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60 NDFCU members affected by scam

Credit union president: Fraudulent e-mails tracked to Netherlands, source's identity unknown

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

More than 60 Notre Dame Federal Credit Union (NDFCU) accounts may have been compromised as a result of a multi-part e-mail scam Friday, NDFCU President Leo Ditchcreek said Tuesday.

The NDFCU information technology (IT) team tracked the origin of the fraudulent e-mails — which rerouted users to a counterfeit NDFCU Web site that asked for their debit card numbers and security codes, among other sensitive

information — to the Netherlands, Ditchcreek said.

The scammers may never be found, he said.

"Unfortunately in these cases, it's almost impossible to track down the criminals, especially at the international level," Ditchcreek said. "Nine out of 10 times you'll never discover the identity of the fraudsters, and that's very frustrating for the law enforcers and the victims, but sadly, it would cost too much to launch a search abroad."

Over 60 NDFCU members have contacted the credit union to freeze their accounts

after receiving one or more e-mails from an unknown scammer masquerading as the NDFCU.

Ditchcreek said the first wave of e-mails asked users to click on a link and fill out a survey for the NDFCU. A pop-up window asked them to enter their member number and password.

A different e-mail informed members their online access to their accounts had been limited until they reviewed and confirmed their information. A link on the e-mail directed them to a site where they could enter their user name and

password, Ditchcreek said.

After the NDFCU learned of these e-mails Friday, a warning was posted on the credit union's homepage.

"If you have received an e-mail message that appears to have originated from Notre Dame Federal Credit Union telling you that 'your access has been limited' or asking you to participate in a survey, please do not click on any links that ask for your personal information," the warning said.

Late Friday, a second wave of fraudulent e-mails capitalized

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Legends evacuated for gas leak

Construction crew causes pipe rupture

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

A construction crew accidentally struck a gas pipe approximately 200 yards from the Mendoza College of Business Tuesday, said Rich Jacobs, general manager of nearby Legends of Notre Dame.

More than 20 people in the restaurant and its adjacent parking lots were evacuated around 1:20 p.m., Jacobs said.

A news release said the line was capped around 2:20 p.m. But Jacobs said he and his staff weren't allowed to reenter Legends until 3 p.m.

Notre Dame Security/Police Director Phil Johnson did not return phone calls Tuesday. But Jacobs said he didn't think there were any injuries.

Two accidental gas leaks already occurred earlier this year.

On Feb. 13, seven buildings on campus — including DeBartolo Hall and Decio Hall — were evacuated after a leak. One month later, on March 26, a construction crew working on St. Joseph's Drive south of the Center for Social Concerns caused the rupture of another gas line.

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ND ad focuses on research, service

New TV commercial airs during Georgia Tech game, features University's Haiti Program

By THERESA CIVANTOS
News Writer

Notre Dame's new commercial aired on NBC Saturday during the Georgia Tech football game, trumpeting the University's research initiatives in Haiti.

The ad opened with two minutes of footage of striking poverty in the Haitian capital, Port-Au-Prince. The segment featured victims of elephantiasis, a disfiguring disease that causes swelling in the extremities, and highlighted Notre Dame's research initiatives aimed at fighting the deadly disease.

Next came a 30-second spot

that highlighted several Notre Dame students and their various fights for human rights.

The commercial concluded with a student asking the viewer, "What would you fight for?"

The two-minute spot only aired once during the game. It was the first of seven spots that will air during halftime of Notre Dame home games this fall. Each spot focuses on a different aspect of Notre Dame humanitarian research initiatives, said Associate Vice President for Marketing Todd Woodward. The same 30-second spot will follow all seven ads.

"This ad shows that Notre

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DUSTIN MENNELA/The Observer

Senior Mike Hazlebeck watches the new Notre Dame commercial online at nd.edu from his off-campus home Tuesday.

Brown, Braun embrace year ahead

President, vice president welcome student involvement against ordinance

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Student body president Liz Brown and vice president Maris Braun have had a busy last few weeks — and it's only going to get busier.

Since the end of July, Brown and Braun have been voicing concerns and negotiating compromises regarding an ordinance proposed by the South Bend Common Council to control large parties off campus.

"I came back, ready to go, maybe because we already had the ordinance moving forward," Brown said. "But



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Student body president Liz Brown, middle, and vice president Maris Braun, left, discuss their 2007-08 goals during an interview Tuesday.

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SMC prepares for beatification trip

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's will join the Congregation of the Holy Cross in celebrating the beatification of the order's founder, Father Basil Moreau, on Sept. 15 in Le Mans, France.

The official letter from the four Holy Cross congregation leaders — Sister Joy O'Grady, Father Hugh Cleary, Sister Mary Kay Kinberger and Sister Kesta Occident — said the congregation will honor Moreau for the whole year.

"Through Basil Moreau's legacy, we are called to a radical identification to Christ,

and to cultivate in our own lives union of hearts and zeal for the mission," the letter said.

Pope Benedict XVI approved Moreau's next step toward sainthood on April 28, 2006. Pope John Paul II venerated Moreau on April 12, 2003 for the miraculous cures attributed to him.

Members of the Saint Mary's community will be present at the ceremonies, including students, faculty members and administrators.

Saint Mary's senior Haley Nickell will be the only student the College will sponsor

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INSIDE COLUMN

King of Troy

Freshman ladies: Looking for your future husband?

Look no further than Michael Troy. I know what you might be thinking. Who is Michael Troy?

Asking such a question is only forgivable because young Michael has graced the Notre Dame campus with his presence for a mere 14 days. This spectacular young lad hails from Charlotte, N. C., also my hometown.

Our fathers played high school football together and have been best friends ever since. Vacationing, dining and partying together have been commonplace among the Troys and Peraltas for as long as I can remember.

Even at a young age, Michael proved wise beyond his years. I recall fondly one football weekend when Michael and his father came to visit my family when we still lived here in South Bend.

His fascination with Notre Dame and its football tradition was matched only by his superior intellectual curiosity. Michael proceeded one evening to teach me how to play all of our computer games, including my personal favorite, Rollercoaster Tycoon.

Michael's genius only grew in high school, as he fulfilled his passion for physics when he joined Science Olympiad. Now Michael is not only a left-side-of-the-brain kind of guy.

He also made all the young ladies of Charlotte Catholic swoon as a striking tenor in the mixed choral group. He even shook his groove thing in the school musical.

Before I knew it, my childhood friend was already looking at colleges. He knew all along that he belonged right here under the Dome.

Nonetheless, my young friend visited me at school, and the minute he set foot on campus, his sparkling blue eyes lit up and he began showing his parents around.

I invited him to attend my astronomy class, and Michael once again shocked the ladies in the class as he participated actively, proving to be more knowledgeable about supernovae and space-time than most people in the class.

Michael's fine intellect intimidated college kids even as a high schooler.

So you must be thinking that this guy cannot possibly be any better. Wrong.

Young Michael is a certified lifeguard and was a stand out on the high school state swim team (his disheveled, chlorine-bleached blond hair does something to a girl I cannot explain). Michael also has his boater's license and a passion for exploring the uncharted romantic waters of the South Carolina coast.

Tired of the monotony of campus life? Michael can show you a whole new world.

Dawgs of Alumni Hall, look out. You've got some tough competition on your hands this year.

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

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Katie Peralta

News Wire
Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT KIND OF MUSIC WOULD YOU MAKE IF YOU WERE AN ARTIST, AND WHY?



Jarrett DeAngelis
grad student
off campus

"Indie rock and
roll for me."



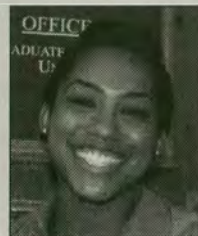
Kim Schlesinger
freshman
Lewis

"Rock music,
because it is my
favorite."



Roosevelt Kelley
senior
off campus

"Hip hop,
because it's the
poetry of urban
culture."



Mallory Jacobs
junior
Lewis

"R&B, because
it feeds my
soul."



Maggie Culhane
junior
McGlinn

"Bach's fugue,
because it's like
an Escher
drawing of
music."



DUSTIN MENNELA/The Observer

Junior Lourdes Long, left, and sophomore Colleen Kelly speak at the first meeting of hall environmental commissioners Tuesday at the Center for Social Concerns.

IN BRIEF

The Snite museum will show "Between Figurative and Abstract," paintings by Gao Xingjian, today at 10 a.m. Admission is free.

The Snite Museum will show "The Camera and Rainbow; Color in Photography" today. Admission is free.

The public Policy Lecture Series will hold "Latino immigrants in America: Our Past and our Future today at 4:30 p.m. in 220 McKenna Hall. President and general council of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, John Trasvina will speak.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will hold screenings of the film "Dying to Live" Thursday at 7 and 10 p.m. Director Dan Groody will be present for discussion. Admission is \$3.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will play the College of Charleston in the Shamrock Invitational Friday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame men's soccer team will play Rhode Island Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Show will take place Friday at 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center. OK Go and Lupe Fiasco will headline the concert. Tickets are on sale in the LaFortune Box Office for \$10.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Cops: Nude driver's conduct distracting

ANGOLA, Ind. — A naked man driving along the Indiana Toll Road was arrested and charged because his lewd conduct distracted other motorists, police said.

The 37-year-old Chicago man was traveling east to Ohio to visit his mother, police said. He was nude and had petroleum jelly on his hands when a state trooper pulled him over about 10 miles from the Ohio line Wednesday, police said.

The man, who told police he was comfortable driving in the nude, was charged with misdemeanor indecent

exposure, punishable by up to a year in jail.

The trooper, Al Martinez, a four-year veteran of the Indiana State Police, said he walked up to the passenger side of the SUV and saw that the man had dropped a T-shirt across his midsection. Other motorists had called police about the driver, with several calls from truckers who could see into the front seat of the SUV.

Convicted peeper sues to get porn back

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — A man recently jailed for secretly videotaping a woman and a teenage girl

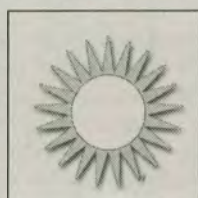
has sued a police department for the return of his massive porn collection taken during the investigation.

Dennis Saunders, 59, filed suit against San Rafael police in Marin County Superior Court after the department refused to give back some 500 pornographic movies and 250 magazines his lawyer described as unrelated to the peeping case.

"There's absolutely no legal foundation for them withholding perfectly legal adult-oriented material," Tiburon attorney Jon Rankin said.

LOCAL WEATHER

TODAY



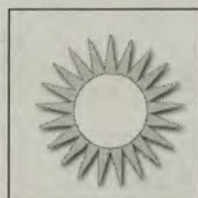
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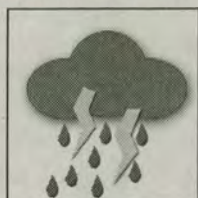
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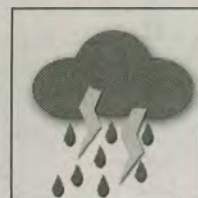
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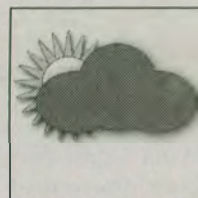
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COR

Students may form coalition for town relations

Representatives discuss multi-school, community leaders council to work on student-resident communication

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

In its first meeting of the year, the Council of Representatives (COR), an advisory group to student body president Liz Brown, concentrated its efforts on improving relations between University students and the South Bend community.

Brown updated COR members on her latest initiatives to combat the city's proposed ordinance that would require students who live off campus to file a permit with the city 10 days in advance to host parties where more than 25 people could be drinking alcohol.

She announced the likely creation of a community relations coalition that would bring together leaders from the student body, the city's Common Council, the University faculty, Notre Dame Security/Police and the South Bend Police Department (SBPD).

Various city leaders proposed the creation of the coalition at a Friday meeting to "pursue different avenues to address the problems of disorderly students,"

Brown said.

She will meet again with city leaders Thursday to discuss the committee's membership. The coalition, Brown said, may not be restricted to Notre Dame students.

"Obviously, I would like to see Saint Mary's, IUSB and Holy Cross students represented as well," she said.

It is unknown which parties — students, Common Council, SBPD or residents — will form and lead the proposed committee.

Brown did ask if "we should single out Notre Dame as being the leader on this," but the COR members did not come to a conclusion regarding a Notre Damed-led student delegation.

Student body vice president Maris Braun said students "need someone who conducts themselves professionally" to sit on the committee, regardless of the school he or she attends.

Junior class president Bob Reish proposed a group that would include students from all four institutions and elect different representatives to attend coalition meetings and present student perspectives.

COR members decided that Reish's plan would not provide for enough consistency in the student representation, but Brown did acknowledge that "it is a good idea to have a separate body between the universities," leaving the door open for a four-school student council.

While the coalition would be new to the Notre Dame and South Bend communities, similar organizations have been established at Michigan State University and the University of Rhode Island. Braun said that Rhode Island saw complaints against off-campus students decline by 39 percent in the coalition's first year, which she called "pretty impressive."

Though the coalition is not regarded as a final solution to community relations' problems, it is viewed as an important start.

"We need to bring community members and students together on a more consistent basis, rather than just at 2 o'clock in the morning, when somebody's caught up in problems," Brown said.

Braun hopes that the coalition will not become just another venue for discussion, but a starting place for action.

"We talk a lot. We would prefer to move to more concrete programs," she said.

The council also addressed issues of off-campus student safety in the wake of the Aug. 21 shootings at Club 23 on Notre Dame Avenue, where two students were shot and wounded.

Despite the incident, many COR members agreed students should not expect preferential

treatment from the SBPD.

"Student safety isn't a huge priority for the South Bend Police, no more so than for a normal person," Student Union Board (SUB) manager Phil Ross said.

Encounters with crime are "a way of life for many South Bend residents," Brown said.

However, student government director of communications Will Kearney believes there is a "massive misappropriation of judicial and police forces" in the city.

"Having nine or 10 cops in a yard for one girl [who had received an alcohol citation] doesn't seem valid at all," he said.

To help students stay safe, Braun suggested University-run educational programs for students who move off campus, teaching them about cautionary measures they can take to avoid break-ins.

COR plans on further discussing community relations issues next week along with football ticket lottery procedures.

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University of Notre Dame Annual Drinking Water Quality Report 2006 Consumer Confidence Report

The amendments to the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act require each public water supply to produce a water quality report titled the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). Following is the University's annual report for the 2006 calendar year.

The University's water system is a privately owned public water supply operated by the Utilities Department. The University's system provides water to the University community and the nearby C.S.C. properties. Questions regarding the system or sampling results can be directed to Paul Kempf, Director of Utilities, 102 Facilities Building, Notre Dame, IN 46556, phone 574.631.6594 or Erin Hafner, General Safety Specialist, Risk Management and Safety, 636 Grace Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556, phone 574.631.5037.

There are currently six wells serving the water system, all located on the campus proper. The water is drawn from deep aquifers surrounded by substantial clay barriers that serve to protect the groundwater supply. We do not believe that our source is vulnerable to contamination. We are also taking steps to ensure that our water source does not become contaminated through our Wellhead Protection Program. This program assists in defining where the water supply comes from and methods to protect the aquifers from potential contamination.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from animal and human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health affects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1.800.426.4791) or at the EPA's website at www.epa.gov/safewater.

Contaminants that might be expected to be in source water (untreated water) include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil, pesticides and herbicides.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production or can come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or are the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, persons with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly susceptible. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection from Cryptosporidium and microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1.800.426.4791) or at the EPA's website at www.epa.gov/safewater.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. In general, if you flush your could tap until the water gets as cold as it is going to get, you will have eliminated the potential metal contamination. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1.800.426.4791) or at the EPA's website at www.epa.gov/safewater.

We have tested for over 150 parameters regulated by the EPA and the State of Indiana. Included in these tests were metals, volatile organics, pesticides, herbicides, synthetic organic chemicals and cyanide.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists the EPA's regulated and unregulated contaminants detected in the University's drinking water. All of the contaminants are below allowable levels.

Not included in the table are the more than 150 other contaminants including pesticides, herbicides, metals, synthetic organic chemicals, volatile organic chemicals and others which were tested and not detected.

Regulated at Point of Entry (Well)					
Substance	Highest Level Detected	EPA's MCL	EPA's MCLG	Range	Source of Contamination
Barium (ppm)	0.10	2.0	2.0	0.061 - 0.10	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (ppm)	0.99	10	10	0.13 - 1.0	Runoff from fertilizer, septic tanks, natural deposits
Nickel (ppm)	0.015	0.1	0	0.0075 - 0.015	Pipe material, natural deposits
Chromium (ppm)	0.012	0.1	0.1	0.0088 - 0.012	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	1.1	4.0	4.0	<0.1 - 1.1	Runoff from fertilizer, erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic (ppm)	0.0034	0.01	0.0	<0.0020 - 0.0034	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross alpha (pCi/L)	3.8	15	0	1.9 - 3.8	Naturally occurring
Gross beta (pCi/L)	21.2	50	0	3.2 - 21.2	Decay of natural and manmade deposits
Unregulated Substances					
Substance	Highest Level Detected	EPA's MCL	EPA's MCLG	Range	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	58	100	-	41 - 58	Erosion of natural deposits
Regulated at User Tap					
Substance	Highest Level Detected	EPA's MCL	EPA's MCLG	Range	Source of Contamination
Copper (ppb) 90 th percentile	350	1300	1300	5.2 - 350	Corrosion of plumbing systems
Lead (ppb) 90 th percentile	12	15	0	<1.0 - 12	Corrosion of plumbing systems

Definitions
MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water. MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG). The level of a contaminant at which there is no known or expected health risk. ppm: parts per million. ppb: parts per billion. 90th Percentile: 90% of the samples were below the number listed. pCi/L: picocuries per liter. Since 1993, the University has been granted a Standardized Monitoring Framework (SMF 1), monitoring waiver. Due to the high quality of the water, the monitoring frequencies are significantly reduced.

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Two ND students named ISI honors fellows

Institute places senior Brian Boyd, junior Rachel Miller among the nation's 50 'most talented undergraduates'

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame senior Brian Boyd, a philosophy major from Georgetown, Texas, and junior Rachel Miller, a political science and theology major from St. Louis, recently were awarded prestigious Honors Fellowships from the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI).

Named among only 50 of "the nation's most talented undergraduates" selected from schools including Harvard, Stanford and Yale Universities for 2007, Boyd

and Miller attended an ISI summer conference in Québec City, Canada, titled "Law in the Western Tradition: Common, Constitutional, Natural, and Divine," at which they explored questions of contemporary politics, natural justice, natural law and natural rights. They engaged in high-level, one-on-one debate and discussion with elite faculty who teach in the humanities and social sciences.

Boyd and Miller, who both have earned Dean's List honors in each semester of their

college careers, will participate in a yearlong program designed to enhance their undergraduate education at Notre Dame. It will include an ISI Career Development Seminar and continuing direction from their faculty mentors through online discussions.

The mentors also will provide insight on internships, job opportunities, graduate and professional programs and related issues, and the students each will receive large collections of free books and journals.

Boyd, the executive editor of the Irish Rover, an independent student publication, also is involved in Sustained Dialogue, a student group dedicated to improving race relations on campus, and serves on the advisory board for Notre Dame Magazine. Last spring, he studied in Rome at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (commonly called the Angelicum) and plans to pursue graduate studies in philosophy.

Miller, also an editor of the Irish Rover, spent the sum-

mer serving at Maggie's Place, a hospitality home for troubled pregnant women in Phoenix, as part of a Summer Service Learning Project through Notre Dame's Alumni Association and Center for Social Concerns. She is a member of Notre Dame Saint Mary's Right to Life and Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society.

Founded in 1953, ISI works to identify the best and the brightest college students and to nurture in these future leaders the American ideal of ordered liberty.

Moreau

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to attend. More than a dozen submitted essays to apply for the position of student ambassador, according to Sister Rose Ann Schultz, vice president for mission and one of the Saint Mary's delegates to the events.

"I was brought up in a strongly Catholic family and I thought it would be an amazing opportunity to see something like this," Nickell said.

The College is sponsoring Nickell, mathematics professor Joanne

Snow and Director of Donor Relations Addie Cashore to attend the ceremonies in France as Saint Mary's ambassadors.

College President Carol Ann Mooney, her husband, George

Efta, Schultz and other faculty and staff members will also attend. More than 130 people serving in ministries sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Cross will attend, Schultz said. Every member of the delegation had to submit an essay application to take part in the celebrations.

The group will leave Sept. 12 and will return on the following Tuesday.

Upon their return, Nickell and the other attendees will present their experiences to the school. In November, they will travel to Chicago to present to the Chicago Club of Saint Mary's.

Nickell said she was excited about attending the beatification given Moreau's contributions to Saint Mary's.

"It is such a big deal because if it wasn't for Father Moreau, we wouldn't be here today," she said. "It's really exciting."

Saint Mary's, along with

several other Holy Cross congregations, helped plan the events for the upcoming ceremonies.

"A general planning committee for all the congregations [of the Holy Cross] met throughout the year," Schultz said.

The opening of the beatification celebration will take place in Laigné-en-Belin, France — Moreau's birthplace, she said.

On Sept. 15, the Mass and rites of beatification will be held in Le Mans. Bishop Jacques Faivre of Le Mans will preside, and Cardinal José Saraiva Martins, prefect of the Vatican

Congregation for the Causes of the Saints, will represent Pope Benedict XVI and will present the papal decree, signifying Moreau as blessed, Schultz said.

"Beatification recognizes Basil Moreau's commitment to holiness, expressed in his desire to serve people wherever there was a need," she said.

On Sept. 16, a Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated at the

Cathedral of St. Julian. Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, former archbishop of Washington D.C., will preside, Schultz said.

She called the event a milestone for the Holy Cross community.

"It is a graced moment in our common heritage as a Saint Mary's College community and is an opportunity for us to learn more about this holy man whose vision for education was absolutely remarkable," she said. "Moreau's vision has inspired members of this college to carry on his enduring mission of education."

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Ad

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Dame is Catholic without overtly saying 'Catholic,'" Woodward said. "We hope that a viewer would watch it for 30, 40 seconds before knowing it was a Notre Dame ad."

That more subtle approach to religion is a significant shift from two years ago, when the University aired its "Candle" ad, featuring a girl in church who later receives an acceptance letter from the University and looks to the sky in prayer.

The ad fueled debate among students and alumni who found the religious message more narrow than welcoming.

Last year's ad, on the other hand, was much less divisive. The spot used variations on the "Play Like a Champion Today" signs and showcased accomplished Notre Dame

alumni in different fields.

The new commercial, Woodward said, has drawn widespread positive feedback.

"It's not like any other college ad," he said.

Georgia Tech's ad, which aired next to Notre Dame's, featured a robotic arm playing the school's victory march.

Senior Tyler Stavino and Father Thomas Streit, director of the University's Haiti Program, narrated most of the ad, which can be viewed at nd.edu.

"Notre Dame is not afraid to be different, to be unique ... to help change the world," Streit told The Observer. "That's how you show leader-

ship."

Stavino said the portrayal of the University's work in developing countries brought

"This ad shows that Notre Dame is Catholic without overtly saying 'Catholic.'"

Todd Woodward
associate vice president
for marketing

out Notre Dame's commitment to both service and research.

"At Notre Dame, our Catholic identity and commitment to service are very much united. ... A Notre Dame education is about more than sitting on campus reading books," said Stavino, who

spent eight weeks working in the Haiti Program.

"Notre Dame uses academics to make a difference in people's lives," he said.

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INTERRACE FORUM



"A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE: LIFE AT ND"

SEPTEMBER 12, 2007 5:30P.M.
COMO STUDENT LOUNGE

Join us as we begin the new academic year with a discussion of identity and finding our place not only here at Notre Dame, but in the world.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Jamaican PM will not concede

KINGSTON— Jamaica's first female prime minister faced pressure to concede defeat Tuesday as officials began a final tally of ballots from an election praised by international observers as "professional and transparent."

With her party apparently suffering a razor-thin defeat in Monday's vote, Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller refused to give up, saying the final count — expected to take about two days — could shift enough close races for her People's National Party to win.

Preliminary returns gave the opposition Jamaica Labor Party 31 of the 60 seats in the House of Representatives — a margin just large enough to end the governing party's nearly 20 years in power.

Police detonate old WWII bombs

BERLIN — The earth shakes briefly in Berlin's Mitte city park, and a cloud of rain-soaked dirt rises over the ferns in the woods. Police have just detonated a football-sized anti-tank grenade from World War II.

More than 60 years after the war's end, removing unexploded bombs, grenades and artillery shells remains a full-time task for police and private companies all over Germany.

It's an occurrence so common that police explosives experts Thomas Mehlhorn and Joerg Neumann can joke about their delicate job as they sift warm pieces of shrapnel from wet dirt reeking of sulfur.

In Berlin, an average of 900 explosive cleanup operations take place each year. Of these, about 100 unexploded bombs are deemed too dangerous for removal — a job for "sprengmeister," explosives experts like Mehlhorn and Neumann, who blow them up on site.

NATIONAL NEWS

Rich adventurer missing in Nevada

RENO — Millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett, who has cheated death time and again in his successful pursuit of aviation records, was missing Tuesday after taking off in a single-engine plane the day before to scout locations for a land-speed record, officials said.

Teams searched a broad swath of rugged terrain in western Nevada near the ranch where he took off, but searchers had little to go on because he apparently didn't file a flight plan, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said.

"They are working on some leads, but they don't know where he is right now," FAA spokesman Ian Gregor said.

Fossett, the first person to circle the world solo in a balloon, was seeking places for an upcoming attempt to break the land speed record in a car, said Paul Charles, a spokesman for Sir Richard Branson, the U.K. billionaire who has financed many of Fossett's adventures.

Deaths, doctor fatigue unrelated

PHILADELPHIA — Cutting the grueling work hours of doctors-in-training had little effect on reducing patient deaths, according to two large studies.

Death rates dropped in one group of patients in veterans' hospitals but not in three other groups, the researchers reported.

The results come from what the authors describe as the largest and most comprehensive national look at work-hour restrictions, which were implemented four years ago in an effort to reduce medical errors by tired physicians.

LOCAL NEWS

Manhole murderer sentenced

SOUTH BEND — A homeless man who pleaded guilty to murdering four other homeless men whose bodies were dumped in manholes was sentenced Tuesday to 65 years in prison.

Daniel J. Sharp, 55, of South Bend in May pleaded to four counts of murder in the slayings of Michael S. "Shan" Nolen, Michael W. Lawson, Jason Coates, and Brian Talboom. Their bodies were found inside two South Bend manholes over four days in January.

Prosecutors said the killings were carried out with the help of another homeless man, Randy Lee Reeder, 51, and were sparked by a dispute over a space heater.

IRAQ

Commander: Next four months crucial

Lieutenant General Odierno calls for more evaluation before reducing U.S. presence in Iraq

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The No. 2 U.S. commander in Iraq said Tuesday that the next three to four months will be crucial in determining whether the United States can start to withdraw troops from Iraq without sacrificing security gains since the troop buildup began early this year.

Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno said the number of attacks in August fell to their lowest level in more than a year, although he gave no figures. Odierno insisted that overall violence was declining — a sign that the buildup ordered by President Bush was working.

"I think the next three to four months are critical," Odierno told reporters. "I think that if we can continue to do what we are doing, we'll get to such a level where we think we can do it with less troops."

Bush himself raised the possibility of a reduction in the 160,000-strong U.S. force during his surprise visit Monday to al-Asad Air Base in Anbar province, where Sunni Arab sheiks have been turning against al-Qaida in Iraq.

Bush said U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker and the top commander Gen. David Petraeus "tell me if the kind of success we are now seeing continues, it will be possible to maintain the same level of security with fewer American forces."

Crocker and Petraeus will report to Congress next week on security and political progress since Bush dispatched 30,000 extra troops to Iraq to curb sectarian warfare. Petraeus is expected to point to a dramatic decline in violence in Anbar province thanks to a grassroots revolt against al-Qaida.

On Tuesday, an al-Qaida front group announced on an Islamist Web site that it was forming new suicide battalions to strike at the Americans and their "re-



American troops man a Baghdad checkpoint Tuesday. Lt. Gen. Odierno indicated that violence in Iraq is declining.

gade" allies — an apparent response to the burgeoning revolt against the terror movement.

"These battalions, with God's help, will perform their duties in an excellent manner during the month of Ramadan and the enemies of God will suffer a lot," the statement said, referring to the Islamic season of fasting that begins in about two weeks.

Odierno said U.S. forces were alert to the possibility of increased attacks during Ramadan but in the run-up to the holy month "violence has been going down."

The optimistic tone of recent U.S. statements appears aimed at persuading moderate Republicans in Congress to stand by the

president and resist Democratic calls to begin bringing the troops home as soon as possible.

U.S. officials acknowledge privately they have not turned the corner in restoring security, even as they insist that trends are favorable. Last month, civilian deaths across Iraq rose to at least 1,809, the second highest monthly total this year, according to figures compiled by The Associated Press.

At least 42 people were killed or found dead across the country Tuesday, according to police reports.

The Electricity Ministry announced Tuesday that eight of its engineers and technicians were kidnapped and murdered the day

before by unknown gunmen in east Baghdad.

The eight were traveling to a training session out of town when they were abducted. Relatives identified their bullet-riddled bodies in a hospital, ministry spokesman Aziz al-Shamari said.

In Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, gunmen ambushed a car in the city center Tuesday, killing three men and a woman, police Brig. Gen. Abdul-Karim al-Jubouri said.

Despite some improvements in security, Iraqi politicians have made little progress in reaching power-sharing agreements among Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds — considered essential to lasting peace.

Budget director faces challenges

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Rep. Jim Nussle, President Bush's choice for budget director, is likely to find himself in the middle of a series of fights with the Democratic-controlled Congress.

Foremost among the challenges facing the Iowa Republican — expected to be confirmed by the Senate on Tuesday — is a glut of unfinished spending bills. Other budget battles between the administration and congressional Democrats include extending farm subsidies and a popular health insurance program for the poor, and renewing more than 40 expiring tax cuts.

The Oct. 1 beginning of the 2008

budget year is looming, and the Senate has passed just one of 12 bills to fund the agency budgets that Congress is required to pass each year.

Veto threats hang over most of the bills and a long and contentious fall budget season is expected. It's commonly assumed that whichever bills are vetoed or not even passed by the Senate will be bundled into a multi-bill "omnibus" measure.

Some Democrats questioned whether Nussle — who gained a reputation as a partisan unpopular during eight terms in the House — is the right choice to be Bush's point man in budget talks with Democrats. At some point, it will take backroom talks to produce a deal on the unfin-

ished appropriations bills.

But Bush has staked out a hard line in his public statements so far, vowing to veto spending bills that exceed his \$933 billion "cap" on the one-third of the federal budget dished out by the appropriations committees each year. Democrats exceeded Bush's appropriations limits by about \$23 billion in drawing up their budget plans.

However, the Senate on Tuesday took up a bill providing \$64.7 billion in discretionary budget funding for veterans' programs and military base construction. Bush has not threatened to veto that bill — funding politically sacrosanct veterans medical programs — even though it's \$4 billion higher than his request.

NDFCU

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on the warning and the members' fear by telling them the credit union had noticed "one or more unsuccessful attempts to log in to your Online Banking Account on 08/31/2007 from a foreign IP address."

The e-mail — from an address that appeared to users as alert@ndfcu.org — told users to sign in to the credit union's secure server by clicking on the attached link and review their accounts. The link directed them to a non-NDFCU Web site designed to look exactly like the NDFCU homepage, but it lacked the warning.

The credit union's IT staff tracked the e-mails and the Web site to the Netherlands Saturday, Ditchcreek said, but it was unable to contact the illegitimate site's service providers abroad during the weekend. The Web site was shut down Monday morning after the credit union was able to report it to the service provider, Ditchcreek said.

By Monday morning, however, more than 60 customers had viewed the site and entered their banking information. Ditchcreek said at least five customers who gave the scammers their debit and credit card information were facing transactions that added up to more than \$2,000.

These costs, however, would not fall on the customers, Ditchcreek said.

"Besides the costs of reissuing more than 60 debit cards — which is fairly nominal — the credit union will also have to absorb those couple of thousands of dollars," he said. "Thankfully, the losses are not as large as they could be, but it's still money that we will lose to this hoax. But of course the member doesn't take the financial loss in these cases."

Ditchcreek said the scammers may have used the information they obtained from the credit union members to fabricate ATM cards and withdraw the cash abroad.

He said he did not have an estimate of the total loss the NDFCU would have to absorb, because he expected more customers would contact the credit union in the coming days. He encouraged customers to review their accounts and transaction and report any suspicious activity immediately.

Senior Zach Labrecque was among the students who received the second-wave e-mail and gave his debit card number, security code and expiration date to the fraudsters.

"I checked my e-mail Saturday morning and didn't stop to think too much about it," he said. "But as soon as I hit 'Enter' I realized banks don't need to ask for this information because they already

have it."

He immediately tried to contact the NDFCU to put a red flag on his debit card — but he was told that couldn't happen since the card wasn't physically stolen. He also tried to freeze the account but that was not possible either since it was a football Saturday and Labor Day weekend, and the credit union branches were closed.

Labrecque said he preferred to transfer all the money in his NDFCU account to a different bank rather than wait until Monday to freeze the funds.

"I know how these scams work," he said. "I noticed the different URL and the strange nature of the information requests a minute too late, but I was definitively surprised to see how difficult it was for me to block the account."

Ditchcreek said the NDFCU's priority during the weekend was shutting off the illegitimate Web site.

He said he did not know how the fraudsters obtained the e-mail list, but the customers who filed reports to the credit union Monday were not all students.

"We don't know what e-mail list was used or how they got it, but it wasn't just students," he said. "The general public, members and non-members alike, also received the e-mails."

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I'm totally ready for the year."

At last week's Student Senate meeting, the first of the year, she announced two new initiatives — a student guest meal exchange program and the ability to use Domer Dollars in the Stadium and the Joyce Center.

"The great thing about this was that we set the tone from the first Senate meeting, not only for Maris and [chief executive assistant] Sheena [Plamoottil] and I, but also for our senators and all our committees," Brown said. "They all know that we can accomplish a lot, and hopefully we are setting the bar high, and we won't disappoint."

Brown hopes that momentum will last.

"We've set some high standards for ourselves from the beginning, but especially in the last couple weeks," she said.

Brown and Braun began researching and making phone calls after they heard about the proposed ordinance, even as they completed summer internships. The ordinance caused concern among students, especially those living off campus, because it would require residents of boarding houses — defined as residences in which two or more unrelated people live — to file a permit with the city 10 days before hosting a gathering at which more than 25 people would have access to alcohol.

Brown said her goal with the ordinance has been to eliminate the permit registration process for parties. At the Senate meeting last Wednesday and in a letter to the editor published in The Observer, she cautioned students to behave respectfully off campus so the Common Council could not use rowdy student partying as an impetus to move the ordinance forward.

After the first weekend of the semester passed without any major disturbances, Brown said she is confident she will achieve her goal. She also wants to develop a community relations coalition so city, University and student representatives can discuss problems as they arise.

But reaching this point, Braun said, has required a "month of solid work."

Brown agreed.

"We were kind of lucky it happened before school started...," she said. "This is what we were able to focus on prior to coming back to school. It was definitely a joint effort that took up a lot of our time."

Brown said their quick response to the proposed ordinance sent a clear message that student government can accomplish big things.

"I saw a lot of comments [posted on ndnation.com and facebook.com regarding the proposed ordinance], like 'don't rely on student government, you have to take matters into your own hands,'" Brown said. "It was great to

be able to respond to that — not directly, with any sort of comments, but to be able to use our actions to say well, actually, you can depend on us to get some stuff done for you. Obviously we have our limits, but there are definitely things that we can accomplish."

Reaction to the acceptance of Domer Dollars in the Stadium and the guest exchange meal program in the dining halls has been positive, Braun said. During the Georgia Tech game last weekend, she said she overheard students who had forgotten cash and were pleased to remember they could use Domer Dollars to purchase drinks and food at the stadium.

Now that the school year has started, Brown and Braun will have to balance their class schedules and personal lives with the demands of their student government jobs. They sat down with The Observer Tuesday in the student government office on the second floor of LaFortune, in

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Liz Brown
student body president

front of a whiteboard that has been transformed into a calendar for the month. Nearly every day of September is filled with meeting times related to a student government issue.

Brown and Braun said they are ready to tackle the initiatives they have planned, plus anything else that might come up.

"Once you kind of get into the groove of things, and learn how things run, then it's not overwhelming," Braun said. "It's just a lot of fun ... that's what makes it enjoyable, and that's what makes it fun to work on initiatives, because we've got a great office environment."

Brown's experience as chief executive assistant last year, she said, has helped her administration accomplish significant goals — and respond to unforeseen issues — since she and Braun took office April 1.

"I knew what kind of avenues to take when certain problems arise or when certain initiatives need to be pursued," she said.

One avenue she has used, especially when working on the proposed ordinance, has been Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman, Brown said. She said she and Poorman have been in regular communication regarding the steps the University should take regarding the ordinance.

The ordinance, and the larger topic of community relations, will be a major focus for student government this year, Braun said. But the pair will also focus on improving student life and achieving its platform goals.

Brown said her Senate committees have already begun to tackle their initiatives for the year. The launch of the student government Web site — tentatively scheduled for sometime in the next two weeks — will serve as an online forum to answer student needs, Braun said.

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BELGIUM

Scientologists might stand trial

Church expected to face criminal charges for fraud, extortion scandals

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — A Belgian prosecutor on Tuesday recommended that the U.S.-based Church of Scientology stand trial for fraud and extortion, following a 10-year investigation that concluded the group should be labeled a criminal organization.

Scientology said it would fight the criminal charges recommended by investigating prosecutor Jean-Claude Van Espen, who said that up to 12 unidentified people should face charges.

Van Espen's probe also concluded that Scientology's Brussels-based Europe office and its Belgian missions conducted unlawful practices in medicine, violated privacy laws and used illegal business contracts, said Lieve Pellens, a spokeswoman at the Federal Prosecutors Office.

"They also face charges of being ... a criminal organization," Pellens said in a telephone interview.

An administrative court will decide whether to press charges against the Scientologists.

In a statement, Scientology's Europe office accused the prosecutor of hounding the organization and said it would contest the charges.

"For the last 10 years, the prosecutor has been using the media, trying to damage the reputation of the Church of Scientology and not being able to put a case in court," Scientology said. "As a con-

sequence, this created a climate of intolerance and discrimination" in Belgium.

It added that the prosecutor's recommendations suggested Scientology was guilty even before a court could hear the charges, making it "difficult for the Church of Scientology to recover and properly defend (itself) before the court."

Scientology has been active in Belgium for nearly three decades. In 2003, it opened an international office near the headquarters of the European Union to lobby for its right to be recognized as an official religious group, a status it does not enjoy in Belgium.

A Belgian parliamentary committee report in 1997 labeled Scientology a sect and investigations were launched into the group's finances and practices, such as the personality tests conducted on new members.

Investigators have spent the past decade trying to determine how far Scientology went in recruiting converts after numerous complaints were filed with police by ex-members alleging they'd been the victims of intimidation and extortion.

Justice officials seized financial records, correspondence, bank statements and other papers in their decade-long probe to track the flow of money to Scientology. Police also raided the offices of several consultancy firms linked to the Church of Scientology.

Pellens said that prosecutors expect Scientology to

mount a strong legal challenge to the charges at a court hearing, which could come in the next two to three months. She acknowledged that could delay the case for years.

Belgium, Germany and other European countries have been criticized by the State Department for labeling Scientology as a cult or sect and enacting laws to restrict its operations.

The German government considers Scientology a commercial enterprise that takes advantage of vulnerable people.

In Washington, the State Department said that if Belgian authorities "have evidence that individuals violated Belgian law, they should take appropriate legal steps consistent with Belgium's international obligations to protect freedom of thought, conscience and religion."

"We would, however, oppose any effort to stigmatize an entire group based solely upon religious beliefs and would be concerned over infringement of any individual's rights because of religious affiliation," the State Department spokesman's office said.

The Los Angeles-based Church of Scientology, which is seeking to expand in Europe and be recognized as a legitimate religion, teaches that technology can expand the mind and help solve problems. The church, founded in 1954, counts actors Tom Cruise and John Travolta among its 10 million members.

MARKET RECAP

Stocks

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Up: 2,234 Down: 65 Composite Volume: 2,508,851,075

AMEX	2,287.13	+12.53
NASDAQ	2,630.24	+33.88
NYSE	2,630.24	+101.70
S&P 500	1,489.42	+15.43
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	16,420.47	-104.46
FTSE 100 (London)	6,376.80	+61.60

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
S&P 500 RECEIPTS (SPY)	+1.01	+1.49	149.08
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	+1.66	+0.81	49.68
SUN MICROSYS INC (JAVA)	+2.61	+0.14	5.50
HOME DEPOT INC (HD)	-5.09	-1.95	36.36

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	+0.46	+0.021	4.558
13-WEEK BILL	+7.27	+0.290	4.280
30-YEAR BOND	+0.17	+0.008	4.839
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.26	+0.011	4.262

Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+1.04	75.08
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+9.60	691.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.03	90.43

Exchange Rates

YEN	116.3800
EURO	0.7351
POUNDS	0.4967
CANADIAN \$	1.0501

IN BRIEF

Auto companies report mixed sales

DETROIT — Chrysler LLC, Toyota Motor Corp. and Ford Motor Co. each reported sales declines last month, but General Motors Corp., Nissan Motor Co. and Honda Motor Co. surprised industry analysts Tuesday by showing increases, despite the declining U.S. auto market.

Toyota's 2.8 percent sales drop, Ford's 14.4 percent decline and Chrysler's 6.1 percent decrease were symptoms of what analysts said would be a slumping U.S. auto market due to high gasoline prices, rising mortgage payments and turmoil in the financial markets.

Ford's drop allowed Toyota to take the No. 2 slot in U.S. auto sales from Ford for August and for the first eight months of the year.

But GM, led by increased pickup truck sales, showed an increase of 6.1 percent, while Nissan Motor Co. reported its sales increased 6.3 percent for August and Honda Motor Co. reported a 4.7 percent increase.

iPhones sold unofficially in China

BEIJING — The iPhone can be bought in China, even though Apple Inc. isn't selling it there and the gadget doesn't function properly despite costing twice as much as in the United States.

Enthusiasts willing to pay 8,800 yuan (\$1,170) can buy the iPhone at electronics markets in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Guangzhou, the computer and electronics newspaper Dian Nao Bao reported in its Monday editions.

In the United States, the combination cell phone-iPod media player can be had for as little as \$499. The Chinese version can make calls and send text messages, but it can't receive calls. The voicemail function also doesn't work.

Apple is currently selling the iPhone only in the United States, where it's restricted to AT&T Inc.'s cellular network. Last month, hackers successfully unlocked the device so it could be used on other carriers.

Apple spokesman Natalie Kerris said Tuesday the company was not aware of specific reports of its phones being sold in China but said the sales were not authorized.

Mattel expands Chinese toy recall

Popular children's products containing lead paint, small parts potentially hazardous

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mattel Inc., whose reputation has been battered by two high-profile toy recalls this summer, will announce on Wednesday the recall of a third batch of Chinese-made toys because they may contain excessive amounts of lead paint. The Associated Press has learned.

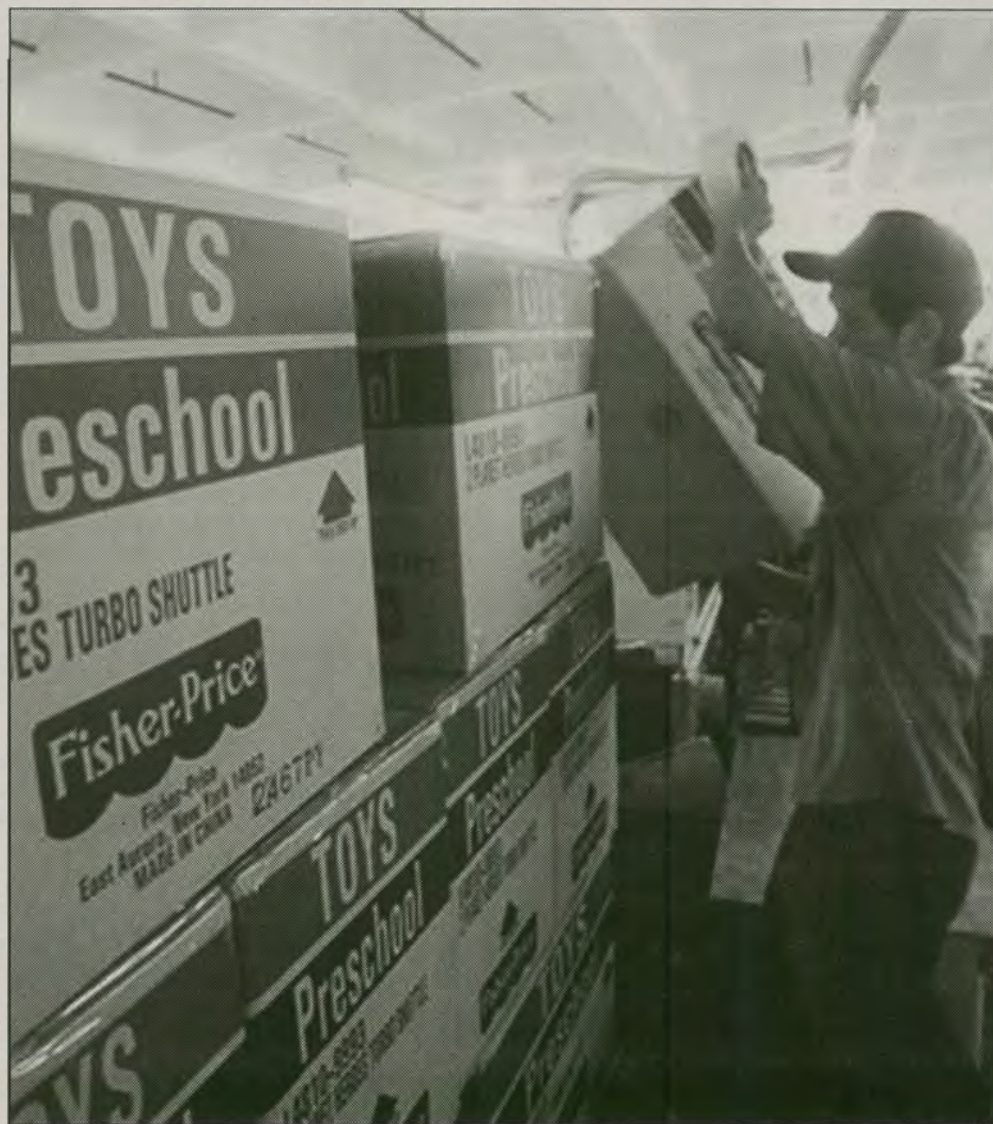
The latest recall by the world's largest toy maker will be for a Fisher-Price toy and accessories to a Barbie playset and involves several hundred thousand units, according to two persons briefed by Mattel executives who asked for anonymity because the company has not yet formally announced the action. It could not be learned whether the toys were made in different Chinese factories.

Mattel officials did not immediately return phone calls on Tuesday.

Mattel's last recall, announced on Aug. 14, covered about 19 million toys worldwide. They included Chinese-made toys that either had excessive amounts of lead paint or had small magnets that could easily be swallowed by children.

On Aug. 1, Mattel's Fisher-Price division said it was recalling 1.5 million preschool toys featuring characters such as Dora the Explorer, Big Bird and Elmo because of lead paint. That action included 967,000 toys sold in the United States between May and August.

Lead can cause brain damage when ingested by young children. Under current regulations, children's products found to have more than .06 percent lead accessible to users are subject to a recall.



A Chinese worker sorts through boxes of toys in Guangzhou, China. Mattel is expected to announce today its third round of recalls after discoveries of lead content in toys.

Robert Eckert, chairman and CEO of El Segundo, Calif.-based Mattel, warned at a press conference last month that there may be more recalls of tainted toys as the company steps up its investigations into its Chinese factories and retests products.

Still, the latest action would be yet another blow to Mattel, which had cultivated an image of tightly controlling production in China. The Consumer Product Safety Commission

also said Tuesday it was considering a possible investigation of whether Mattel notified authorities as quickly as it should have in connection with the Aug. 14 recall.

With more than 80 percent of toys sold worldwide made in China, toy sellers are nervous that shoppers will shy away from their products in this year's critical holiday season.

Late last month, Toys "R" Us announced it was recalling thousands of art sets

made in China due to excessive levels of lead in some black watercolor paints.

In June, toy maker RC2 Corp. voluntarily recalled 1.5 million wooden railroad toys and set parts from its Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway product line. The company said that the surface paint on certain toys and parts made in China between January 2005 and April 2006 contain lead, affecting 26 components and 23 retailers.

Wall Street extends summer rebound

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street extended its rebound from the big summer slump Tuesday after dips in manufacturing growth and construction spending raised investors' hopes for an interest rate cut.

The market also got a boost as investors bought technology stocks viewed as bargains after being battered during last month's selloff. Tech and telecom are still seeing takeover activity despite credit concerns, and furthermore, demand for computers, cell phones and other such products appears strong.

Though Tuesday's economic data came in a bit slower than anticipated, the market built on the sharp gains it made Friday. Ahead of Labor Day weekend, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the central bank stood ready to "act as needed" to prevent credit troubles from hurting the

national economy — which investors believed hinted at the Fed's willingness to lower rates.

When investors returned from the long weekend, the Institute for Supply Management said the manufacturing sector expanded more slowly in August than in July, and the Commerce Department said construction activity fell in July by 0.4 percent. Wall Street was pleased that the snapshots were neither too weak nor too strong — suggesting the economy isn't falling apart, but that the Fed will be inclined to cut the benchmark federal funds rate when it meets Sept. 18, after more than a year of holding rates steady.

"We haven't had anything happen to change that outlook," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. "Everything still points to a Fed that could lower rates."

In recent weeks, more difficult access to credit has made it harder for consumers and businesses to borrow, raising fears that tighter access to money will hurt the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 91.12, or 0.68 percent, to 13,448.86. The blue-chip index is about 4 percent below its July 19 record close of 14,000.41, but about 4.7 percent above its summer closing low of 12,845.78 reached Aug. 16.

The biggest gainer among the 30 Dow companies was General Motors Corp., which rose \$1.18, or 3.8 percent, to \$31.92 after reporting a surprising increase in August sales.

Broader stock indicators also advanced. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 15.43, or 1.05 percent, to 1,489.42, and the technology-dominated Nasdaq composite index surged 33.88, or 1.30 percent, to 2,630.24.



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Five-man mob trial awaits jury's verdict

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jurors in Chicago's biggest mob trial in years began deliberating the fate of five defendants Tuesday in a case described by defense attorneys as built on the testimony of "a walking piece of deception."

Prosecutors said the testimony of mob hit man Nicholas Calabrese — who linked four of the five men to a murder scene — matched up with physical evidence at the scene and with recorded jailhouse conversations with one of the defendants.

Jurors also heard from more than 100 witnesses, listened to hours of secretly recorded audio tapes, and saw dozens of photos of crime scenes, victims and suspected members of the Outfit, as the city's organized crime family is known.

Jurors left at 2 p.m. Tuesday, despite indicating last week that they planned to work from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office of U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel gave no explanation for the early departure.

The defendants are all in their 60s or 70s, and one alternated between using a cane and wheelchair in court. They are accused by prosecutors of engaging in a racketeering conspiracy, detailed in a 43-page indictment, that included illegal gambling, extortion, loan sharking and

18 murders between 1970 and 1986.

The men on trial are reputed mobster Joseph "Joey the Clown" Lombardo, 78; convicted loan shark Frank Calabrese Sr., 70; convicted jewel thief Paul Schiro, 70; reputed mob boss James Marcello, 65; and retired Chicago policeman Anthony Doyle, 62. If convicted, all but Doyle could face life in prison.

Defense attorneys attacked the case as one built largely on the testimony of Nicholas Calabrese — Frank Calabrese's brother — who the defense said admitted lying to authorities in the past and was only cooperating with the government now to escape the death penalty.

Defense attorney Joseph Lopez labeled Nicholas Calabrese a "grim reaper," a "walking piece of deception" and a man who would "shoot you in the head over a cold ravioli."

Prosecutors said Nicholas Calabrese's testimony matched up with stories that his brother told his son Frank Calabrese Jr. while in prison. The younger man secretly wore a wire for the government.

Nicholas Calabrese linked all the defendants except Doyle to a murder scene. Doyle is not accused of killing anyone, but he is charged with being part of a racketeering conspiracy that included murder.

Michigan pushes up its primaries

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Michigan officially crashed the early primary party on Tuesday, setting up showdowns with both political parties and likely pushing the presidential nomination calendar closer to 2007.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a bill moving both of Michigan's presidential primaries to Jan. 15. Michigan's move threatens to set off a chain reaction that could force Iowa and New Hampshire to reschedule their contests even earlier than anticipated, perhaps in the first week in January or even December 2007.

"While political maneuvering will no doubt continue, our move to January 15 is final," Granholm said in a statement.

The national parties have tried to impose discipline on the rogue states. On the Republican side, states that schedule contests before Feb. 5 risk losing half their delegates to next summer's convention, though some are banking that whoever wins the GOP nomination will eventually restore the delegates.

Democrats have experienced similar problems, but party officials hoped they had stopped the mad dash to move up by threatening to strip Florida of all its convention delegates for scheduling a primary on Jan. 29 and by convincing the major Democratic candidates to campaign only in the party-approved early states.

Michigan, in moving up its pri-

mary, faces a similar penalty from the Democratic National Committee.

Tuesday was the deadline for states to submit to the Republican National Committee the dates and formats of their primaries or caucuses. It might not turn out to be much of a deadline because some states are continuing to jockey for earlier votes.

Michigan was among at least seven states signaling their intention to flout Republican rules by scheduling presidential primaries or caucuses before Feb. 5.

New Hampshire, initially scheduled to hold its primary Jan. 22, did not submit a date because it is waiting to see when others schedule their votes, said David Scanlan, New Hampshire's deputy secretary of state. State law requires New Hampshire to hold its primary at least seven days before any other primary.

Iowa scheduled its caucuses for Jan. 14 and South Carolina set its GOP primary for Jan. 19. But both reserved the right to reschedule if they are leapfrogged. Wyoming plans to hold county conventions to choose delegates on Jan. 5, and Nevada scheduled caucuses for Jan. 19, party officials said.

South Carolina GOP Chairman Katon Dawson said he won't hesitate to move the vote even earlier if another Southern state jumps ahead — regardless of how many delegates South Carolina loses.

AUSTRALIA

Bush visits Iraq war ally

Prime Minister Howard continues to show support for the U.S.

Associated Press

SYDNEY — President Bush briefed one of his few remaining staunch war allies, telling Australian Prime Minister John Howard Wednesday about his Iraq visit and his conviction that the U.S. troop buildup is working.

The two leaders exchanged pleasantries before talks at the Commonwealth Parliament Offices within sight of Sydney Harbor. "You told me it was beautiful," the president observed.

Bush was spending much of Wednesday with Howard ahead of a 21-nation Asia-Pacific summit later in the week. Bush was also to meet with Australian troops.

His visit was expected to be accompanied by a series of protests by groups unhappy with the summit's pro-business agenda, the Iraq war and the Howard government's support for it. But demonstrations were light on Tuesday — before Bush's nighttime arrival in this heavily fortified city.

Australia participated in the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 and still has about 1,600 troops in and around the country, 550 of them in combat roles. Yet the war remains unpopular here, and Howard faces an aggressive challenge in elections expected to be called within three months.

Polls show Howard, in office for 11 years, trailing

opposition leader Kevin Rudd, who has promised to pull combat troops out of Iraq if he wins. Howard has refused to set a deadline.

The president has urged coalition partners to make decisions based on conditions on the ground rather than internal politics. He has voiced strong support for Howard, calling him "a man of steel." Howard has been equally effusive about Bush. Still, Bush meets Rudd on Thursday.

Howard is the last leader among the major original "coalition of the willing" partners still serving. Among those who paid a political price for standing with Bush on the war are former Prime Ministers Tony Blair of Britain, Silvio Berlusconi of Italy and Jose Maria Aznar of Spain.

En route to Australia, Bush made an unannounced stop in Iraq, meeting Monday with Iraqi government and Sunni tribal leaders, U.S. troops and their commanders at a military base in the heart of Anbar province, 120 miles west of Baghdad and once rife with Sunni insurgents. He was joined by his war cabinet.

Bush emphasized his confidence in the current strategy, and raised the possibility of U.S. troop cuts if violence continues to ease. The president ordered U.S. troop levels increased this year by about 30,000 to a total of 160,000.

But he also reiterated his

belief that troop-level decisions must be based on conditions on the ground and recommendations from military commanders. He was expected to repeat this stance in his conversations with Howard.

After Bush's comments in Iraq and the withdrawal of British troops from Basra in southern Iraq, Howard told reporters he did not envision any reduction in Australian combat troops. "We don't intend to pull our battle groups out of southern Iraq. We see it continuing to do very valuable work," he said.

As host of the Pacific Rim forum, Howard has put reaching a consensus declaration on climate change and curbing global warming high on the agenda.

Bush was expected to push for a new climate change deal more to his liking, and to try to advance his trade agenda, which includes restarting stalled global trade liberalization talks and seeking a longer-term Asia-Pacific free trade zone.

Bush's trip was intended to show he's not neglecting the region, and he has a busy schedule of one-on-one meetings with Asia-Pacific leaders on the sidelines of the APEC forum. He'll sit down with Chinese President Hu Jintao, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun and Indonesian President Bambang Yudhoyono.

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A return to non-interventionism

George Washington rightly sits atop most people's list of "great" Presidents. Not only was he critical to the success of the American Revolution and the subsequent founding of the United States of

America, he also managed as President to keep the fragile young republic out of European troubles. France was in the midst of a revolution which resulted in a grueling and bloody war with England and others. Washington realized that avoiding such bloodbaths was essential to the future prosperity of the United States. It was with this intent that the President published his letter to the American people at the conclusion of his second term in office.

Washington's Farewell Address became the guiding document for American foreign policy for the next 100 years. "The great rule of conduct for us," he wrote, "in regard to domestic relations, is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible." He believed that European nations had fundamentally different interests which were "essentially foreign to [America's] concerns," and caused them to engage in frequent wars. Consequently, it would be foolish to tie America's prosperity to these nations. Alliances with these nations would merely make the European problems America's problems — problems that Americans sought to leave by coming to America. By only intervening when America's security is directly threatened, America would "avoid the necessity of those overgrown military establishments which ... are inauspicious to liberty, and which are to be regarded as particularly hostile to republican liberty."

Washington's call for non-interventionism was largely heeded by his successors. Thomas Jefferson famously said at his inaugural address in 1801 that America should follow a policy of "peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations" and have "entangling alliances with none." Similarly, James Monroe stated that "in the wars of the European powers ... we have never taken part, nor does it comport with our policy, to do so." America would only take up arms and make alliances when "our rights are invaded, or seriously menaced that we resent injuries, or make preparations for our

defense." John Quincy Adams said "America does not go abroad in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion only of her own."

America outright abandoned its non-intervention foreign policy that had served it so well shortly after World War II. It waged largely ineffective wars halfway around the globe in countries that Americans had barely ever heard of. It propped up corrupt governments, both financially and militarily, that were more concerned about their own power (and thus were more receptive to American influence) than the welfare of their own people. Wars were fought with little regard to the survival of the civilian populations. This military and financial intervention in the internal affairs of countries around the world earned America the resentment of millions. While these wars might have seemed like good ideas at the time, history tells us that occupation, whether for the "good" of the occupied country or not, tends to turn the local populace against the occupiers. The same can be said for other diplomatic tactics such as embargoes, as well as financial and military support for a country's enemy.

The fact is that there is no surefire way to prevent another terrorist attack. There is no chance that a man who is willing to blow himself up to slaughter dozens of innocent victims can be held at bay indefinitely. In order to combat terrorism, particularly terrorism stemming from the Middle East, the only strategy that will yield results in the long run is to reduce the motivation of the terrorists to attack America. Therefore, the most prudent question is: what motivates the terrorists to attack America and what can America do to reduce that motivation?

A popular delusion endorsed by the Bush administration is that the terrorists hate us because "they hate our freedom." According to this theory, the terrorists hate us because we have a democratic form of government and other rights. While some in the Middle East might not like that I am allowed to go to Las Vegas to gamble, this is hardly reason enough to motivate a terrorist attack. Indeed, a Zolby poll released in 2002 showed that the majority of Kuwait public looked favorably upon our freedom and democracy, but 88% disagreed with our policies in the Middle East. This was roughly the same throughout the rest of the Middle East.

The hijackers of Sept. 11 didn't fly planes into the World Trade Center because we have McDonalds and women can vote.

The Middle East is rife with American influence and has been for the last fifty years. When Muslims complain about America, it usually isn't that they object to our freedom. It's that they object to our influence and presence in the Middle East. In his first video after the September 11th attacks, Osama bin Laden told the world that "I swear to God that America will not live in peace before all the army of infidels depart the land of the prophet Muhammad." Our continued military presence in nearly every Muslim country is certainly not helping matters particularly when many Muslims in the region (wrongly) associate Christian presence in the Middle East as another Crusade. It's because we support Israel unilaterally, who many in the region view as a mortal enemy, both financially and militarily. The United States gave Israel much of its military technology, which has been used on Muslims in the past (and more recently in the short war with Lebanon). It's because we caused half a million Iraqi deaths with the US led embargo on Iraq and then declared the deaths were "worth it." It's because over 50,000 Iraqi civilians have already died in the War in Iraq. In short, it's because we've been meddling in things that we have no business meddling in. Our interference, as even the US government has conceded, has only increased the resentment of Muslims around the world and increases the motivation to attack America.

PJ O'Rourke once wrote in his classic Parliament of Whores that "whatever it is that the government does, sensible Americans would prefer that the government do it to somebody else. This is the idea behind foreign policy." The problem is that America needs to stop doing "it" to someone else. Interventionism got America into this crisis, but a return to the non-interventionism of the Founding Fathers is the only long-term solution to the terrorist threat.

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"Whatever you are, be a good one."

Abraham Lincoln
American president

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Katrina from a distance

"Indifference, to me, is the epitome of evil.

The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of beauty is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, but indifference between life and death."

-Elie Wiesel, Oct. 27, 1986

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans and portions of the Gulf Coast from Texas through Alabama. In New Orleans, the storm caused three major levees to break, resulting in much more death and destruction. More than 1,500 people perished in Louisiana alone, with 238 additional deaths in Mississippi. New Orleans itself was well described by the novelist John Updike, who wrote, "A major American city was depopulated with a suddenness and thoroughness war itself could not surpass."

How can one now remember this tragedy without clichés or platitudes? And what can one say now without making empty promises?

One year ago, a New Orleans native, and Notre Dame student, wrote in The Observer:

"Those who survived the storm are still struggling to make it through each day. I feel like we have all seen and heard the news stories of the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, but somehow we have grown complacent. Somehow we feel like it is not our problem. Somehow we feel like we are too far away to make a difference." (Looking back on Katrina anniversary, Aug. 30, 2006)

Consider these words: "complacency," "it is not our problem," "we feel like we are too far away to make a difference." Is this not exactly what Elie Wiesel meant? Does this writer not describe the same indifference, identified by Wiesel, which has shrouded the great political tragedies of our time — the Holocaust, poverty, inequality,

exploitation of the weak, wars with no purpose other than national or personal egotism?

Katrina intimidates us not only because of the scope of its destruction, but also because it demands of us that, if we are true to what we profess, we must give this catastrophe our attention and care. It demands that we pull ourselves out of ourselves, in the sense that we may have to change our priorities from what once seemed comfortable and certain. Katrina was, if anything, a great disrupter of plans.

Katrina threatens us also because we see how quickly "rationality" dissolves in the face of tragedy. For each death, there must be hundreds of other lives disrupted, threatened with ruin, and perhaps permanently scarred with emotional and physical injuries.

Finally, Katrina challenges us. The reconstruction of the Gulf Coast communities will require decades of work. The work will require almost every professional skill one can imagine. And the restoration will not be completed in convenient packages of accomplishment. There will be failures, false starts, and other disappointments. Indeed, the resistance of Katrina and its aftermath to simple solutions may be a key to why we are tempted by indifference.

Notre Dame is in a position to provide not only help, but leadership. It has great resources of professional skills. It has often committed sustained service to causes ignored by momentary public enthusiasm. I suggest this second anniversary be marked by the establishment of a permanent Notre Dame Katrina Project, with physical locations both on campus and in the Gulf Coast communities. As last year's writer observed, "Those who survived the storm are still struggling to make it through each day."

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Aug 24

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Drinking age cannot be regulated by laws

If you've walked around campus the day of an LSU football game, you've seen how Louisianians feel about alcohol. Kegs, coolers and shots are consumed in all directions, as Tiger fans get liquored up before the game.

This will be my third season of LSU football as a student, and I'm still not 21.

I turn 21 just 12 days after Mardi Gras next year -- but I'm not bitter. Many people think I would be a little more enraged, but it's not as if I can't get alcohol in New Orleans — it's just the principle of the thing. If every bar, liquor store and restaurant all of a sudden decided to enforce the drinking age, I'd be out of luck. But The Big Easy is known as such for many reasons, one of them being the ease with which underage New Orleanians can acquire alcohol. The age law has long since become obsolete.

According to the National Institute of Health, the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 is the law concerning underage drinking. While not specifically mandating an age limit, it requires a 10 percent decrease in federal highway funding for states that don't enforce the minimum drinking age of 21, forcing states into submission. Barring certain excep-

tions, it is illegal for me to purchase alcohol in the United States and most Middle Eastern countries like Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Iran. In the rest of the civilized world, the minimum drinking age varies from 16 to 20.

I can vote for my president, my governor and my mayor, but I can't have a drink. I can be shipped to Iraq to fight for my country (i.e. going to kill people), and I can have a drink in Baghdad, but I can't have a drink in America. I can smoke cigarettes, which have been all but proven to give me and the people around me lung cancer, but I can't have a drink.

Historically, preventing people from drinking hasn't gone as smoothly as people initially hoped. In colonial America, alcohol was considered a gift from God, but abuse of this gift came from the Devil. As Paul Aaron and David Musto astutely observed in "Alcohol and Public Policy: Beyond The Shadow of Prohibition," "Drink itself was not looked upon as culpable, any more than food deserved blame for the sin of gluttony. Excess was a personal indiscretion." In the 10 years leading up to Prohibition in the 1920s, alcohol consumption was actually on the decline. When the 18th Amendment legalized alcohol, crime went up, became organized and infiltrated many government offices looking to become corrupt. When the 21st Amendment ended Prohibition, alcohol

bootleggers found themselves out of work, as alcohol was re-legalized.

According to its Web site, Mothers Against Drunk Driving claims credit for increasing the drinking age to 21. In 2005, on the 21st anniversary of the passing of the National Minimum Drinking Age Act, Glynn Birch, the first male president of MADD, said, "because of the 21 law, underage drinking deaths have been cut from 8,000 annually in the 1980s to 6,000 per year today," according to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. I in no way disagree with the message that MADD puts out: drinking and driving is fatal.

But how the organization arrived at "21" remains controversial. A quick look on the organization's website provides a test on how alcohol affects the brain. "Apparently on studies using animals, young brains are vulnerable to dangerous effects of alcohol, especially on learning and memory function." I'm not sure if animals can drive, but if they can, they had better remain under the legal limit.

Many people advocate the lowering of the national drinking age to 18, most notably the National Youth Rights Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting for the civil rights and liberties of young people. According to its Web site, they believe American youth alcohol policy "should recognize the inevitability of alcohol consumption

among youth and seek to reduce the harm of that alcohol use, rather than unrealistically try to keep young people from drinking at all."

Underage drinking doesn't end with a law. It isn't curbed by police officers or bouncers at nightclubs. Like everything else in this country, we need to practice proper education and responsibility, and it comes from our teachers and our parents. Youths should be educated on the effects of alcohol from within the family, not from a sign that reads "We ID Under 21." If parents had better control over the actions of their children, there would be no need for a minimum drinking age. I don't drink to get drunk, but I'm not going to pretend I haven't before. I understand drinking can be great, but it can also be deadly. Instead of perpetuating the hypocrisy of the 21 drinking age, we need to better inform teens about the effects of alcohol so they can make an educated decision for themselves.

Be careful, be responsible, but at the same time, laissez les bons temps rouler. Let the good times roll.

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Cubicle Comedy Craze Co. The Office

THE LAUGHS KEEP ON ROLLING IN "THE OFFICE: SEASON THREE"

By CHRIS McGRADY
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The third season of "The Office" is right in line with the previous two: irreverent, random and completely hilarious.

In the third helping of the Americanized version of the popular British show, Michael Scott (Steve Carell) is back and more ridiculous than ever, flitting through the show with the same kind of politically incorrect banter that has made him one of the most popular characters on television.

For the half a dozen people in America who have yet to catch at least part of the show, "The Office" follows the exploits of a team of employees at Dunder-Mifflin, a local paper supply company in Scranton, Pa. Scott is the hapless leader of the bunch, a caricature of every known fault in every boss across the country. He's inappropriate, clueless and helpless, all at the same time. His right hand man is Dwight K. Schrute, played by Rainn Wilson. Jim Halpert (John Krasinski) is the most normal of the male characters in the show, and plays a sarcastic salesman. Halpert is paired with Pam Beasley (Jenna Fischer), the lead lady on the series.

Seasons One and Two established "The Office" as one of the most intelligent shows on television. Season Three picks up where the second season left off. The first episode is one of the funniest, where one of the office employees comes out as a homosexual. Not surprisingly, Michael does not handle the situation well — creating a hilarious number of situations. Meanwhile, Jim has transferred to a new office and a new set of characters joins the show, which keeps things fresh.

Midway through the season, the two offices merge. This episode, thoughtfully dubbed "The Merger," is one of the best of the season. In Michael's attempts to welcome the new employees, he once again creates a number of awkward and hilarious situations. By the end of the day, only two employees from the outside branch remain, and Michael is clueless as to why.

Employee Andy Bernard, played by Ed Helms, is a major addition to the show. The former glee club singer and Cornell grad (you can bet he won't let you forget it) is

one of the show's most entertaining characters, and his constant battles with Dwight for Michael's attention create some of the best episodes of the season. Other high points are the episodes "The Coup," "The Initiation," "Booze Cruise" and the doubly long season finale, "A Benihana Christmas."

The only problem with the show is that Michael is almost too absurd. In Seasons One and Two, Michael's humor was more subtle, and relied on sarcasm and awkward situations. In Season Three, Michael is more "in-your-face," and this goes over with mixed results.

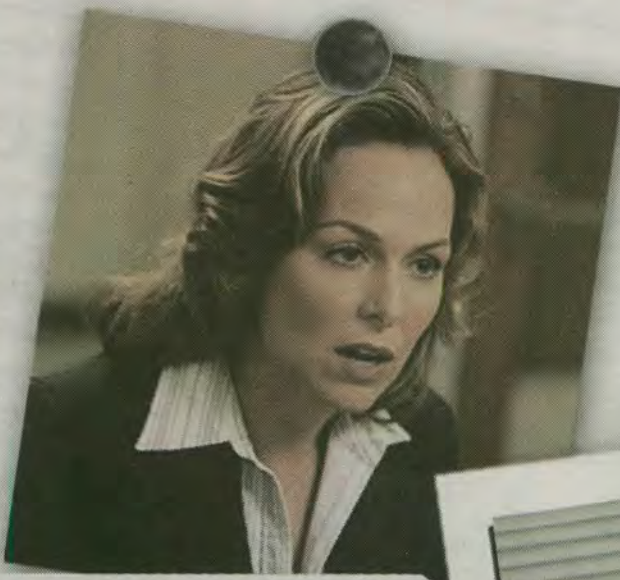
Fortunately, even his down moments are hilarious. Overall, Michael Scott is still the character that everyone will love — if not for his hilarious personality, then for his dead-on portrayal of the typical office boss. Any person who has worked in an office will have an appreciation for just how realistic some of Michael's actions are.

The third edition of "The Office" is just as stellar as the first two. Quick hitting, poignant and impressively written, the third season is amazingly well done and fully exhibits why "The Office" remains one of the best and most watched shows on television.

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DUNDER MIFFLINITES AWAIT "THE OFFICE" CONVENTION

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Attention all Dunderheads: You are officially invited to the first-ever "The Office" Convention in Scranton, Penn., Oct. 26-28. That's right — after only three aired seasons of the Emmy-award winning comedy, an entire convention will be devoted to NBC's "The Office."

"The Office" fan base may not yet be up to "Star Trek"-like proportions, but it's large and dedicated enough to convince the City of Scranton, the Lackawanna County Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce that a convention uniting Dunderheads from all over the country is a good idea. If they host it, they will come — especially when there are promises of cast appearances.

To many, a convention may seem like too much too soon, but "The Office" fan base is unique from that of any other series on television. It's not only loyal but also online. An understanding of the way "The Office" uses the Internet is essential to explaining why the convention is taking place and why fans are guaranteed to flock to the Electric City in October.

When a few cast members of "The Office" decided to create MySpace blogs in 2005, they didn't imagine the response they would receive. After all, they did it simply because the computers on "The Office" set were actually hooked up to the Internet and they had to do something to pass the time as they sat in the background during scenes. So they began accepting friend requests, responding to questions, reading comments and blogging about the show, their lives and each other.

They did what no other television cast had done before. Instead of relying on television appearances and magazine interviews, they removed the third parties and revealed their on-set and off-screen lives directly to the fans. They interacted with fans from the early stages of the series and broke down all barriers of celebrity. These truly were real, normal people who just happened to

have extraordinary comedic talent and still shop at Target.

The cast's way of fighting off boredom worked. Jenna Fischer (Pam) has the most popular blog by far with more than 100,000 MySpace friends. Real life best friend Angela Kinsey (Angela) has around 40,000 MySpace friends. The two often mention each other in blogs and offer as much behind-the-scenes information as they can. Fischer even gives away promotional samples she collects from Hollywood functions and offers a particularly in-depth post about how to make it in Hollywood.

Other cast members with MySpace sites include Brian Baumgartner (Kevin), B.J. Novak (Ryan), Kate Flannery (Meredith) and Craig Robinson (Daryl). Even Mindy Kaling (Kelly) has a blog called "Things I've Bought That I Love" on Blogspot.com where she unleashes her shopping obsession and details her favorite purchases.

Not only do cast members interact with fans through blogs, but they also maintain close ties with administrators of the series' fansites. Perhaps the best fansite is OfficeTally.com, which nabbed an exclusive post-Emmy nomination interview with Fischer, who shunned formal interviews to speak with the Web site first.

It is this interaction between the cast and its fans that unites "The Office" fan base and makes it so strong. Because of the Internet, relationships with the stars of "The Office" aren't necessarily one-sided. The fans and the cast are more closely connected than fans and casts of any other show.

Because of these relationships, a convention to bring everyone together isn't as extreme an idea as it could be. Who wouldn't want to attend the convention kick-off at the Radisson on that Friday or Office Olympics on that Saturday?

There's even a Dundee award presentation on Sunday. Additionally, several cast members have reassured they are doing everything they can to attend.

Are Dunderheads the new Trekkies? Probably not. Will the streets of Scranton be littered with Dwight and Angela look-a-likes come October? Most definitely. Dunderheads are as loyal to "The Office" as Dwight is to Michael, and the series has the Internet to thank for it.

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Michael



Is your favorite line "That's what she said"? ☐ ☐

Is Sbarros your favorite pizza joint? ☐ ☐

Have you ever had the song "Mambo No. 5" set as your ringtone? ☐ ☐

Do you tell your friends to "shut it" when they annoy you? ☐ ☐

Dwight



Do you have extensive martial arts training listed on your resume?" ☐ ☐

Have you ever saved a coworker's life with pepper spray? ☐ ☐

Are you the proud possessor of a purple belt? ☐ ☐

Do you own a bobblehead doll of yourself? ☐ ☐

Pam



Is your favorite flavor of yogurt mixed berry? ☐ ☐

Have you ever been engaged for more than three years? ☐ ☐

Do you have a lifetime ban from Chili's? ☐ ☐

Do you have a long-running crush on a coworker? ☐ ☐

Is your favorite computer game FreeCell? ☐ ☐

Jim



Do you enjoy placing coworkers' desktop items into jello as a joke? ☐ ☐

Are you in love with your receptionist? ☐ ☐

Have you ever been nicknamed "Big Tuna"? ☐ ☐

Are you a good basketball player? ☐ ☐

Is ham-and-cheese your favorite type of sandwich? ☐ ☐

Ryan



Has your boss ever had a man crush on you? ☐ ☐


Has another coworker ever hazed you on the job? ☐ ☐

Have you ever caused a fire at work? ☐ ☐

Are you highly ambitious? ☐ ☐

Would you like to own your own business some day? ☐ ☐

Do you find yourself doing busy work for your boss? ☐ ☐



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Associated Press

BOSTON — Josh Beckett won his major league-leading 17th game and rookie Jacoby Ellsbury had three hits, helping the Boston Red Sox beat Roy Halladay and the Toronto Blue Jays 5-3 on Tuesday night.

Ellsbury homered after Coco Crisp barely beat out the relay to stay out of a double play and avoid the third out in the fourth inning. Ellsbury, who also tripled and singled in the game, hit the next pitch from Halladay into the Toronto bullpen to give the Red Sox a 3-0 lead.

Julio Lugo and Dustin Pedroia followed with back-to-back doubles to make it 4-0. Beckett (17-6) gave up a three-run homer to Matt Stairs in the fifth, but retired the last eight batters he faced before Jonathan Papelbon pitched the ninth for his 33rd save.

Kevin Youkilis hit a solo homer in the eighth to make it 5-3.

Coming off a start against the Yankees in which he allowed a career high 13 hits, Beckett gave up three runs on five hits in eight innings, striking out seven and walking two.

The AL East-leading Red Sox, who began the day seven games ahead of the Yankees, have won four in a row and improved to a major league-best 84-55.

Halladay (14-7) allowed five runs on nine hits in eight innings, walking two and striking out seven.

Halladay pitched his major league-leading seventh complete game. He has pitched five consecutive complete games, but won just one of them.

Needing just a double for the cycle, Ellsbury was left in the on-deck circle when Crisp lined out to right in the eighth.

White Sox 3, Tigers 1

Josh Fields and Alex Cintron homered, and Jon Garland scattered seven hits over seven

innings as the Chicago White Sox beat the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night.

Garland (9-10) ran his career record to 13-6 against the Tigers, who began the day six games back of Cleveland in the AL Central and 2 1/2 games behind New York in the wild-card race. Garland allowed one run and struck out four without walking a batter.

Ehren Wasserman and Matt Thornton pitched a scoreless eighth, and Bobby Jenks worked the ninth for his 37th save in 42 chances.

It didn't come without a little bit of drama.

After retiring 53 of his previous 55 batters, Jenks gave up a two-out walk to Brandon Inge and a single to pinch hitter Sean Casey before striking out Curtis Granderson with runners on the corners to end it.

The last-place White Sox improved to 9-4 against Detroit this season.

With two out in the third, Fields lined Jeremy Bonderman's first pitch over the left-centerfield fence, his 18th homer of the year, to give Chicago a 1-0 lead.

Paul Konerko singled in the sixth before Cintron's homer chased Bonderman and made it 3-0. Cintron's first home run of the season came on a 3-1 pitch, which he lined just over the right-field fence.

Zach Miner replaced Bonderman (11-8), who allowed three runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings, walking two and striking out three.

Miner threw 3 2-3 innings of scoreless relief to keep the Tigers close.

Detroit broke up Garland's shutout in the sixth on Guillen's run-scoring single, which put runners on first and third with one out. But Garland got Ivan Rodriguez to foul out and fanned Marcus Thames to end the inning.

Garland had already worked out of two early inning jams.

Singles by Rodriguez and Inge gave the Tigers runners on first and second with two out in



White Sox pitcher Jon Garland deals against the Tigers Tuesday. Garland gave up one run over seven innings in the 3-1 White Sox win.

the second, but Ramon Santiago grounded out to end the inning. Guillen doubled with one out in the fourth, but Garland retired Rodriguez and Thames on groundouts.

Nationals 4, Marlins 3

Jesus Flores' two-run, ninth-inning double gave the Washington Nationals a win over the Florida Marlins on Tuesday night.

With the Nationals trailing 3-2 in the ninth inning, Dmitri Young led off with a walk off Kevin Gregg (0-5). With one out, Wily Mo Pena singled to third and pinch-runner Ryan Langerhans advanced to third. After Ronnie Belliard popped to first, Flores doubled to the left-field corner, scoring Langerhans and Pena.

It was Gregg's third blown save of the year.

A fifth-inning single gave Miguel Cabrera his 500th career RBI and the Marlins a 3-2 lead. Cabrera became the third-youngest player in major-league history to reach 500 RBIs.

Flores' hit spoiled Dontrelle Willis' opportunity to win just

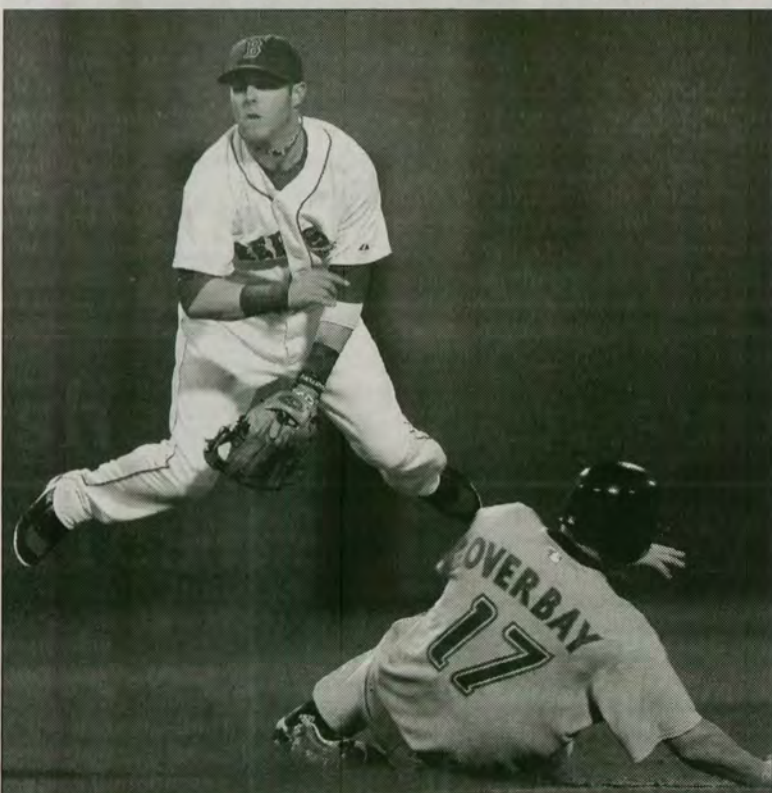
his second game in 18 starts. He has one win since May 29.

With the score tied at 2-2, Hanley Ramirez singled with one out in the fifth off Washington starter Shawn Hill to extend his hitting streak to 12 games. Ramirez stole second, advanced to third on Alfredo Amezaga's stolen base and scored on Cabrera's single. The only players younger than Cabrera to achieve 500 RBIs were Mel Ott and Ted Williams.

Entering 2007, Willis had a career record of 58-39 and he started the season 5-1. Entering Tuesday, he had gone 3-13. In 7 1-3 innings, he allowed two runs and eight hits.

He struck out five and walked two.

Willis reluctantly left the game with one out in the eighth. After pinch-hitter Tony Batista led off with a long fly out to left, Nook Logan doubled and Felipe Lopez reached on an infield single with Logan holding at second. When manager Fredi Gonzalez came to remove him, Willis hopped around and pounded his glove, hoping to stay in.



Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia jumps to complete a double play in Tuesday's 5-3 win over the Blue Jays.

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NCAA Football Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	USC (59)	1-0	1
2	LSU (5)	1-0	2
3	West Virginia (1)	1-0	3
4	Florida	1-0	6
5	Oklahoma	1-0	8
5	Wisconsin	1-0	7
7	Texas	1-0	4
8	Louisville	1-0	10
9	Virginia Tech	1-0	9
10	California	1-0	12
11	Georgia	1-0	13
12	Ohio State	1-0	11
13	UCLA	1-0	14
14	Penn State	1-0	17
15	Rutgers	1-0	16
16	Nebraska	1-0	20
17	Auburn	1-0	18
18	Arkansas	1-0	21
19	TCU	1-0	22
20	Hawaii	1-0	23
21	Georgia Tech	1-0	NR
22	Boise State	1-0	24
23	Texas A&M	1-0	25
24	Tennessee	0-1	15
25	Clemson	1-0	NR

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9	Virginia Tech	1-0	9
10	California	1-0	12
11	Ohio State	1-0	10
12	Georgia	1-0	13
13	Auburn	1-0	14
14	UCLA	1-0	17
15	Penn State	1-0	18
16	Rutgers	1-0	16
17	Nebraska	1-0	19
18	Arkansas	1-0	20
19	TCU	1-0	22
20	Boise State	1-0	23
21	Georgia Tech	1-0	NR
22	Hawaii	1-0	24
23	Texas A&M	1-0	25
24	Tennessee	0-1	15
25	Boston College	1-0	NR

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New York	77-62	-
Seattle	74-63	2
Detroit	73-64	3

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team	record	GB
Arizona	76-63	-
Los Angeles	72-65	3
Philadelphia	72-65	3
Colorado	71-66	4

NCAA FOOTBALL



Nebraska head coach Bill Callahan runs onto the field before Saturday's opening game against Nevada. Callahan signed a new five-year extension Tuesday that will pay the Huskers coach \$1.75 million a year.

Nebraska gives Callahan extension

Associated Press

LINCOLN — Nebraska coach Bill Callahan has been given a new, five-year contract for \$1.75 million a year.

It will run through Jan. 31, 2012. Callahan's old contract was to run through 2008.

Callahan is 23-15 in four seasons with the Cornhuskers, winning the Big 12 North championship last year.

"In terms of what he's done for the program, he has certainly met or exceeded my expectations at this juncture," athletic director Steve Pederson said Tuesday.

The 51-year-old Callahan signed a six-year contract paying him \$1.5 million a season when he was hired in January 2004.

Under the new contract, Callahan can earn \$425,000 in bonuses annually for winning division, conference and national championships, Pederson said Tuesday.

"I have said on numerous occasions that we want coach Callahan to be the coach at Nebraska for a long time," Pederson said. "This commitment to Bill and his staff is a result of our belief that all the right ingredients are in place for long-term success. Bill has assembled a top-notch staff,

and they are recruiting outstanding young men. He also has set a very high standard for discipline, integrity and work ethic that makes us proud as Nebraskans."

Terms were reached last week and Callahan signed the contract Tuesday.

Callahan remains the fourth-highest paid coach in the Big 12 behind Oklahoma's Bob Stoops (\$3.45 million), Texas' Mack Brown (\$2.91 million) and Texas A&M's Dennis Franchione (\$2.01 million).

Callahan said he doesn't worry about where his compensation ranks.

"I never got into coaching for all these things," he

said. "I coach because I enjoy coaching. I've never looked at coaching as about money, about the next job. I always did the best job I could in the situation I was in, and things always worked out better for myself and my family."

Callahan thanked Pederson and UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman for the new deal.

"It reflects greatly on our football staff," Callahan said. "I wanted to be here, and I am committed to being at Nebraska."

"We've always said it's not exclusively a question of wins and losses, but the trend is moving in the right direction," Perlman said.

IN BRIEF

Body of father of Magic guard Jameer Nelson found

WILMINGTON, Del. — Authorities pulled a body from the Delaware River on Saturday and there is a "strong likelihood" it is the missing father of Orlando Magic star Jameer Nelson, police said.

Floyd "Pete" Nelson, 57, an employee at a tugboat company, was last seen Thursday working in a dry dock area in the Philadelphia suburb of Chester, Pa. Divers and trained dogs searched the river all day Friday but the search was suspended around 4 p.m.

Police in Delaware said a boater called 911 on Saturday after spotting the body of a black male floating in the river near Fox Point Park in Wilmington. The body was recovered around 2 p.m.

There was a "strong likelihood" that the body was Floyd Nelson's but police were unable to confirm it, said Delaware State Police spokesman Sgt. Joshua A. Bushweller.

American gymnasts assured of spot in Beijing

STUTTGART, Germany — Some called it failure. The Americans called it fuel.

A year after their gymnastics debacle in Denmark, the U.S. men enjoyed an incredible comeback in Deutschland. The performance not only assured them one of 12 spots in the Beijing Olympics but got them thinking about more immediate goals — like maybe taking a bronze medal from these world championships.

Most of the outward signs leading to Tuesday's success in qualifying said it was. But after finishing fourth, short only of world-beaters China and Japan and revved-up host Germany, it was clear the Americans are nothing like that beleaguered squad that finished a dismal 13th in 2006.

"It still eats at me," said Jonathan Horton.

Colts receiver Wayne ready to face hometown Saints

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Wayne is a lifelong fan of his hometown New Orleans Saints.

Those loyalties are on hold this week though, as his Indianapolis Colts begin their Super Bowl defense Thursday against the Saints in a nationally televised game.

"Whenever you play against your hometown, you want to go out there and you want to put that extra (effort) into it," the Pro Bowl wide receiver said earlier this week. "So for my family, my friends, and for the people (in New Orleans) who may have heard of me, but don't know me, it's going to be a big game."

As for his family and close friends who still live in the New Orleans area, he says they'll be cheering for the Colts.

"They better be. I'm paying their bills, too," he joked.

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 - If you have a web cam, practice interviewing using the online "Interview Stream" at <http://careercenter.nd.edu/for-undergrads/resumes-cover-letters-interview>
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U.S. OPEN

Djokovic advances to U.S. Open quarterfinals

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Put it this way: A weary Novak Djokovic was relieved to pocket a victory Tuesday.

The No. 3-seeded Djokovic reached the U.S. Open quarterfinals for the first time by beating No. 23 Juan Monaco 7-5, 7-6 (2), 6-7 (6), 6-1 in a match that included the unusual sight of Monaco losing a point because a ball fell out of his shorts.

"I went nuts! I was cursing at me, I was yelling at my pants," Monaco said.

Monaco was serving while ahead 5-3 in the third-set tiebreaker when the players settled into an extended baseline exchange. As Monaco whipped a shot, an extra yellow ball he had tucked away in case of a fault popped out of his pocket — the second time it happened during the match. He stopped playing, dropped his racket, doubled over and screamed, knowing what was coming.

"Right away I knew I lost that point. It's very weird," Monaco said. "That sort of thing cannot happen twice in the same match."

Chair umpire Jake Garner had no choice.

"By rule," he announced, "he loses the point."

Djokovic gladly took it.

"I never had this situation in

match," he said. "First-time experience that I got a point in that way. It was an important point."

That got Djokovic to 5-4, and he held a match point at 6-5. Monaco saved that with a service winner, and eventually won that set. But Djokovic grabbed a 3-0 lead in the fourth set and wound up winning in 3 hours, 53 minutes.

A couple of hours earlier, Djokovic was flat on the court, his face resting on a white towel, his back being massaged by a trainer. A few feet away, another trainer was attending to Monaco, who wanted his right elbow examined and his right ankle taped after a nasty fall while diving for a shot in the second set.

Djokovic held up better down the stretch, though, and he now faces No. 17 Carlos Moya. The 31-year-old Moya is the oldest man still in the tournament, and the player he beat 7-5, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-4 in the fourth round Tuesday, 19-year-old Ernests Gulbis of Latvia, was the youngest left.

The Djokovic-Monaco marathon delayed the start of the night session and the most anticipated match of the day: Serena Williams against Justine Henin in a third consecutive Grand Slam quarterfinal.

Williams leads active players

with eight major titles; Henin has won six.

Also at night: No. 2 Rafael Nadal faced No. 15 David Ferrer. The Nadal-Ferrer winner was to meet No. 20 Juan Ignacio Chela, who got past Stanislas Wawrinka in five sets.

Like Djokovic, Chela reached his first U.S. Open quarterfinal. Moya, however, has been there before — although not since 1998.

"Still beating these young guys," Moya said. "I feel, like, 20 years old."

And Moya, a former No. 1 who won the 1998 French Open, was fresh right down the very end. On his second match point, both players wound up at the net, trading reflex volleys until Moya delivered a cross-court backhand that curled in to end it.

Moya rolled on his back and hopped up, arms raised.

"It was the best point of the match," Moya said. "I was a bit tired, a bit nervous."

It didn't show a bit against Gulbis, who went 4-2 at the majors and 0-10 at every other tournament in 2007.

More often than not, it was Gulbis who blinked first on lengthy points. Moya served spectacularly, facing only one break point all match. He earned 16 break points on Gulbis' serve, converting five.

They say statistics can be



No. 3 seed Novak Djokovic serves in his third-round win over Juan Monaco Tuesday at the U.S. Open.

deceiving, and that certainly was the case in Chela's victory over Wawrinka.

Consider these numbers: Wawrinka won more points (145-142), produced far more clean winners (65-29) and even broke serve more often (8-7).

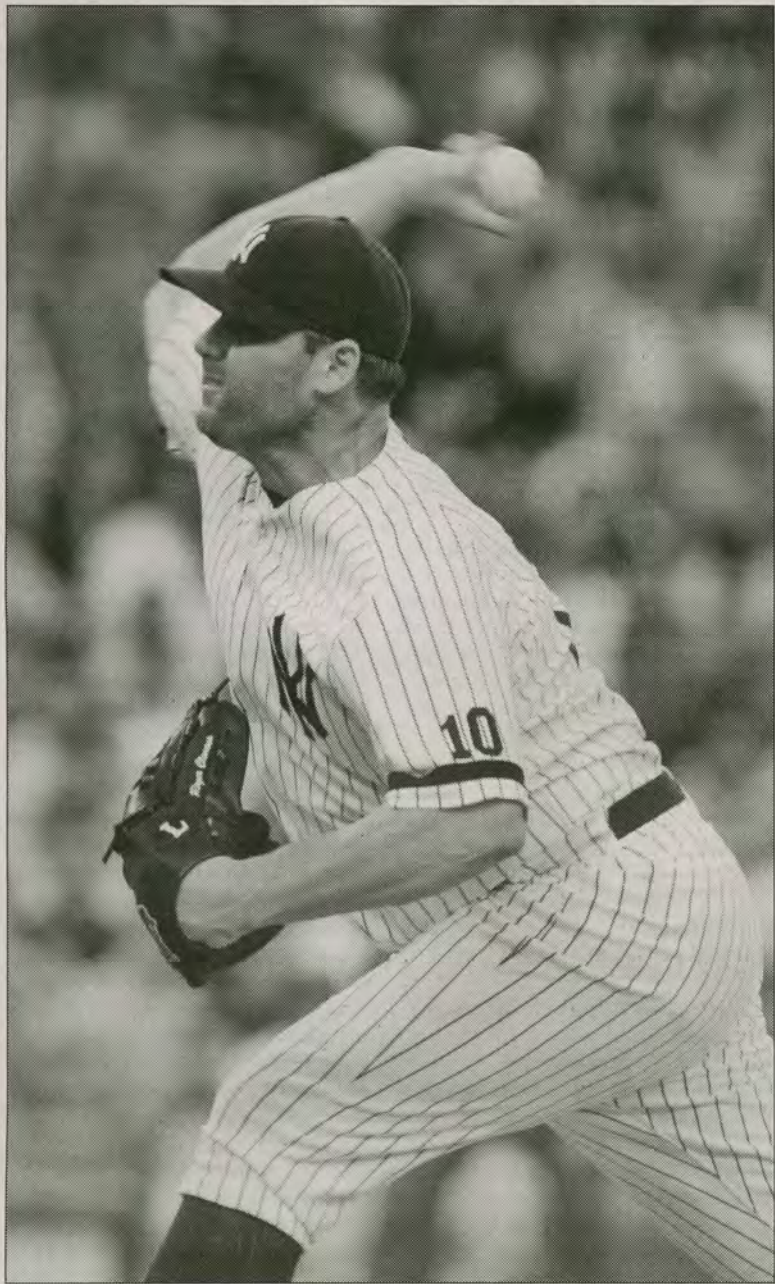
But it was Wawrinka who lost

the most important point of all, the last one, with his 69th unforced error, 20 more than Chela accumulated.

As Chela walked to the net, smiling a wide smile, Wawrinka took everything out on his poor racket, violently cracking it twice on the court.

MLB

Clemens injury not serious, expects to pitch again this year



Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens delivers against the Mariners Monday in a game he left due to injury.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens walked onto the field, dressed in full pinstripes, and stood alongside his New York Yankees' teammates behind home plate for a team photo Tuesday. He hopes to rejoin them in games soon.

The Rocket will have a cortisone shot Wednesday on his ailing right elbow and is confident he will be able to pitch again this season. But he also hinted that the injury is more serious than the diagnosis of "inflammation" in his right elbow that was announced by the team.

Clemens' start was cut short after four innings Monday in New York's 7-1 loss to Seattle, and he had an MRI exam after the game. He thought the elbow problem stemmed from a blister on his foot that caused him to alter his mechanics.

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner never before has had a cortisone shot to his arm. He will fly to Houston and be examined by Astros team physician Dr. Thomas Mehlhoff. While the Yankees said a shot was possible, Clemens said he will have one.

"I'm very optimistic. Even if it takes multiple sessions, I'm willing to deal with that," Clemens said.

Manager Joe Torre said Mike Mussina will take Clemens' turn this weekend at Kansas City. For now, Torre is expecting Clemens will miss just one turn.

"The elbow seems to be fine as far as all the structural

stuff," Torre said. "I'm thinking that he's going to pitch, and I'm not looking too far down the road for that to happen, either."

Clemens wouldn't reveal exactly what the MRI exam showed. The 45-year-old right-hander, now in his 24th major league season, is known for his physical and mental toughness.

"I kind of know what it says. I know what the guy read for me at home," Clemens said. "He's going to tell you something a little lesser, probably."

Clemens couldn't say whether the injury would require surgery at the end of the season. Asked whether it was his most serious arm injury since a shoulder operation 22 years ago, he responded: "I'll be able to answer that in a month, maybe."

"I'm pushing my body until it starts pushing back. It's pushing back a little bit," he said. "The muscles and everything else are just basically shutting down and trying to grab a hold of my arm."

The Rocket rejoined the Yankees on June 9, a little more than a month after he agreed to a one-year contract worth \$28,000,022. Because he joined the team in midseason, his prorated salary is \$17,442,637.

Clemens is 6-6 with a 4.45 ERA in 16 starts and one relief

appearance. He is eighth on the career wins list at 354 and second on the strikeouts list at 4,668, and he was brought in to provide leadership and stability to a staff decimated by injuries early in the season.

"I'm committed here. I'm not running out on these guys now," Clemens said. "Until I can't do it any more, I'm going to continue to push forward."

He hasn't had many arm problems since shoulder surgery to repair torn cartilage in August 1985. For much of his career, his most serious injuries were to his groin. He said during his last three starts, by the second inning "my foot's been on fire. It's been bleeding."

"When I have leg problems, I'm in trouble," he said. "I still feel that my mind is strong enough to deal with my shoulder and elbow, that I can still be effective."

Mussina had a 17.69 ERA in his last three starts before he was replaced in the rotation last weekend by Ian Kennedy, who beat Tampa Bay in his major league debut. Mussina then allowed two runs and seven hits over 3 2-3 innings in relief of Clemens on Monday — the first regular-season relief appearance of Mussina's big league career.

"I thought his stuff was a lot better than we've seen in his last three starts," Torre said.

"I'm pushing my body until it starts pushing back."

Roger Clemens
Yankees pitcher

U.S. OPEN TENNIS

Henin downs overmatched Serena in two sets

Williams might not be fully recovered from left thumb injury

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maybe Serena Williams wasn't as healthy as she said. Maybe she wasn't as match-tested as she really needed to be.

This much is certain: When it comes to playing Justine Henin at Grand Slams this year, Williams has been overmatched every time.

Finding all the right angles and hanging tough on long rallies, Henin beat Williams 7-6 (3), 6-1 Tuesday night to reach the U.S. Open semifinals. They have met in the quarterfinals at three consecutive majors, and Henin is 3-0.

Asked if she could explain what went wrong, a sullen Williams replied: "No. I can't. I'm sorry. Any more questions?"

"She made a lot of lucky shots," Williams said a moment later, a white baseball cap pulled low over her eyes, "and I made a lot of errors."

So while the formerly No. 1-ranked Williams is the active leader among women with eight Grand Slam titles and will stay on that number, current No. 1 Henin will have a chance to get her seventh major.

"Playing Serena is really exciting for me," Henin said after compiling a 30-17 edge in winners. "I was really happy about the second set. I played much more aggressive."

Henin's next opponent could be another Williams: Serena's older sister, Venus, faces No. 3 Jelena Jankovic in the quarterfinals Wednesday night. Not much question for whom Henin

will be rooting — she's 1-7 against Venus Williams, 7-0 against Jankovic.

Henin beat the younger Williams at the French Open en route to her fourth title in five years there, and again at Wimbledon.

"I got a lot of confidence in Paris and London," Henin said.

Their matchup at Wimbledon in July didn't feature Williams at her absolute best: She could barely hit backhands after spraining her left thumb and hurting her left calf in the previous round. Because of the thumb, Williams withdrew from every event she was scheduled to play in the 1 1/2 months between Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

"I don't think that affected me," she said. "I don't think it did. Maybe it did."

She arrived at Flushing Meadows full of confidence, as usual, and said she didn't need tuneup tournaments to get ready. While Williams' thumb appeared fine, and there were no obvious injuries, her father said Sunday that she was dealing with other physical problems — and doing a "marvelous job of hiding it."

Regardless, Tuesday's match featured brilliant play by both past U.S. Open champions, from stinging serves to big groundstrokes to touch volleys. Henin was far better at the net, winning 11 of 14 points when she pressed forward, while Williams was only 5-for-14.

Mostly, though, the difference-maker was Henin's ability to steer Williams this way and that along the baseline until the Belgian could find an opening for her smooth backhand or a well-placed forehand. Repeatedly, especially in the second set, Henin wrong-footed Williams to end a point.

The first set was much closer



Justine Henin of Belgium pumps her fist after her two-set victory over Serena Williams in the U.S. Open quarterfinals Tuesday night in Flushing Meadows, N.Y.

and of much higher quality. Henin broke in the opening game by ending a tight net exchange with a forehand volley, and she served for the opening set at 5-4.

But Williams buckled down to break back right there with a backhand return winner down the line and a loud, "Come on!" The tiebreaker began with a 23-stroke point in which Williams made two great defen-

sive plays before swatting a backhand passing winner down the line.

"I really got nervous at that time," Henin said, "and I knew every point was important."

She showed it, delivering a 105 mph ace to go up 4-2, followed by a forehand winner she punctuated with a yell of "Allez!" Williams seemed deflated and dumped a forehand into the net to end the set.

"It's kind of like she had no energy. No get-up-and-go," said Williams' mother and coach, Oracene Price. "Tennis is a head game, sometimes. Your head tells you to do something, but you can't."

Price rested a cheek on a hand, barely able to watch, as Henin took control right away in the second set, breaking for a 2-0 lead, and that was that, pretty much.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Man charged in Porter murder case

Ex-Villanova star was trying to trade drugs, money for sex

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Former Villanova star Howard Porter was trying to trade money and crack cocaine for sex with a prostitute when he was beaten to death, according to murder charges filed Tuesday against a St. Paul man.

Porter, 58, died May 26, a week after he was found unconscious in a Minneapolis alley.

Rashad Arthur Raleigh, 29, was charged Tuesday with second-degree murder. Raleigh was originally arrested in early June, but was released without being charged. He had been in custody on an unrelated charge of fleeing police since Aug. 16 before he was charged in Porter's death Tuesday.

According to the criminal complaint filed in Ramsey County District Court, Porter accompanied a prostitute he had picked up on the street to her apartment for a "date." The woman, Tonya Evette Johnson, told police four masked men

rushed into her apartment, threw her to the floor and demanded drugs and money.

Johnson told police the four men beat Porter "real bad, God real bad" and that "there was blood everywhere," the complaint quoted her as saying. Police said they found blood spattered throughout the house.

The woman told police Raleigh and another man she knew as "Snake Eyes" had been at her apartment earlier that evening. Raleigh admitted to police he had been there with "Snake Eyes," but denied that Porter had been there when he was.

Porter disappeared the night of May 18 after leaving his St. Paul home. He was found in Minneapolis the next morning, without identification and badly injured. Authorities didn't know at the time that the assault victim brought to the hospital was Porter, and he remained hospitalized until he died. His car was found in St. Paul.

According to the complaint, Raleigh told someone who had made a series of calls from the Ramsey County Workhouse to Johnson's address in late May that Porter had "rushed" him and "didn't go along with the program." Raleigh allegedly said

in those calls that he robbed Porter because he needed money, but that Johnson had come up with the idea. Calls by workhouse inmates are routinely recorded.

Porter was a standout at Villanova, leading the Wildcats to the 1971 NCAA championship game and was selected outstanding player of the tournament despite the Wildcats' loss to UCLA in the final. But he was stripped of his award and the team's accomplishments were wiped from the record books after it was learned he had begun dealing with an agent before the season ended.

Porter was drafted 32nd overall by the Chicago Bulls in 1971 and played seven professional seasons including stints with Detroit and New York but never achieved the success he had in college.

He became addicted to drugs and estranged himself from his school and former teammates, but turned his life around. He came to Minnesota for drug treatment, decided to stay and became a probation officer for Ramsey County in 1995. He returned to Villanova when the school retired his No. 54 jersey in 1997.

MLB

Despite success, Cubs are still on the market

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Five months after Tribune Co. announced plans to sell the Chicago Cubs, the first-place ballclub is making much more noise on the field than its corporate owners have been about the slow-moving sale process.

But whether the Cubs make the playoffs or even manage to capture their first World Series in 99 years, an emerging lineup of deep-pocketed bidders has put Tribune in strong position to net a record sale price for the franchise.

Tribune put the team and historic Wrigley Field on the block in April, saying it would sell the team after the season and intended to do so by the end of the year.

But its bankers have yet to send out detailed financial information to prospective bidders and are not expected to do so until mid-September, jeopardizing that timetable.

A source familiar with the sale process said there's no chance of the sale being com-

pleted this year, with a more realistic target now baseball's opening day in spring 2008. The source, who declined to be identified out of concern of disrupting the process, said "five or six legitimate groups" have emerged as would-be buyers, but declined to give details.

Tribune, which is in the process of going private in an \$8.2 billion buyout being led by real estate magnate Sam Zell, isn't talking about dates, names or numbers. A spokesman for the media conglomerate, Gary Weitman, said the company doesn't want the process to be a distraction to the season.

"We'd like to get the sale done as soon as possible after the baseball season ends," Weitman said. "But I can't and wouldn't predict what the timing will be."

Currently, the Cubs are clinging to a slim — and rare — lead in the National League Central Division and trying to get to the World Series for the first time since 1945. They haven't won one since 1908.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Michigan falls out of Top 25

Wolverines drop farther in AP poll than any team - ever

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thud!

The final fallout from a disastrous opening weekend for Michigan came Tuesday, when the Wolverines dropped all the way out of The Associated Press Top 25, an unprecedented fall from No. 5 to unranked.

Since the AP poll expanded to 25 teams in 1989, no team has taken a bigger tumble in one week.

After an opening college football weekend filled with blowouts and highlighted by Appalachian State's stunning 34-32 upset of Michigan at the Big House, there was little notable movement in the Top 25 other than the Wolverines.

Southern California was voted No. 1 by the media panel, but the Trojans lost some support. USC received 62 first-place votes in the preseason poll. A lackluster 38-10 victory over Idaho led to the Trojans dropping to 59 first-place votes.

No. 2 LSU picked up those first-place votes, receiving five. No. 3 West Virginia received one first-place vote, the same as it did in the preseason.

No. 4 Florida and No. 5 Wisconsin moved up two spots. Oklahoma, tied for fifth, moved up three spots.

No. 7 Texas fell three spots after slogging through a 21-13 home victory over Arkansas State.

No. 9 Virginia Tech held its place and plays at LSU on Saturday.

No. 10 California moved up two spots after a 45-31 victory over Tennessee. The Volunteers dropped eight spots to No. 23.

Florida State also fell out of the rankings. The Seminoles were 19th heading into their season opener at Clemson and lost 24-18 in the Bowden Bowl.

Clemson moved into the rankings at No. 25 and Georgia Tech also moved into the Top 25. The Yellow Jackets were 21st after winning at Notre Dame 33-3.

As for Michigan, the Wolverines became the first ranked team from Division I-A,



AP
Appalachian State quarterback Armanti Edwards dives into the end zone during his team's 34-32 upset Saturday of Michigan.

now known as the Bowl Subdivision, to lose to a team from I-AA, now known as the Championship Subdivision.

"It hurts because you don't like losing," Michigan linebacker Chris Graham said Monday. "But how far can you hold your head down? I'm not holding my head down at all. You've got to move on forward."

Michigan received 39 points from the media voters in the Top 25, including a 16th place vote by Wayne Phillips from The Greenville (Tenn.) Sun.

"I still think Michigan has a good football team," he said. "I think they're worthy of being ranked. They may prove me wrong."

Phillips said he gave Michigan some leeway because he's very familiar with Appalachian State, the two-time defending I-AA champions.

"They're a pretty darn good football team," he said. "If Michigan had lost to some of the other patsies some of the big teams played I could see

dropping them out."

Appalachian State is not eligible for the AP Top 25, which only ranks Bowl Subdivision teams. The Wolverines host Oregon on Saturday.

Before Michigan's fall, Notre Dame held the ignominious record for largest drop in the rankings in the Top 25-era. The Fighting Irish dropped 16 spots — from No. 9 to No. 25 — after losing to Northwestern 17-15 on Sept. 3, 1995.

Texas dropped 15 spots in 1997, going from ninth to 24th after a 66-3 loss to UCLA in September 1997. Louisville also fell 15 spots — 11th to unranked — in September 2005 after losing to South Florida.

The highest ranked team to fall from the poll after one loss was No. 2 Oklahoma in 1959, when the AP was ranking the top 20 teams.

PGA TOUR

Lefty will skip next playoff tournament



AP
Phil Mickelson watches his tee shot during Monday's final round at the Deutsche Bank Championship in Norton, Mass.

Associated Press

LEMONT, Ill. — Phil Mickelson can be impulsive and unpredictable, reckless and rash, but always a topic of conversation. He is capable of making people turn their heads one minute and shake their heads the next.

He's like that on the golf course, too.

Mickelson left everyone scratching their heads during an 18-hour mystery tour in which he beat Tiger Woods in a riveting battle outside Boston; used a national television interview to air his complaints about PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem; showed up in Chicago for a corporate outing; and withdrew from the BMW Championship by saying he wasn't trying to send a message.

"This decision was not an easy one to make," Mickelson said in a statement.

It was even tougher to interpret. Mickelson had no intention of playing a third straight week in the PGA Tour Playoffs even before he teed it up Friday at the Deutsche Bank Championship, with Woods and Vijay Singh at his side.

Perhaps one reason was his paltry record at Cog Hill, where he has never cracked the top 25 in 10 starts. Maybe he was starting to feel fatigued, knowing that a full schedule through the Presidents Cup would mean seven tournaments in nine weeks. Or he could have wanted to join Woods and Ernie Els by skipping one playoff event.

All of those reasons would have been acceptable.

Anyone who thinks this FedEx Cup finale isn't working because one player stays home hasn't been paying attention. These "playoffs" are bringing together a great collection of players and producing exciting golf.

Opener

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way that we have shown we can. If we need to change anything, we'll sort that out as we go along."

The match will be the Belles' home opener, and MacKenzie said she looks forward to the comfortable atmosphere.

"We're definitely looking forward to playing on our field," MacKenzie said. "It will be nice not to have to get on a bus, and the players will be totally ecstatic to play in front of some friendly faces. The preseason can kind of drag on, so it's good to finally be in game mode and to be playing at home."

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ATHLETIC TRAINING
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Slovakia

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team defeated Sweden 99-57 in the gold-medal game.

Lechlitner was one of 37 high school and collegiate players invited to try out for the team in Colorado Springs, Colo. The 16 players that remained after cuts traveled to Washington, D.C. for two-a-day practices. There, more cuts were made to finalize the 12-person roster.

When many students hear of Bratislava, they envision the war-torn eastern European capital with the lucrative exchange rate featured in the 2004 film "Eurotrip." But Lechlitner was pleasantly surprised with her surroundings during the team's stay.

"It was a great experience, definitely a lot of different things that I wasn't really used to," said Lechlitner, who wrote a blog about her time in Bratislava that can be

read on und.com. "The people, the food, everything. We got a tour of downtown and everything — it was really nice. I guess I didn't really know what to expect, but it ended up being really nice."

While there, Lechlitner and her teammates, along with the Slovakian team, were treated to dinner at the U.S. ambassador's residence in Bratislava.

"Just being in the ambassador's house was really nice," Lechlitner said. "He had a pool table upstairs and we all got to hang out, and he had a really nice view over Bratislava off his balcony. He was a really nice guy; he made everyone feel right at home. He was really down to earth."

The U.S. team stayed in the same hotel as the other teams, fostering interaction and trading between the players, Lechlitner said. She came away with an Australian shirt, Slovakian and Brazilian jerseys, game shorts from Spain and Lithuania and warm-up shirts from Spain.

The hotel, along with the team's curfew, also fostered boredom, Lechlitner said. Late one night, Lechlitner and her teammates, in search of entertainment, tried to throw old apples from Lechlitner's third-floor balcony to a dumpster across the street. They thought nothing of it until later, when a Slovakian policeman showed up at her teammate's door asking for her passport.

"I was laughing," Lechlitner said. "I felt really bad because I thought it was hilarious."

Team officials sorted out the incident with the police, but repercussions came at the subsequent team meeting, where the team got a scolding from the coaches.

"I'm glad it happened, because it was a good story to tell," Lechlitner said.

The competing teams were friendly with one another off the court, Lechlitner said, but during the games, things could get ugly. Contact is much more prevalent in the international game, she said,

and foreign officials were far less likely to call fouls than their American counterparts.

"You'll be driving to the basket, and in the U.S. they'll call like a hand check or a blocking foul, but you know, overseas they just let everything go," Lechlitner said. "That was a lot of fun, getting to play a little more, get away with a couple more holds and stuff. I have to change my game a little bit when I come back and play for Notre Dame, because I'll get called for a lot of fouls."

While Lechlitner's leadership role on the U.S. team differed from her usual role as a scorer for the Irish, Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw believes the change will benefit her.

"I think it's going to be really great to play with that level of players and then to 0 back some of that experience," McGraw said last week. "It really helped her kind of run the team."

The U.S. team, coached by DePaul head coach Doug Bruno,

easily took the gold medal. Other than a 74-66 win over Spain, the smallest margin of victory was 19 points.

Lechlitner averaged 4.6 points and 1.4 assists per game. In a second-round game against Slovakia, Lechlitner had eight points, five assists, four steals and four rebounds. Against Korea, she put up 14 points and hit 10 of 10 free throws, setting two tournament records.

Standing on the podium to accept the gold medal was a moment Lechlitner will always cherish, she said.

"You watch the Olympics, you always see the U.S. team standing up on the podium, listening to the national anthem, and you're like, 'Hey, that's us,'" Lechlitner said. "You dream about that as a kid, and there I was experiencing my dream. It was an amazing feeling."

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Clausen

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offense, rushing 12 times for 28 yards and completing one of his three passes for four yards.

Jones also coughed up two fumbles before getting pulled from the game at the end of the second quarter.

Sharpley replaced Jones, completing 10 of 13 passes for 92 yards, but was sacked seven times.

Clausen saw his first collegiate action at the end of the

loss to the Yellow Jackets, completing four of six passes for 34 yards.

Notes:

◆ This weekend, Clausen will become the eighth freshman to start at quarterback for Notre Dame since 1951. The most recent was Brady Quinn, who made his first start in a 23-10 loss to Purdue in 2003.

◆ Irish freshman quarterbacks are 6-1 in their first starts since 1951. Ralph Gugliemi beat North Carolina in 1951, Blair Kiel beat Miami

in 1980, Steve Beuerlein beat Colorado in 1983, Kent Graham beat Boston College in 1987, Paul Failla beat Purdue in 1991, and Matt LoVecchio beat Stanford in 2000.

◆ Clausen's start in the second game of the year marks the earliest in a season a freshman has started at quarterback for the Irish. Quinn, Failla, Beuerlein and Kiel were all previously tied for the quickest, starting the fourth game of the season.

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Bulldogs

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first in league play, but the team moved to 4-1 overall. The Belles, meanwhile, dropped to 1-3 overall.

Sophomore outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski and freshman outside hitter Jacee Watson finished with 11 and 10 kills, respectively, but got little

help from their Saint Mary's teammates.

The Belles were dominated by the Bulldogs at the net, managing only four blocks to Adrian's 10.

Saint Mary's will be back in action Thursday when the team visits Hope College. The Belles will take on Hiram in the Ohio Tournament Saturday.

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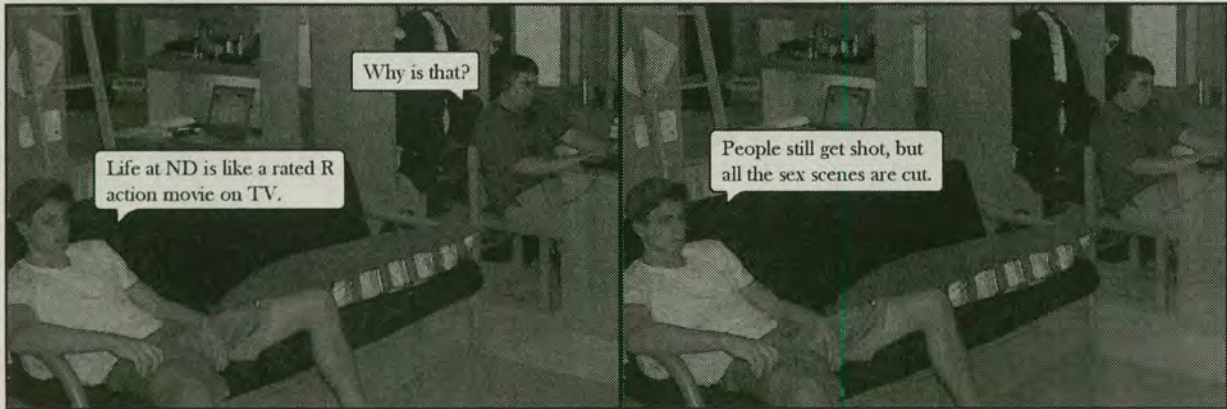
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Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer: FROEY, TIBEF, HOTFRY, REEKUB. (Answers borrowed) Yesterday's Jumbles: JUDGE, HOBBY, AGENDA, FLURRY. Answer: What the poker player did when he helped with the laundry — HE "POLOED".

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: Beyonce Knowles, 26; Jane Fonda, 36; Mike Pitzer, 30; Damon Wayans, 47. Monday (Sept. 4): One exciting, one exciting and one exciting are all in the picture until the end of the year. Then you should be able to get a better handle on your life. Your numbers are 11, 15, 17, 28, 30, 33. ARIES (March 21-April 19): You've got plenty of opportunity to take advantage of it. It's a mix of things and connections but don't lose your belief in others. If you have to get up and work with others you may face some delays and opposition. Go it alone. 4 stars. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let what others say stop you from doing what you want. A chance to make some important changes in your life is apparent. Focus on what you want and the people and jobs that depend on you. 3 stars. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a creative approach to work play and your personal relationships. If you are unique and original in the way you express your thoughts you will get the feedback you need to know where you stand. Love is looking very good. 3 stars. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make an effort and become someone or even make a name. Family talks and eating out. If you can't do it all by yourself. Share your wisdom and listen to the complaints being made in about. 3 stars. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do what you can to help others. Interacting with like-minded people will lead to new friendships, possible love connections or an interesting new project with great income or benefits. 4 stars. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's tough to be everything and do everything for everyone. It may be time to let go of what you can't do and do what you can. 2 stars. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pull out all the stops and let your friends in. If something appears to be too expensive or unreasonable, it probably is. A change will be forced upon you if you don't make it yourself. Love is on the rise. 5 stars. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take advantage of whatever comes your way without panicking or procrastinating. Live to the occasion and make your thoughts heard. 3 stars. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This is not the time to take on a challenge you aren't likely to win. You have to be the quiet observer, the one who sees the judge and stays in the background. 3 stars. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone may notice you but it won't be a friend, especially when a business or educational priority is concerned. There is money coming your way. 3 stars. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will discover that once people need you then you find thought. A chance to try something unique or powerful than you have will be successful. 5 stars. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An emotional problem with a partner or someone with whom you have to interact will surface. Taking care of domestic needs will be challenging. Unforeseen issues are likely to develop along the way. 2 stars. Birthday advice: You are impossible to tame and a little bit stubborn. You are calm, fast-paced, creative, playful and imaginative. You do not like boundaries. Eugenia's Web site: astroviewer.com for fun, eugenialast.com for professional consultation.

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FOOTBALL

Weis names Clausen starter for PSU

Freshman will take spot under center after Week 1 debacle

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Freshman Jimmy Clausen will start at quarterback Saturday for Notre Dame against Penn State, Irish head coach Charlie Weis announced Tuesday, ending speculation about who will occupy the starter's role three days after the offense managed only three points in a dismal loss to Georgia Tech.

"I think he's ready to run the offense," Weis said of the young signal caller. "If I didn't think he was ready, I wouldn't have done this."

Weis said Clausen, who had surgery on his elbow after spring practices, wasn't com-

pletely healthy until "late last week" and was therefore not an option to start in Notre Dame's 33-3 loss to the Yellow Jackets last Saturday.

Weis also said Clausen was the No. 1 quarterback after spring practice, but fell to a "distant third" during the late summer due to the injury. Clausen participated in all practices, but was limited in the number and distance of passes he could throw, the coach said.

Although Weis wouldn't rule out playing sophomore Demetrius Jones or junior Evan Sharpley again at some point this season, he said Clausen is getting the vast majority of repetitions with the first team in practice.

"This evaluation process was one that went from the spring to this point right now," the coach said. "I'm not going to play musical quarterbacks."

Jones got the starting nod against Georgia Tech and ran an ineffective spread option

"I think he's ready to run the offense. If I didn't think he was ready, I wouldn't have done this."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Irish freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen gets set to pass during Notre Dame's 33-3 loss to Georgia Tech Saturday. Clausen will make his first collegiate start against Penn State this weekend.

SMC SOCCER

Belles prepare for home opener against Manchester

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

The Belles got off to a hot start in the season-opening Case Western Invitational last weekend, notching victories over Case Western Reserve and Lawrence University. The team now looks to

build even more momentum before its conference schedule kicks off Sept. 22.

Saint Mary's hosts Manchester this afternoon in the first of five games before the onset of league play. The team hopes to develop a sense of chemistry before taking on its MIAA foes.

"These first three weeks are

spent making sure we've got everyone where we want them," Belles coach Caryn MacKenzie said. "It provides an opportunity for players to challenge for roles or to work hard to keep the spots they had last year if they're returning players. We have a good group of returning players and also some newcomers that

should be able to contribute right away."

Manchester is 1-1 after losing to Oberlin College and defeating Tri-State University last weekend. In Sunday's victory over Tri-State, the Spartans scored seven goals on 25 shots on goal. Sophomore forward Paige Koomler scored four goals in the contest, but

MacKenzie said her team does not plan to adjust its defensive strategy — at least not yet.

"Any time someone can score four goals in a game, you're going to want to pay attention," MacKenzie said. "But we're just going to play team defense the

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Guard plays in World Championships

Lechlitner played for U.S. Under-19 team in Bratislava

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Melissa Lechlitner, like many other Notre Dame students, spent part of her summer studying abroad in Europe.

Lechlitner's classroom, however, was a basketball arena, and her teacher was the head coach of DePaul's women's basketball team.

Lechlitner, a sophomore guard on Notre Dame's women's basketball team, competed in the FIBA U19 World Championships in Bratislava, Slovakia, from July 26 to Aug. 5, where the U.S. women's

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish sophomore guard Melissa Lechlitner drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 88-66 win over Central Michigan Nov. 10 at the Joyce Center.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Bulldogs squeak by volleyers

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

The Belles faltered in their first conference matchup Tuesday night, losing to Adrian 30-25, 30-28, 30-11.

Junior outside hitter Lucie Smith led the way for the Bulldogs, tallying eight kills for the host squad. Junior outside hitter Jenny Carlson hammered home seven kills and came up with four blocks in a solid all-around effort.

The triumph was Adrian's

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