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

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

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

Over 60 NDFCU members have contacted the credit union to freeze their accounts after receiving one or more e-mails from an unknown scammer masquerading as the NDFCU.

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

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

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

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

"Late Friday, a second wave of fraudulent e-mails capitalized on the event," said NDFCU.com.

Student body president Liz Brown and vice president Maris Braun have had a busy year, but it's only going to get busier.

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

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

King of Troy

Freshman ladies: Looking for your future husband? Look no further than Michael Troy. I know what you might be thinking, Who is Michael Troy? Asking such a question is only forgivable because young Michael has grasped the Notre Dame campus with his presence for a mere 14 days. This spectacular young lad hails from Charlotte, N.C., also my hometown.

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

Even at a young age, Michael proved wise beyond his years. I recall fondly one football weekend when Michael and his father came to visit my family when we still lived here in South Bend. His fascination with Notre Dame and its football tradition was matched only by his superior intellectual curiosity. Michael proceeded one evening to teach me how to play all of our computer games, including my personal favorite, Rollercoaster Tycoon.

Michael's genius only grew in high school, as he fulfilled his passion for physics when he joined the science team. My new friend is not only a left-side-of-the-brain kind of guy. He also made all the young ladies of Charlotte Catholic swoon as a string tenor in the mixed choir group. He even shocked his groove thing in the school musical. Before I knew it, my childhood friend was already looking at colleges. He knew all along that he belonged right here under the Dome.

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

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

Michael's fine intellect intimidated college kids even as a high schooler. Sure, my friend was smart, but this guy cannot possibly be any better. Wrong.

Young Michael is a certified life-guard and was a stand out on the high school state swim team. This disheveled, chlorine-bleached blond hair does something to a girl I cannot explain. Michael also has his boater's license and a passion for exploring the uncharted romantic waters of the South Carolina coast. Tired of the monotony of campus life? Michael can show you a whole new world.

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

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Question of the Day: What kind of music would you make if you were an artist, and why?

Janett DeAngelo, grad student, off campus

"Indie rock and roll for me."

Kim Schlesinger, freshman, Lewis

"Rock music, because it is my favorite."

Roosevelt Kelley, senior, off campus

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

Malory Jacobs, junior, Lewis

"&RB, because it feeds my soul."

Maggie Cuhane, junior, McGlinn

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

In Brief

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

The Sinte Museum will show "The Camera and Rainbow: Color in Photography," today. Admission is free.

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

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

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

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

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

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COR

Students may form coalition for town relations

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

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

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

Brown updated COR members on her latest initiatives to combat the city's proposed ordinance limiting the number of people who could drink together. The city's coalition, Brown said, noted that the city's proposed ordinance would bring 25 people to drinking at the same time. She also mentioned the possibility of another coalition that would bring 10 people to drinking together.

Brown said she will meet with city leaders Thursday to discuss the coalition's membership. The coalition, Brown said, may be restricted to Notre Dame students.

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

It is unknown which parties will be students, Common Council, SBPD or residents, but Brown said she will form and lead the proposed committee.

While the coalition would not join Notre Dame and South Bend communities, similar organizations have been formed at other universities or community colleges. Representatives discuss multi-school, community leaders council to work on student-resident communication.

COR members decided that the coalition should not form a coalition of its own but should continue to work with the city and the university. They also decided that the coalition should focus on student perspectives.

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

Liz Brown, student body president of Notre Dame, said that the coalition will not become just another venue for discussion, but a starting place for action.

"We talk a lot. We would prefer to moderate the discussion and programs," she said.

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

Despite the incident, many COR members agreed that student should not expect preferential treatment from the SBPD.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sainte Marie celebrations.

Today, she also attend.

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Moreau

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to attend. More than a dozen submitted essays for the student ambassador, according to Sister Rose Ann Schultz, vice president for mission.

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

The college is sponsoring Nickell, mathe­men­tor profes­sor Joanne Snow and Director of Donor Relations Addie Cashore to attend the ceremonies in France as Saint Mary's ambassadors.

College President Carol Ann Mooney, her husband, George Elta, Schultz and student faculty and staff members will also attend. More than 130 people serving in ministries sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Cross will attend, Schultz said. Every member of the delegation had to submit an essay application to take part in the celebration.

The group will leave Sept. 9 and will return on the follow­ing Tuesday.

Upon their return, Nickell and the other attendees will present their experiences to the college and, Nov. 9, they will travel to Chicago to present to the Chicago Club of Saint Mary's.

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

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

Saint Mary's, along with several other Holy Cross con­gregations, helped plan the events for the upcoming cere­monies.

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

The opening of the beatifi­cation celebration will take place in Lagni­ennule — Moreau's birthplace, she said.

On Sept. 15, the Mass and rites of beatifi­cation will be celebrated by the papal nuncio, Bishop Jacques Faivre of Le Mans. Bishop Jacques Faivre of Le Mans will preside, and Father Jose Maria Sarrava Martinez, pro­fessor of the Vat­ican Congregation for the Causes of the Saints, will represent Pope Benedict XVI and will present the papal decree, signifying Moreau as blessed, Schultz said.

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On Sept. 16, a Mass of thanksgiving will be cele­brated at the Cathedral of St. Julian, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, former archbishop of Washington D.C., will preside, Schultz said. She called the event a milestone for the Holy Cross com­munity.

"It is a graced moment in our diocese and in the life of Saint Mary's College community and is an opportunity for us to learn more about this holy man whose vision for education was absolutely remarkable," she said.

"Moreau's vision has inspired us and it's an opportu­nity for us to carry on his enduring mission of education," said Haley Nickell, Saint Mary's senior.

Two ND students named ISI honors fellows

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

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

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

Founded in 1923, ISI works to identify the best and the brightest college students and to nurture in these future leaders the American ideal of ordered liberty.

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Stavinoha, who spent eight weeks working in the Haiti Program.

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

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International News

Jamaican PM will not concede

KINGSTON—Jamaica's first female prime minister followed her cautious approach to concede defeat Tuesday as officials began a final tally of ballot papers.

With her party apparently suffering a losing result on the island's Sunday's vote, Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller refused to give up, saying the final count—expected to take two or three days—could shift enough close races for her People's National Party to win.

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

Police detonate old WWII bombs

BERLIN—The earth shakes briefly in Berlin's Mittelteilkreis city park, and a cloud of rain-soaked dirt rises over the few in the woods.

Police have just detonated a football-sized anti-tank grenade from World War II.

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

It's an occurrence so common that police explosives experts Thomas Mehlhorn and Jorg Neumann can joke about their dedicated job as they load pieces of scrapmetal from wet dirt doing kneading of the earth.

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

National News

Rich adventurer missing in Nevada

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

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

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

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Belgium

Scientologists might stand trial

Church expected to face criminal charges for extortion scandals

Associated Press

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

Scientology said it would fight the recommendations made by a special prosecutor, but that it had already been active for nearly half a century.

Scientists have been active in Belgium for nearly 50 years. In 2003, it opened an international office near the city, which has become the group's main office for the entire continent.

The German government has already decided to move the organization's headquarters back to Germany, where it was based before World War II.

In Washington, the State Department said that any such action would be consistent with Belgium's interests and contribute to the common good.

Brown

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be able to respond to that — not directly, with any sort of connection to the cases, but by using our actions to say well, actually, you can depend on me to do what's right for you. Obviously we have our goals, but we also have other things that we can accomplish.

According to the acceptance of Domer Dollars in the student government, the exchange program in the dining halls has been postponed until after the Georgia Tech game last weekend. Braun and his campaign have started to punch the other candidates for Domer Dollars, but the campaign's success will depend on the next game, this weekend.

Brown and Braun said they are ready to tackle the initiatives they campaigned on, and continue to win supporters that might come when the program is up.

Last week's election was a win for both students, and the two candidates have been awarded significant goals — and respond to unforeseen issues with the student government.

At last week's Student Senate meeting, Braun said he is confident in the initiative's ability to work with the state government, and that the initiative needs to be pursued.

On Wednesday, Braun was joined by 30 other people who attended the meeting to discuss the initiative. Braun said that he believes the initiative can continue to work, and that the initiative needs to be continued.

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Mattel expands Chinese toy recall

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

Associated Press

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

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

Mattel officials did not immediately return phone calls on Tuesday.

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

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

Lead can cause brain damage when ingested by young children. In recent regulations, children’s products found to have more than 0.06 percent lead accessible to users are subject to a recall.

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

Still, the last action could be yet another blow to Mattel, which had cultivated an image of tightly controlling production in China. The Consumer Product Safety Commission said Tuesday it was considering a possible investigation of whether Mattel notified authorities as quickly as it should have in connection with the Aug. 14 recall.

With more than 90 percent of toys sold worldwide in made in China, toy sellers are nervous that shoppers will shy away from their products in this year’s critical holiday season.

Late last month, Toys "R" Us announced it was recalling thousands of art sets made in China due to excessive levels of lead in some black watercolor paints.

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

Wall Street extends summer rebound

NEW YORK — Wall Street extended its rebound from the big summer slump Tuesday after dips in manufacturing growth and construction spending raised investors’ hopes for an economic recovery in the third quarter.

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

Though Tuesday’s economic data came in a bit slower than anticipated, the market built on the sharp gains it made Friday. Ahead of Labor Day weekend, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the central bank stood ready to "act as needed" to prevent credit troubles from hurting the national economy — which investors believed limited the Fed’s willingness to lower rates.

When investors returned from the long weekend, the Institute for Supply Management said the manufacturing sector expanded more slowly in August than in July, and the Commerce Department said construction activity fell in July by 0.4 percent.

Wall Street was pleased that the snapshots were neither too weak nor too strong — suggesting the economy isn’t falling apart, but that the Fed will be inclined to cut the benchmark federal funds rate when it meets Sept. 18, after more than a year of holding rates steady.

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

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

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 91.12, or 0.68 percent, to 13,448.36. The broader index of 30 Dow companies was General Motors Corp., which rose $1.18, or 3.8 percent, to $31.92 after reporting a surprising increase in August sales.

Broader stock indicators also advanced. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index added 15.43, or 1.05 percent, to 1,489.42, and the technology-dominated Nasdaq composite index surged 33.88, or 1.30 percent, to 2,639.24.
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Michigan moves up its primaries
A return to non-interventionism

George Washington rightly sits atop most people’s list of “great” Presidents. Not only was he critical to the success of the American Revolution and the subsequent founding of the United States of America, he also managed to keep the fragile young republic out of European troubles. France was in the midst of a revolution which resulted in a gruesome and bloody war with England and others. Washington realized that avoiding such bloodbaths was essential to the future prosperity of the United States. It was wise to anticipate that the President published his letter to the American people at the conclusion of his second term in office.

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

Washington’s call for non-interventionism was largely heeded by his successors. Thomas Jefferson famously said at his inaugural address in 1801 that America should “shun entangling alliances with none.” Similarly, James Monroe stated that “in the wars of the European powers, we have never taken part, nor does it comport with our policy to invite or engender alliances with any. Our great and avowed object is to relinquish our alliance with any.”

The hijackers of 9/11 didn’t fly planes into the World Trade Center because we have McDonalds and Walmart. The Middle East is rife with American influence and has been for the last fifty years. When Muslims complain about America, it usually isn’t that they object to our freedom. It is they object to our influence and presence in the region. During this time, the US invaded Afghanistan on September 11th attacks, Osama bin Laden told the world that “I swear to God that America will not live in peace before all the army of infidels depart the land of the prophet Muhammad. Our continued military presence in nearly every Muslim country is certainly not helping matters particularly when many Muslims in the region (wrongly) associate Christian presence in the Middle East as another Crusade. It’s because we support Israel unilaterally, who many see as a moral enemy, both financially and militarily. The United States gave Israel much of its military technology, which has been used on Muslims in the past and more recently in the short war with Lebanon. It’s because we caused half a million Iraqi deaths with the US led embargo on Iraq and then declared the deaths were “worth it.” It’s because over 50,000 Iraqi civilians have already died in the War in Iraq. In short, it’s because we’ve been meddling in things that we have no business meddling in. Our interference, even as the US government has conceded, has only increased the resentment of Muslims around the world and increases the motivation to attack America. PJ O’Rourke once wrote in his classic Parliament of Whores that “Whatever it is that the government does, somehow Americans would prefer that the government do it to somebody else. This is the idea behind foreign policy.”

The problem is that America needs to stop doing “it” to someone else. Interventionism got America into this crisis, but a return to the non-interventionist foreign policy is the only long-term solution to the terrorist threat.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Katrina from a distance

“Indifference, to me, is the epitome of evil. The opposite of love is not hate, it’s indifference. The opposite of beauty is not ugliness, it’s indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it’s indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, but indifference between life and death.” —Elie Wiesel, Oct. 27, 1986

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans and portions of the Gulf Coast from Texas through Alabama. In New Orleans, the storm caused three major levees to break, resulting in much more death and destruction. More than 1,500 people perished in Louisiana alone, with 238 additional deaths in Mississippi. New Orleans itself was well described by the novelist John Updike, who wrote, “A major American city was depopulated with a suddenness and thoroughness war itself could not surpass. How can one now remember this tragedy without clichés or platitudes? And how can one say now without making empty promises?

One year ago, a New Orleans native, and Notre Dame student, wrote in The Observer. "I think of the storm that swallowed the homes and families of so many people and caused them to make difficult decisions. I feel like we have all seen and heard the stories of the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, but somehow we have grown complacent. Someone must feel like it is not our problem. Somehow we feel like we are too far away to make a difference. (Looking back on Katrina anniversary, Aug. 30, 2006)"

I doubt these words: "complacency, "it is not our problem," "we feel too far away to make a difference." Is this not exactly what Elie Wiesel meant? Does this writer not describe the same indifference, identified by Wiesel, which has shriddled the great political tragedies of our time — the Holocaust, poverty, inequality, exploitation of the weak, wars with no purpose other than national or personal egoism?

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

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

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

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

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Drinking age cannot be regulated by laws

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

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

According to the National Institute of Health, the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 is the law concerning underage drinking. While not specifically mandating an age limit, it requires a 10 percent decrease in federal highway funding for states that don’t enforce the minimum drinking age of 21, forcing states into submission. Barring certain exceptions, it is illegal for me to purchase alcohol in the United States and in all the other Eastern countries like Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Iran. In the rest of the civilized world, the minimum drinking age varies from 16 to 20.

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

Historically, preventing people from drinking hasn’t gone as smoothly as people initially hoped. In colonial America, alcohol was considered a gift from God, but abuse of this gift came from the Devil. As Paul Aaron and David Musto astutely observed in "Alcohol and Public Policy: Beyond The Shadow of Prohibition."

"Drinking itself was not looked upon as culpable, any more than food deserved blame for the sin of gluttony. Alcohol was a personal indiscretion." In the 10 years leading up to Prohibition in the 1920s, consumption was actually on the decline.

The 18th Amendment illegalized alcohol, crime went up, became organized and infiltrated many government offices looking to become corrupt. When the 21st Amendment ended Prohibition, alcohol bootleggers found themselves out of work, as alcohol was re-legalized.

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

But how the organization arrived at "21" remains controversial. A quick look on the organization’s website provides a test on how alcohol affects the brain. Apparently on studies using animals, young brains are vulnerable to dangerous effects of alcohol, especially on learning and memory function. I’m not sure if animals can drive, but if they can, they had better remain under the legal limit. Many people advocate the lowering of the national drinking age to 18, most notably the National Youth Rights Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting for the civil rights and liberties of young people. According to its Web site, they believe American youth alcohol policy "should recognize the inevitability of alcohol consumption among youth and seek to reduce the harm of that alcohol use, rather than unilaterally try to keep young people from drinking at all."

Underage drinking doesn’t end with a law. It isn’t curbed by police officers or bouncers at nightclubs. Like everything else in this country, we need to practice proper education and responsibility, and it comes from our teachers and our parents.

Youths should be educated on the effects of alcohol from within the family, not from a sign that reads "We Do Under 21." If parents had better control over the actions of their children, there would be no need for a minimum drinking age. I don’t drink to get drunk, but I’m not going to pretend I haven’t before. I understand drinking can be great, but it can also be deadly.

Instead of perpetuating the hypocrisy of the 21 drinking age, we need to better inform teens about the effects of alcohol so they can make an educated decision for themselves.

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

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

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

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For the half a dozen people in America who have yet to catch at least part of the show, "The Office" follows the exploits of a team of employees at Dunder-Miffin, a local paper supply company in Scranton, Pa. Scott is the hapless leader of the bunch, a caricature of every known fault in every boss across the country.

He's inappropriate, clueless and helpless, all at the same time. His right hand man is Dwight K. Schrute, played by Rainn Wilson. Jim Halpert (John Krasinski) is the most normal of the male characters in the show, and plays a sarcastic salesman. Halpert is paired with Pam Beasley (Jenna Fischer), the lead lady on the series.

Seasons One and Two established "The Office" as one of the most intelligent shows on television.

Largely avoiding the slapstick humor that many situational comedies rely on, "The Office" instead creates the type of awkward humor that most anyone can relate to and is filmed in a mockumentary style. What sets the show apart from other sitcoms is its dialogue. In fact, members of the cast have written many of the episodes and the talent shows.

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

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

Employee Andy Bernard, played by Ed Helms, is a major addition to the show. The former glee club singer and Cornell grad (you can bet he won't let you forget it) is one of the show's most entertaining characters, and his constant battles with Dwight for Michael's attention create some of the best episodes of the season. Other high points are the episodes "The Coup," "The Initiation," "Booze Cruise" and the doubly long season finale, "A Benihana Christmas." The only problem with the show is that Michael is almost too absurd. In Seasons One and Two, Michael's humor was more subtle, and relied on sarcasm and awkward situations. In Season Three, Michael is more "in-your-face," and this goes over with mixed results.

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

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

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DUNDER MIFFLINITES AVOID “THE OFFICE” CONVENTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Because of these relationships, a convention to bring everyone together isn't as extreme an idea as it could be. The fans are as loyal to "The Office" as Dwight is to Michael, and the series has the Internet to thank for it.

Who wouldn't want to attend the convention kick-off at the Radisson on that Friday or the Office Olympics on that Saturday? There's even a Dundie award presentation on Sunday. Additionally, several cast members have reassured they are doing everything they can to attend.

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

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Is your favorite line “That’s what she said”?  
Is Sbarros your favorite pizza joint?  
Have you ever had the song “Mambo No. 5” set as your ringtone?  
Do you tell your friends to “shut it” when they annoy you?  

Do you have extensive martial arts training listed on your resume?  
Have you ever saved a coworker’s life with pepper spray?  
Are you the proud possessor of a purple belt?  
Do you own a bobblehead doll of yourself?  

Is your favorite flavor of yogurt mixed berry?  
Have you ever been engaged for more than three years?  
Do you have a lifetime ban from Chili’s?  
Do you have a long-running crush on a coworker?  
Is your favorite computer game FreeCell?  

Do you enjoy placing coworkers’ desktop items into jello as a joke?  
Are you in love with your receptionist?  
Have you ever been nicknamed “Big Tuna”?  
Are you a good basketball player?  
Is ham-and-cheese your favorite type of sandwich?  

Has your boss ever had a man crush on you?  
Has another coworker ever hazed you on the job?  
Have you ever caused a fire at work?  
Are you highly ambitious?  
Would you like to own your own business some day?  
Do you find yourself doing busy work for your boss?
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Coming off a start against the Yankees in which he allowed a career high 13 hits, Beckett gave up three runs on five hits in eight innings, striking out seven and walking two.

The AL-East leading Red Sox, who began the day seven games ahead of the Yankees, have won four in a row and improved to a major league-best 94-55.

Halladay (11-7) allowed five runs on nine hits in eight innings, walking two and striking out seven.

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

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

White Sox 3, Tigers 1
Josh Fields and Alex Cintron homered, and Jon Garland scattered seven hits over seven innings as the Chicago White Sox beat the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night.

Garland (9-10) ran his career record against the Tigers, who began the day six games back of Cleveland in the AL Central, and 2 1/2 games behind New York in the wild-card race, to 2-1.

Fielder started the ninth inning with a one-out walk and MooreConnect took over for his third save in 42 chances.

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

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

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

With two out in the third, Fields lined a Jimmy B超越nderman's first pitch over the left-center-field fence, giving Chicago a 1-0 lead.

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

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

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

Cabrera hit Beckett's slider in the sixth on Guillen's run-scoring single, which put runners on first and third with two out. But Garland got Ivan Rodriguez to foul out and found a strikeout to get the inning.

Cabrera had already worked out of two early inning jams.

Singlies by Rodriguez and Inge kept runners on the corners before first and second with two out in the second, but Ramon Santiago ground out to end the inning. Guillen doubled with one out in the fourth, but Garland retired Rodriguez and Thames on groundouts.

Nationals 4, Marlins 3
Jesus Flores' two-run, ninth-inning double gave the Washington Nationals a 4-3 win over the Florida Marlins on Tuesday night.

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

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

A fifth-inning single gave Miguel Cabrera his 300th career RBIs and 18th homer of the year, to give the White Sox pitcher Jon Garland deals against the Tigers Tuesday. Garland gave up one run in seven innings in the 3-1 White Sox win.

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

**Football**

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

The 51-year-old Callahan signed a six-year contract paying him $1.5 million a season when he was hired in January 2004. Under the new contract, Callahan can earn $425,000 in bonuses annually for winning division, conference and national championships, Pederson said Tuesday.

"I have said on numerous occasions that we want coach Callahan to be the coach at Nebraska for a long time," Pederson said. "This commitment to Bill and his staff is a result of our belief that all the right ingredients are in place for long-term success. Bill has assembled a top-notch staff, and they are recruiting outstanding young men. He also has set a very high standard for discipline, integrity and work ethic that makes us proud as Nebraskans."

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

Callahan remains the fourth-highest paid coach in the Big 12 behind Oklahoma's Bob Stoops ($3.45 million), Texas' Mack Brown ($2.91 million) and Texas A&M's Dennis Franchione ($2.01 million). Callahan said he doesn't worry about where his compensation ranks.

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

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

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

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

**Body of father of Magic guard Jamine Nelson found floating**

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

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

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

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

**American gymnasts assured of spot in Beijing**

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

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

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

"It still eats at me," said Jonathan Horton.
How to Prepare for the Career Fair

1. Compose a resume that markets your background and skills
   - Visit The Career Center in 248 Flanner Hall during walk-in hours from 1 - 4:45 pm daily for a 15 minutes resume review
   - Stop by “Resume on the Run” every Tuesday in September from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm in the Dooley Room, LaFortune

2. Prepare, Prepare, Prepare
   - Attend a “Preparing for the Career Fair” workshop
   - Determine your objectives for attending
   - Review the list of companies attending the fair on GoIRISH and your “Top 10” list of companies to visit
   - Review the position descriptions on GoIRISH
   - Visit company websites and review mission statements, annual reports, and new products or services
   - Develop and refine networking, relationship-building skills
   - Develop your “Thirty Second Message”
     - Hello, I’m (introduce yourself, your year and major, and interest in industry/career field)
     - Your company is (demonstrate knowledge of company)
     - I’m interested because (explain your interest in company)
     - I can (match your skills with their needs)

3. What to do the day of the fair
   - At the fair:
     - Dress in business attire and bring several copies of your resume in a portfolio/folder to Gate 3 of the Joyce Center
     - Scan your ID when you enter
     - Review the map of employer booths and take a bag for “giveaways”
     - Be proactive by approaching employers
     - Speak with both young alums and experienced representatives
     - Demonstrate confidence and enthusiasm in delivering your “Thirty Second Message”
     - Ask the representative how to sign up for an interview (i.e. “After reviewing your company information and the position, I am interested in speaking with you or one of your colleagues further. How can I obtain a slot on your interview schedule at The Career Center?”)
     - Obtain the representative’s business card

4. Following the fair
   - If you obtain an interview:
     - Prepare by researching the company, its industry, its competitors, and the job or internship description on GoIRISH
     - Review The Career Center’s online Interviewing Guide and be sure to practice sample interviewing questions
     - If you have a web cam, practice interviewing using the online “Interview Stream” at http://careercenter.nd.edu/for-undergrads/resumes-cover-letters-interview
     - Within 3 days of the fair, send an email thank-you to the recruiters with companies of interest from which you collected business cards

Utilize GoIRISH to find out more about the companies, industries, and positions?

To view all companies that are attending the Fall Career Expo:
1. Login to GoIRISH
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Djokovic advances to U.S. Open quarterfinals

Associated Press

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

The No. 3-seeded Djokovic reached the U.S. Open quarterfinals for the first time by beating No. 23 Juan Monaco 7-5, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1 in a match that included the unusual sight of Monaco losing a point because a ball fell out of his shorts.

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

Monaco was serving while ahead 5-3 in the third-set tiebreaker when the players settled into an extended baseline exchange. As Monaco whipped a shot, an extra yellow ball he had tucked away in case of a fault popped out of his pocket — the ball fell out of his shorts.

"I never had this situation in match," he said. "First-time experience that I got a point in that way. It was an important point."

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

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

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

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

Williams leads active players with eight major titles; Henin has six.

All right: No. 2 Rafael Nadal faced No. 15 David Ferrer, who had knocked out Tommy Haas in five sets, and like Djokovic, Chenela reached his first U.S. Open quarterfinal.

Moya, however, has been there before — although not since 1998.

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

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

Moya rolled on his back and hopped up, erupting in raucous celebration.

"It was the best point of the tournament," he said. "I was a bit tired, a bit nervous."

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

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

They say statistics can be deceiving, and that certainly was the case in Chenela's victory over Wawrinka.

Consider these numbers: Wawrinka won more points (145-142), produced far more clean winners (65-29) and even broke serve more often (5-7).

But it was Wawrinka who lost the most important point of all, the last one, with his 69th unforced error, 20 more than Chenela accumulated.

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

MLB

Clemens injury not serious, expects to pitch again this year

Associated Press

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

The Rocket will have a cortisone shot in his right shoulder Wednesday and return to the rotation Friday against the Detroit Tigers. He hopes to make his last start before the playoffs.

"I'm in effective," he said.

Clemens said he can't do it any more, I'm going to continue to push forward."

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

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

Musina had a 1.69 ERA in his last three starts before he was replaced in the rotation last weekend by Ian Kennedy, who beat Tampa Bay in his major league debut. Musina then allowed two runs and seven hits over 3 2/3 innings in relief of Clemens on Monday — the first regular-season relief appearance of Musina's big league career.

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

Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens delivers against the Mariners Monday in a game he left due to injury.
NEW YORK — Maybe Serena Williams wasn't as healthy as she said. Maybe she wasn't as match-tested as she really needed to be.

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

Finding all the right angles and hanging tough on long rallies, Henin beat Williams 7-6 (3), 6-4 Tuesday night at the U.S. Open semifinals. They have met in the quarterfinals at those consecutive majors, and Henin is 3-0.

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

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

So while the formerly No. 1-ranked Williams is the active leader among women with Grand Slam titles who will remain on that number, current No. 1 Henin will have a chance to pull back with major.

"Playing Serena is really exciting," Henin said after compiling a total of 177 shots. "We stay on that number, and that's really exciting."

Mostly, though, the difference-maker was Henin's ability to steer Williams this way and that along the baseline until the Belgian could find an opening set at 5-4.

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

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

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

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

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

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Man charged in Porter murder case

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

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MBL

Despite success, Cubs are still on the market

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

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

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

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

A source familiar with the sale process said there's no chance of the sale being completed this year, with a more realistic target now baseball's opening day in spring 2008. The source, who declined to be identified out of concern of disrupting the process, said "five or six legitimate groups" have emerged as would-be buyers, but declined to give details.

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

"We'd like to get the sale done as soon as possible after the baseball season ends," Weitman said. "But I can't and wouldn't predict what the timing will be."
Michigan falls out of Top 25

Wolverines drop farther in AP poll than any team - ever

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thud!

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

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

After an opening college football weekend filled with blowouts and highlighted by Appalachian State’s stunning 42-20 upset of Georgia at the Big House, there was little notable movement in the Top 25 other than the Wolverines.

Southern California was voted No. 1 by the media panel, but the Trojans lost some support. USC received 62 first-place votes in the preseason poll. A lackluster 34-32 victory over Idaho led to the Trojans dropping to 59 first-place votes.

No. 2 LSU picked up those first-place votes, receiving five. No. 3 West Virginia, Appalachian State and Michigan were tied for fifth, moved up three spots.

No. 7 Texas fell three spots after losing a 21-12 conference home victory over Arkansas State.

No. 9 Virginia Tech held its place and plays at LSU on Saturday. No. 10 California moved up two spots after a 43-31 victory over Tennessee. The Volunteers dropped eight spots to No. 25.

Florida State also fell out of the rankings. The Seminoles were 19th heading into their season opener at Clemson and lost 24-21 in the Bronx Bowl.

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

As for Michigan, the Wolverines became the first ranked team from Division I-A, now known as the Bowl Subdivision, to lose to a team from I-AA, now known as the Championship Subdivision.

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

The highest ranked team to fall from the poll after one loss was No. 2 Ohio State in 1995, when the AP was ranking the top 20 teams.

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PGA TOUR
Lefty will skip next playoff tournament

Associated Press

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

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

Mickelson lost everyone scratching their heads during an 18-hour mystery tour in which he beat Tiger Woods in a riveting battle outside Boston; used a national television interview to air his complaints about PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem; showed up in Connecticut, skipped the BMW Championship, the final playoff event of the season, and withdrew from the BMW Championship by saying he wasn't trying to send a message.

"This decision was not an easy one to make," Mickelson said in a statement. "It was even tougher to interpret. Mickelson had no intention of playing a third straight week in the PGA Tour Playoffs even before he said he would not play at Baltusrol at the Deutsche Bank Championship, with Woods and Vijay Singh at his side.

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

All of those reasons would have been acceptable.

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

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ATHLETIC TRAINING & SPORTS MEDICINE

There will be a meeting for any Notre Dame freshman students interested in the student athletic training program. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 10th, at 4:15 p.m. in the Joyce Center Athletic Training Room.

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

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

"We're definitely looking forward to playing on our field," MacKenzie said. "It will be nice to have to get on a bus, and the players will be totally ecstatic to play in front of some friendly faces. The preseason can kind of drag on, so it's good to finally be in game mode and to be playing at home."

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team defeated Sweden 99-57 in the gold-medal game.
Lechlitner was one of 37 high school and collegiate players invit-
ed to try out for the team in Colorado Springs, Colo. The 16
players that remained after cuts traveled to Washington, D.C. for
two-day practices. There, more casts were made to finalize the 12-
person roster.

When many students hear of Bratislava, they envision the war-
torn eastern European capital with the lucrative exchange rate
featured in the 2004 film "Eurotrip." But Lechlitner was
pleasantly surprised with her surround-
ings during the team's stay.
"It was a great experience, defi-
nitely a lot of different things that I
weren't really used to," said
Lechlitner, who wrote a blog about
her time in Bratislava that can be
read on und.com. "The people, the
food, everything. We got a tour of
downtown and everything — it
was really nice. I guess I didn't really
know what to expect, but it
ended up being really nice."

While there, Lechlitner and her
teammates, along with the Slovakian
team, were treated to dinner at the U.S. ambassador's
residence in Bratislava.
"Just being in the ambassador's
house was really nice," Lechlitner
said. "He had a pool table upstairs
and we all got to hang out, and he
had a really nice view over
Bratislava off his balcony. He was
a really nice guy, he made every-
one feel right at home. He was
really down to earth."

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

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

Team officials sorted out the
incident with the police, but reper-
cussions came at the subsequent
team meeting, where the team got
a scolding from the coaches.
"I'm glad it happened, because
it was a good story to tell," Lechlitner
said.

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

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

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

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

Clausen saw his first colle-
giate action at the end of the
loss to the Yellow Jackets,
completing four of six passes for
34 yards.

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

- Irish freshman quarter-
backs are 6-1 in their first
starts since 1951. Ralph
Gugliemi beat North Carolina
in 1951, Blair Kiel beat Miami
in 1980, Steve Beuerlein beat
Colorado in 1983, Kent
Graham beat Boston College in
1987, Paul Failla beat Purdue
in 1991, and Matt LoVecchio

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

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

Sophomore outside hitter
Lorna Slupczynski and fresh-
man outside hitter Jacen
Watson finished with 11 and 10
kills, respectively, but got little
help from their Saint Mary's
teammates.

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

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

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FOOTBALL

Weis names Clausen starter for PSU

Freshman will take spot under center after Week 1 debacle

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

Freshman Jimmy Clausen will start at quarterback Saturday for Notre Dame against Penn State, Irish head coach Charlie Weis announced Tuesday. "I think he's ready to run the offense. If I didn't think he was ready, I wouldn't have done this," Irish coach Charlie Weis Irish coach said. "This evaluation process was one that went from the spring to this point right now," the coach said. "I'm not going to play musical quarterbacks." Weis also said Clausen was the No. 1 quarterback after spring practice, but fell to a "distant third" during the late summer due to an injury. Clausen participated in all practices, but was limited in the number and distance of passes he could throw, the coach said. Although Weis wouldn't rule out playing sophomore Demetrius Jones or junior Evan Sharpley again at some point this season, he said Clausen is getting the vast majority of repetitions with the first team in practice. "I think he's ready to run the offense," Weis said of the young signal caller. "If I didn't think he was ready, I wouldn't have done this." Clausen, who had surgery on his elbow after spring practices, wasn't completely healthy until "late last week" and was therefore not an option to start in Notre Dame's 33-3 loss to the Yellow Jackets last Saturday.

SMC SOCCER

Belles prepare for home opener against Manchester

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

The Belles got off to a hot start in the season-opening Case Western Invitational last weekend, notchting victories over Case Western Reserve and Lawrence University. The team now looks to build even more momentum before its conference schedule kicks off Sept. 22.

Saint Mary's hosts Manchester this afternoon in the first of five games before the onset of league play. The team hopes to develop a sense of chemistry before taking on its MIAA foes. "Those first three weeks are spent making sure we've got everyone where we want them," Belles coach Caryn Mackenzie said. "It provides an opportunity for players to challenge for roles or to work hard to keep the spots they had last year if they're returning players. We have a good group of returning players and also some newcomers that should be able to contribute right away." Manchester in 1-1 after losing to Oberlin College and defeating Tri-State University last weekend. In Sunday's victory over Tri-State, the Spartans scored seven goals on 25 shots on goal. Sophomore forward Paige Kooner scored four goals in the contest, but Mackenzie said her team does not plan to adjust its defensive strategy — at least not yet. "Any time someone can score four goals in a game, you're going to want to pay attention," Mackenzie said. "But we're just going to play team defense the next couple of games and see if that works again at the offensive end."

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Guard plays in World Championships

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

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Melissa Lechlitner, like many other Notre Dame students, spent part of her summer studying abroad in Europe. Lechlitner's classroom, however, was a basketball arena, and her teacher was the head coach of DePaul's women's basketball team.

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

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Bulldogs squeak by volleyers

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

The Belles faltered in their first conference matchup Tuesday night, losing to Adrian 30-25, 30-28, 30-19. Junior outside hitter Lucie Smith led the way for the Bulldogs, tallying eight kills for the host squad. Junior outside hitter Jenny Carlson hammered home seven kills and came up with four blocks in a solid all-around effort. The triumph was Adrian's see BULLDOGS/page 22