60 NDFCU members affected by scam

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

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Assistant News Editor

More than 60 Notre Dame Federal Credit Union (NDFCU) accounts may have been compromised as a result of a multipart e-mail scam Friday, NDFCU President Leo Ditchcreek said Tuesday. The NDFCU information technology (IT) team tracked the origin of the fraudulent e-mails—which revolved users to a counterfeit NDFCU Web site that asked for their debit cards numbers and security codes, among other sensitive information—to the Netherlands, Ditchcreek said. The scammers may never be found, he said. "Unfortunately in these cases, it's almost impossible to track down the criminals, especially at the international level," Ditchcreek said. "Nine out of 10 times you'll never discover the identity of the fraudsters, and that's very frustrating for the law enforcers and the victims, but sadly, it would cost too much to launch a search abroad.”

Over 60 NDFCU members have contacted the credit union to freeze their accounts after receiving one or more e-mails from an unknown scammer masquerading as the NDFCU. Ditchcreek said the first wave of e-mails asked users to click on a link and fill out a survey for the NDFCU. A pop-up window asked them to enter their member number and password. A different e-mail informed members their online access to their accounts had been limited until they reviewed and confirmed their information. A link on the e-mail directed them to a site where they could enter their user name and password. Ditchcreek said. After the NDFCU learned of these e-mails Friday, a warning was posted on the credit union's homepage.

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

Late Friday, a second wave of fraudulent e-mails capitalized on Notre Dame Federal Credit Union to freeze their accounts temporarily. Ditchcreek said.

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Legends evacuated for gas leak

Construction crew causes pipe rupture

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

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

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

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

Two accidental gas leaks already occurred earlier this year.

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

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ND ad focuses on research, service

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

By THERESA CIVANTOS
News Writer

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

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

Next came a 30-second spot that highlighted several Notre Dame students and their various fights for human rights.

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

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

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SMC prepares for beatification trip

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

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

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

"Through Basil Moreau’s legacy, we are called to a radical identification to Christ, and to cultivate in our own lives union of hearts and zeal for the mission," the letter said.

Pope Benedict XVI approved Moreau’s next step toward sainthood on April 29, 2006, Pope John Paul II venerated Moreau on April 12, 2003 for the miraculous cures attributed to him.

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

Saint Mary’s senior Haley Nickell will be the only student the College will sponsor for the trip to France.

See MOREAU/page 4

Annual report praises improvements, highlights campus diversity

By DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

The Admissions Office has released the 2006 campus census, which reveals the growing importance of, and diversity within, the University population.

Since 1998, the number of international students on campus has increased 48 percent, while the number of domestic students has grown 12 percent.

"We have always been aware of the importance of diversity on campus," said Dean of Admission Christopher Hopson. "Our efforts to attract students of varying cultural and economic backgrounds have been successful, and we are committed to continuing this trend.

The 2006 campus census also shows that the University has made significant strides in the areas of gender and race.

Four-year graduation rates for women and men are both above national averages, and both the black and Hispanic populations are growing.

The Admissions Office also collected data on potential donors and alumni.

The number of alumni and potential donors who said they would consider giving increased 44 percent in 2006, according to the census.

"We are encouraged by the increasing interest in giving," said Hopson. "Our goal is to increase giving by 10 percent in the next fiscal year, and we believe this data shows that we are on the right track.

See more on the Admissions Office at www.nd.edu/admissions/campus-census/
Question of the Day: What kind of music would you make if you were an artist, and why?

Janet DeAngelis
Grad student
"Indie rock and roll for me."

Kim Schlesinger
Freshman
"Rock music, because it is my favorite."

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

Malory Jacobs
Junior
"R&B, because it feeds my soul."

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

King of Troy

Freshmen ladies. Looking for your future husband? Look on further than Michael Troy.

I know what you might be thinking. Who is Michael Troy? Ask yourself, a question is only forgivable because young Michael has graduated the Notre Dame campus with his presence for a mere 14 days. This spectacular young lad hails from Charlotte, N. C., also my hometown.

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

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

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

Michael's genius only grew in high school, as he fulfilled his passion for physics when he joined Science Olympiad. Now Michael is not only a left-side-of-the-brain kind of guy. He also made all the young ladies of Charlotte Catholic swoon as a striking tenor in the mixed choir group. He even shook his groove thing in the school musical. Before I knew it, my childhood friend was already looking at colleges. He knew all along that he belonged right out of the gate at Notre Dame.

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

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

Michael's fine intellect intimidated college kids even as a high schooler. So you might say that this guy cannot possibly be any better.

Wrong. Young Michael is a certified life-guard and was a stand out on the high school state swim team. He once again shook the ladies in the class as he performed with ease.

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

The man, who told police he was comfortable driving naked, was charged with indecent exposure, punishable by up to a year in jail.

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

Convicted peeper sues to get porn back

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — A man recently jailed for secretly videotaping a woman and a teenage girl has sued a police department for the return of his massive porn collection taken during the investigation.

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

"There's absolutely no legal foundation for them withholding perfectly legal adult-oriented materials," Thorton attorney Jon Bankin said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Students may form coalition for town relations

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

By JOHN TIERNEY

In its first meeting of the year, the Council of Representatives (COR), an advisory group, met Thursday. The council is an effort by President Liz Brown, Student Council and Notre Dame Security/Police to improve relations between University students and the South Bend community.

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

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

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

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

While the coalition would new to the Notre Dame and South Bend communities, similar organizations have existed in other areas. Braun said that Rhode Island saw complaints against off-campus students decline by 39 percent in the coalition's first year.

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

Junior class president Bob Braun hopes that Rhode Island students were shot and wounded.

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Two ND students named ISI honors fellows

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

Special to The Observer

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

Named among only 50 of the nation’s most talented undergraduates’ selected from over 600 schools, including Harvard, Stanford and Yale Universities for 2007, Boyd and Miller attended an ISI summer conference in Quebec where they participated in a yearlong program designed to enhance their undergraduate education at Notre Dame. It will include an ISI Career Development Seminar and continuing direction from their faculty mentors through online discussions.

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

Boyd, the executive editor of the Irish Rover, an independent student publication, is also involved in Sustained Dialogue, a student group dedicated to improving relations on campus, and serves on the advisory board for Notre Dame Magazine.

Last spring, he studied in Rome at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (commonly called the Angelicum) and plans to pursue graduate studies in philosophy.

Miller, also an editor of the Irish Rover, spent the summer at the University of St. Thomas, where she was selected to attend the “Play Like a Champion Today” signing and accomplished Notre Dame alumni in different fields.

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

“It’s not about any other college,” he said. “This ad shows that Notre Dame is Catholic without overtly saying ‘Catholic.’”

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

That more subtle approach to religion is a significant shift from previous years. Last year’s ad at Notre Dame’s University aired its “Catholic,” featuring a girl in church in prayer.

The new commercial, titled "Play Like a Champion Today," signs and showcased accomplished Notre Dame student athletes, and is an opportunity for us to be different, to be unique ... that’s how you show leadership," Stavinoha said.

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Moreau continued from page 1 to attend. More than a dozen submitted essays to apply for the three ISU student ambassadors, according to Sister Rose Ann Schultz, vice president for mission and one of the Saint Mary’s delegation to the events.

"I brought up in a strongly Catholic family, and I thought it would be an exciting opportunity to promote like this," Nickell said.

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

College President Carol Ann Mooney, her husband, George Elfia, Schultz and other faculty and staff members who also attended. More than 130 people serving in ministries sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Cross will be attending, Schultz said.

Every member of the delegation had to submit an essay application to take part in the celebrations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The opening of the beatification celebration will take place in L’Aigle-en-Belgium, Moreau’s birthplace, she said.

On Sept. 15, the Mass and rite of beatification will be celebrated in Le Mans. Bishop Jacques Faivre of Le Mans will present, Bishop Jacques Faivre of Le Mans will present, and Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of the Saints, will represent Pope Benedict XVI and will present the papal decree, signing Moreau as blessed, Schultz said.

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

On Sept. 16, a Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Julian. Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, former archbishop of Washington D.C., will preside, Schultz said.

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

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Jamaican PM will not concede

KINGSTON— Jamaica's first female prime minister is prepared to concede defeat Tuesday as officials began a final tally of ballots in an election that has raised international observers as "professional and transparent."

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

Preliminary returns gave the opposition Jamaica Labor Party 31 of the 60 seats in the House of Representatives, just enough to outright win the election. The official count was expected in the next two days.

Police detonate old WWII bomb

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

More than 60 years after the war's end, removing unexploded bombs, grenades and artillery shells remains a full-time task for police and private companies all over Germany. It's an occurrence so common that police explosives experts Thomas Mehhorn and Jorg Neumann can joke about their delicate job as they sit at a table of shrapnel from wet dirt pecking-at-sulfur.

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

National News

Richard adventurer missing in Nevada

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

Teams searched a broad swath of rugged terrain, including areas west of Reno where he took off, but searchers had little to go on because he apparently didn't file a flight plan. A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said:

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

Fossett, 55, first to circle the world solo in a balloon, was seeking places for an upcoming attempt to break the land-speed record.

Deaths, doctor fatigue unrelated

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

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

Local News

Manhole murderer sentenced

SOUTH BEND — A homeless man who pleaded guilty to murdering his neighbor by blowing up his manhole apartment has been sentenced.

Daniel J. Sharp, 55, of South Bend in May pleaded to four counts of murder in the slayings of Gregory Miller, Michael W. Lawso, Jason Costes, and Brian Talboom. Their bodies were found inside two South Bend manholes over four days in January.

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

IRAQ

Commander: Next four months crucial

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

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

Lt. Gen. Raymond Olidoro said the number of attacks in August fell to their lowest level in more than a year, although he gave no figures.

Olidoro told reporters he thinks that if we can continue to do what we are doing, we'll gradually see some of these attacks about where we think we can do it with less troops.

Bush himself raised the possibility of a reduction in the no-fly zone-maintaining force during his surprise visit Monday to al-Asad Air Base in Anbar province, where Sunni Arab sheiks have been turning against al-Qaida in Iraq.

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

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

On Tuesday, an al-Qaida front group announced on an Islamist Web site that it was forming new suicide battalions to strike at the Americans and their "re- chal sesame" allies — an apparent response to the burgonng revolt against the terror movement.

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

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

The optimistic tone of recent U.S. statements appears aimed at persuading moderate Republicans in Congress to stand by the American troops man a Baghdad checkpoint Tuesday.

Lt. Gen. Olidoro indicated that violence in Iraq is declining.

"If we're not careful, if we just pull our troops out of Iraq, I think that if we can continue doing what we are doing, we'll gradually see some of these attacks about where we think we can do it with less troops," Olidoro said.

The president and his Democratic allies are certain to be in the middle of a series of fights with the Democratic-controlled Congress to begin bringing the troops home as soon as possible.

"I classify them as part of the problem," Olidoro said.

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

Budget director faces challenges

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

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

While the Oct. 1 beginning of the 2008 budget year is looming, and the White House has just passed one of 12 bills to fund the agency budgets that Congress is required to pass each year.

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

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

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

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

**Belgium**

**Church expected to face criminal charges for fraud, extortion scandals**

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — A Belgian government agency has recommended that the Church of Scientology be labeled a criminal organization.

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AT&T Inc.'s cellular network. Last month, the United States, where it's restricted to, can't work. A newspaper Dian Nao Bao reported in its Wednesday, September 5, 2007, page 7, that reports of its phones being sold in China but receive calls. The voicemail function also does not work. The combination cell, even though Apple Inc. isn't selling it and the gadget doesn't function properly despite costing twice as much as in the United States.

**Market Recap**

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**In Brief**

**Auto companies report mixed sales**

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

Toyota's 2.5 percent sales drop, Ford's 14.4 percent decline and Chrysler's 6.1 percent decline were symptoms of what analysts said would be a slumping U.S. auto market due to high gasoline prices, rising mortgage payments and turmoil in the financial markets.

Apple's 8.5 percent sales drop allowed Toyota to take the No. 2 slot in U.S. auto sales from Ford for August and for the first eight months of the year. But GM, led by increased pickup truck sales, showed an increase of 6.1 percent, while Nissan Motor Co. reported its sales increased 6.3 percent for August and Honda Motor Co. reported a 4.7 percent increase.

**Wall Street extends summer rebound**

NEW YORK -- Wall Street extended its rebound from the big summer sell-off Monday as offshore dips in manufacturing growth and construction spending raised investors' hopes for an interest rate cut.

The market also got a boost as investors bought technology stocks viewed as bargains after being batted during last month's sell-off. Tech and telecom stocks were the activity despite credit concerns, and furthermore, demand for computers, cell phones and other electronics products appears strong.

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

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

"We haven't had anything happen to change that outlook," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. "Everything still points to a Fed that could lower rates."
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CHICAGO — Jurors in Chicago's mob trial on Wednesday began deliberating the fate of five defendants Tuesday in a case described by defense attorneys as built on the testimony of a “walking piece of evidence.”

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

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

Jurors left for 2 p.m. Tuesday, despite indicating last week that they planned to work from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office of U.S. District Judge James R. Zagel gave no explanation as to why the jury worked fewer hours than requested.

The defendants are all in their 70s or 80s, and one, Albert Bello, uses a cane and wheelchair in court. They are accused by prosecutors of racketeering, murder and racketeering conspiracy, detailed in a 42-count indictment including charges of illegal gambling, extortion, loan sharkading and 18 murders between 1970 and 2007.

The men on trial are reputed mob leader James "Big Jim" Colonna, 80; convicted loan shark Frank Calabrese Sr., 79; convicted jewel thief Calabrese's brother — who the defense said admitted lying to authorities in the past and was only cooperating with the government now to escape the death penalty. Defense attorneys attacked the case as one built largely upon the testimony of Nicholas Calabrese — Frank Calabrese's brother — who the defense said admitted lying to authorities in the past and was only cooperating with the government now to escape the death penalty.

Sydney due to be called within three months.

Polly秀 Howard, in office for 11 years, trailing

Associated Press

SYDNEY — President Bush briefed one of his few remaining staunch war allies, telling Australian Prime Minister John Howard Wednesday about his Iraq visit and how 400 of that came to an end.

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

Howard is the last leader among the major original coalition partners whose relationship with the US remains good. Theirs is one of the world's closest ties.

Michigan pushes up its primaries

WASHINGTON — Michigan officials cracked the early primary calendar on Sunday, setting up showdowns with both political parties and likely pushing the presidential nomination calendar closer to 2007.

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

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

The national parties also have tried to impose discipline on the rogue states. On the Republican side, states that schedule contests before Feb. 5 risk losing half their delegates to next summer's convention, though some are bandying with the idea of a "frontloading" GOP nomination will eventually restore the delegates.

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Illinois, in moving up its primary, faces a similar penalty from the Democratic National Committee.

Tuesday was the deadline for states to submit to the Republican National Committee the dates and formats of their primaries or caucuses. A state might not turn out to be much of a deadline because some states are beyond the point of no return to jockey for earlier votes.

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A return to non-interventionism

George Washington rightly sits atop most people's list of "great" Presidents. Not only can he be credited to the success of the American Revolution and the subsequently founding of the United States of America, he also managed as President to keep the fragile young republic free from European troubles. France was in the midst of a revolution which resulted in a gruesome and bloody war with England and others. Washington realized that avoiding such bloodbaths was essential to the future prosperity of the United States. It was with this intent that the President published his letter to the American people at the conclusion of his second term in office.

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

Washington's call for non-interven­tionism was largely heeded by his suc­cessors. Thomas Jefferson famously said his inaugural address in 1801 that America should follow a policy of "peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, and en­gaging alliances with none." Similarly, James Monroe stated that "in the wars of the European powers ... we have never taken part, nor does it comport with our policy to meddle in the internecine contests of foreign nations. We should only take up arms and make alliances when "our rights are invaded, or seriously endangered by our enemies, or made necessary by our own errors, or injuries, or make preparations for our defense." John Quincy Adams said "America does not go abroad in search of monsters to destroy. She is a small­
wisher to the freedom and independ­
ence of all. She is the champion only of her own."

America outright abandoned its non­
intervention foreign policy that had served it so well after World War II. It waged largely ineffective wars halfway around the globe in countries that Americans had barely ever heard of. It propped up corrupt governments, both financially and militarily, that were more concerned about their own power (and thus were more receptive to 

American influence) than the welfare of their own people. Wars were fought with little regard to the survival of the civilian populations. This military and financial intervention in the internal affairs of countries around the world earned America the resentment of millions. While these wars might have seemed like good ideas at the time, history tells us that occupation, whether for the "good" or "dreadful" cause, or not, tends to turn the local populace against the occupier. The same can be said for other diplomatic tactics such as embargoes, as well as financial and mil­
itary support for a country's enemies. The fact is that there is no surefire way to prevent another terrorist threat. There is no chance that a man who is willing to blow himself up to slaughter dozens of innocent victims can be held at bay indefinitely. In order to combat terrorism, particularly terrorism stemming from the Middle East, the United States must develop a strategy that will yield results in the long run to reduce the motivation of the terrorists to attack America. Therefore, the most prudent question is: what motivates the terrorists to attack America and what can America do to reduce that motivation? A popular delusion endorsed by the Bush administration is that the terrorist threat is America's only long-term solution to the terrorist threat. Interventionism got America into this crisis, and only non-interven­
tionism of the Founding Fathers is the only long-term solution to the terrorist threat.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Whatever you are, be a good one."  Abraham Lincoln
American president
Letter to the Editor

Katrina from a distance

"Indifference, to me, is the epitome of evil. The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of beauty is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is death."

Elie Wiesel, Oct. 27, 1986

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

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

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

"Those who survived the storm are still struggling to make it through each day. I feel like we have all seen and heard the stories of the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, but somehow we have grown complacent. Somehow we feel like we are less vulnerable to it. We are less likely to make a difference. Somehow we feel like we are less responsible. Looking back on Katrina anniversary, Aug. 30, 2006"

If we do not care enough to help, are we not responsible? If we do not care enough to help, have we not become complacent?

Katrina was a reminder of the inevitability of alcohol consumption. It is illegal for me to purchase alcohol in the United States and most other countries including Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Iran. In the rest of the civilized world, the minimum drinking age varies from 16 to 20.

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

Historically, preventing people from drinking hasn't gone as smoothly as people initially hoped. In colonial America, alcohol was considered a gift from God, but abuse of this gift came from the Devil. Alcohol was considered a gift from God, but abuse of this gift came from the Devil.

Excess was a personal indiscretion. In the 10 years leading up to Prohibition in the United States, consumption was actually on the decline. When the 18th Amendment ended Prohibition, alcohol bootleggers found themselves out of work, as alcohol was re-legalized.

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

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

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

Youths should be educated on the effects of alcohol from within the family, not from a sign that reads "We ID Under 21." If parents had better control over the actions of their children, there would be no need for a 21st Amendment. I don't drink to get drunk, but I'm not going to pretend I haven't before. I understand drinking can be great, but it can also be deadly. Instead of perpetuating the hypocrisy of the 21 drinking age, we need to better inform teens about the effects of alcohol so they can make an educated decision for themselves.

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Eric Freeman, Jr
Louisiana State Daily Reveille

Drinking age cannot be regulated by laws

If you’ve walked around campus the day of an LSU football game, you’ve seen how $2.50 Beck’s can spark a party, as Tiger fans get liquored up before the game. This will be my third season as a football season ticket holder, and I’m not bitter. Many people think I would be a little more enraged, but it’s not as if I can’t get alcohol in New Orleans — it’s just the principle of the thing. If every bar, liquor store and restaurant all of a sudden decided to enforce the drinking age, I’d be out of luck. But The Easy, a go-to bar for my friends and me, has a sign that reads "We ID Under 21." If parents had better control over the actions of their children, there would be no need for a 21st Amendment.

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Be careful, be responsible, but at the same time, laissez les beins temps roder. Let the good times roll.
The third season of "The Office" is right in line with the previous two: irreverent, random and completely hilarious. In the third helping of the Americanized version of the popular British show, Michael Scott (Steve Carell) is back and more ridiculous than ever, flitting through the show with the same kind of politically incorrect banter that has made him one of the most popular characters on television.

For the half a dozen people in America who have yet to catch at least part of the show, "The Office" follows the exploits of a team of employees at Dunder-Mifflin, a local paper supply company in Scranton, Pa. Scott is the hapless leader of the bunch, a caricature of every known fault in the set of characters joins the show, and plays a sarcastic salesman. Halpert is paired with Pam Beasley (Jenna Fischer), Michael is clueless as to why. Employee Andy Bernard, played by Rainn Wilson. Jim Halpert (John Krasinski) is the most normal of the male characters. Halpert is paired with Pam Beasley (Jenna Fischer), the lead lady on the series. Seasons One and Two established "The Office" as one of the most intelligent shows on television.

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

Season Three picks up where the second season left off. The first episode is one of the funniest, where one of the office employees comes out as a homosexual. Not surprisingly, Michael does not handle the situation well — creating a hilarious number of situations. Meanwhile, Jim has transferred to a new office and a new set of characters join the show, which keeps things fresh. Midway through the season, the two offices merge. This episode, thoughtfully dubbed "The Merger," is one of the best of the season. In Michael's attempts to welcome the new employees, he once again creates a number of awkward and hilarious situations. By the end of the day, only two employees from the outside branch remain, and Michael is clueless as to why.

By CHRIS McGRADY
Assistant to the Scene Editor

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The Observer

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

DUNDER MIFFLINITES WAIT “THE OFFICE” CONVENTION

By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

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

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

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

When a few cast members of “The Office” decided to create MySpace blogs in 2005, they didn’t imagine the response they would receive. After all, they did it simply because the computers on “The Office” set were actually hooked up to the Internet and they had to do something to pass the time as they sat in the background during scenes. So they began accepting friend requests, responding to questions, reading comments and blogging about the show, their lives and each other. They did what no other television cast had done before. Instead of relying on television appearances and magazine interviews, they removed the third parties and revealed their on-set and off-screen lives directly to the fans. They interacted with fans from the early stages of the series and broke down all barriers of celebrity. These truly were real, normal people who just happened to have extraordinary comedic talent and still shop at Target.

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

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

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

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

Because of these relationships, a convention to bring everyone together isn’t as extreme an idea as it could be. Who wouldn’t want to attend the convention kick-off at the Radisson on that Friday or Office Olympics on that Saturday? There’s even a Dundie award presentation on Sunday. Additionally, several cast members have reassured they are doing everything they can to attend.

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

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Take The Office Personality Quiz

**Michael**

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

**Dwight**

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

**Pam**

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

**Jim**

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

**Ryan**

- Has your boss ever had a man crush on you? □ □
- Has another coworker ever hazed you on the job? □ □
- Have you ever caused a fire at work? □ □
- Are you highly ambitious? □ □
- Would you like to own your own business some day? □ □
- Do you find yourself doing busy work for your boss? □ □
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Beckett outduels Halladay as Red Sox take out Blue Jays

Garland holds Tigers to one run in White Sox win; Flores' late heroics lead Nationals past Marlins in ninth inning

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

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

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

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

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

White Sox 3, Tigers 1
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Garland (9-10) ran his career record to 13-6 against the Blue Jays on Tuesday night.

Garland gave up one run over seven innings in the 3-1 White Sox win.

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NCAA Football

Nebraska gives Callahan extension

Associated Press

LINCOLN — Nebraska coach Bill Callahan has signed a new, five-year contract for $1.75 million a year. It will run through Jan. 31, 2012. Callahan’s old contract was to run through 2008.

Callahan is 23-15 in four seasons with the Cornhuskers, winning the Big 12 North championship last year. "In terms of what he’s done for the program, he has certainly met or exceeded my expectations at this juncture," athletic director Steve Pederson said Tuesday.

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

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

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

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

Callahan remains the fourth-highest paid coach in the Big 12 behind Oklahoma’s Bob Stoops ($3.85 million), Texas’ Mack Brown ($2.45 million) and Texas A&M’s Dennis Franchione ($2.01 million).

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

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

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

IN BRIEF

Body of father of Magic guard Jameer Nelson found

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

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

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

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

American gymnasts assured of spot in Beijing

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

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

Most of the outward signs lead­ing said it was. But after finishing fourth, short only of world­championships. Were unable to confirm it, said.

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

Colts receiver Wayne ready to face hometown Saints

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

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

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

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

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

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TENNIS

U.S. Open Quarterfinals

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**How to Prepare for the Career Fair**

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

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

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

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

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

- To view all companies that are attending the Fall Career Expo:
  1. Login to GoRISH
  2. Click on Events Tab
  3. Click on Fall Career Expo Tab to view participating employers and general posting information

- To view job postings:
  1. Login to GoRISH
  2. Click on GoRISH Jobs
  3. In the “Keywords” search, enter FCE07

**Conduct company and industry research**

- The Vault Online Career Library
  - Contains insider company information, advice, and career management services. Includes an extensive selection of career, industry, and employer guides and articles.
  - https://careercenter2.nd.edu/cslibrary.php

- CareerSearch
  - Provides access to a networking database of over 2 million companies nationwide. Search for information on a particular company, industry, or location using a variety of search options.
  - https://careercenter2.nd.edu/cslibrary.php

- Factiva
  - Company news, financial information, and more
  - http://www.library.nd.edu

- Market Insight - Contains excellent industry information
  - http://www.library.nd.edu

- Visit the new Career Center website for more information on writing your resume, preparing for an interview, and much more:
  - http://careercenter.nd.edu
Djokovic advances to U.S. Open quarterfinals

NEW YORK — Roger Federer reached the U.S. Open quarterfinals with an easy victory Tuesday.

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

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

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

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

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

Djokovic gladly took it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

All right: No. 2 Rafael Nadal faced No. 13 David Ferrer. The younger winner was to meet No. 20 Juan Ignacio Chela, who got past Stanislas Wawrinka in five sets.

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

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

And Moya, a former No. 1 who won the 1996 French Open, was fresh right down the very end. On his second match point, both players wound up at the net, trading reflex volleys until Moya delivered a cross-court backhand that curled in to end it.

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

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

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

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

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

Consider these numbers: Wawrinka won more points (145-142), produced far more clean winners (65-29) and even broke serve more often (5-7). But it was Wawrinka who lost the most important point of all, the last one, with his 69th unforced error, 20 more than Chela accumulated.

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

Clemens injury not serious, expects to pitch again this year

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens walked onto the field, dressed in full pinstripes, and stood alongside his New York Yankees' teammates behind home plate as Djokovic served Tuesday. He hopes to join them in games soon.

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

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

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

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

**Henin downs overmatched Serena in two sets**

Williams might not be fully recovered from left thumb injury

Associated Press

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

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

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

Ask if she could explain what went wrong, a sullein Williams replied: “No. I can’t. I’m so beaten right now.”

“I made a lot of tricky shots,” Williams said a moment later, a white baseball cap pulled low over her eyes, “and I made a lot of errors.”

So while the formerly No. 1-ranked Williams is the active leader among women with each Grand Slam title, and will stand on that number, current No. 1 Henin will have a chance to pull level with major titles in Saturday’s final.

“Playing Serena is really exciting. She’s the kind of player after compiling a 30-17 edge in winners. “I was really happy after the second set, I played much more aggressive.”

Mostly, the difference-maker could be another Williams: Serena’s older sister, Venus, faces No. 3 Jelena Jankovic in the quarterfinals Wednesday night. Not much question for whom Henin will be rooting — she’s 1-7 against Venus Williams, 7-0 against her southpaw.

Henin beat the younger Williams at the French Open en route to her third career Grand Slam title in May, and again at Wimbledon.

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

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

“I don’t think that affected me,” she said. “I don’t think it did. Maybe it did.”

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

Regardless, Tuesday’s match featured brilliant play by both U.S. Open champions from stinging serves to big groundstrokes to touch volleys. Henin was far better at the net, winning 11 of 14 points when she preferred to take it forward, while Williams was only 2-for-14.

Mostly, though, the difference-maker was Henin’s ability to steer Williams this way and that along an endless timeline until the Belgian could find an opening for her own backhand or well-placed forehand.

Repeatedly, especially in the second set, Henin wrong-footed Williams to end a point.

The first set was much closer and of much higher quality. Henin broke in the opening game by ending a tight net exchange with a forehand volley, and she served for the set at 2-4.

But Williams buckled down to break back right there with a backhand return winner down the line and a loud, “Come on!”

The tiebreaker began with a 23-stroke point in which Williams made two great defensive plays before swatting a backhand passing winner down the line.

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

She showed it, delivering a 105 mph ace to go up 4-2, followed by a forehand winner she punctuated with a yell of “Allez!”

Williams seemed deflated and dumped a forehand into the net to end the set.

“I think it’s kind of like she had no energy. ‘Get up-and-go,’ said Williams’ mother and coach, Oracene Price. ‘Tennis is a head game, sometimes. Your head tells you to do something but you can’t.’

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

**NCAA BASKETBALL**

Man charged in Porter murder case

ST PAUL, Minn. — Former Villanova star Howard Porter was trying to trade money and crack cocaine for sex with a prostitute when he was beaten unconscious in a Minneapolis alley.

Rashad Arthur Raleigh, 29, who police said was identified in blood splattered throughout the house.

The woman, Tonya Evert Johnson, told police four masked men rushed into her apartment, threw her to the floor and demanded drugs and money.

Johnson told police the four men were tall, black, had bad, “real bad” and that “there was blood everywhere,” the complaint quoted her as saying. Police said they found blood splattered throughout the house.

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

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

His care was found in St. Paul. According to the complaint, Raleigh had previously worked as a detective for the Ramsey County sheriff, who did not deliver the home call. Raleigh contended that Johnson did not deliver the call. Raleigh and Johnson both contended that they did not deliver the call.

Porter accompanied a prostitute who had delivered calls of series from the Ramsey County Workhouse to Johnson’s address in late May that Porter had “rushed” him and “didn’t go along with the program.” Raleigh allegedly said in those calls that he robbed Porter because he needed money, but that Johnson had come up with the idea. Calls by Porter were routine and recorded.

Porter was a stand-in at Villanova, leading the Wildcats to the 1971 NCAA championship game and was selected outstanding player of the tournament despite the Wildcats’ loss.

But he was stripped of his award and the team’s accomplishments were wiped from the record books after it was learned he had been dealing with an agent before the season ended.

Porter was drafted 32nd overall into Villanova, leading the Wildcats in making more noise on the field than its corporate owners have been about the slow-moving sale process.

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**MLB**

Despite success, Cubs are still on the market

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

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Price rested a check on a head, barely able to watch, as Williams took control right away in the second set, breaking for a 2-0 lead, and that was that, pretty much.
**NCAA FOOTBALL**

**Michigan falls out of Top 25**

*Wolverines drop farther in AP poll than any team - ever*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thud!

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

Since the AP poll expanded to 62 first-place votes in the preseason poll, a lackluster 38-10 victory over Idaho led to the Wolverines dropping all the first-place votes, receiving five.

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

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

No. 7 Texas fell three spots after dropping Florida 21-17 at home over Arkansas State.

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

No. 10 California moved up two spots after a 42-31 victory over Tennessee. The Volunteers dropped eight spots to No. 23.

Florida State also fell out of the rankings. The Seminoles were 19th heading into their season opener at Clemson and lost 24-18 in the Bowden Bowl. Clemson moved into the rankings at No. 23 and Georgia Tech also moved into the Top 25. The Yellow Jackets were 21st after winning at Notre Dame 33-3.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Before Michigan's fall, Notre Dame fielded the ignominious record for largest drop in the rankings in the Top 25-era.


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

Canon at the D eutsche Bank Championship in Norton, Mass.

"This decision was not an easy one to make," Mickelson said in a statement. "It was even tougher to interpret. Mickelson had no intention of playing a third straight week in the PGA Tour Playoffs even before he said he'd skip it up Friday at the Deutsche Bank Championship, with Woods and Vijay Singh at his side. Perhaps one reason was his pat-try tour in which he beat Tiger Woods in a riveting battle outside Boston; used a national television interview to air his complaints about PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem; showed up in Chicago for a corporate outing; and withdrew from the BMW Championship by saying he wasn't trying to send a message.

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**PGA TOUR**

Lefty will skip next playoff tournament

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

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way that we have shown we can.

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

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

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

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

When many students hear of Bratislava, they envision the war-
torn eastern European capital with the lucrative exchange rate
featured in the 2004 film "Eurotrip." But Leehlitner was
plentifully surprised with her sur-
roundings during the team’s stay.

"It was a great experience, defi-
nitely a lot of different things that I
wasn’t really used to," said
Leehlitner, who wrote a blog about
her time in Bratislava that can be
read on und.com. "The people, the
food, everything. We got a tour of
downtown and everything — it
was really nice. I guess I didn’t
really know what to expect, but it
ended up being really nice.

While there, Leehlitner and her
teammates, along with the Slovakian
team, were treated to
lunch at the U.S. ambassador’s
residence in Bratislava.

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

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

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offense, rushing 12 times for
28 yards and completing one
of his three passes for four
yards. Jones also coughed up two
fumbles before getting pulled
from the game at the end of the
second quarter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The competing teams were
friendly with one another off the
court, Leehlitner said, but during
the games, things could get ugly.
Contact is much more prevalent in
the international game, she said,
and foreign officials were far less
likely to call fouls than their
American counterparts.

"You’ll be driving to the basket,
and in the U.S. they’ll call like a
hand check or a blocking foul, but
you know, overseas they just let
everything go," Leehlitner said.

"That was a lot of fun, getting to
play a little more, get away with a
couple more builds and stuff. I
have to change my game a little
bit when I come back and play for
Notre Dame, because I’ll get called
for a lot of fouls.

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

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

The U.S. team, coached by
DePaul head coach Doug Bruno,
easily took the gold medal. Other
than a 74-66 win over Spain, the
smallest margin of victory was 19
points.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**FOOTBALL**

**Weis names Clausen starter for PSU**

Freshman will take spot under center after Week 1 debacle

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

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

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Charlie Weis
Irish coach

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Weis said Clausen, who had surgery on his elbow after spring practices, but was limited in the vast majority of repetitions with the first team in practice.

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**SMC SOCCER**

Belles prepare for home opener against Manchester

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

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

“Those first three weeks are spent making sure we’ve got everyone where we want them,” Belles coach Caryn MacKenzie said. “It provides an opportunity for players to challenge for roles or to work hard to keep the spots they had last year if they’re returning players. We have a good group of returning players and also some newcomers that should be able to contribute right away.”

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

**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Guard plays in World Championships

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

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

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

**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

Bulldogs squeak by volleys

By FRAN TOLAN
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The Belles faltered in their first conference matchup Tuesday night, losing to Adrian 30-25, 30-28, 30-11. Junior outside hitter Lucie Smith led the way for the Bulldogs, tallying eight kills for the host squad. Junior outside hitter Jenny Carlson hammered home seven kills and came up with four blocks in a solid all-around effort.

The triumph was Adrian’s