperate action is justified when a leader has overstepped his bounds. To be clear from the outset, I am well aware of how different Roman times were, and in no way would I consider unlawful overthrow of the government or the violent stabbing of a political leader to be justified in today's day and age. But in the abstract, Caesar portrays passion for the political process extending so far as to provoke a form of activism — the kind of activism that arises only when you stand in opposition to those in charge.

Now is not the time for indifference. In the midst of economic turmoil and an unpopular war, now is the time to stand up for what we believe in — whether we're standing with or against the sitting executive power. Shakespeare challenged his audience with the question of whether or not extreme action was justified, but

nowhere in his text is there any implication that apathy would have been commendable. The conspirators perhaps went too far, but the lesson remains the same — it is our responsibility in a democracy to remain politically active, whether or not our candidate makes it into office.

There is nobility in opposing those in power. Whether it's by marching on Capitol Hill or rallying the vote for 2012, it's as important a part of the democratic process as is supporting your own candidate. Shakespeare tells us that Romans didn't allow Caesar's power to remain unchecked, and neither should we — neither by moving to Canada nor by drinking ourselves into oblivion.

"You are not wood, you are not stones, but men," declares Antony to the Roman mob. As men, we must continue to fight for what we believe in and refrain from becoming idle creatures — whether or not Election Day goes the way we want it to. At the very least, remember that life will go on as long as we're able to boo public officials at hockey games.

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College debt adds up after school

On average, AU students graduate with \$19,000 in debt — near the national average of \$20,000. It is a credit to this university's financial aid system that we are under the national average for college debt, especially when one factors in AU's sticker price.

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But \$19,000 still isn't spare change. We can only hope that an AU degree will help us pull in big bucks after graduation and enable us to pay off our student loans and then quickly get back into debt for more fulfilling things, such as expensive cars that we can't afford. The Princeton Review ranked

AU's career placement services as the 18th-best in the nation this year. With the help of these services, as well as a vibrant job market in the surrounding area, a good-paying job — and that sweet car — is possible. Even then, the payment of all \$19,000 in student loans will surely be a drain on a graduate's finances for years to come.

It seems that this debt is a necessary by-product of our competitive college system. Students at private universities had cheaper options available when they chose to opt for a private education over a public university. Even though a state's university system is still more expensive than some of our European counterparts systems, for the most part they offer solid educations

for less money than private universities. This interplay between cheaper state universities and more expensive private institutions keep American colleges globally competitive.

The best advice for students is to save as much money as possible during their college years. Every bit of money you can divert away from alcohol — or whatever else it is you splurge on — towards your student loan will pay off in the future. Another good move would be to get yourself a part-time job so you can make a little extra money and come out of college in good financial standing. Save carefully and you can graduate college and move on to a job you enjoy, rather than one that just makes you money. Here at AU, a politically

active campus, many students make this choice anyway.

It's a simple lesson: save now, benefit later. Save now, and you can afford to hitchhike down to South America — or whatever you plan to do — after you graduate. The recent economic downturn means your student loans are bound to become more expensive. Offset them early and you can at least come out of college with a clean financial slate.

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As Promised,



By PATRICK GRIFFIN
Scene Writer

Last fall, renowned funnyman Carlos Mencia brought his aggressive and often criticized humor to South Bend. His first show at South Bend's Morris Performing Arts Center — which actually occurred at Mencia's urging — was truly a hot ticket, selling out before the Sept. 30 performance.

While local patrons obviously appreciated Mencia's last stop in South Bend, it wasn't just the audience that enjoyed the performance.

"It's a really interesting show. Last year I was in South Bend and a lot of people wanted to come. It was one of my best shows if not the best," Mencia said.

Mencia enjoyed the performance so much that he promised to return to South Bend for another performance.

"Some doubted that I would be back next year," he said. "After the show I thought, 'Wow, this is a great market!'"

Carlos Mencia's most recent success can be attributed to the popular sketch comedy show, "Mind of Mencia," which recently completed its fourth season on the television network Comedy Central.

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Since its debut in July 2005, "Mind of Mencia," has enjoyed increasing success, becoming a staple on the popular comedy network.

Known for his exploitation of stereotypes and questionable depictions of ethnic and social groups, Mencia's comedy is often criticized as inappropriate and crude. Mencia, however, disagrees.

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

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

A self-proclaimed intellectual, Carlos Mencia didn't realize he had a future in comedy until he was about nineteen years old.

"I was never funny as a kid, but I always saw the irony and the angst in life," he said.

He said his closest friends provided the initial motivation to develop his comedic talent, Mencia said. He described his first performance experience as an epiphany.

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

said.

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

Although Mencia's material continues to evolve, he admits that he harbors rooted influences from some of history's greatest comedians. He cites the work of Lenny Bruce, George Carlin, Sam Kinnison and Bill Cosby as some of his more popular influences, while also drawing motivation from lesser-known artists like Paul Mooney and John

Companera. Mencia regards the successes of other comedians as a valuable resource, while acknowledging the importance of defining his own personal style.

"Anyone who claims to be a self-made comedian is mistaken... but I

do want to become my own entity on stage after having all of these influences," he said.

While Carlos Mencia continues his "At Close Range" tour of 80 American cities, he is unsure of what endeavors the future holds. Regardless of what path his career takes after his tour concludes in January, Mencia wants his fans to know that his time in entertainment is far from over.

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

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

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

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Carlos Mencia



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

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Carlos Mencia Returns to the Morris



Fleet Foxes

Fire Up The Metro

BLAIR CHEMIDLIN | Observer Graphic

By JAMES DuBRAY
Scene Writer

American pop culture is in the midst of a severe downward spiral. While comedy endeavors have held their own in relation to the past as well as the rest of the world, other genres of entertainment are virtually in ruins. "Beverly Hills Chihuahua" topped the box office this past weekend. The American movie viewing public isn't "aggressively mediocre," they're aggressively idiotic.

Pop music isn't much better. While Jennifer Hudson and Robin Thicke battle for the top spot on the charts, many college students count annoying, banal acts such as Maroon 5 and Coldplay among their favorites (Or "favs"). It is far from surprising then that the few legitimate music artists out there are appropriating from their parent's record collections. One of the best at that endeavor is the newest indie group from Seattle, Fleet Foxes.

Led by earnest, neo-hippie Robin Pecknold, the Fleet Foxes released their debut album, a self-titled Double LP, in June of this year on Sub Pop Records, the previous home of Nirvana and Dinosaur Jr. The record has received a warm critical reception, notably receiving the highest Pitchfork rating to date. While the lavish praise has created some doubters, the Foxes have responded by touring relentlessly throughout the

U.S. and Europe.

This Sunday night, the traveling band of troubadours pulled the caravan over just two blocks shy of Wrigley Field at the famous Metro. The Metro has quietly become one of the best concert venues in the U.S. recently. With a capacity nodding over 1,000, the Metro established itself in the 1980s and early 90s as a destination for up and coming alternative acts. Notable shows have included The Smashing Pumpkins farewell concert, as well as two Bob Dylan shows following the release of the stunning "Time Out of Mind."

After a quick 30-minute set by mountain folkie Frank Fairfield, the five bearded gentlemen from the Pacific Northwest took the stage. Pecknold's voice was reminiscent of Graham Nash, yet his tenor maintained its strength even as he screamed above his five piece band.

Pecknold and the Foxes played the majority of their debut album, as well as most of the songs off their 2008 "Sun Giant EP." Both records are characterized by three and four part harmonies, which echoed throughout the small Northside venue like forlorn shouts bouncing in the Smoky Mountains.

The Fleet Foxes harmonic folk brings a keen notion of melody to Pecknold's lyrics, which focus on the beauty of nature and life. Whereas peer Craig Finn borrows lines from "On the Road," Pecknold explores themes present in the lesser know Kerouac novel "The Dharma Bums." In this later



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Fleet Foxes' harmonic tunes have drawn comparisons to the Beach Boys, Crosby, Stills and Nash and Band of Horses.

work, Kerouac trades the speed-infused 6 a.m. jazz blowouts for a bottle of wine and the terrain of the American Northwest.

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

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

The views expressed in this column are that of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. James DuBray can be contacted at jdubray@nd.edu

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Dining Hall Dish

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

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

This week's recipes:

Spanish Rice and Salami

So if you were really going for the Spanish flair, this dish would be called Spanish Rice and Chorizo, but good luck finding chorizo (Spanish pork sausage, spiced with different flavors such as paprika, red chilis and garlic) in the dining hall. Instead we hearken back to those old Italian peasants and their own version of cured sausage — salami — which is tasty too. It gives the dish much the same effect.

1. Fill a bowl with the Spanish rice from the Mexican Bar.
2. If the rice does not include beans already, add in black beans.
3. Add in cheddar cheese, cubed salami (Every few days they do not have salami, but the seasoned chicken from the

Mexican bar is a good substitute), diced tomatoes, diced onion and bell peppers (diced is best, but they will be heated up and made soft enough to use the sliced kind if that is all that is available).

4. Dash on some red pepper flakes from the pizza area.
5. Mix together.
6. Heat in the microwave for at least a minute. Serve with a tortilla you have warmed in the Panini press until it starts to brown and bubble.

Root Beer Floats

Root beer floats, or Black Cows as my Grandma always called them, are a deliciously sweet and crisp dessert. And so easy. Not big on root beer floats, per se? Try orange fanta and vanilla ice cream for an orangesicle like taste.

1. Fill a cup with either vanilla fro-yo or ice cream.
2. Add in root beer. You may have to let the foam go down a couple of times before you can fill the cup to the top. Tada!

Quick Tip

Want something sweet but are tired of fro-yo and not ecstatic about the other dessert selections? Try taking the corn bread from the home-style bar and dribbling honey over it to make the perfect blend of sweet and savory.

Thanks to Katie Valko for reminding me about Root Beer Floats...how could I forget? Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.

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NBA

Bogut, Ridnour lead Bucks to victory in China

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

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

With seconds to play, Azubuike missed a 3-pointer that would have tied it at 95. The Bucks then hit free throws to seal the victory.

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

The Warriors took a 75-70 lead going into the last period. But the Bucks hit 85-85 with about six minutes to play when Alexander hit a short turnaround from the baseline.

The Bucks broke to a 10-3 lead, with Richard Jefferson

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

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

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

Phoenix 102, Atlanta 100

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

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

Raja Bell scored 18 points



Golden State's Anthony Morrow, right, shoots over Milwaukee's Malik Allen Monday during the Warriors' 98-94 win over the Bucks in southern China.

and Boris Diaw added 15 points for Phoenix.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We didn't defend like we could have," Horford said. "We gave up a lot of layups, stuff like that. It's things we need to

clean it up before the regular season starts. ... Guys were coming in and shooting the ball quickly rather than running offense."

Dallas 93, Indiana 100

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

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

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

Antoine Wright scored 14 points, James Singleton added 11 points and nine rebounds, and DeSagana Diop contributed 10 points and eight rebounds for the Mavericks, who dropped to 3-1 in the preseason.

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

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

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

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

Carlisle was impressed with the new-look Pacers.

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

Dallas jumped out to an 11-2 lead on Josh Howard's layup early in the first quarter. Indiana outscored the Mavericks 25-10 the rest of the period to open a six-point advantage.

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



Suns forward Boris Diaw, right, shoots Wednesday during the second half of Phoenix's 102-100 win over Atlanta.

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2	Alabama	1582	2
3	Penn State	1492	6
4	Oklahoma	1306	1
5	Florida	1284	11
6	USC	1247	8
7	Texas Tech	1210	7
8	Oklahoma State	1184	17
9	BYU	1131	9
10	Georgia	1081	10
11	Missouri	984	3
12	Ohio State	908	12
13	LSU	893	4
14	Utah	834	14
15	Boise State	714	15
16	Kansas	620	16
17	Virginia Tech	540	18
18	North Carolina	416	22
19	South Florida	397	19
20	Michigan State	371	23
21	Wake Forest	330	21
22	Vanderbilt	258	13
23	Pittsburgh	182	24
24	Ball State	166	25
25	California	115	NR

USA Today Coaches' Football Poll

	team	points	previous
1	Texas	1505	5
2	Alabama	1452	4
3	Penn State	1416	6
4	USC	1198	9
5	Texas Tech	1195	7
6	Oklahoma	1147	1
7	Florida	1145	12
8	Brigham Young	1143	8
9	Georgia	1010	10
10	Oklahoma State	958	17
11	Ohio State	920	11
12	Missouri	886	2
13	Utah	819	13
14	LSU	776	3
15	Kansas	676	15
16	Boise State	648	16
17	Michigan State	468	19
18	Virginia Tech	467	18
19	Wake Forest	376	21
20	South Florida	334	20
21	North Carolina	321	NR
22	California	169	25
23	Vanderbilt	147	14
24	TCU	138	NR
25	Ball State	135	NR

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7	UC Davis	7	USC
8	Loyola (Md.)	8	Florida State
9	NOTRE DAME	9	Duke
10	North Carolina	10	Florida

MLB



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

Phillies earn first Series berth since 1993

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jimmy Rollins got the Phillies rollin' with a leadoff homer and they kept right on going. Next stop, the World Series.

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

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

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

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

"After hearing about the '93 team over and over and over again, we finally get a chance to make our mark," Rollins said. "This was an organization that I

wanted to change. We were used to losing. I wanted to see what I could do."

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

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

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is primed for a party. And those Philly fans, who always expect failure, can relax — at least for a week.

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

Ramirez homered in the sixth to end Hamels' shutout bid in what might have been his final game with the Dodgers. The slugging left fielder, who hit .520 with four homers, 10 RBIs and 11 walks in eight playoff games, can become a free agent after the World Series. He batted .396 with 17 homers and 53 RBIs in 53 regular-season games for the Dodgers after being acquired July 31 from

IN BRIEF

Owners consider adding preseason games in spring

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

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

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

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

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

Knight says he may return to coaching in interview

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

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

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

Pacman's probation will not be revoked in Georgia

IRVING, Texas — Twice-suspended cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones is off the hook with Georgia probation officers over his scuffle in Dallas. He's also off the radar of Cowboys coach Wade Phillips.

Fayette County District Attorney Scott Ballard said Wednesday there were no plans to revoke Jones' probation because he wasn't arrested after police responded to an alcohol-related scum with his own bodyguard at an upscale Dallas hotel Oct. 7.

The latest disturbance—the 13th for Jones involving police since Tennessee drafted him three years ago—led to an indefinite suspension Tuesday by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell. Weeks earlier, Goodell lifted a 17-month ban over Jones' per-

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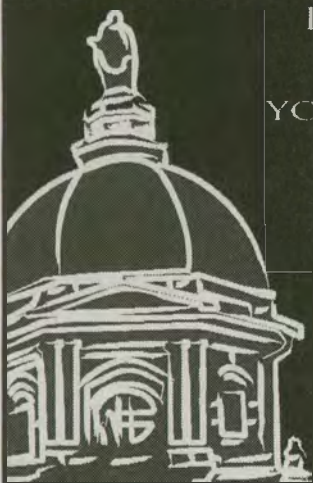
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MLB

Kazmir to start game five for Rays

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

"Believe me when I tell you: How he pitches this — the intensity, the meaning, as much as

this game means — that will help him," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said Wednesday, a day after the Rays beat Boston 13-4 to take a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. "That won't hinder him."

Matsuzaka has been Boston's most reliable pitcher in the playoffs, with the Red Sox winning each of his first two starts. Meanwhile, Jon Lester struggled in his last start, and Josh Beckett has had problems in both of his.

Beckett's problem appears to be the lingering effects of a side strain he sustained at the end of the regular season, an injury that has deprived Boston of the ace who was 6-2 with a 1.73 ERA in his postseason career before this year.

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

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

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

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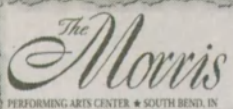
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Surgerygate: Manning hides knee operation

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

The two-time league MVP answered questions about the surgery for the first time publicly Wednesday, two days after coach Tony Dungy confirmed Manning needed two surgeries to clear the bursa sac infection in his left knee.

"The reason I just didn't really confirm or deny it the first time was I just didn't really want the Bears to know they were playing against a guy that was four weeks off of surgery," he said. "I know if I was playing against a corner that was four weeks off of surgery, I would definitely test out how good that surgery was in a game.

So I just didn't think it was fair to reveal that information."

Manning continues to insist it is irrelevant now that he has produced his two best games of the season. A week ago, he helped orchestrate a remarkable comeback at Houston, rallying from 17 points down with less than 5 minutes to go, and then threw for three touchdowns in Sunday's 31-3 victory over Baltimore.

The reward for beating the Ravens was Manning's first AFC player of the week award since Dec. 2, 2007.

But for weeks, Manning declined to answer persistent rumors about a second surgery. Then last Friday, during a TV production meeting, Manning confirmed it.

On Monday, for the first time the Colts also acknowledged Manning had undergone a second surgical procedure. Because Manning usually speaks to reporters on Wednesdays and after games, he was not available for interviews.

The questions have not dissipated.

Dungy was asked Wednesday to explain why the team did not provide details earlier.

"I don't know, that's something you'd probably have to ask organization," he said.

That question-and-answer prompted Craig Kelley, Colts vice president of public relations, to say the team never denied it.

Clearly, though, the injury has been big news since the Colts announced July 14 that Manning needed surgery.

The surgery was the second biggest story during training camp, exceeded only by Brett Favre's summer soap opera in Green Bay. Even Manning, who has never missed an NFL start and has only missed one career play because of injury, acknowledges the Favre saga took some of the spotlight off his recovery.

But when Favre was traded to the Jets, Manning's absence moved to center stage.

He didn't return until Aug.

26, didn't play in his first game until the regular-season opener against Chicago, and spent the first month of the season trying to get that precision timing down with his receivers.

Sunday was the first time Manning looked like himself, hitting receivers in stride and hooking up on deep balls.

"You have to disclose most things, but I do think when it comes to protecting a player and not giving the opponent any unfair advantage besides what you're required to reveal, that was the whole reason for that," Manning said. "That was what I wanted to do."

Manning, the perfectionist, still isn't satisfied.

Despite the dramatic improvement Indy (3-2) showed against the league's top defense, Manning believes the Colts can improve in a

few areas. They had 11 penalties, one of which cost Manning a fourth touchdown pass and his first 300-yard game of the season, and they still ran for only 76 yards.

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

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

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

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

"You have to disclose most things, but I do think when it comes to protecting a player and not giving the opponent any unfair advantage."

Peyton Manning
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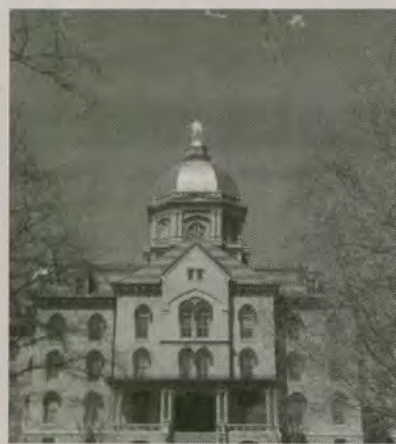
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Irish head to West Lafayette

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

The Irish will try to continue their winning ways when they compete this weekend at the Lady Northern Tournament in West Lafayette, Ind. They are coming off a record-setting first-place finish at the Heather Farr Memorial, a big confidence boost for the Irish.

"I look for the team to really be ready to play," Irish coach Susan Holt said.

The Irish will face all of the teams in the Big Ten, including Purdue, Michigan State and Ohio State, all of whom are in the top 25.

"[The Lady Northern] is a

real opportunity for us to pick up a couple of Top 25 wins ... with us looking in at No. 28," Holt said.

The match is a two-day event that will be played on Purdue's Kampen Golf Course. The course, Holt said, is a difficult one, but is similar to Notre Dame's own Warren Golf Course.

"The greens are very big. We have to hit the ball in the right place or you could be three-putting all day long," Holt said. "But, the kids are used to doing those types of things when

they're playing. It's a good test of golf, but I think we'll be up to the challenge."

"We have to hit the ball in the right place or you could be three-putting all day long."

Susan Holt
Irish coach

The Irish will play with the same five golfers as they did in the Heather Farr, which includes senior captain Lisa Maunu, junior Annie Brophy, sophomores So-Hyun Park and Katie Conway and freshman

Becca Huffer. Junior Kristin Wetzel will also compete as an individual in the tournament.

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NHL

Khabibulin's 29 saves lead Blackhawks to win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Nikolai Khabibulin kept it close until the Chicago Blackhawks' offense took over midway through the second period.

Khabibulin made 29 saves, and Martin Havlat, Patrick Sharp, Brian Campbell and rookie Colin Fraser scored in the final 29 minutes to lead the Blackhawks to their first victory of the season, 4-1 over the Phoenix Coyotes on Wednesday night.

Duncan Keith and Kris Versteeg each had two assists, and the Blackhawks

(1-2-1) scored more than two goals in a game for the first time this season.

Khabibulin kept it scoreless early. He made several close-in saves until a power-play goal by Phoenix's Peter Mueller at 4:30 of the second gave the Coyotes a 1-0 lead.

"We got great goaltending in the first period," Chicago coach Denis Savard said. "Then we got some breaks and the puck went in for us."

A big hit by Chicago rookie defenseman Aaron Johnson on Phoenix's Viktor Tikhonov in the second seemed to fire up the Blackhawks.

So did a highlight-reel goal by Havlat with 8:25 left in the period that tied it at 1. Havlat skated in from the left point, danced around Phoenix defenseman David Hale, stickhandled across the slot and beat goalie Ilya Bryzgalov with a high backhand.

"That was the play we were waiting for," Chicago captain Jonathan Toews said. "When he pulled that, we were laughing on the bench. I couldn't believe he pulled that off. We went to work and everything came together."

Added Havlat: "It was one of the prettier ones, but it doesn't matter how you score. The whole team was working hard and 'Habby' was unbelievable tonight."

Fraser's goal was his first in the NHL. Campbell's was his first with the Blackhawks after signing an eight-year, \$56.7 million free-agent contract.

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

Bryzgalov made 26 saves in the Coyotes' first loss after opening with two victories.

"We played too easy of a game," Phoenix coach Wayne Gretzky said. "After a period and a half, we started to cheat a little bit. If you cheat, you're going to get beat at this level."

The Coyotes played most of the game without defenseman Derek Morris, who was injured in the first period and didn't return. Team officials wouldn't comment on Morris' condition.

Mueller's opened the scoring on a high, screened shot from the right circle moments after a 5-on-3 Phoenix advantage lapsed to a 5-on-4.

After Havlat tied it at 1, Sharp gave the Blackhawks a 2-1 lead with 58 seconds left in the second, just after a Chicago power play expired. From the right edge of the crease, Sharp ripped in a rebound of Keith's shot from the point.

Fraser made it 3-1 just over a minute into the third. He fired from the slot and beat Bryzgalov high on the glove side after taking Dave Bolland's pass from behind the net. Campbell completed the scoring with just under 8 minutes left in the third when he trailed in late on a rush.

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strange bed," he said. "I hope some of our students stick around for the Friday night game at least."

Jackson said despite the loss, there were plenty of things to build on going into this weekend's games. The relatively young Irish team showed that they have the talent to earn their top-10 ranking.

Notre Dame's 0-for-8 effort on the power play had a big role in the loss. Scoring with the man advantage was also an Achilles heel for last year's team.

Jackson said he plans on making changes this weekend by putting sophomore Dan Kissel and Ben Ryan on one of the two power-play units. Ryan missed the Denver game because of an injury. Freshman Billy Maday is also expected to see some time on the unit as well. Maday scored on his first career shot against the Pioneers.

"I'm going to make changes. You have to have guys who play specific roles — playing solid in front of the net, retrieving pucks in the corners. Scoring goals on the power play is

about getting down and dirty in front of the net," Jackson said.

Sacred Heart has killed nine of its 11 penalties so far this season. The Pioneers dropped their first two games of the year to Air Force last weekend. The Falcons won 4-1 Friday night and 4-3 in overtime Saturday.

"I'm not that knowledgeable about them, but I know they're well coached and they'll compete extremely hard," Jackson said.

The Pioneers finished 16-17-4 last season and advanced to the Atlantic Hockey Association Final Five before losing to Mercyhurst.

Jackson made it clear that his young team knows not to overlook a team like Sacred Heart if they hope to return to the NCAA Tournament this March. He said his team has to play with more consistency and discipline in order to be successful.

Notre Dame will open up CCHA play the weekend following mid-semester break at home against No. 7 Miami (Ohio).

"We hope that by then the students will be back from break and we get a good turnout for the games," Jackson said.

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

only her second race.

Although the opposition will be more intense, Connelly said the basic strategy has not changed.

"It's not like basketball where you install a new offense," he said. "Basically, you're training every day, you're running, and hopefully you'll improve your fitness."

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SMC SOCCER

Belles get first MIAA win

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's notched its first MIAA win of the season with a 4-0 victory over Trine Wednesday, breaking a five-game losing streak.

The Belles grabbed the lead in the 23rd minute when senior Lauren Hinton assisted junior Micki Hedinger on her second goal of the season.

Just 10 minutes later, Saint Mary's struck again when Hedinger assisted freshman Alex Mullen on the first goal of her career to give the Belles a

2-0 lead heading into halftime. This goal marked the first time the Belles have scored more than once in a game this season.

But it didn't stop there. In the 62nd minute, the freshmen duo of Michelle Leonard and Michelle Marshall hooked up on Marshall's first career goal to give the Belles a decisive lead.

Hinton added her fifth goal of the season in the 69th minute to finish off the Thunder.

In a rainy match, the Belles put together their most dominating performance of the sea-

son, outshooting Trine 33-0.

Junior Patty Duffy played the first 70 minutes in goal before senior Nicole Beier took her place to finish out the game. They combined to provide Saint Mary's with its second shut-out win of the season.

The Belles improve to 2-9-1 on the season with a 1-4 conference record.

Saint Mary's will take the field for its final home game of the regular season when it faces Alma Tuesday at 4 p.m.

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Hoosiers

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

While Indiana enters Thursday's game in less than convincing form, the Irish have impressed with their recent play. After a two-game losing streak to Louisville and Michigan, Notre Dame seems to have regained the

early-season form that saw the Irish rise as high as No. 3 in the polls. Last week, the Irish defeated Michigan State and Pittsburgh by a combined score of 7-1.

The catalyst for last week's impressive results was a dynamic offensive attack that has helped the Irish overwhelm opponents at times this season. Notre Dame is currently averaging 2.5 goals per game, which is good for second in the nation.

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

Ten different Irish players have found the back of the net so far this season. Despite the balanced

team scoring, senior forward Bright Dike has emerged as the go-to attacker, scoring in six consecutive games. Dike currently leads the team in shots, goals and points.

Thursday's begins at 7:30 p.m. Clark said he sees the dynamic atmosphere that awaits as a positive for his team.

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

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tougher. We wish we were in a position where we could control things if we just won."

Brown said she does not believe being behind or ahead in the standings has any effect on the way the team plays. She said she considers the team highly determined to win.

"The team has that attitude to compete all the time anyway," Brown said. "Needing motivation is not a factor for us. We are already motivated."

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

On Tuesday is a rare non-conference opponent, Long Beach State (14-3, 4-1 Big West). The Irish hope this matchup will keep the team sharp over the break and allow the team to improve without affecting the conference standings.

"It is really good for us to have a match thrown in there," Brown said. "There is no question that we are going to be playing to win. We are going to be pushed."

At the end of fall break will be matchups against Big East opponents Villanova (11-9, 2-3 Big East) and Seton Hall (10-10, 2-3 Big East). Although both teams are below .500 in the Big East, Brown said she's concerned that her team be properly prepared to face the Wildcats and Pirates.

"Both of these teams are good," Brown said. "With the parity in the Big East, every team could beat any other team on any given night."

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

Notre Dame will be back in the gym on campus in two weeks when it faces Big East foes Syracuse (12-9, 4-1 Big East) and Marquette (7-10, 2-3 Big East).

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place to play over the years," he said. "Part of that's been that they've been one of the top teams in the conference. We've gone out there undefeated a few times and they've ruined it for us. They've got enough to make life difficult for us."

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

And life will not get any easier for the Irish after they take on Connecticut. They return for their final home weekend, which concludes with a match against No. 14 Rutgers.

Rutgers is 10-3-1 overall and 5-1-1 in Big East play, and beat Villanova 5-0 on Sept. 22. Last weekend, Villanova took Notre Dame to overtime before the Irish won 3-2.

"Rutgers has had some really good results," Waldrum

said. "And that game could come down to determining the championship in our division, provided we take care of business this weekend. Hopefully, that should give us some extra motivation."

Waldrum said he is happy his team will face tough challenges against Connecticut and Rutgers.

"It's good for us to finish with some really good teams like that," he said. "You want to be tested as you head into the Big East tournament the later the NCAA [Tournament]."

But before the Irish have the opportunity to take on heavyweights like Connecticut and Rutgers, they will head to Providence (5-5-3 overall, 0-4-3 Big East) Friday. And Waldrum said Notre Dame is not overlooking the Friars. "I think we're better than Providence on paper but we have to keep our focus and intelligence level," he said. "We wanna make sure we take care of business."

"It's good for us to finish with some really good teams like that. You want to be tested as you head into the Big East tournament and later the NCAA [Tournament]."

Randy Waldrum
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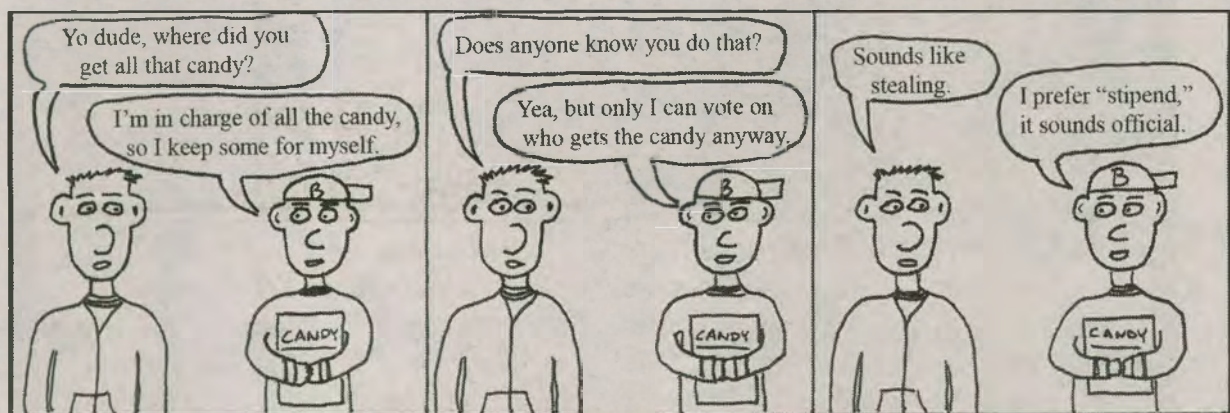
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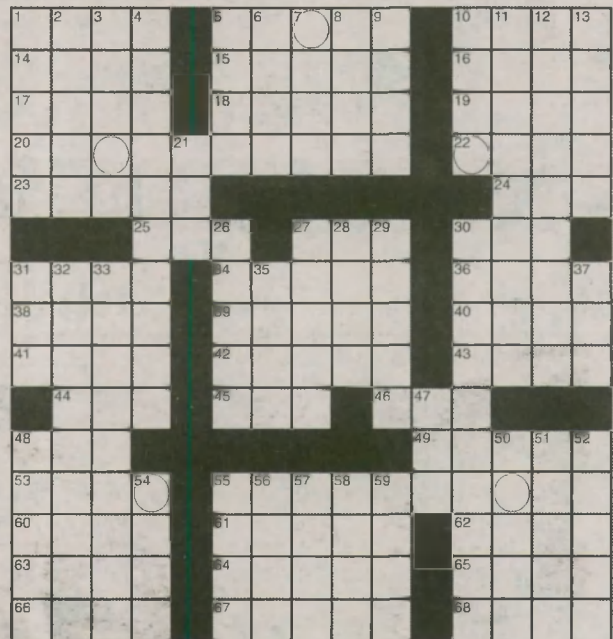
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Special instructions: When this puzzle is done, connect the circled letters in alphabetical order, and then back to the start, to reveal something seen on the 32-Down 4-Down.

- Across: 1 Waxed; 5 First name in erotica; 10 They might be chocolate; 14 Flynn Boyle of "Twin Peaks"; 15 Request at a laundry; 16 Like some keys; 17 Dye plant; 18 Popular women's fragrance; 19 Together, in music; 20 Makes people offers they can't refuse?; 22 Apportionment; 23 Set of values; 24 View from Marseille; 25 Relatives, slangily; 27 You might end up with a bum one; 30 Actress Tyler; 31 Child, for one; 34 Adler who outwitted Sherlock Holmes; 36 impulse; 38 + grenadine + maraschino cherry = Roy Rogers cocktail; 39 Illumination of manuscripts, and others; 40 Headline-making illness of 2002-03; 41 Dis; 42 Mushroom maker, for short; 43 Tony nominee for "Glengarry Glen Ross"; 44 Interrogator's discovery; 45 Cultural org.; 46 Retain; 48 Rand who created Dagny Taggart; 49 Striped quartz; 53 pop, music genre since the 1980s; 55 Nocturnal bloodsucker; 60 Tony Musante-TV series; 61 Extracted chemical; 62 Punishment unit; 63 Frost; 64 Options during computer woes; 65 James of jazz; 66 Competitor of Ben & Jerry's; 67 "Thus..."; 68 Spotted



Puzzle by Caleb Madison

- Down: 1 Ruiner of many a photo; 2 Charged; 3 Filmmaker Von Stroheim; 4 Theme of this puzzle; 5 Without (riskily); 6 It may be wrinkled; 7 Ancient Semitic fertility goddess; 8 Bakery employee; 9 Elvis Presley's "Not You"; 10 Detective's need; 11 Like some six-packs; 12 See 32-Down; 13 Vile smile; 21 That, to Tomás; 26 Home of "The Last Supper"; 27 Place for picnicking and dog-walking; 28 Hill dwellers; 29 alla genovese (sauce); 30 City where 32- and 12-Down is found; 31 Also sends to, as an e-mail; 32 With 12-Down, locale of the 4-Down; 33 "Ishtar" director; 35 You might give a speech by this; 37 Ultrasecret org.; 47 "That mad game the world so loves to play," to Jonathan Swift; 48 ready; 50 Peter out; 51 It's often unaccounted for; 52 Alien in American history; 54 All; 55 Lynn who sang "We'll Meet Again"; 56 Port near the Red Sea; 57 Yellow squirt?; 58 Pie chart figs.; 59 "Wishing won't make"

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Paige Davis, 39; Sarah Ferguson, 49; Emeril Lagasse, 49; Penny Marshall, 66

Happy Birthday: Don't miss out on something that could potentially change your life or your direction because someone is selfish or has other plans for you. Consider making a residential move or taking on a little bit different lifestyle. Having more people visit, living with someone or even getting a pet should be implemented in some capacity. Your numbers are 14, 15, 19, 26, 28, 35, 39

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Think matters through before you decide to take a leap of faith. A unique partnership can help you become more secure and confident. However, remember, one who is demanding and controlling will hold you back. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You stand to make some fabulous new connections, moves and accomplishments if you are not slow out of the starting gate. Recognizing your talent and when to make your move will be what will facilitate your success. 3 stars successes. You have the potential to make a difference by making reforms. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may want to consider making a move before one is forced on you. Don't let others in on what you are going to do. Financial loss is possible if you brag, exaggerate or promise more than you can deliver. Intimacy with someone off-limits will stifle your career. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't listen to bad advice. Make up your own mind. A love relationship is about to change in a positive way if you just let things unfold naturally. You will pick up valuable information from someone very different. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't push your luck when it comes to dealing with family, your lover or anyone else who means a lot to you. Focus on work, money and doing what you can to be successful and put your personal life on hold for now. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone may want to take something from you. Do not donate, loan or spend too freely. Open your mind to new alternatives that complement what you already have going for you. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Before you decide to do something that may influence your financial situation, get sound advice from someone who is conservative and not likely to spend frivolously or invest unwisely. Avoid mixing emotional matters with money matters. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be preoccupied with an emotional issue. A relationship with someone you've known for a long time will change. Don't get other people involved in your private affairs or your close friends or relatives in your business ventures. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A fast decision to help or donate to something will leave you short of time and cash. A course regarding how to manage your business, money or your current profession will help you excel. Don't be afraid to do things differently. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Setting new rules at home and at work will enable you to be more productive, leaving more time to enjoy the pleasures of life. Travel will be a waste of time; far more will be achieved if you work from home. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be fooled by someone promising you too much. Read between the lines and ask what this person needs from you and how you can make it work to your advantage. Anger and emotional fuss must not be allowed to surface. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you have caused someone grief, or vice versa, you have to confront the situation. Unless you can get past your grudge, you can't move forward successfully. Deal with issues that are clouding your vision. Face the truth. 4 stars

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Friars next, Huskies loom

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

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

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

But Irish coach Randy Waldrum said his team will face an even bigger test at Connecticut Sunday. The Huskies, perennially one of the strongest squads in the Big East, suffered from injuries early in the season but are coming off a tie against No. 15 West Virginia on Sunday.

"I think what's happened with Connecticut and them being a little bit down this year can be attributed to some of their early injuries,"

Waldrum said. "But they're going to be there in the end and you just know [Huskies coach Len Tsantiris] is going to get them turned around."

Connecticut, which was ranked earlier in the season, has had to struggle just to even up its Big East record at 2-2-3.

"I'm a little leery of them because it's a bit of a situation where they feel like they have to win," Waldrum said. "They're like a wounded animal. They need to win just to survive and keep their hopes for the NCAA Tournament — and even the Big East tournament — alive."

Waldrum said Connecticut's Joseph J. Morrone Stadium brings back bad memories for him and the Irish.

"That's been a very difficult

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Sophomore defender Julie Sheidler passes the ball during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Louisville on Sept. 26. Notre Dame faces Providence Friday and Connecticut Sunday.

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Squad runs in pre-NCAAs

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Consider it a midterm exam for the men's and women's cross country teams.

While most students will be relaxing Saturday, the runners will face their toughest challenge yet when they travel to Terre Haute, Ind., for the pre-NCAA meet.

Doing well at the pre-NCAA meet would be a major step for Notre Dame to earn an at-large team bid to the NCAA Regionals and Championships, which take place in November.

"It's a must-perform meet to get at-large points and have a realistic chance to make the NCAAs," women's head coach Tim Connelly said.

The Irish faced national competition for the first time this season on Oct. 3 at the Notre Dame Invitational, which featured several ranked teams. There, the men tied for sixth place and the women finished in 11th place.

However, Connelly said he thought his team could have done better.

"We came up a little short of where we wanted to be, where we needed to be," he said.

The level of competition will be even higher in Terre Haute, as 23 of the top 30 women's teams will be competing and 24 of the top 30 men's teams will be competing, according to the U.S. Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association.

The Irish men fell out of the

rankings after the Notre Dame Invitational, but remain close. The women, who are also not in the top 30, received votes for the first time.

"If we had run a lot better two weeks ago, we would be well-entrenched in the top 30," Connelly said.

Both teams have an even distribution of veterans and rookies who have done well. Senior Patrick Smyth finished first among the Irish and fifth overall at the ND Invitational. The next three finishers were sophomores Dan Jackson and Paul Springer, and freshman Ryan Gamboa. It was only the second career race for Jackson and Gamboa.

For the women, the duo of

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MEN'S SOCCER

In-state rivalry renewed against No. 22 Hoosiers

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

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

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

If recent signs are any indication, the Irish have a good shot to move

above .500 against Indiana with Clark at the helm.

The Hoosiers enter Thursday's game with a 6-4-2 record and a 2-0 loss to Michigan State in the team's most recent game on Oct. 12. Indiana is currently averaging only slightly more goals scored than conceded at a 1.33 to 1.25 clip.

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

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ND VOLLEYBALL

No fall break for Irish, who face Big East foes

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish will fight through a tough schedule over the break when they play DePaul, Long Beach State, Villanova and Seton Hall throughout the next 10 days.

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

Three of the upcoming games are in the Big East, which could help the Irish (9-9, 4-2 Big East) move

closer to their goal of winning the regular season conference title. With a .500 weekend against West Virginia (6-12, 0-6 Big East) and Pittsburgh (13-8, 5-1), the Irish fell from first place in the conference to a tie for third with Cincinnati (16-5), Georgetown (11-8) and Louisville (8-9). This puts the Irish in a bad position, Brown said.

"We would definitely still like to be in first," Brown said. "Falling behind some teams really makes things

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HOCKEY

Pioneers visit South Bend



WUE YU/The Observer

Junior right wing Ryan Thang handles the puck during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Ferris State on March 16.

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

The Irish go from one group of Pioneers to the next this weekend.

A week after losing its season-opener to the No. 6 Denver Pioneers in Colorado, Notre Dame returns to South Bend for a two-game series with the Pioneers from Sacred Heart.

Notre Dame dropped from No. 4 to No. 8 in the rankings following last Saturday's 5-2 loss, but Irish coach Jeff Jackson said he thinks being at home will help his team this weekend.

"You're more in your own routine and you don't have to sleep in a

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