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Doyle reorganizes Student Affairs

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Editor

Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Tom Doyle did not waste time making changes to his department after he assumed his position last year.

Doyle immediately evaluated the 41 total offices under the Office of Student Affairs, and designed a new structure for the department that took effect June 1.

"I thought about what the structure of Student Affairs

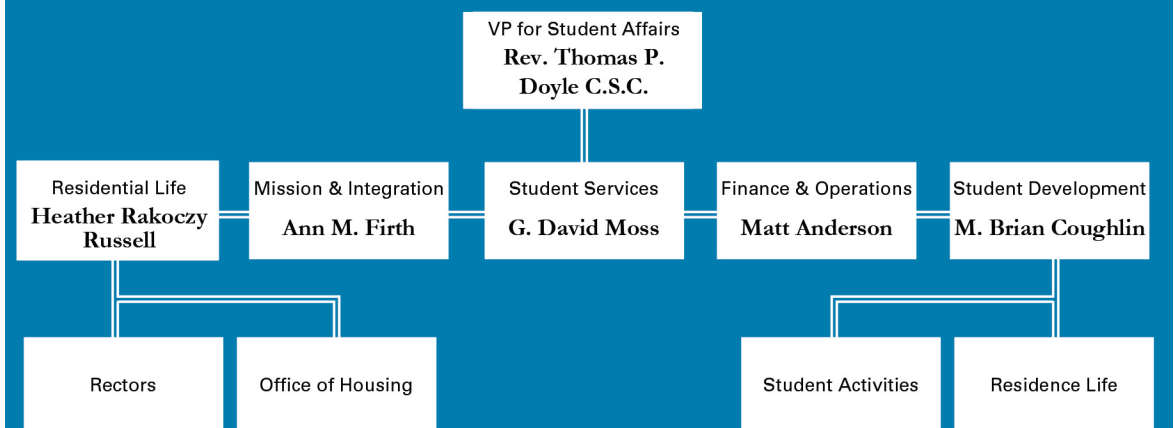
needed to be, and I felt it really needed to reflect what my mission and the mission of the congregation of Holy Cross is," Doyle said. "How do we help students develop into a sense of whole being?"

The Office of Student Affairs is now broken into five divisions — Residential Life, Mission and Integration, Student Services, Finance and Operations and Student Development.

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Student Affairs Restructuring



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Students wander around the Joyce Center Fieldhouse at Activities Night on Tuesday. SAO estimated around 4,000 students attended the event.

SAO holds annual student activities night

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

Students swarmed the Joyce Center Fieldhouse to sign up for campus clubs and organizations during Activities Night 2011 Tuesday.

The Student Activities Office (SAO) sponsored the annual event, allowing students to explore the University's 298 undergraduate groups.

SAO Assistant Director Brian Freneau said the office estimated an attendance of around 4,000 students.

"It could have been higher even. If you count the participants at the tables, that could add another 500," he said. "It's one of the largest events of the calendar year for student events."

First-year students repre-

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

COR discusses student safety

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

In the wake of the party busts, student arrests and alcohol-related citations that marked the 2010-11 school year, the Council of Representatives (COR) kicked off its first fall meeting with an update on student safety Tuesday.

"We're really trying to be deliberate in the first thing we address by making sure all our bases are covered with student safety," student body president Pat McCormick said.

Though the first weekend of the fall has historically seen a spike in police-related incidents, student body vice president Brett Rocheleau was pleased to inform the group that no student arrests had yet occurred.

"It's great news coming from

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TOM YOUNG/The Observer

Pat McCormick, left, and Brett Rocheleau update the Council of Representatives Tuesday on their recent safety talks with police.

Garcia listed in fair condition after surgery

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Editor

After a facial surgery Tuesday morning, a hospital spokeswoman said the Notre Dame senior who fell from his third-floor apartment window last week is in fair condition at Memorial Hospital.

Marcus Garcia was listed in critical condition after his accident early Thursday morning, Memorial representative Maggie Scroope said. The hospital's scale of four possible ratings ranges from critical to good condition.



Garcia

Garcia, 21, fell from his apartment window in The Foundry Lofts and Apartments around 4:30 a.m. Thursday. An employee at a local bar saw Garcia fall as she left work for the night and called 911.

Garcia fluctuated between "critical" and "serious" throughout the weekend but progressed to "fair" early this week, Scroope said.

Kimberly and Juan Garcia, Marcus' parents, updated his Facebook page frequently after the accident, and a post Tuesday morning continued to reflect their optimism about his recovery.

"They are getting Marcus ready for surgery," the post stated. "This in itself is amazing that he and his body are ready for this next big progres-

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Outfitters welcomes students

By EMMA RUSS
News Writer

Students often complain about lackluster shopping options in South Bend, but the recent opening of Urban Outfitters at Eddy Street Commons marks a new retail choice for even the savviest shoppers.

The store, which opened Thursday, is a welcome addition to the other Eddy Street Commons shops, junior Shannon Hughes said after browsing clothing racks between classes.

“It’s really exciting to have a more trendy store around here,” she said. “University Park Mall has some good options, but the location of Urban Outfitters is so much more convenient.”

Eddy Street Commons, located within walking distance of Notre Dame campus, has made shopping easier, Hughes said.

“This is great for the underclassmen, and especially the freshmen, who can’t have cars on campus,” Hughes said. “They don’t have to worry about taking a bus or finding a ride.”

Store Manager Erik Zimmerman said business has been steady since the retailer’s opening.

“I hope to see a surge of activity from the visitors on campus this upcoming football weekend,” he said.

Eddy Street Commons’ newest outlet not only provides an exciting new shopping location



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Eddy Street Commons’ newest vendor opened its doors Thursday. Manager Erik Zimmerman anticipates extra business this weekend.

for students, but also signifies the expansion of the Commons, Lori Wick, Eddy Street Commons marketing director said.

“We’ve seen a lot of development in the last few years,” Wick said. “Hopefully it will continue to grow in years to come.”

Wick also named a few new businesses that will open in the coming months.

“McAlister’s Deli is set to open in September, and Brothers Bar & Grill will be opening at the end of October,” she said.

Another business, whose name has yet to be announced, will likely open its doors at Eddy Street Commons this fall as well.

“With all the new shops,

Eddy Street is starting to become another hangout for students,” Wick said.

In the past, students have expressed a need for such a “hangout,” an off-campus place of their own where they do not have to worry about disturbing the residents of South Bend, junior Kathryn Andersen said.

“Notre Dame doesn’t really have its own college town around it, like so many other schools do,” she said. “There are plenty of little stores spread throughout South Bend, but the people who live here probably don’t appreciate us taking over their town.”

Many people see Eddy Street Commons as a simple solution, she said.

“Hopefully it will continue to develop so we can have more of our own place, with bars, shops and restaurants,” Andersen said.

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BAVO/SGA picnic kicks off semester

By ABBY FORNEY and
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News Writer and Saint Mary’s Editor

Students gathered to decorate t-shirts, make crafts and speak out about violence at the Saint Mary’s College Belle’s Against Violence Office (BAVO) and Student Government Association (SGA) kick-off event Tuesday.

The event, themed “Because You’re Worth It,” focused on reaching students through food and activities, and reinforced BAVO’s connection with the SGA.

Angela Berra, student chair of the BAVO event, said the committee wanted to tackle a heavy topic while still having fun.

“[The] goal for the kick-off event was to bring the Belles Against Violence Office and our passion to raise awareness about the issues of sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking to the Saint Mary’s community in a different and fun way.”

With a DJ blaring empowering songs like Katy Perry’s “Firework” and a modern remixed version of “Hit the Road, Jack,” the event was hard to miss. As part of the awareness initiatives, a clothesline draped with shirts hung between two trees. One shirt said, “Fall Back on Your SMC Sisters: You Are Not Alone.”

First year Madeline Havrilla and sophomore Kira Terrill decorated t-shirts for the clothesline project to show their respect for victims of violence.

“We stumbled out onto it here, and it looked like fun,” Havrilla said.

Other activities included a photo booth, yoga, craft proj-

ects and a barbeque.

Senior Anabel Castaneda said the event was an important step in increasing awareness.

“Not a lot of people are aware of these injustices, or they don’t want to admit that it happens here on campus,” she said. “We live in a bubble, but we’re coming together as a community.”

Students involved with BAVO spoke about the different activities the office sponsors throughout the year, including the Clothesline Project, SAFE self-defense classes and Green Dot, a class on violence intervention.

Senior Bridget Gartenmayer said she was happy to see BAVO and SGA reaching out to the community so early.

“The BAVO/SGA picnic was a fantastic way to gather the entire Saint Mary’s community to teach about both BAVO and SGA services,” she said. “Both offices offer many helpful resources for students. Many students are unaware of the significant help BAVO and SGA can provide students, so it’s great that they are spreading the word early.”

Gartenmayer’s reaction was just what Berra was looking for.

“[I] hope that students will take away the knowledge of the BAVO office and our services offered,” she said. “We also want everyone to know that even though we cover some controversial topics, we can do it in a fun and exciting way. We are a great resource on campus and are willing to help.”

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sented the majority of attendees investigating the academic, athletic, cultural, media and service associations, Fremeau said.

Upperclassmen attended the event as well, though there was a certain enthusiasm exhibited by the freshmen, he said.

“I think the excitement for the first year is evident at Activities Night. Many students are trying to find ways to get involved,” he said. “That enthusiasm is key to the night.”

Freshman Devin Duffy said he came to Activities Night with an open mind when considering which groups to join.

“I signed up for Chess Club, Mock Trial Club and Texas Club

even though I’m not really from Texas,” he said. “I’m going to look at a bunch more clubs — I’m just getting started here.”

Belles from Saint Mary’s College also made their way over to look into organizations at Notre Dame.

“Especially as a freshman, it’s really to get out there and do stuff,” freshman Annemarie Loessberg said. “I’m looking at Anthropology club, Arabic club and I guess whatever else I see out there.”

Loessberg said she didn’t believe attending meetings on Notre Dame’s campus would be too difficult.

“They have the bus all day, so it should be pretty easy,” she said. “I’ll definitely make it work for something they don’t have at SMC.”

To prepare for students such as Duffy and Loessberg interested in joining these organizations, Fremeau said SAO held a “Maxi-

mizing Activities Night” event for participating clubs Aug. 24.

“Activities Night is an annual event, so in a sense it is prepared for throughout the year. This year we held a meeting to discuss how to take advantage of following up with interested students and retaining them,” he said. “Groups are more conscious of the need to engage students in the club now.”

Clubs who attended the discussion learned to effectively organize a table and showcase the principles of their group, according to Fremeau. Visual representation was a key topic, as was gauging the true interest students had in the group, rather than simply collecting names. He said the meeting stressed active involvement and moving organizations forward with student-driven momentum.

“We didn’t have 100 percent participation, but it definitely

was a popular event. It was open to all and non-mandatory,” Fremeau said. “Many of the new groups took advantage of that more than others.”

One group representative who attended the meeting was Alex

“The room can be overwhelming with all that is going on, but this isn’t the one shot to get involved or sign up for a group. You can connect to those groups through our office or directly by contacting them.”

Brian Fremeau
assistant director
Student Activities Office

Coccia, co-president of the Progressive Student Alliance. Coccia said the meeting was especially helpful when different club members spoke about the experiences they had at previous Activities Nights.

“To help recruit members we have candy at the table. One thing we will do in terms of maintaining a group of dedicated people is to have one-on-one interactions to gauge how much they want to contribute to the club,” he said. “There was also one suggestion of sending out Christmas cards that I liked.”

Other clubs also considered how they would maintain members once they signed up for the

club. Erin Hattler, co-president of ND-8, said her club created committees for their members to join. She said she hopes this will help ND-8 progress even further as a group.

“We’re giving everyone roles. Having everyone involved will help us in the fight against women trafficking,” Hattler said. “If people work towards it together, we might even be having a one-credit course next semester.”

While the excitement of joining clubs and organizations reached a high during Activities Night, Fremeau said he suggests students continue with enthusiasm past the evening.

“The room can be overwhelming with all that is going on, but this isn’t the one shot to get involved or sign up for a group,” he said. “You can connect to those groups through our office or directly by contacting them.”

Every recognized club and organization on campus has information available on the SAO website at sao.nd.edu. Fremeau said he encourages any students interested in joining an activity to visit and look through the various descriptions.

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Club leaders try to persuade interested students to join their groups at Activities Night on Tuesday in the Joyce Center. Activities Night, sponsored by SAO, featured 298 undergraduate clubs.

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last year, when at this time we had nearly 80 arrests,” he said. “Now, we have zero to date.”

Drawing statistics from a story in Monday’s South Bend Tribune, chief of staff Claire Sokas reported only two student citations from a total of 56 given in the area this weekend.

The drop in citations may be due in part to a recent police policy change outlined in an Aug. 11 email to students from student government.

The email stated police “will exercise discretion in addressing complaints regarding student gatherings ... If there are no outward signs of underage drinking, public urination, extreme littering, traffic obstructions or disrespect, the dispatched officers will most likely issue a warning to the house instead of immediately issuing citations and/or making arrests.”

Rocheleau discussed two reported incidents of student parties attracting police attention this week. He said the officers acted in accordance with the new policy.

“They did exactly what they said they’d do. They got the first [noise disturbance] call, came by and told [the residents] to quiet down. They didn’t get a second

call, so they didn’t come back,” he said. “The second party was out of control, so they didn’t give a warning, but they didn’t make any arrests, they just gave a noise citation.”

While the policy of discretion may relieve some students, Sokas emphasized the warnings will only be offered once to each house, not for each party.

“Some people are under the impression the warnings are good for the entire year,” she said. “The way we’ve been interpreting this is that it’s for the first call to the house of the year, that it’s a warning.”

Rocheleau reminded members that the discretionary nature of the policy leaves no clear standards as far as which parties get warned and which get busted.

“It’s slightly vague in that they said they can break up the party on first call or they can give a warning,” he said. “It’s completely at their discretion.”

McCormick also specified that the policy is limited to the South Bend Police Department (SBPD), and students should not expect similar warnings before receiving citations at tailgates and other events.

“This procedure has been put in place by SBPD, and the [Saint Joseph] County and [Indiana State] Excise Police have not guaranteed they’ll follow it,” he said. “For game days, [excise police] will be on campus.”

Beyond negotiations with local law enforcement, McCormick said he hopes to increase student safety through educational events such as the Student

Safety Summit, which takes place today at 6 p.m. on the Irish Green. Area police agencies will offer presentations, followed by a question-and-answer session.

“We’ve changed the location so it’s more accessible,” he said. “We hope this is another way for us to facilitate communication.”

Regardless of how informed students are about drinking laws, police policies and off-campus safety tips, Sokas said students choosing to drink underage can never count on law enforcement being lenient or issuing a warning.

“It’s a privilege and not a right,” she said.

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Brett Rocheleau
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isn't 41 things," Doyle said. "It's one. And the one thing it needs to be is integrity, from the Latin 'integral,' or whole ... The structure tries to reflect what I think is how we put all these things together."

The reordered office will work more efficiently toward the University's mission, Doyle said.

"You're part of the mission that was started by Fr. Moreau and Fr. Sorin about educating people in the fullest and most whole sense of the way. That's what people come to work for," Doyle said. "They want to come to work because they want to have an impact on the world, and there's no better people to work with than Notre Dame students."

'Unified diversity'

The most significant change Doyle made was splitting the former Office of Residence Life and Housing into two divisions – Residential Life and Student Development.

The Residential Life branch incorporates the Office of Housing, Doyle said. Student Development includes the Student Activities Office and the Office of Residence Life, which handles student conduct and discipline.

Doyle said he combined the Office of Student Activities and the disciplinary Office of Residence Life because the two branches work for the same goal.

"It's the same stuff," Doyle said. "It's about development. It's about working and growing from the strengths that you have but also about working from the stumbles and falls that you have."

Doyle said the name for the Office of Residence Life, the division that deals with student conduct, might change in the future to avoid confusion with the Residential Life branch, which deals with housing.

Residential Life

Heather Rakozcy Russell, former director of the Gender Relations Center, began her position as the associate vice president for Residential Life in April. Her position encompasses management of all hall staff, planning for residential facilities and the Office of Housing.

"My areas to oversee are the 31 rectors, which are 29 undergraduate and two graduate, as well as the Office of Housing," Russell said. "The Office of Residence Life is going to the conduct office reporting to Brian Coughlin, and housing reports to me."

Before the reorganization, Russell said groups of five or six rectors reported to separate people in the Office of Student Affairs.

"With regard to my job in particular, the new configuration is that all the rectors now

report to one person," Russell said. "That's a big switch ... Part of Fr. Tom's vision is to have one person who would be the linchpin over all of the rectors, one voice who would be communicating the same message and the same accountability to all of the rectors."

Russell, the former rector of Pangborn Hall, said her message is one of "unified diversity."

"I think there are things that are unique to the halls that should stay unique to the halls," Russell said. "I also think a big part of my job is to help identify the universals that should cut across and define all residential life to which all rectors are accountable. They are the hallmarks of what we hope build up the halls."

Russell talked personally with each of the rectors to identify what did and did not work in each hall. She said she would also host discussions with hall staff throughout the year to talk about these

issues candidly and in a group. "I think in a very simple way, people could say residential life is about where you sleep at night," Russell said. "But I think those of us who have lived in the system there know that it is something very unique, very special, very different than that. It's about the

formation of the students."

Student Development

Brian Coughlin now serves as the associate vice president of Student Development. His office includes the student conduct branch in the Office of Residence Life, run by Kathleen O'Leary.

As the school year begins, O'Leary called the new structure "fruitful and positive."

"We see it as an opportunity to take a look at how our office functions, what we do well and what we want to improve," O'Leary said. "We can make sure everything we do is intentional."

O'Leary said the office would spend the year fielding feedback from members of the Notre Dame community, benchmarking against peer institutions and hosting focus groups to discuss its policies.

"In the coming year, we are going to be getting feedback from students, staff, faculty, parents and alumni," O'Leary said. "We are looking at how we improve the work we do. It's an open book right now."

The Office of Residence Life deals specifically with conduct, but O'Leary said her staff wants to help students take full advantage of their time at Notre Dame.

"I would hope students would know those people in our office and in the Office of Student Affairs have the same end goal of seeing their success at Notre Dame, seeing them go forward in the world with the same success," O'Leary said.

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sive step. Please pray like never before for the three specialized surgeons' minds, hands and hearts that they will be guided by God."

Garcia is able to communicate with his family and friends by writing messages on a white board, Kimberly Garcia said.

Student body president Pat McCormick said many of Garcia's friends gathered to pray for his recovery in his former residence hall Monday.

"The overflowing crowd that came to Fisher Hall for Mass [Monday night] is a testament to the impact that he has had on the lives of so many members of our Notre Dame family," McCormick said. "We are praying for him and will keep the prayers going until he is safely back home."

Students can sign a get-well card for Garcia in the student government office on the second floor of LaFortune Student Center until Friday.

The Senior Class Council sent an email to the Class of 2012 about the card Tuesday.

"As you all know, one of our fellow classmates, Marcus Garcia, is in the hospital recovering from an accident that happened last Thursday," the email stated. "Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers during the next couple of weeks ... Let's show Marcus he is not alone in this difficult time."

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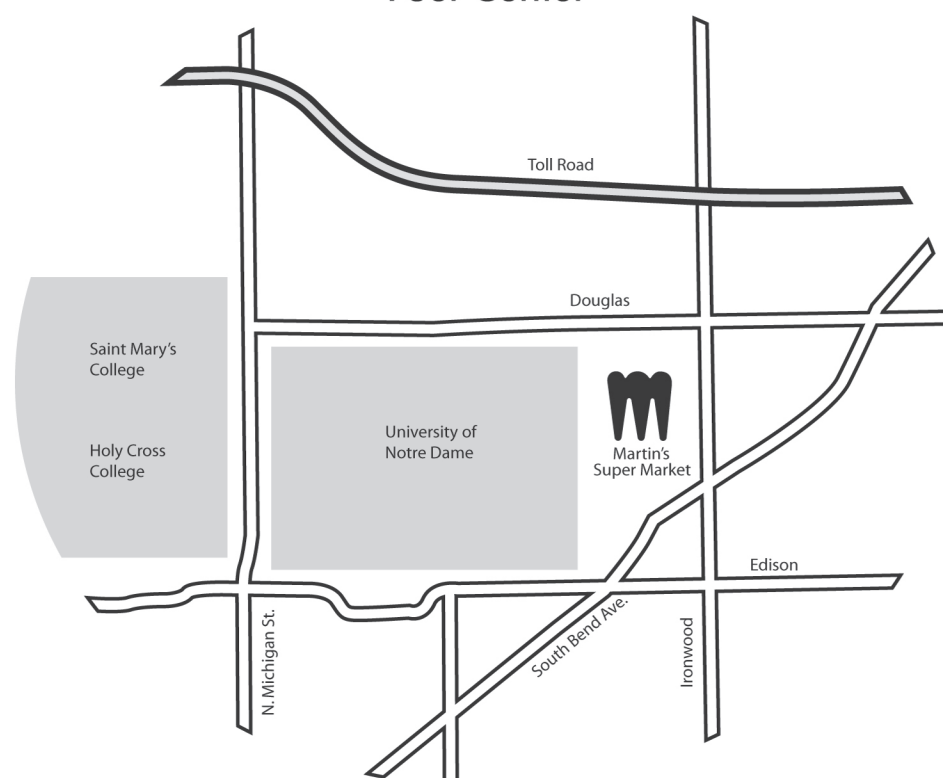
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Three killed in oil explosion

Associated Press

CHEYENNE — Authorities won't be able positively to identify the three workers killed in an oilfield explosion in eastern Wyoming until autopsies are performed on them, a company spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The blast occurred Monday at an oil production site on a private ranch, about 40 miles northeast of Casper.

It came as the men worked on a fuel line supplying a heater treatment facility that separates oil from water as the substances are pumped from the ground, said Dennis Neill, spokesman for Samson Resources Co. in Tulsa, Okla.

The blast sparked a 10-acre fire before it was brought under control.

The names of the men killed have not yet been released. The workers were employed by contractors that Samson had hired to bring an oil well back into production at the site, Neill said. The well wasn't involved in the explosion or the fire on the Hornbuckle Ranch.

"Obviously we're very concerned about the family and friends in this situation," Neill said.

Tina Wells, spokeswoman for Samson, issued a statement Tuesday saying that the bodies of the men would be taken to Colorado for autopsy

and positive identification. She said she didn't know how long it would take to identify them.

"It takes an autopsy to get a positive identification in this case," Wells said. "And the authorities will not release any notification to you of who the victims might be until they have very definitive, positive identification."

Wells said the men worked for two local construction companies, identified as Wild West Construction and Double D Welding and Fabrication. Officials with the companies and Converse County Coroner Ross Gorman could not immediately be reached Tuesday for comment.

Wells said Samson has ceased construction work on other facilities in Wyoming until a preliminary cause of the explosion can be determined.

Wyoming, a top energy-producing state, for years has ranked among the highest states in terms of per capita workplace fatalities. Wyoming lost its title as the deadliest state in the nation for workers to Montana last summer, largely due to a slowdown in Wyoming's gas industry.

The Wyoming State Senate rejected a bill early last year that would have increased employer penalties for workplace safety violations. Then-Gov.

Dave Freudenthal had urged passage of the bill, which industry groups supported.

The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported last week that the number of occupational fatalities in the state rose to 34 last year — an increase of nearly 79 percent from the prior year. Of those 34 deaths, 10 were in the natural resources and mining sector. A new federal ranking of state workplace death rates based on per full-time worker will be available next spring, said Sara Saulcy, senior economist with workforce services.

According to preliminary figures from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, fatal work injuries nationwide in the private mining industry, which includes the oil and gas industry, increased by 74 percent nationwide last year to 172 deaths. Of that number, fatalities in the oil and gas industry accounted for 106, or about three-fifths, of the fatal work injuries. In 2009, 66 of the 99 mining industry deaths nationwide were in the oil and gas fields, according to BLS data.

J.D. Danni, manager of the Wyoming Occupational Safety & Health Administration program, said Tuesday that Samson hasn't received any citations from the state in recent years.

US flight schools still scrutinized after 9/11



AP

Director of Training Patrick Murphy looks out from a hangar at the Sunrise Aviation flight school in Ormond Beach, Fla., on Aug. 24.

Associated Press

ORMOND BEACH — Ten years after the 9/11 attacks, government screening has made it harder for foreign students to enroll in civilian flight schools as a handful of the hijackers did, banking on America being inviting and a place to learn quickly.

But the most rigorous checks don't apply to all students and instructors, so schools and trainers have to be especially alert to weed out would-be terrorists.

"Prior to 9/11, I wouldn't have had the phone number and name of my local FBI agent posted on my wall. I do," said Patrick Murphy, director of training at Sunrise Aviation in Ormond Beach, Fla., near Daytona Beach.

Hundreds of U.S. flight schools fiercely compete for students. In Florida, some still pitch the good weather as a way for students to fly more often and finish programs faster. The 9/11 hijackers sought out U.S. schools partly because they were seen as requiring shorter training periods.

Florida schools have reason to be careful: Three of the 9/11 hijackers were simulating flights in large jets within six months of arriving for training in Venice, Fla., along the Gulf Coast. Mohamed Atta, the operational leader of the hijackings, and Marwan al Shehhi enrolled in an accelerated pilot program at Huffman Aviation, while Ziad Jarrah entered a private pilot program nearby.

The terrorists obtained licenses and certifications despite rowdy behavior and poor performance at times.

The U.S. commission that investigated the attacks said in its report that Atta and Shehhi quickly took solo flights and passed a private pilot airman test. The two later enrolled at another school, where an instructor said the two were rude and aggressive, and sometimes even fought to take over the controls during training flights. They failed an instruments rating exam. Undeterred, they returned to Huffman. Meanwhile, Jarrah received a single-engine private pilot certificate.

Hani Hanjour obtained his private pilot license after about three months of training in Arizona. Several more months of training yielded a commercial pilot certificate, issued by the Federal Aviation Administration. In early 2001, he started training on a Boeing 737 simulator. An instructor found his

work substandard and advised him to quit, but he continued and finished the training just 5½ months before the attacks, the commission said.

Today, it would be tougher for the four men to enter U.S. flight schools.

There is a stricter visa process for foreign students seeking flight training in the U.S. They cannot start until the Transportation Security Administration, created after Sept. 11 to protect U.S. air travel, runs a fingerprint-based criminal background check with the FBI's help and runs their names against terrorist watch lists. TSA inspectors visit FAA-certified flight schools at least once a year to make sure students have proper documentation verifying their identities and haven't overstayed their visas.

Plus, TSA shares intelligence with other agencies and has other layers of security to catch people before they can do harm even if they slipped through the cracks and were able to get flight training in the U.S.

The stepped-up measures involving flight schools are not foolproof or uniform, however.

There are numerous flight instructors with access to planes and simulators who don't all get an annual TSA visit, and are subject only to random TSA inspections if they train only U.S. citizens. The TSA has access to a database of all student pilots that is maintained by the FAA. But TSA said it only runs the names of U.S.-citizen students against watch lists, and not necessarily before those students can start their programs.

TSA said the fingerprinting and criminal background checks done on foreign students before they can enter U.S. flight schools are not done on U.S. citizens. TransPac Aviation Academy in Phoenix tells domestic applicants they need proof of citizenship, a high school diploma or college transcripts, a medical card, a driver's license and any pilot licenses already held. Other schools do the same, said Tom Lippincott, TransPac's vice president of business development.

And one security measure never employed by the government, despite interest from the 9/11 commission, was requiring that transponders that help officials locate commercial planes can't be turned off as the hijackers did. The FAA said if there is an electrical fire or malfunction, pilots must be able to turn off the transponder for safety reasons.

Obama encourages private hiring

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Limited in his ability to create jobs through direct spending, President Barack Obama is considering measures to encourage the private sector to free up its cash reserves and hire more workers to ease the nation's unemployment crush.

As Obama prepares to unveil a new jobs agenda next week, his aides are reviewing options that would provide tax incentives to employers who expand their payrolls. That approach is a more indirect effort to spur the economy and relies less on government intervention and massive public works projects.

Among the proposals circulating in the White House is a \$33 billion tax credit that Obama first proposed early last year but that Congress whittled into a smaller one-year package.

Under one version of the

plan, employers would receive a tax credit of up to \$5,000, subtracted from their share of federal payroll taxes, for every net new hire. White House officials caution that the overall jobs plan is still subject to change.

The tax credit, however, is a relatively untested idea. Congress passed a version in March 2010, known as the HIRE Act, which provided \$13 billion in tax credits to qualified employers who hired new workers. But there is no government data to track its success.

"The HIRE Act was very small," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics and an occasional adviser to Democrats and Republicans. "It really didn't add to payrolls."

"It would have to be bigger," he added. "Something more along the lines that the Obama administration proposed in 2010."

While promising a major jobs package, Obama is hamstrung by budget cuts and a tight debt ceiling that he had a hand in negotiating.

As a result, economists predict that while the president's initiatives could eliminate some drag on the economy and maintain the status quo, they won't be enough to propel it to new heights.

Still, Obama on Wednesday predicted his plan could push the economy to grow 1 percent to 1.5 percent faster.

"That could mean half a million to a million additional jobs," he said Tuesday in an interview with radio talk show host Tom Joyner.

Obama's jobs package is designed to supplement other proposals already in the pipeline, including free trade agreements with South Korea, Colombia and Panama and the renewal of a highway construction bill.



AP

President Obama, right, discusses future economic plans at the White House on Monday with Alan Krueger, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

INSIDE COLUMN

Everybody loses when schools break rules

Back to the gridiron! As the college football season kicks off this weekend, the NCAA, its member institutions and fans can breathe a temporary sigh of relief. The public eye on the sport shifts away from rules violations and toward action on the field. Top-ics such as “Will Notre Dame take the leap toward a BCS berth in Brian Kelly’s second season?” or “Can Oklahoma or another elite program end the SEC’s stronghold on the national championship?” offer a lighter fare in comparison to the questions that have rocked the sport the past few seasons.

Matt Unger

Sports Writer

These topics that should dominate any discussion of college football have been upstaged by off-the-field issues involving rules violations.

While opposing fans love to see rival programs crushed by the authority of the NCAA, the overall health of the sport suffers when programs break rules. Granted, there was no sympathy in this part of the college football world for seeing Reggie Bush exposed for accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars in gifts and Pete Carroll’s legacy tarnished for committing violations and escaping to the NFL.

Many were also thrilled to see mighty Ohio State fall flat on its face after a decade of dominance in the Big Ten. (Growing up as an Ohio State fan, it was a little painful seeing Jim Tressel and company exposed for major violations.)

Even in last year’s national championship game, commentators remained cynical on whether Auburn would be able to keep its title in the wake of Cam Newton allegations.

Miami (FL) has recently managed to top them all, with stories of rogue boosters showering star athletes with gifts that have invoked mentioning of the death penalty.

Rules violations have always occurred in the NCAA, with the most infamous example involving Southern Methodist University’s payment of players warranting the death penalty for its football program in the 1980s.

However, the number of violations is alarming for every college football program, whether they abide by the rules or not. The reasons for the problems are numerous and stem from a detailed and sometimes contradictory NCAA bylaws system that schools and coaches struggle to track along with gifts offered to players in college towns and cities.

The solutions are not simple and may require the NCAA to rework its bylaws, allow stipends for student athletes, etc. But for now, the integrity of the game suffers when even the controversy of the BCS is upstaged by rules’ violations.

Here’s hoping this season is less about which programs will next be stripped of national championships and more about the outcomes on the field.

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Eva’s broom

embodies the belief in his story. Anyone who has traveled abroad to Uganda, who has stayed with someone in a village, who has visited the homes of people who have nothing but the roofs over their heads, can attest to the generosity of the community. Generosity there is the rule, not the exception.

Gerda Weissmann Klein, a Holocaust survivor, tells the story of her friend who “found a raspberry in the concentration camp and carried it in her pocket all day” to give to Gerda that night on a leaf. “Imagine a world,” she says, “in which your entire possession is one raspberry and you give it to your friend.” This world exists. It’s a world whose inhabitants own little, but give more.

Generosity such as I experienced in Uganda is difficult to accept, but understood in the context of their world-view, it is humbling. The people in the community are hospitable and welcoming even if it inconveniences them. Although, that’s my Westernized, narrow-focused self speaking.

For them, there is no question of inconvenience, nor did it seem like a concept which ever crossed their minds. Whenever I would visit a home to meet different families, I was given a gift as a symbol of their generosity and welcoming nature. Multiple people told me before my trip to expect their generosity.

My favorite experience — and it is very hard to choose — was one at the end of my trip. It was the last day at the Primary school in the village, and many of the kids brought things from home to give to me — avocados, pineapples, sugarcane, mangos, eggs and a live chicken.

One girl, a student in Primary 4, presented me with a broom. Many households have these types of brooms, which they use to brush the loose dirt off of the path leading to the home. The resources to make these brooms — different reeds, leaves and straw — are available, but the process of making them is very time consuming.

The broom that Betty presented to me was not only so nicely woven and tied together, but two names were also woven into the handle — a feat that takes great skill, time and artistic inclination. One

name was mine, Alex. The other, Eva. Eva is Betty’s little sister. Although Betty had made it, she made it for me on behalf of her sister, Eva. It was not Betty’s, nor did she want the recognition of having made such a beautiful piece of functional art. She made it as a gift on behalf of her younger sister.

Danielle Guilfoyle, a junior Veterinary Science major, told me about a similar experience of generosity she had while in Honduras at the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos orphanage. Her first interaction with the children was at dinnertime.

Everyone sat in a circle to eat. After a moment of silence before the meal, everyone quickly began eating. When someone finished, he or she would look to the next person and offer the other child the rest of the food. If neither of the children on either side needed the food, the child would get up and walk around the circle, offering his or her food to another child.

In this true-life embodiment of Ty’s message, the kids displayed selfless generosity. It is just something that they do. It runs deeply in their culture.

As Danielle said, “They think about their lives within the context of an entire group” — their community, which, looking in on from outside, seems a lot like heaven.

And it is not just people in Uganda or Honduras. There are plenty of places in the world, I imagine, whose inhabitants too view guests and others as a blessing. So why even mention them? Why even mention Betty, when she did not ask for nor want any recognition for what she did on behalf of her sister?

I mention them as a source of inspiration for us. No one asked the children to get up and walk around the circle offering their food. It was something they did, no questions, no qualms and no complaints. Their love is what we owe each other — as human beings, as members of a community, which, all too often, loses sight of Ty’s vision of heaven.

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Alex Coccia

Shard of Glass

Years ago, when “return to glory” was meant to address the anticipated football accomplishments of Tyrone Willingham, Ty gave a speech at the Washington game pep rally which I will never forget, and so I start with that:

A man got the chance to visit both heaven and hell before he died. For travel reasons he decided to visit hell first. When he arrived, he saw a group of people huddled around a cauldron of stew. This stew was their food. However, each person was starving with a disintegrating body, because each person had a very long spoon that was so long it could not reach one’s own mouth. And so, in hell, each person continued to starve.

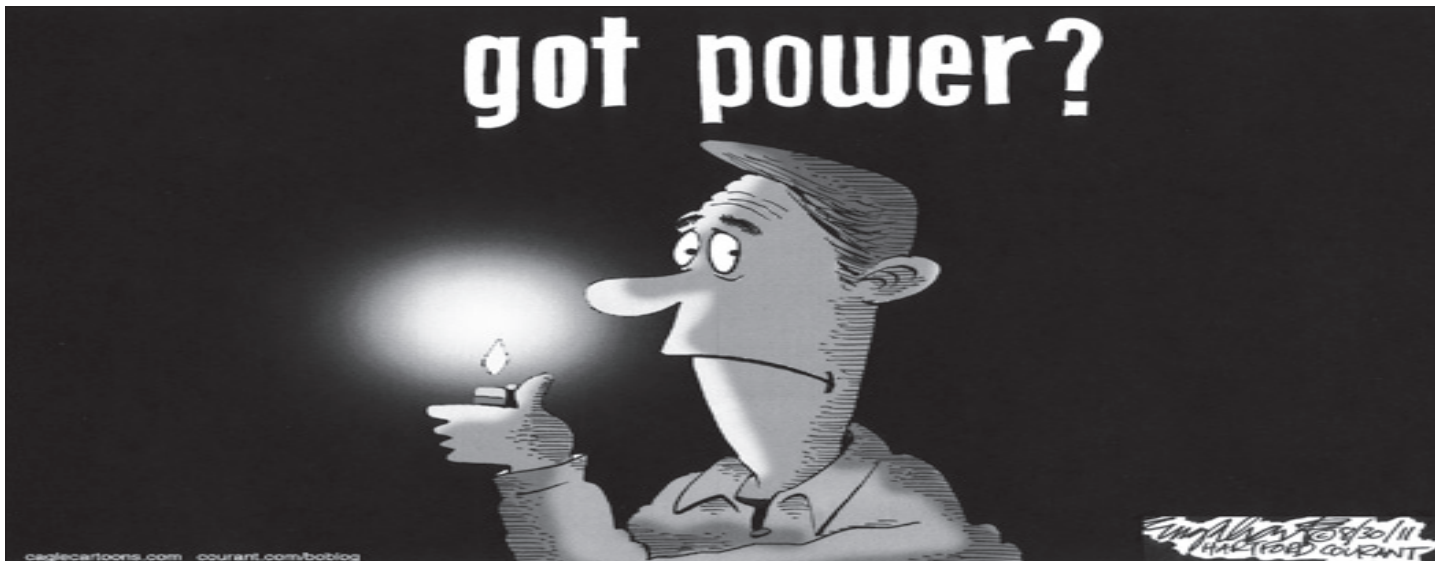
Then the man went to heaven, and the scene was the same. A group of people was huddled around the cauldron, with their long spoons. But instead of attempting to feed themselves, all those in the circle fed the people next to them, for the spoon reached that far.

Ty used this story to talk about teamwork — that helping the one next to us is what allows us to survive — making me think of the idea embodied by a phrase spoken in Zimbabwe, “Ndakasimba Kana Makasimbawo,” or “I am strong if you are strong.”

In hell, it was the selfishness of the condemned that forced them to remain so. In heaven, it was the generosity of the saved that granted them eternal happiness. These images of the beyond, that timeless void which we constantly try to understand, can be applied to our current lives, which can themselves become narrow voids if the selfishness of hell does creep into our dispositions. The scene from heaven is the goal, and the scene from hell is what we all, some more than others, fall victims to every once in awhile.

When I was in Uganda this summer, I did not come across a Ty. I did, however, come across an entire community that

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from a religious conviction.”

Blaise Pascal
French mathematician

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WEEKLY POLL

What are you doing before the game on Saturday?

- a) Eating free food at tailgates
- b) Playing cornhole
- c) Painting my body green
- d) All of the above

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Statistic without merit

I'm not really a Rick Perry fan. I'm simply not. But that doesn't change the fact that he has recently been accused of having a terrible health care system in the state of Texas. That accusation has been "justified" with the fact that 26 percent of Texas citizens lack health care. Unfortunately for these accusers, some statistics have little merit.

Mr. Perry actually has a very solid health care system. For example, the free market has made health care cheaper in Texas than in most other states, even adjusting for the cost of living. The growth of premium costs in the state has increased for individual plans by only four percent from 2003 to 2009. This is 20 percent less than the national average (five percent), and 44 percent less than Mitt Romney's government-run and mandated health care in Massachusetts (7.1 percent). Yes, that's 7.1 percent to four percent. Yay for state-run health care!

People who think that Texas is just cheap in health care spending are also misguided. There is a larger percentage of people on Medicaid in Texas than in the nation as a whole (16 percent as opposed to 15.7 percent). Despite this, Texas saves a considerable amount of money on Medicaid costs due to the state's relatively cheap health care. The state spends only 5.1 percent of its budget on Medicaid, as opposed to 15.7 percent nationwide and 28.9 percent in Massachusetts, and this is despite the fact that a slightly larger percentage of Texans are on Medicaid than in other states.

"But 26 percent of Texans don't have health insurance," some may cry out, desperately trying to swing the argument back to their side. Don't worry here either, as this statistic's actual significance is blown completely out of proportion.

Approximately one-third of that 26 percent consists of illegal immigrants, while a decent number more are the children of illegal immigrants. These people aren't even United States citizens, let alone Texans. Why should the state be criticized for not being able to accommodate them? That 26 percent also includes anybody who has not had health insurance, even for a day, over the past two years. That means that if you dropped your health care insurance for a month while you were transitioning to the best health care coverage in the entire world, you would be included in this 26 percent of "uninsured" citizens. Logical, right?

Also, you can't forget about the fact that some people simply don't want to pay for health insurance. This is especially true in 20-30 year-olds, who are in the best shape of their life. They don't mind taking the risk of not paying for coverage, and you know what? It normally pays off. There's also the fact that you can rest assured that a sizable chunk of that 26 percent isn't going without their cell phone, their internet service, their cable TV, etc. So while advocates of state run health care or anti-Perry people may try to make that 26 percent seem more significant than it really is, common sense and logic makes the number far less worthy of our attention, especially considering Texas's above average health care system. Although statistics may be an excellent way to make a point, just make sure those statistics actually have merit.

Nicholas Frecker
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The pineapple bandwagon

I would just like to thank Ms. O'Donnell for her article regarding the TV show Psych ("Pineapples," Aug. 30). They must have hired someone clever at USA because in the past decade or so, the network has churned out a handful of extremely entertaining shows, Psych being my personal favorite. In a world where prime time T.V. is dominated by countless crime dramas that take themselves just a little too seriously (and one conspicuous imitation cough-TheMentalist-cough), Psych serves as a welcoming breath of pineapple-scented fresh air. The unorthodox antics of faux psychic Mr. Spencer combined with the delightfully uptight nature of Mr. Burton always keep me chuckling.

And then there's the witty banter. Oh, the witty banter. Laced with references ranging from 80's music and cancelled sitcoms to B-list

celebrities and the Pittsburgh Steelers, Shawn and Gus certainly keep the dialogue colorful. To get my girlfriend interested in the show, I pointed out that the interaction between Shawn and Gus has the same quick pace and back-and-forth sass demonstrated by the characters on one of her favorite shows, Gilmore Girls. She's also now hooked on the show and we are both eagerly anticipating the return on Oct. 12. On that evening, I will grab my official pineapple pillow and enjoy the show as my Shawn and Gus bobbleheads look on approvingly. Oct. 12 at 10 p.m., channel 51 on ND cable.

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Size doesn't matter

Students of Notre Dame,

Have you ever felt that pang of guilt when you throw away half a plate of food at the dining hall? Have you ever eaten until you are so full that you feel miserable? Do you feel remorse when you continually don't use all of the meals on your meal plan? We have the perfect way to ease your unease. Three words: Wednesday Lunch Fast.

Many of you have probably heard whispers about this mysterious group of masochistic do-gooders, but you may not know the whole truth. Allow me to clear up the confusion. Wednesday Lunch Fast does NOT mean you actually go without food. You do NOT have to sit in a circle to pray and sing kumbaya or pledge yourself to a life to poverty, chastity and obedience. You ONLY have to give up one meal per week from your meal plan and not swipe into the dining halls during lunch on Wednesdays. That simple. You can still use your flex points. Take it as an opportunity to explore some of the many excellent cafés scattered around campus that you otherwise would have never tried.

If you have read a newspaper or watched the news anytime in the last month, then you are well aware of the horrible famine that is ongoing throughout the Horn of Africa. Any aid, no matter how miniscule, can go a long way to alleviate the suffering of these people. Last year alone, we were able to give \$28,000 to international and local charities working to end hunger. ALL of these funds were raised from the Wednesday Lunch Fast.

Please seriously consider this easy way to give back. Sign up for the fast at both dining halls from Sept. 7 to 8 between 5 and 7 p.m. Email whc@nd.edu with any questions.

Sparknotes:

-Eat 13 dining hall meals per week instead of 14.

-Help feed the poor and hungry of our world.

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The real Perry

I was so glad to see the opinion column about Rick Perry. As a resident of Texas, let me tell you what Rick Perry doesn't want you to know: Rick Perry's claim on Texas jobs is not true. Texas jobs, mostly in Houston, have largely come from the oil and gas industry. Perry has had nothing to do with that — Houston's economy has historically been boom or bust, depending on oil and gas. Additionally, the state and federal government is responsible for creating a large portion of jobs. How interesting that Perry claims these jobs as his "miracle" while bashing government.

Also, you should know he tried to mandate the HPV vaccine for all 12-year-old girls. Is that supposed to be less government in our lives? Even the legislature shot down that one. It all made sense when Texans learned that one of Perry's top aides used to work for Big Pharma.

His claim to less government in our lives is even more ridiculous when you look at the number of toll roads in Texas. Perry can't get enough of them. He was willing to sell Texas land to a foreign country in order to build a 'Trans Texas' toll road. Thank goodness, the legislature stopped him on that one, too.

Furthermore, his association with evangelical pastors, several of whom are extremists (Rev. Hagee called the Catholic church a 'whore of Babylon'), is offensive. All you have to do is look to the Middle East for the result of that kind of behavior. Do we really want a candidate who aligns himself with such divisive radicals? Hence, there is talk in my local parish about forming a group, "CATHOLICS AGAINST RICK PERRY."

His record on education is dismal: Texas SAT scores rank 49th nationally in verbal skills and 45th in math.

Perry doesn't care about Texans who are out of work, and we have more than eight percent. He took TARP money, but turned down the federal unemployment money, then borrowed it from his buddies at Frost bank, costing the state more in interest charges. Talk about cutting off your nose to spite your face — this man is as sneaky as he is deceptive. We certainly don't need his brand of government for the rest of America.

Susan Knapp
parent of 2007 grad
Aug. 30

EDITORIAL CARTOON





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SCENE STAFF REPORT

'90s kids rejoice! In case you haven't heard (or seen), Nickelodeon, the home of green slime that you once turned to for all of your entertainment needs, is bringing back its classic shows from its '90s heyday. Yes, coming back to your television screens are favorites of another era, including "All That," "Kenan & Kel," "Doug" and oh, so many more. Sure, some stopped being funny when you hit puberty, but many have stood the test of time. Turn on your tube from midnight to 2 a.m. Monday through Thursday nights to relive your childhood and get prepared to ace the "Children's TV shows" Sporcle quizzes. But first, refresh yourself with Scene's guide to some of Nickelodeon's most enduring classics.

"The Secret World of Alex Mack"

This live-action sci-fi SNICK classic, which ran from 1994-98, features Larisa Oleynik as a teenage girl who develops superpowers after a near-collision with a truck from a chemical plant. The truck accidentally drenches her with a top-secret chemical called GC-161 and she undergoes some mysterious changes. She only confides in her sister Annie and her best friend Raymond about her powers, which include telekinesis, the ability to shoot electric bolts through her fingers, turn into a puddle and glow.

"Doug"

Jim Jenkins' animated sitcom centers on title character Doug Funnie after he and his family moves to a new town called Bluffington. Some of the show's highlights include Doug's grade-school crush on classmate Patti Mayonnaise, his superhero alter ego Quailman and his favorite band, The Beets, which is clearly a parody of The Beatles. The show sadly only aired on Nick from 1991-94, but switched networks to Disney, where it remained on television screens from 1996-99.

"Figure It Out"

This American children's game show, hosted by Summer Sanders, ran on Nick from 1997-99. Young contestants showcased their unique talents or achievements in front of a panel of four Nick celebrities who attempted to guess a predetermined phrase describing the contestants' skills.

"Legends of the Hidden Temple"

Based on historical expeditions and ancient mythology, this action-adventure competitive children's game show centered on a "Temple" supposedly filled with lost treasures protected by Mayan Temple Guards. Host Kirk Fogg served as the guide for six teams, who performed stunts and answered questions in order to retrieve one of the historical artifacts in the Temple, while the talking audio-animatronic Olmec led the players through the temple.

"Hey Arnold!"

This show single-handedly made football-shaped heads a trend in animated series, but that's certainly not the most important contribution it made to television. It revealed the world of grade-school crushes in the form of Helga G. Pataki's undying devotion to Arnold. Plus, it produced the most dynamic animated character ever created, Stoop Kid.

"The Wild Thornberrys"

The adventurous Thornberry family explored the world in this animated Nickelodeon series. Eliza Thornberry was the awkward middle child sandwiched between popular older sister Debbie and pseudo-chimp Donnie. She discovers a talent for speaking to animals that takes her family on countless wild rides. Better than the animated series itself is knowing that Eliza is voiced by Lacey Chabert of "Mean Girls," while Donnie is voiced by Flea from the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Talk about awesome.

"Rocket Power"

Every child of the '90s has a little skater in them thanks to this Nicktoon classic. Otto, Reggie, Twister and Sam were the coolest kids in town and had the inexplicable ability to conquer every action sport known to man, even at their youthful age. "Rocket Power" taught us that sports are fun (but always wear your helmet), friends are more important than anything and fish tacos aren't actually shaped like fish — lessons we will always carry with us. So next time you hop on your skateboard to go to class, send a little mental "thank you" over to the folks at Nickelodeon for inspiring you to surf the sidewalk.

"All That"

"All That" gave us an early appreciation for sketch comedy back in Nickelodeon's prime. It propelled many members of the cast into the stars they are now. Kenan Thompson returned to his sketch roots as an "SNL" cast member and Amanda Bynes, retired or otherwise, wouldn't have anything to retire from without a start on Nickelodeon. Unfortunately, most of the skits have not worn the test of time well and seem less funny when viewed as a 20-something. However, a few still hold up, and "Vital Information" with Lori Beth Denberg will always be funny in an "I-don't-know-why-I'm-laughing" kind of way.

By BRANDY CERNE

Scene Writer

At one point, they all seemed destined for stardom. We grew up watching them every day, welcoming the young actors of '90s Nickelodeon as a strong presence in all of our childhoods. Some remain a part of mainstream entertainment today. To the others who dropped off our radar, we ask, "Where are you now?"

Summer Sanders

A gold-medal swimmer in the 1992 Olympics, Sanders is best known to Generation Y as the host of "Figure It Out," the game show that had Nickelodeon celebrities guess real kids' talents with some random slime mixed in. Sanders put her sports background to good use, working as a correspondent and sideline reporter for the WNBA, USA, "The Today Show," "Good Morning America" and "The Rachael Ray Show." She also seems to be a fan of reality TV, co-hosting "Skating with Celebrities" in 2006 and competing on the third season of "The Celebrity Apprentice." Don't be too hard on Sanders for only placing seventh. No gold medal can compete with the power that is Bret Michaels.

Melissa Joan Hart

When "Clarissa Explains It All" ended in 1994, Melissa Joan Hart started classes at New York University until she was offered the lead in "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch." A fixture in several teen movies like "Can't Hardly Wait" and "Drive Me Crazy" with Adrian Grenier, Hart disappeared for a few years, taking small parts in a few series and made-for-TV movies. As all mid-dling celebrities do, Hart made her comeback as a contestant on "Dancing With the Stars," and now acts opposite fellow former child star Joey Lawrence in ABC Family's sitcom "Melissa & Joey." Hart is married with two sons.

Mike Maronna

The Big Pete to Danny Tamberelli's Little Pete on "The Adventures of Pete & Pete," Maronna hasn't made much of an impression on screen since. He appeared in the films "Slackers" and "40 Days and 40 Nights," as well as a few ads, but has steadily been working behind the scenes as an electrician on films such as "Sex and the City" and "Be Kind, Rewind."

Joanna Garcia

Who knew this Yankee wife

was a cast member of the original run of the spooky "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" Garcia went from telling ghost tales around the fire to a recurring role on the acclaimed "Freaks and Geeks," and eventually ended up on "Reba." Despite her charm and successful guest runs on "Gossip Girl" and "How I Met Your Mother," Garcia has had bad luck attracting audiences for her television series, first headlining the CW's short-lived "Privileged" with future Pretty Little Liars Lucy Hale and then in the recently cancelled sitcom, "Better With You." Garcia married New York Yankee Nick Swisher last year.

Larisa Oleynik

Larisa Oleynik seemed to be one of the rising talents in the 90's teen world, perfecting her role as the All-American girl next door in "The Secret World of Alex Mack" and "The Babysitters Club" movie. Oleynik appeared on "3rd Rock From the Sun" with Joseph Gordon-Levitt, her co-star in perhaps her most recognizable role, Bianca, in "10 Things I Hate About You." Besides a few low-budget films here and there and a degree from Sarah Lawrence College, Oleynik has stayed busy with guest roles on "Aliens in America," "Mad Men" and most recently, "Hawaii 5-0."

Mike O'Malley

He may now be known as an Emmy-nominated actor for his sympathetic portrayal of Kurt's dad on "Glee," but Mike O'Malley was originally the host of game shows "Get the Picture" and "GUTS." In between his two most important roles, O'Malley has kept a steady but quiet presence on Hollywood, acting in the television shows "Yes, Dear," "My Name is Earl" and "Parenthood," as well as appearing in the films "Deep Impact," "Pushing Tin" and "Leatherheads."

Danny Cooksey

The redheaded camper on "Salute Your Shorts," Danny Cooksey enjoyed a substantial career in voice-animation in the '90s, lending his voice to "Ren & Stimpy," "Tiny Toon Adventures," the "101 Dalmations" TV series, "Pepper Ann" and Stoop Kid on "Hey Arnold!" His vocal talents must also transfer to music, as he sang for heavy metal bands

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**Cast of
"All That"**

**Lori Beth Den-
berg**

A standout due to the classic sketches "Vital Information" and "The Loud Librarian," Denberg seemed poised to become one of the next great comedienne, yet hasn't been around much since. After "All That," Denberg acted in several seasons of "The Steve Harvey Show" and had a small role in 2004's "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story." There were rumors a few years ago that Denberg had passed away, but fret not — she is alive and well.

**Kel Mitchell and Kenan Thomp-
son**

Nickelodeon in the '90s couldn't exist without the superstar duo of both "Kenan and Kel" and "All That." Kenan and Kel starred in the film "Good Burger," adapted from one of their sketches on "All That." Kel went on to do some minor acting, voicing a dog on "Clifford the Big Red Dog" and acting in the TV series "One on One" and "Take the Cake" on BET. Kel has also dipped his toes in the bustling Detroit theater scene, acting in the plays "Affairs" and "Laundromat." He now plays several parts on "Attack of the Show!" Kel is divorced and has two children.

Kenan has seen much more success than his former comedic partner. Not wanting to lower his standards after "Good Burger," he played the title character in the masterpiece that was "Fat Albert." While he has taken supporting roles in "Barbershop 2: Back in Business," "Snakes on a Plane" and "The Smurfs," Kenan's greatest success has been joining the cast of "Saturday Night Live" in 2003. He plays character DeAndre Cole in the "What Up With That?" sketch and DJ Dynasty Handbag.

Amanda Bynes

At the age of 10, Amanda Bynes joined the cast of "All That." She used the success of skits like "Ask Ashley" to start her own sketch comedy show, "The Amanda Show," which featured characters like Bynes-obsessed Penelope and Judge Trudy.

Moving on from Nick, she starred in the sitcom "What I

Like About You" and continued the theme of choosing song-titled projects by acting in the film "What a Girl Wants" with Colin Firth.

After "She's the Man," a modern boarding-school twist on Shakespeare, Bynes was part of the ensemble of the hit film adaptation of "Hairspray." Last year, Bynes played the holy-roller opposite Emma Stone in "Easy A," and afterwards unexpectedly announced her retirement.

As one child star who has actually kept it classy through the years, here's to hoping that it's all just a phase and that Bynes will return to playing fun, goofy characters soon.

Danny Tamberelli

Danny Tamberelli started off his Nick career as Little Pete on "The Adventures of Pete & Pete," and eventually moved on to become a player on "All That." After dabbling in some voice work for cartoons like "Fillmore!" he graduated from Hampshire College with a degree in Interdisciplinary Arts.

Superfans of this redhead can now enjoy his talents through another medium: music. He's rocking out as a vocalist and bassist for his band Jounce and plays the bass for Every Good Boy. Not totally leaving the influence of "All That" behind, Tamberelli started the sketch comedy group "Man Boobs: Sketchy Comedy."

Nick Cannon

Yes, he came in at the end of the golden era of "All That," but any former Nickelodeon child star who's had babies with Mariah Carey deserves some recognition in this round-up. Cannon moved on to have two of his own comedy shows, SNICK's "The Nick Cannon Show" and "Wild 'n Out" on MTV.

Any Saturday afternoon on cable TV, you can find Cannon in the films "Drumline" and "Love Don't Cost a Thing."

After a short-lived attempt at a musical career, Cannon focused on hosting various awards shows and currently hosts the TV show "America's Got Talent." When he's not spending time with Carey, his wife of three years, Cannon is steadily building his brand as a mini-mogul, starting the music label N'Credible Entertainment and serving as the Chairman of TeenNick.

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WHY NOT
DISNEY?

With Nickelodeon staging a '90s comeback and playing the best childhood shows ever created, I can't help but be disappointed that Disney has not yet jumped on the bandwagon.

Sure, "Legends of the Hidden Temple" is great, and I could watch "Rocket Power" forever, but the lineup is simply incomplete if I cannot watch my favorite Disney shows as well.

Some of the greatest '90s and early '00s shows were not on Nickelodeon at all. There is the occasional instance when an old school Disney Channel Original Movie makes a cameo in my adult life, but it just isn't the same.

If it were up to me, Disney would begin showing "Lizzie McGuire" the minute the clock strikes midnight. The theme song would play and I would watch Hilary Duff dance around in that heinous purple and orange outfit with Lalaine and Adam Lamberg. I would watch cartoon Lizzie agonize about tripping in front of Ethan Craft, and I would gladly watch as Lizzie transforms Larry Tudgeman into a stud so he can go to Miranda's party (who doesn't love a makeover montage?).

"Even Stevens," in addition to launching the career of Shia LaBeouf, was another Disney Channel classic that I'd love to see back on the air. Aside from the fact that a woman in her twenties (Christy Carlson Romano) played an eighth grader, it was so goofy and lighthearted that it couldn't be beat. Louis, Ren and Donnie fit the stereotypes of any childhood show. Louis was the class clown, Ren was the nerdy intellectual and Donnie was the jock.

In the category of best friends created for the screen, Twitty and Tawny take the cake. Twitty was too cool for school and Tawny was the morose, goth girl. In the real world these people would probably never have been friends, but it works nonetheless. They also rock out as the strange band that sang songs with lyrics like, "The bunny in my brain goes flip flop. Flip flop." It doesn't get better than that.

Even though Nickelodeon had animated hits like "Rugrats" and "Hey Arnold!" they by no means had a monopoly on awesome animation. In fact, one of the most recognizable ringtones hails from a Disney Channel animated series. "Call me, beep me if you wanna reach me," sung by Christina Milian opens "Kim Possible," the action show about a high school cheerleader who doubles as a crime fighter saving the world. She and her best friend Ron Stoppable fight villains like Doctor Drakken and Duff Killigan.

"Recess" was an equally-great animated series from Disney Channel, but some without cable would still recognize the show from its syndication on ABC's One Saturday Morning. T.J. Detweiler was the ringleader of a ragtag group of six friends (Vince, Spinelli, Mikey, Gretchen and Gus) going to school in the perfectly stereotypical Third Street School. The show lasted for an impressive six seasons and later spun off into a feature-length film.

"The Proud Family" rounds out the old school Disney Channel animated series lineup. It follows smart girl Penny Proud and her family members Sugar Mama, Trudy, Oscar and twin siblings CeCe and Bebe. Oscar Proud runs around embarrassing his daughter and Penny endures the usual childhood trials and tribulations. In a shocking revelation, I discovered that Destiny's Child and Solange Knowles voice the theme song to the show.

Old school Disney Channel shows are just as nostalgia-inducing as Nickelodeon shows, but the network has not brought any of my favorites out of the vault. Here's to hoping they do so in light of Nickelodeon's success.

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NASCAR

Kentucky Speedway to address traffic problems

Associated Press

SPARTA, Ky. — A Kentucky racetrack is turning some farmland into parking to avoid a repeat of the gridlock that marred an inaugural Sprint Cup Series event and shifted attention from the roaring racecars to the idling cars as irate fans missed the race.

Officials at Speedway Motorsports Inc., which owns and operates the track, said Tuesday they have acquired a 143-acre tract that will boost available parking by 35 percent to accommodate huge crowds that surpassed 100,000 for last month's long-awaited Sprint Cup race.

Work was under way during the track's announcement, as a weathered barn was leveled on the property and earth-moving equipment chugged to begin converting the farmland into a parking lot.

"We didn't do things as well as we had hoped on race day,"

said Kentucky Speedway General Manager Mark Simendinger. "But now you can see the commitment that we have to make sure that this never happens again

The state will assist with an estimated \$3.6 million in road improvements aimed at improving traffic flow.

The projects include widening a southbound ramp shoulder off nearby Interstate 71 to allow three lanes of traffic to exit onto a state highway that winds past the speedway. The state also will widen more than a half-mile of that state highway to five lanes and will construct a pedestrian tunnel beneath the highway.

Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear predicted the improvements "will take care of a big part of the logjam."

Beshear, who is in the midst of a re-election campaign, has boasted of Kentucky landing the coveted Sprint Cup race on his watch. The race attracted more

than 107,000 visitors and state officials have estimated an economic impact of up to \$150 million.

"We will speed up and help solve the challenge of getting fans into the speedway and make the races in 2012 and beyond a much smoother experience," Beshear said in joining track officials at the announcement.

The investments by the track and state drew an all-important nod of approval from a top NASCAR official.

"We believe improvements like these are necessary in order to ensure that our fans have the opportunity for an enjoyable race experience," NASCAR President Mike Helton said in a statement. "We appreciate these efforts and will continue to monitor the progress that is being made."

Kerry Tharp, a NASCAR spokesman who attended the announcement, said afterward

that NASCAR "made it very clear" to Kentucky Speedway officials that the traffic woes needed to be resolved. He said the announcement, coming about seven weeks after the race, "bodes well for the future here, for future events in NASCAR racing."

"What has to happen now is a successful execution of all of these plans," Tharp said in an interview. "And we have confidence that that's going to happen."

The Kentucky track gets another shot this season in October when it holds Truck Series and IndyCar races.

The track has hired a professional parking service with experience managing parking at prominent motorsports venues. The track also plans to hire a traffic engineering service to help design traffic management plans

In all, the track said it expects to spend about \$7.5 million to

expand parking, improve existing lots and improve traffic services. Simendinger said the extra parking will be ready before next year's big race.

"We have been completely focused on making sure that that traffic issue does not happen again," Simendinger said.

Kentucky Speedway had held Truck Series and Nationwide Series races in the past without massive congestion on I-71. The state spent millions of dollars over the last decade to improve the infrastructure around the venue in hopes of one day getting a Cup date.

But the specter of brake lights stretching for miles spoiled the track's coming out party as host of the Sprint Cup event. Vehicles were stuck in gridlock for hours on I-71, then inched along over-stuffed access roads.

Many fans said that once they got to the gate, they were turned away because the track had run out of parking.

NFL

Gore and 49ers reach agreement on contract extension

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Frank Gore has his new deal from the San Francisco 49ers, 13 days before the season opener. Just as he wished it.

Agent Jason Rosenhaus told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Gore had agreed to terms on a new three-year contract extension that keeps him with the team through 2014.

Gore is set to make \$21 million, with \$13.5 million in guaranteed money.

The team hadn't made a formal announcement. That likely will come Wednesday ahead of the Niners' exhibition finale Thursday night at San Diego.

Gore said earlier Tuesday that his primary agent, Drew Rosenhaus, had a productive, all-day meeting with team brass Monday. Gore said he instructed Rosenhaus to contact him when there was what he considered a "fair" offer on the table.

"Positive that they met face to face," Gore said. "Drew felt good about everything, (about) the talk."

The 28-year-old Gore, third on San Francisco's career rushing list heading into his seventh NFL season, had re-

peatedly said he wanted a new long-term deal before the Sept. 11 season opener against Seattle.

Both sides had been throwing around plenty of praise for the other party. 49ers team President Jed York and general manager Trent Baalke said they wanted Gore to be a "49er for life."

Gore said he even spoke to Baalke about working for the organization when he's done playing.

"I told Drew, man, just call me when he feels right, when he feels what's fair for both sides," Gore said. "Hopefully I can be a Niner. I want to be here for my whole career. Our GM said he wanted me here for my whole career. Hopefully my side, their side can get it done."

They did.

New coach Jim Harbaugh wouldn't address Gore's unsettled contract situation during his afternoon media availability.

"Frank is a true 49er. I've said that from when I first got here," Harbaugh said. "That's how I thought I would feel about Frank Gore. Now, I know how I feel about Frank Gore. The guy is awesome. Somebody should do a movie. Somebody should do the

Frank Gore story, because it's an awesome story."

Gore didn't play in last Saturday's 30-7 loss to the Houston Texans, and Harbaugh wouldn't say whether he would play in Thursday night's exhibition finale at San Diego. It's nothing new for him to sit, as Gore has rarely played during the preseason in the past.

Gore, who missed the final five games last season with a broken right hip, held out for the first four days of training camp, but has been his energetic, focused self on the field ever since.

There have been no signs of his 2010 injury, either. Gore hurt the hip in a Monday night game at Arizona on Nov. 29.

"I haven't noticed any lack of focus," quarterback Alex Smith said. "He's all in. He's here. He's been a part of everything. Jumped in full go, so I'm not really thinking or paying attention to any of that other stuff."

Gore sought a contract comparable to the \$43 million, five-year deal running back DeAngelo Williams — 20 days older than San Francisco's star — recently received from the Carolina Panthers. That includes \$21 million guaranteed. Williams missed the final 10 games last year with a



AP

49ers running back Frank Gore watches the team's 30-7 loss to the Texans from the sidelines Saturday in San Francisco.

sprained right foot.

Gore needs 931 yards to become the franchise's all-time leading rusher. While that is a goal, he also wants to have a big year to help turn the 49ers around after eight straight seasons without a playoff berth or winning record.

He ran for 853 yards and three touchdowns last year before getting hurt in his sixth NFL season. Gore also caught 46 passes for 452 yards and

two TDs. His 24 100-yard rushing games are the most in 49ers history.

The 49ers rewarded two other key players with long-term contracts last year.

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U.S. OPEN

Djokovic, Wozniacki bring superior games

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Didn't take too long to see that Novak Djokovic's right shoulder is feeling fine.

Which was good, because he was on court for less than an hour Tuesday.

He began his first-round match at the U.S. Open with a 121 mph service winner. Four points later, he closed that game with a 120 mph ace. He whipped forehands exactly where he wanted them. He returned well, too.

Playing his first match since Aug. 21, when he quit because of a sore and tired shoulder, the top-seeded Djokovic began setting aside any questions about his fitness for Flushing Meadows, building a 6-0, 5-1 lead before qualifier Conor Niland of Ireland stopped after 44 minutes. Niland had food poisoning.

"Great opening performance," Djokovic declared. "Today I didn't feel any pain. I served well, and I played well, so I have no concern."

He improved to 58-2 with nine titles in 2011, including at Wimbledon and the Australian Open, allowing the 24-year-old Serb to overtake Rafael Nadal — the defending U.S. Open champion who played his first-

round match Tuesday night — atop the rankings. Djokovic is on his way to compiling one of the greatest seasons in tennis history, particularly if he can earn his first championship at the U.S. Open, where in the past four years he's lost twice in the final and twice in the semifinals.

"This year has been tremendous — best so far in my career — and there has been a lot of talk about history-making and this incredible run," Djokovic said.

His showing Tuesday was the most noteworthy development in the men's draw during an afternoon session that included a second consecutive first-round departure from the U.S. Open by the sixth-seeded French Open champion Li Na. Since becoming China's first major singles champion at Paris in June, Li has gone 5-6, exiting in the second round at Wimbledon, then losing 6-2, 7-5 to 53rd-ranked Simona Halep of Romania on Tuesday.

"Terrible feeling," Li said. "I really want to do well after Roland Garros. But, I mean, it's not easy to do. Always easy to say, 'I want to do, I would like to do,' but always lose early. Now I even lose all the confidence on the court. I was feeling, 'Oh, tennis just too tough



Ana Ivanovic of Serbia returns a shot to Ksenia Pervak of Russia during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York on Tuesday. Ivanovic claimed the victory.

for me."

It's the first time in 40 years that none of the women's champions at a season's first three Grand Slam tournaments reached the second round at the U.S. Open. Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova lost her first-round match Monday, while Australian Open cham-

pion Kim Clijsters withdrew because of a stomach muscle injury.

The active leader for women's Grand Slam titles, Serena Williams, was to follow Nadal in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Tuesday night.

Earlier, top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki — who's been ranked No. 1 for most of the past year but is still in search of Grand Slam trophy No. 1 — defeated 125th-ranked Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain 6-3, 6-1.

Afterward, Wozniacki was asked about criticisms that she lacks a big-time shot.

"They can say what they want," said Wozniacki, who is dating U.S. Open golf champion Rory McIlroy. "I'm the type of player I am."

Among the past major winners who advanced Tuesday were 2010 French Open champion Francesca Schiavone, who overcame 16 double-faults, including four in her last service game; 2008 French Open champion Ana Ivanovic, whose blood pressure was checked by a trainer at the final changeover and said afterward she felt overwhelmed while thinking about the recent death of her grandfather; and two-time Grand Slam champion Svetlana Kuznetsova.

Other winners included No. 4 Victoria Azarenka, No. 10 Andrea Petkovic, No. 11 Jelena Jankovic and three young Americans: Sloane Stephens, CoCo Vandeweghe and Vania King.

Two seeded men lost during the day: No. 16 Mikhail Youzhny was beaten by Ernests Gulbis of Latvia 6-2, 6-4, 6-4, and No. 32 Ivan Dodig was

eliminated 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-0, 2-6, 6-2 by Nikolay Davydenko of Russia, who was a U.S. Open semifinalist in 2006 and 2007 and once was ranked No. 3 but now is 39th.

Winners included No. 5 David Ferrer, No. 11 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, No. 17 Jurgen Melzer and Americans James Blake and Donald Young.

Tsonga's next opponent is Sergei Bubka, the son of the pole-vault world record-holder of the same name, who is a qualifier ranked 207th and won his first Grand Slam match Tuesday.

Bubka and Djokovic are the same age and both live in Monte Carlo, so they have practiced together on occasion. Djokovic didn't do much in the way of hitting tennis balls in the time since he decided he couldn't continue while trailing in the second set of the Cincinnati Masters final against Andy Murray.

"Throughout the whole week I was carrying the pain and discomfort in my shoulder," Djokovic said. "After Cincinnati, I took some time off. I did everything to recover the shoulder."


Against Niland, Djokovic won the first seven games. After Niland finally got on the scoreboard, Djokovic took the last 16 points they played.

As well as Djokovic played, the 197th-ranked Niland — no man representing Ireland played at the U.S. Open in the Open era until this year — wasn't able to provide much resistance after whatever caused him problems at dinner Sunday night.

"We're thinking it was either salad or a pork dish," Niland said. "We're not giving away the name of the restaurant."

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NFL

Recharged, Vick promises strong showing

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Michael Vick shared some laughs, and offered up an occasional smile. But for the most part, his Tuesday press conference announcing his new contract was handled the same way he's handled everything since he landed in Philadelphia two years ago.

All business. "The common goal is to bring that ring back to the city of Philadelphia. That's why we play," Vick said. "That's what we're all working for. As a competitor, I don't feel my career will be complete without that."

And so begins the next phase in one of the league's more remarkable comeback stories. With the business of his new, six-year, \$100 million contract out of the way, it's time for Vick and the rest of the star-laden Eagles to shoot for that elusive Super Bowl title.

The Eagles won the 1960 NFL championship, but have been to just two Super Bowls since, losing both.

Not that there's any pressure or anything.

"It's a lot of money, how ever you look at it," Vick said. "Obviously, it's going to create a lot of demands. I know what comes along with it, and I know how to handle it."

Vick, 31, became the Eagles' backup quarterback when they traded Donovan McNabb to the Washington Redskins after the 2009 season, and he became the starter last September after replacing an injured Kevin Kolb.

He was named NFL Come-

back Player of the Year in 2010 after winning eight of 11 starts, throwing a career-high 21 touchdown passes and rushing for nine more. But despite engineering a memorable 38-31 comeback win over the New York Giants that ultimately led to the NFC East title in December, Vick and the Eagles were dumped at home a month later in the playoffs by the Green Bay Packers, 21-16, in the wild-card round.

But this year, knowing he'll open the season as the starter, and knowing he has perhaps the most name-heavy roster in the league on his side, it appears like it's Super Bowl or bust.

Which is why coach Andy Reid and Co. are more than happy to see the quarterback happy.

"This is a great story all the way through," Reid said. "This is really what America's all about. Second chance and Mike took full advantage of that. And then when he was given a second chance to start in the National Football League, he took full advantage of that and turned it into this."

And the next stop — after a detour vs. the New York Jets in the pre-season finale on Thursday — will be a week from Sunday in St. Louis, where Vick will make his first opening-day start in five years vs. the Rams.

"(I) go back in time and think about how hard it's been over the last two years," he said. "But (despite) the sacrifices I had to make and what I had to give up, it's been all worth it."



Associated Press

Eagles quarterback Michael Vick throws a quick pass under pressure from Browns defensive tackle Phil Taylor during a preseason NFL football game Thursday in Philadelphia.

But, in the end, will he be worth the money? The Eagles retained his rights by signing him to a one-year, \$16 million franchise tag in the offseason, but his new contract now runs through 2016. It's a bold statement for a franchise that has had its share of big-name quarterbacks in the past, only to walk away empty handed.

It's clear, though, they see something different this time around.

Eagles president Joe Banner concurs.

"When you give a player a contract, you're betting on the future, and you're using the evidence of what he's done to that point to evaluate your future projection," he said. "And if we didn't think Michael was somebody capable of leading this team to a Super Bowl, we never would have given him that contract."

"Now, our judgment has to be right, and he has to get on

the field and prove that. But we wouldn't be making this type of investment if we didn't view him that way."

Vick's deal makes him the third-highest-paid player in the NFL, behind only New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning. And the former No. 1 overall pick who served 19 months in a federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., on felony dogfighting charges before joining the Eagles, is now the first player in NFL history to sign more than one \$100 million contract in his career.

On Dec. 23, 2004, with the Falcons on their way to the NFC Championship game, where they lost to the Eagles, Vick signed a 10-year deal worth \$130 million. But he played only 32 games under that deal before legal problems derailed his career.

"I've learned ... don't take any-

thing for granted," Vick said. "I did that at one point when I had the big contract in Atlanta. And I think that will definitely help me now in understanding what's most important and how to move forward in my life."

Whether that life includes a Super Bowl title remains to be seen. But one thing's for sure. As much talent as this roster has, and as much hype as it's caused, the Eagles will be prepared for anything, win, lose, or draw.

"You don't give out contracts this size and have no fear. There are too many things in life," Banner said. "You can have a car accident. There is always fear when you have contracts of this magnitude because the impact of being wrong is so huge."

"But as far as Michael being who he is today, we're very confident. He is what he is 24 hours a day when we're with him, and we're confident in the person he is now."

MLB

Santiago's homer gives Tigers 2-1 win over Royals

Associated Press

DETROIT — Ramon Santiago hit a solo homer in the bottom of the 10th inning to give the Detroit Tigers a 2-1 win over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night.

Santiago, who entered the game in the eighth as a pinch-runner, lifted Aaron Crow's pitch over the right-field wall for only his fourth homer of the year. Joaquin Benoit (4-3) pitched two innings for the Tigers, matching his longest outing of the season.

Crow (3-4) struck out Wilson Betemit with the bases loaded to end the ninth, and he got the first out of the 10th before allowing Santiago's surprising homer.

Detroit starter Doug Fister retired the first 18 hitters he faced. He ended up allowing a run and four hits over 7 2-3 innings. He struck out six.

Fister was traded from Seattle to Detroit on July 30 as the Tigers tried to bolster their rotation for the stretch run. He received only 2.63 runs of support

per nine innings with the Mariners, and he must have felt as though he was back with them Tuesday when he took a perfect game into the seventh but ended up with a no-decision.

Alex Gordon ended Fister's bid with a leadoff double in the seventh. After Gordon moved to third on a sacrifice, Billy Butler drove him in with a sac fly to give the Royals a 1-0 lead.

The Tigers tied it in the eighth on Magglio Ordonez's two-out RBI single off reliever Greg Holland.

Kansas City starter Jeff Francis allowed two hits in 6 1-3 innings before being pulled with two on in the seventh. Holland retired Victor Martinez and Alex Avila to end the threat.

Holland has allowed only one of his 29 inherited runners to score this season, but he stayed in the game for the eighth inning and the Tigers managed to tie it. With men on first and third and two outs, Ordonez singled up the middle to make it 1-1.

The Royals had missed a chance to pad their lead in the

top of the eighth when they put men on second and third with one out. Shortstop Jhonny Peralta fielded Alcides Escobar's grounder and threw home to catch Mike Moustakas trying to score. Phil Coke then relieved Fister and struck out Gordon.

Detroit nearly won it in the ninth when Louis Coleman allowed three straight two-out walks, but Crow came in and got out of the jam.

Notes: In his last three starts, Fister has allowed two runs in 21 2-3 innings. ... Martinez's hard grounder in the ninth handcuffed first baseman Eric Hosmer, but the ball bounced off him and over to second baseman Chris Getz, who threw back to Hosmer covering first for an odd 3-4-3 groundout. ... It was Benoit's third outing of more than an inning this season. ... The Tigers and Royals will finish their four-game series with day games Wednesday and Thursday. Rick Porcello takes the mound for Detroit on Wednesday against Felipe Paulino. The Tigers are 9-5 against Kansas City this season.



Associated Press

Tigers' Ramon Santiago celebrates hitting a walk-off solo home run against the Royals in Detroit on Tuesday. Detroit won 2-1.

MLB

Rookies lead Astros to an easy victory over Pirates

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Don't feel too sorry for the young Astros. A slew of rookies is helping Houston's future seem a bit brighter. Rookie Henry Sosa allowed two hits and struck out seven over six innings, Matt Downs got his league-leading 12th pinch-hit RBI and the Astros rallied for an 8-2 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday night. Sosa was one of six rookies in

the starting lineup that helped push the Astros to their sixth victory in seven home games. Sosa got his second straight major league victory. J.D. Martinez drove in three runs, giving him 28 for the month — the most for an Astros rookie in any calendar year and third all-time for NL rookies in August. Jose Altuve hit his second major league homer and drove in two runs. What they started in the minor leagues, they are continu-

ing at the major league level. "It's no doubt when a guy comes up, especially from Double-A, he has some guys he's familiar with," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "J.D. was with us for a while in spring training. "At the same time, he spent the first four or five months with those guys. When he came up here it's good to have someone you know. All that breeds unity." Altuve homered in the fifth

against Charlie Morton (9-8) to tie it 2-2 and the Astros broke loose with six runs in the sixth on seven hits — a season best for an inning. Downs pinch hit for Sosa and singled to left for the go-ahead run. Altuve added an RBI single, Martinez drove in two runs with a single, and Carlos Lee and Jimmy Paredes also had run-scoring hits in the inning. "We are pushing each other all the time trying to make each other better," Martinez said.

"We are confident. "We have that confidence that we can tell each other, 'What are you doing. Let's go.' We've played with each other so long. We want nothing but the best for each other. It's nice to have." Sosa walked Ronny Cedenoto start the third inning. Cedenowas sacrificed to second and scored on Alex Presley's long single to center. Martinez also had an RBI hit in the seventh. He went 3 for 5 to lead Houston's 13-hit attack.

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U.S. OPEN

Wozniacki's new coach remains a mystery

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's funny what questions some people will and won't answer.

Take the world's top-ranked tennis player, Caroline Wozniacki.

Her boyfriend? Sure, she's been seeing Rory McIlroy of late.

Her new coach? Well, that, Wozniacki insists, must remain a mystery.

Wozniacki opened her latest quest for her first Grand Slam title with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain on Tuesday. It was a drama-free afternoon in Arthur Ashe Stadium that left the most interesting stuff for the post-match interview.

How were things going with McIlroy, golf's reigning U.S. Open champion whom she

"I'm trying to stay up there as long as possible, and it doesn't really matter what people are saying. No one can ever take that away from me."

**Caroline Wozniacki
Women's U.S. Open
participant**

started dating this summer?

"You know, he has something I'm looking for and I have something he's looking for," she said. "He wants to be No. 1. So it's good to have something on each other."

Does the No. 1 ranking, when it's not accompanied by a major title, feel like a burden or an honor?

"I'm trying to stay up there as long as possible, and it doesn't really matter what people are saying," she said. "No one can ever take that away from me."

And why not end the suspense and tell us who that new coach of yours is?

"Yeah, well, I have to respect him, as well," she said. "So if he wants to be in the background and not have his name out, I have to respect that."

Though she's refusing to

name names, Wozniacki is clearly looking for another gear and a few more weapons as she tries to add to a resume that includes 46 of the last 47 weeks at No. 1 but no major championships and only one trip to a Grand Slam final.

viewed as a rough summer, losing her first match at both Toronto and Cincinnati — considered key lead-ups to the year's last Grand Slam. But last week, she won for the fourth straight year at New Haven, and suddenly, the critics seem more like alarmists.

"I know that I'm back on track," she said. "I know that everyone has to write their stories. I think we should move on. Ask me about something else, something more interesting."

There wasn't much interesting about this match, except maybe for the observation that Wozniacki didn't need to bring out any new weapons to defeat Llagostera Vives, the diminutive counterpuncher ranked 125th and playing her first singles match on the U.S. Open main show court.

This was typical Wozniacki



Associated Press

Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark watches a ball hit by Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain in the first round of the U.S. Open Tuesday.

— steady groundstrokes and long points, made longer on a surface that players say has been playing slower this year.

A number of the ex-players who now work as analysts on TV say Wozniacki's kind of game isn't suited to winning Grand Slams, especially not the kind of grind that the U.S. Open can be.

Wozniacki isn't listening.

"They can say what they want," she said. "I'm the type of player I am. I've won a lot of tournaments. I'm No. 1 in the world, and of course I can still improve. There are a lot of things to my game I can still improve, but everyone can."

MLB

White Sox bullpen dominates over Twins offense

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Alejandro De Aza helped the Chicago White Sox survive a stormy few innings. The bullpen took care of the rest.

De Aza drove in a career-high four runs to lead the White Sox to their fifth straight win, 8-6 over the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday night.

Chicago overcame a pair of three-run deficits in the middle innings, going ahead with a five-run fifth before holding on with the help of 4 1-3 shut-out innings by the bullpen.

De Aza's three-run homer in the fourth tied it 3-all. He also walked and scored two runs. Paul Konerko doubled, scored twice and had an RBI during Chicago's decisive five-run rally.

"Yeah it feels great because anyway I can try to help the team, it's going to feel good," De Aza said.

Will Ohman (1-3) got the win and Sergio Santos struck out the side in the ninth for his 28th save.

"I think the bullpen is one of the strongest things we've got all year long, the most consistent," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "That's a big part of American League baseball."

The comebacks got starter Zach Stewart off the hook after he allowed six runs and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings.

"I wasn't really happy with (the outing)," Stewart said. "I just didn't feel like I pitched very good. We did a great job of battling back."

Jason Kubel hit a three-run homer for Minnesota, which fell 23 games below .500 for the first time since the end of the 200 season. The Twins are 6-21 this month, ensuring the worst August in franchise his-

tory.

Twins starter Anthony Swarzak (3-5) allowed eight runs — six earned — over 4 1-3 innings.

"They got guys on and got them in, and that's what it's all about," Swarzak said.

The White Sox remained five games behind first-place Detroit in the AL Central. The Tigers beat Kansas City 2-1 in 10 innings earlier Tuesday.

The game came to life in the fourth with three straight three-run frames and Chicago's wild five-run fifth — which erased a 6-3 deficit.

The White Sox sent 10 bat-

ters to the plate in the inning and were helped by an error and two hit batsmen. Michael Cuddyer threw the ball away on what might have been an inning-ending double play, opening the floodgates for Chicago.

"You finally score some runs, but as you see, defensively we didn't make enough plays again and you give it back to them," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said. "Those are the frustrating things."

Konerko had an RBI double. Two runs scored on Cuddyer's miscue to tie the game 6-6. The go-ahead run scored when

reliever Alex Burnett hit Gordon Beckham on the helmet with the bases loaded.

Kubel launched a drive into the back of the Twins' bullpen in right field, putting Minnesota ahead 3-0 in the fourth.

Chicago came right back with De Aza's three-run shot into the same bullpen.


"When (De Aza) hit the home run, I knew (we) were going to get some energy in the dug-out, right away," Guillen said. "Seems like he's been doing everything the team needs him to do."

Stewart couldn't take advantage of the second chance, giv-

ing up three runs and exiting in the fifth. Joe Mauer laced a two-run double and scored on Cuddyer's single.

After 14 runs were scored in two innings, Chicago's bullpen quieted the game down. Ohman got the last out of the fifth, Jason Frasor threw a scoreless sixth and Chris Sale struck out four over two scoreless frames, setting up Santos.

"Everyone of the guys in our bullpen I think can be a closer and throw the ninth," Santos said. "We feel like that's our strong point. ... We're kind of going on all cylinders right now."



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MLB

Marlins’ Dobbs visits injured fan in hospital

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Before heading to the ballpark Tuesday, Greg Dobbs stopped at the hospital.

The Marlins third baseman wanted to visit 12-year-old Eli Shalomoff, who was hit in the face by a line drive Monday during a game between Florida and the New York Mets.

Dobbs said he went to Elmhurst Hospital and spent a little more than an hour with the boy and his family. He said the boy was doing OK after he was struck square in the face by Dobbs’ foul liner in the opening game of a doubleheader at Citi Field.

“He’s in as good spirits as he can be,” Dobbs said. “He’s tired, obviously. He’s dealing with a concussion, all the

tests and everything. He’s run down, he’s hurting, but he’s on the mend, thank God. Thank God it wasn’t any worse.”

Shalomoff was released about 8 p.m. on Tuesday night, according to Atiya Butler, assistant director of public affairs at Elmhurst Hospital.

In addition to the concussion, Dobbs said the boy has a broken nose and a fractured sinus. But he said doctors do not anticipate any permanent damage, which was a big sigh of relief for Dobbs.

“Absolutely. You think of the worst, but you pray for the best.

It’s just natural. You see a kid with a pool of blood in his lap holding up a towel to his face as he’s being carted off, it’s not a good sight,” he said.

The boy was hurt in the ninth inning when Dobbs hooked a line drive into the right-field seats, just beyond a photo well next to the New York dugout. Stadium medical workers immediately tended to the boy, who was bleeding heavily. Accompanied by his mother, he was carted away in a wheelchair after the game and taken in an ambulance to the hospital, where he

was kept overnight.

According to Dobbs, the boy said he never saw the ball coming at him because another fan jumped up in front of him trying to catch it, blocking his view.

“He said it was just like a flash, just boom. He had no idea,” Dobbs said.

The infielder said he has a couple of ideas for a care package that he wants to send to the boy, who is more of a Yankees fan than a Mets backer, Dobbs said.

“He loves soccer, he wants to try out for hockey. I asked his favorite players. We shared photos of his family, my family and stuff. He’s a really neat little kid,” Dobbs added. “It was fun. It was good. The mom and dad were very upbeat, they were very positive because ob-

viously the doctors are giving them a very positive prognosis.”

One of the reasons Dobbs was so shaken up is that he has two children of his own, a 4-year-old girl and a 1-year-old boy.

“That’s one of the things I told her,” Dobbs said, referring to the boy’s mother. “As a parent, I completely understand. I completely empathize. It’s a parent’s worst nightmare.”

Dobbs spoke with the boy’s mother after the doubleheader Monday and again early Tuesday for an update and to make sure it would be OK to visit.

“I’m not just a guy in a uniform playing a game. We’re all human. When an unfortunate thing happens like that and you impact someone’s life, you should show you care.”

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Greg Dobbs
Marlins infielder

MLB

Sabathia guides Yankees to victory over Red Sox

Associated Press

BOSTON — CC Sabathia finally snapped out of his Red Sox funk, and it took an extra effort to do it.

The big Yankees left-hander struck out 10 on Tuesday night, throwing a season-high 128 pitches in six innings to beat Boston for the first time in five tries and lead New York to a 5-2 victory. The Yankees

improved to 3-13 this season against the Red Sox, who still lead the AL East by one-half game.

“It’s always a big game when you’re playing the team you’re chasing,” Sabathia said, conceding to reporters that he had grown tired of the reminders of his struggles against Boston. “Of course, when you guys won’t stop talking about it.”

Sabathia (18-7) had been

0-4 with a 7.20 ERA against the Red Sox this year, and 17-3 with a 2.40 ERA against the rest of baseball. He allowed two runs on 10 hits and two walks; only once in his career has he thrown more than 128 pitches.

“He got big outs when he had to, and that’s CC,” said Yankees manager Joe Girardi, who was ejected with one out to go after Mariano Rivera hit

a swinging Jarrod Saltalamacchia with a pitch — the fourth hit batter of the game. “It’s not like me to blow my top, but it’s an important game. This is a huge game, a huge series.”

Mariano Rivera finished the ninth for his 35th save.

John Lackey (12-10) allowed five runs — four earned — on seven hits and four walks, striking out three. Nick Swisher had three hits, and Francisco Cervelli hit a solo homer in the fifth, clapping as he crossed the plate. That may have been why, when he came up again in the seventh, Lackey hit him in the back, sparking a bench-clearing staredown.

“I totally understand how it could look that way. Guy hit a home run. Next at-bat, first pitch, you hit him,” Saltalamacchia said. “We had no intent on hitting him. It just happened that way.”

After getting hit, Cervelli moved toward the mound as the dugouts slowly emptied and home plate umpire Ed Rapuano tried to maintain order. There was nothing more than jawing back and forth, and in the end Yankees pitching coach Larry Rothschild was ejected.

In the first inning, Curtis Granderson took one off the end of the bat — or the hand, depending on whom you believe — and then Sabathia plunked Jacoby Ellsbury to lead off the bottom half.

“It’s part of the game,” Cervelli said. “Yankees-Boston, everybody wants to win.”

New York took a 1-0 lead in the second and made it 3-0 in the fourth when Robinson Cano hit an RBI double and scored on Eric Chavez’s single. After Boston cut the lead to 3-2 on Carl Crawford’s homer and an RBI double by Marco

Scutaro, New York added Cervelli’s solo homer in the fifth and Derek Jeter’s run-scoring double play in the seventh that made it 5-2.

The Red Sox had 13 hits in all, but Saltalamacchia stranded seven and Adrian Gonzalez stranded five; each struck out three times. It was also a rough day at the plate for Jorge Posada, who left five men on and grounded into a pair of double plays, and Jeter, who returned after missing two games with a bruised kneecap, grounded out five times.

Notes: Game 2 of the series will match Phil Hughes and Josh Beckett. Beckett is 3-0 vs. the Yankees this season in four starts. Hughes is coming off a rocky start against Oakland, when he allowed six earned runs in 2 2-3 innings of a 22-9 Yankees victory. ... Keegan Bradley, a Vermont native who won the PGA Championship this month, threw out the ceremonial first pitch and gave a big fist pump afterward. ... Red Sox knuckleballer Tim Lincecum won’t pitch in the upcoming series against Texas. Instead he’ll make his start against Toronto. Andrew Miller, Erik Bedard and Lackey will face the Rangers. ... Manager Terry Francona said RHP Clayton Kershaw will continue to rehabilitate slowly. “Whether this turns into him pitching (this season) or not, we don’t know, but it’s still exciting in the fact that he’s done so well to this point.” ... Yankees 3B Alex Rodriguez was out of the lineup, one day after receiving a cortisone injection for his sprained left thumb.

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CC Sabathia
Yankees pitcher

Tefft

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Mathews said Tefft’s return to the program should be a seamless transition from player to coach.

“She knows our team chemistry,” Mathews said. “She’s going to come in and fit perfectly, and it isn’t going to take her any time to adjust.”

Tefft is eager to see first-hand how her former teammates have grown in her absence.

“Shannon and Kristy have both improved a lot since their freshman year,” Tefft said. “We will look for the same level of leadership from them this year as co-captains.”

“They see her All-American banner when we practice. They can’t wait to have her as part of the team.”

Shannon Mathews
senior co-captain

For now, Frilling and Mathews have been leading practices and conditioning workouts for the fall tournaments, which begin Oct. 1.

“Once we start with the coaches, we’re going to be getting ready for the fall tournaments as well as improving our conditioning and getting a good base for our lifting that can take us through the entire season,” Mathews said.

Mathews said all of the girls are eager to meet their new coach.

“Even the girls who haven’t met her are excited,” Mathews said. “They see her All-American banner when we practice. They all can’t wait to have her as a part of the team.”

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New Irish assistant coach Kelcy Tefft, a 2009 graduate, goes for the ball on April 14, 2008 against Marquette during her time as an All-American at Notre Dame.

McHugh

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nally thought I would stay and play in California, but Notre Dame contacted me, I visited and I loved it.”

Part of Notre Dame’s West Coast access stems from associate head coach Robin Davis, formerly the head coach at Boise State and a former beach volleyball and AVP tour player. McHugh committed to Boise State before ultimately choosing Notre Dame.

“I loved Coach Davis, and he was a big part of getting me to Notre Dame,” McHugh said. “It also didn’t hurt that there were a bunch of California girls already on the team.”

While a school like the University of Texas has a football roster comprised almost exclusively of in-state talent, the Irish are more comparable to the Northwestern women’s lacrosse team than to the Longhorns. Winners of six of the last seven national championships, the Wildcats’ roster features 11 players from Long Island, N.Y.

For the coaches, regardless of geography, recruiting is simply a matter of going where the best athletes are. For the Californians, coming to a team that features players with similar backgrounds is a little bit of home in snowy South Bend.

“I love having teammates from California,” McHugh said. “We commiserate over the winter and talk about all the things we miss from back home. They were definitely a huge part of what brought me here and what makes me so comfortable here.”

Through the long winter months, the Californians now proudly call Notre Dame their home, and the Irish coaching staff is happy to have them.

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Scodro

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still have a lot to learn.

Coming into the season, Scodro ranks as one of the top golfers in Notre Dame’s history and boasts the third best career shot average of just under 74. The senior has also been listed on the all-Big East team in each of his three years and earned the title of Big East Player of the Year last season.

Yet something was still left unchecked on his college to-do list: the U.S. Amateur national championship.

“[The national championships] are on every college golfer’s checklist,” Scodro said. “It’s just something that you have got to do. It meant a lot to me with all of the things that I have accomplished, but it was something for me to do on a personal level.”

This year was his last chance to represent Notre Dame at the U.S. Amateur national championship, one of the biggest stages for a collegiate golfer.

Scodro played at the British Amateur national championship, where he missed the cut

after the first few days of action. The international experience, Scodro said, shaped his game and kept him focused on the big prize.

“The tournament had a huge field with early cuts, and I just sort of played myself out of it,” Scodro said. “But it made me more patient in my approach, and it definitely helped me to keep moving on.”

Scodro’s shot at the U.S. Amateurs came during a two-day amateur qualifying event in Michigan, where only the top three golfers from the region advanced to the national championship. But it seemed as though, once again, the rightly shot himself out of the competition by carding a 75 (+5) on the first day.

But rather than immediately folding, Scodro pushed forward with a simple approach.

“I definitely knew that it was going to be one shot at a time,” Scodro said. “I just needed to try to keep it going and clean up my game a little bit.”

And that he did as the Ping All-Midwest selection rattled off a 67 (-3) on the same course the next day to place him in a three-way playoff for only two remaining spots. One phenomenal chip shot

later sent the senior into the opening rounds of the national championship, adding a check to the list.

“It seemed like a basic chip, so I played it aggressive because I knew that I could do it,” he said.

But the result of his U.S. Amateurs appearance was a draw against the No. 1 amateur golfer in the world, UCLA’s Patrick Cantlay — a 21st place finisher at the U.S. Open, ahead of Phil Mickelson and Ernie Els among others.

“I was pretty excited to go up against the number one [amateur golfer],” Scodro said. “It was a good opportunity to measure myself to a player of that caliber.”

Though Scodro lost to Cantlay in the next round, the experience was indispensable, especially for a veteran returning to defend a Big East title and looking to add more hardware to an already extensive collection.

“Amateurs was just an amazing learning experience for me,” he said. “Hopefully now we can repeat with a Big East championship and fight for that national title.”

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Kelly

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31-26 victory over Clemson in the Meineke Car Care Bowl on Dec. 31.

“As it relates to players, you start with B.J. Daniels, the quarterback,” Kelly said.

“When I was in the Big East we had to try to defend B.J. Daniels, and it’s a challenge to say the least. He’s extremely athletic, he can throw the football. Here’s a young man that obviously has a lot of confidence and momentum coming into the season.”

In order to simulate Daniels’ dynamic style of play, Kelly said the scout team has used freshman Everett Golson and sophomore Andrew Hendrix in practice.

“When you’re dealing with a quarterback that’s a dual-threat with the ability to run, you have to go over all those things that put the ball in his hands, whether it be option, or

read-option, or sprint-out,” he said. “Everett and Andrew certainly assist in that preparation. Both of them have helped this week in preparing for B.J. Daniels because they’re both guys you have to defend as it relates to running the ball.”

In the end, Kelly’s familiarity with South Florida may give Notre Dame the advantage in the first meeting between the two programs, particularly on the defensive side of the ball. As the former coach of the Bearcats, Kelly led then-No. 8 Cincinnati to a 34-17 victory over then-No. 21 South Florida on the road Oct. 15, 2009, limiting Daniels to 284 yards of offense and two touchdowns.

“Purdue was a lot different for me last year because I had not played Purdue,” Kelly said. “If you’re stacking up openers, I’m a little more familiar with South Florida and coach Holtz and his style of offense and defense. We’re always going to be ready for that exotic play.”

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Senior backup running back Jonas Grey runs a route during a practice drill in the rain Aug. 6. The Irish are working hard in preparation for their first home opener this Saturday.

FOOTBALL

Challenges Ahead

Kelly discusses the challenges in facing a fresh team for upcoming season opener

By CHRISTOPHER MASOUD
Assistant Managing Editor

As far as home openers are concerned, Notre Dame has enjoyed an .844 winning percentage and has recorded a victory in nine of its last 10 contests, including a 23-12 victory over Purdue last season.

As far as Irish coach Brian Kelly is concerned, 2011 is a new season, South Florida is a potential BCS contender and Bulls coach Skip Holtz is a formidable opponent because of his track record not his lineage.

"South Florida is going to be a great challenge for us," Kelly said. "It starts with their head coach Skip Holtz. He's done a very good job in a short period of time. What people need to understand is that he's had great experience as a head coach. A lot of publications have picked them to be a BCS team, a big challenge for us in the opener."

While many have earmarked Saturday's contest as the re-

turn of former Irish coach Lou Holtz's son to Notre Dame, where he served as a player in 1986 and an assistant coach from 1990-93, Kelly maintained that his players have remained focused on the task at hand earning the first win of the season.

"We were locked in pretty good [Monday]. I think we've taken breaks at the right time for our team not to be stale mentally, and I think those breaks have allowed us to have a lot of energy in our practices," Kelly said. "We know that it can be a grind, but once it's game week, it changes everything."

The task will be made especially difficult by the exceptional talent of Bulls quarterback B.J. Daniels. Entering his junior season, Daniels has amassed 4,576 yards of total offense and 36 touchdowns in his first two full seasons, which was capped by an MVP-performance in South Florida's

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Irish coach Brian Kelly gives directions in the rain at the LaBar Practice Fields on August 6th. The Irish will kick off their season Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium against South Florida.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Former Irish All-American rejoins team as assistant coach

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Former Notre Dame All-American Kelcy Tefft will begin her new position as the assistant coach for the Irish when practices commence Friday.

As 2009 graduate of Notre Dame, Tefft is no stranger to the team. She holds the school record for most career wins (265) and was named Big East Player of the Year during her senior season.

"I'm very excited to be return-

ing to Notre Dame as a coach," Tefft said. "Notre Dame has one of the best athletic departments in the country, so it is such an honor to be part of it."

Tefft graduated from Notre Dame with an incredible impact on the women's tennis program. She was a two-time All-American and a two-time participant in both the NCAA Singles Championship and NCAA Doubles Championship.

Tefft also has several personal experiences with current team members. Senior captains

Shannon Mathews and Kristy Frilling were freshmen when Tefft was a senior.

"[Tefft] was one of the hardest workers on our team that year," Mathews said. "She was such a great leader. It's just kind of an awesome experience to have her bookend my college career."

Frilling served as Tefft's final collegiate doubles partner, as the pair ultimately reached a No. 2 national ranking.

"It definitely will be a bit weird at times because I'm so

used to having her as a teammate, friend, and partner," Frilling said. "I know I'm going to want to just hang out with her, but now we'll have to have a bit more of a professional relationship. But it will still be great because she is a close friend and I'm really looking forward to seeing her again."

Tefft left the University of Tulsa where she spent two years as an assistant coach for the Golden Hurricane. In 2010, Tulsa broke into the ITA national polls at No. 19 with Tefft's help.

Back in South Bend, Tefft is excited to make the transition from her familiar role of player to the unknown role of being a part of the coaching staff.

"I'm thrilled to be working for Coach Louderback," Tefft said, referring to Irish head coach Jay Louderback, who coached her through all four years at Notre Dame. "I look forward to learning more from him, but now as a coach rather than a player."

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MEN'S GOLF

Scodro looks for top golf title

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Three years went by fast for senior Max Scodro — too fast.

The awards piled up, as did the priceless experience gained from golf tournaments as a freshman that seem so far away to the Chicago native now.

"It's pretty crazy seeing the freshmen come in each year," Scodro said. "I just remember being in that same spot, trying to do whatever I could for the team. It definitely flew by."

A veteran senior equipped with a sage-like mentality of the game, Scodro claims to



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Senior Max Scodro analyzes his shot Sept. 27, 2010 at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic at Notre Dame.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

California girls run to play for Coach Brown

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

While Notre Dame volleyball may not have the same visibility as NCAA football or basketball for nationwide recruiting each year, the program has recently gained attention by locating a particular geographical niche with a pool of talented players.

Irish coach Debbie Brown found her gold mine in the Golden State. Of the 14 current players on the Notre Dame roster, six hail from California and call the West Coast home.

The influx of talented players from California has grown in recent years, such as sophomore outside hitter Andrea McHugh, who hails from Yorba Linda, Calif. McHugh, the reigning Big East Freshman of the Year, was named the conference's first Player of the Week for the 2011 season.

"I started playing volleyball in the eighth grade, and it really just took off from there," McHugh said. "You start playing on better and better club teams, and the competition gets pretty intense. I origi-

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