Program assists College juniors

By MEGHAN PRICE
News Writer

As many Saint Mary's College students begin their junior year, they start to think about life after graduation and the various career paths they will pursue. Tuesday night's "Junior Jumpstart," held at LeMans Hall, saw a large turnout of students eager to hear how the College can help professional endeavors.

The weight that an internship carries on a graduate's resume is surprisingly strong, said Tricia Dunton, Assistant Director of the Career Crossings Office at Saint Mary's. "If it is between a resume with an internship and one with other leadership or summer job offers, they will pursue a job offer," Dunton said.

She illustrated the various benefits that internships carry. Besides bolstersing a resume, they help students to network, award many students academic credit and often provide compensation. Dunton said. Many interns receive a full time job offer and enter their senior year...
An ode to football season

Friday morning you could drop a leaf onto South Quad, and watch one Notre Dame employee or another pick it up within 60 seconds. That’s right, a football weekend is finally upon us, and the transformation of our campus is in full swing.

Freshmen may sound plausible. To the freshmen Notre Dame will be the fourth-largest city by population in Indiana. Walking from North Quad to Gate E will entail turning down a dozen burned hot dogs. The Basilica will be completely impenetrable, flooded by tourists. Two hundred added garbage bins will dot campus, and in a few of them, lost season ticket booklets will end up. To the freshmen, none of this may sound plausible. To the seniors, it is a luxury to be enjoyed while it lasts.

That is probably the best advice for all of us. After all, as a sophomore I only have 21 home football weekends left to enjoy, and I already know I’ll miss one game this year. Suddenly I’m down to 20.

Only 20 more times will I be able to enjoy a $6 Knights of Columbus steak sandwich with a “free” drink. I shall see Zahm and Carroll looking their best, covered up by large bed sheets a mere 20 more Saturdays.

Offbeat

No Muslims at Black Eyed Peas concert

KUALA LUMPUR — Muslims in Malaysia have been barred from attending a concert by U.S. hip hop band the Black Eyed Peas sponsored by Guinness which is owned by the world’s biggest beer company, as it is running counter to the Islamic ban on alcohol.

The move comes after a Malaysian Islamic court sentenced a 35-year-old Muslim woman to be caned after she was caught drinking beer in a hotel and at a time when an opposition Islamic party has moved against beer sales.

The concert, part of celebrations of 250th birthday, asks on its website, “Are you a non-Muslim aged 18 years and above?” and if the response is no, access is not allowed.

Muslims account for 27 percent of the 27 million people in this Southeast Asian country and are barred from consuming alcohol although the rules are regularly flouted, especially in big cities like the capital, Kuala Lumpur.

Judge dismisses defendant with death tape

CANTON, Ohio — An Ohio judge unhesitant with repeated interruptions from a robbery suspect ordered a deputy to put duct tape over the defendant’s mouth.

Brown complained that his attorney was not prepared and angered the judge with interruptions. After a warning, the judge told the bailiff to tape Brown’s mouth shut.

OFFBEAT

In Brief

“Para la Gente: Art, Politics and Cultural Identity of the Taller de Grafica Popular,” an exhibit at the Snite Museum of Art, will take place today from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The Irish Sublime,” a lecture by Professor Terry Eagleton, will be shown at the Snite Museum of Art on Friday at 3 p.m. This lecture discusses the place of the sublime in Irish culture, tracing continuities in literature, politics, and aesthetics from the Middle Ages to the present. A reception will follow the event.

The Football Pep Rally will be held Friday at 6:30 p.m. on South Quad in front of Dillon Hall. The rally will include the entire Irish cheer squad.

The film “The Brothers Bloom” will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Sunday. The film follows two brothers, who just so happen to be expert swindlers, as they take on their latest gig: a wealthy heiress. Tickets are available online or at the Ticket Office 574-631-2800.

“Thin: Photographs by Lauren Greenfield” is running at the Snite Museum of Art through Oct. 18. The exhibit showcases photographs of women with eating disorders at a Florida treatment facility. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer.questions@gmail.com

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Professors discuss consequences of war

By JIM FERLMANN
News Writer

In front of a packed auditorium in Hesburgh Center on Tuesday evening, Dan Cortright, director of policy studies at the Kroc Institute, and Notre Dame law professor Mary Ellen O’Connell examined the conflicts in Afghanistan and Pakistan in a discussion titled “Is Afghanistan a ‘Good War’?”

“I would argue that war is an inappropriately means of countering Al Qaeda.”
David Cortright
director of policy studies
Kroc Institute

A popular highlight of recent fall semesters at the University has been the annual Notre Dame Forum, which invites panelists from different fields to discuss various controversial topics.

With no indications of a Forum this year so far, however, University spokesman Dennis Brown confirmed Tuesday that one will take place this year, but in the spring semester.

A “participant committee has been working on the event for several months,” Brown said. Brown said the Forum was delayed from its usual fall date because “the spring semester is a better fit for the schedules of speakers.”

Brown said the University will announce the Forum’s topic and its participants “once commitments are secured from key panelists.” Brown did not make further comment about the Forum, which will be hosted at the University.

Last September, General Electric CEO Jeff Immelt, Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter, environmental activist Major Carter and MIT Professor Ernest Moniz co-authored a panel that discussed sustainability issues. The Forum coincided with a number of green and other environmental events last fall.

Notre Dame Forum was started in 2005, the first year of University President Fr. John Jenkins’ leadership at Notre Dame and the first year the University addressed the role of religion in a plural world and was moderated by former NBC anchor Tom Brokaw.

According to a 2008 University press release, “[t]he Notre Dame Forum seeks to bring faculty and student voices into discussion in the classroom...”

“The Forum seeks to engage all campus constituents in these important conversations to better formulate solutions and effect positive change.”


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ND Forum delayed until spring

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

The Student Government Board, which was located close to the entrance of the event, saw a huge turnout in sign-ups. Hundreds of signatures were occupied over seven pages, Cynthia Weber, student vice president, said.

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Running Club was founded by two students, Mary and Women’s and Men’s Running Club saw larger turnout this year.

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are paying close to the tuition of an Ivy League," Whitnah said. "So why is it that our library is lagging so far behind?"

Library director Jennifer Younger said the Library is aware of the need to increase its collection, and has already purchased more scholarly texts and journals.

"We have, in fact, invested significantly in the library materials," Younger said. "So we're making progress, although, as the petition points out, there is progress to be made.

Although graduate students mainly developed the petition, nearly 80 percent of more than 1,100 students who have signed the petition have been under-graduates, graduate student David Morris, who started the petition, said.

Morris said the large student response exceeded his expectations and shows there is a need to improve the Library.

"The desire to improve the Library is something shared by a broad segment of Notre Dame's student body, from incoming freshmen to advanced Ph.D. candidates, from engineers to English majors," he said.

Nearly 200 faculty members have signed a similar petition, said Sabine MacCormack, who worked on the faculty portion and is a professor of history and classics.

The student and faculty petitions ask to increase the number of books bought per year in addition to hiring additional bibliographers and professional staff. It also calls for a renovation of the entire building to the scale and cost of new science buildings on campus.

The Jordan Hall of Science cost $70 million, according to its Web site.

"The Library is the lab of the humanities, so it's really important that the University dedicate the funding dollars to keep the Library on par with the top science labs that we've been building," Whitnah said.

"For many of us, the Library is — or rather ought to be — our intellectual home. This is especially true for those who work in the humanities," MacCormack said. "I myself find the collections insufficient even for some of my teaching needs."

Assistant Provost Susan Ohmer said the University has not meant to neglect the humanities, but has focused on the sciences because the sciences had been lagging behind.

"We've been behind on the sciences. So in a way this is a catch up," said Ohmer. "At the sciences move ahead, we don't want the Library to fall behind."

But improving and renovating the Library inevitably brings up monetary issues.

"If you are talking about renovating the whole library, it's a lot of money," Ohmer said. "You can look around campus and say well, we are doing a lot of other things, but we already have the funds for those things."

But Whitnah said she thinks that the University should be able to raise the money.

Notre Dame has the 13th largest educational endowment in the country and the largest at a Catholic university, according to the Investment Office.

"This is Notre Dame. We can have the money if we want to have the money badly enough. If we don't have the money, it's because we're not asking," Whitnah said.

Younger said that currently, the plan is to renovate two floors of the Library, but renovating the whole building could be a possibility.

"It has been in the University's thinking to renovate the entire library, however what we typically do is do it in phases," she said. "We very much anticipate renovating the entire building, but that will be in a future phase."

"I personally would like to see it happen," Ohmer said. "I will certainly work hard to make it happen."

Ohmer said she is "on the same page" with students and agrees that the Library needs more resources.

"I'm all for putting more money into the library," she said. "The Library has got to keep up. But I think the administration gets that. It's a question of how to do that."

The student petition will tentatively close Sept. 11. Students who wish to sign the petition can go to www.nd.edu/~dmorris1/petition_DM.shtml.

MacCormack said the faculty petition will continue until the third week of September. Faculty members who wish to sign the petition can find it at www.nd.edu/~smaccorm/petition.shtml.

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are trying to debunk the rumor that it's South Bend and there's nothing to do."

Gari highlighted the section of the Web site devoted to off-campus safety, where he said they try to give students information useful to being both safe and smart when hosting social gatherings.

After the conclusion of the presentation, student body president Grant Schmidt turned to the other members of the council for help with advertising the Web site.

"This Web site is too useful," he said. "I want to make sure people know where to start (when navigating the Web site).

Some members of COR suggested advertising the site to different off-campus apartment complexes that house large numbers of Notre Dame students, such as Clover Ridge.

Senior class President Chris Tillett suggested there be some sort of incentive buried in the Web site to encourage students to navigate the various pages of the site.

"We should have a buried discount for a local popular restaurant like Chipotle," he said.

Another idea popular with the members of the council was to continue to emphasize the name of the Web site, The Off-Campus Connector.

For students wishing to visit the website, its address is www.offcampus.nd.edu.

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Student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber discuss the off-campus Web site Tuesday.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Former military police arrested

SANTIAGO, Chile — A Chilean judge on Tuesday ordered the arrests of 129 former security forces officers tied to the disappearances of leftists and the slaying of the community health leader during the Pinochet dictatorship.

It was the largest number of arrests ever ordered in an investigation of human rights abuses during the "dirty war" waged while Gen. Augusto Pinochet ruled in 1973-90.

Judge Victor Montiglio said the 129 were members of the army, air force and uniformed police who worked for the Dina secret police agency, which has been accused of many of the political killings and other rights violations of the Pinochet era.

"We are investigating all who have participated ... in the deprivation of liberties," Montiglio said.

Elections will end Honduran crisis

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Honduras' interim leader on Tuesday urged citizens to vote in November elections, voicing that the election of a new president will show the world democracy thrives in the Central American country despite a July coup.

Campaigning began this week despite warnings from many Latin American countries that they will not recognize the outcome of any election until ousted President Manuel Zelaya is restored to power, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, meanwhile, planned to meet with Zelaya on Thursday to show case U.S. support for the deposed president.

"We will be watched by many countries in the world," interim President Roberto Micheletti said in a televised address. "This process will serve to categorically show that we appreciate democracy, that we are a people who want to live in harmony."

NATIONAL NEWS

NYC schools to offer vaccinations

NEW YORK — The nation's largest school district said Tuesday it will offer free flu vaccinations to its 1.8 million-plus schoolchildren as New York City takes bold steps to avoid spreading the country's flu epidemic again in the fall.

Hundreds of school districts nationwide have agreed to offer flu shots in schools knowing the vaccine once the vaccine becomes available in mid- to late October will go to places for a spike in flu shots in cases in the coming months.

New York's announcement may influence other large cities. Brenda Greene, director of health for the New York City Schools, said the city could wind up being "a great role model."

Gay marriages legal in Vermont

DUXBURY, Vt. — After 17 years together, Bill Slimback and Rob Sullivan couldn't wait another minute to get married.

"I've been long waiting," said Slimback, 38, an out­ of­ state New Jersey man who's taking Sullivan's last name as his own. "It's a day I've been long waiting for, and a day I truly honestly thought would never come."

Vermont is one of five states that now allow same-sex couples to marry.

LOCAL NEWS

Candidate's license suspended

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — FREQUENT northern Indiana commuters should no longer confuse a national hunting and fishing license with a local student's drivers license.

The court found Zirkle engaged in eight counts of professional misconduct, including improper billing practices and failing to maintain professional records. The court said Zirkle fled his response to the allegations days early and ordered his suspension to begin Oct. 1.

Zirkle told the South Bend Tribune that the charges against him were exaggerated or blasphemously false.

California

FORCES MAKE PROGRESS AGAINST BLAZE

LOS ANGELES

Firefighters reported some progress Tuesday against a gigantic blaze on the edge of Los Angeles, but warned that this one might be just a preview of even greater dangers ahead.

The peak wildfire season hasn't even started yet. The worst fires typically flare up in the fall, when ferocious Santa Ana winds can drive fires out of wilderness areas and into suburbs. As a result, Southern California could be in for a long wildfire season.

"When you see a fire burning like this, with no Santa Ana winds, we know that with the winds, it would be so much more intense," said Los Angeles County Fire Capt. Mark Whitley.

The Santa Anas are so devastating when they carry fire because they sweep down from the north and reach whirling speeds as they squeeze through wilderness canyons and passages and plunge into developed areas.

Even though winds have been mostly calm since the blaze began along the northern fringe of Los Angeles and its suburbs, the flames have spread over 190 square miles of forest in a week. By Tuesday morning, 12,000 homes remained threatened as 3,600 firefighters and aircraft battled the blaze across a 50-mile front.

But it was not the only significant blaze in Southern California.

In the inland region east of Los Angeles, homes were being threatened by a fire of more than 1.5 square miles in San Bernardino County community of Oak Glen, and a nearby 1.3-square-mile blaze was putting 900 homes at risk in Yucaipa.

"There's action everywhere," Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said as a helicopter interrupted his comments at a news conference in San Bernardino County.

The big fire, known as the Station Fire, was just 5 percent surrounded, but U.S. Forest Service incident commander Mike Dietrich said that figure could double by the end of the day, and he was pleased with the progress.

"There's a lot more work to be done," Dietrich said.

The Santa Ana winds are so powerful that usually does not give fire crews a break.

"It's still a very treacherous situation. It could still turn around," Dietrich said.

Weather was more humid, which helps brush resist burning, but the downside was a possibility of dry lightning. Some sprinkles were reported, but no significant rain.

Officials were worried about the threat to a historic observatory on Mount Wilson northeast of Los Angeles. But on Tuesday, the flames near the facility appeared much tamer than the infernos that boiled up out of the mountain range in previous days.

Authorities could not immediately ascertain whether the fire at the top of Mount Wilson was the result of the oil well explosion. The oil leak could advance of the blaze or backfires set by fire crews.

From a helicopter above the 5,700-foot peak, small flames could be seen creeping under trees. Firefighters had doused the peak with flame retardant before withdrawing when the fire appeared to be too dangerous.

Mount Wilson is home not only to the observatory but numerous television, radio and cell phone antennae serving the metropol­ itan area of Los Angeles. But on Tuesday, authorities immediately evacuated the area that usually does not do so.

The fire is one of hundreds of wildfires in a sea­ son that usually does not gather steam until October, when the Santa Ana winds arrive.

Europe observes WWII anniversary

GIJANK, Poland — On a wind-swept peninsula where shells lobbed from a German battlewagon ignited World War II 70 years ago, European leaders vowed Sunday never to forget the lessons of the 20th century's bloodiest conflict.

Evidence of continued animosity was not far from the surface, however, as Poland pushed for greater acknowledgment from Russia of its role in starting the war, while the French government minimized the impact of Moscow's 1939 pact with Berlin.

At dawn on Gdansk's Westerplatte peninsula, Poland's leaders marked the beginning of the German battlewagon Schleswig-Holstein shoved a tiny Polish military outpost housing the navy's arsenal. It was the war's opening salvo.

Bed and white Polish flags fluttered in a breeze as the officials opened the ceremony at 4:45 a.m. (0245GMT). Later, Poland's president, prime minister and others placed wreaths at the foot of the towering granite monument to the defenders of Westerplatte as an honor guard looked on.

The blitzkrieg on Poland launched nearly six years of war that engulfed the world and left more than 50 million people dead as the German war machine rolled over Europe.

Poland alone lost 6 million citizens, half of them Jews. During the German occupation, the country was used as a base for the Nazis' genocide machinery. It was home to Auschwitz, Majdanek, Scherbow and other death camps built by the Nazis to annihilate Europe's Jews.

"Remembering the cruelty, remembering the extermination of peoples and nations, is perhaps the most important and most effective shield against the danger of another war," Prime Minister Donald Tusk said in a solemn afternoon ceremony with European and American officials along the waterfront on Westerplatte.

"In the world who will remember the events here in Gdansk in 1939 and the horrible events around the world in the years that followed ... will forever do anything to allow that nightmare to return," Tusk said.

The war in Europe ended May 8, 1945, with Germany's unconditional surrender.
Video reveals animal cruelty
Animal rights group horrified at treatment of chicks at Iowa plant

Associated Press

DES MOINES — An animal rights group publicized a video Tuesday showing unwanted chicks being tossed alive into a grinder at an Iowa plant and accused egg hatcheries of being "perhaps the cruelest industry in the world.

The undercover video was shot by Chicago-based Mercy for Animals at a hatchery in Spencer, Iowa, over a two-week period in May and June. The video was first obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

"We have to ask ourselves if these were puppies and kittens being dropped into grinders, would we find that acceptable?" asked Nathan Runke, the group's executive director, at a news conference in Des Moines. "I don't think that most people would."

The group said that tossing male chicks, which have little value because they can't lay eggs or be raised for meat, is a common industry practice. The footage also showed chicken workers' feet stepping on living chicks, and one chicken worker was shown stepping on a chick.

"We greatly admire the efforts made by the government of Mexico to confront the extreme rise in violence fueled by drugs," Johnson told reporters during a visit to Mexico to discuss the Merida Initiative with officials.

The federal government has been working to stem the violence, whichJohnson said Tuesday, has resulted in the deaths of 20,000 people in the past two years.

The government has also been working to improve its law enforcement, with a new focus on the War on Drugs.

The report, submitted to Mexico's Congress in September, said the United States should provide more aid to Mexico to help it combat drug trafficking and improve its law enforcement.

The report also noted that Mexico has made progress in fighting corruption and rights abuses.

"We are committed to working with Mexico to achieve greater progress in these areas," Johnson said.

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Nathan Runke executive director Mercy for Animals

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"There is, unfortunately, no way to provide female eggs," Head said. "If someone has a need for 500 million male chicks, we're happy to provide them to anyone who wants them. But we can find no market, no need." Using a grinder, Head said, "is the most instantaneous way to euthanize chicks."

There is no federal law that ensures the humane euthanasia of animals on farms or hatcheries, according to Jonathan Lovorn, vice president and chief counsel of the Humane Society of the United States.

The Humane Society also says that virtually all egg farms, even those that sell cage-free eggs, get their hen's from hatcheries that kill their male chicks.

California Attorney General Jerry Brown announces the seizure of over 550 pounds of cocaine and marijuana at a press conference.

Associated Press

MEXICO — The U.S. has released $214 million of an aid package to help Mexico fight drug trafficking, including funds for law enforcement, the government said Tuesday.

The funds are being released in aid. Washington has already committed $214 million of the $2.5 billion it has pledged to Mexico under the Merida Initiative.

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Internet gambling ban upheld by court

PHILADELPHIA — A U.S. appeals court upheld an Internet gambling ban Tuesday, rejecting a challenge from an association of off-shore bookies that the federal prohibition was vague and violated privacy rights.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia rejected arguments from Interactive Media Entertainment & Gaming Association in New Jersey, which had filed the lawsuit hoping to legalize online betting in the state.

Congress passed the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act in 2006 to ban online gambling that would be illegal in the state where the bets are placed. The law does not target the bet itself but criminalizes bank or credit card transactions linked to the bets.

The group, comprised of mostly offshore betting operators, had attacked the law as unconstitutionally vague. Their lawyers questioned how the location of an online bet would be determined if the gambler is in Delaware, for instance, and the operation is in Costa Rica.

At least one of the three judges who heard arguments last month seemed to question that logic.

"No matter how metaphysical you want to get, I'm not in Costa Rica. I'm in Delaware," 3rd Circuit Judge Kent Jordan said.

The court also rejected arguments that the law violates a gambler's right to privacy in the home.

The Justice Department, which successfully defended the law, had no immediate comment, a spokesperson said.

While the association is considering an appeal, Chairman Joe Brennan Jr. said he saw a potential victory in the ruling because most states have not expressly addressed the legality of online betting.

"The Justice Department has been insisting there is a blanket ban on Internet gambling in the U.S., but the state-by-state law is the determini­nant," Brennan said. "If you go by that reasoning, it’s not illegal in that state, then it would not be a violation of federal law to process a transaction from a player there."

The group also is involved in a lawsuit in New Jersey that challenges the constitutionality of a 1992 federal ban on most sports betting.

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**Market Recap**

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**Commodities**

| Light CRUDE (NYMEX) | 71.69 | +2.38 |
| Coffee | 5.55 | +0.06 |
| Pork BELLY (cents/lb.) | 78.25 |

**Exchange Rates**

| YEN | 99.00 |
| BRITISH POUND | 208.80 |

**IN BRIEF**

Rumors cause drop in stock market

NEW YORK — A stock market rip for a big pullback surmounted Tuesday, plaguing when rumors of a bank failure revived investors’ anxiety about the banking industry and the economy as a whole. A batch of economic reports that just didn’t go well led to the dips as the major indexes all fell about 2 percent and the Dow Jones industrials slid 185 points. Treasury prices, usually the beneficiary of a slide in stocks, ended only moderately higher.

A break in a rising trend started in late July, sales were in late August, at a tax-lift, spurring rebates gave automakers more than a year. Even before the program began in late July, sales were showing small signs of improvement. "We believe the fourth quarter will be better than the second quarter," as the broader economy shows signs of recovery, said Ken Czubay, Ford’s vice president of U.S. marketing and sales.

August sales at Ford Motor Co. totaled 181,826 cars and light trucks, up 17 percent from a year earlier, when high gas prices and growing economic uncertainty kept car buyers at home.

Two of Ford’s vehicles — the Focus and Escape — were among the top-selling cars under the clunkers program. Sales of the Focus rose 24 percent while those of the Escape small sport utility vehicle climbed 49 percent. In another sign of a strengthening economy, sales rose for Ford’s pickup trucks, which are popular among contractors and other small businesses, Ford’s F-series rose nearly 13 percent. Those results, along with a 57.4 increase in January sales — a small version of the F-150 — reflect that "toughest part of the recession, the most dramatic declines are over," the company said.

Japanese automakers Toyota Motor Corp. and Honda Motor Co. also posted gains year-over-year in August. Toyota sales rose 6.4 percent to 225,038, lifted by small cars like the Corolla, the best-selling clunkers vehicle.

Honda sales rose 9.9 percent to 161,439, while sales at Nissan Motor Co. slipped 2.9 percent. At General Motors Co., sales fell 20 percent to 245,550. GM said its inventory levels hit an all-time low of 379,000 during August, but like Ford will be replenished this month thanks to production increases.

GM vehicles like the Chevrolet Aveo subcompact, the Cobalt sedan and Equinox crossover got a lift from the clunkers program. No GM vehicles made the closely watched list of top-10 Cash for Clunkers sales.

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**Auto sales post best month of year**

Automakers expect slowdown as Cash for Clunkers program ends

DETROIT — The nation’s automakers are bracing for quieter showings of slower sales this autumn after the Cash for Clunkers program offered a big but unsustainable boost in August.

The U.S. cars and light trucks rose to 1.3 million in August, up 30 percent from July. It was also the first monthly year-over-year gain since October 2007.

Ford, Toyota, Hyundai and Honda were the big winners as consumers snapped up their fuel-efficient cars. Rivals Chrysler Group LLC and General Motors Co. endured another month of falling sales, although their high-mileage vehicles did better.

But the August industry gains could quickly be followed by a slowdown in September and for the rest of the fall, automakers and analysts warned Tuesday. Although the clunkers program succeeded in bringing in new buyers, a large portion were people who planned to buy cars a year later in the year.

Now the question is whether automakers will need to roll out an expensive new round of rebates and low-cost financing to spur sales.

Cash for Clunkers, which ended on Aug. 24, drew hordes of buyers into quiet dealerships by offering up $4,500 toward new, more fuel-efficient cars and trucks. The hefty rebates gave automakers and dealers a much-needed lift, spurring 690,114 new sales, many of them during August, but like Ford will endure in early March.

So it wasn’t surprising that, after the Dow was up 60 points in a response to a seemingly better-than-expected reading on manufacturing, something like a rumor about a possible bank failure could take the market down.

Southwest Airlines to repair planes

DALLAS — Federal officials are giving Southwest Airlines until Dec. 24 to replace unapproved parts on Boeing 737 aircraft.

The Federal Aviation Administration said Tuesday that the parts do not permit safe operation of the planes because they had reached the same conclusion.

The FAA will let Southwest fly the planes as long as they are inspected every seven days and the unapproved parts on the wings are replaced by Dec. 24.

The planes make up about 10 percent of Southwest’s fleet of Boeing 737 aircraft.

Southwest had lobbied for more time to fix the problem. The airline argued that the parts in question, which deflect hot exhaust away from control flaps on the wings, were scarce. Now it will get nearly four months to find replacement parts. The FAA also directed Southwest to find and dispose of any other unapproved parts.
Gmail knocked offline, affects users

Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc.’s Gmail service was knocked offline Tuesday in an outage that the company said affected a "majority" of its millions of e-mail users, including consumers who get Gmail for free and businesses that pay for a version for their employees. The disruption, which lasted under two hours, was a reminder of the growing dependence on Google's technology. The free version of Gmail is the world's third-most-popular e-mail program with some 149 million users worldwide in June, ranking behind the free e-mail services offered by Microsoft Corp. and Yahoo Inc., according to data from comScore Inc.

Tuesday's disruption led tens of millions of Gmail users to get an "Unable to reach Gmail" error message as their computers tried repeatedly to reconnect to the service. Google said it had taken some of Gmail's servers offline for routine maintenance, and underestimated the load that would place on other computers responsible for directing traffic to the appropriate Gmail servers.

Google said it was alerted to the failures within seconds. It said it had added capacity and made other changes to prevent similar incidents in the future. A separate outage on Monday had wiped out e-mail to a "small subset" of users.

Though occasional disruptions are common, widespread outages involving Google's services are rare. They are becoming a bigger threat to Google as it tries to sell more of its services to businesses. Businesses are increasingly lean- ing on Google's services because they are delivered over the Internet instead of being managed in-house. That can save companies money and buy them more storage than they could otherwise afford. But many corporations are skeptical about outsourcing such critical tasks.

Google argues that Web-based services are more reliable than those handled in-house, but big outages like Tuesday's add another challenge to selling to reluctant businesses.

Google says more than 1.75 million businesses use Gmail as part of Google Apps, which is Google's answer to business software from Microsoft Corp. It's a key part of Google's strategy to inject its brand deeper into corporations. Google Apps costs $50 per user per year.

As usually happens with hiccups in popular Web-based services, the Gmail glitch touched off a flurry of posts to social-networking Web sites from frustrated Gmail users wondering if others were having the same problem.

"Omg thank God I was at work!! I would've gone mad!!" one Twitter user wrote. Some favored snark. "Minute 30 of Gmail outage. The cities are in flames and people eating pets to survive."

Twitter user

Another user tweeted.

The last major outage at Google happened in May, when millions of people were cut off from Google's search engine, e-mail and other online services after too much traffic was routed through computers in Asia. About 14 percent of Google's users encountered problems with the Internet's No. 1 search engine. Those outages lasted about an hour.

"Unable to reach Gmail"

UPCOMING MANAGEMENT CLUB ACTIVITIES – FALL 2009

Just a heads-up on some great events in the next few weeks!

- Hopefully you stopped by our booth yesterday at ACTIVITIES NIGHT. If you weren't able to, and want to add your name to our list, please email us at mgctclub@nd.edu!

- Consulting Career Night

TONIGHT, Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:00 pm in Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business
- Participating Firms: Accenture, Bain, BCG, Booz Allen Hamilton, Deloitte, and Navigant Consulting
- Panel discussion and networking reception
- Presented by The Career Center and MBA Career Development

- Consulting Industry Forum

TOMORROW, Thursday, September 3rd at 6:00 pm in Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business
- Participating Firms: Acquity Group, Clarity Consulting, The Claro Group, Ernst & Young, FTI Consulting, and Ocean Torno
- Industry presentations and networking reception
- Presented by The Career Center and MBA Career Development

- How to Land Your Dream Job or Internship

Tuesday, September 15th at 7:30 pm in Montgomery Auditorium, Lafortune
- Presentation by Kindra Wray from General Mills. Come hear some insider tips on talking to employers at the Fall Career Fair, and how to land that dream job!

Don't want to start thinking about your career and future plans.

Join us for these great events and prepare for the Fall Career Fair!

ALL MAJORS AND YEARS WELCOME!
Race to fill Kennedy’s seat begins

Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick announced Monday that a special election to fill the U.S. Senate seat left vacant after the death of Sen. Edward Kennedy will be held Jan. 19, 2010.

Associated Press

BOSTON — The race for the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by the death last week of Edward Kennedy got off to a caustic start Tuesday, despite a tight five-month election schedule that leaves little time for campaigning. By the end of the day just one major candidate — state Attorney General Martha Coakley — opted to take out nomination papers. A campaign aide declined to comment.

Other possible contenders decided to hold back in part to see whether a member of the Kennedy family might decide to enter the race — including Kennedy’s widow Vicki Kennedy or his nephew, the former U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II.

Another possible contender — former U.S. Rep. Martin Meehan — said he is “thinking about” a run for the seat and will make a decision by the end of the week.

Meehan, now chancellor of the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, is waiting to see whether a Kennedy jumps in. Meehan has $4.8 million in his federal campaign account, the largest sum of any potential candidate.

There’s a lot of speculation about whether Joe Kennedy or Vicki Kennedy would run and I think either of them would make a great senator,” he said. “Certainly if one of the two Kennedy candidates decided to run, I would support them.”

Other possible candidates include several members of Massachusetts all-Democratic congressional delegation — Reps. Stephen Lynch, Michael Capuano and Edward Markey.

All three have sizable federal campaign war chests, including $3.1 million for Lynch, $1.2 million for Capuano and $2.8 million for Markey, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Capuano said he hopes to make a decision in the next week or so, and in the meantime he’s reaching out to political allies and completing more mundane tasks like upgrading computers.

“I’m doing my own gut check now,” Capuano said. “It is not something I take lightly. I want to make sure there’s a legitimate path forward for me so I can secure a spot on the Dem. 8 primary.”

The final election is just six weeks later on Jan. 19. Voters are facing their final deadlines. The last day to register for the primary is Nov. 12, and for the general election the registration deadline is Dec. 30.

While possible candidates have their eye on the special election, Massachusetts lawmakers were gearing up for a public hearing scheduled for Sept. 9 on a contentious bill that would change state law to let the governor make an interim appointment to the seat until the election.

Gov. Patrick supports the change, but House Speaker Robert DeLeo, D-Winthrop, and Senate President Therese Murray, D-Plymouth, haven’t said whether they back the bill.

Democrats are facing charges of hypocrisy from critics who point out that just five years ago, they changed the law to block then-Gov. Mitt Romney from filling the seat if Kennedy, the democrats’ presidential nominee, won his White House campaign.

Before that change, the governor was allowed to appoint a nominee until the next general election. As part of the 2008 change, Democratic lawmakers also blocked the possibility of Romney naming an interim senator.

Patrick said it’s unfair to let Massachusetts to go five months without two voices in the Senate. He said he’d ask for a guarantee from whoever named an interim senator not to run in the special election.

National Democratic leaders including Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., also support the interim appointment. They say they need as many votes as they can during the debacles President Barack Obama’s health care overhaul.

Kennedy died last week of brain cancer at age 77.

CANADA

Election heats up

Associated Press

TORONTO — Canada’s main opposition party vowed Tuesday to try to topple Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s minority government at the first opportunity, which could force a fourth election in five years and the second in just a year.

Liberal opposition leader Michael Ignatieff’s announcement meant the Conservative government could be toppled in confidence vote if Canada’s two other opposition parties also vote to bring down the government.

"Mr. Harper, your time is up. The Liberal party cannot support this government any further," Ignatieff said. "We will hold Stephen Harper to account, and we will oppose his government in Parliament."

Harper now needs support from at least one of the three opposition parties to stay in power. The Bloc Quebecois and New Democrats would have to do an about-face to back Harper.

The Liberals will have their first opportunity to present a motion of non-confidence in the first week of October. At an election, the leader of the party with the most seats would have to decide whether to step aside, letting Harper name an interim senator, win his White House campaign.

John Kerry, the Democratic senator, won his White House campaign.

The Bloc has handed over the party to the left wing of Quebec’s political spectrum. The NDP has a small but dedicated following across the country.

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Thanks to the renovation of Hesburgh Library, we'll soon be able to get a cup of coffee in the middle of winter without having to trudge all the way over to Fortune — and I'm looking forward to that as much as anyone. But making the library "a gateway to knowledge and intellectually relevant means" is more than just reorganizing its layout. At its core, Hesburgh Library also needs a strong and well-managed collection of books, periodicals and electronic resources. Scholars in the humanities and social sciences depend on the library just as much as those in the natural and applied sciences depend on their lab space. Right now, Notre Dame is doing fine for a school whose focus is on graduate and faculty research is only a few decades old — but it's yet not on course to becoming "the preeminent Catholic research institution in the world," one of the goals stated on the library renovation Web site.

According to the Association of Research Libraries, the Notre Dame library system has about 3.39 million volumes, the 61st largest collection among all U.S. research universities. In 2008, the library purchased just under 76,500 volumes, at a growth rate of about 2.2 percent, 54th overall among all U.S. research universities. The library has slipped in standing every year since 2001, when the library purchased approximately 102,000 volumes and ranked 29th overall in volumes added.

Our collection is decent, but in the bottom half of research libraries in the United States, and it is lagging behind those of our peer institutions such as Duke (5.9 million volumes), Northwestern (4.8 million), Brown (3.8 million) and Vanderbilt (3.4 million). Last year, ND also acquired fewer volumes than those four peer schools; football rivals Penn State (118,000) and the University of Michigan (147,000); and even other universities that, like Notre Dame, have no medical schools, such as Illinois Champaign-Urbana (208,000), BYU (185,000), Colorado (98,800), SUNY Albany (92,500) and Michigan State (85,000).

To put this in perspective, if all the research universities in the ARL rank acquire books at the same rate they do now for 10 years, Notre Dame will only have advanced to 6th place in total volumes held. If Notre Dame doubles its acquisitions to 170,000 volumes per year, it will advance to 35th place. In order to break into the top 10 percent of academic research libraries in ten years, Notre Dame would have to increase its acquisitions by 600 percent, to 440,000 volumes per year.

Why is all this important? First, the University is developing programs of study in areas such as Islamic, African, South and East Asian, and Gender Studies, which are not currently well-represented in the library collection. Second, the University expects to increase its graduate student population by 1,000 — over one-third — in the next 10 years, and cannot support the research of these graduate students without considerably increased library collections. Third, in the words of Notre Dame's University Committee on Libraries, "staff accumulate a concern of which the library is well aware," that is, the library staff is already stretched thin, both in terms of front-line staff like subject librarians and support staff like catalogers, and so on.

I'm not the only person who recognizes that the library collections need attention. Over the summer, the faculty began circulating an online petition (www.nd.edu/~smacmurray/petition.html), which called upon ND's administration to do two things: to make the library collections extensive enough to sustain faculty, graduate and undergraduate research; and through a combination of one-time expenditures (on the order of the $76 million spent on Jordan Hall or the $60 million budgeted for Stinson-Bemick Hall) and permanent annual budget increases; and to hire the staff necessary to support such an expansion. Down the road, this also means that the library will have to increase its capacity, probably through the use of an off-site depository for lesser-used volumes.

Obviously, the library administration recognizes these needs, and the financial climate will probably delay any such expansion. But in the meantime — if donating to the University with specific instructions that your gift go toward library acquisitions isn't feasible — you can help put Hesburgh Library on the right track by writing to Provost Thomas Burtish (tburtish@nd.edu), Chairman of the Board of Trustees Richard Notebaert (notebaert.260@nd.edu) and Director of the Library Jennifer Younger (jyounger.18@nd.edu) to express your support for these proposals. Darryl Campbell is a third year Ph.D. student in the history department, and was a columnist for The Observer from 2007 to 2009. His writing has appeared in the Christian Science Monitor and The Stimulus, and he is a regular contributor to the web magazine of the same name. He can be contacted at dcampbe6@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Two years ago, students were handed out white towels at the University of Utah Dining Services, according to a study from the University of Utah Dining Services. The study was to determine the effect of the white towels at the University of Utah Dining Services. The study was designed to determine the effect of the white towels at the University of Utah Dining Services.

According to a recent study from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, individuals of all ages tend to use illegal drugs.

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Tradition never graduates

As Generation Y dopes up, Mexico pays price

On Aug. 9, President Obama flew to Guadalajara, Mexico, for a two-day summit with Mexican President Felipe Calderon, to discuss drug issues. The United States makes it way to Mexico, a large portion of it does, and the portion that doesn't still helps keep the drug culture in this country.

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The U-Wire's description of the situation is accurate. The University of Utah offers a three-credit course in the educational psychology department called "Mathematics and Reading for College Success," designed to help stu­dents develop skills, time management, and motivation. To test their time in your class schedule, you can attend a two-hour free workshop.

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Up

This summer’s “Up,” about a young boy and older man who go on an adventure together, was another hit for Disney and Pixar studios, known for releasing top-notch movies. Following in the vein of “Finding Nemo” and last summer’s “Wall-E,” “Up” is an animated children’s tale with a whole lot of grown-up heart. It proved to be a success at the box office, earning over $446 million worldwide, and received rave reviews from critics across the country. “Up” will surely be a nominee at this year’s Academy Awards, and should be a safe bet to win the best animated film category. It may even have a chance of sliding into the Best Picture nominees, which has been expanded to 10 movies.

Star Trek

J.J. Abrams, co-creator of “Alias” and “Lost,” put a much-beloved series back on the map this summer with “Star Trek.” Based on the original series from the 1960s, this revamped version reawakened the characters for a whole new generation. Although filled with tons of action and stunning special effects, Abrams succeeded in bringing the characters to the fore of this sci-fi epic. He paid homage to the original series by keeping the characters and their relationships intact, while giving the actors room to breathe and a chance to make these iconic figures their own. Abrams kept alive the jovial tone of the show while reimagining it for an audience searching for something different than the ’60s audience. The result was an impressive “Star Trek” that pleased old fans and newcomers alike. A sequel is already in the works.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

In his recreation of J.K. Rowling’s sixth book in the Harry Potter series, director David Yates once again did an excellent job of replicating the feel of the much-loved Potter series, though to a lesser extent the content of the book (which would be nearly impossible in a two and a half hour movie). Some scenes have been removed, but the movie captured the light-hearted romances, classroom successes and Quidditch victories, until the darkness that pervades the Potter world infiltrates the castle walls and sets the stage for the final installment.

Public Enemies

An adaptation of Bryan Burrough’s non-fiction book “Public Enemies: America’s Greatest Crime Wave and the Birth of the FBI, 1933-34,” this crime drama featured Johnny Depp as the notorious American bank robber John Dillinger and Christian Bale as the determined FBI agent Melvin Purvis who leads a man hunt to catch Dillinger. The film also captured the intriguing love affair between Dillinger and his girlfriend Billie Frechette, played by Marion Cotillard, who defends him until the very end. Overall, the movie was well-acted and includes something for everyone: romance, action, crime and drama, but the character of Dillinger could have been more deeply explored.

My Sister’s Keeper

Based on the best-selling novel by Jodi Picoult, the drama told the bittersweet tale of a young girl who sues her parents for medical emancipation when she is expected to donate a kidney to her older sister, who suffers from acute promyelocytic leukemia. The movie was not simply a story of the young girl’s court case. Rather, it was the story of a family struggling to maintain the best situation for everyone during emotionally trying times. Abigail Breslin, Cameron Diaz, Sofia Vassilieva and Alec Baldwin all delivered breathtaking performances, but the movie unfortunately did not remain true to the book at all, which may disappoint many viewers.

The Ugly Truth

An odd composite of frat-like “bro” humor and romantic comedy, “The Ugly Truth” was typical battle of the sexes tale, equipped with steamy actors and racy laughs. But this film seemed more of a peace treaty than an all-out war. In Gerard Butler’s dreamy corner, there was the typical male humor, with endless sexual puns and physical gags, ranging from falling out of a tree to fights in pools of Jell-O. And under the sassy and adorable leadership of Katherine Heigl...
there was an undeniable female charm and com­
ey, stereotypically embodied in witty banter
and cute, romantically-charged encounters.
These two prophetic film elements colluded
as Heigl’s Abby Richter and Butler’s Mike
Chadway take each other on. Uncool, mainly
bizarre and cheesy female was ultimately re­
configured in an odd combination of opposi­
tions, just as the two leads find happily ever after in the most
unlikely of places.

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

Alien robots are plaguing earth. Again. And
while good and evil machines battle it out both
on-planet and in the earthly realm, who will fight
for the survival of the human race? Why, Shia
LaBeouf and Megan Fox, of course. Though it’s dif­
icult to say that Fox contributes much to the story, but also a key player in the struggle to save the
world from evil alien robots. With fighting robots;
a jogging Fox, space travel and an intergalactic
war, this summer blockbuster packed a
uniquely intergalactic, poorly-scripted, crazy
technological war punch that appeals to the
three loves of nerds everywhere. Aliens.
Talking, fighting robots. And hot female
mechanics. And as Optimus Prime
said, “I rise: You fall!” and that
seems like just Sandra Bullock’s transformation into a lovable character.

The Hangover

This is going to draw a lot of flak, but it must be said: “The Hangover” was the most overrated movie of the sum­mer. Sure, the raunchy comedy remained steadfastly in the
top three at box offices for four weekends and grossed over
$419 million worldwide, but this can be largely attributed to
the Warner Brothers’ all-out marketing barrage. Think
about it — how many “Hangover” commercials were you forced to imbibe over the course of the summer? Which brings up one of the movie’s biggest downfalls: almost
everything funny in the movie was given away in the pre­
views. Besides that, it was plagued by poor writing and a predictable plot. The movie started off with a great premise,
but much more could have been done with it. Case in point:
The guy that they are looking for the entire movie has
first waking up (next time you watch, look around at all the
random objects in the hotel suite), but they failed to catch
fire.

Paper Heart

This quirky cute “hybrid documentary” about the rumored
juicy story of Charlyne Yi and Michael Cera was a blend of non-fiction content, meaning real inter­
views from real people, and a fake storyline
portrayed as a “mockumentary.”

Away We Go

One of the summer’s sweetest movies, “Away We Go,”
depicts the journey of one couple in search of home and
happiness. Verona and Burt, expecting their first child, set
out to find a place to call their own, along the way visiting
with friends and family. Constantly challenged by other peo­
ple’s definitions of love and parenthood, Verona and Burt
discover that it is their definition that truly matters. The
highlight of this movie was Verona and Burt’s unwavering
love for one another, only accentuated by the crazy cast of
characters they meet along the way.

G.I. Joe

Guys, this is your movie. After a long hard day of
welding and a delicious dinner of medium rare steak, this is
what will make you complete. The effects were flawless,
the action intense and the females in form-fitting body
armor are not hard on the
eyes. Plus, Scarlett not only has the looks, she’s got brains. All in all, a
fantastic ride that
required minimal cerebral
involvement while deliver­
ing explosions, martial
arts, guns and obligatory
one-liners. “G.I. Joe” deserves two enthusiastic
thumbs up; enter with
mediocre expectations and be pleasantly surprised.

District 9

“District 9” took some serious risks for a major
motion picture: science fiction, an unknown
lead, and a highly politi­
cal message. Amazingly,
it succeeds with all three. Director Neill
Blomkamp manages to
create a mock docu­
mentary with the
action of a Michael
Bay film. All the while,
the film works as a political commen­
tary of apartheid
Africa. As remarkable as
these facts are, Sharity
Copley
uses his first lead role to near
guarantee him­
self an Oscar
nod. “District 9” is a stun­
ing, explo­
sions-and-
laser filled, intelligently
written film which delivers
of serious science fic­
tion.

Charlyne Yi embarks on a quest across America to discover
people’s various views on modern relationships and whether
true love really exists, and the responses she receives from
friends, strangers, romance novelists and children are
insightful and humorous at times. The film included hilari­
ous cameos from Seth Rogen, Demetri Martin, Martin Starr
and Paul Rust.

The Proposal

When that moment
audiences knew they were
in love with Sandra
Bullock? It is impossible to
describe, but what
seemed too.

The Proposal

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SOCCER

D.C. United and Seattle Sounders face off in Cup

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Whether Stephen Jackson has left the Golden State Warriors or not, this season is uphill all the way.

As of now, general manager Larry Riley still considers Jackson a key part of the team despite the leading scorer and emotional leader having left for elsewhere and win.

"Stephen Jackson has been a true professional since arriving here three seasons ago, and our expectations of him have not changed despite his recent comments," Riley said in a statement. "He's been one of our most consistant and productive players during that time. We expect that same display of professionalism as we begin to prepare for training camp and the start of the upcoming regular season.

Jackson, Golden State's leading scorer and emotional swingman, on Friday night told Dime Magazine at an event in New York that he wanted out and had made that known to the Warriors brass. But he signed a three-year extension contract in November. So why the recent change of heart? The Warriors consider an integral part of their long-term plans, "It's not about a decision made," Jackson told the magazine while with former Warriors head coach Mike Harrington at an event sponsored by his shoe company. "It's just things are in the air right now. I really can't get too much into it right now, but I'm just looking to go somewhere where I can go and win a championship.

The team initially had no comment on Jackson's remarks, but Riley said Monday that when the point guard returned the week Jackson has expressed his desire to play for a winning team.

Riley didn't address work at the arena the Warriors would look to trade him, though that could be a tough task considering Jackson is 31, fiery and has a reputation for questionably aggressive.

Jackson averaged 20.7 points, 5.1 rebounds and 6.5 assists in 59 games last season.

Since Jackson arrived in the Bay Area in 2007, he has been a key piece for coach Don Nelson and a major spark for the Warriors. He helped the team end a 12-year playoff drought that

against her 98th-ranked opponent, Sharapova's game was as glittery as her black-and-silver dress and matching headwrap, an outfit she described as a tribute to New York's skyline. The three-time Grand Slam title winner proved to be tougher than Pironkova. And Sharapova's game was also as much a surprise as it was for a team to have a chance to win a championship.

On Tuesday night, Sharapova was right where she likes to be: on the Grand Slam stage and in the spotlight. The 2006 U.S. Open champion advanced to the tournament with an impressive 6-3, 6-0 victory over Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria.

"I was in the physical therapy office every single day, and the tennis was on. But I made a point not to watch it," Sharapova explained. "When you're not participating in a tournament, it's a really tough sport to have very much love, and you've had success at, as an athlete and as a competitor, to not be there and be competing pretty tough."
NCAA Women's Volleyball AVCA Coaches Poll

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Ricky Rubio, the fifth overall pick in the 2009 NBA Draft, speaks to reporters in New York the day before the draft. According to Timberwolves president David Kahn, Rubio chose to stay in Spain to prepare for the NBA. T'Wolves say Rubio backed out of deal

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Less than 48 hours after the Minnesota Timberwolves, Ricky Rubio's agents and Spanish club DKV Joventut agreed in principle on a deal to bring the 18-year-old point guard to the NBA, Minnesota changed his mind.

He told Timberwolves president David Kahn on Monday he wanted to stay in Spain for the next two years to better prepare for life in the NBA. "A blow to a team that was hoping to have the popular passer on the court this autumn," the team said.

"Of course there's disappointment, but I don't think that disappointment should overshadow the big picture, which is, he's still so young," Kahn said on Tuesday during a call from Spain, where he spent the weekend negotiating the deal. "It appears now we will have a two-year wait. But if you frame it as he'll be 20 years old and he'll have two more years to develop, I can think of a lot worse things to happen to us as a franchise."

The Timberwolves drafted Rubio fifth overall in June, even though he was still under contract with DKV-Joventut in a deal that included an $8.1 million buyout clause. Kahn made three trips to Spain over the summer to try and help Rubio's representatives negotiate that number down, a process that was hindered by NBA guidelines limiting the amount of money Minnesota could contribute to $500,000.

Kahn said Rubio's agent, Dan Fegan, delivered a package of endorsements deals and sponsorships that helped make the NBA deal attractive enough for Rubio and Joventut to enter into an agreement on Saturday.

When Rubio backed out of the deal, DKV Joventut reluctantly agreed to trade him to rival Regal Barcelona, which will pay $5.3 million to buy out his contract. The buyout, Kahn said, was the largest in European basketball history.

In a statement, Joventut noted the "big effort" by everyone to reach a deal.

"In front of this situation, and in contradiction with what he has been saying to us and to Timberwolves' representatives from time to time, the player has announced the decision that he wants to be transferred to Barcelona," the team said.

The deal with Barcelona requires Rubio to stay in Spain through the 2010-11 season, at which time the buyout price tag plummets to about $1.4 million. That's a much more manageable number for Rubio to afford, but he said he was more concerned about T'Wolves say Rubio backed out of deal the court this autumn.

Associated Press

Brady tests shoulder in practice, looks healthy

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady tugged his jersey forward, lofted softer ones from 25 yards, and showed no sign that his shoulder hurt.

It certainly was much better at Tuesday's practice than it was four days earlier when 350-pound Albert Haynesworth of the Washington Redskins landed on him, forcing his throwing shoulder into the ground on an incomparable pass.

New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick didn't say if Brady would play Thursday night against the New York Giants, although he prefers not to start backup much in the final exhibition game.

He's more interested in watching backup quarterbacks Andrew Walter and Brian Hoyer than exposing his two-time Super Bowl MVP to hard hits.

Dodgers acquire Jim Thome and Jon Garland

LOS ANGELES — It'll be old home week when Jim Thome joins Manny Ramirez on the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Their reunion was set up when the Dodgers acquired the slugging first baseman from the Chicago White Sox on Monday night. Also joining the Dodgers' lineup is right-hander Jon Garland, who came over from the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The deals were announced in the top of the eighth inning of the Dodgers-Diamondbacks game, with both trades completed before the midnight EDT deadline required for postseason eligibility.

Ramirez was all smiles about the deal for Thome after the Dodgers lost 5-3 to Arizona in 10 innings. The two men played together in Cleveland for eight seasons from 1993-2000, including the 1997 World Series. They have a combined 1,106 home runs.

Adam "Pacman" Jones close to deal to play in CFL

WINNIPEG, Canada — Adam "Pacman" Jones appears to be headed north of the border to play in the Canadian Football League.

Jones' lawyer said he has been in negotiations with a CFL team. Attorney Worrick Robinson told The Associated Press on Tuesday a deal could be completed by the end of this week.

Robinson wouldn't identify the team, but The Canadian Press and SLCoM reported that Jones would play for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Jones turns 26 at the end of this month. He spent last season with the Dallas Cowboys after missing the previous year because of multiple violations of the NFL's personal conduct policy.

Robinson said there were discussions with "a number of NFL around the dial

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Safina holds on in first round

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dinara Safina overcame a long, mistake-filled display of tennis to barely avoid becoming the first top-seeded woman to lose in the first round of the U.S. Open on Tuesday.

She defeated 167th-ranked Olivia Rogowska of Australia 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-4 in a match that included 113 unforced errors, 34 double-faults and 15 service breaks over 2 hours, 35 minutes.

"I didn't break any rackets and didn't get any warnings," Safina said, when asked if there were any silver linings. "That's already positive."

She overcame a 3-0 deficit in the third set to avoid becoming the first top-seeded player to be ousted in the first round of any Grand Slam since Martina Hingis lost 6-4, 6-2 to Virginia Ruano Pascual at Wimbledon in 2001.

Safina served out her final game at love, forcing errors on Rogowska's groundstrokes during one of the Russian's few sustained runs of consistency.

Safina's coach, Zeljko Krajan, was clearly having trouble watching it — slumping, scowling and shaking his head from his lonely seat in the stands.

Safina moves on, but all the questions about her worthlessness as the world's No. 1 player will almost certainly gather steam.

No. 2 Serena Williams has won the Australian Open and Wimbledon this year. Safina hasn't yet won a Grand Slam, having been blown out in all three of her Finals.

"In the French Open, I won all the matches 6-love, 6-1. Did it help? Not really," she said. "It happens like this. You pull out the match somehow.

Even though Safina won, her showing counted as the biggest news on a Day 2 when things mainly went to form. There was the occasional surprise: 267th-ranked Jesse Witten of the United States knocked off No. 29-seeded Igor Andreev of Russia 6-4, 6-0, 6-2; Yania Wickmayer of Belgium defeated No. 16 Virginie Razzano of France 6-4, 6-2; Shahar Peer of Israel eliminated No. 32 Agnes Szavay of Hungary 6-2, 6-2.

But otherwise, nothing was out of the ordinary. Winners included 2004 U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova, past runners-up Elena Dementieva and Jelena Jankovic, No. 9 Caroline Wozniacki and No. 13 Nadia Petrova.

Men's winners included 2008 Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic and that tournament's runner-up, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, along with No. 10 Fernando Verdasco, No. 11 Fernando Gonzalez, No. 16 Marin Cilic, No. 17 Tomas Berdych and No. 22 Sam Querrey.

Safina will next play Kristina Barrois of Germany, who will almost certainly gather steam.

The earliest a top-seeded woman has been ousted from the U.S. Open is the second round. That was last year, when Ana Ivanovic fell to Jule Gil of France, who moved up 55 spots in the rankings thanks in part to that victory.

Safina's first set was filled with tentative play and ended when she double-faulted for a 7-5 loss in the tiebreaker — the first serve barely making it halfway up the net, the second a good 3 inches out.

They slugged on and Rogowska, an 18-year-old with one win over a top-100 player, had chances to put a stranglehold on the match and put her name in the history books, even after she blew the 3-0 lead in the third.

Serving at 4-all and deuce in the final set, she chipped a slicing backhand deep into the corner and Safina lobbed it back, but Rogowska hit a tentative overhead, then failed to put away a floater on the next return and eventually got passed.

That set up break point, which Safina promptly lost. Finally, Rogowska made two unforced errors in a row to give Safina the game.
Texas rookie Feliz closes with two perfect innings

Hamels shuts down Giants with two-hitter; Tatum drives in four runs to lead Reds past hapless Pirates

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Wednesday, September 2, 2009

Associated Press

ABINGTON, Texas — Aaron Hill fell to the ground in the bat­ter’s box after taking a 97 mph fastball whizzed by his head.

What was really unfair was the pitcher. Texas rookie Nefi Feliz threw next.

Feliz snapped off a 97 mph break on the next pitch, a called third strike and capping his late-season surge.

Hill, Texas’ 5-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays in the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday.

After Nippert’s (5-2) allowance of only three hits, Feliz struck out four in two perfect innings.

Three of the punchouts were called third strike with off-speed pitches.

“It is tough,” said Nippert, who ERA.

“Sometimes you are just sitting on the training room table wish­ing that it,” Nippert said. “It isn’t, his heats out pitch, but his head.

“I was just trying to hit against him.

“He is a good, very impressive,” Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston said.

Feliz has 26 strikeouts and one walk in 34 appearances spanning 19-2-3 innings since being promoted to the majors Aug. 2. The 21-year-old right­hander, who began his season 0.5 ERA in August before lower­ing his ERA to 2.46 on the first day of September.

“As long as he is throwing that secondary stuff off the mound, they just can’t sit on (the fast­ball),” Rangers manager Ron Washington said. “That’s what’s important.

From Florida, Francisco worked the ninth for his 30th save in 23 chances.

Ian Kinsler got Texas started with a leadoff homer. Chris Davis, who had collected a single home run in the fourth, drove in the glove of first baseman Lyle Overbay, who appeared miffed that he didn’t make the play with his backhand stab. That broke a 1-1 tie and put Texas ahead in the Wild Card Race.

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The right-hander’s other two starts at Rangers Ballpark came against Boston, which began the day four games ahead of Texas in the AL wild card.

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The Phillies extended their scoreless innings streak to 19, which had four defeats shy of becoming the straightest in the majors.

Hamels started off with a 79 mph fastball to start the first.

He was outstanding in his previ­ous start.

He gave up six runs on 11 hits in 7 2-3 innings in a 4-3 loss at St. Louis on Tuesday.

The left-bander extended his scoreless innings streak to 19, a career-high eight RBIs in an 18-10 victory in the series opener Wednesday.

Low strikeout rate.

Low walk rate.

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“When you are not hitting, your numbers, your numbers, your numbers,” Nippert said. “That is a lot of fun to watch.”

Unless you’re reading it naturally.

“All I can do is throw strikes and let the team behind me take care of it.”

Cole Hamels

Phillies pitcher

“I really tried not to stress myself out and go out and not try to do anything,” he said. “I don’t think I can do is throw strikes and let the team behind me take care of it.”

After Aurilia’s single, Hamels got off pitch-framer Andres Torres. He then walked pinch­hitter Pablo Sandoval, but struck out pinch­hitter Cody Ross to end the fourth.

He is 5-1 against the Giants this season.

The offensive­ly challenged Giants didn’t have their top hitter, Sandoval, and cleanup hitter, Molina, in the starting lineup.

If you are able to locate and throw strikes, no matter who is in (Bartolo’s) box, you are going to have success,” Hamels said.

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With the game tied at 3 in the fifth, Posada thought it was a called third strike and began to walk back to the dugout. It was only the second strike, however, and two pitches later the 38-year­old catcher hit a two-run, oppo­sition-fielder to left.

Earlier in the game, Posada thought it was a called first strike on a bunt.

The Phillies closed with two perfect innings Wednesday.

McCutchen added his fourth walkoff hit.

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PHOENIX — If the NHL is serious about selling the Phoenix Coyotes in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the league plans to quickly engage in talks over a new lease agreement with the city of Glendale.

If no deal is forthcoming, the team may be forced to turn to a buyer to move the franchise.

"I think we've got to get the lease situation resolved or not by the end of this calendar year," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said on Thursday.

No new lease could mean a lame-duck session for the franchise while plans are made to relocate the franchise.

"That's always a possibility. We're hoping that's not the case," Daly said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "Our first priority is to find a local purchaser because we think this team belongs in Phoenix." The lack of a new lease with Glendale prompted the NHL to take the unusual move this week of submitting a bid to purchase the franchise.

The league acted while its preferred purchaser, a group headed by Chicago sport entrepreneur Jerry Reinsdorf, pulled out because it had been unable to reach a deal with Glendale.

The suit — filed Aug. 13 in U.S. District court in Spartanburg, S.C., and served on Rodriguez at his Ann Arbor, Mich., office last week — says the coach owes a bank $3.9 million for defaulting on a loan to build condos near Virginia Tech's Lane Stadium in Blacksburg, Va.

Rodriguez told reporters the case won't hinder his Michigan's preparations, while an adviser said the coach was the victim of fraud.

"This is something that's ongoing," Rodriguez said Tuesday in a Big Ten conference call. "It's not anything that will take our attention away from getting ready for the season."

Under the corporate name of The Legends of Blacksburg, LLC, Rodriguez and four partners borrowed more than $5 million for the project in September 2007, when Rodriguez was still coaching at West Virginia University. But as the luxury condo project struggled amid the economic downturn, that amount was amended down to about $3.63 million — the cost of only the land itself, according to loan documents filed with the court.

When the loan matured in May, a law firm representing Ranic Capital & Financial Services, Inc., the Spartanburg, S.C., bank servicing the loan, sent a demand letter to Rodriguez's investment group. In that letter, attorneys served notice that the reduced loan amount was in default for nonpayment, giving the group five days/notice to pay the loan in full or possibly face legal action.

Mike Wilcox, a Toledo, Ohio-based adviser to Rodriguez, issued a statement saying the coach had been the victim of fraud dating back to 2004, when he was coach at West Virginia.

"Coach Rodriguez is the victim of
Tigers’ closer Rodney earns 30th save this season

Pinch-hitter Morales delivers walk-off single to push Twins past White Sox; Pineiro earns eighth straight win

Associated Press

DETROIT — This time, the Detroit Tigers’ hitters bailed out Epstein Jackson.

Placido Polanco and Carlos Guillen homered on successive pitches and Brandon Inge also went deep, lifting Detroit to an 8-5 win over the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday night.

Ashley Huffman, who has slumped since being acquired from Baltimore Aug. 17, added three RBIs for the Tigers, who won their second straight.

Jackson (11-6) allowed four runs on nine hits in five innings, walking two and striking out six. He has received poor run support for most of the year.

“It was nice to see Edwin get one,” Detroit manager Jim Leyland. “He’s been so good for us this year. He wasn’t really sharp tonight and didn’t have real good stuff, except for the fourth (when he retired the side in order).”

Jackson wanted to do better with the unusual run support.

“Just enough to get a win,” he said. “I’m disappointed. You want to go deep into the game where they get runs for you like that.”

Fernando Rodney pitched the ninth for his 30th save in 31 chances. He’s the fourth Tigers closer to reach 30 saves in a season. He joins John Hiller, Guillermo Hernandez and Todd Jones.

Other members of the Tigers’ bullpen also shined as Zach Miner, Bobby Seay and Brandon Lyon combined to allow a run and hit in three innings. “All we’ve got to do is get big outs at the right time and get where we want to be,” Seay said.

Andy Marte homered for Cleveland.

Carrasco (0-1), making his major league debut, gave up six runs on nine hits in three innings, walking three and striking out three.

“My biggest problem was my fastball. It was all over the place,” he said. “My other pitches were working, the slider and the change, just not the fastball.”

Carrasco, who was obtained from Philadelphia in the Cliff Lee deal, allowed all three home runs after being recalled from Triple-A Columbus.

“He probably had the first-time jitters and we thought three innings were enough,” Indians manager Eric Wedge said. “He did work hard to get through those three.”

Cleveland took a 1-0 lead in the first on Shin-Soo Choo’s RBI single. It scored the slumping Cabrera, who hit a double.

But Detroit bounced back with four in its half. Polanco and Guillen — who has three home runs in the last two games — each hit his ninth homer on back-to-back pitches. Uppung singled in a run and Gerald Laird had a two-RBI double.

“We just kind of caught him by surprise and got real aggressive with him,” Leyland said.

Inge’s two-run homer in the third made it 1-1. Huff’s two-out, two-run double in the fourth made it 8-1.

“I’ve been here a couple of weeks. It’s nice to be able to contribute,” Huff said.

Twins 4, White Sox 3

Pinch-hitter Jose Morales singled home Nick Punto with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to lift the Minnesota Twins to a 4-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday night.

Jason Kubel led off the ninth with a single off Matt Thornton (6-3) and Punto was inserted as a pinch runner. He advanced to third on a single by Brendan Harris. But Tony Pena got Carlos Quentin swinging to take away the sacrifice option.

Morales, the team’s third catcher and just recently recalled from Triple-A Rochester, followed with a home run to right-center and was immediately mobbed by teammates.

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Michael Cuddyer hit two homers and Jeff Manship was sharp in his first big league start for the Twins, who have won nine of 11 and remained 2 1/2 games behind Detroit in the AL Central.

Cuddyer tied his career high for homers in a season with 24 and continued his domination of White Sox starter John Danks.

Cuddyer is hitting .303 with four homers and 10 RBIs in his career against Danks. He hit solo homers in the fifth inning to tie the game and in the seventh to give the Twins a 3-1 lead.

But the normally reliable duo of Jose Mijares and Matt Guerrier faltered in the eighth. Mijares walked Scott Podsednik to lead off the inning and Gordon Beckham followed with a two-run homer off Guerrier to tie the game 3-3.

Alexei Ramirez had a solo homer in the fifth for the White Sox, the only mistake Manship made on the night. He allowed four hits with two strikeouts and two walks in five solid innings.

Danks allowed three runs on six hits in seven innings for Chicago, which has lost five in a row.

But Detroit bounced back with three in the eighth on a two-run double in the fourth victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday night.

Albert Pujols added his major league-leading 42nd homer for the Cardinals, who are a major-league best 26-9 since the July 24 trade with the Athletics for Holiday. They’re 30-4 since July 1 in starts by their big three — Adam Wainwright, Chris Carpenter and Pineiro.

Rookie Casey McGehee hit a three-run homer in the first and matched his career high with four RBIs for the Brewers, who entered a three-game series against the NL Central leaders with a three-game winning streak.
**NFL Football**

Umenyiora says he regrets walkout

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Ouch. Jon Umenyiora said he overreacted when he walked out of practice on Monday — and he's paying for it.

The two-time Pro Bowl defensive end was placed on New York Giants acknowledged he had the minor off with his new defensive coordinator, but said his decision to skip practice was probably the worst thing he has done in his NFL career.

Umenyiora on Tuesday declined to discuss the nature of his disagreement with coordinator Bill Sheridan, saying only that the issue that set him off was "minuscule" and never should have escalated.

The Giants fined Umenyiora an undisclosed amount Monday, making it likely the liner back would feed a lot of people in underdeveloped countries out of practice.

"Do I regret it? Absolutely," Umenyiora said after practice Tuesday. "It was a very, very bad moral decision on my part and an even worse financial decision on my part. So everything is cool now."

What I needed to talk to and apologized to those I had to apologize to it was so stupid and trivial for me to do that. Sometimes when you get mad over things happen like that.

Umenyiora and Sheridan, the linebackers coach who was elevated to defensive coordinator after Steve Spagnuolo was hired as coach of the St. Louis Rams, have known each other for five years.

"He's like just got here," Umenyiora said. "He has been here a while and I have known him forever. This is not the first time I've had a coach around him, it's just so happened that this was the first time I took it that way and it blew up the last time.

"I'm glad they did not make Sheridan available for comment on Tuesday.

Giants Tom Coughlin believed the issue was resolved after Umenyiora talked with Sheridan and defensive line coach Mike Wright.

"I'm very confident it won't happen again," Coughlin said.

Umenyiora, who missed all of last season with a knee injury, attended team meetings on Monday morning and obviously was upset with something Sheridan said.

Warning against the issue to practice, Umenyiora was gone and Coughlin did not know why.

**Tennis**

Murray rolls in first round of Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Second-seeded Andy Murray played a patient, steady game to defeat big-hitting Ernesto Gulbis of Latvia 7-5, 6-3, 6-7 (7-5) in his first-round match at the U.S. Open on Tuesday.

Murray traded baseline blows with 95th-ranked Gulbis in the first set and Gulbis responded with wild misses and blistering winners, pushing the Scot to five set points before finally succumbing to a service break in the 12th game.

Murray, runner-up last year to Roger Federer in his first Grand Slam final, then varied his attack by mixing in forays to the net and took advantage of mounting mistakes from Gulbis, who had 51 unforced errors, 30 more than Murray.

"When I needed to, I upped my game," Murray said. "My concentration could have been a bit better. But for a first match, it was very good because he played very well."

Murray said he enjoyed playing under the lights in Arthur Ashe Stadium before a crowd of more than 15,000 people.

"I enjoy playing on that court," he said. "It's one of the biggest courts out there, probably the coolest atmosphere out of all of the stadiums."

"Hopefully I'll play a lot of my matches on there," he said.

That's one of the reasons the D-line room is so chaotic," Turc said. "Wassile encourages them. We have them daily with him. This is the best place to start, first with the defensive coordinator."

"Teammates, of course, didn't let Umenyiora forget it.

When he reported to the locker room on Tuesday, he said there were wanted signs for him, offering a $1 million reward. Had the players had him, "I see no reason for me thinking about something that happened already. So today was great. I just hope that the fans will behave as they have in the next round," he said.

Jokovic will next face qualifier Carsten Ball of Australia, who beat qualifier Juan Pablo Brzezicki of Argentina 6-3 (6), 6-3, 6-4.

Seventh-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga was the second-round match by beating 18-year-old Chase Buchanan of Ohio, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

Tsonga was the runner-up at the 2008 Australian Open. The U.S. Open is the only Grand Slam tournament at which he's never reached at least the fourth round.

"I'm happy to win and to go to the next step," he said. "The next step for me is to be in the final of the world tour."

Tsonga played cleanly, making only 12 unforced errors, 24 fewer than Buchanan, who was the youngest man in the field.

Buchanan was awarded a wild card by the U.S. Tennis Association as one of 2009 LSTA boys' champion.

Buchanan, of New Albany, Ohio, was a rising Grand Slam debut. He had never faced anyone ranked higher than 121st.

Other winners included No. 10 Fernando Verdasco, No. 16 Marin Cilic, No. 17 Tomas Berdych, No. 22 Sam Querrey and No. 30 Viktor Troicki, but No. 29 Igor Andrejev fell to American Jesse Witten who earned the first tour-level victory of his career.

"It hit with John McEnroe the other day, and he was really being helpful," Witten said. "He was trying to give me pointers."

Taylor Dent, playing in the U.S. Open for the first time since 2005, eliminated Feliciano Lopez 6-4, 7-6 (6), 6-3, 7-5.

"I wanted to be here competing and playing well and playing matches. So to be back here accomplishing that is pretty remarkable," Dent said. "I achieved a career-high ranking of No. 97, I still have a long way to go. I still feel like my game is still pretty rough around the edges. But it's extremely exciting."

Dent had two back operations and was told by doctors to forget about playing professional tennis again. The serving motion he had to adjust because of his back problems managed to produce 18 aces against Lopez. Dent still plays the occasional match and serves and volley style he always has, and he won 29 of 58 points when he went to the net.

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The story is continued from page 24.

"The league is looking very good for the future of women's soccer," said women's soccer coach John Van Staall. "Either we've been the champion or runners-up in the last two years, and we will be looking to continue that trend next season."
**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

**Notre Dame alumni fill new women’s professional league**

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

In its inaugural season of play, the Women's Professional Soccer League learned quickly why Notre Dame is one of the nation's premier college programs. The seven-team league has seen plenty of Notre Dame alumni in its premier events, including both the WPS Championship and the WPS All-Star Game in August.

On Aug. 22, two-time defending Hermann Award Winner Kerri Hanks ('08) and Jen Buskowskii ('07) led New Jersey-based Sky Blue FC to the WPS Title with a 1-0 upset victory over the regular season champions, the Los Angeles Sol 1-0. In taking down the Sol, Hanks and Buskowskii defeated fellow Notre Dame alumni Brittany Bock ('09) and Shannon Boxx ('99). Former Irish player Christie Shaner ('07) was also on the Sol roster, but was not able to play due to injury. In total, with five former players on the championship rosters, Notre Dame tied with North Carolina for most alumni in the game.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum was thrilled about the success of his former players in the now league. "It's really exciting," Waldrum said. "It says a whole lot about the level of the program we're running and the kind of kids that we're not only getting to come into the school but we're developing them. I'm really proud of them, and we think it's really good for our program."

As the young league grows, Waldrum believes the WPS is great for the future of women's soccer in America and that his players will continue to excel.

"As little as 10 years ago, there wasn't much opportunity for [female] athletes to play after college," Waldrum said. "We had a pro league that failed with the WUSA so we hope that the league is better this time around."

"I do think that the young [Notre Dame alumni] have a good future to look at with the WPS," Waldrum continued.

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**FOOTBALL**

**Meet the Smiths**

**Irish rich in depth and talent at linebacker**

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The fall depth chart released Tuesday revealed good news: The Irish can once again field an all-Smith linebacking corps. And, uh, it revealed the starters.

The Irish defense changes again this season — Notre Dame will play four down linemen and three linebackers, compared to the three linemen and four linebackers it previously employed.

Which is a shame, really, because it removes a position that could get another talented Irish linebacker, of which... see SMITHS/page 22

**SMC SOCCER**

Belles beat Holy Cross easily to start season

**Men's Soccer**

**Squad wins in new stadium**

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Irish sent a big message Tuesday that they are ready to play with the big boys.

Senior forward Bright Dike scored three goals and No. 10 Notre Dame soundly defeated No. 21 Michigan 5-0 in their season opener and the first game played in the new Alumni Stadium.

"It was a fun night," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "To be fair I thought the score was a little misleading. Michigan is quite a team... see DIKE/page 22

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As beat writers Bill Brink, Matt Gamber & Sam Werner discuss the latest fall depth chart.