Burglars target off-campus housing

Theft rates stay constant as criminals continue to look for electronics, open windows

By SARAH MERVOSH

Senior Ellyn Michalak sat in her living room reading a book when she heard loud noises coming from the kitchen. She expected to see her roommate doing laundry, but instead discovered a large man jumping off the kitchen counter who had broken through the window.

"I started crying and screaming, and I said, 'Get out of my house!' I was drinking a cup of water and I threw it at him," she said. "It was absolutely the most terrifying experience of my life."

Michalak and other off-campus students have been victims of burglary or attempted burglary since the beginning of the school year, but the numbers are not unusually high, South Bend Police Captain Phil Trent said.

"The burglary numbers are fairly consistent with previous years," he said. "We have not seen a wild spike in burglaries."

Over the past two weeks, there have been four break-ins in the vicinity of South Bend where 85 percent of Notre Dame off-campus students live, he said. Trent did not know how many

Health Services gives free flu shots

University increases supply by 1,000, offers 6,000 flu vaccines to students, faculty and staff

By SARA FELSENSTEIN

University Health Services will offer 6,000 free influenza vaccinations to Notre Dame students, faculty and staff, exceeding last year's supply by 1,000. Director of University Health Services Ann Kleva said.

Vacines were distributed yesterday, and will be available today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tomorrow from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Student Center. The shots are being given on a first come, first serve basis.

Even with the increased supply, University Health Services are unsure if there are enough vaccines to meet this year's demand, Kleva said.

"It's hard to say. We certainly hope so and we did purchase additional doses. We will try to get them to everyone, but we cannot promise that," Kleva said.

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If a student is unable to obtain a free vaccination this week, there are plenty of additional vaccines available in the South Bend community that covered by most insurance companies, Kleva said.

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Mobile blood drive welcomes walk-ins

By KATIE PERALTA

The 40-foot long Bloodmobile and accompanying Blood Drop mascot were hard to miss for students walking to class from the stadium lots yesterday morning, as the South Bend Medical Foundation (SBMF) held its first monthly mobile blood drive Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Gate D of the Stadium to encourage walk-in donations.

"Notre Dame students are very generous when it comes to blood donations and we are so thankful for the support of the students, faculty and staff," SBMF Communications Specialist Colleen Halm said.

Although there was no target number of donors for Tuesday's blood drive, event staff expressed disappointment with Tuesday's turnout of 20 donors and said they hope to double the number of student, faculty and staff donations at next month's drive.

"Since this is the first time we have tried a bloodmobile drive without a specific sponsor we did not have a numerical goal. Normally we would like to see 10 donors an hour in our bloodmobile," Kay Clark-Cox, blood donor recruiter, said.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Housing Web site discussed

By ANN-MARIE WOODS

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed a new proposal for an off-campus housing evaluation Web site that would give current off-campus students the opportunity to rate their housing locations and experiences for the benefit of next year's prospective tenants.

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Each of the top seven candidates for the site will be featured on the COR Web site.

ND class to take overseas excursion

By LIZ O'DONNELL

Occasionally, a course at Notre Dame will involve a field trip. Sometimes, it's to a local destination. But in a few cases, students find themselves thousands of miles from campus with their professor and classmates.

During fall break, a University art class will be traveling to London and Ditchling, England to enhance their knowledge of the art of Eric Gill and the Guild of Saint Joseph and Saint Dominic.

Professor John Sherman will take the three students in his class to multiple sites in England in hopes of bringing to life their wisdom on the life and works of Eric Gill and the Guild.

In a proposal to Learning Beyond the Classroom, a source of funding available at the University, Sherman stated that the class's purpose for the trip is to "produce a monograph on a topic they will determine together based on the life and work of members of the Guild of Saint Joseph and Dominic."

To accomplish this task, students will also be using the trip to study English culture and the influences of the Guild on English culture. The class will also have the opportunity to visit the art of Eric Gill and the Guild of Saint Joseph and Saint Dominic.
It's frustrating that dealing with someone that you owe any coworker, and therefore owe you nothing. Employed (multiple times, in fact) and experience. Either way, they outrank deserve it. And you especially don't respect, simply because they are your the workplace is to earn respect, and understand that no matter who your would do well to remember that. Some people have share anything with him or her. furiously jumping up and storming into the home of a video camera had been annexing anyone who doesn't understand the pecking order, doesn't understand the football electrify or evolving and defense. The fire burning potential to football team is Charlie explosive at any time. The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Eric Priester Sports Production Editor

**COACH JOE BULGAS** Football is an exciting sport that can be exhilarating to watch. The game is filled with action, drama, and heart-pounding moments that can keep viewers on the edge of their seats. Here are some key points to consider when watching football games:

1. **Understanding the Rules:** Familiarize yourself with the basic rules of football, including scoring, down-and-distance, and offside rules. Knowing the rules helps you follow the game more easily.

2. **Team Dynamics:** Pay attention to the relationships and dynamics between players on the field. This can affect team strategies and performance.

3. ** Coach's Decisions:** Watch how the coach's decisions impact the game. This includes play calling, substitutions, and timeouts.

4. **Player Performance:** Observe the performance of key players, including offensive linemen, quarterbacks, and defensive linemen. Their actions can significantly influence the outcome of the game.

5. **Game Flow:** Notice how the flow of the game changes throughout the match. This can be due to injuries, yellow cards, or substitutions.

6. ** Commentary:** Listen to the commentary provided by the announcers. They can provide insights into the game and offer analysis of strategies and plays.

7. **Montages and Highlights:** Enjoy watching the highlights and montages that Recap often include. They provide a visual summary of the game's key moments.

8. **Fan Behavior:** Observe the behavior of fans in the stands or on social media. Fans can add to the excitement of the game by cheering or expressing their support.

By considering these points, you can enhance your viewing experience and gain a deeper appreciation for the sport of football.

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**CORRECTIONS**

Due to an editing error, the headline “Rickey dies at 95 in his Minn. home” in the Sept. 22 edition of The Observer was incorrect. To clarify: George Rickey died in 2003; the obituary states he passed away at the age of 95, not 93. The error occurred due to a typographical mistake. We sincerely apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused. Readers who have any questions or concerns about this matter are encouraged to contact The Observer for clarification.
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ment manager for the SBMF, said.

Clark-Cox said the SBMF previously held blood drives about four or five times a year on campus but hopes to attract more donors by scheduling more blood drives.

"Notre Dame students, faculty, staff and alumni are our largest con­

tributor of blood units to South Bend Medical Foundation," Clark-Cox

said.

The drive's convenient location near DeBartolo Hall will take place every fourth Tuesday or Wednesday of each month, Clark-Sox said, and each donor can make a blood donation every 56 days.

"Many students stopped and asked when we were going to back and we will probably change the time to 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. next month," Clark-Cox said.

A b c donor will receive a free T-shirt after his or her donation.

"The ND Donor shirt is only given out at blood drives held on the ND campus and it was designed by blood drive coordinator from last year's campus blood drives," Clark-Cox said. "They have become a very coveted item."

Advertisements in The Observer and employee newsletters will inform the Notre Dame community of the drive.

Contact Katie Peralta at kperalta@nd.edu

SMC offers secrets to academic success

By ALICIA SMITH

News Writer

Secrets to (Academic) Success and Making Your (Academic) Life Easier offers solutions to help Saint Mary's students improve their study skills.

"These are the problems that students most often suffer with and rather than struggling on their own, this workshop could be proactive and identify them, and let them deal with them before they occur or know that there is some place that they can come to help them if they are in the midst of it," Diane Fox, director of Student Success, said.

"Hopefully they'll see the value of this and know that this is a resource tool and use it to their advantage."

Diane Fox

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Contact Alicia Smith at asmith01@saintmarys.edu

STUDENTS

Transportation Services is offering two Driver Training Sessions in September.

If you have not attended a Driver Training session conducted by Transportation Services, and you plan on driving a University owned, leased, or rented vehicle, you must attend a Driver Training session BEFORE you operate a vehicle.

Sessions will be held on Sunday, September 13th and Sunday, September 27th, at 7:00pm in Geddes Hall (CSC Building) in 8001 Andrews Auditorium.

The sessions will last approximately 45 minutes.

Please bring your driver's license and a pen.

Transportation Services rents vehicles to students, faculty, and staff who are in need of transportation while on official University business.

See our website at: transportation.nd.edu

If you have any questions on the Driver Training sessions or the Motor Pool you may contact Transportation Services at 631-6467

Science, Engineering and Math Students:
Would you like to study at the University of Cambridge?

Come learn about the Churchill Scholarship which provides one year of support for a postgraduate degree in the sciences, engineering, and mathematics at the University of Cambridge.

The Scholarship covers all University and College fees, a living allowance, a travel and visa allowance, and the possibility of a Special Research Grant for a total of $33,000-$41,000.

Fields include but are not limited to: Biochemistry; Biological Anthropology; Classical Clinical Biochemistry; Computational Biology; Computer Science; Earth Sciences and Geography; Engineering; Epidemiology; Genetics; Geosciences; Mathematics (Applied, Theoretical, and Statistics); Pathology; Pharmacology; Physics (Experimental and Theoretical); Astronomy, and Astrophysics; Physiology, Development, and Neuroscience; Plant Sciences; and Zoology.

More information is available at: Churchillfoundation.org and email fellowships@nd.edu.

Meet the Panelists

Peter C. Pateman
Executive Director of the Winston Churchill Foundation of the United States

Wednesday, September 28
1:00 and again at 6:30
Andrews Auditorium
(Lower Level of Geddes Hall)

Sponsored by NDCUSE and the Fellowships Office.
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the University Health Services budget, while Human Resources provides the funds for the facility. Because the vaccines are expen-
sive, Health Services carefully monitors the number of vaccines ordered.

"Say we wanted to purchase 10,000 vaccines and in the past only about 2,000 students came out to get them, if [there were ex-
tra], then we would have to absorb the cost," she said.

Last year Health Services distrib-
uted the free vaccines a few weeks later, in the second week of
October.

"We're following the CDC guide-
lines, and we ordered these [vac-
cines] the spring before. Since we ordered early, they were delivered
early," Kleva said.

The coughs, aches and fevers of
the flu may seem months away, but because we have students and visi-
tors from all over the world coming
this campus.

intersesetofdorms,tightclassrooms
and desks also contributes to the
spread of the virus. Additionally,
Kleva said, it can take 24 hours
before the first flu symptoms appear, so often students do not realize
when they are ill and con-
tinue their routines.

Sophomore Lauren Ruhling
received the shot yesterday.

"I had never gotten a flu shot until last year. I figure living in the
close confines of a dorm would increase my chances of
catching the flu, so the shot would be a good idea," she said. "Waiting
in line versus misses classes, being
sick and missing doing stuff with
your friends? You should get the
shot— it's free."

Kleva said the vaccine distribution
dramatically decreases the num-
ber of flu cases seen on campus.

"The seasonal flu vaccine remains effective throughout the
flu season," she said. "Really
immunity peaks in the third to
tfourth month. You'll have immuni-
ty the end of March and April."

Students receiving the vaccina-
tion should wear short sleeves, and
any student running a fever may
not receive the vaccine, Kleva said.

Students should come as early as
possible, she also advised, as there
will be limited amounts of the vac-
cine allocated for each day, and
when that amount runs out, no
more will be offered.

Any leftover vaccines at the end of
this three days will be available at
the University Health Center.

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The Eric Gill Collection held
in the Special Collections in
the Hesburgh Libraries.

"The reason for the trip is to make connections in
England with items in the collection [we have] here, to
bring it to life," he said.

The Guild of Saints Joseph
and Dominic were a group of
Catholic artists who worked,
lived, and socialized togeth-
er.

"Members of the guild did
deeen brushings, wood
carvings, and weaving
and were also involved in
politics and religion," Sherman
said.

In addition to the class's
visit to London, they will also
visit Ditchling, which is a
small village fifty miles
south of London.

The Ditchling Museum,
located in the village, has an
extensive collection of Eric
Gill work as well as pieces
from other members of the
Guild. Gill resided in the vil-
age for a part of his career.

Sherman said by taking
students abroad he is able to
enrich students' knowledge
better than by only restrict-
ving their learning to a class-
room.

"This is a way for me to
share with students area of
research that a lot of times
doesn't happen easily in a
regular class," he said.

Last Spring, Sherman took a
different group of students
to the country to study the
same topic, labeling their
journey as a
research
adventure."

Graphic
design major,
Mica h l y n
Allen, who
will be going
to London
this fall, was
also on the
trip that took
place last
spring.

"We were able to use
the printing press, while there," she said. "Having first hand
experience really connects you to everything you're
learning about and meeting people that you read about
was just a really neat
experience."

She said the prior trip cen-
tered around the village of
Ditchling, whereas this trip
will primarily focus on
research in London.

In addition to visiting sites
and museums, the class will
also visit Ditchling, whereas this trip
will primarily focus on
research in London.

Senior political science
major Juliana Hofferfer said
she chose to participate in the
class because it was a
great opportunity.

"It will be exciting to be in
the same place as the person
that we're studying," she
said. "Especially because it's
design class, we are image-
oriented
people and it will be good to see
things in per-
sion."

Although
Sherman
believes it will be financially
difficult to
make another
trip, he said the trip will
be a chance
for the students to learn
about a different lifestyle.

"We live in day in age
where we compartmentalize
different aspects of our lives,
where we have work, family
and religion," he said.

Sherman said he believes
the Guild shows that com-

munities similar to Notre
Dame can exist in places
outside the boundaries of
this campus.

"Can the way we exist here
in campus exist somewhere
else?" he said. "It can,
because that's how they
worked."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Arguments begin in Travolta trial
NASSAU, Bahamas — Prosecutors said Tuesday that a paramedic who treated John Travolta's son shortly before he died in the Bahamas threatened to release private information unless the movie star paid $25 million.

Travolta is among those expected to take the stand during the trial, but he did not appear in the courtroom during the first day of testimony in the island chain off the Florida coast.

"Contact was made with certain persons to consummate a demand to John Travolta," Bernard Turner, chief prosecutor in the Bahamas, said in his opening argument.

Raid discovers police corruption in Nuevo Leon
MONTERREY, Mexico — Soldiers raiding a drug gang safehouse in northern Mexico found money-stuffed envelopes earmarked for various police forces and one marked for found money, authorities said Tuesday.

Four people were arrested and $5 million in U.S. and Mexican currency was seized during the raid Monday in the industrial city of Monterrey, according to an army statement.

Monterrey and the surrounding state of Nuevo Leon, which borders Texas, has been a focus of the federal government's crackdown on police corruption.

Five family members slain in home
BEASON, Ind. — A couple and three of their children have been found slain inside their home in this tiny central Illinois farming community, and authorities warned residents Tuesday to lock their doors at night while investigators try to identify possible suspects.

Authorities said a 3-year-old girl survived the attack and was taken to a hospital in Poonah, he said. The girl's grandmother identified her as the couple's daughter, Talitha Gee.

Nichols declined to say why his office didn't release information about the slayings until Monday morning. He said detectives were trying to identify possible suspects, and that those responsible for the killings should be considered "armed and dangerous."

NATIONAL NEWS

Children's health insurance bill signed
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed a bill that will provide health insurance for 700,000 low-income children from losing health insurance.

Schwarzenegger signed the bipartisan bill Tuesday in the state Capitol restoring funding to the state's Healthy Families program, a government-funded health insurance plan for children from low-income families.

The governor and lawmakers slashing funds for programs like this in an attempt as part closing a projected $24 billion deficit. The state froze enrollment and would have been forced to end coverage for 670,000 children starting in October.

Local News

85,000 found and returned to owner
TACOMA, Wash. — A police officer said $3,000 in cash found along a northern Indiana highway was turned over to its owner after being turned in by the man who spotted it.

A man found a bag with the cash inside Monday afternoon near his driveway along a rural stretch of Indiana 4 near the LaPorte County community of Stillwell. He called Law enforcement officials, who were able to track down the owner through a bank deposit slip that was inside.

The owner told police she would offer a reward to the man who found the money for his honesty.

Obama, China discuss climate change
Tegucigalpa, Honduras — President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao each vowed urgent action Tuesday to cool an overheating planet.

Obama meets with China's President Hu Jintao in New York, Tuesday, the world's biggest polluting countries discussed global warming at the U.N. Climate Change Summit.

Still, China and other developing nations "should not... they asked to take on obligations that go beyond their development stage," Hu said.

Experts were watching China closely because it has in the past largely ignored global efforts to diminish emissions. The United States, under former President George W. Bush's administration, stayed away from international commitments citing inaction by major developing nations like China and India.

HONDURAS

Deposed president holed up in embassy
TEGUICAPALPA — At least three U.S. soldiers used tear gas and water cannons to break up an angry crowd as they led the deposed President Manuel Zelaya and 70 friends and relatives trapped inside without water, electricity or phones.

"We know we are in danger," Zelaya said during interviews with various media outlets, saying they were ready to risk everything, to sacrifice.

Heavily armed soldiers stood guard on neighborhood rooftops and helicopters buzzed overhead.

Zelaya, forced out of his country at gunpoint on June 28, triumphantly popped up in the capital Monday, telling captivated supporters that after three months of international exile and a secretive 15-hour cross-country journey, he was ready to lead again.

Interim President Roberto Micheletti's response was terse: "Initially he said Zelaya was lying about being back. Then after Zelaya appeared on national television, Micheletti pressured Brazil to hand him over under a warrant issued by the Supreme Court charging treason and abuse of authority.

Micheletti's government has violated the constitution by arresting Zelaya," Zelaya said.

Some officials suggested even Brazil's embassy would be no haven for the ousted leader.

The invisibility of a diplomatic mission does not imply the protection of delinquents or fugitives from justice," said Micheletti's foreign minister, Mario Fortunato.

"I have a letter waiting for President," said one of Zelaya's supporters. "I'm out."

Police and soldiers set up a ring of security in a three-mile (five-kilome­ter) perimeter around the embassy.

Security Ministry spokesman Orbin Cerrato told The Associated Press that two policemen had been beaten and 174 people were being held on charges of disorderly conduct and vandalism. A doctor interviewed by Radio Globo said 18 people had been treated at the public hospital for injuries.
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burglaries have affected stu­dents during the beginning of the school year, because police do not distinguish between students and perma­nent residents.

Students may be at a higher risk, because burglars usually want to steal electronics, like laptops and Xboxes, Coyne said. Trent said he also said the majority of bur­glaries happen during the day when students are at class.

Michalak said the burglars who broke into his Notre Dame Ave. home during the day expected no one to be home.

"The guy obviously didn't want me to be there when he walked in the house. He looked just as pan­icked as I did," she said.

Although the man fled the house through the front door after he saw Michalak, she said her biggest fear was that the man would hurt her.

"It was terrifying... He was like twice the size of me," she said. "The first thing that's going through your mind is, what happens if this guy attacks me?"

Michalak said the police brought six squad cars along with sniffing dogs to investi­gate the attempted robbery. They also took fingerprints from the window and showed mug shots to Michalak to help identify the burglar, she said.

Since the break-in occurred, the police told Michalak they found the man and arrested him.

"They just said that he's actually going to jail for two robberies. Ours wasn't the only house that he had broken into and entered," she said.

Nothing was stolen from Michalak's house, but junior Matt Coyne wasn't so lucky.

Coyne spent the summer in South Bend doing research, and in early July, his house was broken into in the middle of the night, he said.

"I woke up on Sunday at 11 a.m. after going to bed at 4:30 a.m.,” Coyne said. “Our TV was gone and that's the only thing I noticed at the time. And I noticed the kitchen win­dow was wide open.”

Coyne said he later discov­ered his roommate’s laptop and an Xbox 360 had been stolen. He estimated the value of the stolen items at $4,000.

Coyne said he and his room­mates had just moved into the house a few weeks earlier and had not set up a security system.

"We just kept putting off getting our security system installed," Coyne said. "That's on us. We thought burglary was a possibility, but never thought it would actually hap­pen."

Coyne said police did not find out who was responsible for the theft.

"I think all of my roommates would say to not mess around with the security system, to get that installed as soon as you can, and make sure that you're not careless with lock­ing windows and doors," Coyne said.

To prevent burglaries, stu­dents should keep their win­}

dows and curtains closed, Trent said.

"There's people with their front windows right open and I can see a 50-inch plasma screen from the street. You see the lights on in their house and they're working on a laptop computer," he said. "A burg­lar can do an assessment of what they can steal by walking down the street look­ing in the windows."

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**GM to increase production at plants**

Automaker adds more shifts at factories in Michigan, Kansas, Indiana

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**In Brief**

BP to pay $17.2 million in oil spill violations

ANCHORAGE — BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. has paid the state more than $1.7 million in civil penalties for failing to provide adequate facilities to contain oil spills on Alaska’s North Slope, officials said Tuesday.

Two settlements — one for BP’s Prudhoe Bay field and another for the smaller Endicott and Barrow fields — were signed last month and the penalty has been paid, said Brock Turner, a senior assistant attorney general.

The settlement is not connected to BP’s $20 billion spill in March 2006, for which BP America Inc. pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor violation of the federal Clean Water Act.

In all, 49 of the state’s laws and the federal and state governments filed against BP in March, Turner said.

The settlement is unrelated to any civil penalties BP’s already paid.

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**Audit quality problems found at Pentagon**

DETROIT — General Motors Co. will go to 24-hour shifts at factories in Kansas, Michigan and Indiana to handle an expected increase in demand and to make up for production lost from a large-scale factory closure announced earlier in the year.

The automaker says it will add a third shift at its Fairfax plant in Kansas City, Kan., in January. That will be followed in March or April by third shifts at factories in Delta Township, Mich., near Lansing, and Fort Wayne, Ind.

About 2,400 production workers will be recalled as a result. The plant, which now has one shift, and another 600 will be recalled at parts factories across the country, said Tim Lee, group vice president for global manufacturing.

The increases announced Tuesday, coupled with other production increases unveiled during the summer, will allow GM to raise North American production from about 1.9 million vehicles this year to 2.8 million in 2010, Lee said.

This increase also is necessary because of an expected sales increase next year and because GM’s inventory of cars and trucks has fallen to a record level of 378,000 at the end of August, said Mark LaNeve, vice president of U.S. sales.

The Fairfax plant makes the midsize Chevrolet Malibu, Saturn Aura and Buick LaCrosse, while Delta Township makes the Buick Enclave and GMC Acadia and Saturn Outlook large crossover vehicles. The Fort Wayne plant makes pickup trucks.

In a statement, the automaker said that Fairfax will get all production of the Malibu when a midsize car factory in Orion Township, Mich., closes Nov. 25. It will be converted to a small-car plant and reopen in 2011.

Detroit’s Traverse large crossover when the Spring Hill, Tenn., factory that now makes the vehicles closes, also on Nov. 25. That plant will go on standby in case demand increases.

Fort Wayne will add production of heavy-duty versions of the GMC Sierra and Silverado pickups that are being made in Pontiac, Mich. That factory is to close at the end of September, the company said in a statement.

GM’s September sales have been slow following the end of the government’s Cash for Clunkers program, LaNeve said. The company, though, predicts an increase in total U.S. sales from 10.3 million this year to 11.5 million to 12 million next year, he said.

Current GM has about a 40-day supply of large crossover vehicles, a 52-day supply of Malibus and a 60-day supply of Silverado pickups, according to Ward’s AutoFocusBank.

Jeff Schuster, executive director of forecasting at J.D. Power and Associates, said GM has a low supply of most models and should be up to 1.2 times what is now on dealer lots. The low inventory, combined with an expected uptick in sales starting next year, means the production increase is justified, he said.

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**Audit quality problems found at Pentagon**

WASHINGTON — Pentagon auditors face serious problems in their ability to oversee contracts worth hundreds of billions of dollars, according to congressional investigators, and a key senator says the agency should be charged with an increased focus on quality over speed.

The Government Accountability Office, or GAO, conducted 49 audits and found only four complied with government auditing standards.

"We found audit quality problems at DCAA offices nationwide," according to a copy of the GAO report obtained by The Associated Press. "Although not as serious, the remaining four audits also had compliance problems." The DCAA has taken several steps to correct problems over the past year. But more needs to be done to address widespread audit quality issues, a process that "will likely take several years to change," according to the report.

The watchdog agency identified several deficiencies in Pentagon audits conducted between 2004 and 2006, including inadequate planning and supervision, and lack of auditor independence.

In testimony prepared for a Wednesday hearing of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, DCAA Director April Stephenson says the agency has "taken the GAO’s findings very seriously." A spokesman for the agency referred all questions to the Pentagon. A spokeswoman for the Pentagon did not immediately return a call for comment Tuesday evening.

But Senate committee Chairman Joe Lieberman said the DCAA needs "a complete cultural transformation." "It still seems driven by a culture that emphasizes speed and production of audits over the quality of results," Lieberman, I-Conn., said in a statement.

Stephenson, along with the Pentagon’s comptroller and inspector general, and the GAO’s managing director of forensic audits, are slated to testify before the committee Wednesday morning.
Last week I joined up with the other seniors looking for gainful employment in the year to come. Grad school was out, and the only alternative left to enlist into the 2009 career bound students and set off for our own Normandy, our own Iwo Jima, and prepare for the enemy: the brigades of companies, firms and enterprises that descend yearly on the JACC for our networking war. I arrived fairly early, walked the halls of the conference center and I found the lines to be long, the ratios low and the morale even lower. I walked in with a friend, another accounting major, both of us knowing full well that one might not make it out. With our name tags affixed, we wished each other luck and set out. Within minutes I was lost in a maze of tables, free pens and other sophomores, juniors and seniors, in various states of shock, awe and confusion. Recruiters were spilling out into the aisles, the popular companies wielded enough power to block entire swaths of less popular companies.

Where to begin? Which lines were worth it? Who looked the easiest to jaw with? Or, in the case of Arts and Letters students, who appeared most desperate? Call it shell shock. After a few minutes, my feet came back under me. My senses focused, and I achieved, as Leonidas of Sparta, a heightened sense of morale even lower. I walked in with a walk with my comrades in line, only to be met with stiff resistance, and little aid in developing a kill strategy for the upcoming conversation. At long last, I stepped up, gave my strongest handshake, given the tough conditions, and managed a weak first strike along the lines of “So I’m interested in working for your company?” I recovered, though severely wounded, and managed to successfully express interest in a position at the company, and end the conversation without taking further damage.

With a little battle experience under my belt, the succeeding conversations became easier. My eyes glazed over, and the conversation became automatic. The smile affixed itself permanently, and my instincts led me to the shorter and easier combat. At first I first handed out resumes with caution, cognizant of the rules of social engagement, but it was only a matter of time before they were flying out indiscus- tively to any and all recruiters in my way.

Confidence grew, but so did recklessness. Soon there was no conflict that I would back down from. I went to BCG and Bain and made it back in one piece. I jockeyed for position at Deloitte and survived a minor skirmish outside of Ernst & Young. The campaign raged, with successes few and far between. Morale sunk, and fatigue set in. Eventually, however, with a late game strategy change, and a little bit of luck, I captured an interview and declared victory.

I walked out of the JACC with a lot of casualties. My feet were torn apart from stiff, new dress shoes. My throat was raspy and sore, and I suffered a serious paper cut trying to draw my resume on a recruiter. Mentally, I felt OK, but those things take years to develop. Nevertheless, I walked out with a war. I believed in the fight.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Act not fiscally responsible**

Class of 1999 alumnus Tim Barnes ("Support financial aid reform," Sept. 21) appears to have regrettably fallen victim to the "truthiness" extolled and rammed down the public's throat by the mainstream media and President Obama. I do not — nor should any human — fault him for being so deceived.

A disturbing pattern has manifest itself, one in which those who oppose the growth of government programs are automatically castigated as necessarily corrupt for opposing any bill that "should" garner unanimous support from all who care about the welfare of our students/veterans/insert widely supported constituency here.

A closer look at the bill in question, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, shows that its title belies a more disturbing reality. The Cato Institute's Neal McCluskey describes that the $87 billion figure was a June Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate. By the way, am I the only one mystified as to how the federal government can call it "savings" when we cut money we can't afford to spend from one program and then turn around and shift it to another? In any event, two subsequent updates by the CBO showed that, when the total cost of a bill and the risk of lending are taken into account, the bill "would much more likely become a new, roughly $40 billion burden," explains McCluskey. Of course, those facts were deliberately inverted to the bill's author, Rep. George Miller (D-CA), so he retreated to the common Democratic political tactic of claiming that all people, including women, participate in the text of a bill and its economic implications is a laudable action.

But let's also make sure not to get nickel-and-dimed into an ever-deepening hole of debt by proposals that seem small in comparison. Let's hope that Notre Dame is opposing this bill for the right reasons, and that the University keeps fighting the good fight.

Brendan O'Reilly
sophomore
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Sept. 22

**Use of reason needed in debate**

In his "Letter to Priests for Holy Thursday 1995," Pope John Paul II states, "The Second Vatican Council fully grasped the logic of the Gospel ... when it presented the Church first as the People of God and only afterwards as a hierarchical structure. The Church is first and foremost the People of God, since all her members, men and women alike, share — each in his or her specific way — in the prophetic, priestly and royal mission of Christ.

John Paul II continues to explain in his letter how the hierarchical structure of the priesthood is a ministerial priesthood in which priests are called to a ministry of service and must thus work to guarantee everyone's participation in the goal of eschatological fulfillment. Upon examination, it is obvious that the duties to the Church as the People of God must first be fulfilled before one can fulfill the duties to the Church as a hierarchical structure (a lexicographical ordering of sorts). The hierarchical structure must not inhibit the Church from functioning as the Church of the People of God. John Paul II does not believe that the hierarchical structure poses any hindrances to guaranteeing that all people, including women, participate in Christ's prophetic, priestly and royal mission. He does remind priests though to remain vigilant that they never becomes the case that the Church's hierarchical structure excludes a certain group from participation.

Thus, if members of the Church believe that the Church's hierarchical structure, viz., the sole ordination of men into the priesthood, is interfering with the mission of the Church as the People of God, their concern is a completely valid concern. It is good and proper for individuals to raise flags of warning on matters of belief that the Church as an ecclesial community can then subsequently reflect upon it. It is simply not adequate to point to a certain Church teaching and proclaim, "See! I'm right!" We must always seek to make of the reason that God has granted us.

Rian Dineen
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Sept. 22

**Manhood only important quality**

Although I have never written into The Observer before (although I have threatened to quite a bit), I felt the need to apologize to the men on campus for women on campus who dare question the Church's teaching on priesthood. We should have known that Jesus called 12 men together to lead his flock, not 12 women. We should have known that the only distinguishing characteristic of those disciples was their manhood. It could not have been because of their personality and leadership qualities. And forget historical context. Leave that to the liberal theologians. Of course Jesus would have picked his apostles according to outside appearances and not because of certain qualities necessary to lead like courage and faith.

I'm only glad that he didn't choose these men because of their brown hair because what would all those blonde-haired priests at Notre Dame have done when they heard the calling. Seriously though, we women should really learn our place.

Can you imagine what would happen if a woman gave the sacrament? I mean, what type of message would that send to women who feel like second-class citizens? Certainly women would begin to feel like they have a voice and an opinion to share, and we can't let that happen. Because next thing you know, women will start talking about "rights" and "anti-discrimination" and other silly things like that. Come on Notre Dame girls, everyone knows men have struggled for their rights since the dawn of time. Can't we just let them have this one thing?

Katy Smith
senior
off campus
Sept. 22

**OUR GLOBALIZED ECONOMY**

Bob has a nice job in an American collection agency. Meanwhile, Waleed's job is outsourced to Zarir in Bangladesh....

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Vampires take a bite out of TV & film

By LESLIE SHUMATE
Scene Writer

The Twilight Saga

Those who are familiar with Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight" book series understand that the novels have become a national obsession, capturing the hearts of teenage girls everywhere. Anyone who is unfamiliar with "Twilight: Welcome to 2009. All four novels have made The New York Times bestseller list and enchanted thousands of teenage girls in the process since the first books debut in 2005. The Twilight Saga chronicles the romance between Bella Swan and Edward Cullen, a century-old vampire. Bella is immediately attracted to the mysterious, brooding vampire who struggles to resist the tempting scent of her blood. The couple's love is tested when quarrels between other vampires place them both in mortal peril.

Teens (and those at heart) are captivated by the tantalizing love story and have contributed to the success of the 2008 film adaptation. The film grossed more than $382 million at the domestic box office and "New Moon," the sequel to "Twilight," promises to equal, if not exceed, that return.

Promising more vampires, action and heart abs from America's favorite vampire and werewolf, "New Moon" is guaranteed to thrill "Twilight" fans. The newest installment depicts Bella's heartbreak after Edward (Robert Pattinson) leaves her in order to ensure her safety from the vampire world. Grieving Bella (Kristen Stewart) turns to risky and self-destructive behavior in order to feel close to Edward, much to the concern of her friend Jacob (Taylor Lautner).

In addition to tending to Bella's broken heart, Jacob must make some rather drastic adjustments of his own after he becomes a werewolf. He also must deal with his intensifying feelings for Bella, leaving him in the middle of an agonizing love triangle. While "Twilight" fans are divided in their "Team Edward" or "Team Jacob" loyalty, all agree that "New Moon" will provide plenty of drama to sink their teeth into.

Vampire Diaries

Last week, "The Vampire Diaries" premiered on the CW and proved to be the most-watched season premiere in the network's history. The TV adaptation of L.J. Smith's 1991 series of young-adult novels follows the romance of Elena Gilbert, a popular but grieving high school student at Mystic Falls High, and Stefan Salvatore, a mysterious stranger hiding a dark secret (three guesses what it is).

Yes, Stefan is a vampire. His evil brother's reappearance in Mystic Falls coincides with a score of "animal attacks." Stefan is torn between his love for Elena and his duty to protect her and the other residents of Mystic Falls from future vampire violence.

Sound familiar? It is impossible to ignore the blatant similarities between "The Vampire Diaries" and Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight" series. Both chronicle the romance between a human girl and a brooding, handsome vampire. The couples fall in love over an absurdly short amount of time, after the vampire has borderline stalked the object of his affection. In both narratives, the star-crossed lovers are connected by an inexplicable bond, yet separated by one party's need to suck the other's blood.

While some critics are calling "The Vampire Diaries" a rip-off of the "Twilight" franchise, Smith published her version of the vampire romance more than a decade before Stephenie Meyer claims the idea for "Twilight" came to her in a dream.

One can only wonder if she fell asleep reading "The Vampire Diaries:"

True Blood

With the teen market flooded with vampire-themed media, HBO attempts to attract more mature audiences to an edgier version of a vampire's love story. The network's darker, sexier rendition of a vampire-human romance, "True Blood," premiered in September 2008 and has since become HBO's most popular show since "The Sopranos."

The show, based on Charlaine Harris' "Southern Vampire Mysteries" book series, is set in Bon Temps, Louisiana, where many residents are gifted with mythic abilities. In this small, fictional town, the invention of "True Blood," a symbiotic blood supplement, has allowed vampires to "come out" to mainstream society and live side-by-side with their human neighbors. The tension between vampires and humans is intensified by a number of local murders, as well as "inter-species" relationships between vampires and humans.

"True Blood" centers on one such relationship — vampire Bill Compton (Stephen Moyer) andclairvoyant waitress Sookie Stackhouse (Anna Paquin). The relationship is frowned upon by many members of the Bon Temps community, both human and vampire. In the first season, this tension comes to a head when Bill chooses to break vampire law in order to protect Sookie and must then accept the grim consequences.

Since its first season, "True Blood" has slowly gained critics' approval and has seen a moderate increase in its weekly viewers. In fact, the second season of "True Blood" ended on Sept. 13 with twice the number of viewers as the previous season's finale. In light of its growing popularity, HBO has confirmed the show will be back for a third season, possibly airing next summer.

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Scene Writer

As vampires start to get on everyone's nerves, here is an update of everything that is zombie in the world of media.

Cranberries
The band with the popular song "Zombie" is reuniting to sing and write a few more single-word titled songs. After a six year hiatus the band has decided to give it another go and start touring at the end of the year in the U.S., followed by further tours in Europe starting in 2010. Hopefully for the sake of the Cranberries some of their fans are still lingering.

George A. Romero:
The man who started all of the zombie madness, George A. Romero, recently presented his latest film "Survival of the Dead" in Veneto. Romero can be blamed when it comes to the zombie film plague. He was the director of the original "Night of the Living Dead," a movie from which most of our modern zombie culture emerges. The film claims to continue pushing the envelope when it comes to explicit violence and gore but it's double if this is possible.

"Dead Snow:" Zombies? Check. Norwegians? Check. Nazi? Double check. If it has been long been your desire to see Norwegian medical students fight hordes of zombie Nazis, then your moment has arrived. The film had been in limited release in the United States and will soon be making its way to DVD, a zombie horror comedy quite unlike many others.

"Zombieland:" A zombie horror romantic comedy starring Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg, Emma Stone and Abigail Breslin arriving in theaters Oct. 2. The film pits these four non-zombies against an entire society of brain-eating monsters. Hopping to escape the zombie plague, the crew stays at an amusement park. Action and hilarity ensue, along with zombie gore and a heart-warming love story.

Zombie Walk:
A type of protest or public gathering of people dressed as zombies. It is for political or fundraising goals, the popularity of these events has grown steadily. The participants slowly waddle and limp towards various locations, occasionally attending zombie pub crawls. The size of these crowds is also nothing to drool at. This July in Seattle the world record was broken as 3,894 zombies started blankly at each other until the Guinness judges could tabulate their numbers. These events are most often organized as a rally for blood donations although food drives have also had good success.

"Resident Evil: Afterlife:" The recently announced fourth film in the series is set to start filming in a month. Milla Jovovich and Ali Larter will reprise their roles from the previous films alongside Wentworth Miller (of TV's "Prison Break"). The "Resident Evil" films are based on a series of video games of the same name. This film will take place during a worldwide zombie infestation with the heroes hiding in a jail. The films have grossed over $450 million worldwide, so sequels will apparently continue as audiences continue to pay.

For many older Americans, fascination with the undead began in 1968 with George A. Romero's "Night of the Living Dead," however for me it started with Zach Snyder's updated "BRAIN OF THE DEAD" in 2004. This violent and darkly hilarious social commentary included blacks of intense and misinterpreted meanings, and hove best to fortify my high school from what I considered myself to be a threatening zombie attack. In light of Scare's tasty spread on vampires and zombies, take a bite out of the Top 3 (and One Worst) On-campus Library a good place to make a stand for freedom. Yet while Club B looks ominous from the outside and provides plenty of Western literature to browse mid-escape on the inside, don't forget that almost the entire first floor is encased in glass windows. The library becomes your best option only if you are assured of an airlift escape shortly after your arrival. Too much lingering in the house that Ted built will surely prove disastrous. Prepare to build a signal fire replete with medieval poetry and existentialist novels as soon as possible.

1. Zombies-Mowbray Hall. The building that houses NDSF will afford keeps to virtually indestructible crawlers. Buffets of cash from unnecessarily issued parking tickets, and almost as many shelves of ammunition as we saw in "The Matrix." This too does not lend itself to a prolonged defensive strategy, but the appeal of Zombies-Mowbray lies in the access it provides to getting off campus easily. Remember that your odds of outside rescue are not likely, thus it will become necessary to rely on common sense and a cache of weapons to make your escape. Just be sure to not enter the Post Office side on a Sunday or Federal Holiday.

2. South Dining Hall. South far surpasses any alternatives for several reasons. First, there are no easily accessible windows on ground level and the building is reinforced with brick siding. Essentially South Dining Hall was built as a zombie-stumping fortress. Second and most obviously, a priceless buffet of food choices make SWH ideal for a long defense. Sustenance, hydration, and rest are all invaluable intangibles when making a stand against the undead, and because the biggest question is always whether to wait for a rescue or attempt an escape, hiding in Notre Dame's megakitchen remains ideal. Finally, if rescue does come, the flat roofs of South's great dining rooms allow easy helicopter access for the military.

The Worst Place to be on Campus: Worcest Center. Before and after any zombie attack, really.

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NCAA Football

Florida celebrates their 23-13 victory over Tennessee in Gainesville, Fla., on Saturday. Concerned that his team could be threatened by a virus, head coach Urban Meyer kept six more players out of practice Tuesday.

Meyer keeps 6 more out of practice

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — No. 1 Florida kept six more players out of practice Tuesday because of flu-like symptoms.

Gators coach Urban Meyer said starting linebacker A.J. Jones was among those feeling ill. No player has had a confirmed case of swine flu, but Meyer has expressed concern that the virus could ravage the defending national champions.

Receiver coach Billy Gonzales, who was sent home the day before because of flulike symptoms, could return to practice Wednesday morning without his mask.

Also not at practice were previously projected starter at weakside linebacker Brandon Spikes (Achilles' tendon) and receiver Deonte Thompson (hamstring).

Gators all-freshman running back Mike Gillislee, defensive end Earl Okine and walk-on offensive lineman Shawn Schmieder also were absent.

Jeff Demps, tight end Aaron Hernandez and defensive back Josh Evans, who was isolated because of flulike symptoms, also were absent.

“We’re all right,” Meyer said. “We’ve just got to get ready. We’re doing what we’ve got to do. What we can control, we control. Guys are wiping down everything. We’re doing everything we can. I think we’ll be all right.”

Meyer sounded as if he were coming down with something himself, but insisted he was just hoarse and a mask.

“We’ve got to get a real good start on this thing,” Meyer said. “We’re doing a real good job with that, trying to keep guys from catching that.”

Also Tuesday, linebacker Taiwan Mays will be able to play in Saturday's game against Washington State. Meyer was optimistic Thompson would be able to play Saturday at Kentucky.

They ran him again today and he’s feeling really good. I’m just kind of cautious right now,” Meyer said. “We didn’t hit the mark last week, so I want to hit the mark this week.”

In Brief

Buccaneers' safety Phillips out for season

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay Buccaneers safety Jermaine Phillips will miss the remainder of the season with a broken left thumb.

The Bucs made the announcement Tuesday, placing the eighth-year pro on injured reserve. He was hurt during Sunday’s 33-20 loss to the Buffalo Bills.

Losing Phillips weakens a struggling secondary that was already playing without starting safety Tavon Jackson, who was suspended for the first four games of the regular season for violating the NFL’s substance abuse policy.

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Rockies to start Cook on Friday against Cardinals

DENVER — Aaron Cook finally feels like he's part of a pennant race.

Colorado's ace right-hander learned Tuesday that he'll return to the mound Friday night against St. Louis, his first start since going on the disabled list with a strained right elbow on Aug. 22.

The Rockies entered their game Tuesday night against San Diego with a four-game lead over San Francisco in the NL wild-card race.

Cook was an underdog the last time the Rockies reached the playoffs, missing out on their incredible 21-1 run-up to the World Series in 2007 because of a strained side muscle that sidelined him for 11 weeks.

He returned for Game 4 of the World Series, allowing three runs over six stellar innings but couldn’t prevent Boston from sweeping the Rockies for the title.

USC's Carroll hoping for return of Barkley, Mays

LOS ANGELES — Pete Carroll is hoping the return of perhaps Southern California's two most important players will put the Trojans back on track after last week's loss at Washington.

“Troy is back at work on a familiar task for the Trojans coach in recent years. He has to restore his talented players' confidence after another early-season loss. Pac-10 loss likely knocked them out of the national title race yet again.”
MIAMI — Joe Blanton said he approached his matchup against Josh Johnson like any other, and for the Philadelphia Phillies, that worked fine. Blanton allowed two hits in seven shutout innings to out-pitch the Marlins' ace, and Philadelphia won the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday, 9-3.

The victory reduced to five the Phillies' magic number for clinching the NL East.

Blanton (11-7) struck out nine and walked two. Johnson (15-5) twice struck out the side and had 10 strikeouts in five innings, but he gave up seven hits and four runs.

"If he doesn't give up any runs, or if he gives up a lot of runs, I still have to go out and pitch and stick with the same game plan either way," Blanton said.

The Phillies' right-hander went six shutout innings in his last start to beat Washington. He said he had better stuff this time, thanks to a slider that had been unreliable of late.

"I finally found it a little bit," Blanton said. "It kind of came back. That was nice. Hopefully it stays."

Blanton allowed no hits after a leadoff single in the second.

Philadelphia's Raul Ibanez hit his 32nd homer. Jayson Werth and Ryan Howard each had a two-run single for the Phillies, who also scored on a wild pitch, two RBI groundouts and Jimmy Rollins' sacrifice fly.

"I think they hit one ball hard, and it was tough to swallow," Johnson said. "I was trying to battle, make good pitches, and they just hit them. It was just one of those days."

The Phillies won despite striking out 16 times and going 2-for-11 with runners in scoring position.

Facing Sergio Escalona, Florida scored three times in the eighth, with one play destined for the blooper reel. When Hanley Ramirez hit an RBI double, center fielder Shane Victorino chased it down, but when he tried to throw the ball toward the infield, it slipped from his hand and landed at his feet.

Compounding the comedy, Florida's Nick Johnson could have easily scored but didn't see the bobble and stopped at third. Ramirez didn't see Johnson stop and nearly caught up with him at third before retreating safely to second.

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Players concerned about performance of refs

NBA referees failed to make contract agreement with league; president of basketball operations confident in replacements

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NBA's president of basketball operations is confident replacement officials would perform well if they are needed when games begin.

The players aren't so sure.

The NBA and its referees union have failed to reach an agreement on a new contract, so the league will begin training replacements this week. Without a new deal soon, those replacements would be used in games starting Oct. 1.

The officiating was criticized during the last lockout in 1995, but Joel Litvin said Tuesday it will be better this time because the replacements are from the WNBA and NBA Development League, and familiar with the NBA program.

"These referees are sort of part of the extended family, which is what makes it different from '95. The vast majority are either D-League referees, they're WNBA referees, they've been to our summer leagues and been trained by our managers," Litvin said. "They've been to our tryouts."

"So unlike in '95, when we were selecting more or less strangers, to be replacements, these are people that we know and have been working with for several years, which is a reason why we feel pretty good about how they will perform when they draw the floor."

But Lakers guard Derek Fisher, president of the players association, said the NBA's referees are the best in the world and called for a quick resolution, saying not having them on the floor is "unacceptable."

"Players throughout the league are concerned that the use of replacement referees could compromise the integrity of our game."

Derek Fisher

Lakers' Guard and
President of the Player's
Association

"Players throughout the league are concerned that the use of replacement referees could compromise the integrity of our game," Fisher said in a statement released by the players association the day before they were scheduled to meet again with league officials for negotiations toward a new collective bargaining agreement.

"They're on the floor before they were scheduled to meet again with league officials for negotiations toward a new collective bargaining agreement.

"Their faces are the best product that we can put on the court and that includes having the best referees. Anything less is unacceptable to our union and our members."

However, the league and the referees' union are still far apart on proposals involving changes to the referees' pension and severance packages, as well as a plan to develop younger officials. No further talks are scheduled after they broke down last week.

"Our preference is always to have our regular referees on the floor," Litvin said. "They're the best in the world. So whether that happens remains to be seen."

Training camp opens Thursday, and the league hopes to emerge with 50-60 officials to comprise the replacement roster. Most — perhaps all — will come from within leagues the NBA oversees, a key difference from the heavily criticized officiating during the previous lockout.

Officials from the CBA were used 14 years ago, so the NBA had no control over their training. Plus, early season games were officiated by two-person crews, as opposed to the three that have long been in place.

Litvin also points out that the game has changed from the physical style that ruled in the mid-1990s. That, combined with the advances the league has made in the observation of officials, has Litvin believing the quality of play won't suffer this time.

"We're confident that we will quickly be able to identify any referees who we don't think can perform this job, and likewise we'll pretty quickly identify those that are the stronger ones and we will schedule those referees the most," Litvin said. "So I guess for those reasons, we don't expect — we don't view this as a situation that will be like '95."

Nor is Litvin concerned about performance of refs. He said many also referee D-League or summer league games and the rules interpretations are similar.

The league has had some success with replacement officials. There are currently 17 on the roster, including recent NBA Finals referees Joe Crawford, Danny Crawford and Ken Mauer, who began their careers as replacements during work stoppages.

The NBA also confirmed that Robbie Robinson and Michael Henderson, former NBA refs who were fired by the league, are among those expected at camp. League officials have taken great steps to praise the work of their officials, particularly since the betting scandal involving former referee Tim Donaghy that brought their profession under scrutiny, and won't pretend the replacements can truly take their place.
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Maryna Mierzwa, an impressive freshman, led all Saint Mary's golfers at last week's Jamboree after shooting a 76. Mierzwa's stroke total tied for the lowest score in the outing with Trine's Kailyn Pero.

Senior captain Perri Hamma earned third in the field at the Medalist Golf Club after posting a 79, the best score of her Saint Mary's career.

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outscored their opponents by a combined score of 14-0. Despite the seemingly lopsided margins in all of Notre Dame's performances, coach Randy Waldrum doesn't think that the shutouts raise much cause for concern early in the season.

"Somebody had brought that to my attention recently and I hadn't even realized that," Waldrum said. "I'm not sure if it's a fluke or whether or not there's a trend there."

One of the main reasons that Waldrum isn't concerned about the early shutout trend revolves around the caliber of the teams that the Irish have lost to this season, as North Carolina, Stanford and Santa Clara are currently ranked No. 1, 2 and 9, respectively, in the current NSCAA poll.

"I think in the losses that we got shut out in, we lost to very good teams, and the games that we've won we were supposed to win," Waldrum said. "Those are fantastic teams [that the Irish have lost to] where you could play your best game ever and still lose."

Waldrum believes that some of the shutout losses may have occurred as a result of the team's relative youth being somewhat unfamiliar with playing from behind.

"I think a little bit of it is where last year we had a fantastic year," Waldrum said. "Six of our ten field players this year are freshmen and sophomores and they only played from behind four minutes all of last season, so this is a new experience for them and we're still trying to find our way a little bit."

In the games themselves, the Irish tried to adjust their strategy late in the game against both Santa Clara and Stanford to try to create offensive opportunities and tie the games.

"We played well against Santa Clara," Waldrum said. "We were down [by one goal] late in the game so we shifted some players up and tried to tie the game. It was similar in the Stanford game."

Waldrum likened those contests to comparable contests for other teams on the Notre Dame campus in recent years, including the football team and women's basketball team, where the teams played extremely well but came up short in the end.

"We want to schedule good teams early so you can see where your strengths and weaknesses are so you can adjust for the playoffs," Waldrum said. "'It's like when Notre Dame football plays USC every year and a few years ago when they had Brady Quinn, although they played a fantastic game, they still lost.'"

"I think we played three really, really good games," Waldrum continued, "like when the women's basketball team plays Tennessee or UConn."

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

The Belles hope juniors Mary Kate Boyle and Rosie O'Connor can replicate their respective rounds of 81 from the Medalist Golf Club.

The tie for fourth at the first Jamboree of the season.

Today's Jamboree tees off at 1 p.m.

If Saint Mary's pulls off another win it would put them at a significant advantage over their MIAA opponents halfway through the regular season.

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today. He's got a little bit of an ankle. If he went out there today, he wouldn't be full speed. (Ill) give the other running backs the reps today and build him up to be full-go by game time.

One injured running back who Weis didn't expect to return Saturday, though, was senior full-back James Aldridge. Aldridge hurt his shoulder in the season opener against Nevada and has not played since.

"I think what I'm planning on doing, even though he wants to try to play this week and try to play next week, I'm leaning more toward holding him this week and next week so that I get a full three weeks," Weis said. "With the bye week up after that and having him ready for whoever we play after the bye."

Sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd's season-ending surgery Monday to repair a broken clavicle was the biggest injury news of the week. Tuesday, Weis said Floyd has been handling his situation with as much maturity as one could expect from a sophomore.

"He thinks he is a coach now," Weis said with a laugh. "He's accepted this role. He's dealing with it (and) I think he's going to be a great asset for us because he's into the game. He's not just one of those guys who is in the tank because he's hurt."

"Floyd's dealing with his injury...He's just not one of those guys who is in the tank because he's hurt."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

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team's success, but the team's well being," senior Carl Santos-Ocampo said. "In such a challenging sport that sometimes can mentally get you down, (Kubinski) makes sure the team is always in high spirits." Individual successes have also been a major part of Kubinski's term. Former Irish star Cole Ishan was named to the PING All-American Region team three years in a row under Kubinski, and fifth-year senior Josh Sandman was given similar honors in 2008.

The 2009-10 season is the first in which Kubinski's recruits will play a major role on the team, and he believes that the program will once again turn the corner and sometimes move back to the top of the Big East. "This year is really the first year we're going to see the (recruits from 2007) step up and compete favorably against the strongest teams nationally," Kubinski said. "With the experienced seniors we have and those younger players, I think our guys realize that it's their time now. We're excited for this season and for the seasons to come. We know it would take a lot of hard work and patience and even some bumps along the way but I'm proud of how we've always held their heads high, worked hard and are now ready to win."

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Three kills and a service ace, the Belles finished the match off with a 25-13 third set victory.

Senior Lorna Slipeczny led the way with 10 kills and 10 digs, Junior Andrea Sagner and Boden chipped in on offense with nine blocks apiece. On defense, junior Meghann Rose filled the stat book with 23 digs. The Belles, who are now in the middle of the MIAA standings at 2-3, will get a break from conference play as they travel to take on a struggling Manchester team who are currently 3-11 on the season. The match will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

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MLB

Greinke shuts down BoSox in Royals win

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Zack Greinke bolstered his Cy Young Award credentials in holding Boston to two hits in six scoreless innings, leading the Kansas City Royals to a 5-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Tuesday night.

Greinke is 3-0 with a 0.26 ERA in his past five starts, allowing 18 hits and one earned run in 35 innings. With the stingy stretch, Greinke has lowered his major league-leading ERA to 2.09.

Greinke (15-8) became the first Royals pitcher to win at least 15 games in a season since Paul Byrd won 17 in 2002. Byrd (1-2) was the losing pitcher Tuesday.

Greinke's record likely would be more impressive if he had better run support. He has failed to earn a win in six starts in which he allowed none or one run.

Dustin Pedroia doubled in the first and Victor Martinez singled in the sixth, extending his hitting streak to 21 games, for the only hits against Greinke. Greinke walked three and struck out five, bringing his season total to 229, which is second in the American League. The Royals batted around in a five-run first, which included Alex Gordon's two-run, two-out single and two walks, but Mark Buehrle had five runs on nine hits and a walk in the first inning.

Byrd settled down after the first, giving up two 2-3 innings and not allowing another run. He stopped the hits in the fifth and four walks.

Byrd exited in the seventh with the bases loaded after a single and two walks, but Mark Teahen flew out to center to end the inning. The Red Sox scored their run without a hit in the eighth off Roman Colon, who walked Jacoby Ellsbury and Pedroia. After a double steal, Ellsbury scored on Martinez's grounder. Ellsbury tops the majors with 63 stolen bases.

Josakie Soria was summoned for final out after David Ortiz walked and Casey Kotchman reached on a Butler error. Soria logged his 28th save in 31 opportunities.

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FOOTBALL

Twists and Turns

Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen hobbles off the field during Saturday’s victory over Michigan State. Clausen injured his toe in the game, but is expected to play this week.

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Injured quarterback Jimmy Clausen’s MPH Monday came back negative Irish coach Charlie Weis said Tuesday. Weis expects the junior to play against Purdue Saturday.

“I’ll probably hold him from practice today,” Weis said. “So what I’ll do today is I’ll give Dayne [Crist] the majority of the reps, and I’m going to give [Daniel] Sharpley some reps too to knock off a little bit of the rust on him.”

Junior running back Armando Allen also suffered a foot injury Saturday, tweaking his right ankle.

“The practice pattern for him is going be very similar [to Clausen],” Weis said. “Hold him off a little bit of the rust on the off season.”

Senior defender Amanda Clark slows a North Carolina attack in the Irish 6-0 defeat Sept. 4.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary’s sweeps Olivet to reach .500

By CHRI$ MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary’s volleyball team concluded a stretch of five straight MIAA matches with a bang. The Belles had only one win with three losses in that stretch coming into their final match, but managed to sweep Olivet College 3-0 at Angela Warren Golf Course Tuesday.

The win brings their overall record to the .500 mark at 5-5, and drops the Comets to a dismal 3-9 on the season. The Belles came out aggressively on offense, taking an early 7-1 lead. With freshman Stephanie Bodin’s 10 of 14 kills on six attempts, Olivet could not climb back in it and dropped the first set 25-14.

The second set mirrored the first as the Belles took the lead early and did not relinquish it, winning 25-18.

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