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ELECTION 2008

## Columnist puts historical spin on '08 race

Presidential contest fits with past trends, breaks with other norms

By SARAH MERVOSH  
News Writer

Dr. Matthew Dallek, a former speechwriter and a columnist at Politico.com, gave a lecture Monday at DeBartolo about the 2008 presidential election's position in history.

Dallek, who received his Ph.D. in history from Columbia University, focused on three main issues that he said have been influential in shaping this election: identity politics, experience, and

Ronald Reagan's legacy.

Dallek began with political identity in the primaries, saying, "We witnessed something quite remarkable — the first woman with a serious shot at the nomination running against the first African American with a serious shot at the nomination."

Dallek cited the women's movement and the civil rights movement as being key factors that influenced Clinton and Obama, respectively.

"I think the women's movement on some level drove some of [Clinton's] supporters

to send money, which is crucial, to write op-eds, and also urging her to stay in the race even when her path had narrowed," said Dallek.

Dallek also talked about how a historical memory of gender inequality fueled her candidacy, citing an example of a man holding up a sign that said 'Iron my shirt' at a rally, which riled her supporters.

Likewise, Dallek said that memories of the civil rights movement and racial

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Dr. Matthew Dallek, a columnist at Politico.com, said this year's election has been influenced by three main issues Monday.

## Campus groups raise awareness about Haiti

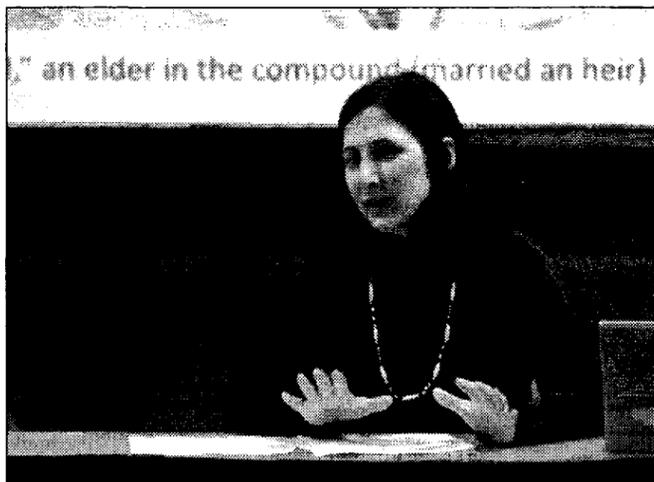
Prof. speaks on the importance of understanding nation's history

By BECKY HOGAN  
News Writer

The Hands and Hope for Haiti Project held a lecture Monday which featured Anthropology professor Karen Richman, who spoke to students and faculty about the importance of understanding the Haitian history in order to grasp the complexities of Haiti's modern culture.

The lecture was the last of three discussions aimed at increasing awareness about Haiti.

Richman, who researches Haitian culture



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Professor Karen Richman discussed the importance of looking at Haiti's history when looking at the nation's modern culture.

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Two-week clothing drive, ending Nov. 9, to help the 'poorest of the poor'

By AARON STEINER  
News Writer

With the help of Notre Dame students and alumni, 50,000 pounds of donated clothing will make its way to Haiti and the Dominican Republic this December to clothe the "poorest of the poor," senior Erin Wash said.

Wash, a member of the Class of 2009 Council, is helping to organize a two-week clothing drive that began Monday and will continue through Nov. 9. The drive is the primary initiative of a project called "Poorest of the Poor: A Call to Solidarity -

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## Stud gov. issues survey over break

By JOSEPH McMAHON  
Assistant News Editor

Student government unveiled its new survey, which attempts to gauge reaction to a number of issues, including trust in the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) and how students feel about stadium security over Fall Break in an e-mail sent to the entire student body.

Senate Committee on Student Outreach chair Sarah Rodts said 2,363 people had taken the survey as of early Monday evening, adding that 92 percent of students who began the survey finished it.

"One of the concerns with a long survey was that people

would stop taking it," she said.

Rodts said the survey will help student government, especially Senate committees, focus on issues most important to students.

"We really wanted to nail down the initiatives we were taking a look at for the year. It really helps the committees focus on what they're going to be doing and what the student body wants to happen," she said. "This survey will really help everybody narrow down what they want to work on and I think it will help them because these will be things that the students really want so there will be a little more drive

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## Fans trek across country for game

First Irish away victory re-energizes students who made the trip

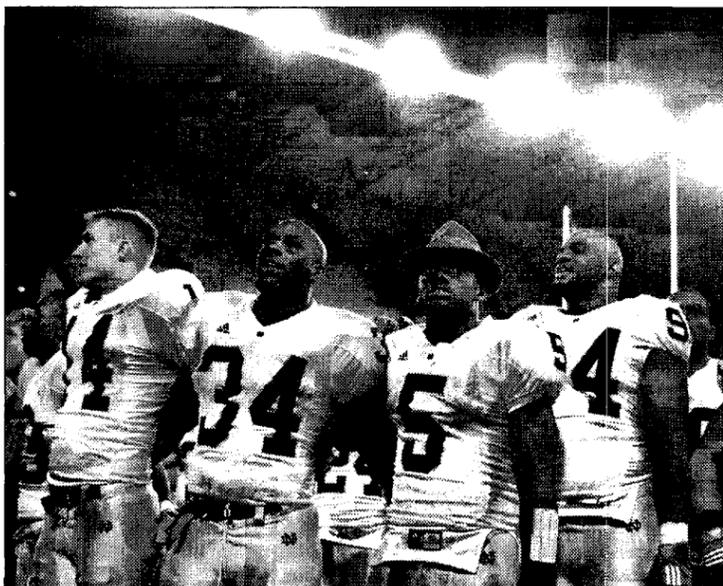
By TESS CIVANTOS  
News Writer

Notre Dame fans were proud and happy about Saturday's 33-7 victory over the University of Washington — especially those who traveled many miles to see the game in person.

Students who made the trip to Seattle for the game noticed an outpouring of Notre Dame spirit — and little enthusiasm from Washington fans.

Junior Ken Hamilton said: "We were doing a lot of cheering in the Notre Dame section. We were screaming. People around

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IAN GAVALICK/The Observer

Running back Armando Allen (5) wears the Leprechaun's hat during the Alma Mater after the Irish victory over Washington.

INSIDE COLUMN

# Quit the sniping

My roommates and I have managed to achieve a great feat: a bipartisan living situation. I am of one politician persuasion and they are of the other, and yet we have managed to co-exist and even discuss politics without coming to blows or even insults.

Looking around at the country today, this seems like some sort of miracle. A non-heated political discussion? Unheard of. A debate about the government that doesn't become an argument? Nonsense!

**Stephanie DePrez**

*Assistant Scene Editor*

But I can proudly say that the Disney princess nametags outside our room have calmly carried both a McCain/Palin pin and an Obama/Biden pin, side by side. (That is, of course, until some politically charged vandal decided to rip one down.)

This utopian living situation is in stark contrast to what I see daily outside of our room.

Whenever politics come up, the badges come out and tempers flair.

As a country and as a campus we have reached the point where the election is treated like the Super Bowl. You've picked your team to win and you're betting your country on it. Now you must display as much election flair as possible, not just showing support for your team but condemning the other.

I can't really criticize here, because I've done it too, but if you step back and look at the attitude with which we approach politics today, it becomes a bit comical.

No one wants to talk, they just want to spar. No one wants to hear what the other guy has to say, because simply by the nature of his existence, he must be wrong. Now tell me, where does this attitude end up being beneficial?

In one week, the election will be over and we will have a new president. We, as in all of us, will have a new president. He won't be governing half of the country, his "winning" half, he will be governing all of us. You and your mortal political enemies. We will all follow his lead and experience his take on laws.

How can it be that we have practically demonized the man who, let's face it, has a 50 percent chance of being our president? It's not fair to you or our countrymen.

I have my posters and pins, my arguments ready-at-hand to be used when challenged, my 15-point list as to why I am voting the way I am, but honestly, the only one who cares to hear it is me.

What good does wearing my guy's t-shirt do? It encourages those of my political persuasion, but they were voting for him anyway.

It also immediately polarizes those with an opposing view. This works for sports, not for politics.

Yea, I say unto you, keep your comments civil, don't be politically swayed by the loudest person in the room, and be ready to support whoever lives in the White House come January.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU DO FOR FALL BREAK?



**Kerry McGuire**  
*senior off-campus*

"Sat around in a robe and drink mimosa."



**Sean Gaffney**  
*senior off-campus*

"I went to the dirty south and was greeted with the fine southern platitude, 'Yer a long way from home, boy.'"



**Christina Crespo**  
*senior Pasquerella East*

"I gathered nuts for winter with all the squirrels."



**Jen Padgett**  
*senior off-campus*

"I baked a cake in the shape of Wall-E."



**Rebecca Gannon**  
*senior off-campus*

"I saw a Siberian tiger."



JESS LEE/The Observer

The Notre Dame Alumni Band performs at the Washington game on Saturday, October 25. The Irish were victorious over the Huskies by a score of 33-7 to improve to 5-2 on the season.

## IN BRIEF

"Calm...with Respiration Biofeedback," a demonstration of the Inner Resources Room will be presented by Ann Flies and Michaela Bucchianeri, Practicum Counselors at the University Counseling Center at noon today. The demonstration will take place in 305 Saint Liam Hall and is open to students, faculty, and staff.

Cheri Daniels, the First Lady of Indiana, will speak about reducing the risk of heart disease for women at the Heart to Heart Initiative today at 5:15 p.m. at the Eck Visitors' Center Auditorium. Ms. Daniels' talk will be preceded by cholesterol and glucose screenings provided by the Indiana Heart Hospital at 4 p.m.

The annual Blue Mass will be celebrated at 5:15 p.m. today at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The Mass is offered for police officers, firefighters, rescue workers, and their families.

The Forum with Presidential Campaign Top Advisors will feature Howard Lerner from Obama-Biden '08 and Ike Brannon from McCain-Palin '08 and will be held at 6 p.m. today at the McKenna Hall Auditorium. The event will be moderated by Rev. William M. Lies, C.S.C., and is sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns. Lerner and Brannon will be on hand to answer questions on Energy, the Economy, National Security, and Health Care.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## OFFBEAT

### Restaurant closed after dead deer found in kitchen

HAMBURG, N.Y. - Health officials shut down a suburban Buffalo restaurant after an inspector found employees butchering a dead deer inside the business. Erie County Health Department officials said they got a tip Friday about a dead deer in the China King restaurant in the town of Hamburg, just south of Buffalo.

An inspector soon arrived and saw the deer being butchered in the kitchen.

State health laws prohibit butchering an animal inside a restaurant.

Officials don't know

whether the deer had been killed by a hunter or a vehicle. They said there was no indication the deer meat was served to any customers.

The message on the restaurant's answering machine Monday says it was closed because of "family emergencies."

### Man pleads guilty in fork, frozen chicken attacks

JACKSON, Mich. - A man accused of stabbing his mother with a fork and attacking a second woman with 10 pounds of frozen chicken has pleaded guilty to one count of felonious

assault. Frederick McKaney, 40, entered the plea Friday in Jackson County Circuit Court. Prosecutors dropped additional assault, larceny and other charges.

Prosecutors said McKaney stabbed his mother with a fork June 23 and later exchanged words with another woman as he rode a stolen bicycle. They said he hit her in the head with a plastic bag of frozen chicken, opening a wound that required five surgical staples to close.

## LOCAL WEATHER

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH	45	39	57	65	60	53
LOW	30	30	38	43	38	40

## SMC students travel to Mexico for ministry

By ALICIA SMITH  
News Writer

Seven students from Saint Mary's College took a trip to Monterrey Mexico over fall break to help with the Holy Cross Mission.

Saint Mary's Assistant Director of Campus Ministry Regina Wilson was the advisor on the trip. Students stayed with Sister Michelle Toupee, a Holy Cross Sister also called Hermana Mica in Mexico, at the Convent House in Guadalupe.

"We went with Hermana Mica to the ministries that she and the two other Sisters of the Holy Cross attend in the La Luz Parish. This included going to Club de los niños y niñas (Boys and Girls Club), where students from ages 7-13 work on school work and learn about Catholic teaching and life skills," sophomore Katherine Putz said.

Students also walked elderly members of the Parish home from lunch, took communion to the sick and homebound and met with the La Luz Parish's youth group. Students attended Mass several times and met with women from the Parish to pray the rosary. While at the Parish, students also visited Catechism classes.

According to the Congregation of the Holy Cross's constitution, "Our mis-

sion sends us across borders of every sort. Often we must make ourselves at home among more than one people or culture, reminding us again that the farther we go in giving, the more we stand to receive."

"I went on this trip because I wanted to see what the Holy Cross Mission is in action in places other than the United States. I also wanted a chance to experience Catholicism from a different cultural perspective while working with and getting to know that culture," Putz said.

La Luz Parish is located in Monterrey, the capital of the Mexican state of Nuevo Leon. Students stayed in the poorer part of Monterrey.

"One of the most difficult parts of the trip was when we visited the neighborhoods in the Parish and we saw how desolate and impoverished some areas were and the living conditions some of the people had to live with," Putz said.

The mission trip made a great impact on the students.

"When we visited the Club, we got to read to the children and then play with them afterwards. It was very heartwarming to see how welcoming and kind they were even though we were strangers and couldn't all understand them," Putz said.

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## Producers return to Notre Dame

Special to The Observer

Tom Bettag, a 1966 University of Notre Dame graduate and executive producer of The Koppel Group for Discovery Networks, and Gita Pullapilly, a 1999 graduate and documentary film producer for Dungby Productions, will provide an inside look at how expert storytelling shapes reality for television and film at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 31 (Friday) in the Browning Cinema of Notre Dame's DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Presented by the Notre Dame Alumni Association's iNDUstry Alliance and the University's Department of Film, Television and Theatre, "The Storytellers: Documenting Reality" is a free, but ticketed event open to the public. Ticket information is available by contacting the DeBartolo Center ticket office at 574-631-2800.

Bettag, who served for five years as executive producer of the CBS Evening News with Dan Rather and 14 years as executive producer of ABC News' Nightline with Ted Koppel, will share behind-the-scenes insight from his long-time, award-winning partnership with Koppel at ABC and Discovery.

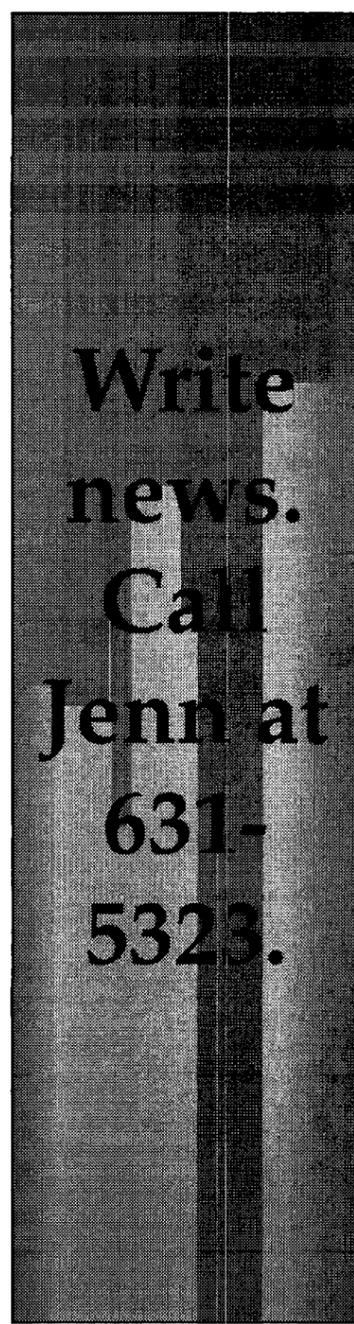
Bettag is the recipient of six

duPont-Columbia University Silver Batons, three Overseas Press Club Awards and 30 Emmys. In 2004, he was awarded Quinnipiac University's Fred Friendly Award, which honors journalists who have shown courage and forthrightness in preserving First Amendment rights.

Pullapilly, who has produced seven films in the United States, Jordan and India, will present a rough-cut screening of her documentary "The Way We Get By."

Currently a WGBH Filmmaker in Residence in Boston, Pullapilly began her career in television news at the CBS affiliate in Green Bay, Wis. Since then, she has traveled the world as a filmmaker and journalist, including a 2005 trip to Jordan for which she produced a documentary on Palestinian refugee camps as a Fulbright Senior Scholar.

Pullapilly is the recipient of a Notre Dame Asian American Alumni Association exemplar award and has earned two Associated Press awards for her feature stories, as well as three Telly awards. Earlier this year, she was inducted into the Royal Society of the Arts and received a Kaiser Mini-Fellowship to highlight HIV/AIDS in rural Ukraine.



### Notre Dame Marketing Club's 2nd Annual

# Sports Marketing Forum

Wednesday, October 29 - 7.00 pm  
DeBartolo 140

**Mike Brey**

Head Coach - Notre Dame Basketball

**Jonathan Jensen**

Art Director - Relay Worldwide

**Tom Valdiserri**

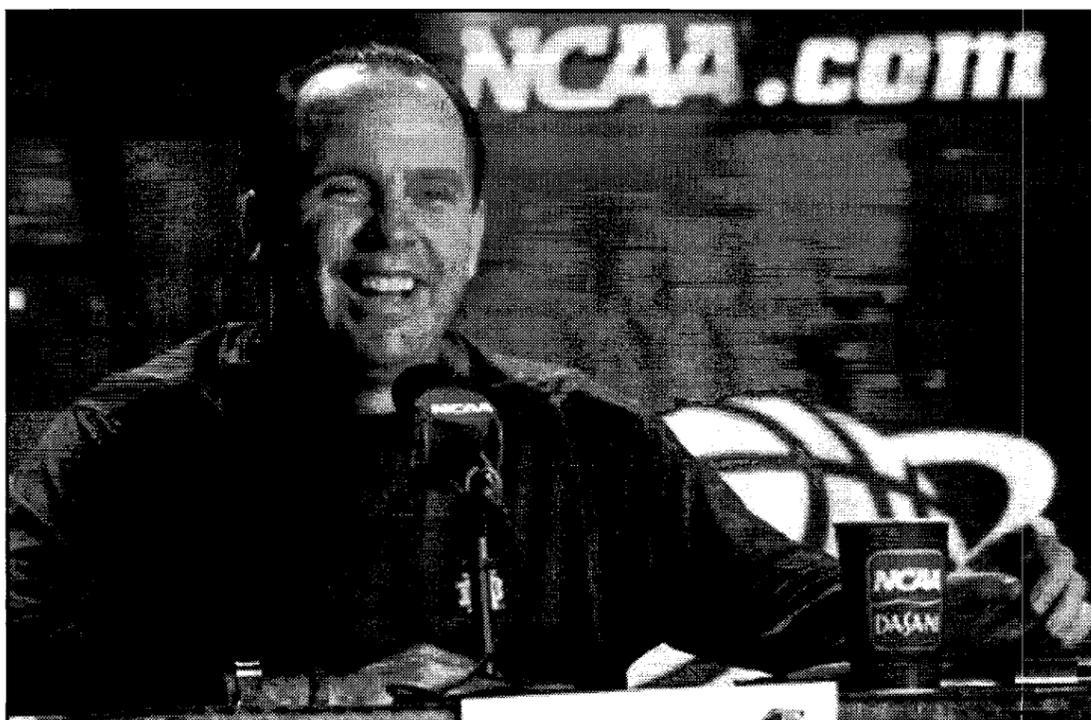
Sports Marketing - The Marketing Store

**Dave Knickerbocker**

Marketing Executive - Chicago Cubs

**Jeff Jeffers**

Sports Anchor - WNDU NBC Affiliate



## Drive

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Round Table Discussions and A Clothing Drive for Haiti" which began Sept. 30.

"It's really for the poorest of the poor," Wash said. For impoverished Haitians, "it's a question of, am I going to buy food to feed my family, or am I going to buy clothing. Food always wins out," she said.

The group is accepting clothing of all kinds in all dorms, and in bins in the LaFortune Main Lounge, the Graduate Student Office and the Law School Student Lounge.

In addition, the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore is accepting clothing donations, and students and faculty who donate clothes at that site will receive a coupon for a 20 percent discount off a T-shirt or

sweatshirt, Wash said. Shoes, summer and spring clothes and clothes in sizes smaller than extra-large are especially needed, she said.

Senior Joey Leary, a member of the Haiti Working Group, said the drive is a type of short-term solution to a desperate situation.

"I think that most of us have more clothes than we need in our dorm rooms and at home, and with the changing seasons, it's getting colder, it seems like a pretty reasonable idea to give one or two T-shirts to a population that has literally nothing," Leary said.

"A longer-term strategy for

clothing in Haiti is definitely needed," he said, but for the time being, the donated clothing is "better in the hands of the Haitians than in our closets here."

Wash said the clothing drive was an idea of Notre Dame 1972 graduate Paul Wright, a cardiologist with ties to Mother Teresa. Wright began coordinating clothing drives for impoverished countries after meeting

Mother Teresa. He discussed the idea of a drive for Haiti with Wash in April during a conference at Notre Dame.

"He basically conceived this idea to do a joint clothing drive with the alumni and

student body," Wash said.

Wright began to develop the idea and Wash, along with class councils and members of the Haiti Working Group, a Notre Dame club, began to plan the campus drive and lecture series.

"Introducing a new clothing drive without any educational aspect makes it [more likely] to fail," Wash said.

The group planned lectures and showings of two documentary films to help make students more aware about the situation in Haiti.

After the clothing drive is finished on Nov. 9, volunteers will help sort the clothing and load it onto a truck to be sent to Youngstown, Ohio, Wright's hometown. Wright will take the clothing provided by the Notre Dame community and donate additional clothing he has collected from his drives — he has done drives for 20 years — to gather a total of

50,000 pounds of clothing, Wash said.

Two U.S. Air Force cargo planes, donated for the project, will transport the clothes to the Dominican Republic. About a third of the donations will stay in the Dominican Republic, with the remainder sent to Haiti, Wash said.

The clothing should arrive in early December, Wash said, when Rotary Clubs and other service groups will help distribute it.

Wash said that the Alumni Association has already collected 50 boxes full of clothing, totaling over 1,500 pounds, and she is certain that the Notre Dame community will collect much more in the coming days.

"Ideally, we'd be able to collect [25,000 pounds or more]," she said.

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## Survey

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behind it."

Student body president Bob Reish said he was pleased by how many students had already completed the survey, and was surprised by some of the results.

"It was a way to say 'We think this is what the students want, let's make sure.' And some of the results were contradictory to what we were initially hoping," he said. "We're going to use it as another measuring stick. It definitely won't be the end all."

Reish said the survey was not released earlier because he wanted to ensure it was flawless.

"I wanted to make sure it was right. We could have easily rushed it out as soon as we got back to campus," he said.

Although Reish refused to release many of the initial figures due to fear they would sway people who had not yet completed the survey, he said one figure that especially surprised him was that 89.9 percent of students were very interested in an online syllabus database.

"That was something Grant and I had on our original platform, but then it kind of took a backseat because we really didn't get much of a response from that from the student body during our campaign," he said.

Reish said he could use those overwhelming figures in convincing the Registrar's Office and the Notre Dame faculty.

"It gives us power in numbers," he said. "Now showing that 90 percent of the students actually care, we can take that to the Registrar's Office and the professors and try to get this done."

Reish also said they had

received over 1,800 suggestions for speakers for the "Last Lecture" series, with University President Emeritus Fr. Ted Hesburgh and Anthropology professor James McKenna being the top two vote getters.

"There were a lot of other suggestions [for the 'Last Lecture' series] too that we weren't talking about initially," Rodts said.

Reish said he was also surprised that there was an even distribution among all four classes.

"I thought for sure there would maybe be more freshmen who were interested or maybe more seniors who were interested in leaving their mark, but really it was consistent," he said.

Reish said the possibility of winning an iPod or a gift certificate to Chipotle may have encouraged some to finish the survey, but was convinced many took it to aid student government's efforts.

"I think the incentive helped, but I think a lot of students were just generally interested in student government," he said. "Given the opportunity, students are willing to have their voice heard."

Reish said he had one more survey planned for next semester.

"I think the idea we had with the breaks worked out pretty well, and because we want to do one a semester, we're looking at doing one over spring break," he said.

Rodts said she hoped the survey will be conducted once every semester, arguing it would allow the University to collect a lot of useful data about its students.

"I think this is a good starting point. If this continues over the next 10 years it will definitely be helpful to the University on things like student safety," she said.

The survey is open until 12 a.m. Saturday.

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Student Senate  
committee on student  
outreach chair

## Haiti

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and immigration, said that today Haiti is an island of immigrants.

She said that as a result of Christopher Columbus' conquests in the West Indies, the natives of the Haitian Island, called Tainos, were eliminated by cruelty and disease as a result of European colonization.

"Everyone who arrived in Haiti was an immigrant because the aboriginal population had been wiped out," she said.

According to Richman, more than 10 million Africans were forced over to Haiti in what was the "largest forced immigration of human beings in history."

When Haitian slaves won their independence from France in 1804, they shocked the world, Richman said.

"The reaction in 1804 in the U.S. ... was to lead the so-called 'civilized world' in a boycott of this freed state," she said.

"White supremacy and slavery was embedded in [the United States] from the beginning of the country. There was great fear that our slaves would get the idea to revolt from Haitian slaves."

As a result of its rise to independence, Richman said that Haiti has remained "unthinkable" to the rest of the world even today.

"Haiti has remained unthinkable in the modern world ... you cannot trust anything you read in the news about Haiti ... you have to be very skeptical," Richman said. "Haitians did the unthinkable and have been placed in this box as

unthinkable, weird and exotic."

She said that when slaves in Haiti won their independence from France — the most powerful nation at the time — it was "a huge world event."

"It was unthinkable that a rag-tag group of slaves revolted and won ...

and that France with the most powerful navy in the world could not retake its colony," she said.

Richman explained that racial diversity in Haiti has implications for understanding race in the United States today.

She said that in 1791, slaves outnumbered free people 10-to-1, and those who populated the island fell into three groups — 450,000 were slaves, 40,000 were whites and 30,000 were free people who were not white.

Those who control Haiti today are descendants of

people who had both white and African ancestry, Richman said.

"Now we have a presidential candidate ... who is a descendent from that group. We need a much more nuanced understanding of mixed race if we want to understand Haitian history."

Richman also said that in rural Haiti, people remained tied to the land even when they emigrate from Haiti.

"Every child grows up believing that they are going to leave to send money back home," she said. "There are supposedly 8.3 million Haitians, and their numbers in the U.S. are probably well over a million."

Richman said that there are mixed feelings about immigration in Haiti.

"People [in Haiti] feel very ambivalent about migration. People are resenting them for ever having left. Meanwhile, migrants here [in the U.S.] see the people back home as lazy."

In Leogane, Haiti, Richman said that most families had at least one of their members abroad — most of them living in southern Florida.

According to Richman, Haitians are part of a "transnational orbit" because unlike most immigrants which leave their country of origin and never look back, the people of Haiti are "intimately involved in each others lives no matter where they live."

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Check out tomorrow's  
Observer for our preview of the  
2008 presidential election.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Mobs stone peacekeepers in Congo

GOMA, Congo — Furious mobs stoned U.N. peacekeepers' compounds Monday and thousands of desperate people fled advancing rebel troops as chaos returned to eastern Congo, fueled by festering hatreds left over from the Rwandan genocide and the country's unrelenting civil wars.

In what appeared to be a major retreat, hundreds of government soldiers pulled back Monday from the battlefield north of the provincial capital of Goma — fleeing any way possible, including using tanks, jeeps and commandeered cars. Soldiers honked their horns angrily as they struggled to push through throngs of displaced people on the main road.

Crowds of protesters threw rocks outside four U.N. compounds in Goma, venting outrage at what they claimed was a failure to protect them from rebels. Later in the day, peacekeepers in helicopter gunships attacked rebel forces surging on Kibumba, about 30 miles north of Goma, said U.N. spokeswoman Sylvie van den Wildenberg.

### Prime Minister campaigns start in Israel

JERUSALEM — Israeli opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu has opened his campaign for prime minister by staking out a headline position toward Syria and the Palestinians.

Netanyahu told parliament on Monday that if he becomes prime minister, he will seek peace with Israel's neighbors. But he says Israel must keep the Golan Heights, large parts of the West Bank or any of Jerusalem.

Netanyahu, who takes a tough stance against ceding land won in war, is roughly even in opinion polls against the moderate Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Roundup saves 47 child prostitutes

WASHINGTON — More than 600 adults have been arrested and 47 children rescued in a three-day roundup targeting people who force children into prostitution.

The FBI said the roundup by federal, state and local law enforcement occurred in 29 cities, adding that the raids dismantled 12 large-scale prostitution operations run through call services, truck stops, casinos and Web sites.

At a news conference announcing the results of Operation Cross Country II, FBI Deputy Director John Pistole said the arrests were made possible by intelligence gathered during a similar series of raids in June.

"Sex trafficking of children remains one of our most violent and unconscionable crimes in this country," Pistole said.

### Staph causes more serious illnesses

WASHINGTON — Drug-resistant staph bacteria picked up in ordinary community settings are increasingly acquiring "superbug" powers and causing far more serious illnesses than they have in the past, doctors reported Monday.

These widespread germs used to be easier to treat than the dangerous forms of staph found in hospitals and nursing homes.

"Until recently we rarely thought of it as a problem among healthy people in the community," said Dr. Rachel Gorwitz of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Indiana receives \$152 million for homes

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana will get \$152 million to help cities and towns buy abandoned or foreclosed homes, demolish or redevelop vacant properties and help low- and moderate-income home buyers purchase properties, Gov. Mitch Daniels said Monday.

Of the state total, \$84 million is Indiana's share of the \$3.92 billion appropriation to all 50 states under the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The remaining \$68 million will go to Indiana directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Daniels said.

## SYRIA

# U.S. raid kills al-Qaida linked leader

Operation targeted home of Iraqi Badran Turki al-Mazidih; at least seven found dead

Associated Press

SUKKARIYEH, Syria — A cross-border raid by U.S. special forces killed the al-Qaida-linked head of a Syrian network that smuggled fighters, weapons and cash into Iraq, an American counterterrorism official said Monday.

Blood stained the earth in this border village as anguished Syrians buried relatives they said were killed in the U.S. helicopter attack Sunday. Some shouted anti-American slogans and carried banners reading "Down with Bush and the American enemy."

The operation targeted the home of Abu Ghadiyah, the nickname for the leader of a key cell of foreign fighters in Iraq, the U.S. official told The Associated Press from Washington. He spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive intelligence.

The U.S. Treasury Department has named Abu Ghadiyah as one of four major figures in al-Qaida's Iraq wing who were living in Syria.

U.S. authorities have said Abu Ghadiyah's real name is Badran Turki al-Mazidih, an Iraqi in his early 30s who served as al-Qaida in Iraq's head of logistics in Syria since 2004. His job included providing foreign fighters with passports, weapons, guides and safe houses as they slipped into Iraq and made their way to Baghdad and other major cities where the Sunni insurgency was raging.

Sunday's operation in Sukkariyeh, about five miles from the Iraqi border, came just days after the commander of U.S. forces in western Iraq called the Syrian border an "uncontrolled" gateway for fighters into Iraq and said efforts were being stepped up to secure it.

The raid was another sign the United States is aggressively launching military raids across the borders of Afghanistan and Iraq to destroy insurgent sanctuaries. In Pakistan, U.S. missile strikes have killed at least two senior



Syrian villagers shout anti-U.S. slogans and gather near coffins of relatives who died Sunday when U.S. military helicopters launched an attack on Syrian territory.

al-Qaida operatives this year.

The Syrian government said Sunday's attack by four U.S. military helicopters targeted a civilian building under construction in Sukkariyeh shortly before sundown, and killed eight people, including four children.

However, local officials said seven men were killed and two people were wounded, including a woman. An AP reporter saw the bodies of seven men at the funerals Monday.

Amateur video taken by a villager on a cell phone Sunday showed four helicopters flying overhead as villagers pointed to the skies in alarm. The grainy images, viewed Monday by the AP, did not show the helicopters landing.

Another villager told the AP he saw at least two men taken

into custody by U.S. forces, and whisked away by helicopter. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he feared for his life.

At the targeted building, the floor was bloodstained Monday, with abandoned tennis shoes scattered amid pieces of human flesh. A tent pitched near the site had bags of bread, pots and pans and wool blankets.

There was no visible security presence and visitors could move freely, a sign the normally tightly restrictive government wanted the damage seen.

About 30 women dressed in black wept in a small courtyard outside the home of Dawoud al-Hamad, who was killed in the bombing along with his four sons.

"They were innocent labor-

ers who worked from dusk to dawn," said the man's wife, Rima. She said work at the construction site started last week.

Asked about U.S. reports that an al-Qaida-linked group used the site, Siham, the widow of one of the man's sons, Ibrahim, said: "I don't know about any of that."

"All I know is that they went to work and never came back," said the mother of seven.

Syria's Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem denounced the raid as "cowboy politics."

"I hope it doesn't come to a confrontation, but if that's what they want, then we'll be ready," he told reporters in London.

Iran condemned the attack as did Russia, which has had close ties with Syria since Soviet times.

# Court convicts Stevens of seven charges

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens was convicted of seven corruption charges Monday in a trial that threatened to end the 40-year career of Alaska's political patriarch in disgrace.

The verdict, coming barely a week before Election Day, increased Stevens' difficulty in winning what already was a difficult race against Democratic challenger Mark Begich. Democrats hope to seize the once reliably Republican seat as part of their bid for a filibuster-proof majority in the Senate.

Stevens, 84, was convicted of all the felony charges he faced of lying about free home renovations and other gifts

from a wealthy oil contractor. Jurors began deliberating last week.

Visibly shaken after the verdicts were read — the jury foreman declaring "guilty" seven times — Stevens tried to intertwine his fingers but quickly put his hands down to his side after noticing they were trembling. As he left the courtroom, Stevens got a quick kiss on the cheek from his wife, Catherine, who testified on his behalf during the trial. He declined to talk to reporters waiting outside.

Stevens faces up to five years in prison on each count when he is sentenced, but under federal guidelines he is likely to receive much less prison time, if any. The judge originally scheduled sentencing for Jan. 26 but then

changed his mind and did not immediately set a date.

The monthlong trial revealed that employees for VECO Corp., an oil services company, transformed Stevens' modest mountain cabin into a modern, two-story home with wraparound porches, a sauna and a wine cellar.

The Senate's longest-serving Republican, Stevens said he had no idea he was getting freebies. He said he paid \$160,000 for the project and believed that covered everything.

He had asked for an unusually speedy trial, hoping he'd be exonerated in time to return to Alaska and win re-election. He kept his campaign going and gave no indication that he had a contingency plan in case of conviction.

## Game

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me were doing push-ups."

Sophomore Mackenzie Keller added: "The Washington fans cleared out pretty quickly after the game started."

"It was the least hostile away game environment I've ever been in, probably because the Washington fans realized they were going to lose from the start."

The students who attended the game enjoyed visiting Seattle and the experience of an away game.

"It was honestly fantastic," Hamilton said. "I'm in the band, so this was my first time to actually watch a game."

"I've always wanted to go to an away game," Hamilton said. "This game fell during fall break and the band wasn't traveling, so there was that availability."

Hamilton flew to Washington with Holy Cross Senior David Flores, who is in

the band's drum line with Hamilton. The two stayed with friends of Flores.

"Seattle is a beautiful town, a great place," Hamilton said. "I wish we could have stayed for longer."

Hamilton and Flores arrived in Seattle Friday night and returned Sunday night.

Keller said, "I've always wanted to see the West Coast because my roommate is from Portland, Ore. and since this game was over fall break, it was the perfect situation."

Keller, with a group of friends, flew to Portland and then drove to Seattle.

"We ran into another group of Notre Dame fans we knew from school," Keller said. "It was fun to be so far away and still have that feeling of Notre Dame community."

"I think the Notre Dame fans were really excited to get our first away victory, even over a lesser team."

*"It was the least hostile away game environment I've ever been in, probably because the Washington fans realized they were going to lose from the start."*

**Mackenzie Keller  
sophomore**

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## History

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inequalities propelled Obama's candidacy.

Not only do some Obama Americans support Obama because of their memory of the civil rights movement, Dallek said that Obama also has the support of some upper income white liberals who view his candidacy as a sort of "racial healing."

Dallek spoke of Bill Clinton, comparing Obama to Jesse Jackson, a candidate for President in the 1980's.

"The implication ... was that Obama was just like Jackson, that he was popular among African Americans but that's pretty much it," said Dallek. "A lot of support, not just black support, hardened behind Obama."

Dallek went on to discuss the role of identity politics in the general election, focusing mainly on the idea

that both parties are competing to identify with the people.

"I think it is very hard to win unless people see you as connecting to them, the issues they care about, their kitchen table concerns," said Dallek.

Dallek also spoke of political experience, saying that people who have won the presidency in recent decades have all been Washington outsiders.

"Since 1976, only one Vice President has won the presidency, and everybody else, have all been governors. Most importantly, they all campaigned on the theme of change," said Dallek, who, for these reasons, believes that Obama's lack of experience is actually an asset to him.

Sophomore Erin McNeil spoke after the talk, "I think he did a very good job of explaining why Obama's lack of experience actually helped him, instead of hurting him as his opponents have been trying to do."

Finally, Dallek spoke of how Reagan has influenced

both Obama and John McCain.

Dallek compared Obama to Reagan, citing that both President George W. Bush and President Jimmy Carter's rating were both low, and that Obama, like Reagan, is an outsider to Washington, and is criticized as being inexperienced and an extremist. At the same time, both were strong communicators.

Dallek also said that McCain is similar to Reagan in that he runs on a country first campaign, focusing on his service to, and love of, the United States.

"I thought that he took the Obama/Reagan analogy a little too far," senior Greg Barr said. "There are so many differences in the kinds of campaigns they've been running. Why isn't he closer to Jimmy Carter or Kennedy, people whose careers were more disappointing?" But Barr said that overall, he enjoyed the lecture.

"It was an interesting to try to connect history with current events and I hope people do that more in the future," he said. "I think a lot of voters don't have a sense of history and can't always make these important analogies and connections."

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# As Dow reaches new low, economic worries rise

*In a 'devastating month,' market concern increases at closing bell, especially with the spread of the financial crisis overseas*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street has ended another highly volatile session with a big last-minute loss as the market's stubborn worries about a protracted economic downturn and tight credit erased budding optimism about a housing sector recovery. The Dow Jones industrial average skidded 203 points to its lowest close in 5 1/2 years, with almost all the decline coming in the last 10 minutes of the session.

The Street's back-and-forth moves were typical for a turbulent market that has seen many recent rallies evaporate — particularly as hedge and mutual funds sell off even strong assets so they can meet investors' demands for their money back. These forced sell-offs tend to happen late in the day, when the funds figure out how much cash they'll need to meet redemptions.

But the market's anxiety also increases as the closing bell approaches, especially with growing concern about the spread of the financial crisis overseas. News from Asia and Europe tends to break overnight and before trading on Wall Street resumes in the morning.

"We were trading higher earlier on very light volume, but the buyers just couldn't gather enough momentum to keep it going," said Alfred E. Goldman, chief market strategist at Wachovia Securities. "When confidence is razor-thin, the nervous tension goes way up and bam — the sellers take over."

"It's just an overall malaise about how bad the economic slump is going to be globally," he said.

That malaise grew particularly after credit ratings agency Moody's Investors Service in the last half-hour of trading Monday downgraded General Motors Corp. further into "junk" status, pointing to the sharp contraction of the U.S. auto market. Shares of GM, one of the 30 Dow components, sank 50 cents, or 8.4 percent, to \$5.45.

Earlier, banks got a boost after the Treasury said it signed agreements with nine financial institutions to buy stock in the companies this week. An upbeat home sales report also gave the market support until late afternoon.

The Dow fell 203.18, or 2.42 percent, to 8,175.77 after earlier rising by as many as 220 points. Even before the late-day selloff, it was an extremely volatile day for Wall Street — the Dow crossed between positive and negative territory 60 times during the session.

It's been a devastating month for the stock market so far — if the Dow were to finish the month at Monday's levels, it would be the worst month since September 1931. The blue-chip index is now 42.28 percent below its peak of 14,164.53, reached Oct. 9, 2007, and at its lowest closing level since April 1, 2003. On Monday, it did not plunge below its Oct. 10 trading low of 7,882.50.

Broader stock indicators showed more sizable losses. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 27.85, or 3.18 percent, to 848.92, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 46.13, or 2.97 percent, to 1,505.90.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 22.72, or 4.82 percent, to 448.40.

The waffling in the market

came ahead of possible interest rate moves from central banks — including the Federal Reserve, which is set to begin a two-day meeting Tuesday. The Fed is expected to lower its fed funds rate by a half-point to 1 percent on Wednesday. Investors are also optimistic that the European Central Bank is moving toward its own cut after President Jean-Claude Trichet said Monday such a step was "a possibility."

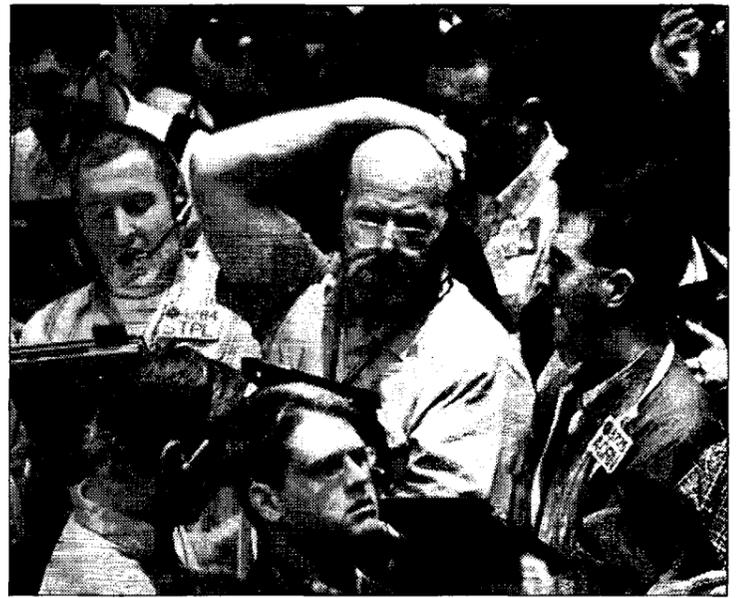
But while policymakers around the world have been trying to find a remedy for the fear of bad debt that has paralyzed parts of the credit markets in the past month, lending conditions have eased only slightly. Investors are worried that a drop-off in lending has damaged the economy.

The U.S. government is taking some of its first steps to steady the banking sector. The Treasury said it signed agreements with nine banks and will buy stock in the companies this week. The proceeds from the stock sales are intended to bolster the banks' balance sheets so they will begin more normal lending.

"Clearly, what's most important is that the funding crisis needs to be contained at this point," said Chris Orndorff, director of equity strategy at Payden & Rygel in Los Angeles. "The banks need to start taking on some more risks," he said. "I think it's going to take months."

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by about 4 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volume came to 5.48 billion shares, down from 6.45 billion Friday.

Light, sweet crude fell 93



Traders watch as the Dow falls to a new low on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday.

cents to settle at \$63.22 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The gyrations in U.S. stocks have been sizable since the market's peak a year ago, but particularly since last month's bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and the government rescue of insurer American International Group. With investors uncertain about the economy, the market appears to be bouncing along a rocky bottom after falling sharply earlier this month.

News that sales of new homes increased in September was a welcome surprise. While median home prices have dropped to the lowest level in four years, investors appeared pleased — at least initially — that the market was beginning to chip away at an inventory glut. The Commerce Department

reported that sales of new single-family homes rose by 2.7 percent in September to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 464,000 homes. Economists had expected sales would drop from August.

But home prices — a big factor causing banks to tighten their lending standards — are still falling. The median price of a new home declined by 9.1 percent from a year ago to \$218,400, its lowest level since September 2004.

Even with some welcome news, investors around the world remain worried about the prospects for economic expansion. A surge in the yen illustrated investors' nervousness about how much economic activity could slow. The yen is seen as a safe haven holding for investors who contend the Japanese economy will fare better in a global recession.

**MARKET RECAP**

**Stocks**

**Dow Jones** 8,175.77 -203.18

Up: 730 Same: 55 Down: 2,727 Composite Volume: 1,358,369,695

AMEX	1,284.00	-7.74
NASDAQ	1,505.90	-46.13
NYSE	5,196.53	-231.01
S&P 500	848.92	-27.85
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	7,053.97	-108.93
FTSE 100 (London)	3,852.59	-30.77

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
SPDR S&P 500 (SPY)	-3.55	-3.09	83.95
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-2.78	-0.82	28.69
FIN SEL SPDR (XLF)	-2.42	-0.05	2.02
ISHARES MSCI (EEM)	-2.73	-0.37	13.18

**Treasuries**

10-YEAR NOTE	+0.87	+0.032	3.729
13-WEEK BILL	-10.98	-0.090	0.730
30-YEAR BOND	+0.44	+0.018	4.105
5-YEAR NOTE	+1.84	+0.048	2.651

**Commodities**

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.93	63.22
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+12.60	742.90
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+2.08	86.40

**Exchange Rates**

YEN	93.1850
EURO	0.8092

**IN BRIEF**

**Kodak ends 22-year NASCAR sponsorship**

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Eastman Kodak Co. is ending its 22-year sponsorship in NASCAR and putting more sports marketing dollars into professional golf.

The photography pioneer, betting its future on electronic imaging, said Monday the realignment fits better with a new effort to highlight its brand digitally, such as on PGA Tour scoreboards.

Kodak also wants to engage more customers overseas since 60 percent of its sales are outside the United States.

Kodak said it is also ending a four-year sponsorship of Penske Racing at year-end.

Since signing on with NASCAR in 1986, Kodak-sponsored cars have won the Daytona 500 four times — with Ryan Newman's car this year, Sterling Marlin's in 1994 and 1995 and Ernie Irvan's in 1991.

"Just as we have transformed our company, we are transforming our marketing," said Betty Noonan, Kodak's vice president of corporate marketing and branding. "We want to express our deepest thanks to our friends at NASCAR and Penske Racing for their partnership and support. We remain big fans."

**British beer sales fall with economy**

LONDON — Britons may be reeling from the international financial crisis, but few are crying into their beer.

Beer sales are falling as the economy worsens, defying predictions in some quarters that consumers would buy their brew at supermarkets to escape higher prices at pubs.

The British Beer and Pub Association reported Monday that total beer sales fell about 7 percent in the third quarter — the equivalent of 161 million fewer pints compared with the same period in 2007.

Sales of the iconic British pint in pubs have been in decline for years, leading to the closure of thousands of hostelrys around the country.

Now the association's Quarterly Beer Barometer reveals that the downturn has broadened to supermarket sales.

"The accelerating decline in beer sales is a clear sign of a worsening economy, worried households and weakening spending," said Rob Hayward, the association's chief executive.

**Bailout money to head to nine banks**

Treasury Department will move \$125 billion; Fed plans to buy short-term debt

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government prepared Monday to move the first batch of bailout money to banks as fretful world markets plunged again. Wall Street ended with a big drop at the closing bell, sending the Dow Jones industrials to their lowest close since the financial meltdown began.

The Treasury Department said it would start moving \$125 billion to nine major banks this week by buying ownership stakes, the first big transfer since the \$700 billion bailout package was passed early this month.

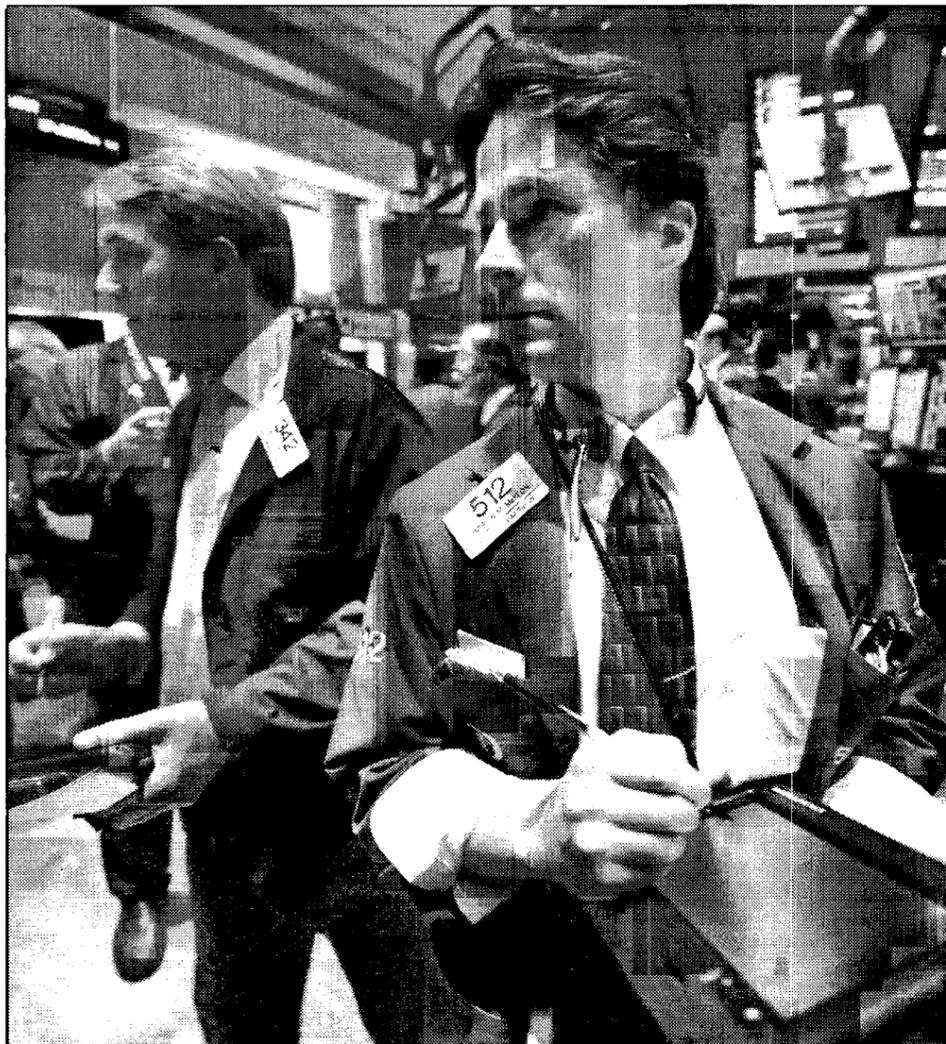
Assistant Treasury Secretary David Nason said the infusion would go to the largest banks in the nation, including Bank of America, Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo.

A group of smaller but significant regional banks, including Capital One Financial and SunTrust Banks, began announcing their own preliminary deals with Treasury for another \$125 billion. That money should be released as soon as paperwork is finished.

The Fed also began a major program to buy up the short-term debt, known as commercial paper, that businesses use to pay for everyday expenses and salaries. Lending, the lifeblood of the economy, froze up after the collapse of investment house Lehman Brothers in mid-September and has thawed agonizingly slowly since.

On Wall Street, buying and selling that was halfhearted by the standards of the past month had major averages drifting higher and lower throughout the day. Then stocks plunged in the final 10 minutes of trading.

The Dow Jones industrials finished the day down 203 points, or 2.4 percent, closing at the 8,176 level —



Traders work on floor of New York Stock Exchange Monday as the government prepares to move bailout money to banks in order to rescue economy.

their lowest close of the year. Remarkably, it was the 28th time in the 31 trading sessions since the financial meltdown began that the Dow has moved triple digits for the day.

But the carnage was worse elsewhere on another day when investors worried about a looming worldwide recession. Major stock markets in Hong Kong, Tokyo, Britain, France and Germany dropped sharply earlier in the day. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 index closed at its lowest level in 26 years.

The Fed was expected to make an even more dra-

matic move later this week by cutting interest rates, perhaps lowering the key federal funds rate by as much as a half-point, driving the federal funds rate down to 1 percent.

The question is whether all the efforts, including billions of dollars of loans to banks by the Fed and other central banks around the world, will be enough to get lending going again.

So far, it hasn't helped much. A closely watched measure that tracks what banks charge each other for loans, edged down marginally on Monday, suggesting credit is a bit looser

than a few weeks ago but remains tight.

"All these efforts are doing some good, but the question is whether they will do enough," said David Wyss, chief economist for Standard & Poor's in New York. "The credit markets are still pretty locked up."

Besides pumping money into the banking system, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and other Treasury officials are considering a round of requests for help from other industries, including big insurance companies, automakers and foreign-controlled banks.

**Sales of new homes rise unexpectedly**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sales of new homes recorded an unexpected increase in September as median home prices dropped to the lowest level in four years, the Commerce Department reported Monday.

Sales of new single-family homes rose by 2.7 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 464,000 homes, Commerce said. Economists had expected sales would drop from the August level.

The median price of a new home sold in September declined by 9.1 percent from a year ago to \$218,400, the lowest price level since September 2004, a period when home prices were rising rapidly as the country experienced a five-year housing boom.

The surprising increase in

September sales still left them 33.1 percent below the level of a year ago as the country is battered by the worst slump in housing in decades.

The report on a rise in new home sales followed news last week that sales of existing homes rose in September by 5.5 percent, the largest monthly gain in more than five years.

Analysts are not convinced that the sales increases are signaling a bottom for the housing market. They note that the September gains came before the latest upheavals in financial markets which have raised new worries about the overall state of the economy.

Many analysts believe the country has already entered a recession. They are forecasting significant increases in job losses which will make it even harder to mount a sustained rebound in housing.

New home sales fell by 21.4 percent in the Northeast and were down 5.8 percent in the Midwest. However, sales rose by a sharp 22.7 percent in the West, a region of the country which has seen some of the biggest declines in prices, a development which has spurred sales. Sales were up 0.7 percent in the South.

The rise in sales left a total of 394,000 unsold new homes on the market at the end of September, down a record 25.4 percent from the number of unsold homes on the market at the end of September 2007.

Builders have been sharply cutting back on production, trying to get inventories more in line with sales.

Even with the latest drop in total unsold new homes, the inventory represents a 10.4 months supply at the September sales pace, still a historically high level.

## ZIMBABWE

## African leaders to hold summit

Neighbors concerned about fight between Mugabe, Tsvangirai

Associated Press

HARARE — All Zimbabwe's neighbors will hold a summit to try to resolve the southern African nation's power-sharing impasse, officials announced after regional leaders debated the issue into the early hours Tuesday.

An agreement signed Sept. 15 has stalled over how to share government ministries among President Robert Mugabe's party, Morgan Tsvangirai's Movement for Democratic Change and a smaller opposition group.

Tsvangirai accuses Mugabe, who has led Zimbabwe since independence from Britain in 1980, of trying to hold on to too many of the most powerful posts.

Tomas Salomao, executive secretary of the 14-member Southern African Development Community, said at a news conference in Harare early Tuesday that the ministry in charge of police — accused in widespread attacks on the opposition — was the main sticking point. Salomao said the planned summit would consider a recommendation that the ministry be rotated, with the two main parties — Mugabe's and Tsvangirai's — holding it for six months or a year.

The opposition has resisted

such an arrangement, which could further complicate an already cumbersome power-sharing proposal. But Tsvangirai gained at least a small victory in getting the members of a key SADC committee that met in Harare Monday and Tuesday to accept his call for a full summit. The opposition says only a full SADC summit has the authority to pressure Mugabe.

Zimbabwe has been on the agenda of repeated SADC mini- and full summits, and the leaders have slowly but surely pushed longtime, increasingly autocratic leader Mugabe to accept more and more compromises. Several SADC leaders have shown growing impatience with Mugabe, and may press him hard behind closed doors at a summit.

The meeting Monday and Tuesday was attended by Mugabe, Tsvangirai, opposition faction leader Arthur Mutambara and leaders from South Africa, Angola, Mozambique and Swaziland — the last three make up SADC's troika, a special committee on politics, defense and security. Former South African President Thabo Mbeki attended as the mediator who brokered the deal.

Salomao said the troika recommended "the holding of a full SADC summit to further review

the current political situation in Zimbabwe as a matter of urgency." A date and place were not immediately set.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said prior to the summit announcement that Monday's meeting was a "critical opportunity" to form a new government based on an equitable division of power, U.N. spokeswoman Michele Montas said at U.N. headquarters in New York.

She said Ban "remains distressed about the growing human cost of the crisis in Zimbabwe, in particular given the signs that the humanitarian situation in the country may worsen in the course of 2008 and 2009."

Montas said Ban was concerned about critical shortages of food, essential drugs, basic services and clean water.

An agreement in Zimbabwe would allow politicians to turn their attention to the nation's economic meltdown, which has led to chronic shortages of food, gasoline and most basic goods; daily outages of power and water; and the collapse of health and education services.

Zimbabweans are struggling with the world's highest official inflation rate of 231 million percent. The U.N. predicts half the population will need food aid by next year.

## SUDAN

## Kidnappers kill 5 Chinese workers

Associated Press

KHARTOUM — Kidnappers who abducted nine Chinese oil workers killed five of them execution-style on Monday, the Sudanese Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Two other abducted workers managed to flee, while two remain in captivity, ministry spokesman Ali Sadiq said.

The ministry said in a statement that security forces were deployed in the area where the kidnapping occurred. No further details were provided on the killings, including how the government learned of them.

Chinese diplomats in Khartoum were not reachable for comments.

The nine Chinese were abducted on October 18 while traveling in the southwestern oil-rich region of Kordofan near an oil field.

Sudan's government has blamed rebels from the adjacent, war-torn region of Darfur for the kidnapping, but a spokesman for the group on Monday denied involvement.

Sadiq said that by slaying the hostages, the kidnappers were apparently going ahead with their threats to drive

Chinese interests from Sudan. He said Monday's killing came "without provocation."

"It was execution-style," he said. "Two others (of the kidnapped Chinese) were injured and ran away. They were then taken in by the authorities. Two others are still with the kidnappers."

Sadiq stressed that no clashes occurred and the ministry said tribal chiefs in the area had been negotiating with the kidnappers to resolve the issue.

Still, Sadiq maintained the kidnappers took directives from Darfur rebels from the Justice and Equality Movement. They had demanded a share of the oil wealth through jobs.

But JEM spokesman Ahmed Hussein told The Associated Press that his group had "nothing to do with this incident."

This was the third attack on Chinese targets over the past 12 months. Last year, JEM rebels attacked a Chinese oil field in Sudan and kidnapped two foreign workers, giving at the time Chinese and other oil companies a week to leave the country. The kidnapped were released unharmed.

## Singer Hudson's 7-year-old nephew found dead in SUV

Hudson's sister's estranged husband listed as person of interest in slaying deaths of her nephew, mother, and brother

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson's 7-year-old nephew was found dead in the back of an SUV on Monday, ending a frantic search that began after the shooting deaths of her mother and brother three days earlier.

The singer and actress was among seven family members and close friends who cried and held hands as they identified Julian King's body from a live image on a television screen at the Cook County Medical Examiner's office Monday afternoon.

Chicago police spokeswoman Monique Bond said the boy, like his grandmother and uncle, had been shot. The medical examiner's office planned a Tuesday autopsy.

Chicago Police Superintendent Jody Weis said a motive remained unclear Monday but added, "It wasn't a case of a stranger-type homicide."

Police have characterized the slayings as "domestic related" and authorities have been questioning Julian's stepfather, who has been estranged from the boy's mother and is being held on a parole violation. No one has been charged in the slayings.

Julian's body was found shortly after 7 a.m. in the rear seat of the SUV, which matched the one mentioned in an Amber Alert for the boy and was parked on the street in a neighborhood of brownstone homes and apartment buildings.

The vehicle was about 10

miles from the house where the other victims were found, which was where Julian lived and where Hudson grew up.

Hudson had offered \$100,000 Sunday for information leading to the safe return of her nephew, the son of her sister, Julia Hudson. Hudson's publicist did not immediately return calls and e-mail messages Monday.

"Miss Hudson wanted to request privacy," Cook County spokesman Sean Howard said after the family left the medical examiner's office. "This is a very trying time for her and her family."

Hudson's aunt, Dorothy Hudson, said the Chicago funeral home she owns with her husband will handle arrangements for the family, but details were pending.

"We're just sad. We're going through this stage where we're just sad and in shock," Dorothy Hudson said.

The Amber Alert had listed William Balfour, the estranged husband of Julia Hudson, as a suspect in a "double homicide investigation." He is not the boy's father and has not been charged in the slayings.

Weis said Monday that Balfour "remains a person of interest."

The chief said he was confident that with two crime scenes, investigators would find important clues.

Balfour, 27, was taken into custody for questioning Friday after the bodies of Hudson's 57-year-old mother, Darnell Donerson, and 29-year-old brother, Jason Hudson, were found.

On Sunday, Balfour was transferred to the Illinois Department of Corrections, where a spokeswoman declined Monday to discuss his parole violation.

Corrections records show Balfour spent nearly seven years in prison for attempted murder, vehicular hijacking and possessing a stolen vehicle. He was expected to remain in state custody until the Illinois Prisoner Review Board looked at his case.

Balfour's mother, Michele Balfour, has said Hudson's mother kicked Balfour out of the family home last winter. She denied her son had anything to do with the killings.

It was unclear whether Balfour had an attorney.

Lynette Loudon, 47, said she called police about the SUV across the street from her home on Chicago's West Side after her family's Chihuahua started barking at it early Monday. Some neighbors said they hadn't seen the vehicle before Monday, but Loudon said it had been there since at least Saturday.

"I only hoped the body wasn't in there," she said. "When they said that it was, I cried."

Weis said police were waiting for the autopsy to determine how long the boy had been dead, but estimated the vehicle was parked on the street "a couple of days."

When asked how officers could have missed the SUV during their massive search, Weis noted that Chicago is a big city and that the vehicle was "several miles away from the first crime scene."



Latasha Garvin says a prayer during at a service for Oscar-winner Jennifer Hudson and her family outside Hudson's mother and brother's home on the Southside of Chicago on Monday.

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## CAMPAIGN NEWS

### Heartland unsure about McCain, Obama

COLUMBUS — Political allegiances are as divided as football loyalties in the country's heartland, home to deeply depressed economies, middle America values and profound doubts about whether either Barack Obama or John McCain will be able to reverse the worst financial turmoil this country has seen since the Great Depression.

"I don't want four more years of Republicans, let alone eight," said independent Craig Phipps, echoing nearly everyone else decked out in Ohio State University gear during a pre-game tailgate party. All but one in this group agreed when Phipps said: "McCain is no different than President Bush."

Across the parking lot, under a Purdue University tent, it was McCain who was the favorite — by default, it seems. Obama, although a fellow Midwesterner, "doesn't understand our values at all — even though Chicago's in the Midwest," said Tami Lee. She's a Democrat who once backed Obama but later became disenchanted with him.

Not far out from Election Day, weighing their choices in the midst of an economic crisis, there were still plenty of undecided voters in this swath of tailgaters, many of whom echo the doubts of Shannon Wells: "I'm not convinced that either one of them can change anything."

### Obama promises "hope over fear"

CANTON, Ohio — Closing his case for the presidency, Barack Obama presented himself Monday as a unifier for an embattled country, promising to deliver days of "hope over fear."

Obama's bid for a knockout blow, delivered in the vitally competitive state of Ohio, was not bare-knuckled. Rather, buoyed by front-runner status and frenetic crowds, Obama used the moment to get beyond the sparring with John McCain and restore a theme of inspiration.

"In one week, we can choose hope over fear, unity over division, the promise of change over the power of the status quo," Obama said. "In one week, we can come together as one nation, and one people, and once more choose our better history. That's what's at stake."

The speech also was aimed at positioning Obama as a statesman-in-waiting. His soaring language was a throwback to a time before the conversation drew more specific and ugly.

### White supremacists plot killing spree

WASHINGTON — Two white supremacists allegedly plotted to go on a national killing spree, shooting and decapitating black people and ultimately targeting Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, federal authorities said Monday.

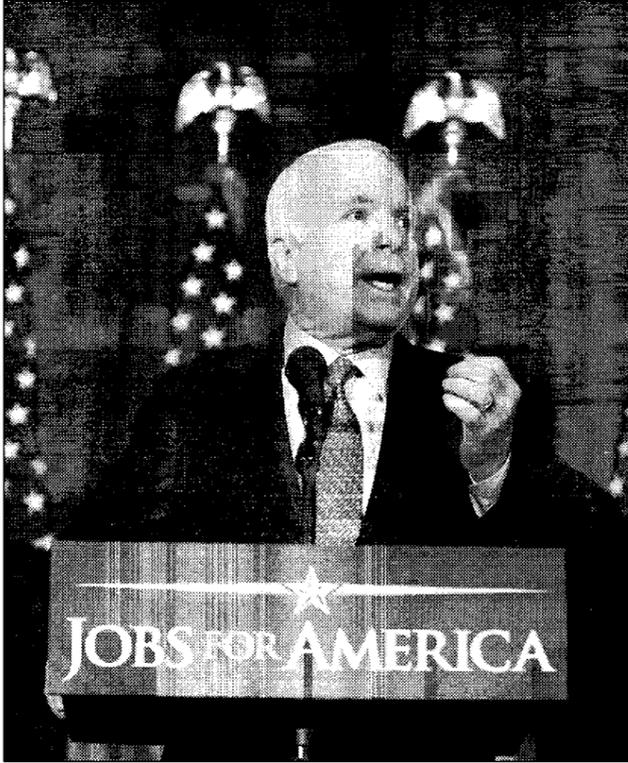
In all, the two men whom officials described as neo-Nazi skinheads planned to kill 88 people — 14 by beheading, according to documents unsealed in U.S. District Court in Jackson, Tenn. The numbers 88 and 14 are symbolic in the white supremacist community.

The spree, which initially targeted an unidentified predominantly African-American school, was to end with the two men driving toward Obama, "shooting at him from the windows," the court documents show.

"Both individuals stated they would dress in all-white tuxedos and wear top hats during the assassination attempt," the court complaint states. "Both individuals further stated they knew they would and were willing to die during this attempt."

## Candidates fight for Ohio voters

McCain, Obama pledge to fix suffering economy, move away from Bush era



Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, left, participates in an economic roundtable in Cleveland, Ohio, while Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, right, speaks at the Canton Civic Convention in Canton, Ohio, Monday.

Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — Fading in the polls, John McCain fought Barack Obama for support in economically hard-hit Ohio on Monday, each man pledging to right the economy and turn the page on the Bush era in a state with an impressive record for picking presidents.

Eight days from the election, however, Republicans looked and sounded increasingly like a party anticipating defeat, and possibly a substantial one.

McCain betrayed no such pessimism, assailing Obama as "the most liberal person ever to run for the presidency" and warning that Democrats would tax and spend the nation deeper into recession if they win the White House and keep control of Congress.

Referring to Obama, he said, "We both disagree with President Bush on economic policy. The difference is that he thinks taxes have been too low, and I think that spending has been too high."

Obama, running to become

the nation's first black president, countered that when it comes to the economy, "John McCain has stood with this president every step of the way."

He added, "The question in this election is not 'Are you better off than you were four years ago?' We know the answer to that. The real question is, 'Will this country be better off four years from now?'"

The polls suggest the country is leaning toward an Obama presidency. The Illinois senator runs ahead in national surveys. He also holds an advantage in several polls measuring sentiment in states that voted for Bush four years ago, as well as at least one — Virginia — that last voted for a Democrat four decades ago.

In a fresh show of GOP concern, officials inside both parties said the Republican National Committee was moving into Montana with a television advertising campaign for the first time this year. The party also is expanding its advertising in West Virginia to run statewide. Both states had

presumed safe for McCain for weeks, and RNC advertising has generally run in Republican-leaning states where he is in trouble.

The candidates' travel plans underscored the Electoral College math.

With scarcely a week remaining, McCain remained largely pinned down in traditionally Republican states, trying to eke out a majority.

By contrast, Obama's afternoon stop in Pittsburgh marked the first time in more than a week that he had bothered to visit a state fellow Democrat John Kerry won four years ago.

In a show of confidence, he has spent the rest of his campaign time in the past week or more in "red" states — Missouri, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Ohio — as he reaches for a sizable triumph.

Whatever doubt remained about the presidential race, only the size of Democratic gains seemed to be in question in the campaign for control of Congress.

Republican Sen. Ted Stevens' conviction in a cor-

ruption trial in Washington gave fresh momentum to the Democrats' drive for a 60-seat Senate majority that would strengthen their ability to overcome Republican filibusters on key legislation.

McCain himself has endured numerous slights in recent days, including anonymous sniping between his aides and those of running mate Sarah Palin. That came on the heels of the disclosure that clothes and accessories totaling \$150,000 had been purchased with donor funds for the Alaska governor and her family.

McCain announced over the weekend that \$50,000 worth of merchandise had been returned, and Palin pointedly told one crowd she was back to wearing duds from her "favorite consignment" store in Alaska.

In another blow, fellow Arizona Republican Sen. Jon Kyl speculated openly over the weekend that McCain's candidacy may end in defeat.

Ohio was Monday's battleground, with McCain campaigning in Cleveland and Dayton, while Obama was in Canton.

## SOUND BYTE: THE ECONOMY

What is one way that you plan to create more jobs?



Obama

"We've already lost three-quarters of a million jobs this year, and some experts say that unemployment may rise to 8% by the end of next year. We can't wait until then to start creating new jobs. That's why I'm proposing to give our businesses a new American jobs tax credit for each new employee they hire in the United States over the next two years."



McCain

"If I am elected president, I will help to create jobs for Americans in the most effective way a president can do this — with tax cuts that are directed specifically to create jobs, and protect your life savings. I will stand up to the corrupt ways of Washington, the wasteful spending and the abuses of power and I will end these abuses, whatever it takes."

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Joe Wurzelbacher, more commonly known as Joe the Plumber, gained nationwide fame a few weeks ago when he asked an innocent question to a man who may very well become the next president.

Since then, he has come under vicious, unwarranted scrutiny by the media and Obama supporters, all for exercising his First Amendment right. How dare he?!

So much for Democrats being champions of tolerance and free speech.

Here is a sampling of what we have learned from the investigative efforts of professional journalists: Joe the plumber isn't really a plumber at all because he doesn't have a plumbing license. He also doesn't make \$250,000 a year, and thus would receive a tax cut under Obama's plan. Furthermore, "Joseph" isn't even his first name; it's Samuel. He owes back taxes, has made "racist" statements, is divorced, and is not registered to vote. He also enjoys kicking puppies, stealing walkers from the elderly, and making small children cry (ok, I made that last part up).

Of course, they conveniently ignore the fact that Wurzelbacher doesn't need a plumber's license to work because his employer has one, that his current salary is irrelevant because he told Obama that he was "getting ready to buy a company that makes about 250, 270 - 80 thousand dollars a year," and that he is registered to vote. As for being racist, here is the actual quote that drew the accusation:

"You know, I've always wanted to ask one of these guys a question and really corner them and get them to answer a question of — for once instead of tap dancing around it. And unfortunately I asked the question but I still got a tap dance. Do you — almost as good as Sammy Davis Jr."

Apparently making comparisons to famous black entertainers is offensive to some. Who knew?

Yet all of this information is completely irrelevant. Wurzelbacher could be all those things and more, but it still wouldn't change the significance of his question, or more importantly, what the response to his question revealed. Americans have the right to ask tough questions of candidates for public office, especially those running

## Barack the socialist

for the most powerful elected office in the nation. Attacking a concerned citizen for trying to make an informed decision is just plain wrong.

If the mainstream media had applied the same zeal in their investigations of the man who is actually vying for the presidency, they might have discovered some interesting information before Joe the Plumber divulged Obama's true intentions while unwittingly sacrificing his own privacy on the altar of truth. For instance, Obama is an associate of a Chicago-based branch of the Democratic Socialists of America, and was endorsed by the group while running for the Illinois state Senate in 1996. Moreover, he campaigned for self-described socialist Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, who won the seat in 2006.

Sadly, most of the public had to wait for Joe the Plumber before realizing Obama's socialist tendencies. And still they dismiss attacks as "name-calling" and "fear-mongering," then accuse his opponents of "trafficking in Joe-McCarthy-like smears."

Judging by his actual statement, however, it becomes obvious why these attacks are justified:

"It's not that I want to punish your success. I just want to make sure that everybody who is behind you, that they've got a chance for success too. My attitude is that if the economy's good for folks from the bottom up, it's gonna be good for everybody ... I think when you spread the wealth around, it's good for everybody."

Yet to his most loyal supporters, even Obama's "spread the wealth around" comment is not enough to convince them of his socialist leanings. Indeed, Webster's Dictionary defines socialism as "any of various economic and political theories advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods." While there is no specific mention of wealth redistribution in this definition, it is an established fact that socialists advocate the creation of an egalitarian society in which wealth is distributed more evenly among the people. According to his response, Obama favors a similar goal.

To some, this might not sound so bad. Why shouldn't the Paris Hiltons of the country, who have more money than can possibly be spent, be forced to give some to the people who have nothing?

The problem with this sentiment is that it violates one of the founding principles upon which our nation was built. According to English philosopher John Locke, whose words inspired Thomas Jefferson's avowal of the inalienable rights

to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" in the Declaration of Independence, states, "government has no other end than the preservation of property." Hence, government does not exist to see to it that all people end up equal, but to protect what people have rightfully acquired as theirs.

Allow me to use an example to illustrate the injustice of redistributive practices. Suppose you are taking a moderately difficult class for which you have worked hard and managed to earn an A by midterm, while some other students have slacked off and are receiving lower grades. Your professor, who feels sorry for the students who haven't performed so well, decides to take everyone's grades and average them out, then redistribute them so that everyone receives the same grade. Now you have a B-. While the students whose grades improved might be happy, you would clearly be upset.

Moreover, you and the other students who received higher grades would probably decide that the class isn't worth the effort and refuse to do any more work, hoping that the rest of the class will pick up the slack. As a result, the average grade by the end of the semester falls substantially. Thus not only does redistribution hurt those who are productive, it also results in an overall decrease in productivity.

Additionally, one must take into consideration where Obama draws the line between those who are not making enough and those who are making too much. The number he has chosen is \$250,000. While this might seem like a substantial amount of wealth in some regions of the country, for those Americans who live in areas where the cost of living is very high, \$250,000 a year is next to nothing.

To be clear, I am not using the socialist label to scare anyone; I'm simply stating what I believe to be true based on the evidence presented. Americans have the right to know who they are really electing to office, and learning the life story of Joe the Plumber is not going to help them make informed decisions at the voting booth. If you like socialism, then by all means vote for Barack the Socialist. But for the rest of you, I would recommend reconsidering your faith in the vague yet seemingly reassuring promises of "change."

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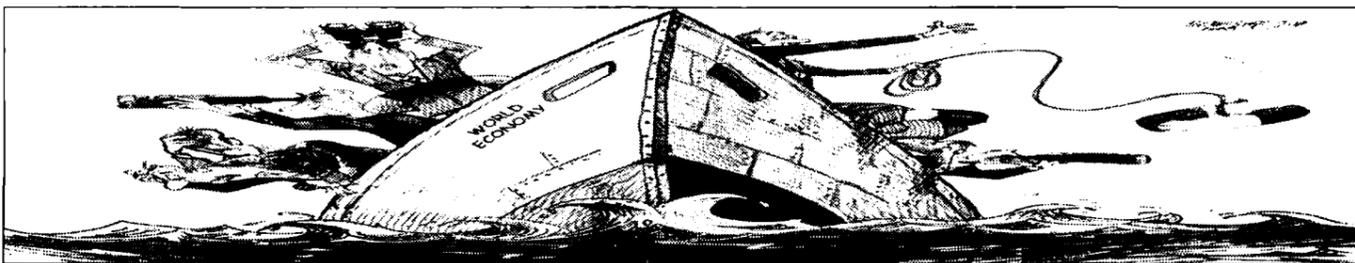
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Christie Pesavento

Right  
Winging It

### EDITORIAL CARTOON



### OBSERVER POLL

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Barack Obama  
Joe Biden  
Mr. Sarah Palin

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If men could only know each other,  
they would neither idolize nor hate."

Elbert Hubbard  
author

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### For clarification

I am pro-choice. I think women, and all human persons for that matter, should have the right to the freedom to make their own decisions. However, in the years I have been actively involved in pro-life work, never have I encountered or heard of a woman who 'wanted' or 'chose' to have an abortion, rather she always has said, "I have no other choice." I believe the late Pope John Paul II expressed it best when he said, "Free will is not having the freedom to do as we wish, but having the freedom to do what we ought."

A pregnant woman ought to be able to give birth to her unborn child. A pregnant woman who finds herself in a position in which abortion seems the only answer (whether it be for reasons of health, economics, sociocultural, academics, familial, etcetera) is not being afforded the right to choose, she is being denied the right to exercise her free will to act as she ought. For one to claim to be "pro-choice" in the capacity of being "pro-the-woman's-choice-to-have-an-abortion-if-she-chooses-to" (Lindsay Schwartz, Viewpoint, Oct. 13) is to be "pro-abortion." Being in favor of the availability and accessibility of abortion is to be pro-abortion.

Let us avoid language technicalities and look at the stark reality. To be pro-life (anti-abortion) is to be pro-woman and to be truly "pro-choice." To assume that the pro-life mission is "to get the message out to ... respect the life of an unborn [child]" (Schwartz, Oct. 13) is to overlook, perhaps deliberately, a significant portion of the mission and work of any pro-life association. It is no coinci-

dence that any crisis pregnancy center is concomitantly referred to as a women's care center. This is because it is generally recognized by most pro-life people that, before any baby-saving can occur, the life and well-being of the pregnant woman must be saved first. The full and healthy life of her unborn child is dependent upon the full and healthy life of the pregnant woman so that she can fully exercise her rights.

The humanitarian, Mother Teresa, once said of abortion, "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you choose." In this sense, "abortion is a terrible predicament to experience" (Schwartz, Oct. 13). Just as poverty is a risk to the rights of an individual to choose to live a full and healthy life, a pregnant woman placed in a position to seek an abortion feels that she does not have the right to choose to be able to give birth to her unborn child, a true poverty. For these reasons, Right to Life included two signs declaring, "Women deserve better than abortion," and a four-foot tall cross memorializing the 50 million women who have been hurt by abortion, in the United States alone, in their South Quad Cemetery of the Innocents last Tuesday and Wednesday. Like Ms. Schwartz, I, too, hope that I will never be in a situation where abortion is a choice I would have to make. Because, then, it would not be a choice

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### Counter for Schwartz

I'd like to respond to Lindsay Schwartz's letter to the editor by identifying and countering some points she made in the letter.

1. "If anyone really cared to dissect the issue ..." This statement insults all those who have taken a lot of time, often much of their lives, to really dissect the issue and defend their stances.

2. "They'd see that the real issue at stake has nothing to do with abortion per se." This issue revolves around abortion and has everything to do with it. This is not a matter concerning a woman's right to choose to vote. It is a matter concerning the so-called right to choose abortion. If one thinks abortion is a grave evil, he could not lovingly condone the choice of a fellow human being to partake in that action.

3. "Whether a woman has the right to have domain over her own body ..." Her own body is the vessel for the small one inside of her. There are two distinct bodies, two human beings. And we cannot forget who gave her that body, so where does she derive the right to destroy that gift and that of her child?

4. "The pro-choice viewpoint dictates that it's her right, not the government's." It's a fairly shocking belief that any one individual has the right to choose death for another innocent human being. It's a more acceptable and logical belief that the government has the right, the duty, to protect the right to life of its citizens. The pro-choice viewpoint upholds that first belief and rejects the second.

5. "Pro-life and pro-choice viewpoints don't necessarily contradict each other." The pro-life viewpoint rests on the funda-

mental right to life of every human being from conception until natural death. The pro-choice viewpoint does not. It rests on a conditional right to life, by which the right to life of the child is determined by the mother, and the "fullness" of her life is more valuable than the chance of life for her child. They contradict.

6. "Abortion is a tragedy for all parties involved and not ideal." Abortion is a moral evil, a grave infraction of the moral order; to say that it is not ideal is an understatement.

7. "What about the right of would-be mothers to live that same full, healthy life?" What idea do we have of motherhood if one of the "rights" is to choose to have her child killed? I think most of us are glad that our mothers didn't view their vocation in this way.

8. "While it is a regrettable situation ..." This terminology once again trivializes the gravity of the situation. A mother's choosing the death of her child is more than just a regrettable situation. It is an evil, disordered, unloving action. And how cruel are we that we'd want to allow women to enter into such situations? So, if one cares to dissect the issue, he'd uncover all that's buried beneath the term pro-choice, from its basic denial of rights to the unborn, to its disregard for the good of fellow human beings. To answer the question, we all have a right to life from our conception to our natural death, and the sooner we realize that the better.

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### Non-partisan?

The Observer article on Tuesday, Oct. 14 covering the "Pizza, Pop, and Politics - Morality and Social Issues" event brings to light an appallingly narrow definition of life issues. The fact that the "night focused almost entirely on the abortion issue" demonstrates a lack of understanding of the holistic nature of Catholic social teaching. While Professor Mary Keys brings up the strong point that "there is no common good if an entire class of human beings is denied protection by the law," this quote could just as easily describe the Immokalee tomato pickers who work under atrocious conditions in Florida or the 50,000 women and children trafficked as sex slaves around the world as it does fetuses.

Parkinson, an Indiana Right to Life supporter, may want to acquaint himself with the Inquisition, the Crusades, the slave trade, and the hegemonic domination of colonialism before asserting that the "primary purpose of politics was to seek that which was just" throughout the history of western civilization. Also, Parkinson's limiting description of materialism as all politics boiling down to economics falls far short of materialism's concern for real individuals, their activities, and the material conditions under which they live. With an abundance of highly qualified academics at this University, ND Votes has the responsibility and the resources to hold their events to a

higher standard.

With respect to the upcoming election, Obama is described as a supporter of Roe v. Wade without considering that upholding the reproductive rights of women includes supporting a woman's right to have a baby. Many argue that Obama's social policies will reduce the need for abortion, as paternity and maternity leave and closing the wage gap between men and women will make having children more feasible for all families, and will especially aid women in financially precarious situations who may otherwise turn to abortion. As a supposed nonpartisan event, this Pizza, Pop, and Politics discussion was skewed toward one particular group's political agenda. The larger issues of morality and social justice were ignored, as a fair discussion would encompass poverty, immigration, discrimination, and the uninsured as well as other vulnerable groups. We urge ND Votes to live up to its declaration of non-partisanship and host an event which covers morality and social issues in their entirety.

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### Abortion and mutilation

I'm writing in response to the article, "Who has the 'Right to Life'?" First of all, the central issue is whether or not a fetus is a living person. Abortionists have decided that the fetus is not a child and, consequently, can be taken care of by whatever means necessary. To say that the issue is about limiting women's rights is missing the issue of controversy entirely. But let's just suppose — for the sake of argument — that it is about women's rights. We won't even consider the fetus a living person. Women should have rights. Voting, the ability to own property, equality of pay, availability of education to women — all good stuff. Women's rights, however, are not all-encompassing; they can't do everything that they would like.

This includes everything a woman would like to do to her body. For example, we would say it would be reasonable for a woman to pierce her ears. It would not be reasonable, however, for a woman to cut her own arm off. (If you disagree with that statement, stop reading. There is no way we'll be able to understand each other.) Why is cutting an arm off unreasonable? It presents too much of a risk to the person's life and, if the person were to survive, would pose significant problems in the future.

Considered in this way, abortion is comparable to a woman cutting off her own arm. In most cases, the risk of abortion outweighs the benefit and a normal birth is the safer option. It has been shown in studies that women who have had an abortion suffer from double the risk of breast cancer, more than double the risk of cervical, ovarian, and liver cancer, cervical lacerations, and possibly death (abortion carries all the risks of major surgery).

Even if the abortion goes smoothly, the mother may eventually feel like having children later on in life. Due to the abortion, problems arise such as placenta previa (a life-threatening condition for mother and child), labor complications, ectopic pregnancies, and the list goes on. Also, many women who've had an abortion suffer from a psychological disorder that resembles Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Don't believe me? Google "effects of abortion" and see. A comparison of abortion and normal birth shows that birth presents less of a physical and mental health risk to the women. Therefore, birth is the necessary alternative to abortion.

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### Hopefully, choice is still an option

In response to Lindsay Schwartz's letter ("Who has the 'Right to Life'"), I wish to declare my hope that I never have to choose whether or not to kill my lifestyle-cramping son or daughter. If, however, "that day ever comes, my hope is that the government will still allow me to make my choice."

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SMOKE REACHES NEW LOWS

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Provocative. Original. Well-acted. These are all words that could rightly be used to describe the brilliant 1995 thriller "Se7en." None of those could be applied to 2004's "Saw," a shameless rip-off of "Se7en," minus all subtlety.

Unfortunately, the annual sequels got progressively worse, culminating in the utterly atrocious, recently released fifth entry, "Saw 5."

Make no mistake; this is one of the worst movies of all time. It's not comically bad — it's insultingly bad. Watching it is akin to seeing a video of someone vomiting for 90 minutes, minus the sincerity that act entails. Coincidentally, you might feel like puking after seeing this marathon of stereotypes and pointless violence. Hopefully, it will be forgotten by all, though the standards for terrible filmmaking have been raised so high that such bliss seems unlikely.

"High School Musical" seems like "Casablanca" next to this.

Nothing about this movie is good, unless it is compared to, say, contracting terminal cancer. The cinematography, which has been gimmicky and cheap throughout the series, has regressed to the point that anyone with even the slightest knowledge of filmmaking could do better. The screenwriters didn't even bother to make compelling characters, and the acting reflects such paper-thin characterizations.

"Vengeful police officer." "Rich-kid drug addict." "Sarcastic journalist." "Criminal mastermind." Those are complete descriptions of four characters in the film.

The plot is incredibly hackneyed, and impossible to understand for anyone who has not seen the previous four installments. Half the movie takes the form of flashbacks, and it becomes nearly impossible to chronologically order the events depicted. Main character Jigsaw died at the end of "Saw 3," but

still appears in flashbacks. Why? Most likely, to make retroactive additions to past events in the series, thus stretching out the plot and allowing a maximum amount of sequels. Plotlines are left dangling, presumably to be resolved in the subsequent sixth, seventh, or even eighth editions.

Who will bring Jigsaw's successor to justice? What was in the box left for Jigsaw's widow? Or more importantly — who cares, and to what institution can we commit them?

The clichés — sorry, characters — often make completely nonsensical decisions. This is by far the most infuriating thing about the film, though singling out that feature is like picking your favorite kind of car crash. For example, rather than wait to be rescued in a safe room where the trap has been already triggered, the group ventures to their deaths in the adjoining rooms. They do this multiple times. No one alive would make the decisions

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these people do.

The only way this movie could have ended on a satisfying note would be if everyone in it died. The characters are that unappealing.

Unfortunately, this does not happen, as the producers need to put out "Saw 6" next October, because they don't have enough money already. This film is not art; it is tripe that somehow manages to undershoot the ever-plummeting lowest common denominator. If violent, artfully produced film is what you want, go see "Taxi Driver," go see "No Country for Old Men," go see anything but "Saw."

If you had the misfortune to see "Saw 5," you almost certainly felt stupider after viewing it. If you enjoyed it, you have taste so horrendous that your intelligence should be questioned.

Do not see this movie. Do not make the mistake of humoring a friend and accompanying them to see it. Smack anyone who suggests seeing it. You will never get the hour and a half you spend viewing it back. You will never get your ticket price back.

A closing note: Scene only viewed this movie because of a friend who inexplicably enjoys the entire series. Unfortunately, the lowest score Scene can give is half a shamrock out of four, which is far more than "Saw 5" deserves. This film is an abortion.

**Saw V**

**Director:** David Hackl  
**Starring:** Tobin Bell, Costas Mandylor and Scott Patterson



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ALL SIDES can't stand on

By JAMES DuBRAY  
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O.A.R.'s a band that's ripe for critical bashing.

With a fan base akin to that of Dave Matthews Band, hipster music magazine writers won't give a fair review to a group loved by frat boys and pseudo-hippies. Foreseeing this conflict of interest, reputable outlets such as "Pitchfork," "Spin" and "Paste" have yet to review a O.A.R. album, studio or live.

What these critics fail to understand is that O.A.R. gained a following by doing things the right way. They built their fan base on sweat and beer, touring nonstop to any place in the country where an audience would listen. Instead of relying on concocted advertising plans, the college buddies let their music spread through word of mouth and sharing of live tapes.

Acknowledging that music isn't a commodity like a car or a retirement plan, the band worked to connect with their listeners on every level. Far from assumed that this relationship was based on the band's love of music and the sometimes beautiful culture that surrounds it.

If their recent album provided any indication, O.A.R. either never did or no longer does like music. "All Sides," released earlier this year on the band's Everfine Records, bore the same name and ultimately disappointed.

Maybe it's that they've been on the road too long, if the opening track "This Town" defines the album. This arena anthem crashes to the ground as the group abandons the reggae-influenced jam rock for a hookless plea to be more like U2. Maybe the issue is lead singer Mark Roberge's Ohio

**All Sides  
O.A.R.**

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Notre Dame 33, Washington 7

## Road Runners

*Notre Dame racks up 252 rushing yards en route to its first away victory*

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Editor

On Notre Dame's third play from scrimmage, freshman Michael Floyd took a screen pass 51 yards to the endzone for an early 7-0 lead.

That would be all the points the Irish would need.

They reeled off another 26 straight points before Washington managed to punch in a meaningless touchdown late in the fourth quarter to bring the final score to 33-7 at Husky Stadium Saturday night.

"I was really concerned and wanted to make sure we didn't come out flat in the game, so I put it on the coaches too to be aggressive in play calls early," Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

Notre Dame (5-2) held the Huskies (0-7) to 124 yards of total offense — 69 of which came on the touchdown drive after most of the defensive starters were taken out of the game. That drive took away Notre Dame's chance for its first shutout since a 42-0 win over Rutgers on Nov. 23, 2002.

"You always want a shutout, but at the end of the day it's a good time to get some other guys in and get some experience," sophomore linebacker Harrison Smith said.

Smith had five tackles including two sacks for a combined loss of 21 yards. He also picked up 35 rushing yards on his second successful fake punt of the season.

The Irish defense finished the game with four sacks and a handful of hurries that kept Huskies quarterback Ronnie Fouch on his toes all game.

"Until that last drive, Washington didn't even cross midfield," Weis said. "That was as good of defense as we have played in quite some time."

Sophomore running back James Aldridge led the way offensively for Notre Dame with 86 yards and his first career multiple touchdown game. Aldridge started the third quarter by pounding the ball in from four yards out on the team's first drive of the half then added a second score with another hard run to start the fourth quarter.

"It felt good. I just try to get in when I can and like I always say I'm happy just filling my role," he said.

Aldridge, who ran the ball 13 times and had a catch, said the he didn't know going into the game that he would see as



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**Irish running back James Aldridge powers his way through a tackle during Notre Dame's 33-7 victory over the Washington Huskies on Saturday. Aldridge led all rushers with 86 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries.**

much action as he did.

"You never know going in, we go into different modes and whatever mode we go into, if I happen to be in it, I just try to get out there and do the best I can," he said.

After jumping out to a commanding 17-0 lead at the half, Weis and the Irish settled into a running mode with only seven pass attempts in the entire second half.

Armando Allen led the team in carries with 15 for 62 yards and freshman Jonas Gray came off the bench in the fourth quarter and picked up 62 of his own yards with his first touches of his career.

Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen had a relatively light work load going 14-for-26 for 206 yards passing. Clausen's numbers were surprisingly low considering the fact that Washington entered the game ranked 119th in the country in

pass defense efficiency.

The sophomore signal caller got off to a hot start connecting with Floyd for two big plays, but ended the half with a completion rate under 50 percent and an interception.

"I got out of rhythm in the second quarter and I just had to get my timing back and I got back into in the third quarter," Clausen said. "We got a victory and that's all I really care about."

Clausen said that the extra week without playing did not have any negative effects on his timing.

"We came out gun-slinging in the first quarter so I don't

think that had anything to do with it," he said.

The Irish scored touchdowns on their first two possessions of the game. Floyd's long run was followed by a 21-yard end around from Golden Tate to stretch the lead to 14. Notre Dame faked the end around on the play before setting up a huge hole for Tate up the middle.

Tate, who was originally recruited as a running back, said he was happy to get a chance to carry the ball.

Notre Dame also added two field goals from sophomore Brandon Walker. Walker was 2-for-8 coming into the game

but was perfect against Washington. He connected from 28 yards out to start the second quarter and again from 42 yards in the third.

"Every kick for me is a new season so right now I'm 0-for-0 in my mind," Walker said.

Walker was also 3-for-3 one extra points before he was taken out of the game to give newly-added walk on David Ruffer some experience in the fourth quarter.

Ruffer, a sophomore, joined the team after the North Carolina game and hit the upright in his collegiate debut.

"I just told him to go out and get the next one," Walker said.

Notre Dame returns home next Saturday to take on the Pittsburgh Panthers and try to move to a perfect 5-0 on its own turf.

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*"We got a victory and that's all I really care about."*

**Jimmy Clausen**  
Irish quarterback

### player of the game

**James Aldridge**  
Notre Dame running back

*Aldridge powered his way to 86 yards rushing and two touchdowns to lead the Irish.*

### stat of the game

**124**

*Total yards of offense for Washington in the game. The lowest total for any Irish opponent this year.*

### play of the game

**Michael Floyd's 51-yard touchdown reception**

*Clausen and Floyd connected on the third play of the game and set the pace for a dominant win.*

### quote of the game

*"That was as good of defense as we have played in quite some time."*

**Charlie Weis**  
Irish coach

# report card

**C+** **quarterbacks:** Clausen finished 14-for-26 with a touchdown and an interception. After a quick start he was out of sync with his receivers for most of the game.

**A** **running backs:** The Irish running backs put up over 200 yards, including a career high 86 from Aldridge. Freshman Jonas Gray also played well in his debut.

**B+** **receivers:** Floyd added another 100-yard game, but the passing game played second fiddle to the ground attack against the overmatched Huskies.

**B** **offensive line:** Clausen was sacked twice by a team that had three total sacks in their first six games. He was also hurried several times, but the run blocking opened plenty of holes.

**A** **defensive line:** Johnson and Richardson split a sack and Fouch had a man in his face for most of the game.

**A** **linebackers:** Mr. and Mr. Smith both picked up sacks — Harrison had two. They also held Washington to 23 total yards on the ground.

**B+** **defensive backs:** The numbers look impressive, but Husky receivers dropped several open passes. A better team could have exploited those plays.

**A-** **special teams:** Walker hit two field goals and Smith's fake punt went for 35 yards. Ruffler's missed extra point and Jonas Gary's bobble on the kick return were the only problems this week.

**A** **coaching:** After an extra week to think about a tough loss to North Carolina, Weis had his team well-prepared. The game was never in doubt and the Irish won with class.

**3.56** **overall:** The Irish were clearly the better team on Saturday, but there was still room for improvement.

## adding up the numbers

**0** Punts for Notre Dame's Eric Maust in Saturday's game. The first time Maust has been idle for an entire game.

**54** Minutes before Washington's offense crossed the 50-yard line. Their only trip into Irish territory resulted in a touchdown.

**2.6** Average yards per play for Washington. The Huskies picked up 124 total yards in the game.

**5** Touchdowns so far this season for freshman Michael Floyd. The most ever for a Notre Dame freshman receiver.

**45** More rushing yards than passing yard for the Irish. The first time all-season they ground game has outgained the air attack.

**6** Times the Irish went for it on fourth down including twice at 4th & 19. They were successful twice.

**43** Consecutive successful extra point attempts for Brandon Walker. A streak that dates back to last year's 33-19 loss to Purdue.

**46** The average starting position for Notre Dame's offense during the second quarter.



Irish safety David Bruton, right, Kyle McCarthy, center, and Robert Blanton pile on after tackling a Washington running back in the first quarter of Saturday's game. The Irish defense held the Huskies to 124 total yards of offense.

# Big win not as big as it seems

No disrespect to Vin Diesel, but Notre Dame must take issue with his words of wisdom.

"It doesn't matter if you win by an inch or a mile," he says in 'The Fast and the Furious.' 'Winning's winning.'"

Sort of. In Notre Dame's case, winning isn't exactly winning. At least not over winless Washington, whose terrible season got no better Saturday. Notre Dame needs to heed the reverse of what Diesel intended: winning by a mile doesn't mean you're miles ahead of your opponent. Nor will you be miles ahead of future opponents.

Washington had three first downs in the first half. At halftime, Huskies quarterback Ronnie Fouch had completed just one of his nine passes for five yards. Not to put the passing game's struggles all on him, let's discuss his receivers, who dropped passes that hit them in the hands. The defense, which was in the bottom 10 in the nation in rush yardage entering the game, let Notre Dame run at will. Washington rushed for only 26 yards. Notre Dame sacked Fouch four times. The list goes on.

Beware taking these facts to signify a great performance by the Irish. Rather, they displayed the true woes that have befallen the Huskies this season.

The Irish can still use this game as a confidence boost, but they have to exercise caution in the process. The game

has two meanings, one in the short run and one in the long run. When taken together, the experience can create optimism and momentum. If not, a false sense of security and cockiness could envelop the team and impede its progress.

The really positive sign? The players know the difference.

"The only thing we can control is how we play," Irish running back James Aldridge said. "If everybody focuses on the front they have in task of them they'll be successful."

That's where the short-term benefits will come into play. The Irish must focus on their performance. Certainly, the 252 yards the Irish gained on the ground will boost their confidence in the running game. Aldridge's 84 yards and two touchdowns must have pleased him. Quarterback Jimmy Clausen struggled compared to his recent performances but showed improvement in successfully evading the pass rush to keep plays alive and prevent sacks.

The defense stifled both the run and the pass. Before Washington's final drive against Notre Dame's backups, Fouch had passed for 23 yards in the game. Washington possessed the ball 10 times in the game. It scored on its final drive — but punted at the end of the first nine.

Short-term prognosis: the Irish played great. Long-term prognosis: the Irish played great against a terrible team and, should they get too full of themselves, will set themselves up for failure in the future.

Like Aldridge said, it comes down to focusing on the team's own play and how that translates into the coming weeks. Irish receiver Golden Tate said mistakes need correcting despite the final score.

"I don't think Washington was terrible," Tate said. "I feel like we made some mistakes."

Both Aldridge and linebacker Harrison Smith said the performance helps drive the team from week to week. Aldridge spoke of a "flow," while Smith called it a momentum, but the idea

was the same: It doesn't matter who they beat. The win alone, and the quality of play, create all the confidence the team needs. With confidence, however, can come arrogance, but Notre Dame knows to leave arrogance alone.

"Anytime you can win the game with a score like that you gain confidence but at the same time you don't want to have arrogance," Tate said. "Thinking we're good, we're good, whatever we do we're going to win."

The mantra that will bring the most success to the Irish in the rest of the season mirrors Tate's train of thought. Focus on what you do. Forget about who you play. Don't get complacent based on the final score. Remember that every opponent won't roll over so easily.

But don't completely write the win off to the quality of competition either. Smith summed up this principle best.

"To be good you have to know you're good," Smith said. "That's not arrogant or cocky, you just have to know that."

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Harrison Smith  
Irish linebacker

# Walker looks sharp on the road

By DAN MURPHY  
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Coming in to Saturday's game against the Huskies Irish placekicker Brandon Walker had hit two field goals in six games. Walker doubled that number on a windy night in Seattle that saw a near-perfect performance from the entire special teams unit.

Walker's struggles — six misses in six games including his first four attempts of the season — have been well documented and discussed frequently among the Irish faithful. Walker seems to have found his stride for the moment with three consecutive successful attempts, two of which coming from more than 40 yards away.

"You find one small thing in your form and you change it ... and the ball will fly off pretty well," Walker said.

The sophomore kicker was highly recruited out of high school and began his career by hitting four of his first five collegiate attempts. After that Walker hit a slump making only three of his next 14 tries leading up to the North Carolina game.

Then Walker hit a 42-yarder to start the second quarter against the Tar Heels.

"I don't know if it was a confidence boost. I think overall it probably gave my team and the coaches more confidence than it gave me," Walker said. "Every kick is a new kick."

Walker said he found a glitch in his mechanics while watching film, and he was able to correct it.

Earlier this week, Irish coach Charlie Weis added some insurance to his roster in sophomore David Ruffer. Up until that time Ruffer was kicking field goals for Siegfried Hall in the interhall football league.

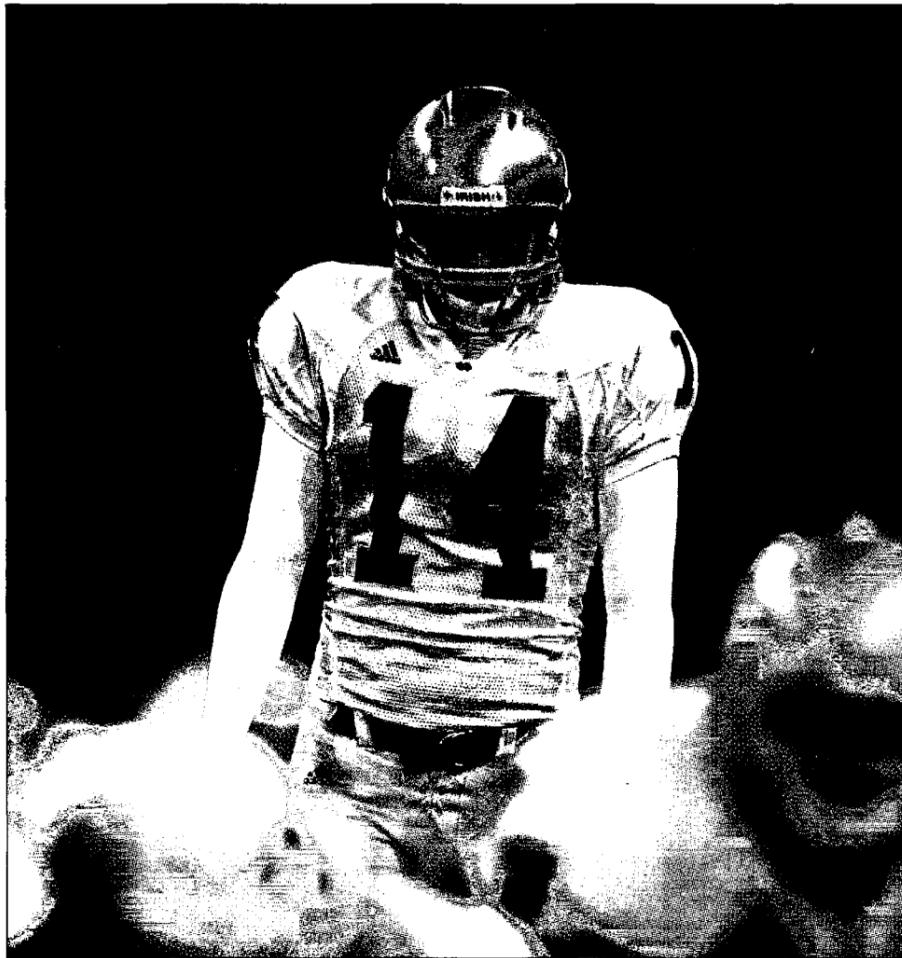
"I think having a little competition is always a good thing, [Walker] was pounding the ball pretty good out there today," Weis said.

Walker said that Ruffer's presence wasn't really a big factor in his performance against Washington.

"A lot of people would say it would push me to be a lot better, but to be honest if I had lost my job or if I do lose it down the road that just means a better guy won the job," he said.

Ruffer got his chance in the spotlight when Notre Dame scored a late touchdown, but rang the extra point attempt off the right upright.

"He definitely showed a few first-



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Irish sophomore Brandon Walker lines up for a 28-yard field goal attempt in the second quarter. Walker hit two field goals against the Huskies.

game jitters," Weis said.

Walker said that he talked to his counterpart following the kick and told him to keep his head up.

"I just told him to go out there and get the next one," he said.

Walker successfully converted the first three extra points of the game to keep a perfect 24-for-24 tally on the season.

Ruffer's slip up was one of the very few things that went wrong for the Irish on special teams in Washington. The kickoff team held the Huskies to less than 16 yard per return pin-

ning them inside the 25 yard line on five of the seven kickoffs. Special teams standout Mike Anello had another big hit on Notre Dame's second kick of the day.

"I think our kick coverage teams have been pretty solid all year. Overall, I

think the special teams had a good game," Weis said.

The punt team only saw the field once, but made a big impact when they did. Sophomore Harrison Smith cut off the snap and ran the ball 35 yards before he was dragged down by the Huskies punt returner. It was the second successful fake punt for the Irish this season, the first came three weeks ago at home against Stanford.

"It's a look based on what other people line up in and when you see it you get pretty excited," Smith said. "I knew it was gonna go for some yardage right when I touched the ball."

That drive eventually led to Walker's 42-yard kick that gave Notre Dame a very comfortable 27-0 lead with under five minutes to go in the third quarter.

Weis did not address the situation specifically after the game, but it seems that at least for the moment Walker has secured his job as the Irish kicker.

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**Brandon Walker**  
Irish kicker

# Crum named finalist for CLASS award

By BILL BRINK  
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Senior linebacker Maurice Crum Jr. was named one of 10 finalists for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. CLASS, which stands for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, focuses on student-athletes who use their status to position to help their surroundings.

Crum, a fifth-year season, graduated with a degree in Sociology last May and is currently enrolled in graduate studies. He is serving his second year as Notre Dame's defensive captain.

## Robinson filling in

Freshman guard Trevor Robinson, who usually spells right guard Chris Stewart, switched sides to fill in for left guard Eric Olsen after

Olsen left the game because of an ankle injury. Olsen later returned to the game.

"Olsen was fine," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "That ankle he rolled a few other times."

Linebacker Brian Smith also left the game in the second half after a hard hit. Smith did not return to action but Weis said he was fine and was held out because the game was no longer in doubt.

## Rewriting the record books

Michael Floyd's touchdown catch in the first quarter, his fifth on the season, set the freshman school record for most touchdown receptions. The 51-yard catch was also his longest of the season.

Floyd, with 31 catches, is also one catch away from the freshman reception record. Duval Kamara had

32 in 2007. Kamara also previously held the freshman touchdown record with four scores last season.

"Everyone looks at [Floyd] and they say, I don't know how fast he is, but you throw a quick slant to him and see him slip past," Weis said.

## Getting in good position

The Irish ran 30 of their 42 plays (71 percent) in the first half in Washington territory. Washington, conversely, did not run one of its 26 first-half plays in Notre Dame territory. The Huskies did not cross midfield until there was 5:50 remaining.

## Career Day

Running back James Aldridge set season-highs in carries (13), yards (84) and touchdowns (2). He now has three touchdowns this season.

## Washington Ty's

Former Notre Dame head coach lost for the second time in two tries to his old team.

Willingham's Huskies lost to Notre Dame 36-17 in 2005, his first season in Washington.

Weis said any rivalry that existed between the two coaches was taken care of in 2005.

"I don't think anyone thought about it at all. That was put to rest last time," Weis said.

## Staying perfect

The Irish moved to 7-0 all time against Washington with Saturday's win.

The two teams first met in 1948 when the No.2-ranked Irish won 46-0. Five of Notre Dame's seven wins have been by 20 points or more.

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# scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	14	3	10	6	33
Washington	0	0	0	7	7

## First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Washington 0  
Jimmy Clausen 51-yard pass to Michael Floyd (Walker kick) with 12:35 remaining.  
Drive: 3 plays, 63 yards, 1:18 elapsed  
Notre Dame 14, Washington 0  
Golden Tate 21-yard touchdown run (Walker kick) with 7:48 remaining.  
Drive: 7 plays, 70 yards, 2:43 elapsed

## Second quarter

Notre Dame 17, Washington 0  
Brandon Walker 28-yard field goal with 11:10 remaining.  
Drive: 5 plays, 15 yards, 1:12 elapsed

## Third quarter

Notre Dame 24, Washington 0  
James Aldridge 4-yard touchdown run (Walker kick) with 12:55 remaining.  
Drive: 5 plays, 61 yards, 1:57 elapsed  
Notre Dame 27, Washington 0  
Brandon Walker 42-yard field goal with 4:31 remaining.  
Drive: 5 plays, 15 yards, 1:12 elapsed

## Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 33, Washington 0  
James Aldridge 5-yard touchdown run (Ruffer failed kick) with 12:33 remaining.  
Drive: 10 plays, 60 yards, 5:23 elapsed  
Notre Dame 33, Washington 7  
Ronnie Fouch 6-yard pass to D'Andre Goodwin (Perkins kick) with 2:56 remaining.  
Drive: 10 plays, 69 yards, 3:17 elapsed

# statistics

## total yards

ND	459	UW	124
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## rushing yards

ND	252	UW	26
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## passing yards

ND	207	UW	98
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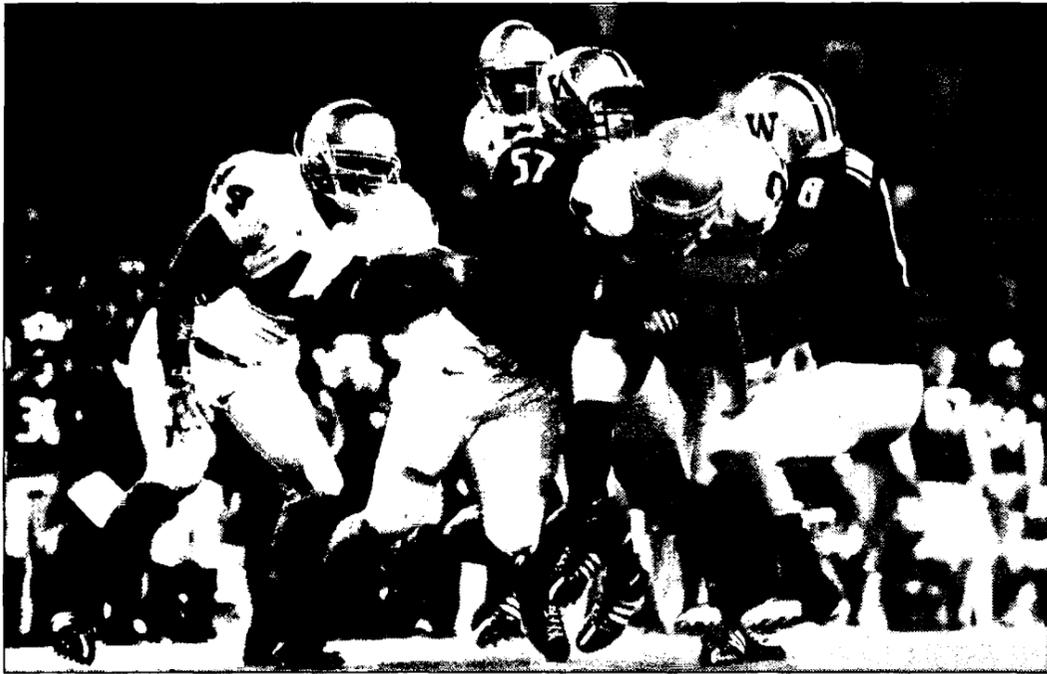
## return yards

ND	51	UW	111
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## time of possession

ND	37:28	UW	22:32
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	passing	rushing	receiving	tackling
Clausen Sharpley	14-26 1-2	Fouch	11-25	
Aldridge	13-84	Dailey, T.	8-24	
Allen	15-62	Freeman	5-16	
Gray	9-62	Goodwin	2-14	
Floyd	4-107	Goodwin	7-47	
Tate	3-47	Bruns	1-21	
Parris	3-19	Hawkins	1-12	
Herring	6	Foster	10	
Crum	6	Johnson, T.	9	



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# Taking care of business

The Irish ventured to the Great Northwest after taking an extra week off to think about their heartbreaking loss to the Tar Heels. Heavily favored against the home team Huskies, Notre Dame wasted no time in getting out to a lead. Freshman phenom Michael Floyd scooted down the sidelines for his fifth score this year before most fans had settled into their seats. The Irish struck again on the very next drive when Golden Tate took a handoff 21 yards to the end zone and the rout was on.

Notre Dame's stingy defense took over from there. The Irish didn't allow Washington's struggling offense into enemy territory until late in the final quarter and maintained a shutout until Washington's last drive of the game. Brandon Walker added two field goals to help the cause, but the issue was never in doubt. Notre Dame picked up their first win on the road in 2008 in impressive fashion against a clearly overmatched Washington team.

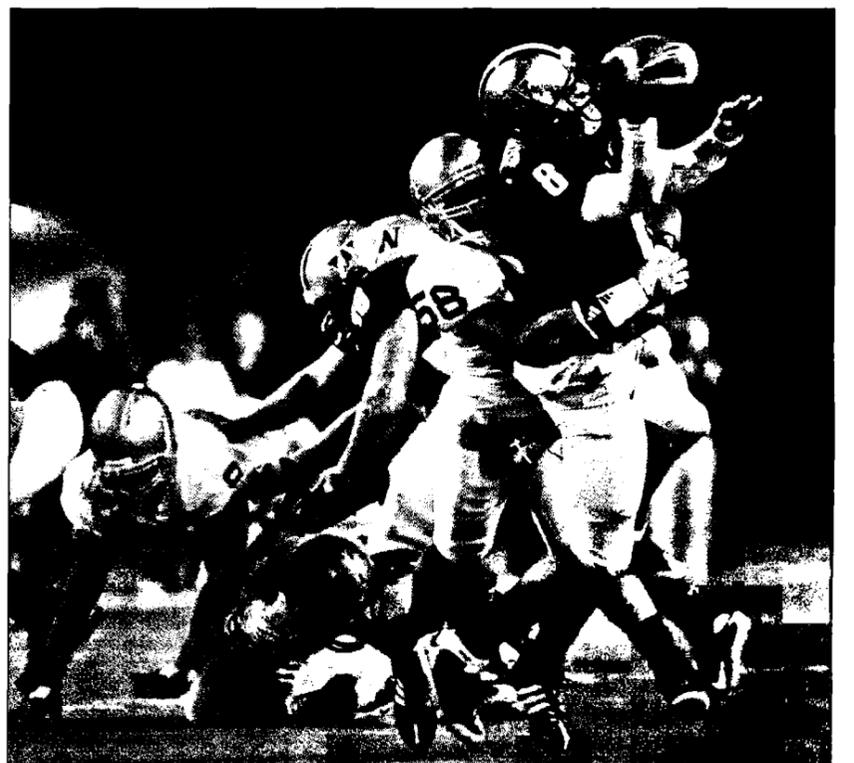
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Clockwise from top, James Aldridge carries a pair of Washington tacklers. Aldridge and Golden Tate celebrate an Irish touchdown. Sophomore Brian Smith breaks through the line and chases down Ronnie Fouch. Michael Floyd races down the sideline for his fifth career touchdown reception. Smith picks up one of Notre Dame's four sacks.



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State education, if the lyrics from "Something Coming Over" say something about what he learned in his four years.

It's just so darn insightful to hear metaphors like, "Used to watch this game from the sidelines/ Now its time to get on in and play."

Maybe the problem is the group's lack of knowledge of rock and roll history. The Rolling Stones already had a hit song called "Shattered." It was a real rock and roll song. And The Stones' tune had more guts than O.A.R.'s recent joke, even as Mick Jagger licked Ronnie Wood's lips during the band's memorable "SNL" rendition of the "Some Girls" single.

Or maybe it's that the band is like Dylan in much of the 80s or U2 today, bored with nothing to say but too arrogant and pressured by record executives to admit it. Either way, the plea to populate teenybopper pop radio is off-putting. Instead of making an album with the same exuberance and yearning that populated their popular 2002 live recording "Any Time Now," the band went with a career ruiner.

Someone needs to tell the recently turned thirty-year olds that they're not in college anymore.

Perhaps the saddest thing about O.A.R. is their complete lack of sincerity or self-awareness — or both. In the album's liner notes, Roberge talks of taking a cross-country road trip to reflect before making "All Sides." If this road trip even happened, the only things that was going through the front man's head were dollar signs. The band populated their Los Angeles studio with record producer Matt Wallace. Much like O.A.R., Wallace moved from working in reputable territory with acts such as The Replacements to greener pastures with "poignant" groups like Maroon 5.

Here's to hoping this record teaches the band a lesson. Insincere, unoriginal people may be the toast of the business world, but they don't belong in rock and roll.

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## Judging Campus Costumes Halloween

A sage movie quotation from "Mean Girls" once stated, "Halloween is the one night a year when a girl can dress like a total slut and no other girls can say anything about it."

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Once again, it seems that Lindsay Lohan's wisdom is far from infallible.

Halloween is one of my holidays of the year. I mean, who can complain about free candy and the opportunity to dress up? Unfortunately for us college students, age appropriate etiquette forces many of us to give up our trick-or-treating ways. With our opportunities for free goodies dwindling, it is only logical that we instead use costumes to throw ourselves into the Halloween festivities. With the endless possibilities of grown-up dress-up, Friday's wardrobe choices promise to cover the range of good, bad, hilarious and alarming.

As per the opening "Mean Girls" quotation, let's talk about girls' costume choices. You don't have to be Miss Cleo to predict the onslaught of scandalous outfits in this weekend's future. "Naughty" costume choices seem to be a collegiate Halloween staple. And my guess is that we've all been guilty of donning shocking apparel at one point or another. Or, at least most of us can admit to the temptation of taking a break from our normally classy attire. The mix of tenacity and bravery it takes to pull off that ultra-short, ultra-skimpy costume can be undeniably intoxicating.

But, honestly, what would Stacy and Clinton of TLC's "What Not To Wear" fame say to your Catwoman outfit? Better yet, what would your dad say to the scantily clad pirate wardrobe option?

And then, the weather is always a concern. Considering last night's first snowfall, that micro-mini skirt might not be the most prudent choice for an off-campus trek. So before you choose to don your most scandalous outfit, be forewarned that your health (unfortunate colds, etc.) and your rep might take a hit. Remember: Lindsay Lohan isn't always right, and Halloween isn't always an excuse for sala-

ciousness.

Girls are not the only Halloween revelers that need a reality check. Most boys seem to exist on opposite ends of the spectrum as far as Halloween revelry is concerned. They seem to either go all out, or to express a stereotypical apathy.

To the former, good for you. To the latter, muster up some enthusiasm. Stop leaving all the dressing up to the girls. Half-hearted costumes shouldn't cut it. For example, wearing all black and being a body guard is lame. Similarly, wearing ND apparel and being a fan is equally pathetic. Unless you are dressing up as a Halloween Scrooge, half-hearted and nonexistent costumes won't suffice. Additionally pimps and gangsters are equally uninteresting. For once, please shy away from boring, stereotypical, and lackluster outfits.

With this aforementioned list of concerns and complaints, perhaps some costume suggestions are in order. For boys, you can't go wrong by dressing up as a kissing booth, an easy and adorable option. Knights in shining armor won't fail to sweep the girls off their feet. And for the extra committed, there's always full on body suits, like a gorilla or a chicken.

Girls, don't be afraid to opt for cute over scandalous. Creativity is always appreciated. Maybe ditch the overused costume ideas, and come up with something original. Or add twists to common ideas. Ensemble costumes, like the Spice Girls or casts of movies, are delightful and fun ways to coordinate.

Ultimately, it takes all types to contribute to Halloween's wonder. It takes a mix of racy apparel, cute classics, and creative geniuses to bring out every side of the holiday. And with four days until the big day, there is plenty of time for students to get their Halloween spirit into full gear. But with the combination of sugar highs, fright fests and costume creativity, there's not much to complain about this fall tradition.

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NHL

# Selanne's third-period goal gives Ducks win

Spezza notches two goals and assist to help Senators snap four-game losing streak, hand Sabres first regulation loss

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Things weren't going well for the Anaheim Ducks, so they hit the road to find themselves.

Teemu Selanne scored a power-play goal with 3:55 left, helping the Anaheim Ducks beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 3-2 on Monday night. The victory capped a string of four straight road wins in seven nights, three of them one-goal games.

"I'm very happy about the road trip," Selanne said. "Obviously when you win four in a row you know you've done something good. This wasn't pretty tonight. We were grinding pretty much the whole game. But I always think the last game of a road trip is always the toughest one because the food is in the plane and you're about ready to go home."

Corey Perry and Ryan Getzlaf each had a goal and an assist for the Ducks, who for only the second time in franchise history swept a road trip of four games or longer. After an 0-4-0 start, the Ducks have won five of their last six.

"There was a lot at stake for our hockey club to get

back to .500," coach Randy Carlyle said after his team evened its record at 5-5-0. "After a rough start, now we're at .500. ... We're just going to savor this for about 10 minutes."

Jean-Sebastian Giguere had 30 saves for Anaheim:

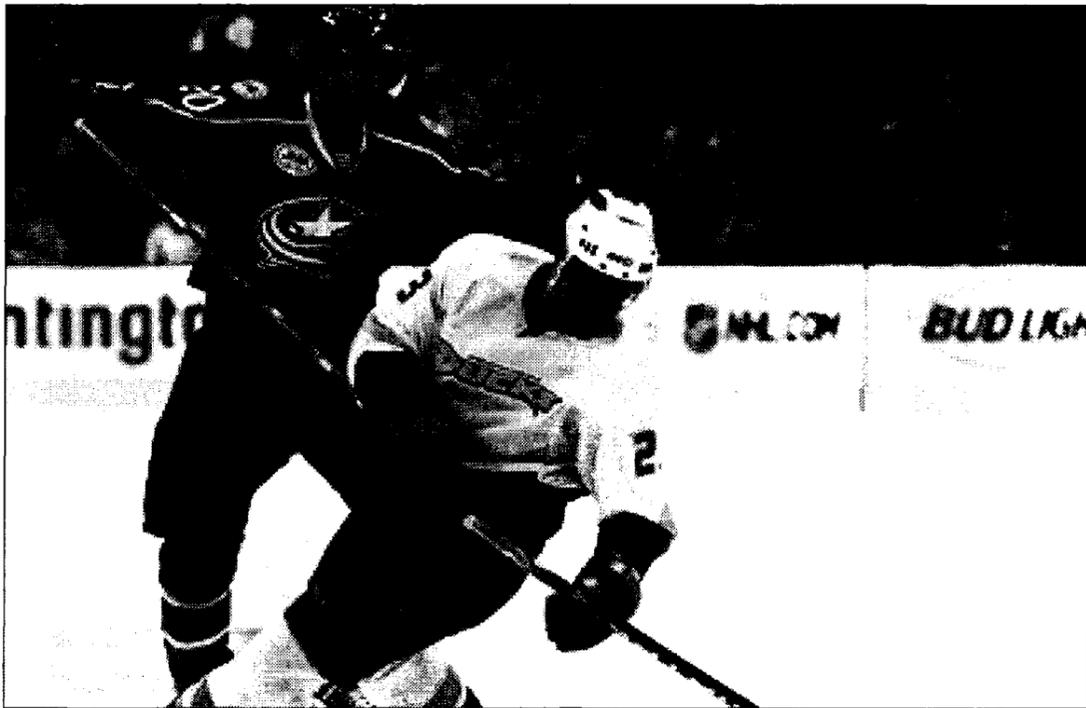
"We've got too much talent and character in this dressing room," Giguere said. "Guys fought hard to get their game back together."

Jiri Novotny and Derrick Brassard gave the Blue Jackets a 2-1 lead through two periods before 10,494, the smallest NHL crowd ever at Nationwide Arena.

"For us to win we had to play 60 minutes, full out, of great hockey and we played 50 minutes," Columbus coach Ken Hitchcock said. "It's not good enough—you've got to win games 2-1."

The Ducks pulled even at the 9:19 mark of the third when Steve Montador's shot from the right point was redirected by Perry for his second of the year.

Columbus goaltender Fredrik Norrena stopped Francois Beauchemin's shot, but the rebound went right to Selanne on the left side and he beat Norrena inside



Anaheim defender Francois Beauchemin, right, is pushed in the back by Columbus winger Kristian Husellus during the Ducks' 3-2 win over the Blue Jackets Monday.

the near post for the game-winner.

Getzlaf needed just 1:17 to get the Ducks on the board. Columbus forward Michael Peca tried to push the puck along the back wall but Corey Perry deflected it, with Chris Kunitz putting up a shot that Norrena stopped. The rebound, however, went to Getzlaf who had an empty net in front of him for his third of the year.

Shut out in his first six games, Getzlaf now has goals in the last three. Kunitz and Perry both extended their points streaks to four games with assists.

Anaheim was controlling the action when it went on the power play shortly after the start—not much of an advantage for the Ducks, who were 0-for-13 while losing their first four games.

Late in the kill, Columbus tied it when Andrew Murray took a long pass behind the defense and got off two shots that Giguere swept aside. Murray then continued behind the net, took the puck from Beauchemin and slid a centering pass to Novotny in the slot for a one-timer with 2 seconds left in the Anaheim power play.

Just 37 seconds into the second period, the Blue Jackets took a 2-1 lead.

From the back boards, Jason Chimera flipped a

backhanded centering pass to Brassard who buried the one-timer from the slot for his third goal of the season. Brassard, a rookie, has points in seven of his nine games.

"I hope they are, like I am, frustrated," Hitchcock said. "To play this well and give it away, I'd be frustrated."

**Senators 5, Sabres 2**

Jason Spezza had two goals and an assist, and Alex Auld made 25 saves in Ottawa's victory over the Buffalo Sabres on Monday night that snapped the Senators' four-game losing streak.

The Sabres (6-1-2) came in as the only Eastern Conference team without a regulation loss.

Dany Heatley had a goal and an assist, and Christoph Schubert and Shean Donovan also scored for the Senators (3-5-1), while Daniel Alfredsson added two assists.

Auld, playing in his third straight game in relief of injured starter Martin Gerber, improved to 5-0-2 lifetime against the Sabres. Ottawa won for the eighth time in the last 13 games against the Sabres in Buffalo.

Clarke MacArthur and Teppo Numminen scored, and Patrick Lalime finished with 23 saves for the Sabres,

who have lost two straight, including a 2-1 shootout loss to Colorado on Saturday.

Buffalo, the top defensive team in the league after allowing just 1.6 goals per game coming in, was without defenseman Craig Rivet (knee) and Henrik Tallinder (lower leg laceration).

After Schubert scored his first of the season late in the first period while on the power play, Ottawa broke the game open with a three-goal second period.

Heatley made it 2-0 just 19 seconds into the second on the power play, wristing a shot from the slot past Lalime.

Spezza scored 4:29 later, lifting the puck over a sprawled Lalime on a partial breakaway, then increased Ottawa's lead to 4-0 late in the second by banging home a bouncing puck in the crease.

Donovan made it 5-0 nearly 6 minutes into the third after re-directing Jesse Winchester's pass in tight before MacArthur spoiled Auld's shutout bid with a power-play goal with Ottawa down two men with 5:23 remaining in regulation.

Numminen capped the scoring on the power play with 32 seconds to go.

Buffalo converted just two of its 10 power-play opportunities.



Buffalo winger Thomas Vanek shoots the puck on Ottawa goalie Alex Auld during the Senators' 5-2 win over the Sabres Monday.

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## BCS College Football Rankings

team	BCS avg	previous
1 Texas	.998	1
2 Alabama	.950	2
3 Penn State	.926	3
4 Oklahoma	.827	4
5 USC	.782	5
6 Georgia	.770	7
7 Texas Tech	.743	8
8 Florida	.730	10
9 Okla. State	.675	6
10 Utah	.670	11
11 Boise State	.636	12
12 Ohio State	.573	9
13 TCU	.506	14
14 Missouri	.475	15
15 Florida State	.338	25
16 Ball State	.338	20
17 Minnesota	.306	24
18 Tulsa	.297	19
19 LSU	.292	13
20 Brigham Young	.290	21
21 Michigan State	.212	NR
22 North Carolina	.210	NR
23 South Florida	.067	16
24 Oregon	.065	NR
25 Connecticut	.063	NR

## AP Top 25 College Football Poll

team	points	previous
1 Texas (65)	1,625	1
2 Alabama	1,542	2
3 Penn State	1,503	3
4 Oklahoma	1,361	4
5 Florida	1,337	5
6 Texas Tech	1,280	8
7 USC	1,234	6
8 Georgia	1,212	9
9 Oklahoma State	1,168	7
10 Utah	1,027	12
11 Boise State	946	13
12 TCU	848	15
13 Ohio State	834	10
14 Missouri	791	16
15 LSU	649	11
16 Florida State	558	24
17 Brigham Young	553	18
18 Ball State	542	20
19 Tulsa	527	22
20 Minnesota	438	25
21 North Carolina	228	Nr
22 Michigan State	219	NR
23 Oregon	188	NR
24 South Florida	100	14
25 Maryland	89	NR

## USTFCCA Division I Cross Country Rankings

Men's		Women's	
team		team	
1 Oregon (8)		Washington (12)	1
2 Stanford		Oregon	2
3 Okla State (4)		Florida State	3
4 Portland		Princeton	4
5 Alabama		West Virginia	5
6 Wisconsin		Villanova	6
7 Iona		Minnesota	7
8 Northern Arizona		Michigan	8
9 Michigan		Michigan State	9
10 Georgetown		Illinois	10

## around the dial

### NCAA FOOTBALL

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## MLB



Tampa Bay's B.J. Upton scores in the sixth inning to tie Game 5 of the World Series 2-2 just before the game was postponed due to heavy rain. The game will be finished at a date to be decided later.

## Game 5 put on hold by Mother Nature

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Game 5 of the World Series was suspended because of rain in the sixth inning Monday night with the Philadelphia Phillies and Tampa Bay Rays tied at 2 and the field already a sloppy, soggy mess.

"I can't tell you tonight when we'll resume," commissioner Bud Selig said. "We'll stay here if we have to celebrate Thanksgiving here."

It might be a day or two, at least, before the Phillies get a chance to wrap up their first championship since 1980. Philadelphia leads three

games to one.

There has never been a rain-shortened game in Series history. Whenever this one resumes, it will pick up right where it left off, with the Phils about to bat in the bottom of the sixth.

"The weather tomorrow is supposed to be worse," said Bob DuPuy, MLB's chief operating officer.

Carlos Pena hit a tying, two-out single in the sixth for the Rays, and the umpires called it moments later. By then, every ball and every pitch had become an adventure because of the miserable conditions.

If Pena had not tied it, Selig said he would not

have let the Phillies win with a game that was called after six innings.

"It's not a way to end a World Series," he said. "I would not have allowed a World Series to end this way."

Tuesday was supposed to be a travel day, if necessary. Instead, the teams will stay in Philadelphia and then head back to Tropicana Field if the Rays win. The delay, however, forced the Rays to find a new hotel in the area.

About 10 minutes after the game was officially suspended, an announcement was made at Citizens Bank Park telling fans wrapped in plastic

sheets they were done for the night. By then, many had fled their seats for cover.

The game began in light rain, but Selig said MLB was optimistic it could get it in. Quickly, however, the showers turned to a steady downpour and the field became a quagmire.

By the middle innings, the grounds crew was running shuttles over the field, carrying bags of a drying agent — baseball's version of cat litter — to absorb the water.

No luck.

A puddle formed on home plate and umpire Jeff Kellogg resorted to using a towel rather than the usual whisk broom to

## IN BRIEF

### McAllister among those under investigation

NEW YORK — Six to eight players are under investigation by the NFL for violating the league's drug policy by taking a weight-loss diuretic that is considered a masking agent for steroids.

A person familiar with the case provided the number of players involved Monday, saying estimates of a higher figure were untrue. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the players are appealing the findings.

The Denver TV station Fox 31 reported last week that six to 10 players had tested positive for Bumetanide, a pill that decreases the amount of water retained in the body by increasing urination. It causes the kidneys to get rid of unneeded water and salt from the body into the urine. Other reports put the number of cases as high as

### Johnson charged with assault, will not play

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Larry Johnson, already facing possible suspension by the NFL, was charged Monday with simple assault for spitting his drink in a woman's face. Several hours later, the Kansas City Chiefs indicated the two-time Pro Bowl running back would not play for the foreseeable future.

A person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press that Johnson would meet with league officials in New York on Tuesday. The person requested anonymity because the league has not announced the meeting.

Johnson also faces a Dec. 4 court date for another incident that occurred last February when he allegedly pushed a woman's face in another Kansas City nightspot.

This most recent alleged incident on Oct. 10, marks the fourth time Johnson has been accused.

### Hasselbeck to miss fourth consecutive game

RENTON, Wash. — The Seahawks' first win in five weeks over the dysfunctional San Francisco 49ers didn't answer Seattle's most pressing question.

Matt Hasselbeck has returned to Los Angeles for a second visit to a back surgeon, leaving coach Mike Holmgren to prepare for Sunday's game against Philadelphia with Seneca Wallace as his starting quarterback.

"Right now, he's our quarterback," Holmgren said of Wallace on Monday. "And we rally behind him."

Hasselbeck was having another evaluation on the bulging disk in his back. The disk is pushing on a nerve that is weakening the three-time Pro Bowler's hyperextended right knee.

Unless Hasselbeck passes a strength test for the knee so he can practice before Friday, he will miss his fourth consecutive game.

## NCAA FOOTBALL

# Willingham to leave Huskies after season

Washington coach, told of news after loss to Oregon State on Oct. 18, wouldn't have resigned on his own

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Tyrone Willingham's ouster Monday as Washington's football coach surprised only his players.

Two days after the Huskies fell to 0-7, athletic director Scott Woodward sat next to Willingham at the coach's weekly news conference and announced Willingham will be replaced after the season.

A move that seemed seasons in the making was actually days in the making. University president Dr. Mark Emmert said Willingham was told a change would be made after the Huskies lost 34-13 to Oregon State on Oct. 18.

"Scott and Tyrone were talking about the best ways to handle it, what the timing could be or should be and just working on details of the transition," Emmert said. "There wasn't anything particularly strategic about it."

Word of his firing, however, was slow to leak to the team, which plays at No. 7 USC on Saturday.

Quarterback Ronnie Fouch said Willingham pulled him aside just minutes before the announcement.

"It's tough. He's the reason I came here," Fouch

said. "It's going to be tough to see him gone after this year."

When asked if it was his decision to leave, Willingham said flatly, "no" and added he never considered resigning.

Willingham was under fire for failing to restore Washington to national prominence. He's 11-32 overall in his four seasons, and the Huskies just lost their ninth consecutive game—an embarrassing 33-7 loss to Notre Dame on national television.

"We didn't win enough football games. That's it," Willingham said. "Hopefully, we've done all the other things right, (and) it's a good strong program for someone to jump into and do things."

With a year left on his contract, Willingham will receive a \$1 million buyout.

Now, he has five games to try to salvage this lost season for the Huskies, winless through seven games for only the second time in school history.

Two of Washington's final five games will be at home, where many fans have gotten in the habit of leaving at halftime and where Willingham has faced boos recently when his image is

shown on the stadium's video screen.

It's unclear how Washington's players, almost entirely recruited by Willingham and his staff, will react to the challenge.

"Change can be a good thing. Change can be a bad thing," said quarterback Jake Locker, out since Sept. 27 with a broken thumb. "It depends on how we approach it."

Willingham was hired in 2004 just weeks after he was fired at Notre Dame, where he went 21-15 but only 11-12 in his final two seasons.

When he arrived at Washington, Willingham was charged with restoring the integrity of the program that spiraled out of control during former coach Rick Neuheisel's tenure, whose UCLA team will visit the Huskies on Nov. 15.

Willingham brought stability and order to the program but that didn't add up to wins on the field, where the Huskies were plagued by second-half collapses, critical injuries and some uninspired performances in Willingham's tenure.

"It became quite obvious with the performance on the football field it wasn't up to what we talked about at the



Washington coach Tyrone Willingham speaks at his regular news conference Monday. AP

beginning of the season and previous to the season," Woodward said. "It became more obvious as time went on this season."

With a team full of freshmen and sophomores, this season is on pace to be one of the worst in school history. Washington went 1-10 in 2004 and 1-9 in 1969. The

only hope for a victory this season would seem to be the Nov. 21 Apple Cup at rival Washington State.

And Willingham will be on the sideline—a position he's not eager to give up, not even next season.

"I will not rule out anything," he said when asked about his future.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

# Second loss leads to doubts for LSU

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Les Miles is willing to concede now that he might have been in denial.

Costly interceptions, like the three thrown by redshirt freshman Jarrett Lee against Georgia, are the kinds of mistakes that young, inexperienced quarterbacks are bound to make against the best defenses in the Southeastern Conference.

The answer, Miles said, is a combination of coaches recognizing plays in which Lee is most comfortable and urging the quarterback to speak up more about calls he doesn't like.

"We have to do a better job of removing some of those options of making the mistake that was made in this last game," Miles said Monday after his film review of last Saturday's 52-38 loss to Georgia. "We'll try to limit some of those until we feel like he's in a groove. ... When he's playing and comfortable, he's pretty talented."

The way Miles sees it, Lee's ability is as obvious as his youth. Take away the three interceptions—two of which were returned for touchdowns and one of which led to a field goal—and Lee's day doesn't look so bad. He still threw for 287 yards and three touchdowns.

There's also no telling how much closer the game could have been if not for the turnovers.

Miles noted that LSU (5-2, 3-2 Southeastern Conference), which has dropped to No. 15 in the polls, still racked up nearly 500 yards and had little trouble scoring against Georgia (7-1, 4-1), which is now ranked eighth and remains among the favorites to win the SEC.

The Tigers had 188 yards rushing, led by Charles Scott's 144 yards and two scores.

"In order to dominate a game, you've got to play great the whole time, so I think we've got to focus right now on consistency," Scott said.

That applies to both sides of the ball. LSU's defense, long a strength, was plagued by a lack of discipline and missed assignments

while giving up 443 total yards and 38 points to the Bulldogs.

Miles said talent is not LSU's problem, nor is it the schemes called by first-year co-defensive coordinators Doug Mallory and Bradley Dale Peveto. Rather, certain players are trying to do too much at critical times, rather than focusing on their own jobs and trusting their teammates, Miles said.

"They're pressing, if you will, maybe trying too hard," Miles said. "Frankly, we have to let them know that the call is plenty. The exceptional play is, after you have done your assignment and ripped through your gap, held your area responsibly and then, pursue the play and allow your teammate to make some great plays."

Many of the breakdowns have occurred in LSU's defensive backfield, which lost senior starting cornerbacks Jonathan Zenon and Chevis Jackson, along with All-America safety Craig Steltz, after last year's national championship.

The trust and discipline that comes with experience can be tested when the defense is under heavy pressure to make a third-down stop or create a turnover, as it was while LSU sought to come from behind, both against Georgia and Florida, which beat LSU 51-21 three weeks ago.

"It could possibly be the pressure of playing from behind, with everybody wanting to do so good, trying to make a play," safety Chad Jones said.

"The way our defense is, you can't do that," Jones continued. "It's easier said than done, because on the field you always know what the score is and you always know how the game is going in the back of your head."

This weekend, LSU hosts struggling Tulane before perhaps the biggest game remaining on its schedule—at home against Alabama and former coach Nick Saban on Nov. 8.

LSU must beat the Crimson Tide, then win its last two SEC games against Ole Miss and Arkansas while hoping Alabama loses again, just to have a chance to defend its SEC title.

NCAA FOOTBALL

# Vols still searching for answers

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer can't think of a time in his career when he's had so much trouble with players struggling to execute.

That's the main reason, Fulmer says, the Vols have been so woeful on offense through much of the season.

"It's execution by different players at different times. It's the inconsistency of the run game and it's the youth at quarterback. In the SEC it's just a few plays and a few players that make a difference," he said.

The trouble is figuring out what's behind the execution problems before Tennessee (3-5, 1-4 Southeastern Conference) faces South Carolina (5-3, 2-3) on Saturday night.

Vols coaches have denied that their players are having problems in practice or with preparation or effort or any of the areas that might explain a lack of sound execution.

Fulmer has made some changes this season that he thought would solve Tennessee's problems.

He switched quarterbacks. He made practices more physical. He even tried to play Tennessee's star safety, Eric Berry, as a special teams returner and wide receiver. Those changes don't appear to have helped enough.

Quarterback Nick Stephens is making far fewer mistakes than Jonathan Crompton did before he was benched, but the sophomore and his receiving corps weren't able to make

enough plays to keep Tennessee competitive in losses to Georgia and Alabama or to make up for a struggling run game.

Stephens said he couldn't quite identify where the execution problems came from either.

"We can all do things better, that's what it comes down to. The (offensive) line, me—I can do a lot of things better—the receivers. We've just got to take care of our business," he said.

After its first week of physical practices, the offensive line got a better push against Mississippi State two weeks ago, allowing for a solid day of rushing. The problems returned in the 29-9 loss to the Crimson Tide on Saturday night, and the Vols gained only 36 yards on the ground.

"It's different things. If you could just put (a finger on it) and fix it, you'd fix it," Fulmer said. "It's been a step forward, and then a step back. And then a step forward, and a step back. That is very frustrating."

Berry averaged 16 yards on two kickoff returns against Alabama, but didn't have the breakaway play Fulmer was looking for. His only catch at wide receiver was worth 3 yards.

Tennessee has been penalized for an average 57.5 yards per game this season, making the Vols the third-most-punished SEC team. Holding, off-sides, illegal motion and pass interference calls—on both offense and defense—are making things harder in an already difficult situation for the Vols.

"I haven't quite had this kind

of issue that I can recall in my career as a head coach. We've had difficulties from time to time but none that have continued like this, particularly the penalty thing. That's really a concern," Fulmer said.

The 17-year coach insists that Tennessee's execution problems aren't related to the new offensive schemes installed by first-year coordinator Dave Clawson. All the kinks were worked out during the offseason, he said.

And Tennessee's opponents aren't giving the Vols any unexpected looks, either.

"After watching film, it really wasn't anything Alabama did to mess up our running game," offensive lineman Vladimir Richard said. "Whether it was penalties, mistakes or missed assignments, it was basically just us."

One problem Fulmer isn't having: keeping his players focused on improvement. That could be a tough sell for many coaches when championships and top bowl games are out of the picture.

There haven't been any off-the-field incidents during the season that seem to have troubled Tennessee teams in recent years. Fulmer said players are showing up for their classes and giving plenty of effort during practice.

Stephens listed multiple reasons why his teammates haven't given up: sending the seniors off on a positive note, earning a bowl bid and setting the tone for next season.

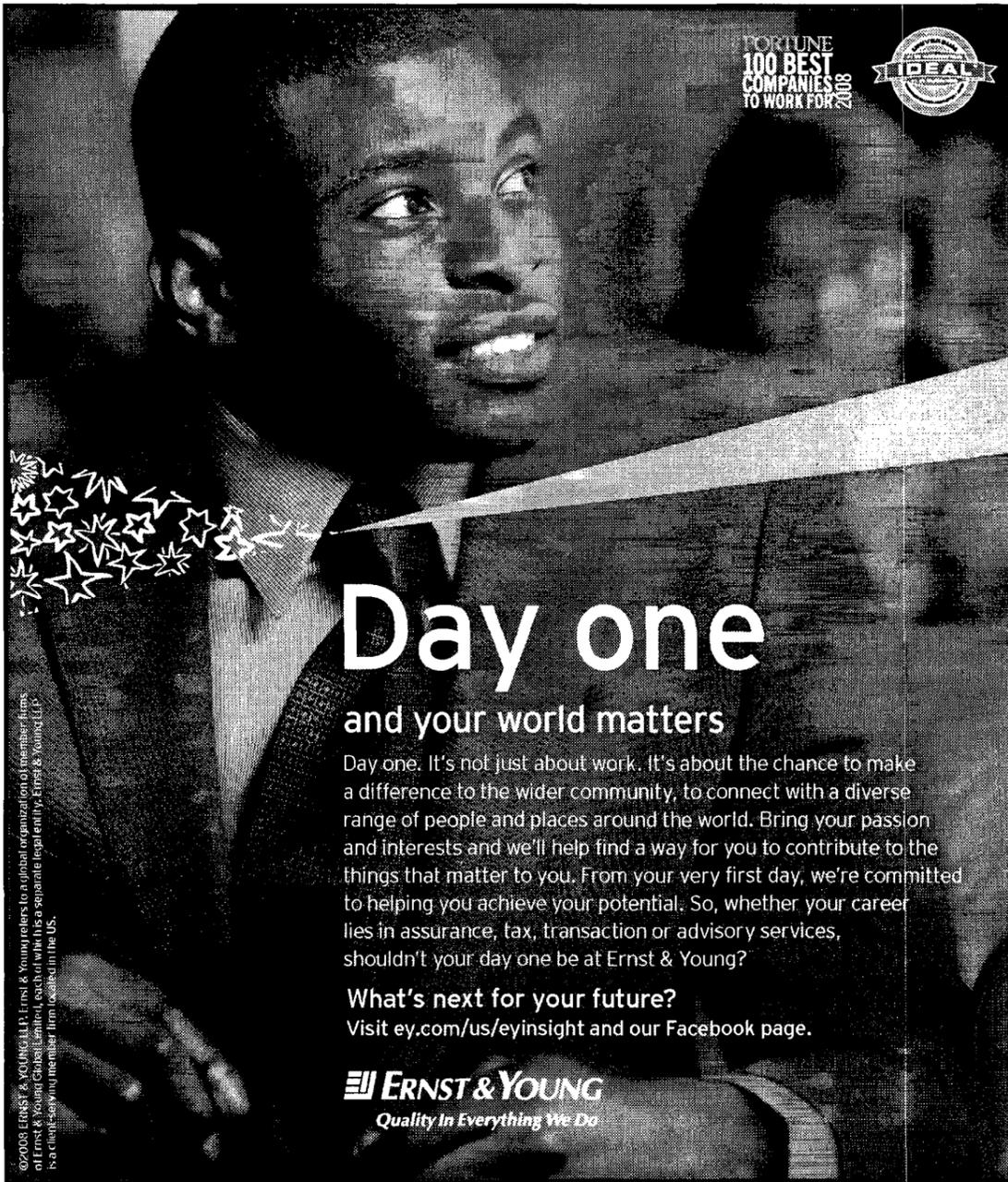
But what was his top reason? "Pride. We are Tennessee still. We're proud of that," he said.



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**ND WOMEN'S TENNIS**

**Irish take Doubles Championship**

By MIKE GOTIMER  
Sports Writer

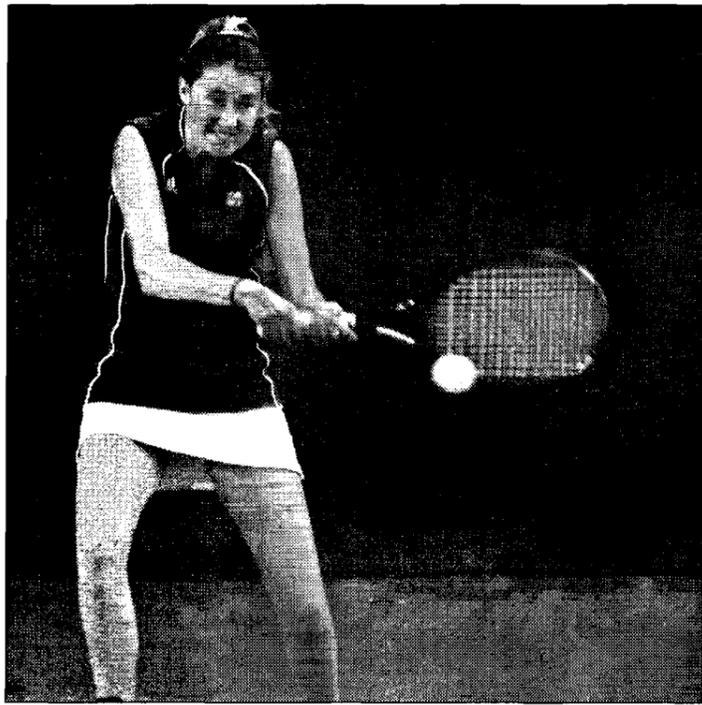
After five days of competition, the Notre Dame Women's Tennis team earned the ITA Midwest Regional Doubles Championship with a victory from the Irish duo of senior Kelsey Tefft and freshman Kristy Frilling.

After securing a spot in Monday's finals with an 8-4 victory over Cami Hubbs and Kristina Keeseey of Ohio State on Sunday, Tefft and Frilling matched up against the DePaul pair of Dunja Antunovic and Kristin Gambell and overpowered the Blue Devils with an 8-5 victory to earn the title. Tefft and Frilling improved to 10-0 on the season with the win.

The victory was Tefft's third consecutive Midwest regional doubles title. Her previous two titles came with her former partner Brook Buck who graduated in May 2008.

Tefft also earned a spot in the finals of the singles main draw. After advancing to the semifinals with a straight sets 6-2, 6-4 victory over Irish freshman Kristen Rafael in the quarterfinals, Tefft defeated DePaul's Antunovic for the second time with a 6-2, 6-1 straight sets win. Tefft, who is ranked No. 43 nationally amongst singles players, will face No. 30 Samantha Murray of Northwestern in the final match this afternoon.

Tefft and Rafael were two of four Irish players who advanced to the round of eight in singles play. Frilling



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

**Junior Kali Krisilk hits a backhand during Notre Dame's 7-0 win over DePaul April 11.**

advanced to the semifinals with a 6-3, 6-2 straight sets win over Northwestern's Elena Chernayakova. However, she was eliminated from the tournament when she fell to Murray 0-6, 3-6 in straight sets coming up one game shy of facing her doubles partner in the finals.

Irish junior Kali Krisik rounded out Notre Dame's singles action with a 4-6, 2-6 loss to Antunovic. Krisik had earned her spot in the round of eight with an upset over Northwestern's No. 36 ranked Lauren Lui. After dropping the first set 6-0, she rallied to

win the next two sets 7-5, 6-4.

In total, seven Irish players made it to the round of sixteen in the singles main draw. Juniors Colleen Rielley and Cosmina Ciobanu and freshman Shannon Matthews were defeated in the round of sixteen on Sunday. Rielley's match was called because of an injury, giving Rafael the default victory.

The tournament wraps up today with Tefft's singles final.

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**SMC CROSS COUNTRY**

**SMC happy with third-place finish**

By KATE GRABAREK  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's took part in the Manchester Invitational last week and finished in third place overall.

"The team was awesome at Manchester," head coach Jackie Bauters said. "It was the first race everyone ran a 6K and they did a great job — across the board. I think the team went out competitively and held on to it. It was an exciting race and I'm very proud of them."

Junior Megan McClowry once again led the Belles in their first 6K race of the season. McClowry finished 12th with a time of 24:23.

"The difference for me this season is due to summer training," McClowry said. "I was able to come in with a good base and then my teammates have helped push the pace at workouts this season."

Senior Caitlin Brodmerkel finished in 15th and was the next Belle across the finish line with a time of 24:28 only five seconds behind McClowry.

McClowry and Brodmerkel have both stepped up all season to lead the Belles after losing last season's top runner Megan Gray to graduation.

"So far my senior year has been all I could ask for and

more," Brodmerkel said. "My goal for the team is to improve throughout the season, as we have been. I would love to finish fourth or better in the MIAA Conference again, which we did last year for the first time in our history. We definitely have the talent to do it again this year."

Catie Salyer, Joanne Almond, and Hannah Vicary each had top-30 finishes to round out the Belles who had scoring finishes in the race.

Salyer finished in 21st place with a time of 24:36, while Almond finished 25th with a time of 24:49, and Vicary rounded out the top five with a time of 25:03, good for 29th place.

Arianne Rodriguez finished just behind Vicary in 30th place with a time of 25:04.

Sophomore Clare McVey was the next runner across the finish line with a time of 25:09, good for 34th place in the race.

Senior Becca Mason finished 55th with a time of 25:49, and sophomore Kristy Kucharski finished 56th with a time of 25:50.

The Belles will next travel to Kalamazoo to compete in the MIAA Championships on Nov. 1.

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*"The difference for me this season is due to summer training."*

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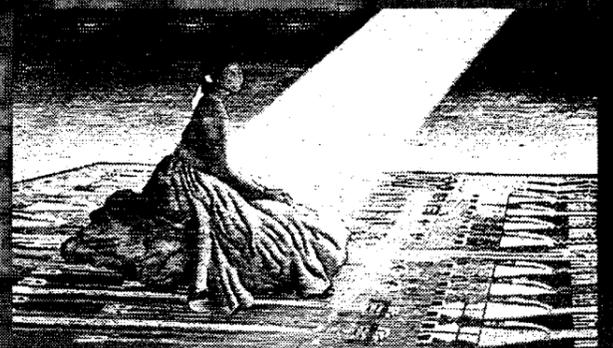
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**MEN'S SWIMMING**

**Irish fall to USC in first meet of year**

By MICHAEL BLASCO  
Sports Writer

At least the Irish got their feet wet.

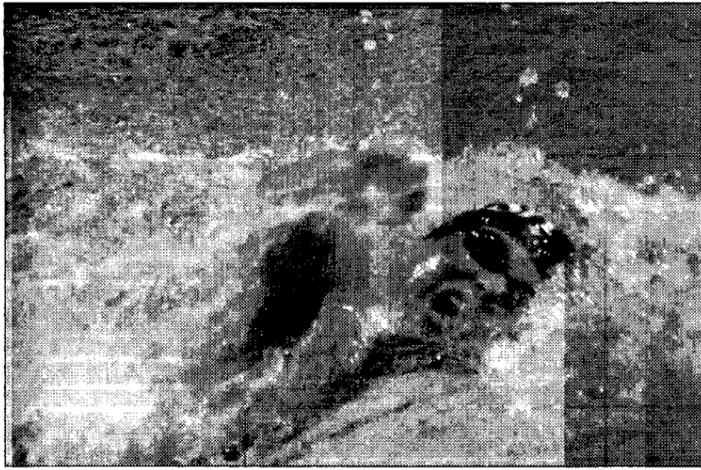
Notre Dame (0-1) dropped its first meet of the season on Saturday against USC (1-0), falling 159.5 to 126.5 at the McDonald's Swim Stadium in Los Angeles, Calif. Irish senior Daniel Rave and juniors MacKenzie LaBlanc and John Lytle each won individual events.

Despite the disappointing start, Irish coach Tim Welsh relishes the opportunity the strong competition provides.

"Once again we've put together an extremely strong schedule which gets tougher and tougher," Welsh said. "This one is as hard as we've ever had. All the challenges we want will be offered to us throughout the season. What's exciting about this meet for us is that we have the opportunity to race again after several weeks of tough training."

Rave finished first in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:08.94), while Lytle tied for first in the 200-yard freestyle (1:39.88) with Trojan Zoltan Povazsay, who represented his native Hungary at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Three Irish swimmers finished in the top four for the 500-yard freestyle — freshman Ryan Belecanech (4:42.33), junior Andrew Deters (4:44.02), and sophomore Steven Brus (4:45.52) earned points for Notre Dame. Deters (3rd, 9:39.44) and Balecanech (4th, 9:40.68)



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**Junior swimmer Andrew Deters races during Notre Dame's 169-135 loss to Louisville on Jan. 18.**

also finished in the points in the 1,000-yard freestyle.

Senior Jeff Wood placed second in the 100-yard backstroke (0:51.94), finishing ahead of sophomore Michael Sullivan (4th, 0:52.53).

Sullivan (1:51.61), Wood (1:53.58), and sophomore Joshua Nosal (1:56.03) all finished in the top four in the 200-yard backstroke.

LeBlanc (0:50.71) and sophomores Patrick Augustyn (0:52.47) and Chris Willis (0:52.76) all placed in the 100-yard butterfly. LeBlanc claimed first in the 200-yard butterfly (1:52.16), with Augustyn (1:54.20) and Willis (1:55.55) finishing third and fourth.

Deters (4:08.97), Brus (4:12.83), and Rave (4:19.47) all placed in the top four in the 400-yard individual medley to round out the swimming efforts.

In diving, senior Michael

Bulfin, sophomore Eric Lex, and junior Caleb Dunnichay finished third, fourth, and fifth in the 1-meter dive to earn points for the Irish. Bulfin claimed second in the 3-meter dive, while Dunnichay and Lex placed fourth and fifth, respectively.

After the loss, Welsh was eager to see his team's development produce results.

"We put ourselves through that training for meets such as these," Welsh said. "After a great summer we're looking forward to having some of the guys parlay their improvements into invitations to the [NCAA Championships]. We're beyond the hopeful stage and into the expectation stage."

Notre Dame will host Big East foe Pittsburgh on Friday, races begin at 5:00 p.m.

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**SMC SOCCER**

**Belles lose two more close games**

*Alma and Kalamazoo both top Saint Mary's by one-goal margin*

By ALEX BARKER  
Sports Writer

The ball has bounced rather unfavorably for Saint Mary's so far this year. That trend continued last week as the Belles dropped two more tightly-contested games, both by a one-goal margin.

In the first game, conference opponent Alma spoiled senior day for the Belles by claiming a narrow 2-1 victory as Saint Mary's wrapped up its home schedule. The Scots claimed the early lead on a breakaway opportunity in the 28th minute, the only scoring of the first half despite many quality chances for both sides.

Alma added to its lead in the 53rd minute to give them the decisive second goal.

The Belles fought back to pull within a goal in the 79th minute on freshman Katelyn Tondo-Steele's second goal of the season, but were unable to net the

equalizer.

Junior Patty Duffy recorded four saves in goal for Saint Mary's.

In the second game, the Belles hit the road and suffered a tough 1-0 overtime defeat at the hands of Kalamazoo.

A defensive struggle resulted in a scoreless finish of regulation before the Hornets scored just seven minutes into the first overtime to grab the victory.

Saint Mary's failed to capitalize on numerous scoring opportunities despite a 7-0 corner kicks advantage.

Duffy played the full match in goal once again for the Belles and made three saves.

This match marks the seventh time Saint Mary's has dropped a one-goal decision this season.

These losses drop the Belles to 2-11-1 overall and 1-6 in the MIAA conference this season.

Saint Mary's will finish out the regular season schedule when they travel to play Albion on Wednesday. Kickoff is scheduled for 4 p.m.

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## Sweep

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"Offensive zone, broken play — it came from guys battling," Cole said. "I got it up top, had some time, and [Miami] packs it in pretty tight around the goal, so I waited, waited, waited, found a lane, shot it, and it went in."

Miami would regain the lead on a power-play goal — the RedHawks' second of the night — with three minutes to play in the second period, and the visitors made it 3-1 less than two minutes later with an even-strength goal.

Irish senior center Christian Hanson capped the scoring with under two minutes to go on a play started by freshman defenseman Sean Lorenz. With Notre Dame senior goaltender Jordan Pearce pulled, Lorenz gave the puck to senior captain Erik Condra, who found

Hanson alone in the slot.

Friday's shutout was Notre Dame's first at home since a 2-0 loss to Alaska on March 4, 2006. RedHawks freshman netminder Cody Riechard stopped all 29 Irish shots, including 15 on eight power play chances, for his first career shutout, and a pair of Notre Dame turnovers led to both Miami goals.

"You really need to make good decisions with the puck when you're under pressure like we were," Jackson said. "Great players learn how to play under pressure, and that's something we've got to improve on. In pro hockey, they call it 'panic threshold'. We have to raise our panic threshold to where under heavy pressure, we can still make good decisions."

The Irish went 0-for-8 on power plays on each night, which they also did in a 5-2 season-opening loss at No. 4 Denver on Oct. 11. Notre Dame

killed all three of its penalties on Friday but allowed two power-play goals on Saturday as Jackson continues to search for the right special teams combinations.

"Mostly on the power play," Jackson said about where he intends to make changes. "The basics of our penalty kill are strong, and it's just about winning all those little battles and footraces. We need to build a little more depth in our penalty kill — I use four guys an awful lot, and we need to get six guys going for sure."

Hanson, senior left wing Garrett Regan, and sophomore center Ben Ryan are potential penalty killers, Jackson said.

The losses represent a disappointing start for the Irish, who entered the season No. 3 in the polls but fell to No. 13 this week. But with more than four months on the schedule before the CCHA playoffs begin, Notre Dame is far from being in a state of panic.

"We've had the rough start, but it's a marathon, not a sprint," Pearce said. "What's most important is that you play your best hockey at the end of March and into April, when it counts the most. That's not to say that these games aren't important, but it's important to learn the lessons about coming to the rink, working hard and seeing what we need to do to be successful in March."

Cole said the losses could be seen "in a good light" if the Irish can rebound and play well at Northern Michigan in a two-game CCHA series this weekend.

"It's good that it happened now instead of instead of February like it did last year, when most times it's too late," Cole said. "It's a wake-up call that hopefully will get us going and get us battling harder."



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Freshman forward Billy Maday weaves through defenders during Notre Dame's 2-0 loss to Miami on Friday night.

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## Split

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1-8 Big East) for a three-set sweep.

Leading the Irish was junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin's 10 kills with sophomore outside hitter Kellie Sciacca pitching in with seven kills and seven blocks.

The Irish hit at a .317 rate with 27 assists from junior setter Jamel Nicholas. The Irish hit over .300 in the final two sets, chipping in a .375 average in the second set and a .324 average in the final set.

The team next made the long flight to California to face Long Beach State (18-4) in a rare non-conference tune-up for the rest of the Big East season. The game against Long Beach State was meant to keep the team in shape over the long break without any classes.

Freshman Kristen Dealy led the Irish against the 49ers with 16 kills, 11 digs, six blocks, and an ace for her team-high fifth double-double of the season.

Also pitching in for the Irish was sophomore outside hitter Kellie Sciacca with six blocks and junior middle blocker Tara Enzweiler with five blocks.

The Irish won the first set of the game in comeback fashion, but Notre Dame's momentum was stopped by the powerful arm of Long Beach State senior outside hitter Quincy Verdin who had 21 kills on 33 attempts.

The Irish lost the next three sets to drop the match 3-1.

The Irish finished up break

on Saturday and Sunday with a pair of matches against Big East foes Villanova (13-11, 4-4 Big East) and Seton Hall (12-11, 4-4 Big East).

The Irish dropped another close battle to Villanova squad in a five sets. This was the second consecutive time Villanova defeated Notre Dame in five sets after capturing its first-ever win over the Irish last season.

Notre Dame is now 0-3 in five-set matches this season and 2-9 in matches extending past the three-set minimum.

Junior outside hitter Serinity Phillips paced the Irish with 11 kills and 22 digs. Phillips' dig total equaled sophomore libero/defensive specialist Megan Dunne's season high against Western Michigan.

The Irish finished up on Sunday with a strong showing against Seton Hall (12-11, 4-4 Big East). Notre Dame swept the Pirates in three straight sets to earn another Big East victory and keep pace with the conference leaders.

Kaelin connected for 14 kills for a .440 average and Dealy picked up her third double-double of the week.

Senior middle blocker Justine Stremick, Phillips and Sciacca each finished with seven kills as the Irish hit .266 over the three sets. Phillips and Sciacca also pitched in with two blocks each.

The Irish will be back on the court in the Joyce Center on Saturday for another key Big East match against Syracuse.

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# Big East

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"We had chances to win for sure, but we just didn't take them," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "The soccer gods can be very cruel at times, but the team did a lot of good things ... The nice thing about it was that it wasn't the way we planned the week, but we've got two games remaining, and if we win, we win the league."

Senior defender Alex Yoshinaga netted Notre Dame's only goal of the trip against the Pirates, an equalizer in the 82nd minute that would force extra time. Senior forward Bright Dike fed Yoshinaga, who blasted it from 20 yards out for his first goal of the season.

Notre Dame dominated the

stat sheet against Seton Hall, but the Pirates struck in the 13th minute to force the Irish to play from behind. Notre Dame's 27 shots and 13 corner kicks were both season highs, while Seton Hall took just 18 shots and four corners.

Dike led the Irish attack with seven shots, including three on goal, but was unable to beat Pirates goalkeeper Paul McHenry, who made eight saves.

"We just somehow didn't quite finish that game off, as we obviously played very well," Clark said. "We carried the game and we generated a lot of offense. Some of it was good goalkeeping [by McHenry] and some of it was not quite putting it away."

The Irish attack managed only 10 shots in Saturday's overtime loss to the Huskies, who received a golden goal

from Cruz Hernandez in the third minute of overtime.

Notre Dame's defense held strong during the first half despite being out-shot 9-2. The team's only first-half chance was a shot from junior midfielder Michael Thomas that hit the side of the netting.

The Irish offense came alive in the second half, twice coming close to gaining the advantage while out-shooting the Huskies 8-5.

Senior defender Jack Traynor narrowly missed a free kick in the 63rd minute, sending the ball just over the crossbar from 20 yards out. Junior forward Tamba Samba sent a shot just wide of the post in the 77th minute.

"That was one where there just weren't a lot of chances at either end, and I guess you could say we were a little bit unlucky not to take something out of that game," Clark said. "That's a credit to Connecticut ... it was a game with a lot of respect for both teams, and it was very windy, so obviously the team that was playing with the wind had a little bit more of the game."

The Irish host third-place Georgetown tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. in a rescheduled game. The Big East tilt was originally scheduled for Oct. 5 but was postponed after a norovirus outbreak on the Georgetown campus.

The Hoyas (9-3-3, 4-2-3 Big East) trail the Irish two points in the Blue division, which means a victory would catapult Georgetown into the divisional lead.

"It'd be nice if we had [the division] already in our pocket, but we can't do anything about that now," Clark said. "Our aim is to get ready for Georgetown and take care of that game."

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# Perfect

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and age, especially with the kind of schedule we play," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "I'm just proud of them and now we just gotta go into that second phase of the season."

In her first career start Sunday, senior forward Kerry Inglis made Notre Dame's Senior Day one to savor. She scored her first NCAA goal to put the Irish on the board then capped the scoring with a tally in the 85th minute.

Inglis, who got injured during her first preseason practice freshman year, has had several major ankle surgeries and now wears a brace on the field. But her most memorable regular-season game was worth the wait.

"It's a great storyline. You couldn't write a better script for Kerry Inglis," Waldrum said. "Her career has never been able to really take off like she could have had it. To see her come in today

and get two goals — get the game-winning goal on the first one — I mean, you couldn't have asked for a better script for her."

Irish freshman forward Melissa Henderson added a pair of goals Sunday as junior Michele Weissenhofer and sophomore Taylor Knaack also scored.

Kerri Hanks' school record of 11 consecutive games with a goal was snapped against Seton Hall, and may have been the only aspect of the win that could be considered mildly disappointing. With just under 13 minutes to play, Hanks came out of the game after notching a pair of assists. With the two helpers, she ran her point-scoring streak to 14 games, tying Katie Thorlakson for the school record.

"We could've made the decision to leave [Hanks] in and try to help her continue that

[goal-scoring] streak but I think she realizes it — as we do — we would all kick ourselves in the rear end if we left her in the game if we're winning and she got an injury," Waldrum said. "And I think she'll be the first to tell you if it helps us and keeps her fresh and ready for the playoffs, she'll pass on the streak. But ... she got some points in the game today so she keeps the scoring streak alive."

Before the blowout of Seton Hall, the Irish picked up road wins over Providence and Connecticut last weekend before defeating No. 24/18 Rutgers 3-1 Friday on a wet night at Alumni Field.

"Friday, it rained all day and the night before [but] the soccer gods were watching us and it just stopped right about kickoff time," Waldrum said.

"Considering that, we had some good fan support out, and the kids played really well on a field that was pretty sloppy against a good Rutgers team. So I was really pleased with the performance."

But even after outscoring its opponents 16-1

in its last four matches, Notre Dame will now wipe the slate clean and prepare for the Big East tournament. The Irish earned a first-round bye and will host a quarterfinals match next Sunday. The conference semifinals and finals will also be held at Alumni Field.

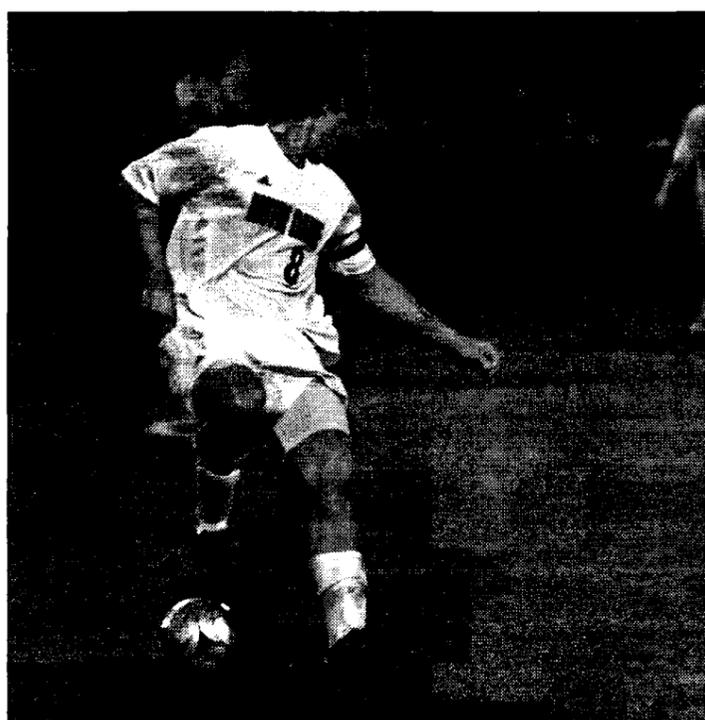
Waldrum said he knows his team's record up to this point will not earn it any wins in the postseason.

"It's a great storyline, I think, as long as the players and the staff keeps putting it in perspective that it's great that you go undefeated but you still have a lot of work to do with your conference tournament coming up," he said. "We're hosting it so you want to make sure you're in it and you wanna do everything you can to win it."

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Irish coach



Irish senior Michael Thomas looks for an open teammate during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Pittsburgh on Oct. 11.

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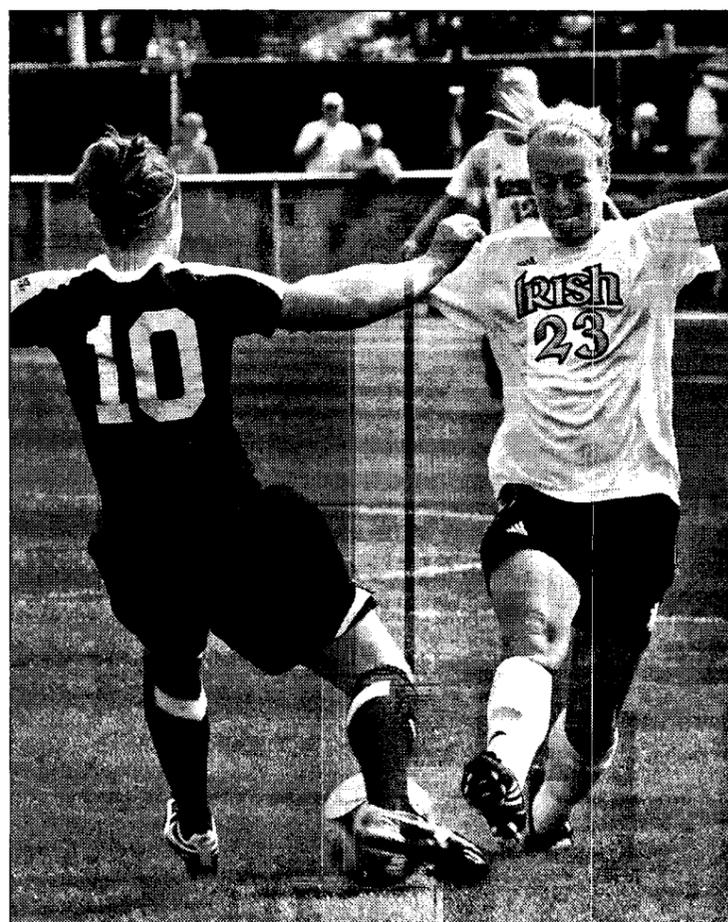
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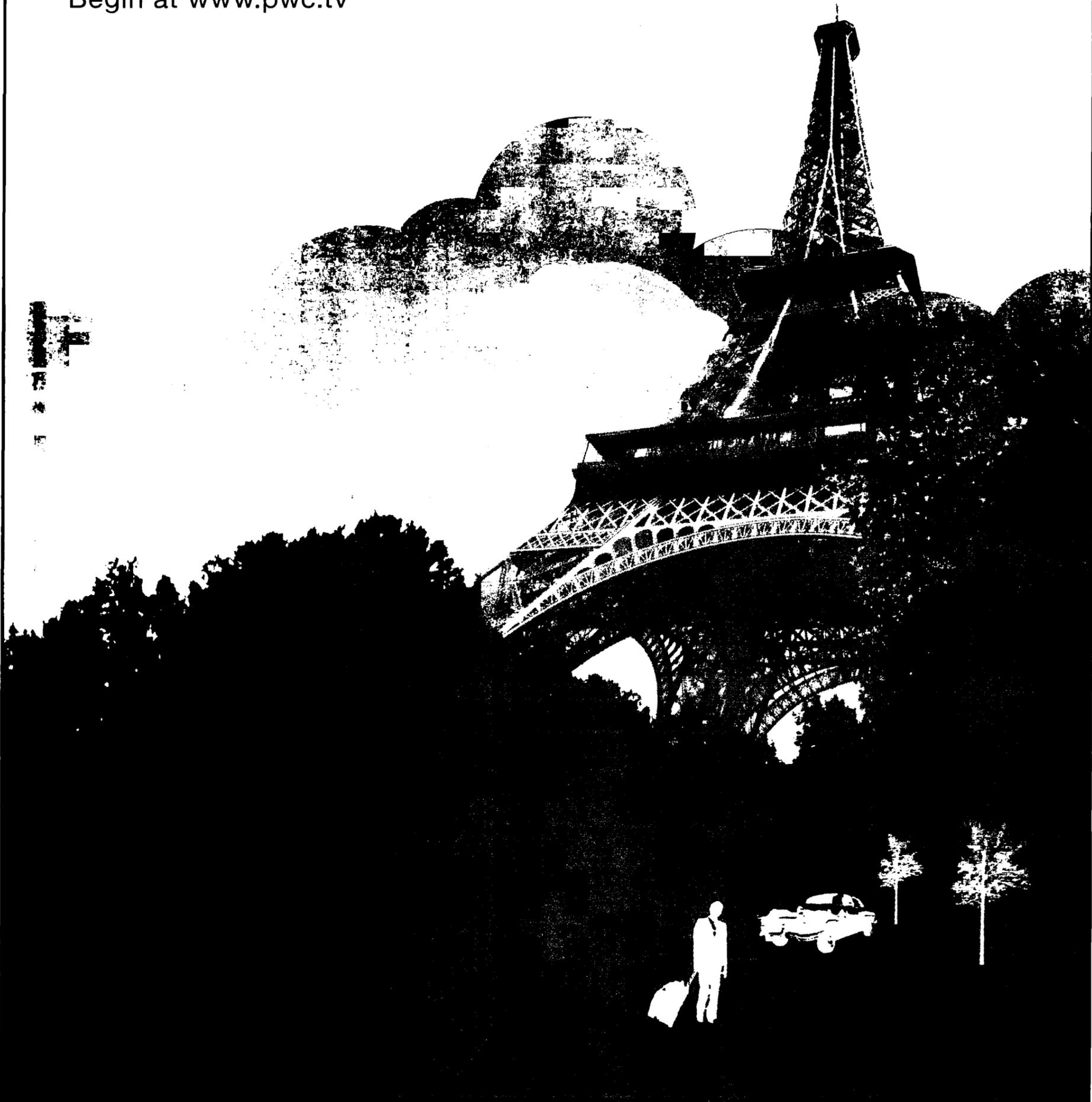
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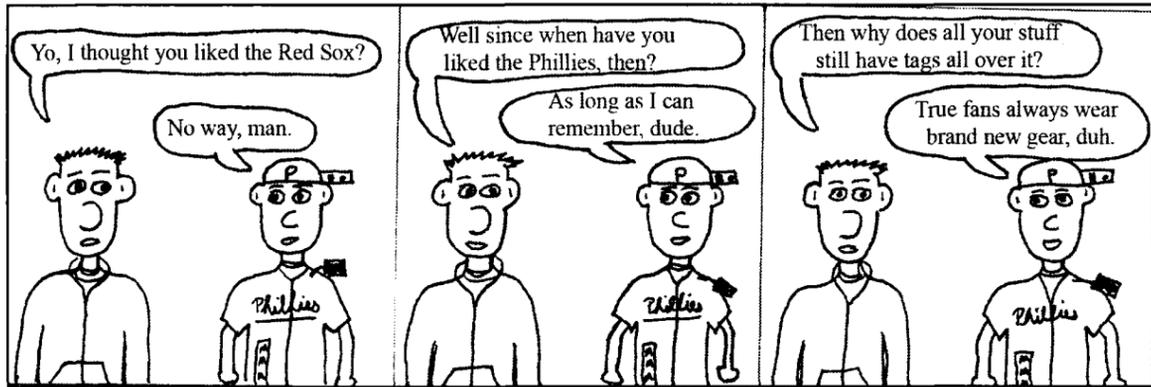
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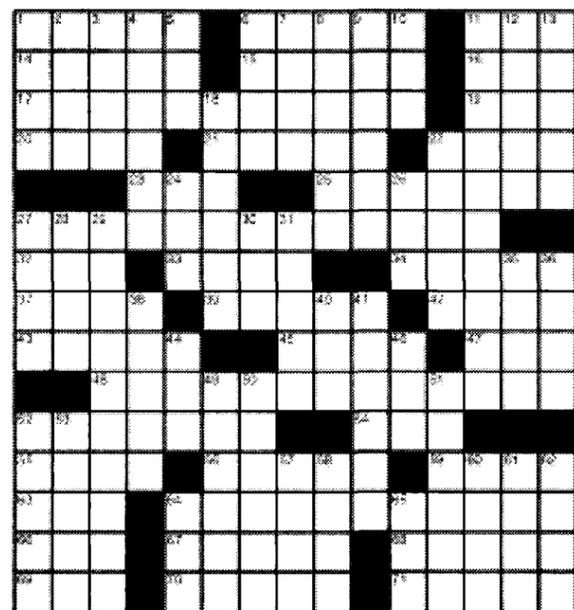
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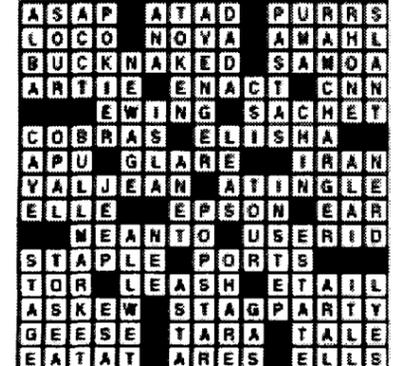
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Happy Birthday: You have a lot riding on your performance this year. Solid, steady progress can be yours if you don't try to fit too much into too short a time. Gauge your every move and present your ideas when least expected to catch everyone off-guard. Work more from home if possible where you can take care of both personal and professional matters without losing time in transit. Your numbers are 4, 10, 16, 26, 34, 37, 42  
ARIES (March 21-April 19): This could be a day of reconciliation. Focus on making amends or turning a wrong into a right. You will feel better and can make some worthwhile advancements. Speak from the heart. ★★★  
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Too much of anything can be your demise today. Keep things simple both professionally and personally. Be smart, cautious and moderate, giving attention to reform, budgeting and creativity. ★★★  
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You've got everyone's attention, so what are you waiting for. Get busy making your mark or establishing your position. You have to strike while the iron is hot and today the stars have aligned and they are in your favor. ★★★★★  
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let your emotions or lack of confidence throw you in the wrong direction or ruin your chances to excel. A problem with a friend, loved one or child may cause some upset but, if you show your strength, you will be the hero. ★★  
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have to be true to yourself today if you want to come out on top. Look for love and you will find it. Go after a deal and you will close it. Think of an idea and you will be able to exploit it. ★★★★★  
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't go overboard for someone else. Concentrate on the jobs, projects or engagements that will get you into a lead position. Open up regarding your ideas but keep your emotions under wraps. ★★★  
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll find it difficult to get past emotional issues, if you don't deal with them quickly and move on. You have too much riding on your performance today to let anyone or anything get to you. You know what must be done, so stop waffling and proceed. ★★★★★  
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Any revealing of your own doings will ignite the competition. Partner with someone who has just as much to bring to the table as you do. You must, however, have mutual respect. ★★★  
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be caught in someone else's crossfire if you engage in talks that you don't belong in. Concentrate on doing what's best for yourself. Doing something special will lead to greater love. ★★★★★  
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put everything you've got into getting ahead. As soon as you take too much time to discuss your plans, you will lose momentum and have to face strong opposition. Stick to what you know will work and you will advance to the finish line. ★★  
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let someone else's aggressive action get to you. Follow your heart and stick to your convictions. This is a new beginning and a chance for you to test your ability to stand on your own. ★★★★★  
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A little exaggeration will go a long way for now but be prepared to back up what you said you can and will do. You always work best when the pressure is on. If you believe you can do something, chances are you can. ★★★  
Birthday Baby: You have drive and are engaging and fun to be around. You always express yourself in an interesting manner. You are popular and aggressive.  
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Picture Perfect

ND completes regular season without a loss

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

No. 1 Notre Dame has not yet entered the second phase of its season but the Irish have made plenty of history so far.

With four wins since last Friday, the team is off to its best start in the program's 21 seasons. The undefeated Irish downed Seton Hall 6-0 Sunday at Alumni Field to cap not only an unbeaten fall break but also a perfect regular season. Notre Dame beat a quartet of Big East squads to run its overall record to 18-0-0 heading into the postseason.

"This is the first time we've gone through a regular season unbeaten and that's not an easy thing to do in this day

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NICK PAXTON/The Observer

Irish senior Brittany Bock dribbles past a Cardinal defender during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Louisville on Sept. 26. The Irish finished an undefeated season this weekend.

MEN'S SOCCER

Offense struggles over break

Irish cling to division lead after tie and loss

By MATT GAMBER  
Associate Sports Editor

No. 13 Notre Dame was left clinging to a one-point lead in the Big East Blue standings after scoring just once in two conference road games — a tie and an overtime loss — last week.

The Irish (9-5-2, 5-2-2 Big East) played Seton Hall (6-7-4, 2-4-4 Big East) to a 1-1 draw Wednesday and lost a 1-0 overtime decision Saturday to No. 15 Connecticut on the road (8-3-5, 5-3-1 Big East), the Blue division's second-place team.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish finish fall schedule with disappointing tournament

Hunter shoots 12-over to lead team in Landfall Traditional

By ERIC PRISTER  
Sports Writer

The Irish finished off their fall season with a somewhat disappointing performance, finishing in seventh place at the Landfall Traditional tournament in Wilmington, N.C. The Irish shot a

plus-38 326 on the first day of the tournament, their worst round in two years.

"On paper, we should have finished no worse than fourth. We just played really bad the first day," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "You can't go out and put yourself in a 30-shot hole after round one and try to rebound after that."

The Irish dropped to 11th place at the Jack Nicklaus Pines Course after day one. They were able to jump up to sixth on day two before dropping one spot in

the final day.

Holt said that she, along with the team as a whole, was very disappointed in their performance in the last tournament of the fall season.

"It was disappointing because we don't feel that we got beat. We beat ourselves. Those are harder to take," she said.

Despite the teams overall performance, Holt was encouraged by the individual performance of freshman Becca Huffer. Huffer led the team and finished the tournament with a plus-12 228,

good enough for 12th place overall.

"[Huffer] had a really good individual performance. She'd been close on several other times this semester to really putting in a solid round," Holt said. "Based on the conditions, I though she played really well."

The freshman shot back-to-back plus-one rounds and finished the tournament with four birdies and 38 pars.

The Irish now take a three-month hiatus from tournament play, but will look to improve

their performance in the upcoming spring season.

"I would say [the fall season] was pretty average. We have pretty high expectations and certainly we weren't able to fulfill those," Holt said.

"Hopefully we'll be able to rebound in the spring. We play some really good competition, which should give us the opportunity to be in the mix of the top 25."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Hectic week ends in split

By JARED JEDICK  
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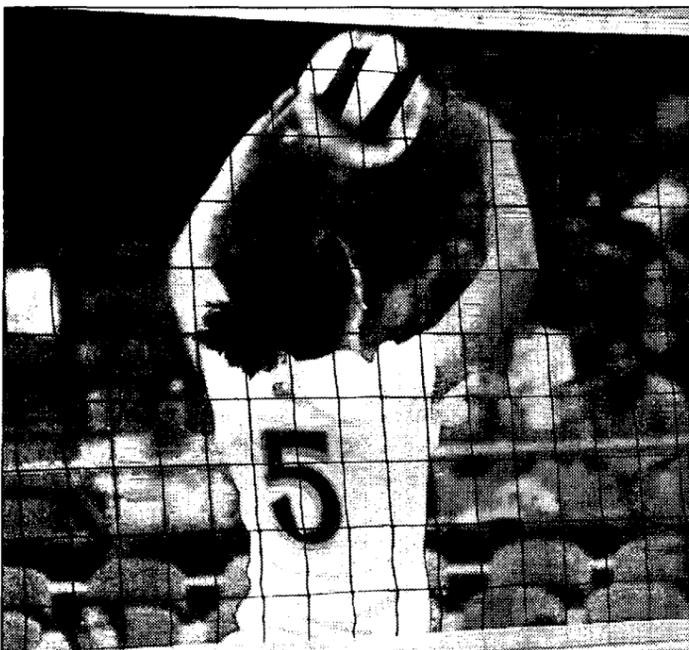
The Irish split their four-game stretch over Fall Break, defeating Big East foes DePaul and Seton Hall and losing to Long Beach State and Villanova.

The Irish (11-11, 6-3 Big East) find themselves in a tie with Pittsburgh (14-10, 6-3 Big East) for third place after nine matches of Big East play. Notre Dame trails St. John's (16-7, 7-1 Big East) and Cincinnati (20-5, 7-2 Big East).

The Irish have already lost to Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, but they still have a match against Big East leader St. John's in two weeks that they hope will bring the standings even closer.

The weekend began with a quick jaunt up to DePaul (3-19,

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CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Irish setter Beth Wildermuth sets a ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Nevada at home on Aug. 30.

HOCKEY

Miami's pressure leads to two weekend wins

By MATT GAMBER  
Associate Sports Editor

Irish coach Jeff Jackson blamed himself for a pair of home losses to No. 10 Miami as No. 8 Notre Dame (2-3-0, 0-2-0-0 CCHA) opened its conference slate by falling 2-0 on Friday and 3-2 on Saturday.

"We weren't prepared for their pressure, whether it was their penalty kill, their forecheck, or their defensive zone coverage, and that's my fault," Jackson said. "I've got to make sure our guys are ready for that kind of an opponent."

But a surprising Miami game plan shouldn't have stifled the Irish the way it did, Jackson said.

"We need to work harder at competing — winning more battles, more one-on-one races

for the puck — and that applies to our power play, 5-on-5, penalty kill, everything," he said. "I thought [Miami] played with a lot of physicality, and with us back on our heels, that's how we're supposed to play at home, not the visiting team."

The RedHawks (3-1-2, 3-0-1-0) scored the first three goals of the series before Irish sophomore defenseman Ian Cole got his team on the board with under five minutes to play in Saturday's second period.

Sophomore left wing Calle Ridderwall and freshman right wing Billy Maday worked the puck loose near the Miami net and eventually found Cole, who put it home from the left point for his second goal of the season and a 1-1 tie.

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