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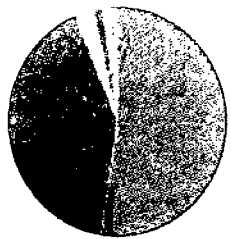
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ND students vote Obama in mock election

Democratic candidate wins 52.6 percent of vote over McCain's 41.1 percent

Ticket



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■ John McCain / Sarah Palin
■ Bob Barr / Wayne Allyn Root
■ Ralph Nader / Matt Gonzalez
■ Abstain
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By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

Students at the University of Notre Dame elected Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. Joe Biden as the next president and vice president of the United States in a mock election Tuesday.

With 2,692 undergraduates and graduate students voting in the election, the Democratic ticket won 52.6 percent of the vote, or 1,414 students, followed by the Republican ticket of Sen. John McCain and Gov. Sarah Palin, which won 41.1 percent of the vote, or 1,105 students.

Former congressman Bob Barr and Wayne Allyn Root, the Libertarian Party ticket, won 2.7 percent of the votes, or 72 students.

The independent ticket consisting of Ralph Nader and Matt Gonzalez drew 1.4 percent of the vote, or 37 students. Thirty-nine students, or 1.4 percent of the voters, chose to abstain and 23 students, or .9 percent, voted other. There was no option to write in a candidate preference for the "other" selection.

Student government organized the mock election, placing voting stations at LaFortune Student Center, DeBartolo Hall and North

and South Dining Halls, where students could vote on laptop computers throughout the day Tuesday.

As some hurried to and from class Tuesday afternoon, a line of students waiting to cast their votes stretched from the DeBartolo voting tent down the sidewalk.

"I think it could not have gone any better," student body vice president Grant Schmidt said Tuesday night after the voting stations had closed.

Schmidt told The Observer on Monday that he hoped to have 1,500 people participate in the election, but he said his expecta-

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University reopens suspended Jerusalem program

Abroad program at the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies at Tantur will begin in summer 2009 after nine years

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Nine years after the University suspended its study abroad program in Jerusalem eight to ten students will once again have the opportunity to live and study in the city.

The Office of International Studies (OIS) is offering a Jerusalem Summer Program for summer 2009.

"I'm really grateful that we have the opportunity to send students there because there's just really nothing quite like it. ... Talking to people there is an experience that you can't duplicate here on campus,"

said Liz Murdock LaFortune, Assistant Director of OIS and Program Coordinator for the Jerusalem Summer Program.

In the past, the Jerusalem Program was offered as a spring semester program until 2000, LaFortune said.

The program was suspended in November 2000 during the time of the beginning of the Second (or al-Aqsa) Intifada and the "general violence in the area" associated with the Intifada, LaFortune said.

The State Department issued a warning regarding travel in the area at the time.

"One was planned for Spring 2001. At that point, the decision was made to suspend the

program," LaFortune said. "A lot of people weighed in on that, including people on the ground in Jerusalem."

LaFortune said students have continued to express interest in the program since it was suspended.

Although the State Department warning still exists today, LaFortune said violence has decreased in the area and the program's structure will enable the University to take steps to protect students.

The summer program will be a lot more structured in order to minimize risk to students, LaFortune said.

The program, which is run

by people employed by the University, is located at the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies at Tantur, which is on the road from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, LaFortune said.

"Students will live with the Tantur community and take meals with them and be part of the daily prayer," LaFortune said.

According to Tantur's Web site, it was purchased by the Vatican after the Second Vatican Council and leased to Notre Dame for fifty years, according to the Web site. The Institute was opened in 1971, according to the Web site.

OIS has been working with

the University for several years to consider plans for a Jerusalem Program.

"We've actually been in discussions with various people at the University for at least the last two years," LaFortune.

She said the Office of International Studies has worked with both the General Counsel's Office and Risk Management.

The Board of Trustees gave the final approval for the Jerusalem Summer Program last spring, LaFortune said. However, the Program is subject to cancellation if there are any changes in security.

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TCEs replaced with online feedback forms

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

Beginning this semester, Notre Dame's Teacher and Course Evaluations (TCEs) will be replaced by the online Course Instructor Feedback forms (CIFs), which students will be able to consult for advice when registering for classes next semester, assistant provost Dennis Jacobs said.

When students register for spring semester classes, the traditional registration information, such as the course description and availability, will appear on the registration website as usual, but below them will

be a new section titled "Detailed Course Information."

This section, known as Enhanced Class Search (ECS), will include the instructor's description of the course, the enrollment history and student ratings. The last section comes directly from questions students answer on the CIF evaluation forms.

Jacobs said they decided to make course evaluation information available to students as a resource to help students decide which classes to take. Before this system, students' sources for information about a profes-

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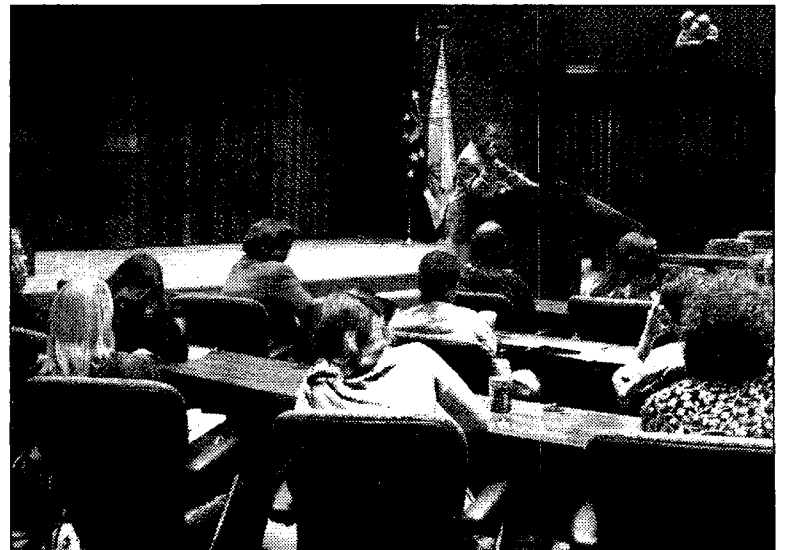
Vote can be tampered with easily

OIT officer says electronic voting software has minimum security

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

If someone wanted to manipulate the presidential election in November it would be relatively easy due to the prevalence of technology in today's world, Office of Information Technologies (OIT) Officer Mike Chapple said at Tuesday's "Hacking the Vote" lecture in DeBartolo Hall.

Election hacking, or using technology to fraudulently affect the electoral process, has become an unfortunate reality in American politics, he said.



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Office of Information Technologies Officer Mike Chapple discusses technological security and the election Tuesday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Hold on for one more day

The wise Wilson Phillips once sang, "Someday somebody's gonna make you want to turn around and say goodbye / Until then baby are you going to let them hold you down and make you cry? / Don't you know things can change? / Things'll go your way if you hold on for one more day."

I'm sure Chicago Cubs fans could use those words of advice right now.

Let me preface my column with this, I am a Red Sox fan. All that stands between my team and the World Series is the formerly hapless and currently ephemeral (Devil) Rays.

Sam Werner

Assistant Sports Editor

As a Red Sox fan, though, I feel that it is my personal responsibility to tell Cubs fans to just "hold on for one more day." It will be worth it, I promise. One day you'll see your players spraying each other with champagne and it will be worth those 100-plus years.

I remember just four years ago when my team hadn't won a championship in 86 years. While not quite a century, let's just say it had been a while. Aaron Boone, Bucky Dent, and Bill Buckner were the names that came to mind when it came to the Red Sox in the playoffs. Just like right now Cubs fans think of Steve Bartman, Leon Durham, and (the lack of) Alfonso Soriano.

After 2004, though, while those memories still hurt, they hurt a lot less with addition of Big Papi, Manny, and Josh Beckett to Boston playoff lore. Maybe those new Cubs legends are on the roster right now. Maybe Ryan Theriot will turn into a playoff stud.

The point is that a Cubs championship will happen eventually (and it probably would help if people didn't write columns promising "an extended gloat" when the Cubs win). When the Cubs pitcher drops to his knees at Wrigley and is mobbed by his teammates, you're going to be glad you didn't give up hope after 2008. I'm not saying all will be forever well in Wrigleyville, but it certainly will be nice to have Mighty Joe Young off of your back.

Which brings me to the most asinine baseball argument I've ever heard: the idea that Cubs fans (and previously Red Sox fans) would be upset if their team won the World Series, because they would lose their "identity" as baseball fans.

I enjoyed last year's playoffs more than I ever had before. Why? Because 86 years of failure weren't weighing on my back.

Just know this, Cubs fans: you're more invested now. The champagne will taste a little bit sweeter because of Alex Gonzalez and Mark DeRosa. I've already had my moment: When Keith Foulke flipped an Edgar Renteria ground ball to Doug Mientkiewicz. Your moment is still to come. And it will be better than anyone ever told you it would be.

"I know that there is pain / But if you hold on for one more day, you can break free from the chains."

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Sam Werner at swerner@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the article "Group addresses budget concerns" in the Oct. 7 issue of The Observer incorrectly stated that the Saint Mary's Student Government Executive Board stipend decreased by \$30,000. The stipend decreased by \$20,000. Also, the sub-headline of the same article could be misleading. The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO SOMEONE WHO WASN'T GOING TO VOTE?



Jimmy Zumit
sophomore
Keough

"Vote or die."



Kathleen Hession
senior
off-campus

"If you don't vote, you can't complain."



Mike Martinson
freshman
O'Neill

"You need the exercise."



Rob Schaus
freshman
O'Neill

"Vote...please?"



Taylor Sheppard
freshman
LeMans

"Vote...it's sort of the law."



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Students vote in Tuesday's mock election organized by the Notre Dame student government. Sen. Barack Obama won the election with 52.6 percent of the vote. Sen. John McCain took 41.1 percent of the vote.

OFFBEAT

Angry airline passenger flings foot powder

BOSTON — Boston police said a passenger who was angry because his flight was delayed tried to get back at the airline by throwing foot powder around the plane. Arthur Nicolson, of Framingham, was arrested Monday after the U.S. Airways flight from Las Vegas landed at Logan International Airport.

The plane's captain told state police that after the plane landed, Nicolson began throwing the white powder and said, "This is what your airline gets for treating me bad."

When state police arrested Nicolson, he allegedly had a 7-ounce container of Dr. Scholl's foot powder.

Nicolson, 42, pleaded not guilty and was released on personal recognizance Tuesday after his arraignment on charges including disorderly conduct and interfering with the operation of an aircraft.

Authorities say man skipped jury duty to drink

JACKSON, Mo. — Curtis Lemons was supposed to report for jury duty in a drunk driving case. Instead, according to authorities, the 50-year-old Cape Girardeau

man skipped the jury duty so he could drink himself.

Lemons received a summons to appear as a prospective juror in the case. When he didn't show up on Monday, a bailiff called his house. Lemons told the bailiff he was too busy to come to court.

Associate Circuit Judge Scott Thomsen instructed officers to bring Lemons to the courthouse. Deputies say they detected a strong odor of alcohol on him. Lemons was held in custody while the DWI trial went on.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Free Flu Shots will be given out at the Joyce Center today from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Vaccinations are available for students, faculty, staff, retirees, and spouses of retirees. Recipients must present their ND ID card, wear short sleeves, and sign informed consent to receive the vaccine.

Students can participate in Mindfulness and Relaxation Training. The 3-session class will be held at Rolfs Sports Recreation Center from 4-5 p.m. tonight. Come wearing loose, warm, comfortable clothing. It is co-sponsored by the University Counseling Center and RecSports. Students can sign up via RecRegister on recsports.nd.edu. Cost is \$12.00.

"The Mushroom Picker" a one-man play, performed by Patrick Dewane in the Philbin Studio Theatre, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for faculty/staff, and \$5 for seniors/citizens/veterans/students. It is presented by The Nanovic Institute for European Studies and Shakespeare at Notre Dame.

Economics professor Jim Sullivan will discuss "And Justice for All: Economics, the Election and Faith" at Theology on Tap tonight at 9 at Legends. Free food is provided with a cash bar.

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

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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COR

Census likely to be out Sun.

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The student census will hopefully be distributed to the student body on Sunday, student body president Bob Reish announced at Tuesday's Council of Representatives (COR) meeting.

Faculty members from the marketing department are currently reviewing the census to make sure that there are no biased questions, he said.

One question on the census will be dedicated to finding out what students think about football pep rallies, Reish said.

The state of the pep rallies was also discussed at COR in regard to Sorin College's boycott of Friday's pep rally.

Hall Presidents Council (HPC) co-chair Phil Krichner said he is going to bring up the boycott at both Tuesday night's HPC cabinet meeting and with Sorin president Aidan McKiernan.

"There are a whole lot of mitigating factors [in pep

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Professors discuss national security

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

Notre Dame professors and students gathered in the Hesburgh Center's Great Hall to discuss foreign policy and national security as it relates to the upcoming election at the fourth Pizza, Pop and Politics event sponsored by ND Votes '08, which is a part of the Center for Social Concerns, and the Washington Program.

Law School professor Mary Ellen O'Connell said the presidential candidates must ask themselves how to best approach the major issues of the election.

The future president will need to work for peace in Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia, where the United States military is engaged in armed conflicts, she said.

"These conflicts need to be resolved. Our troops need to be brought home," O'Connell said.

Also, a peace agreement between Israel and Palestine has to be very high on the future president's agenda, she said.

"The problem of weapons administration has been huge" and peaceful solutions must be found, O'Connell said. "Look at South Africa, Libya [and the] Ukraine. Countries that have given up their bombs have done so through peaceful means, not through force."

Another key issue for the future president is the re-establishment of America's international image, O'Connell said.

"We have been the rule-of-law country since our founding," she said. "We respect human rights. The next president will refurbish our reputation for human rights."

O'Connell cited the Law of the Sea convention, a treaty which defines the rights and responsibilities of nations in their use of the world's oceans, as an example of one way the next president could improve American international image.

"I think the next president will sign this one right away," O'Connell said. According to the Web site un.org, however, the United States has already signed the treaty, but the Senate has not ratified it. President Bush has endorsed the treaty and asked the Senate to support it, said the Web site America.gov.

"I think we need to rethink our use of military force in the world, rejoin the international court of law," O'Connell said. "I think we need to focus on diplomacy,

promoting rule of law, and backing off out use of force."

Joseph Bock, Director of External Relations for the Kroc Institute for International Studies, directly addressed the foreign policy and diplomacy strategies of presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama.

The two candidates share many similarities in these areas, he said.

"They both oppose torture, they both want to close Guantanamo Bay, they both support increased resources for the military," Bock said. "They want to talk with Iran, they see the need to improve [the United States'] image abroad."

At the same time, Bock cited several differences between the two candidates.

"Obama made a statement at one point that he would be willing to bomb Pakistan if the Taliban was found there," Bock said. "McCain said that is careless."

"McCain says we need a victory in Iraq", while Obama wants to redirect resources there, Bock added.

McCain has expressed interest in a League of Democracies that could be a counterpoint to the United Nations, while Obama is gen-

erally supportive of the U.N., Bock said.

Bock compared the decision-making processes of the two candidates, asking, "Who is a strong decision maker?"

Obama takes a "no drama" approach, while McCain's approach is intuitive, Bock said.

Political science professor Michael Desch agreed with Bock that the candidates have a lot in common.

"Both McCain and Obama are developing very similar sorts of platforms," although McCain groups foreign policy issues together with national security issues, he said.

"There is a big food fight between the two campaigns over diplomacy," Desch said. "Their strategies for the war on terrorism are very different."

Desch compared McCain's and Obama's strengths and weaknesses as measured by polls.

Obama is preferred on economy issues, for example, while McCain has an advantage on immigration.

"Obama has shown surprising strength on foreign policy," Desch said. "[But] McCain has a slight edge on handling terrorism and foreign policy."

In the end, "domestic politics are sucking the oxygen out of everything else," Desch said.

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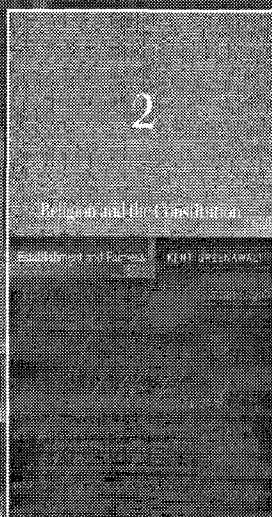
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rally planning," Krichner said.

There are many different constituencies that have a role in planning a pep rally, he said. He cited HPC, the football team, the band, the Alumni Association, the Joyce Center, the ushers and NDSP as having roles in the planning.

HPC is responsible for planning the portion of the pep rally before Chuck Lennon, the executive director of the Alumni Association enters. This portion of the pep rally was praised by COR members.

"[The time] before Chuck Lennon has been awesome this year," CCC President John Burke said.

Reish also said he and student body vice president Grant Schmidt will present an in-depth report at the next Board of Trustees meeting in February on the relationship between the student body, NDSP and the South

Bend Police Department.

He said that he will solicit advice from COR members throughout his preparations for the presentation.

In other COR news:

♦ The Off-Campus Council is sponsoring two block parties this weekend to encourage students to get to know their neighbors.

The first block party will be held on Friday from 4-7 p.m. at the Lafayette Apartment complex. It will feature free food and a live band.

This weekend's second block party will be held on Sunday from 3-6 p.m. in the field behind Corby Row. Neighbors on Notre Dame Ave. and Corby Blvd. will be invited.

"We're hoping to get a couple more neighbors out," Off-Campus President Billy Lyman said. The Off-Campus Council will canvass some of the area neighborhoods to inform residents of the block parties, according to Lyman.

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Feedback

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sor or class were limited to anecdotes from upperclassmen who had already taken the course or to websites like ndtoday.com, Jacobs said.

The new system will be available to all students Oct. 30, and will continue to be updated.

"The data is not going to be nearly as complete by Oct. 30 as we hope it will eventually become," Jacobs said.

However, to ensure students approach the CIFs seriously, they can only see the detailed course information if they have filled out a CIF for each of the previous semester's classes, Jacobs said.

"The primary concern was, will students respond? Will they take the time to go online and fill this out?" he said.

Jacobs said the University's Advisory Committee to the Provost on the Evaluation of Teaching (ACPET) has been working on the new feedback

system for three years.

Notre Dame has also used data from other universities that have implemented an online feedback system, including Harvard, Stanford, Yale and Northwestern, according to a document released by ACPET.

"When the committee looked at the existing TCE, there were a lot of concerns. It required a comprehensive redesign," Jacobs said. "One of the concerns that has always plagued us is that the items, or questions, were the same if you were taking a science class, an art class, a seminar. It didn't reflect the diversity of classes."

To address this concern, ACPET sought to create a form with more flexibility, Jacobs said.

Jacobs said another problem with the TCEs was professors could opt not to participate. In Fall 2006, for example, TCEs were not collected in 181 class sections that were designated for evaluation.

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Jerusalem

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The six-week program will include required travel because a lot of learning will take place on-site, LaFortune said. Students may have the opportunity to travel to Galilee, Haifa, Jericho, Beer-Sheba, Acre and other archaeological and religious sites in Israel and the other Occupied Palestinian Territories, according to LaFortune. The Faculty Director and On-Site Director will go with students on these trips.

The students in the program will take the same six credit hours and be required to take basic introductory courses in both Arabic and Hebrew, LaFortune said. The language courses are integral to students' experiences with the program.

"[The courses are an] important part of the program, to be able to experience Israel as well as the West Bank. ...

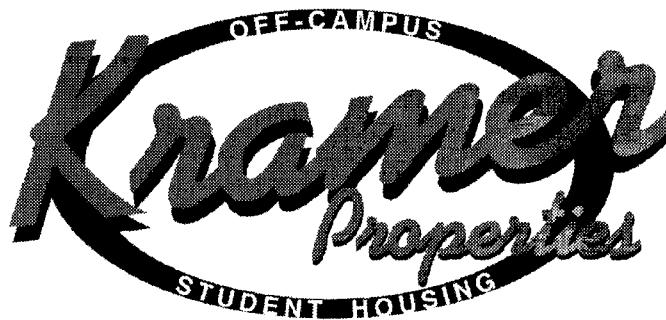
Language goes a long way toward that," LaFortune said.

In addition to language courses, students will also take Middle Eastern History, Religion and Culture; International Relations and the Arab/Israel Conflict; and Holy Land Geography and Archaeology, according to LaFortune.

"Living and studying in Jerusalem provides students with a unique opportunity to better understand the Bible, Middle Eastern history, and the religious, social and political situation of the Palestinians and Israelis in the Holy Land through distinctive course offerings and daily experiences," LaFortune said. "Simply stated, there is no other location that offers the options and resources that are available to University of Notre Dame students in Jerusalem."

The deadline to apply for the Jerusalem Summer Program is November 15, 2008.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Maldives prepares for first election

MALE, Maldives — To supporters, President Mamoun Abdul Gayoom is a hero who turned a poor nation of fishermen into a tourist paradise and the economic success story of South Asia.

Detractors accuse him of ruling the Maldives as a dictator, violently suppressing dissent and amassing wealth for his friends and family.

On Wednesday, Asia's longest-serving ruler will face his first democratic election, challenged by a crowded field of opponents who say it is time for a change.

"We've had a dictatorship for the last 30 years," said Mohamed Nasheed, head of the opposition Maldivian Democratic Party. "The people of this country deserve better."

Whoever wins will inherit a stunningly beautiful country of 1,190 coral islands, about 200 of them inhabited and dozens more developed into tourist resorts, many owned by current and former Cabinet ministers.

The elected president will also confront a growing heroin problem, increasing fundamentalism in the Sunni Muslim nation and the threat of rising sea levels caused by global warming.

Dark matter physicists touted for prize

STOCKHOLM — Scientists who have pursued dark matter, hunted for undiscovered planets and advanced nanotechnology were being touted Monday as candidates for the 2008 Nobel Prize in physics.

But the prize being announced on Tuesday is one of the toughest to predict given the complexity of science involved for an award encompassing a wide latitude of subjects.

Karin Bojs, science editor of Stockholm daily Dagens Nyheter, predicted the 2008 award would honor work to discover planets in other solar systems.

NATIONAL NEWS

NYC mayor pushes for third term

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg's bid to change the term-limits law so that he can campaign for another four years rests in the hands of the City Council, where two competing bills were introduced Tuesday.

The 51-member council won't vote until Oct. 23 at the earliest, and two hearings were set for next week on the highly charged issue that could dramatically alter the city's political landscape.

Two-thirds of the council members will be forced out of office next year under the existing term-limits law, which restricts the mayor, council members and other city officeholders to two consecutive four-year terms.

Ohio court mulls abortion files

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio Supreme Court justices appeared skeptical Tuesday that an abortion clinic's medical records on other patients are relevant to a lawsuit brought by parents of a 14-year-old girl who had an abortion without their consent.

Lawyers for the girl's family argued that the information they seek is necessary to prove that Planned Parenthood of Cincinnati had a pattern of violating Ohio's parental consent law and failing to report abuse. The unusual case pits a single plaintiff against the privacy interests of a decade's worth of patients.

LOCAL NEWS

Charges dropped for group home owners

FORT WAYNE — An Allen County judge has dismissed neglect charges against two group home employees charged in the death of a resident.

Prosecutors on Monday asked Judge Fran Gull to dismiss the charges of neglect of a dependent causing death against Erica K. Wheeler, 23, and Valerie Mann, 26, after learning that a private laboratory destroyed a key piece of evidence in the death of David Beville.

"We can't establish, beyond any question, that the original sample was from David Beville," Chief Deputy Prosecutor Michael McAlexander said.

McCain and Obama clash over economy

Candidates debate the economic crisis, taxes, foreign policy, and health care

Associated Press

NASHVILLE — Barack Obama and John McCain clashed repeatedly over the causes and cures for the worst economic crisis in 80 years Tuesday night in a debate in which Republican McCain called for a sweeping \$300 billion program to shield homeowners from mortgage foreclosure.

"It's my proposal. It's not Sen. Obama's proposal," McCain said at the outset of a debate he hoped could revive his fortunes in a presidential race trending toward his rival.

In one pointed confrontation on foreign policy, Obama bluntly challenged McCain's steadiness. "This is a guy who sang bomb, bomb, bomb Iran, who called for the annihilation of North Korea — that I don't think is an example of speaking softly."

That came after McCain accused him of foolishly threatening to invade Pakistan and said, "I'm not going to telegraph my punches, which is what Sen. Obama did."

The debate was the second of three between the two major party rivals, and the only one to feature a format in which voters seated a few feet away posed questions to the candidates.

They were polite, but the strain of the campaign showed. At one point, McCain referred to Obama as "that one," rather than speaking his name.

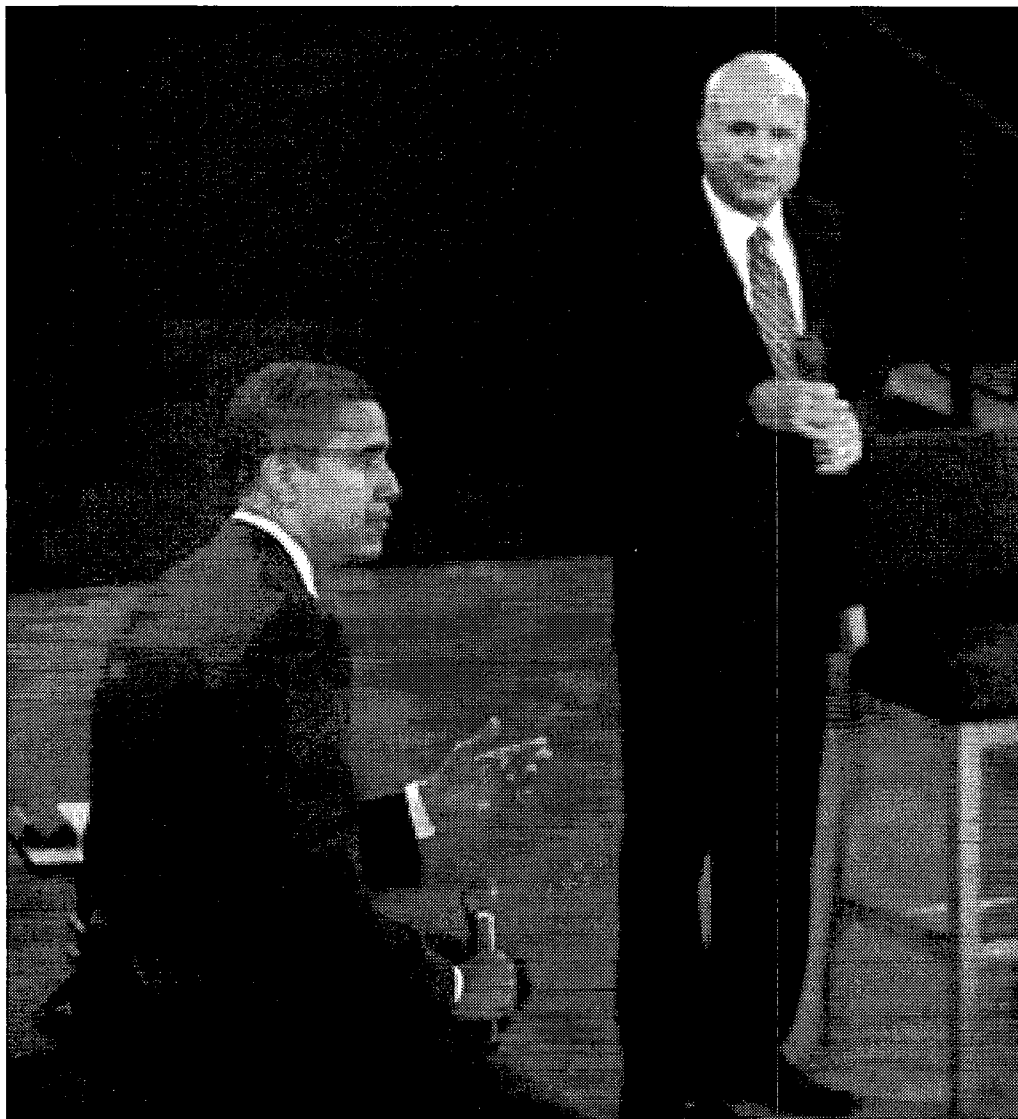
"It's good to be with you at a town hall meeting," McCain also jabbed at his rival, who has spurned the Republican's calls for numerous such joint appearances across the fall campaign.

They debated on a stage at Belmont University four weeks before Election Day in a race that has lately favored Obama, both in national polls and in surveys in pivotal battleground states.

Not surprisingly, many of the questions dealt with an economy in trouble.

Obama said the current crisis was the "final verdict on the failed economic policies of the last eight years" that President Bush pursued and were "supported by Sen. McCain."

He contended that Bush, McCain and others had favored



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama answers a question as Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain listens at a debate at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. AP

deregulation of the financial industry, predicting that would "let markets run wild and prosperity would rain down on all of us. It didn't happen."

McCain's pledge to have the government help individual homeowners avoid foreclosure went considerably beyond the \$700 billion bailout that recently cleared Congress. While he said bailout money should be used to help homeowners, the bailout legislation merely gave the Treasury Department authority to purchase mortgages directly.

"I would order the secretary of the Treasury to immediately buy up the bad home loan mortgages in America and renegotiate at the new value of those homes at the diminished value of those

homes and let people be able to make those payments and stay in their homes," he said.

"Is it expensive? Yes. But we all know, my friends, until we stabilize home values in America, we're never going to start turning around and creating jobs and fixing our economy, and we've got to get some trust and confidence back to America."

McCain also said it was important to reform the giant benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

"My friends, we are not going to be able to provide the same benefit for present-day workers that present-day retirees have today," he said, although he did not elaborate.

The two men also competed to demonstrate their qualifications as reformers at a time voters are clamoring for change.

McCain accused Obama of being the Senate's second-highest recipient of donations from individuals at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the two now-disgraced mortgage industry giants.

"There were some of us who stood up against it," McCain said of the lead-up to the financial crisis. "There were others who took a hike."

Obama shot back that McCain's campaign manager, Rick Davis, has a stake in a Washington lobbying firm that received thousands of dollars a month from Freddie Mac until recently.

IRAQ

Iraq's FM: "Bold" decisions needed

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi foreign minister said Tuesday it will require "bold political decisions" to resolve the major issue standing in the way of a deal allowing American troops to remain here next year — who would try U.S. troops accused of crimes.

Neighboring Iran stepped up pressure against the proposed agreement, with President Mahmoud Ahmedinejad telling a visiting Iraqi official that Iraq had "a duty" to resist the Americans and another Iranian leader warning of unspecified consequences throughout the region.

American and Iraqi negotiators have been working for months to hammer out

an agreement governing the operations of U.S. forces in this country after the current U.N. mandate expires at the end of the year.

Iraqi officials say the draft calls for U.S. troops to leave the country by the end of 2011 unless the Baghdad government asks them to stay.

But legal immunity for U.S. soldiers under Iraqi law has emerged as the major obstacle, with neither side able to find language to satisfy the other.

The U.S. wants the exclusive right to prosecute soldiers accused of crimes. The Iraqis want some form of legal jurisdiction over American soldiers as an affirmation of national sovereignty.

Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said

the Americans had submitted new ideas and language that "could be acceptable or reasonable." He gave no details and cautioned that the government had not accepted them.

"I don't want to give you any false hope about where we are, but I think we are very close," he told reporters at a press conference with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte.

Zebari said the immunity issue "needs, I think, some bold political decisions. And we are at that stage."

"And that's why I suggested that soon you and your colleagues will see hectic political meetings here in Baghdad on this issue to determine the fate of the agreement."

SMC hosts lecture on fair trade items

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

Three years ago representatives from Just Goods and Ten Thousand Villages came to Saint Mary's to discuss purchasing organic and fair trade products. Students liked them so much that they were invited back, said Regina Wilson, the assistant director of Campus Ministry and organizer of the "What Difference Does it Make?" lecture series.

It was Becky Reimbold's, of Just Goods, second visit to Saint Mary's and Cheryl Scharier's, of Ten Thousand Villages, first when they presented "A Series on Justice, Contemporary Life and Faith: What Difference Does it Make to Buy Fair Trade and Organic...Clothing?" Tuesday, Wilson said.

The lecture series, which offers two lectures every fall, is for students to look at different aspects of their lives and see how the choices they make affect the world around them, she said. They also "try to bring in Catholic social teaching," to show how "faith can come to bear on individual choices."

Reimbold spoke first about her organization, Just Goods, a South Bend store committed to providing "clothing and products for the home, made with respect for workers and the environment," according to the website.

"Just Goods is kind of focused on clothing," she said.

During her talk, Reimbold passed around some samples of products that are sold in the store.

They come from all over the world, and they "research the companies that produce our goods, assuring that they pay their workers minimum wage or above and that they use environmentally-friendly materials and methods of production," according to the website.

One of the Companies, Global Mama's, works with women in Ghana who own their own businesses, have their own sewing machines and some even have

their own shops, Reimbold said.

Most of the tags on the clothing are signed and buyers can go on the website and read the stories of the women who made the clothing, she said.

Scharier explained why Ten Thousand Villages works for fair trade.

With fair trade conditions, women can work from their homes, their children can go to school, and they can make their lives better, she said. These families can purchase things like health insurance, savings accounts, medical care and other things that they have never had before, she said.

These jobs become the "one point of stability in their lives," Scharier said.

Ten Thousand Villages is a not for profit company that works with artisans, she said.

"We market quality products from diverse cultures around the world made by people that we know and care enough about to do business in a manner that together we consider fair. We strive to operate as a business with a compassionate mission so that we can provide vital, fair income to artisans," according to the website.

They have over 150 stores around the country that are almost completely run by volunteers with the exception of a few management employees, she said.

The important thing is to not getting overwhelmed by the amount of fair trade and organic products out there, both presenters said.

"As a consumer, it's hard because you want to do the right thing ... [but] you don't have time to look it up," Scharier said.

Trying to take it one thing at a time, for example purchasing fair trade coffee and making a commitment to do so, Reimbold said.

"The important thing is knowing you're part of something good...it's really amazing," she said.

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tions were exceeded, with more than 2,500 people turning out to vote.

"Everyone was talking about it all around campus, so I think it was overwhelmingly successful," he said.

Senate University Affairs chair Ashlee Wright, who helped organized the event, said she was impressed by the turnout.

"I was pretty happy with Notre Dame with how they came out and voted, even though it is not a real election," she said.

She said she hopes the experience will motivate students to vote in the real presidential election on Nov. 4.

The mock election not only asked students for their presidential ticket pick, but also asked them to fill in information about gender, class year and residence hall, then to choose the issue that is most important to them and how closely they are following the election coverage.

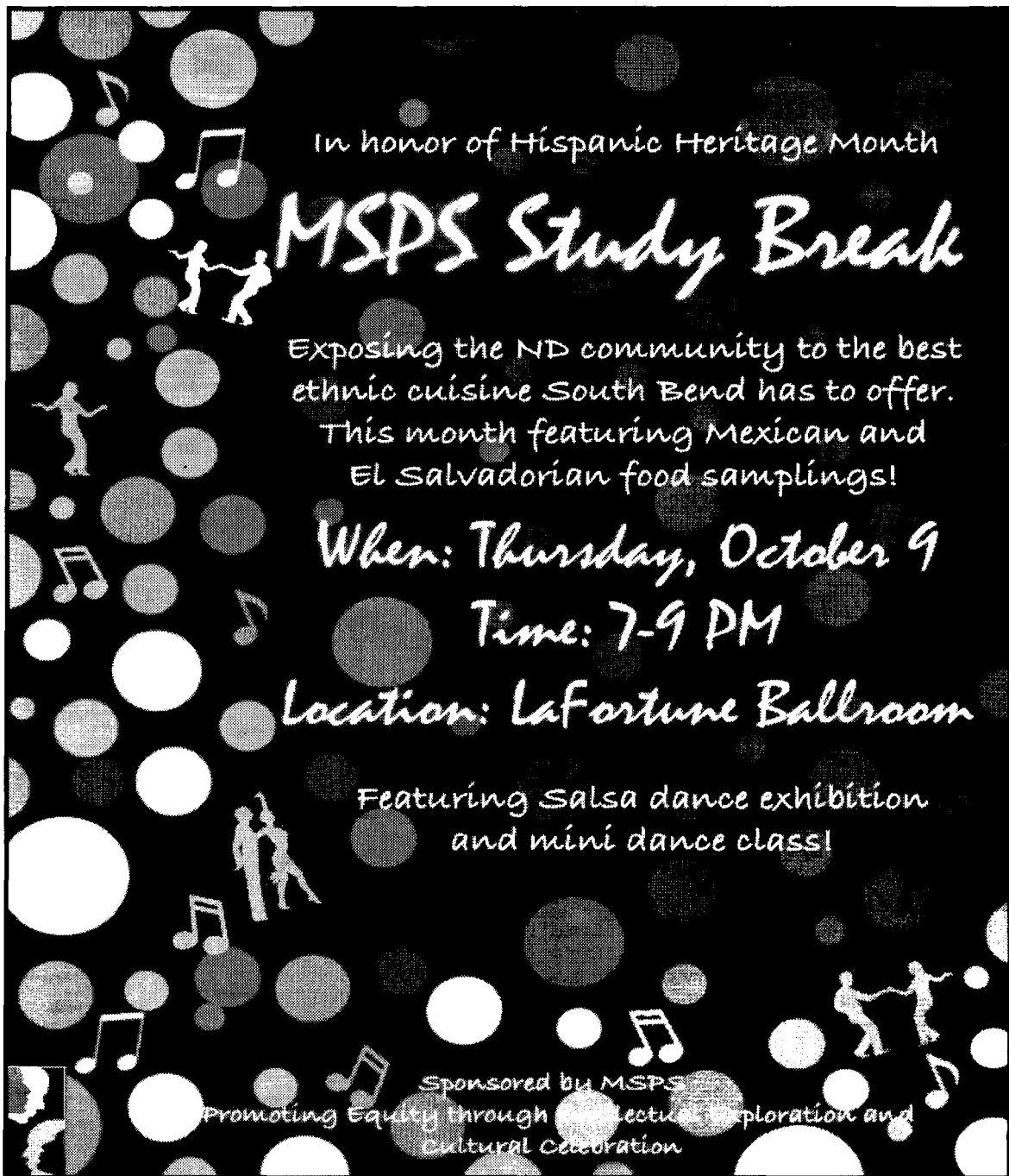
The most important issue for those who voted was the economy, with 41.5 percent of the votes, followed by foreign policy at 17.7

percent. Of the remaining issues, 9.8 percent chose energy and the environment as the most important issue in the election, 9.5 percent chose other, 7.7 percent chose abortion, 6.2 percent chose the Iraq War, 3.3 percent chose education, 3.2 percent chose civil liberties and one percent chose immigration.

When asked how closely they had been following the election, 37.2 percent chose the selection "I check the election news once or twice a week," 36.8 percent said "I check the headlines once a day," 19.1 percent said "I stalk multiple news networks daily," 5.1 percent said "I've heard of the candidates," .9 percent said "Election? What election?" and .8 percent gave no response.

Four years ago, student media groups on campus, not including The Observer, conducted a mock election in LaFortune a week before the election between President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry, reported Notre Dame Magazine. With 570 undergraduates and graduate students voting, the vote was 47.5 percent for Bush and 46.8 percent for Kerry.

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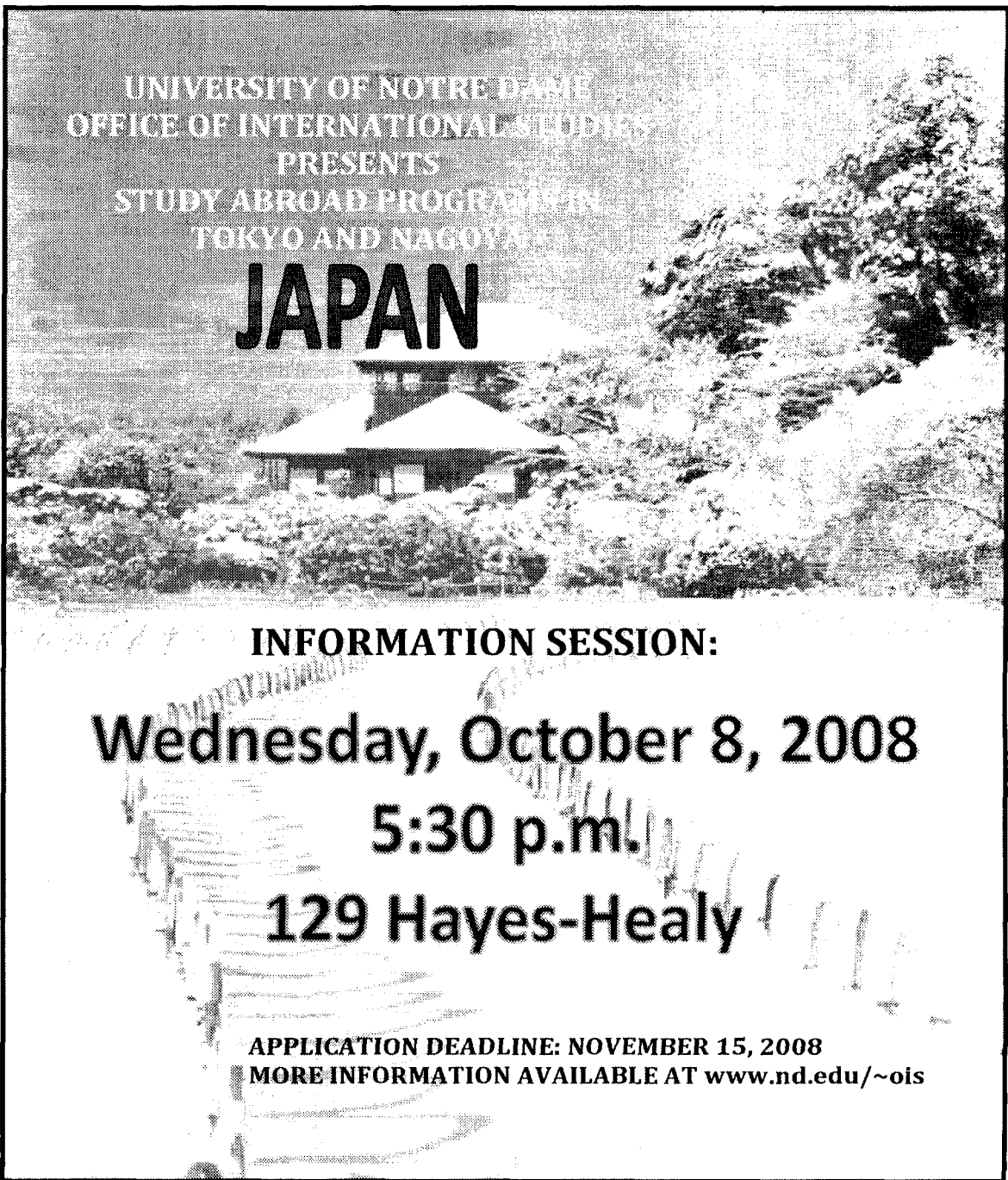
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POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-6.34	-2.21	32.65
ULTRA FINANCIALS (UYG)	-19.43	-2.86	11.86

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	+2.34	+0.080	3.5060
13-WEEK BILL	+91.46	+0.380	0.7900
30-YEAR BOND	+2.16	+0.085	4.0270
5-YEAR NOTE	+3.51	+0.084	2.4790

Commodities

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PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.30	93.35

Exchange Rates

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IN BRIEF

Fed makes emergency loans

WASHINGTON — Frantically trying to stop the bleeding on Wall Street, the Federal Reserve took a first-time step Tuesday to get cash directly to businesses and hinted that interest rates could come down soon. Stocks continued their free fall anyway and hit new five-year lows.

The central bank invoked emergency powers to lend money to companies outside the financial sector and buy up mounds of commercial paper, the short-term debt that firms use to pay for everyday expenses like salaries and supplies.

The Fed, which has only loaned money to banks before, made the move as the gravest financial crisis in decades wore on and concern spread around the world.

In a speech to the National Association for Business Economics, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke delivered a strong signal interest rates may need to be cut. And he warned the country could be stuck in the economic doldrums for some time.

"The outlook for economic growth has worsened," Bernanke said. "The heightened financial turmoil that we have experienced of late may well lengthen the period of weak economic performance."

Execs' vacation angers lawmakers

WASHINGTON — Less than a week after the federal government had to bail out American International Group Inc., the company sent executives on a \$440,000 retreat to a posh California resort, lawmakers investigating the company's meltdown said Tuesday.

The tab included \$23,380 worth of spa treatments for AIG employees at the coastal St. Regis resort south of Los Angeles even as the company tapped into an \$85 billion loan from the government it needed to stave off bankruptcy.

The retreat didn't include anyone from the financial products division that nearly drove AIG under, but lawmakers were still enraged over thousands of dollars spent on catered banquets, golf outings and visits to the resort's spa and salon for executives of AIG's main U.S. life insurance subsidiary.

"Average Americans are suffering economically. They're losing their jobs, their homes and their health insurance," House Oversight Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif., scolded the company during a lengthy opening statement.

Stocks tumble as worries escalate

Concerns about credit markets cause a two-day decline of 875 points

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The misery worsened on Wall Street Tuesday, with stocks piling on losses late in the session and bringing the two-day decline in the Dow Jones industrials to more than 875 points amid escalating worries about credit markets and the financial sector.

The Dow lost more than 500 points and all the major indexes slid more than 5 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index saw its first close below 1,000 in five years.

Steps by the Federal Reserve to reinvigorate the dormant credit markets ultimately weren't enough to calm nervous investors. News about financial companies only added to their despondent mood.

"The calls I'm getting — every money manager I deal with, and every client I talk to — are just very emotional. This is a very, very emotional time, and most of them are taking steps to shore up their defenses, reducing exposure to stocks just to defend their portfolios," said Hugh Johnson, chairman and chief investment officer of Johnson Illington Advisors.

The magnitude of the stock market's plunge is reflected in the Dow's grim stats:

◆ Tuesday's close was its lowest close in five years, since Sept. 30, 2003.

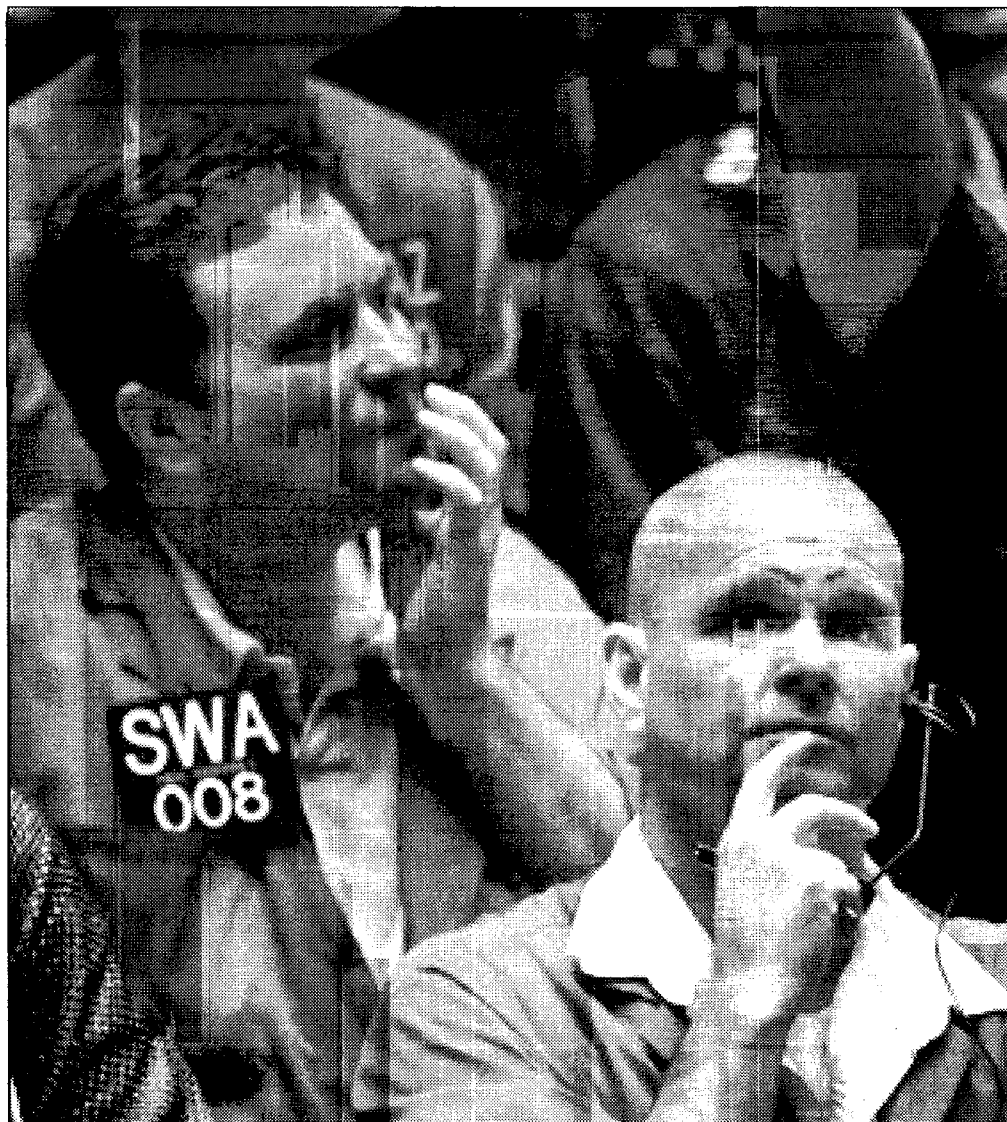
◆ In just five trading days this month, and in the fourth quarter, it is down about 1,400 points, or 13 percent.

◆ It has fallen 33.3 percent since its record close of 14,164.53, a year ago Thursday.

◆ Through Tuesday, it suffered its largest five-day point decline ever, and its largest five-day percentage drop since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

The Dow's percentage loss Tuesday was 5.11 percent, actually a better performance than the 5.74 percent suffered by the S&P, the market indicator most watched by traders and analysts. The Nasdaq composite dropped 5.8 percent.

The market's paper loss for the session came to about \$700 billion, as measured by the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Composite



Traders Matthew Jones, center, and Paul Svachula, left, watch the markets in the S&P 500 futures trading pit at the CME Group in Chicago yesterday.

Index, which tracks 5,000 U.S.-based companies' stocks. So far this month, the loss has come to about \$2.2 trillion.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke warned in a speech Tuesday that the financial crisis could prolong the difficulty the economy is facing. While his remarks were widely regarded as a sign that an interest rate cut could be in the offing, Wall Street appeared little comforted and focused on his downbeat assessment.

Earlier, the Fed announced plans to buy massive amounts of corporate debt to jump-start lending in the markets where many companies turn for short-term loans called commercial

paper. The evaporation of faith that loans will be repaid has lenders weary and is making it more difficult and expensive for businesses and consumers to borrow.

The credit markets did show some slight signs of easing as demand for safe-haven investments decreased, though that offered little comfort to investors highly anxious about the extremely low lending levels and their impact on the economy. The markets seized up last month after Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. filed for bankruptcy and the government stepped in to rescue insurer American International Group Inc.

The Fed's latest move to

lubricate the credit markets stops short of a broad interest rate reduction that some investors say is necessary to restore confidence in the market. Other market watchers argue, however, that more focused steps like Fed's decision to buy commercial paper are what's needed.

Investors remain worried about financial companies like Bank of America Corp., which fell after slashing its dividend and reporting that its third-quarter profit fell 68 percent. The stock fell \$8.45, or 26 percent, to \$23.77 Tuesday. It was by far the steepest decliner among the 30 stocks that comprise the Dow industrials.

Bernanke: More economic pain ahead

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke warned Tuesday that the financial crisis has not only darkened the country's current economic performance but also could prolong the pain.

The Fed chief's more gloomy assessment appeared to open the door wider to an interest rate cut on or before Oct. 28-29, the central bank's next meeting, to brace the wobbly economy.

Bernanke said the Fed will "need to consider" whether its current stance of holding rates steady "remains appropriate" given the fallout from the worst financial crisis in decades.

If the Fed does lower its key rate from 2 percent it would mark an about-face. The Fed in June had halted an aggressive rate-cutting campaign to revive the economy out of fear those

low rates would aggravate inflation. Since then, financial and economic conditions have deteriorated, while inflation pressures have calmed, giving the Fed more leeway to again cut rates.

Many believe the country is on the brink of, or already in, its first recession since 2001.

"The outlook for economic growth has worsened," Bernanke said in prepared remarks to the annual meeting here of the National Association for Business Economics.

All told, economic activity is likely to be "subdued" during the remainder of this year and into next year, Bernanke said. "The heightened financial turmoil that we have experienced of late may well lengthen the period of weak economic performance and further increase the risks to growth," he warned.

Consumers — major shapers of economic activity — have buckled under the weight of rising joblessness, shrinking paychecks, hard-to-get credit, declining net wealth and tanking home and stock values. All the strains are "now showing through more clearly to consumer spending," Bernanke said.

Meanwhile, worsening sales prospects and a heightened sense of uncertainty have begun to weigh more heavily on businesses, making them more cautious to hire and to invest in their companies, he said.

Employers cut jobs in September at the fastest pace in more than five years, the government reported last week. Payrolls were slashed by 159,000 last month alone. It was the ninth straight month of job losses. A staggering 760,000 jobs have disappeared so far this year.

PAKISTAN

Refugees go to homeland

Government tells 50,000 Afghans to leave war zone, return to country

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Afghan refugees ordered out of a Pakistani war zone begged Tuesday for bus fares and flowed over the border into their homeland, worsening a humanitarian crisis resulting from an army offensive against Taliban militants, officials said.

Pakistan has told 50,000 Afghans to leave the Bajur tribal region, accusing them of links to militants that used the remote and impoverished area as a base for attacks on both sides of the frontier.

U.S. officials concerned about the escalating insurgency in Afghanistan have praised the military operation in a region that has been touted as a possible hiding place for al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden.

Pakistan's army claims to have killed more than 1,000 insurgents in two months of fighting. It has given no figure for civilian casualties, but acknowledges that many villages have been devastated by airstrikes, artillery fire and gunbattles.

Bacha Khan, a police official at the Toorwandi border post in Bajur, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that some refugees have crossed into Afghanistan and others moved to other parts of Pakistan.

He had no figures for how many Afghans have left since officials distributed leaflets in Bajur last week telling them to go.

However, he said an estimated 20,000 refugees had returned home in recent weeks. Thousands more went to other parts of Pakistan, he said.

An Afghan community leader in Khar, Bajur's main town,

urged the government to provide transportation for the refugees. "We are poor people, and we don't have enough money to pay for the buses," Ghulam Jan told an AP reporter.

Authorities were threatening to deport those who resisted and to demolish their houses. Iqbal Khattak, a government official in Khar, said 45 Afghans had been detained by Tuesday and some Afghan-owned shops sealed.

Pakistani officials say the fighting in Bajur has displaced up to a half-million people — roughly half the region's population. Most are in nearby areas of Pakistan with relatives or in camps.

The U.N. refugee agency said last week that 20,000 people had moved into the neighboring Afghan province of Kunar. It described them as "Pakistani families" and forecast they would return after the fighting.

Kunar provincial Police Chief Abdul Jalal Jalal said Tuesday that 30,000 people had arrived from Pakistan.

Of 4,140 families there, 70 percent were Pakistani and 30 percent Afghan, said Sardar Khan, an official dealing with refugees in Kunar. He said seven families arrived Monday.

"They are very poor families," Khan said, and residents are sheltering them in their homes. Relief agencies and the government were scrambling to build one-room shelters in time for winter, he said.

Afghans flooded into Pakistan during more than 20 years of conflict before U.S.-led forces toppled the Taliban government in 2001.

According to U.N. figures, more than 5 million have since returned. Pakistan complains that refugee camps and Afghan

communities remain hotbeds of militant activity and has been pressing for them to be cleared.

Militants have responded to the military operations in Bajur and other regions in the north-west with suicide attacks, including the deadly Sept. 20 truck bombing at the Marriott Hotel in Islamabad.

President Asif Ali Zardari has described the hotel bombing as Pakistan's 9/11 and sought to talk his fellow citizens out of the widespread belief that the country is fighting "America's war" and paying an unacceptable price.

The government has called an emergency session of parliament Wednesday to discuss the security situation.

Many analysts and politicians argue that Pakistan needs a national consensus on tackling Islamic extremism to have any chance of success.

Former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who resigned in August after the government ousted U.S. ally Pervez Musharraf from the presidency, could act as a powerful spoiler.

However, Sharif's politician brother indicated that their party, the main opposition bloc, also wants to get tough on militancy.

"If we want to survive, we have to eliminate terrorists. Either we will survive, or they will survive," Shahbaz Sharif said after visiting survivors of a suicide bombing that injured a lawmaker and killed 17 other people Monday.

"We will soon come up with a better strategy to fight this menace," he said.

Analysts warn that the government could lose its popularity if the violence intensifies and economic problems persist.

Vote

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"The impact of technology on election is huge," Chapple said. "There are many ways that technology can possibly be used to manipulate the outcome of the election."

There are ways to hack the secret ballot, especially electronic ballots, Chapple said.

The most vulnerable method of electronic voting is the touch screen system, he said. In touch screen voting, the voter is given an anonymous Smartcard, which authorizes the holder one vote. The machine records the votes on a memory card and when the polls close, the memory cards are retrieved and the votes are tabulated.

"In this system, you let software run the election," Chapple said. "In many cases, no paper trail exists for these machines. Without a paper trail, a recount is impossible."

Chapple discussed a study that was done in 2003 in which the software of the Diebold AccuVote TS, a touch screen voting machine, was analyzed. He said the software of the machines that were being used to elect the next President of the United

States had minimum security.

"Essentially, it could have less security than your laptop," Chapple said.

He said it is possible, even relatively easy in some cases, to take votes that were cast for one candidate and change them to another candidate.

"A poll worker with access to the storage media of that software could modify the ballot definition," Chapple said. "A voter would push the button to vote for John McCain but in reality the vote would be cast for Obama."

If an act such as this was ever suspected to be taking place, very little could be done about it due to the construction of the software, he said.

"What is most frightening," Chapple said, "is that we do not have any ability to prove that no one tampered with the results of the election if something like that were to happen."

Chapple cautioned voters to be aware of what method they are using to cast their votes on Election Day.

"Hacking the election is not only possible," Chapple stated, "but it has already happened."

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'Credit default swaps' share blame for economic problems

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It can be a fine line between investing and gambling. But in Las Vegas, you know the odds. On Wall Street, that's not always the case.

Especially when it comes to the \$62 trillion market in arcane financial contracts known as "credit default swaps."

"Moreover," adds Michael Greenberger, former director of trading and markets for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, "Las Vegas is regulated."

These swaps are increasing-

ly being blamed for the near-collapse of insurance giant American International Group Inc., the bankruptcy of investment bank Lehman Brothers, and the downfall of other investment houses and financial institutions.

Members of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on Tuesday accused AIG of opening "a casino in London" when it began dealing in these complex derivative contracts. The Federal Reserve came to AIG's rescue three weeks ago with an \$85 billion line of credit; so far the company has tapped it for \$61 bil-

lion.

So what are credit default swaps and how have they caused all this trouble?

The swaps are a form of insurance, but they aren't regulated that way.

Say a big investor buys a bond from a company. But the investor is worried about the company's ability to pay off that bond. The investor turns to a third party like AIG, for example, and buys protection in the form of a credit default swap contract. AIG agrees to pay the investor the value of the bond in the event the company defaults on it.

The issuer of the credit

default swap doesn't write this insurance for free. It gets a fee, usually a percentage of the value of the bond.

The transactions are made "over the counter," meaning they are not regulated by any public exchange.

And since these contracts are not considered "insurance," Greenberger says, the companies that guarantee the bonds are not required to keep enough capital on hand to pay them off in the event of a default.

The swaps have given those invested in all manner of debt, including mortgage-backed securities, a false

sense of security.

"Everyone walked around saying 'we're insured,'" said Greenberger, who is a law professor at the University of Maryland.

As housing prices rose and more people could get mortgages despite questionable credit records, mortgage-backed securities were an attractive place for pension funds and other investors to park their money.

"Were it not for that insurance, it certainly wouldn't have reached this manic state of growth," Greenberger said of the questionable investments.

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UNITED NATIONS

Peacekeepers face dangers

Troops sustaining Sudan's Darfur region cannot be strengthened this year

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The beleaguered peacekeeping force in Sudan's violence-wracked Darfur region cannot be significantly strengthened this year because of increased dangers, the U.N. chief said Tuesday.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he has delayed his goal of putting 22,000 of the authorized 26,000 troops on the ground by the end of this year.

The African Union-U.N. force known as UNAMID in Darfur currently numbers about 10,000. Ban said he hopes to reach 17,000 by January and the 22,000 mark around March.

"I may have to adjust a little bit in view of the circumstances on the ground," he told reporters. "The situation in Darfur is deteriorating. We are seeing increasing attacks on U.N. and international staff."

Only Monday, a Nigerian peacekeeper was killed in an ambush, he noted, becoming the ninth U.N. soldier to die in Darfur in the past three months.

The force relies heavily on African troops, which Sudan has insisted on, and has been beset by a critical lack of equipment contributions like helicopters. Ban said he has been discussing with Ukraine's president and defense minister the possibility of that nation provid-

ing some military choppers and more troops.

In July, the U.N. Security Council voted to renew the peace mission despite a raging debate over whether it should invoke its power to suspend an independent court's efforts to prosecute Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir on genocide and war crimes charges.

The Darfur conflict began in early 2003 when ethnic African rebels took up arms against Sudan's Arab-dominated central government, accusing it of discrimination. Many of the worst atrocities in the war have been blamed on the janjaweed militia of Arab nomads allied with the government.

Ban and other diplomats say the only way to end the fighting that has killed up to 300,000 people and forced 2.5 million to flee their homes is through political talks and a peace agreement.

On another matter, Ban said he was greatly concerned about the security of food aid that 3 million Somalis depend on in light of increasing piracy in waters around the Horn of Africa.

He said there was an Oct. 23 deadline for nations to replace a Canadian frigate that has been the only ship escorting the U.N.'s World Food Program food aid deliveries to Somalia.

Before Canada, he said, the food program relied on security provided by ships from the Netherlands, France and Denmark.

"Without escorts, those ships will not arrive. Without that aid, more people will die," Ban said. "Three million people are in danger of starving."

In a move to curb the piracy, the U.N. Security Council unanimously approved a resolution Tuesday calling on all nations with a stake in Somalia's maritime safety to send naval ships and military aircraft to Somalia's coastline.

Ban opened his hour-long press conference, his first in a promised monthly ritual, addressing the global financial crisis and expressing confidence in nations' commitments this month to donate to the U.N.'s ambitious goals of notching significant reductions in poverty, hunger and disease by 2015.

"Despite the market turmoil, we raised \$16 billion," he said. "I urge world leaders to honor these pledges."

The U.N. chief also said he agreed with comments made by World Bank President Robert Zoellick a day earlier suggesting that the Group of Seven industrialized countries should be expanded to include growing economies in Asia and Latin America.

Energy Dept. predicts high cost of heating

Households will pay \$449 more this winter

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Although global oil prices have plummeted, the cost of heating your home this winter will be a lot more expensive, especially for households that depend on fuel oil, the Energy Department predicted Tuesday.

Households that use fuel oil can expect to spend an average of \$2,388 — or \$449 more than last year — for the October-April heating season. Users of natural gas will pay less than half that, \$1,010 on average, still \$155 more than last year.

The department's Energy Information Administration emphasized that the cost figures should be viewed as "a broad guide" comparing this year's expected heating costs to last winter and said actual expenses can vary depending on region, local weather and the energy efficiency of individual homes.

But across the board, whether one uses heating oil, natural gas, propane or electricity, costs will be higher, said the agency.

Users of electricity to heat homes will see the smallest increase, about 10 percent on average, followed by propane,

11 percent; natural gas, which is used in more than half of the nation's homes, 18 percent; and heating oil, used widely in the Northeast, 23 percent.

That's not good news for a country where people have been reeling from a summer of record \$4-a-gallon gasoline, a booming credit crisis and a struggling economy.

Energy experts say some people have yet to pay last winter's heating bills or the summer's air conditioning costs. A recent Associated Press survey found that utility shutoffs because of unpaid bills have been running 17 percent to 22 percent higher than last year in some parts of the country.

The Energy Department said it expects the price of fuel oil will average \$3.90 a gallon, 60 cents more than last winter.

While the cost of crude oil has declined from a high of \$147 a barrel in July to just under \$88 a barrel for delivery in November, the department said "oil markets are expected to remain relatively tight because of sluggish production growth." Barring a worse than expected global economic decline, prices are likely to edge back up to about \$112 a barrel, the agency said.

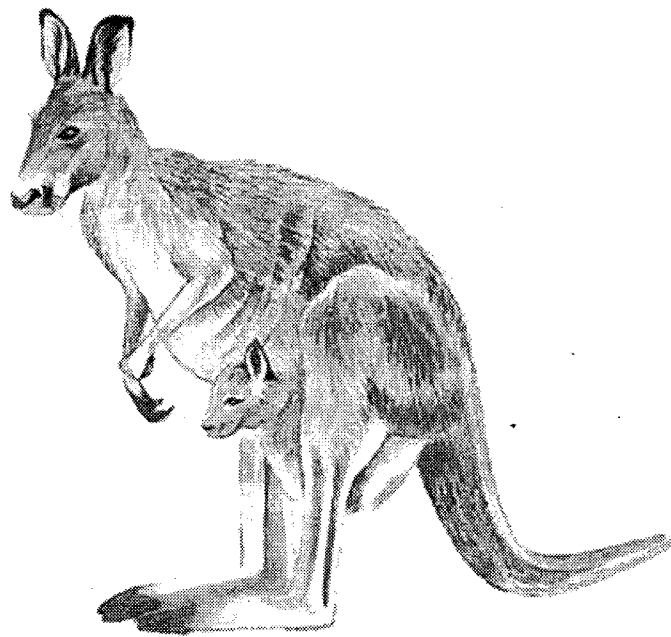
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He's a transponster!

Until about five years ago I had no idea what my father did.

I knew he was an accountant by profession. I knew he was a CPA. I knew he worked for one of the Big Four accounting firms. And I knew that his title was "forensic accountant." But I didn't know what that meant. If people asked me I just evaded the question.

Such evasion got me into trouble, though, when upon saying, "He's a forensic accountant," the inquisitor replied with, "So does that mean he goes to crime scenes and counts the dead bodies?" Hardy har, inquisitor. But it's not like I had a better answer so I just let him walk away in his glory.

I went on a quest after this encounter to discover the nature of my father's employment. For reasons beyond my sheer ignorance, I was growing weary of making fun of my dad for not doing very much work when I knew he clearly did a lot. I didn't know what it was he was doing, but I knew that my jokes were cruel.

So what does my dad do? I didn't know. But I vowed to find out to make myself a better son and a better person.

I tried to cull my memories of him talking about his days at the office:

"Today, this idiot intern walked into my room while I was with a client! Can you believe it? Idiot!"

"So I was in a meeting today and I made a reference saying that this deal we're talking about is putting us between Scylla and Charybdis. Everyone in the room looked at me like I had two heads. Idiots!"

"I was on the plane coming home

and I was assigned seat 2B. I turned to the flight attendant and told her they put me in the Shakespeare seat. She didn't get it. Idiot!"

My dad certainly must deal with idiots. But these anecdotes certainly didn't answer my question about what he actually does for a living.

I decided I would have to think back to the few times I had visited his office while a little child. One day in particular stuck in my mind; I think I was about eight at the time. I remember walking through a series of security doors, meeting his executive assistant, sitting in his big comfy chair, and looking out the window onto the streets of D.C. for a few hours. Then we went to the florist and picked up a bouquet for my mom's birthday. But this wasn't sufficient insight into the essence of his employment.

The next step to solve my mystery was going to be a big one: I was actually going to ask my dad what he does. It seems like such an importunate question. I've been his son as long as he's been my dad. I should know what he does. I should know what a forensic accountant does.

Thinking this way made me afraid of embarrassing myself in front of the entire family. And there's no way I was about to make myself look like one of the idiots that my dad always talked about in front of my sisters and me. Our family motto is, in fact, "How Could You Not Know That?" But this fear could not last forever. I could only go so long believing that my question would be answered without further effort, believing that all my problems would be solved magically.

One day, in my junior year of high school, months after I began my initial quest, on a drive from my house to somewhere inconsequential, when it was just me and my dad in the car, I turned to him and said:

"Dad, and I say this with total def-

erence and respect, can you tell me what you do?"

And he told me.

Now, I'm not going to tell you what it is a forensic accountant does because that would ruin the surprise. The point of my article is not to illuminate the world of the financial service sector of accountancy to you. Nor is my point to tell you about a great moment in personal development when my dad and I came to a better understanding of each other. Come to think of it, I may not have that strong of a point. But that point, as weak as it may turn out to be, is that you should all know what your mom and/or dad do for a living. It's insulting to them otherwise. They're busting they're butts to be your parent and you can't even turn to a stranger and say, "I'm proud that my parent does so and so?" What kind of a child are you? You make me sick!

Well, you don't actually make me sick. You just need to come to the place that I came to that one day my junior year. I sucked it up and asked my dad what he did because I didn't know. And I should have known. And I do now. And I feel good about it. And I'm a better person. And I'm a better son.

Oh, and by the way — the title of this article is a reference to the Friends episode where Chandler and Joey face off against Monica and Rachel in a trivia challenge for the apartment. When Ross asks Rachel what Chandler does for a living Rachel says the above. Chandler's an accountant on the show. It's a clever reference.

Goodnight.

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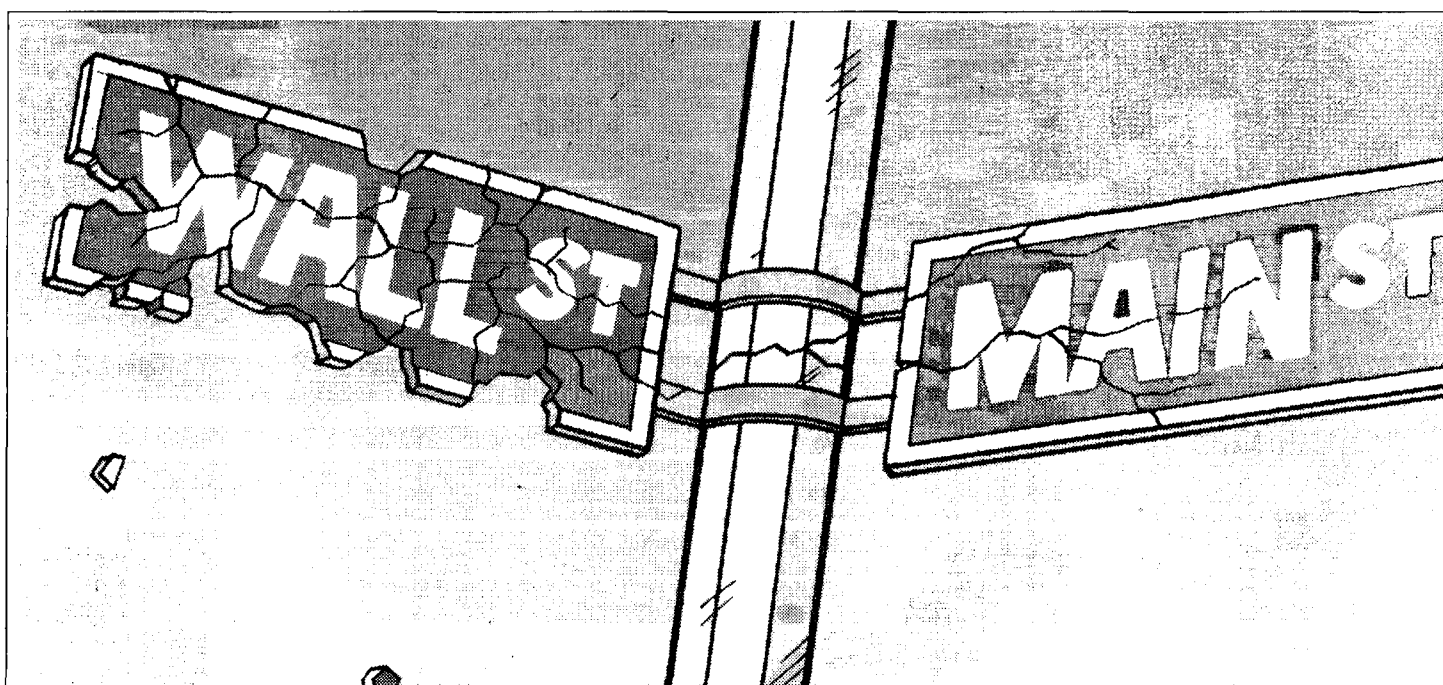
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"I can accept failure, but I can't accept not trying."
Michael Jordan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reactions to the Sorin Boycott

Support Sorin

I will never forget the most fun I ever had at a pep rally as an Otter of Sorin College.

It just so happened to be one that we hosted. In what ended up being Ty Willingham's final pep rally, Ty proceeded to do a role call of the host dorms. In the usual scripted and expected form, the dorms each tried to make as much noise as possible. However, when Ty called for noise from the Otters of Sorin, he was greeted with nothing but dead silence from us. Confused, he called us again, but we stood firm in our silence much to the amusement of the rest of the JACC and the players. Thinking a third time would be a charm, he moved on, called the rest of the dorms, came back to the Otters whom again stood in silence.

Think about that story for a second. My favorite memory of a pep rally was one in which I stood in dead silence. Isn't there something wrong with this picture?

The fact is the pep rallies in the JACC are a complete joke and we all knew it. Sorin standing in silence was the most spontaneous and unexpected act that I can ever remember actually happening at a pep rally (we actually "planned" this on the way there).

The pep rally should serve to get the players and student body hyped up for the game, and not the current Disneyland production that we have today.

As a student, they felt like nothing more than a huge waste of time. As an alum, I still do not want to go into the JACC for another one. As a former Otter, I salute all current Otters in Sorin College for your pep rally manifesto. You have hit the nail square on the head.

As a former member of the Norte Dame family, I encourage all members of the student body to support Sorin in their effort and to stand with them outside the JACC. This is your pep rally. Take it back. As one of many Notre Dame alumni, I encourage those of you on campus this weekend to support the Otters of Sorin as well.

Forgo the dog and pony show and let the current students see your support outside the JACC. We should give them nothing but our support for trying to bring back true fire and passion to our pep rallies.

Ryan Ritter
alum
Class of 2007
Oct. 3

Pep rallies for the students

This past Friday evening, I attended the pep rally for the Stanford game at the Joyce Center with a Notre Dame classmate of mine. It was pitiful. Scripted and spiritless, the thing was painful to sit (and I do mean sit) through. It was light years from the raucous rallies of my undergraduate days. I left thoroughly disheartened, and doubt that I will ever attend one again.

Our experience started when our choice of seating was challenged by an usher. Apparently, we were in a section reserved for ND parents only if their students were with them. (Fortunately, one of my sons was with us.) After being thwarted by our legitimacy, the usher proceeded to eject two men and their young sons from the mostly empty section. A great ND moment for them, don't you think?

We were then "treated" to a program of pre-fab cheers, videos and introductions of our Olympic athletes. It seemed like 30 minutes before the actual football team made it's calm, gentlemanly appearance.

During the rest of the event, it was sometimes difficult to tell the team members from the old, tired alumni who were sitting on their hands behind them. That's how bored they looked and justifiably so.

The momentary exception was when Jimmy Clausen, Terrail Lambert, Pat Kuntz and Kyle McCarthy got up to talk. They were terrific, but could not rescue the event from the stranglehold of civility, or from their own head coach's passionless, stupefying remarks. Charlie sounded more like he was offering a statement to the media than attempting to inspire anyone.

In days of yore, when I was an undergraduate, rallies were held in the Stepan Center. There was no sitting down because there were no chairs! The rally began when the band, cheerleaders and team entered the building. Lots of jumping, screaming, fist pumping and cheering. Girls held up on guys' shoulders. The program was led by the leprechaun, and featured short, impassioned talks by two current players and two ND legends, either ex-players or other fiery notables like Digger Phelps. Sometimes Stepan Center was so packed, and the crowd so fired up,

that condensation dripped from the ceiling! (Gross, I know, but gives you the true flavor of the event). It concluded with the fight song. The whole thing took 30 minutes.

Here's what it didn't include: reserved seating, ushers, players in suits, "host" dorms, videos, cheers led by the executive director of the Alumni Association, introduction of non-football folks, or the Alma Mater.

Listen, I think Chuck Lennon is one of the greatest Notre Dame men alive. Our Olympians are amazing and a true source of pride. I love the Alma Mater so much that I can't hear it without tears coming to my eyes. But these things have no place at a football pep rally!

The sole purpose of a football pep rally is to get the team and students fired up to go beat the crap out of Saturday's opponent. Period.

That's what they were all about when I attended Notre Dame, and I don't think that my classmates or I are any the worse for it. And, oh yeah, our teams played with passion on Saturday.

I concur entirely with Sorin College men Aidan McKiernan and Tristan Hunt who wrote in Friday's Letter to the Editor entitled Our Pep Rally Manifesto, "Pep rallies should involve only three groups — the students, the band and the team. Pep rallies should be of the students, by the students and for the students. This means parents, alumni and outside visitors aren't invited. If they want to come, they're more than welcome — but they'll be one of us, not a polite guest at our show." Amen, brothers! I am both ND alumnus and ND parent.

What I want to see when I come to a football pep rally is a team and student body ready to tear it up on Saturday. Nothing else. That's the way it used to be, and that's the way it should always be.

Return the pep rallies to the students! Go Irish!

Mike Schafer
alum
Class of 1982
Oct. 6

Appreciate the experience

Once a year my brother, father and myself travel over 800 miles from Burlington, Vt. to attend the pep rally, watch the game, and ultimately enjoy the whole ND experience. This is a tradition I hope continues for as long as I live, and I hope someday I will be able to bring my children out to ND.

Unable to get in to Notre Dame as an undergrad and still unable to get in as a graduate, it shocks me to hear of students "boycotting" the pep rally because of too many Group Performances and not enough interaction with the players.

I truly don't think those student understand how lucky they are. It's hard to even describe the feel-

ing I have knowing I will never be able to attend Notre Dame, and yet those who are fortunate enough will look back and remember they boycotted pep rallies. It makes no sense to me, and I feel sorry for those students. Perhaps those students should realize that those who are performing take what they do just as seriously as the football players. Obviously it doesn't gather as much attention, but they also deserve the respect of the student body.

Enjoy Notre Dame. You have no idea how lucky you are.

Bryan Fortier
Chicopee, Mass.
Oct. 7

Pep rallies too formulaic

OK! Here comes one from a cranky old alum (Zahm '82) who believes everything was better "back in the day." Well, maybe not. I don't believe everything was better in the early '80's.

Notre Dame is a much better academic institution than when I matriculated. Frankly, I probably wouldn't get in today. The food's a lot better in the dining halls. I was really impressed by South Dining Hall when I dropped my step-daughter off for her freshman year in August.

Now that I've spread some sunshine, I feel a need to rail! Pep rallies have become so sanitized I can't even attend them any longer. It sounds to me like the students can't stand them either. They are "corporate" beyond recognition. The last one I attended felt like an annual shareholders meeting — a couple of interesting guests, but far too much hackneyed "blah, blah, blah."

Jeff Barber
alum
Class of 1982
Oct. 6

Rally together

As a transfer student from Northwestern, I can assure you that Notre Dame's undying school spirit is one of the things that make our school wonderfully unique. Even though Northwestern is a Big Ten school with a Division I football team, the year I was there the school had only one pep rally for the season in a venue similar to our Washington Hall.

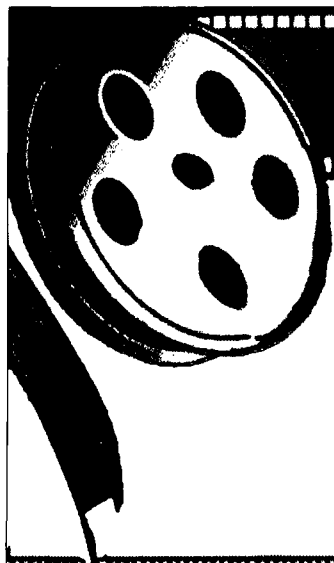
The enthusiasm at that rally was forced and the spectacle was awkwardly confined to a proscenium stage. I can understand how you might see our pep rallies as formulaic and more of a show than a rally, but that is no excuse for turning your back on a very special Notre Dame hallmark. Keep in mind that much of the pomp and circumstance that come before the football team, like speeches by former players, video clips, and cheerleader performances, is to remind us that the Irish football team that we cheer for on Saturdays comes from a long tradition of greatness. Hopefully that reminder will inspire us to cheer them on to become another one of those immortal teams. Notre Dame pep rallies are about bringing

together ALL of us who love Notre Dame. We go every Friday not just to support Irish football, but to celebrating everything that makes Notre Dame, Notre Dame.

I know that Sorin and those who chooses not to go are just as spirited as everyone else, so please go to the rallies and scream your hearts out for what you and I know is the best school in the country. I agree that it would be great to have more interaction with the football team. The fact that they got out of their seats and started a few cheers this season is a small step in the right direction. If you think that the rallies' formats need to be changed, talk to the administration and the rally coordinators to find ways to make the rallies better, but please show up.

By boycotting you are hurting the team, you are hurting our university, and you are missing out on a once in a lifetime opportunity for yourself that you are incredibly fortunate to have.

Connor Kobeski
junior
Siegfried Hall
Oct. 7



Hail to the Oscar season... good movies are here again.

The Argentine

Benicio Del Toro stars as Che Guevara in the story of how Guevara and Fidel Castro led the



overthrow of Argentinian General Fulgencio Batista. Steven Soderbergh directs what may be the most action-packed movie of his art-house centered career, yet underneath's the film's surface is a character study of the man who became known as El Che. A nice touch is added by the fact the film will be in Spanish, which will allow the ever-talented Del Toro to shine as the revolutionary

The Secret Life of Bees



"The Secret Life of Bees" sports a stellar cast including Oscar-winner Jennifer Hudson, Queen Latifah, Alicia Keys, Sophie Okonedo, and Dakota Fanning. The film, based on Sue Monk Kidd's best-selling novel, centers on the story of fourteen-year-old Lily (Fanning) who runs away from her bitter father (Paul Bettany) with her caretaker Rosaleen (Hudson). The two are harboring a secret about the death of Lily's mother, and end up taken in by the strong Boatwright sisters (Latifah, Keys, Okonedo). Set in South Carolina during the Civil Rights era, the Boatwrights are intelligent and independent women making a living off of honey. Lily may have finally found a family, but in the turbulent times of racism things are not easy. The film also co-stars Nate Parker and Tristan Wilds.

Synecdoche, New York

Charlie Kaufman writes and directs an insightful film headlined by Philip Seymour Hoffman in another standout story about the tormenting nature of the artist. Keeping pace with the themes Kaufman developed in "Being John Malkovic" and "Adaptation," "Synecdoche, New York" chronicles a struggling theatre director (Hoffman) trying to create a life-size replica of New York in a warehouse as part of a play. Kaufman's script should be amazing as always, and, from what the trailers show, the sense of longing and emptiness felt by

the characters mixed with the humor Kaufman infuses in his stories should make this film somewhat similar to "Lost in Translation".



The Soloist

Directed by Joe Wright ("Atonement," "Pride and Prejudice"), "The Soloist" stars Robert Downey, Jr., and Jamie Foxx. It is based on the true story of Nathaniel Ayers (Foxx), a schizophrenic homeless man and prodigy on the cello and the violin, who is found by an "LA Times" journalist, Steve Lopez (Downey Jr.), who tries to get him back on his feet and on stage. As much as about Lopez as it is Ayers,



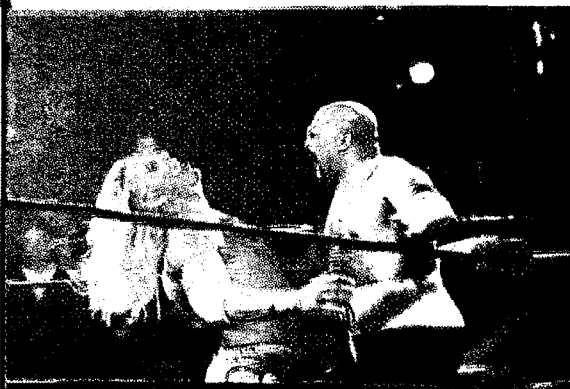
the film illustrates what you can do if you stop being a disinterested observer and become a friend.

Milk



Directed by Gus Van Sant, "Milk" is the story of Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man to be elected to American public office, who was later assassinated. Played by Sean Penn, "Milk" looks to portray its tough subject with grace. People are starting to call it the next "Brokeback Mountain," but hopefully, like Ang Lee's film it will be a human story, and not an 'issue' movie and can stand apart.

The Wrestler



Mickey Rourke plays a wrestler, Randy 'The Ram' Robinson, making his way through the independent circuit and trying to defeat his rival and his own rebellious body and recapture his life. The film won one of the Venice Film Festival's principle awards — the Golden Lion — and is sure to do just as well with audiences in the states. Also starring Marisa Tomei, Evan Rachel Wood, and Ernest Miller.

Doubt

Based off of the stage play, "Doubt" centers around the conflict between a nun, played by Meryl Streep, and a well-liked priest, played by Phillip Seymour Hoffman, whom she accuses of abusing a black student. The film will make the audience question religion, morality and truth as they stand with a sister, played by Amy Adams, who doesn't know who to believe. Bound to make you think and not to be missed.



Revolutionary Road

Revolutionary Road- Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet reunite on screen for the first time since "Titanic." Directed by Sam Mendes ("American Beauty"), "Revolutionary Road" is the story of a young married couple living in an age of conformity who seek a means of breaking free from the numbness of their existence. What we should expect is a film that is ripe with drama and anguish and full of outstanding performances. Let's face it, when you bring together arguably the two best young actors of this generation and give them great source material under the supervision of a stellar director, Oscars are a given.



The Lucky Ones

"The Lucky Ones" is this year's Iraq movie. Filmmakers have already attempted to handle the subject with limited success. Films such as "In the Valley of Elah," "Rendition," "Grace is Gone" and "Redacted," whatever their merits may have been, came and went with little splash. "The Lucky Ones," starring Tim Robbins, Rachel McAdams and Michael Peña, tells the story of three wounded

States and reconciling with their experience. If it takes care not to cross the line of melodrama the movie has the potential to be compelling, but that is yet to be seen.



The Duchess

Keira Knightley takes on a challenging new role as ... a gutsy female forced to deal with a man's world and look for love in a period piece. Alright, it might not be that "off the beaten path" film we've been waiting for Knightley to make, but this is a role she knows how to pull off. Plus, with Ralph Fiennes as her leading man, be ready for some enticing battles of the sexes.

Some have complained that it is "much ado about nothing," but who can really resist Knightley in a corset, even if she is just revamping her old looks?



The Changeling

Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich and Amy Ryan star in this Clint Eastwood-directed thriller set in 1920s Los Angeles. Based on a true story of kidnapping and police corruption, it has won massive critical accolades at festival screenings. The pedigree of "The Changeling" is unrivalled among fall releases, and Eastwood has been on a directorial hot streak since 2003's "Mystic River." While the dark tone may throw some potential viewers, anyone looking for a nuanced period piece rife with political undertones will likely be pleased.



Quantum of Solace

"Quantum of Solace" continues the adventures of the latest James Bond, Daniel Craig. Betrayed by his lover Vesper in "Casino Royale," 007 fights to uncover

the truth. Bond and M (Judi Dench) interrogate Mr. White, uncovering that the organization that blackmailed Vesper is far more dangerous than previously imagined. In this film, Bond has a beautiful and feisty new love interest, Camille (Olga Kurylenko) who has her own agenda. Expect more action, violence, sensuality and fun as Bond travels the country searching for the truth. He must navigate his way around the CIA, terrorists and even M to stop the organization responsible for the betrayal of Vesper. But this time around, things are personal.



The Road

At this year's Academy Awards, "No Country for Old Men," an adaptation of a Cormac McCarthy novel, won the award for Best Picture. Next year, a different McCarthy novel, 2006's "The Road," is hitting the big screen. Viggo Mortensen stars as an unnamed man who, with his son, spends several months traveling through part of a desolate, post-apocalyptic America. An unnamed disaster has left the landscape ravaged and a wounded humanity desperate to survive. The film will also star Charlize Theron, Robert Duvall and Guy Pearce ("Memento").



Australia

Director Baz Luhrman, of glitzy films such as "Moulin Rouge" and "Romeo + Juliet," tries his hand at a classic sweeping epic with "Australia." Starring Nicole Kidman, who is looking for the win her last few films have not provided, and Hugh Jackman, hoping to pull off his first major lead role, there is some definite motivation among all those involved to make this film succeed. The film will be undeniably beautiful and the romantic story has the potential to be captivating, but recent films that have tried to reach epic status, such as "Troy," "Apocalypto," and "Kingdom of Heaven," have

failed to do so. Hopefully "Australia" can succeed where they have not.



The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

This film is adapted from F. Scott Fitzgerald's short story about Benjamin Button (Brad Pitt) a man who is born in his eighties and ages backwards, while everyone around him still grows old. The tagline of the film, "I was born under unusual circumstances" certainly rings true. We follow his odd story, from the end of World War I in 1918 New Orleans into the 21st century.

The life of Benjamin Button is one of a unique man and the people, places, love and sadness he discovers along his journey. The film also stars Cate Blanchett and Tilda Swinton.



Gran Torino

Clint Eastwood's second film in 2008 as a director is also the first he has acted in since 2004's "Million Dollar Baby." While not quite as high profile as his other release this year ("The Changeling"), the subdued drama still has critics buzzing. Starring Eastwood as the owner of the titular Ford, he attempts to connect with the immigrant teen who steals it. Though it still doesn't have a firm release date, the tightly-under-wraps film — no trailer has been released — could be a sleeper hit.



Other films to catch....

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PRESEASON NBA

Raptors blowout Cavaliers in preseason opener

Nowitzki leads Mavericks over hurting Wizards; McGrady sits out in Rockets narrow victory over Grizzlies

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James spent a rare night relaxing on the bench, Mo Williams showed why Cleveland traded for him this summer, and the Cavaliers opened their exhibition season with a 104-84 loss to the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night.

James played just 8 minutes in the first quarter before he raised his hand for a substitute and coach Mike Brown pulled his superstar for the remainder of Cleveland's preseason debut.

James, who won an Olympic gold medal this summer at the Beijing Games, missed his only three shots from the field, made one free throw and added two rebounds and two assists.

"It was good to play another team," James said. "We're kind of tired of beating up on each other. We did some good things and some bad things."

The wear and tear on James is a major concern for the Cavaliers. He has had little time away from the floor since last season ended because of his commitment to USA Basketball. Brown intends to reduce James' playing time — the 23-year-old has been among the league leaders in minutes played throughout his career — with the idea of keeping him as fresh as possible for the grinding, 82-game schedule and playoffs.

Toronto's Jermaine O'Neal, acquired from Indiana in a July trade, scored 11 points in his Raptors debut. O'Neal missed 40 games last season because of lingering knee problems and dropped weight over the summer to ease the pressure on his joints.

Will Solomon scored 17 points, Andrea Bargnani 15 and Kris Humphries 14 for the Raptors, who didn't attempt a 3-pointer in the first half but dropped six from long range after halftime.

Toronto's reserves outplayed Cleveland's during the second half, when the Raptors outscored the Cavs 57-37.

"We've got a lot of work to do, it's the first preseason game," Raptors coach Sam Mitchell said. "We got better as the game progressed. We made a lot of mistakes defensively, especially in that first quarter. You can't give up 28 points in the first quarter. We carried out our principles as good as any time we've done it so far in training camp and practice."

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 16 points and Williams, acquired in an August trade from Milwaukee, added 12 points, four assists and three rebounds

in 26 minutes. The Cavs have craved a point guard for years and feel Williams can fill that void while giving James someone to share the scoring load.

When he had the chance, Williams pushed the ball up the floor and he wasn't shy about directing his teammates.

"It's just great to be here," said Williams, who has been smiling since his arrival in Cleveland. "I think we can do some big things this year."

Brown has tried to cut James' minutes before. However, it's been tough to get him rest in games the Cavs needed to win. James averaged 40.4 minutes per game last season, nearly a half-minute less than in 2006-07. His minutes-per-game average has dropped the past three years, but except for his rookie year (39.5), James has averaged more than 40 minutes per game each season.

Mavericks 108, Wizards 82

Dirk Nowitzki and Brandon Bass each scored 17 points to lead the Dallas Mavericks to a victory over the injury-depleted Washington Wizards on Tuesday night in the preseason opener for both teams.

Wizards forward Antawn Jamison left in the first quarter with a right knee injury and did not return.

Jamison's leg appeared to buckle while playing defense midway through the first quarter, and he had to be helped to the locker room by teammates. A team spokesman at first said the knee was sprained, but later changed the diagnosis to a less serious-sounding strain.

Jamison will have an MRI and be evaluated on Wednesday. The two-time NBA All-Star averaged 21.4 points and 10.2 rebounds in 79 games for the Wizards last season.

Wizards center Brendan Haywood missed the game with a sprained right wrist, which he will have examined by a hand specialist in New York City on Wednesday. Haywood sustained the injury last week at training camp.

The Wizards are already without high-scoring guard Gilbert Arenas, who's expected to miss several months with a left knee injury.

Dallas shot 52 percent from the field and built a 55-40 half-time edge behind Nowitzki's 10 points.

Nowitzki's layup and 3-pointer on consecutive possessions midway through the third quarter stretched Dallas' advantage to 70-51, and the Mavericks went



Toronto Raptors guard Jason Kapono, right, drives past Cleveland Cavaliers guard Mo Williams, left, during their preseason game in Cleveland Tuesday. The Raptors won 104-84.

on to lead by as many as 36 points in the final quarter.

Andray Blatche's 18 points paced the Wizards.

Dallas' Josh Howard, who finished with 15 points, was greeted by a mixture of cheers and boos from the crowd when he was introduced with the starting lineup following a controversy-filled offseason.

In a video posted on YouTube that was widely viewed on the Internet, Howard was shown at a summer charity flag football game disrespecting the national anthem. Howard apologized on the first day of training camp.

Howard held his hand over his heart while the national anthem was sung prior to the game.

Howard had another off-court incident during the offseason when he was arrested in July after police said he was drag racing at 94 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Last season Howard was criticized for saying in a radio interview during a first-round playoff series against New Orleans that he occasionally smokes marijuana. Later in the same series, he drew the ire of then-coach Avery Johnson by throwing himself a birthday party after a Game 4 loss to the Hornets.

New Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said he anticipates a strong season from Howard, who averaged 19.9 points and

seven rebounds in 2007-08.

"I expect him to play well," Carlisle said. "As far as any other stuff (adverse fan reaction to Howard), I don't expect much if any of that. I think his (apology) was sincere and heartfelt ... As you progress through this business, your skin thickens a little."

Rockets 96, Grizzlies 93

Ron Artest scored 12 of his 15 points in the first quarter of his Houston debut and the Rockets beat the Memphis Grizzlies in the preseason opener on Tuesday night.

Tracy McGrady sat out to rest his sore left knee. The Rockets star had offseason surgery to remove loose tissue in the knee and said last week that it was healing slower than expected.

Yao Ming had 10 points and nine rebounds in less than two quarters of action. Houston coach Rick Adelman has said he'll be careful with Yao during the preseason to try to keep the six-time All-Star fresh and injury-free.

Carl Landry, Yao's backup, had 18 points and nine rebounds.

Houston led 71-70 after three quarters, and Artest and Yao were done for the night. Artest played 24 minutes and Yao played just over 22.

Rudy Gay scored 14 for the Grizzlies and had a pair of high-

light-reel dunks in the fourth quarter. Hakim Landry led Memphis with 15, including a dunk that tied it at 92.

Artest got the loudest ovation of the night when he was introduced with the starting lineup. He deflected a pass and made a steal on the Grizzlies' first possession, but missed his first shot as a Rocket, a 3-point try from the top of the key. He sank a 3-pointer from the same spot a minute later.

Gay scored five points, including a driving dunk past Yao, to help Memphis build an early lead. Artest scored seven points, including another 3-pointer, during a 9-0 run that put the Rockets up 18-13.

Yao had a quiet start and came out with 1:44 left in the quarter. He had five rebounds, but only two points, in 10 minutes before he was replaced by Landry.

Artest also sat out the second quarter. Brent Barry, the Rockets' other big offseason acquisition, hit a 3-pointer with 10:12 left in the first half to tie the game at 27.

Adelman only used reserves in the second quarter and Houston took a 46-43 halftime lead. Warrick had nine points and O.J. Mayo had eight for Memphis in the first half.

Yao and Artest were back for the start of the third quarter.

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NCAA Women's Volleyball AVCA Top 25

	team	points	record
1	Penn State	1500	14-0
2	Nebraska	1440	12-0
3	Texas	1366	8-2
4	USC	1286	7-2
5	UCLA	1230	10-2
6	Stanford	1218	11-2
7	Hawaii	1126	11-2
8	California	1106	12-1
9	Washington	1033	11-1
10	Florida	929	10-1
11	Oregon	826	11-3
12	Colorado State	807	11-1
13	Minnesota	774	12-2
14	Wichita State	707	14-0
15	Pepperdine	642	12-0
16	San Diego	612	10-2
17	Kansas State	554	13-2
18	Purdue	474	10-4
19	Illinois	409	10-3
20	Wisconsin	249	10-4
21	BYU	224	9-3
22	Michigan	204	13-1
23	Santa Clara	147	8-3
24	Cal Poly	108	7-6
25	Arizona	89	11-2

Big East Women's Volleyball Standings

	team	record
1	NOTRE DAME	5-0-0
2	Rutgers	4-1-0
3	Georgetown	3-0-0
4	Marquette	3-1-1
5	Villanova	3-2-0
6	Louisville	2-1-2
7	West Virginia	2-1-2
8	Cincinnati	2-2-1
9	USF	2-2-1
10	Connecticut	1-2-2
11	Syracuse	1-2-1
12	Seton Hall	1-3-1
13	Providence	0-2-3
14	Pittsburgh	1-4-0
15	St. John's	0-2-2
16	DePaul	0-5-0

MIAA Women's Volleyball Standings

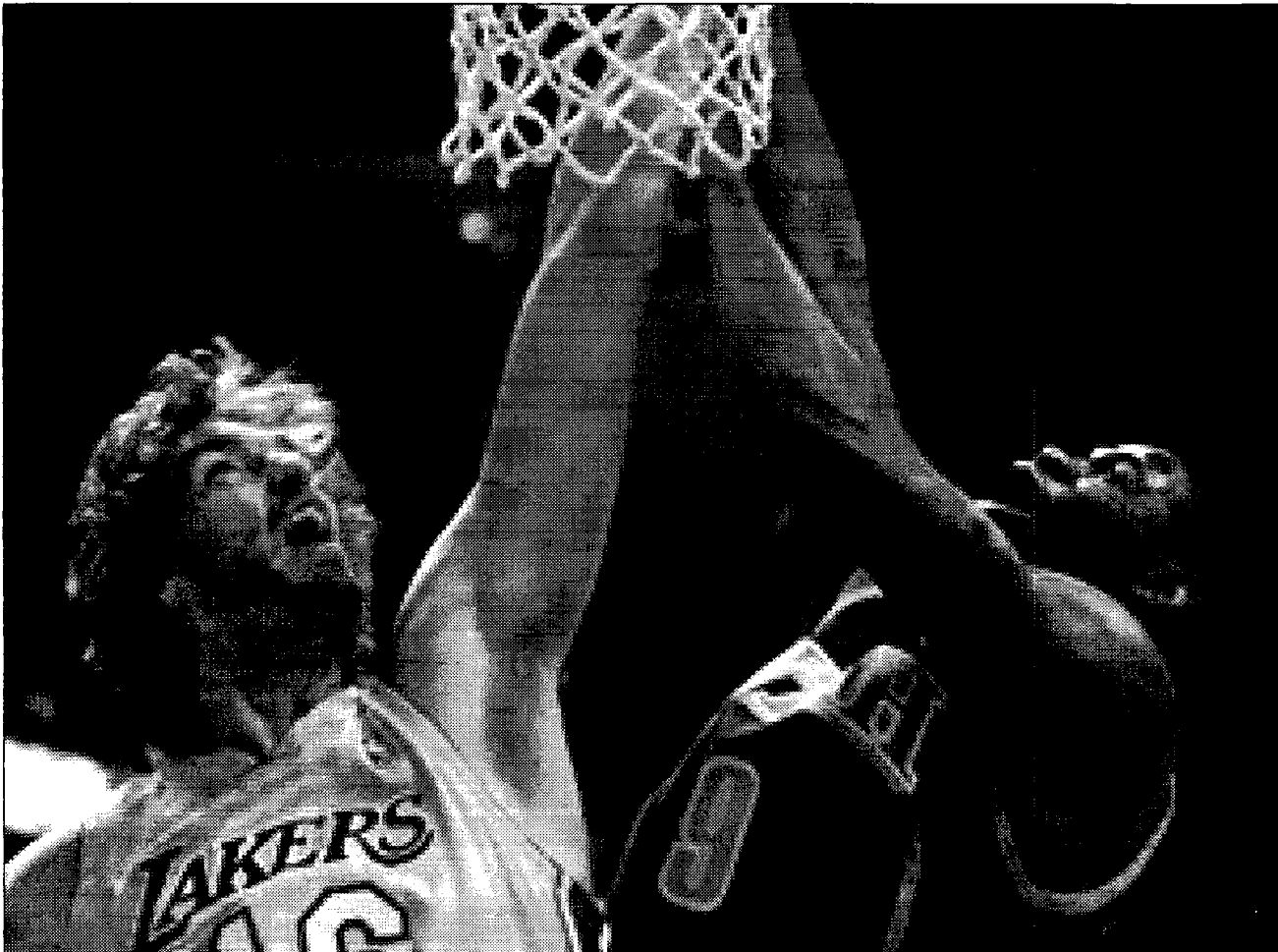
	team	conference record	overall record
1	Hope	10-0	19-3
2	Calvin	7-2	13-4
3	Alma	7-2	15-6
4	SAINT MARY'S	5-5	12-7
5	Adrian	6-5	10-9
6	Albion	4-6	11-10
7	Trine	3-7	6-12
8	Kalamazoo	2-8	5-15
9	Olivet	0-9	4-15

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NBA



Utah guard Ronnie Brewer, right, goes up for a lay-up against Los Angeles' Pau Gasol during the Jazz's 99-90 win in their preseason opener. Brewer tied Paul Millsap for a team-high 13 points in the game.

Jazz dance on L.A. in opener

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Ronnie Brewer and Paul Millsap each scored 13 points, Deron Williams had 11 points and eight assists, and the Utah Jazz beat the Los Angeles Lakers 99-90 on Tuesday night in the preseason opener for both teams.

Kobe Bryant played 24 minutes for the Lakers, finishing with eight points, five rebounds and five assists after sitting out the entire second and fourth quarters. Bryant, who won the league's MVP last season for the first time in his career, was on the gold medal-winning U.S. Olympic team at the Beijing Olympics along with

Williams and Utah teammate Carlos Boozer.

The Lakers got as close as 89-84 on Andrew Bynum's short hook shot with 5:34 to play, but Kevin Lyde capped an 8-2 run with a short hook shot to give Utah its biggest lead, 97-86, with 2:24 left. Bynum and Jordan Farmar each had 15 points for Los Angeles and Bynum grabbed eight rebounds.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson missed the game because of soreness and swelling in his lower legs. Assistant coach Kurt Rambis ran the team in place of the 63-year-old Hall of Famer, who has been experiencing discomfort for the past few days and was examined

on Monday by a team doctor. Jackson remained home and watched the game on TV with his legs elevated.

"We don't anticipate that it's anything serious at all," team spokesman John Black said.

Jackson has undergone two hip replacement operations since October 2006—the second one in June 2007. He used a cane for four months, including the preseason last year. His nine NBA titles as a head coach are tied with fellow Hall of Famer Red Auerbach. Last June, Jackson got the Lakers within two victories of the franchise's 15th championship.

Sasha Vujacic, who signed a three-year, \$15

million contract as a restricted free agent in July after deciding to remain with the Lakers and not play in Europe, was sidelined because of a sprained left ankle. Luke Walton, who underwent surgery on July 18 to remove bone spurs and scar tissue and clean up some cartilage debris from his right ankle, also didn't dress.

The Jazz were missing Boozer because of a sore left hamstring. Matt Harpring also is sidelined due to complications from surgery in June to remove a bone spur from his right ankle. Last year, Harpring missed training camp and the entire preseason schedule following knee surgery.

Luke Walton brings 34-year-old stalker to court

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. — A woman has been charged with stalking Los Angeles Lakers forward Luke Walton.

Stacy Elizabeth Beshear of El Segundo was arrested Sept. 18 after she pulled up to his car and pretended to fire gunshots at him with her hand, police Sgt. Steve Tobias said.

The 34-year-old Beshear has pleaded not guilty to a misdemeanor count of stalking. A Nov. 6 trial date has been set in the case. She faces up to a year in county jail if convicted, district attorney spokeswoman Jane Robison said Tuesday.

A phone number for Beshear was not in service.

Walton said Beshear has been harassing him since late last year. He told the Orange County Register she waited outside his Manhattan Beach home numerous times and wrote on his car with a marker after he refused to sign an autograph.

Buffaloes' Hawkins signs contract extension

BOULDER, Colo. — Colorado coach Dan Hawkins and the university agreed to a contract extension that could keep him with the Buffaloes through 2012.

The new contract was announced Tuesday and takes effect July 1.

"Everybody else seems to worry about that more than I do," Hawkins said of his new deal. "The way I was raised, you've got to show up, put your boots on and go to work every day."

Hawkins originally signed a five-year, \$4.25 million contract, not including incentives, that was to run through Dec. 31, 2010. He's scheduled to earn \$951,720 this season prior to incentives.

With his new deal, Hawkins can earn incentives for winning seven games (\$50,000), being Big 12 coach of the year (\$25,000) and national coach of the year (\$50,000).

Bonds enjoys times away from the ball field

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds made a rare public appearance Tuesday and said he is enjoying life away from baseball.

"I'm happy now that I have more time," Bonds told the crowd at the kickoff event of the Macy's Christmas tree lighting. "I've actually enjoyed myself immensely."

Bonds, honorary chair of this year's lighting, did not talk to reporters and left quickly after giving a brief speech during the 30-minute ceremony. Lights adorning the large tree in Union Square are sold to benefit the UCSF Children's Hospital palliative care program, and nearly \$700,000 has been raised during the past five years.

Bonds was questioned by a young patient about potentially returning to baseball.

"I had fun," Bonds said. "But I like my freedom."

NBA

Baylor out as Clipper VP

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Elgin Baylor is out as vice president of basketball operations with the Los Angeles Clippers, and coach Mike Dunleavy will assume his responsibilities as general manager.

Dunleavy said Baylor had decided to resign after spending 22 years as an executive with the team.

"We greatly appreciate Elgin's efforts during his time with the Clippers, and we wish him the very best," Clippers owner and chairman of the board Donald T. Sterling said in a statement issued Tuesday.

The 74-year-old Baylor became vice president of basketball operations with the Clippers in 1986 after an outstanding 14-year playing career with the Lakers and a brief stint as coach of the New Orleans Jazz.

He was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1976, chosen as one of the NBA's 50 greatest players during the league's 50th anniversary celebration in 1997, and named the NBA executive of the year following the 2005-06 season.

The Clippers have been one of the NBA's least successful franchises over the years, but they beat Denver in the first round of the playoffs following the 2005-06 season and extended the Phoenix Suns to

a seventh game in the second round before being eliminated.

The Clippers also announced that Neil Oshley, the team's director of player personnel, will be elevated to the position of assistant general manager.

"In Mike and Neil, we're fortunate to already have talented people in place to make this transition a seamless one," Clippers president Andy Roeser said. "Going forward, we have high expectations for our team. From a basketball standpoint, these are the people we're counting on to make those expectations a reality."

Dunleavy, about to start his sixth season as coach of the Clippers, has manned dual roles before; he was the coach and vice president of basketball operations with the Milwaukee Bucks from 1992-96.

"About a week or 10 days ago, I was approached by the team about being named the general manager," Dunleavy told The Associated Press. "The sense was there was a chance that Elgin might resign. Basically, they were trying to figure it out as soon as possible. They had made Elgin a couple different offers about going forward, and he had until Monday to make a decision on it."

"Today, Andy Roeser came to me and said they were going to go forward with this, that Elgin had resigned, and they

were going to name me the general manager and Neil Oshley the assistant general manager."

Dunleavy said he hadn't seen Baylor for nearly a month, since the funeral of longtime Clippers physician Dr. Anthony F. Daly, who died Sept. 5.

"I enjoyed my time working with Elgin, it was a good working relationship," Dunleavy said. "I wish him all the best. The way we've done business the last couple of years, we've all worked together to go forward with whatever made the best sense for us, and we'll continue to move forward."

The Clippers have 10 new players under contract this season, led by Baron Davis, Marcus Camby, Ricky Davis and first-round draft pick Eric Gordon. They will join holdovers Chris Kaman, Cuttino Mobley and Al Thornton.

"I think we've got a really good group and they'll play well together," said Dunleavy, whose team was beset by numerous injuries last season, finishing with a 23-59 record. Elton Brand later signed with the Philadelphia 76ers as a free agent, and Corey Maggette joined the Golden State Warriors.

The Clippers were eliminated from playoff contention on the final day of the 2006-07 season, finishing with a 40-42 record.



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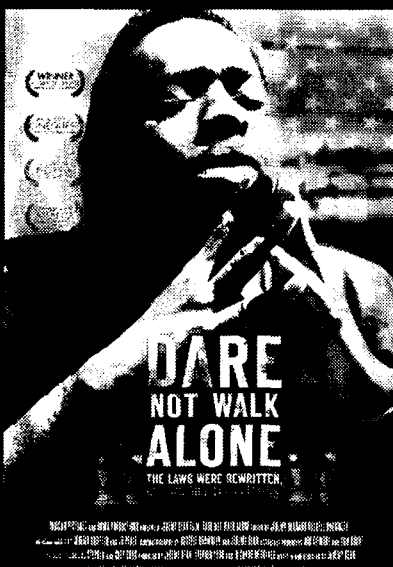
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CYCLING

Cycling threatened by latest doping allegations

IOC vice president worries that continuous doping violations could jeopardize future credibility of sport

Associated Press

LONDON — The future of men's road cycling in the Olympics could be threatened unless the sport cleans up its doping record.

Thomas Bach, vice president of the International Olympic Committee, said Tuesday the latest Tour de France doping revelations have further damaged the sport's credibility and called its Olympic status into question.

If the entire sport doesn't pull together to improve the situation, "then you have to consider giving men's road cycling a pause" from Olympic participation, Bach told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

The head of world cycling called Bach's suggestion "completely unacceptable" and said the sport was weeding out the drug cheats.

Anti-doping and cycling officials said Monday that Leonardo Piepoli of Italy and Stefan Schumacher of Germany had tested positive during this year's Tour de France for CERA, an advanced version of the blood booster EPO. Italian cyclist Riccardo Ricco previously admitted to CERA use.

"This is a hard blow for the credibility of men's road cycling," Bach said. "Obviously, the riders have not changed their mentality. They had a chance to do so, but they did not and this makes it

even worse."

The head of the Tour de France on Tuesday hailed a new lab test that has exposed the three riders.

"It's very good. It allows us to confound the cheaters," Christian Prudhomme told the AP. "What's being done at the Tour de France has never existed in the world of sport, in no competition."

Prudhomme said it took more than two months for the positive tests to emerge. While blood samples from riders were taken during the race, testing them for CERA was not yet authorized.

In another development, Luxembourg's anti-doping agency expanded an investigation against cyclist Frank Schleck, who wore the yellow jersey for three days during the Tour and was suspended by his team last week.

Schleck said he transferred money to a Swiss bank account held by a Spanish doctor at the heart of a major doping scandal. Schleck denied direct contact with the doctor and reiterated he never engaged in doping.

Bach, a German lawyer, said the international cycling union, or UCI, had begun effective anti-doping programs but blamed the sport's riders, race organizers, team owners and sponsors.

"I hope that now these stakeholders realize that they have to join this program and work seamlessly together," he said. "They have to react. The credibil-



Italian rider Riccardo Ricco celebrates after winning the 6th stage of the 2008 Tour de France. Ricco was banned for two years after admitting to doping during this year's Tour.

ity of men's road race cycling is at stake."

Bach said the sport should be given more time and did not face any immediate sanctions.

"I am confident that UCI will react and will call upon the other stakeholders to join and to work

hand in hand," he said. "They have made an effort, but it's not enough if you have no real collaboration and cooperation. The UCI has to be the leader."

UCI president Pat McQuaid reacted strongly to Bach's comments.

"It is completely unacceptable for Thomas Bach to be saying this," he told the AP. "I don't like talking about other sports, but there are other sports with persistent problems. Instead of firing guns at cycling he should fire guns equally at them as well."

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TENNIS

Venus upset in opening round

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Venus Williams was beaten in the opening round for the second time in 12 tournaments this season, losing 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 to Flavia Pennetta of Italy at the Kremlin Cup on Tuesday.

The Wimbledon champion, who also lost in the first round at Memphis in March, dropped to 1-3 against Pennetta.

"I totally came here because I love winning," the eighth-ranked American said. "I have never won this title, but I just had a day where I could not control my game. She played well."

Svetlana Kuznetsova and Vera Zvonareva, two seeded Russian who have never reached the final of their home event, won their first-round matches.

On the men's side, where Russians have won nine of the last 11 Cups, the winners included two-time defending champion Nikolay Davydenko and Marat Safin, runner-up to Davydenko in 2006.

Pennetta and the sixth-seeded Williams traded breaks in the first set before the Italian broke decisively on her third chance in the ninth game with a lob.

Williams broke twice in the second set, but dropped serve in the first game of the third and never recovered.

"I think the match was very tough," said Pennetta, a two-time winner on tour this year. "Venus is always a tough opponent. Today, I was playing my best tennis. My service was working very well. I am very happy with the

match."

Davydenko beat Florent Serra of France 6-1, 7-5, and seventh-seeded Safin struggled past Israeli qualifier Noam Okun 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-4 to begin his 12th attempt to win the hometown event.

Davydenko, who also won the title in 2004, improved to 16-2 in Moscow.

"I would like to defend my title here, but as usual I'm my worst enemy," he said.

Robby Ginepri of the United States beat Jiri Vanek of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-4 and eighth-seeded Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia held off Russian qualifier Alexandre Kudryavtsev 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (6).

Former U.S. Open champion Kuznetsova earned a 6-4, 7-5 victory over Li Na of China, who ended Serena Williams' reign as No. 1 last week in Stuttgart.

"Li Na beat many serious opponents this season and to win in two sets, I think, it's not a bad start to the tournament," Kuznetsova said. Ranked No. 7, she has lost all seven of her WTA Tour finals this season.

Seventh-seeded Zvonareva ousted Maria Kirilenko 6-4, 6-4 and Ekaterina Makarova beat Elena Vesnina 7-6 (4), 7-6 (1) in all-Russian matches.

In another men's match, Uzbek qualifier Denis Istomin upset sixth-seeded Michael Llodra 7-6 (2), 6-3 in only his second ATP match.

The 121st-ranked Istomin will face French veteran Fabrice Santoro in the second round.

NFL

Bengals' Blackstock suspended four games

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The NFL suspended Cincinnati Bengals reserve linebacker Darryl Blackstock for the next four games on Tuesday because he used a performance-enhancing substance.

The Bengals signed Blackstock as a free agent from Arizona in the offseason. He has played in all five games, including one start, and has four tackles. The fourth-year veteran said in a statement that one of his nutritional supplements contained an ingredient banned by the league.

"I've apologized to my coaches and teammates for an unfortunate mistake," Blackstock said. "I did not intentionally violate the policy, but I know it's my responsibility to use only approved nutritional supplements, and I didn't realize I was taking an over-the-

counter product that included a banned substance."

The Bengals also re-signed running back Kenny Watson, who was released on Saturday when they needed to open a roster spot for receiver Chris Henry. The troubled receiver returned from a four-game suspension for misconduct and played in a 31-22 loss at Dallas, where he didn't have a pass thrown his way.

Watson carried seven times for 32 yards in the first four games, when he was Chris Perry's backup. His return gives the Bengals three tailbacks, including Cedric Benson, who was signed last week as a free agent.

Cincinnati also added rookie cornerback Simeon Castille to their practice squad on Tuesday. Castille, an undrafted free agent from Alabama, played in the first four games and was waived last Friday.

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NASCAR

Nascar to use softer tires

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Goodyear may have an answer for one of Indianapolis Motor Speedway's toughest challenges: softer tires.

As drivers took a break during Tuesday's latest testing session at the speedway, NASCAR and Goodyear officials explained they had seen dramatic improvement in tire wear, prompting optimism they could avoid a repeat of the Allstate 400 debacle in July.

"We're not all the way there, but we're pretty close to it," said Robin Pemberton, NASCAR vice president of competition. "We were in about an eight or nine-lap window before (during testing), and that got up to 10, and now we're in the mid-20 range. So it's improved 300 percent already. We walked the track last night, and the track was taking on rubber, so that's a good sign."

Things got even better after Pemberton's midday news conference.

Speedway officials said one driver made a 33-lap run on the tires and another put in a full fuel run, generally 35 to 40 laps on Indy's 2.5-mile oval, before it started raining Tuesday afternoon.

It was the second testing session at Indy since NASCAR officials were forced in July to

turn one of the series' signature races into a series of 10- to 12-lap sprints because of tire wear. NASCAR officials even apologized to fans for the fiasco.

Kyle Petty was the only driver on the track two weeks ago.

The latest testing session comes in the midst of more tire questions for Goodyear.

Sunday's race at Talladega was marred by four tire failures and a fifth occurred during practice. One of the failures sent Denny Hamlin, who drives for Joe Gibbs Racing, hard into the wall. He was hospitalized overnight before being released Monday. Hamlin is one of 12 drivers in the Chase for the Cup.

Stu Grant, general manager of worldwide racing for Goodyear, said early assessments indicated all of the tires at Talladega were punctured, though they are still undergoing analysis, and Pemberton believes the problem had to do more with debris than tires.

"At Talladega, we went clean, then we had a few tires that lost air for a while and then we were clean again," he said. "So my guess is there may have been debris on the track and it wasn't all cleared off. But that's just speculation."

The problems at Talladega caused yet another image problem for Goodyear, the sole supplier of tires for NASCAR's

three series, after the disastrous race in July when NASCAR officials continually called competition cautions.

The longest stretch of green-flag racing lasted just 13 laps, and points leader Jimmie Johnson won the race in a seven-lap sprint to the finish. It was the second-slowest race in NASCAR's 15-year history at Indy.

Drivers were disgusted with the tire problems as dust particles constantly flew around the track surface and into the stands. Some complained afterward that Goodyear needed to look seriously at improving the tires because they had been having trouble with them for several years at the speedway.

Grant seemed to acknowledge as much Tuesday when he said testing in 2005 and 2006 also showed tires were wearing out after about 10 laps.

The difference this time was that on race day, the rubber never stuck to the track as it had in the past. Some wondered whether the cars contributed to the problem since it was the first race at Indy with the Car of Tomorrow.

Grant said studies showed the cars did have heavier loads and more slippage than previous years, and Pemberton explained that finding the right combination will always be a work in progress.

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that long," said Irish coach Bobby Clark, who was unaware of the statistic. "When you're playing, you're not aware of those things. Having said that, these are good habits that we create records like that. We want to get back into those kind of habits."

To do so, Notre Dame will likely need its attack to return to form after a pair of disappointing one-goal efforts. Before their two losses, the Irish had won their previous two games 3-0 — against Syracuse on Sept. 21 and at Cincinnati on Sept. 26.

But while the team will look to snap its slide, senior forward Bright Dike will be looking to continue a streak of his own. Dike has scored a goal in each of Notre Dame's last four games and now leads the team with seven.

As a team, the Irish enter tonight's contest averaging 2.3 goals per game, ninth in the nation. Michigan State's 2.33 goals per game rank seventh.

"We just hope we get one more [goal] than them, that's the way we'll look at it," Clark said. "They're a good side, they're well-organized, and

they're well-coached — they'll be out make this a special year for [coach Joe Baum, who is retiring after 32 years]."

The recent scoring slowdown has not been for lack of opportunity, Clark said.

"Last week's game against Michigan, we made a lot of half-chances, but you've got to stop and take some of them," he said. "You just go out, hope you play well and do the right things. If you're doing the right things, there's a good chance you'll make some chances — but the thing is you've got to take these chances."

Near-goals and just-misses can be the most frustrating moments in soccer, and the team that wins isn't necessarily the one with the most opportunities to score, Clark said.

"It's not like basketball, where if you have a lot of possessions and you take a lot more shots than your opponent, chances are you're going to win the game," he said. "Soccer doesn't always reflect that — the team that takes the most shots doesn't always win the game. You've got to be patient and concentrate on playing well."

"That's our focus, to put together a complete performance — play good defense and hope to create some chances, and to take some of them."

"If you're doing the right things, there's a good chance you'll make some chances — but the thing is you've got to take these chances."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

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Howard 26, McGlinn 19

Howard put itself in prime position for a playoff spot with a 26-19 victory over McGlinn on Tuesday night.

The Shamrocks (3-2) burst out of the gates as quarterback Sarah deGroot connected with Kathleen Stanley on a fade route from 15 yards.

But on the resulting series, the Ducks (2-2-1) would answer.

On fourth-and-18, quarterback Kayla Bishop completed a touchdown pass, knotting the game at seven.

Throughout the game, both teams relied heavily on their aerial attacks to move the ball. Bishop was especially happy with her receivers who were consistently able to make crucial catches.

"Our offense definitely did a good job executing," she said. "Our receivers did a really good job of catching the ball."

As the first half came to a close, Bishop connected with Kristen Jeffries for a 55-yard touchdown. The PAT was unsuccessful, and the Ducks led 13-7 at halftime.

On McGlinn's first drive after the break, deGroot and Stanley didn't wait long to connect yet again. This time it was a 19-yard grab by Stanley to tie the game at 13.

Howard coach Kyle Carter was blown away by Stanley's talent.

"She's got the best hands of

any girl I've seen out here," he said.

Howard reclaimed the lead on their next drive, as Bishop again found Jeffries for a 20-yard touchdown, and the Ducks led 20-13.

With five minutes to go, Howard was still within striking distance, but Howard's Laura Giezeman intercepted a tipped ball, and the Ducks put the game out of reach on the following drive with another touchdown.

Carter was especially happy with the Ducks' performance, which he thinks they can build upon going into the playoffs.

"This is the best we've played the entire year," he said. "This is the first of our big games that we didn't make any mental mistakes."

McGlinn managed to score late but didn't have the time to muster a second half rally.

Although the Shamrocks moved the ball well in the middle of the field throughout the game, they struggled in the red zone, an issue Coach Keith Creasy knows will need to be addressed for the playoffs.

"That's been our struggle all year long," he said. "That's going to be our main focus in practice and [in] getting ready for the playoffs."

Pasquerilla West 8, Lyons 0

With the rain pouring down, a first half touchdown catch by receiver Alyssa Moya proved to be the difference as Pasquerilla West clinched a playoff spot with an 8-0 win over Lyons.

Clark said it could be the Irish defense that decides this game, though.

Notre Dame gave up five goals in the two losses after allowing just three goals — and never more than one in a single game — in the previous seven games. The Irish went 6-0-1 in those contests.

"You hope that [tonight] we get back in among the goals, but it's also important we don't lose goals," Clark said. "We've just got to take care of business — that's the important message for our guys."

"Our guys know the importance of this game, especially having lost two last week. It's a 'set the record straight' game."

Note:

♦ An outbreak of the norovirus on the Georgetown campus caused Sunday's home game against the Hoyas to be postponed.

Georgetown released a statement Monday that said 212 patients, mostly undergraduates, had sought treatment for the norovirus. A Friday release described the norovirus as "a highly contagious group of viruses" spread through food and person-to-person contact.

A make-up date for the game had not yet been determined, but Clark said Oct. 29 and Nov. 2 were two possibilities. The first round of the Big East tournament is scheduled to begin Nov. 5.

"There's a couple of possibilities, but a few things still need to be sorted out," Clark said.

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PW appeared better prepared than Lyons (3-2) for the rainy conditions, incorporating an effective man-to-man defense without much blitzing, which led to three key interceptions.

Although they ran only a few designed blitzes, defensive lineman Jordan Johnson was a bulldozer at the line, at times easily breaking through three blockers to make a play in the backfield. She finished the game with two sacks. In addition, PW ran an effective running and short passing offense, with quarterback Cara Davies running for numerous first downs.

Lyons struggled throughout much of the game to put anything together on offense. With long passes out of the question due to the weather, they turned to the short pass game and incorporated some runs into the mix, but not as effectively as PW.

In the end three interceptions, especially a late red zone pick, ended Lyons hopes of overcoming their single touchdown deficit.

Heading into Tuesday's game, PW found itself in a do-or-die situation.

"We came out here knowing what our situation was and we did exactly what we needed to do," Purple Weasel coach Justin Betz said.

"Now we're in the playoffs as an underdog and we like our position. We've been underestimated by our opponents, but we only lost one game this season which was a tight game. We're looking forward to proving ourselves," PW coach Derek Woznicki said.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Hope takes down Belles in three sets

Team can't handle high-powered Dutch

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's showed some potential in the later sets against MIAA-powerhouse Hope College, but it wasn't enough for the upset as they lost in straight sets Tuesday night at home.

"If they can come together as a team and play as one cohesive unit, we will be in position to be a top team in the league," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said following the Belles 3-1 victory over Trine University last week.

The Flying Dutch, who improved to 11-0 in conference play with the victory, dominated the opening set with a 25-4 win. Offensive standouts junior Lorna Slupczynski and senior Kaela Hellmann could not withstand the stout defensive effort by Hope, as they were only able to convert a paltry six percent of their kill attempts — finishing only five of 81 attempts.

Hope senior Meghan Winer

and junior Andrea Helminiak spearheaded the defensive effort with 11 and 15 digs, respectively.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Flying Dutch had their way with the Belles, as they were able to convert 40 kills on 101 attempts, posting an impressive .396 average. Saint Mary's sophomore Meghann Rose valiantly tried to stem the assault, posting 10 digs, yet due to the offense's inability to put any pressure on the Hope defense, the Dutch proved to be too much for the Belles.

Saint Mary's did show some life in the second and third sets when they fought back for respectable 25-22 and 25-16 losses. The Belles never backed down, but in the end could not muster the firepower to come away with a victory.

The loss dropped Saint Mary's to 5-6 in the MIAA and 12-8 overall so far this season. The Belles will look to move back above .500 in conference play with a pair of games against Alma and Olivet College at Olivet this Saturday starting at 11 a.m.

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Gridiron

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over 911, while the 'B' team finished last in the field of sixteen with a 76-over 916.

On the back of a third disappointing tournament showing, Notre Dame head coach Jim Kubinski is not worrying. The Irish are a young team, with no active senior players and only three juniors.

"To be successful, we'll just need a little time for the young players to learn on the job and grow," Kubinski said. "My job will be to build their confidence. They have a great deal of physical talent. They just need to realize and believe it. That takes time. Whether it's fall or spring, this team will begin to show its talent level at some point this year. I'm very confident in that."

Junior Doug Fortner, coming off a sixth-place finish at the Saint Mary's (California) Invitational last week, led the Notre Dame effort with a plus-15 225 (75-76-74). His score was good enough to tie for 34th overall. Fortner tallied nine birdies against eighteen bogeys and two double bogeys, an inconsistent performance in stark contrast with the mostly shining play that has marked his season.

"Doug is really rounding into form," Kubinski said. "[He] gave us an outstanding effort at Poppy Hills last week and is really becoming a top player nationally."

Sophomore Jeff Chen trailed his teammate by a stroke, fin-

ishing 39th with a 16-over 226 (78-72-76). Fellow sophomore Connor Alan-Lee carded a 17-over 227 (76-75-75) to end up in 46th place overall, while freshman Max Scodro rebounded after a first-round 84 to finish in 78th place with a 239 (84-77-78). Sophomore Dustin Zhang rounded out the 'A' squad with a 240 (78-81-81), slipping to 80th.

For the Irish 'B' team, English import and freshman Tom Usher carded a respectable 16-over 226 (78-74-74) to tie Chen in finishing 39th overall. Junior Carlos Santos-Ocampo turned in a 20-over 230 (82-72-76, 57th), while junior Olavo Batista shot a plus-22 232 (73-79-80) to finish in 62nd.

Sophomore Tyler Hock also tallied a 232 (80-73-79), placing him alongside Santos-Ocampo in 62nd place. Freshman Chris Walker ended in 78th place, shooting a 239 (80-81-78).

Kubinski realizes the difficulties facing his young team moving forward, but is confident in its talent.

"We need to play smart golf out there, maybe beyond our experience level at this point," Kubinski said. "We can do it, though. If we play intelligently and allow our talent to come out, there's no reason why we can't be in the mix."

Notre Dame returns to action Monday morning at the Prestige Tournament in La Quinta, California. Play begins at 8:30 a.m. on the PGA West Golf Course.

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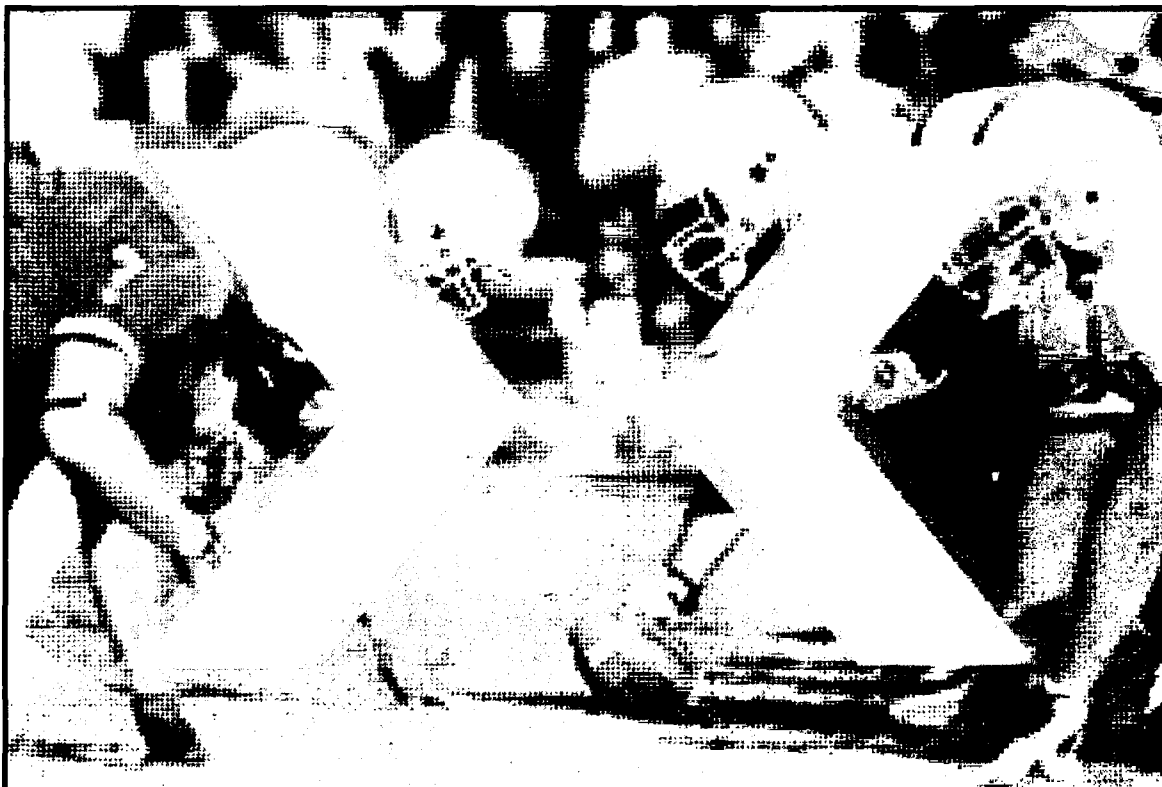
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MEN'S SOCCER

Getting back on track

Clark's team has lost back-to-back contests for the first since 2001

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

The No. 14 Irish return home tonight to host Michigan State, looking to snap a two-game losing streak — something Notre Dame (6-3-1, 3-1-1 Big East) hasn't had to do in seven years.

Not since consecutive losses to No. 5 Furman and No. 16 Clemson at the Umbro/Spinx Furman Invitational on Sept. 7-9, 2001, had the Irish lost back-to-back regular season games. Notre Dame fell 2-1 in overtime at No. 7 Louisville on Sept. 28 and 3-1 against Michigan in Ypsilanti, Mich., on Oct. 1.

"Considering the schedule we play, it's surprising it's been

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Junior Michael Thomas, right, fights for a ball in Notre Dame's 5-0 win over South Florida on Sept. 7 to clinch the Berticelli Tournament. Thomas scored the fourth goal in the game.

HOCKEY

Irish lose Phillips for season

Observer Staff Report

No. 3 Notre Dame found out earlier this week that they would be without the services of sophomore goalie Brad Phillips this season.

Phillips played five games last season backing up starter Jordan Pearce and was expected to play a similar role in the 2008-09 campaign. The highly recruited netminder finished his freshman campaign with a 1.53 goals against average.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson said Phillips injured himself during pre-camp training two weeks ago, but his situation was not certain until an MRI earlier this week.

Pearce will be backed up by junior Tom O'Brien.

"I have confidence in Tom," Jackson said. "He has been waiting for this kind of opportunity."

INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Pyros come up just short of first win against the Chaos

By CHARLIE SPOKES, KYLE SMITH, and SHANE STEINBERG

Sports Writers

After a game of tough defensive football, Cavanaugh and Pasquerilla East ended up just where they started — all tied up.

Cavanaugh (2-1-2) opened the scoring in the first half as captain and quarterback Katie Dunn completed three passes

en route to a 7-yard touchdown scramble.

Pasquerilla East (0-4-1) responded with a methodical touchdown drive led by quarterback Caitlyn Lynch that included a key fourth down conversion around midfield.

"All they could do was throw little shovel passes," Dunn said. "We'll give that to them all day."

A failed 2-point conversion by the Pyros left the score at 6-6 as the game headed into

halftime after a final Cavanaugh drive to end the half.

An uneventful second half came to an end as Cavanaugh turned the ball over at the 8-yard line with eight seconds remaining.

"We tried to put in a couple of new plays before the game, but they just didn't work out," Dunn said.

PE was happy with its strong defensive showing in its first non-loss of the season.

"The defense stepped up tonight and made some key stops," Pyros captain Tara Pillai said. "It was great to hold them to six points."

Dunn pointed to the Chaos' stingy defense as the reason for their success.

"The defense played well, led by Gina Paitta with two sacks," Dunn said.

Both teams were content after the game, but ready to move forward.

"A win would've been great

because Cavanaugh is a good team," Pillai said. "But we're looking forward to our last game on Sunday and hopefully we get the win."

Afterwards, Dunn was quick to stress the importance of remaining focused.

"We're going to take one game at a time and next up is the position games on Sunday to decide the four teams that go to the playoffs," Dunn said.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish finish in last at home

Teams shows youth at Gridiron Classic

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Youthful determination and home-field advantage were not enough for the Irish this weekend.

Notre Dame's two squads finished at the bottom of the standings of the third annual Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic at the University's Warren Golf Course.

No. 4 Arkansas claimed first place with a 23-over 863, while Michigan State senior Randy Hutchison took home the medalist honors with an ever-par 210.

The Irish 'A' squad finished in fifteenth place with a 71-

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Irish junior Doug Fortner finishes a swing during last year's Gridiron Classic. Fortner led the Irish with a 225 this year.

SMC SOCCER

Belles stay winless in MIAA against Adrian

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's dropped their fifth straight game Tuesday with a 1-0 defeat at the hands of conference foe Adrian.

The Bulldogs' stifling defense held the Belles to only two shots throughout the entire game compared with 10 of their own.

Adrian received all the offense it would need early in the game netting the lone goal in the sixth minute. Junior goalkeeper Patty Duffy tried to keep the Belles in the game recording three saves to maintain the one goal deficit.

However, the Belles just couldn't find their offense in time to spark a comeback.

Belles' senior Lauren Hinton, the leading scorer on the season with four goals, and junior Bridget Ronayne recorded the only shots of the game.

Despite the losing streak, the Belles are not overmatched by any means. In the past five games, the Belles have suffered four one-goal losses, one coming in double-overtime.

This loss drops Saint Mary's to 1-8-1 on the season and 0-3 in MIAA conference play.

The Belles will look to breakthrough and notch a conference win when they return home to face Calvin on Saturday. The game is scheduled to kick-off at 12 p.m. at Saint Mary's.

No members of the team were available for comment.

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