ND ranked 18th in the country

U.S. News and World report named Harvard, Princeton, Yale Universities at top of list

By ELLYN MICHALAK
News Writer

In 2007 Notre Dame held the No. 19 spot alongside Vanderbilt, and in 2006 the University was ranked 20th in the country. University administrators do not believe anything different was done this year to cause the rise in ranking.

"When you’re already a well established university and well recognized, you’re not going to change in any dramatic way based on rankings," assistant provost and chief of admissions Dan Saracino said. “All it is an affirmation for what most see RANKINGS/Page 4

SMC Dance Marathon receives award

Children’s Miracle Network 2008 Dance Marathon Leadership Conference honors College

By MANDI STIRONI
Assistant News Editor

This past summer, Saint Mary’s College Dance Marathon received the “Incentive Award” from Children’s Miracle Network at the Children’s Miracle Network 2008 Dance Marathon Leadership Conference held in Orlando in July.

The Incentive Award is the highest national award which can be given to a Dance Marathon, according to a College press release.

“The Incentive Award is to recognize exceptional Dance Marathons that have broken the mold,” said Zac Johnson, national director of Dance Marathon in the press release. "Saint Mary’s College students have set the bar very high for campuses just starting the program. These young women re-imagined what can be accomplished in such a short time and serve as an example to other campuses.”

SMC-DM, a 12-hour marathon during which participants stay on their feet to raise money for Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, was held at Saint Mary's in July.

Clubs attract new members at event

More than 4,000 ND students visited SAO sponsored activities night

By DAVIS RHORER JR.
News Writer

Hopeing to find new members and interested freshmen, more than 250 clubs and organizations set up tables at the Notre Dame activities night sponsored by the Student Activities Office (SAO) Tuesday night.

"The clubs were great and out in full force," said SAO director of activities night, Mary Kate Havlik. “We were very successful.”

Havlik said while SAO provides the outlet for clubs and organizations to recruit new students by hosting the event, the ambition of individual organizations in getting people to come out to the event is what caused more than 4,000 students to attend.

The large number of students is part of the reason many clubs experienced a rise in interest when compared with previous years.

"We had double the number of new recruits," said Gabby Monzoro, a member of the Management Club of Notre Dame.

Monzoro said many freshmen and sophomore unsure about their majors find opportunities to experience business-related events and activities in the club even though the club is smaller in size.

The Center for Social Concerns (CSC) also saw an increase in the number of students who signed up as interested.

"We are always very busy," said Rosie McDowell, the director of student outreach for the CSC. "Our students are really good ambassadors."

She said the "energy and enthusiasm for service" among the freshman class is more of a reason the CSC saw a higher turnout rather than any amount of advertisement for the organization or the night.

Junior Tessa Riester, a member of the service club Circle K, agreed that advertising did not play much of a role.

Mentor program recieves nat’l grant

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College was one of two independent Indiana higher education institutions to receive grants from JPMorgan Chase Foundation as part of the “Overcoming Barriers and Challenges to Education in Indiana” initiative. The grants are for the past year with Ed Ackley, the director of business and foundations relations.

"Our hope is that this mentor program will help students develop positive relationships with our students,

Students recognize labor rights

Anniversary examines local workers’ status

By KAITLYN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

The scene at Fieldhouse Mall Tuesday afternoon felt alternately like the city of London’s Speaker’s Corner and a church revival. Students, professors, campus employees and area residents gathered to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and to criticize the status of workers’ rights at Notre Dame and in South Bend and the nation at large.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted and proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948. The professors who spoke called for an accurate interpretation specifically to the declaration’s Article 23, which stipulates that “everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favorable conditions of work and to protection of work.”

The document also enumerates “equal pay for equal work,” “just and favorable remuneration” that provides an “existence worthy of human dignity,” and advocates the “right to form and to join trade unions.”

“The idea for this event is to create an awareness of labor issues and put them in the context of the situation on campus,” said senior Nick Krafft, one of the organizers of the event.

The point, he said, is not to
**INSIDE COLUMN**

Reckers cut the cheese

Upon returning to Notre Dame, there were several specific things I was looking forward to. Football season, quarterly dogs, and, yes, even The Observer were reasons that when the calendar turned to August, all I could do was count down until it was time to come back to South Bend.

But one of, if not the most anticipated aspects of my glorious return was the simple pleasure of sitting down at Reckers at 2 a.m. on a Friday or Saturday night, and digging into a heaping portion of French fries with a helping of nacho cheese on the side for dipping purposes.

So you can imagine my surprise when I ambled into Reckers on Friday night after a festive night of revelry and declared my order of “large cheese fries” to the cashier, only to hear, “Sorry, we don’t have nacho cheese anymore.”

I thought I must have been mistaken, perhaps the cheese machine was broken, or they were simply out of stock, but no. No more cheese fries, Ever.

No cheese fries? One of the mainstay dishes of my freshman year of college just thrown out the window, cast aside without second thought?

Cheese fries not only satisfied my late-night weekend cravings, but also got me through the very late nights in The Observer office. I wish I could have been present at the meeting when the decision was handed down to take my beloved cheese fries off the menu. I would love to hear the University’s rationale for this one. I’m all for eating healthy and promoting a good diet, but spinach vegetable wraps don’t quite hit the spot.

It’s just not fair.

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**Question of the Day:** What do you think about the Dillon Pep Rally Cancellation?

*Joey Leary*  
Senior off-campus

“I think Notre Dame has lost it’s sense of humor and it’s tragic.”

*Ann Kelley*  
Senior Cavanaugh

“Indifferent.”

*Nick LaPlante*  
Sophomore Keough

“It’s never been to it.”

*Meghan Johnson*  
Senior off-campus

“How's ever climbing Mt. Everest can take priority in my life once again.”

**OFFBEAT**

Cat survives 70-mile trip on car’s tire

**CUT, ARIZ. — A cat survived a 2 1/2-hour trip on a spare tire under her owner’s truck.** Gil Smith recently drove from his Gilbert home 70 miles away for a business meeting in Kearny. When he got out of the truck, he heard a cat in distress and realized it was his. Smith said the cat, Bella, was hysterical, shaky and tired, but was smart enough to know not to jump off the tire as the truck was moving.

Smith and his wife have adopted three indoor cats, three goats and three chickens. But Smith said Bella, an outdoor cat, the couple adopted years ago, has a special place in his wife’s heart.

Smith said he canceled his meeting with a state Department of Economic Security official who had driven 50 miles to get to Kearny so he could get Bella home.

It was either that, or, he jokes, get a divorce.

**Man accused of offering sandwich as bribe**

**IOWA CITY, IOWA — Iowan City police said a man who was driving drunk tried to bribe a police officer — with a sandwich.** Police said a 25-year-old man was charged with drunken driving early Sunday morning after an officer saw him driving with his headlights off and pulled him over.

Police said the man was riding with a police officer in a squad car when he offered the officer free sub sandwiches if he could go home.

The officer declined.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**IN BRIEF**

The colloquium “Making Scientific Data Sets Universally Acceptable” will take place today from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Newsland Hall of Science.

Saint Mary’s Twilight Tailgate will take place tonight starting at 4:30. Dinner will be served until 7 and the movie “Made of Honor” featuring Patrick Dempsey will be shown at 9 p.m. on Library Green. Caramel apples, popcorn and cotton candy will be available during the movie.

The Student Activities Office will host “Rock the Quad” tonight at 9 on South Quad, featuring Wil Sports and Rock band. Free food will be provided.

A screening of Tom McCarthy’s 2005 film “The Visitor” will take place at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Browne Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available in the box office.

The first pep rally of the season is Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will have a “Kickoff Concert” at 8 p.m. Friday at the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $5 for general admission. The event is sponsored by the Department of Music.

Michael Novak will be speaking regarding his book “Business As a Calling” on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. in the DeBartolo Auditorium room 101.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to swerner@nd.edu

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Ellen Gunn, a South Bend resident and office worker in Siegfried Hall sang “This Little Light of Mine” on the Fieldhouse Mall for Labor Awareness Issues.

**CORRECTIONS**

In the Sept. 1 edition of The Observer the name of Saint Mary’s Director of Student Involvement Patrick Daniels was misspelled due to a reporting error.

In the Sept. 2 edition of The Observer the name of Saint Mary’s President Emeritus Patrick Daniels was misspelled due to a reporting error. The Observer regrets these errors.

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COR

Council approves new positions

Unanimous decisions appointed new academic delegate, SUB art director

By John Tierney

The Council of Representatives (COR) approved the appointment of senior Joe Venturini as Academic Delegate and of senior Laura Zuzolo as SUB Art Director in unanimous decisions at their meeting Tuesday.

Venturini, a Program of Liberal Studies and Arts and Letters Pre Professional major, formerly of Morrissey Manor, will serve as a student liaison to the Faculty Senate and will sit on the Academic Council. Student body president Bob Reish said.

Venturini was not aware of his new position's responsibilities until Reish approached him about becoming the academic delegate, but is eager to assume a new challenge.

"I love Notre Dame and I want to give a little back," he said.

Zuzolo, who was nominated at the COR meeting by SUB Manager Pat Garthland, is a Graphics Design major from Galway Hall. She previously worked as a graphic designer for SUB during the 2007-2008 school year and continued her work with SUB over the summer, working with the Director of Publicity while serving as a summer residence hall manager.

"Her past leadership and design experience will aid the organization greatly, and her philosophies of hard work and fair treatment exemplify the central mission of SUB," Garthland wrote in his letter addressed to COR, nominating Zuzolo for the position.

Zuzolo said that responsibilities as an art director would include overseeing the design of posters and advertisements for SUB.

Following the confirmation of Venturini and Zuzolo, Reish began a closed-door portion of the meeting during which COR discussed funding issues that remained confidential upon the reopening of the meeting. After the meeting was reopened to the public, Reish discussed changing the procedure for discussing COR Collaboration Fund Appeals. He encouraged members to think about whether or not "we should set higher standards if [fan appeal to the fund] is over a certain amount."

Reish also suggested requiring that a representative from a club attend the COR meeting, but said he would not allow the representative to remain in the meeting during financial deliberations.

The representative would, however, be available to answer questions about the planning process, Reish said.

"We can't go into too much detail with The Observer here," he said.

COR voted to postpone the discussion of the Student Census until next week's meeting. The census, according to Reish, is a "survey to the entire student body" that will allow students to "rank student government projects," in an attempt to "bridge the gap."

Students will be able to respond to the survey online, at the dining halls, and at LaFortune Student Center. Sarah Rodts, who is responsible for community outreach in student government, will address COR about the survey next week.

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Alumni Association to present 4 awards

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame Alumni Association will present four awards during ceremonies on campus this fall.

The Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., Award honoring distinguished public service will be presented tomorrow to Perry A. Pierre, a 1961 Notre Dame graduate, University Trustee and former Michigan State University vice president.

Pierre, who earned his master's degree from Notre Dame and doctorate from Johns Hopkins University, is recognized as the first African-American to earn a doctoral degree in electrical engineering. In 1969, Pierre began a series of administrative posts in government and higher education.

He was the principal architect of the national minority engineering effort after he co-chaired the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) Symposium. He also served as the program officer at the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation for minority engineering. During his tenure, he developed and funded many organizations, including the National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering and Science Inc. (GEM program), which was housed for 30 years at Notre Dame.

Pierre left academia in 1977 to become an assistant secretary for research, development and acquisition in the U.S. Department of the Army. He managed some $10 billion annually for the research, development and procurement of weapons systems for the Gulf War. He returned to academic service in 1983 as president of Prairie View A&M University and served as vice president of research and graduate studies at Michigan State from 1990 to 1995.

Currently a consultant and board member in the areas of management and education, Pierre also is director of CMS Energy Inc., the White House Fellows Foundation and Association, and TracLabs Inc.

Carolyn Manning, a 1987 Notre Dame graduate and founder of the Welcome to America project in Phoenix, will receive the Family Exemplar Award recognizing distinguished community service Sept. 4.

The Welcome to America project is a response of solidarity following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, which claimed the life of Manning's brother-in-law. Acknowledging the connection the U.S. felt with those suffering throughout the world, she started the project as a way to reach out through a bridge of understanding between newly arriving refugees and their volunteer corps. Since 2001, Welcome to America has delivered furniture and household items totaling some $500,000 to 500 refugee families.

Manning earned a master's degree in public administration from Seattle University in 1992 and, since 1997, has served her community as a crisis worker, case manager and manager. Her strong belief in the goodness of humanity has aided her determination to make every individual feel welcome in society.

The Welcome to America project will present the Family Exemplar Award to Manning during an event Sept. 4 on campus.
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people already know. Rankings are "nice, because they're an objective third party indicator that we're doing something right.

The University's 24.5 percent acceptance rate in 2007 sided in the denunciation of Notre Dame as a tier one school. Each year, the U.S. News and World Report surveys 1476 colleges nationwide and uses several categories to judge their overall academic quality, including assessment by administrators at peer institutions, retention of students, faculty resources, financial resources, student selectivity, alumni giving rate, and graduation rate.

According to Saracino, Notre Dame's type is still one that pays the least of the peer assessment part of the report, which allows other schools' Provost, President, and Chief of Admissions to judge the academic and administrative practices of similar universities through a survey. This category allocates for 25 percent of the school's total and reasons for the low scores are unclear, he said.

"I think that it's probably that they find it hard to believe that an institution that has a proud sports tradition can be equally excellent academically and overall," Saracino said. "Also the fact that we have a smaller graduate program. The fact that only 2,000 of 30,000 students are graduate students might be a reason. When you see a school like Stanford get recognized, you see that they have a large number of graduate students and an outstanding graduate program."

The report does not take into account other aspects of academic quality such as endowed funds, academic profiling of students and bond ratings. Notre Dame is one of 12 universities that has a AAA bond rating.

"Having a AAA bond rating" says, from a business perspective, that Notre Dame is extremely well run and well positioned for the future," Saracino said.

He also said that the rankings do not affect the number or quality of applicants from year to year. In fact, the 2008 admits hold an average SAT score of 1405, a critical reading/writing, a 20 point jump up from last year's average and the highest average score of any year, he said.

"While we recognize that the U.S. News survey serves a useful function for prospective students and their parents, we are on record for more than 15 years as having reservations about the methodology used in all of the various college and university rankings," university spokesman and assistant vice president Dennis Brown said. "That said, by any measure, we believe Notre Dame belongs in the top 20 of any survey of undergraduate institutions."

Despite the rankings, freshman Karli Fernandez said her decision was made based on several other factors. "Notre Dame was the perfect size for me," she said. "When I visited campus the atmosphere seemed different than any other college. The rankings didn't really matter to me. Even if Notre Dame wasn't in the top 20, I would have still wanted to come here."

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make demands of the University, but to explain the work situation on campus and the ideals put forth by the "Human Rights" declaration.

"Hopefully this will create conditions for actual change on this campus," he said.

Krafft is a member of the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP), but was not at the event in that capacity.

Professors from Notre Dame and Indiana University South Bend, a labor group representa­ tion, spoke about the meaning of the document's 40th anniversary and the work conditions at Notre Dame. Ellen Gunn, a member of the counseling staff in Siedfeld Hall, ended the event by leading the crowd of approximately 100 people in song.

Prudence Dowsy, who works for building services in the Hesburgh Center and in the Early Childhood Development Center, told the crowd that she worked 11 and a half hours a day and took a loan from Notre Dame but is still one payment away from facing foreclosure on her house.

Dowsy admitted it was ponerous of Notre Dame to provide her with a loan so she could make her house payments. She said she would not have needed the loan in the first place if she received a liv­ing wage.

"They talk about family, but they need to stop using that work," she said. "Because it's become nothing but a corporation.

Cullen House, an administrativa­ nt for the University's Creative Writing Program, called for a worker's right to self-deci­

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Bush grateful for minimal damage

President says Gustav's damage is much less than that of Hurricane Katrina

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday that he was "very grateful" that Hurricane Gustav was nowhere near as destructive as Hurricane Katrina. He used Gustav's glancing blow on U.S. energy infrastructure as a "training exercise" for the U.S. to "harden" the nation against future attacks.

"We are thankful that the damage in New Orleans and across the Gulf Coast was not as much as many had feared," Bush said in remarks prepared for delivery Tuesday via satellite to the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn.

"I commend the governors of Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas for their sure-handed response and seamless coordination with the federal government," Bush said, who is traveling to Louisiana on Wednesday to survey damage. "I think all of the wonderful volunteers who stepped forward to help their brothers and sisters in need." 

The White House released excerpts of Bush's speech in advance of Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, Bush said that while it's too early to assess damage to the nation's energy infrastructure from Gustav, Congress needs to"consider opening up the Outer Continental Shelf." "That would be a part of our energy legislation that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and not wait to be hit again." 

"And we need a president who understands the importance of drilling more domestically," Bush said. "We need a president who understands the importance of drilling more domestically to find more oil and gas here at home."

Bush said that the complexity of this outbreak and the necessary means to investigate means we still have more questions than answers.

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SMC-DM executives hug after the 2008 event. The Marathon raised more than $85,000 in its third year.

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April 2006. The event raised $68,000 in its first two years combined. Last year, SMC-DM raised $85,296.33 for Riley Hospital.

It was named “Best New Marathon” during the 2006 Children’s Miracle Network Dance Marathon Leadership Conference held in Cincinnati, an accolade which the SMC-DM received because it was nominated by someone at the College or a peer institution.

Colleges and universities cannot nominate themselves or another campus for the Incentive Award, though. Instead, both the local state hospital the marathon serves and Children’s Miracle Network needed to nominate Saint Mary’s, said senior Francesca Johnson, who founded and co-chaired SMC-DM with fellow senior Pauline Kistka from 2006-2008.

The College is sharing the award with the University of Florida, which has held juice Marathons for 14 years and raises about $400,000 a year, the press release said.

Winning the Incentive Award “means that Saint Mary’s is now the national spokes model for Dance Marathon,” Johnson said.

When Zac Johnson presented the award to Saint Mary’s at the end of the conference, Johnson described it as “a phenomenal moment.”

This year, Johnson and Kistka stepped down as co-presidents to take on their new positions of overall fundraising chair and overall community chair, respectively.

Senior Sarah Voss took over the presidency. Voss said she has created a new system of organization. The new system spreads the work it takes to put together SMC-DM over several more committees than it did in the past.

Kistka described it as a “ripple effect.” There is the cabinet which includes Voss, Johnson, and Kistka, along with Kelly Deranek, Overall Head of Public Relations, and Brittany Harrell, Overall Head of the Night of Committees, Voss said.

There will also be more room for younger committee members to work their way up, she said.

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with current students and provide the tools, information and a support system that will help them succeed,” Ortiz said.

She said upperclassmen were chosen as mentors based on their experience mentoring others in the past. As far as choosing the freshman who will be mentored, she explained that other campus departments worked with the Office of Multicultural Affairs to find freshman that may find the program useful.

Ortiz hopes the program will allow the freshman and upperclassmen to make connections with each other.

“We hope the mentees will be able to build meaningful relationships that will facilitate their transition to college and into adulthood. Our hope is that the exchange that takes place is mutual,” she said.

The program wants to make sure that the mentors instill qualities such as empathy, commitment, authenticity and empowerment to the women they will be mentoring, Ortiz said. These qualities have proven to help overcome self-esteem and isolation issues in the people who are college-aged.

The program will also give freshman something to lean on when things get overwhelming.

“We hope the mentors will listen, understand, and affirm the knowledge and experience of the first year students and are able to provide guidance to these young women as they navigate an unfamiliar environment,” Ortiz said.

Program participants will engage in a variety of mentoring and personal development activities during the 2008-2009 academic year, including helping to put on the four Diversity Students’ Leadership Conference, a three-day conference for the Michiana community that delves into minority and diversity issues.

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role in recruiting new members.

She said positive “word of mouth” and freshman being involved in similar high school organizations helped the group recruit heavily at the event.

Service clubs such like Circle K and the Center for Social Concerns typically receive large numbers of interested students, members said, but politically motivated clubs also experienced a great deal of interest.

We had twice as many new people,” said senior Spencer Howard, co-president of the College Democrats of Notre Dame.

Junior Ed Yap, a member of the College Republicans said his group also experienced a higher turnout and many members want to actively campaign during this election year.

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Oil prices fall after threat passes

Hurricane Gustav downgraded in severity; brings lowest fuel cost in five months

NEW YORK — Oil prices plunged to the lowest level in five months Tuesday, falling to within sight of $100 a barrel on signs that Hurricane Gustav has only grazed U.S. energy infrastructure in the Gulf of Mexico.

Light, sweet crude for October delivery fell $8.72 to settle at $109.71 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after earlier dropping as low as $108.56. It was the lowest trading level since April 4, just before oil began an unprecedented march above $147 per barrel.

Virtually all oil and natural gas production remained shut down in the Gulf of Mexico as energy companies began assessing damage to offshore platforms, rigs and pipelines, according to the U.S. Minerals Management Service. It was too soon to say when output might resume, though some oil companies were preparing to redeploy evacuated personnel as early as Wednesday.

Without serious damage, oil and natural gas facilities could start up again in a day or two, while coastal refineries could take two to four days to resume production, depending on their size, in 2005, when hurricanes Katrina and Rita knocked out the region’s offshore energy infrastructure for several weeks.

"Unlike three years ago, it looks like they’re going to get in there fairly quickly and get this ramped up again," said Jim Ritterbusch, president of energy consultancy Ritterbusch and Associates in Galena.

"You don’t have these platforms boshing in the Gulf of Mexico like fiberglass corks. They’re pretty much intact." The drop in oil prices weighed heavily on commodities across the board. Natural gas futures fell 6.82 cents, or 8.5 percent, to settle at $7.261 a gallon, their lowest closing price since late December. On Friday, crude prices settled at $115.46 a barrel as Gustav approached the Gulf Coast region, home to a quarter of U.S. crude production and 40 percent of refining capacity. But traders grew less jittery when Gustav weakened as it neared the offshore oil rigs and Louisiana refineries.

After the storm was downgraded to a tropical depression early Tuesday, oil market traders quickly turned their attention to slowing global economic growth, speculating that demand for crude will be dampened even in rapidly expanding China and India.

“Neither the magnitude of this pullback suggests the market is fully focused on demand destruction," Ritterbusch said. "The speculators, hedge funds and other investors are getting out of this market on a major scale.”

Meanwhile, at the pump, a gallon regular gasoline fell less than half a penny to a new national average of $3.684, according to auto club AAA, the Oil Price Information Service and Wright Express. That’s more than 10 percent lower than the all-time record of $4.114 a gallon set July 17. Also weighing on oil prices was the government's latest move to stabilize prices.

Google Inc. launches new Web browser

NEW YORK — Google Inc.’s new Web browser, called Chrome, does much of what a browser needs to do these days. It presents a sleek appearance, groups pages into easy-to-manage “tabs” and offers several ways for people to control their Internet privacy settings.

Yet my initial tests reveal that this “beta,” or preliminary release, fails short of Google’s goals, and is outdone in an important area by the latest version of Microsoft Corp.’s Internet Explorer.

Chrome is a challenge to Microsoft’s browser, used by about three-quarters of Web surfers. But it could easily be called a challenge to Microsoft’s Office software suite, because what Google really wants to do is to make the browser usable and flexible platform that can do practically everything we want to do with a computer, from word processing and e-mail to photo editing.

To strengthen that effort, Chrome was designed to improve on the way other browsers handle JavaScript, one of the technologies used to make Web pages more interactive and more like desktop software applications. Google’s online word processing and spreadsheet programs use this technology, but it’s also very widely deployed on Web pages to do less sophisticated things, like drop-down menus.

At first blush, Google’s focus on JavaScript makes sense. JavaScript can eat up computer processor power, and if poorly used by a Web site, can bring down the browser. One of the things Chrome promises is that if one browser tab crashes, it won’t take down the whole program. Chrome also has some cosmetic differences from Internet Explorer and Firefox, like putting the tabs at the very top of the window. That’s a nice move, but it’s the browser’s performance that really matters to me. And this is where Chrome’s attention to JavaScript might miss the point.
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Residents prep for hurricane

**People warned to be ready for evacuation if tropical storm Hanna hits**

Associated Press

SAVANNAH — Nervous residents rushed to buy plywood and generators while emergency officials in Georgia, Florida and the Carolinas weighed possible evacuations Tuesday as Tropical Storm Hanna was expected to shift toward a tough-to-predict landfall along the southern Atlantic coast by the end of the week.

Fla. Gov. Charlie Crist declared a state of emergency as Hanna, downgraded from hurricane status Tuesday but with ample time to regain strength, was forecast to turn to the northwest, according to Emergency officials in Georgia and South Carolina went into 24-hour alert mode.

In Savannah, which hasn’t seen a direct hit from a major hurricane in more than a century, Jamey Miley took her 15-year-old daughter to Home Depot at lunchtime Tuesday for an impromptu lesson in hurricane preparedness.

They waited in a busy check-out line with a 5-gallon gas can, a circular saw and 10 sheets of plywood in case they needed to board up the windows of their home on nearby Tybee Island. A steady flow of customers pushed carts stocked with everything from batteries to 5,000-watt generators.

“We’ve never really bought plywood, but it seemed like maybe we’d better do it this time,” said Miley, 43, who had also booked hotel reservations in Columbia, S.C., in case her family needed to evacuate.

The National Hurricane Center predicted Hanna would most likely come ashore as a hurricane between Friday and Saturday somewhere between the east coast of Florida and the Carolinas and the North Carolina coast.

Forecasts Tuesday showed the storm making landfall near the Georgia-South Carolina border. Hanna was packing winds of 65 mph Tuesday evening as it drifted over the Bahamas. But the Hurricane Center said it could intensify back to hurricane strength Wednesday, when the storm was expected to turn to the northwest.

Local emergency officials for Savannah and surrounding Chatham County urged residents to have an evacuation plan ready. But no decisions on voluntary or mandatory evacuations were expected before Wednesday.

Ken Davis, spokesman for the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, said Hanna’s unpredictable path made it “a pretty difficult storm” for planners to gauge whether to order evacuations with just a day or two left to decide.

“We’re getting closer and closer to the point where decisions have to be made,” Davis said. “It’s a fine line between calling an evacuation and crying wolf.”

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**THAILAND**

**Prime Minister sets state of emergency**

Associated Press

BANGKOK — Thailand’s embattled leader struggled to keep the peace and his grip on power Tuesday after declaring a state of emergency that was openly floated by thousands of anti-government protesters as a sign the capital was in crisis.

While Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej sought to tamp down newly violent unrest pitting pro-and anti-government protesters, he also was hit by an electoral commission finding that could disqualify him from politics.

Samak said he had no choice but to impose emergency rule in Bangkok after a week of political tensions exploded into overnight rioting and street fighting between the largely prosperous urban protesters and government supporters, mainly from the country’s insecure rural majority. The fighting left one person dead and dozens wounded.

His decree gives the military the right to restore order, allows authorities in states to declare martial law, bans public gatherings of more than five people and bars traditionalFeedback from news media for the news that "causes panic.

"We did it to solve the problems of the country," Samak said in a televised news conference at a military headquarters in Bangkok. "I had no other choice.

The softest means available was an emergency decree to end the situation using the law.

As a separate news conference, Anupong said troops in Bangkok’s streets would be armed only with riot shields and batons.

"If the military has to get involved, it will not use force and will be on the people’s side," Anupong said. He dismissed speculation the army was positioning itself for a return to power again, less than two years after a 2006 coup.

"If the military uses force to stage a coup, it will create a lot more problems," the general said.

Tensions remained high as thousands of protesters who are demanding Samak’s resignation defied the ban on assembly by staying camped out at the prime minister’s official compound, known as Government House, which they seized seven days earlier.

As a precaution, City Hall ordered 435 public schools closed for the day while some international private schools opted to shut for a week. The U.S. and other nations warned their citizens of the danger of violence in the capital.

By nightfall, there was no sign of renewed clashes or any attempt to evict the protesters. But the festive atmosphere of recent days had evaporated.

Families and children were mostly gone and helmet-clad protesters were seen with sticks patrolling the grounds.

"It’s a temporary lull and a new storm is gathering," said Thittinan Pongsidhirak, a political scientist at Bangkok’s Chulalongkorn University.

Samak’s “back is against the wall,” Thittinan said. "If he enforces the emergency decree, there will be violence because the (protesters) are not budging. But if he doesn’t enforce it, there is a sense of anarchy rule. It’s a lose-lose situation for Samak.”

Some anti-government groups appealed authorities by threatening to switch off water and electricity at police stations and other government offices.

A labor federation for state employees said 200,000 of its members would go on strike to support the protesters. Their walkout could disrupt train, bus and air service and cut electricity and water to some government buildings, said Sawit Kawoswan, secretary-general of the State Enterprise Workers Relations Confederation, which comprises 43 unions for state employees.

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The view from the plane, or: Why the byline

In a few days I leave for Dublin. Chances are you couldn’t care less. And why should you? So some cheek you’ve never met is studying abroad. So she’s spending her last few days in the States in Target looking for wall decals and in Nordstrom’s back stocking up on last year’s sweaters. So she worries about her iPod blowing up once she plugs it into another country’s outlet. So she’s not sure if she’ll be able to complete her resume. So she’s memorizing maps of a city she’s never set foot in before now, because if she gets lost there she could really get in trouble. But chances are you couldn’t care less.

You do care, however, that you’re well into the process of settling in at Notre Dame. Right now you’re skimming over the Viewpoint section in North, waiting for Greg to come back to the table with his pepperoni and chicken pizza or Angela with her bowl of Guinness in public or entertain male admirers, and wonder idly about the song, it’s meant to evoke one’s sentiments. Your room is, for the most part, now organized and unpacked (your iPod rests safe and uncathed near the edge of your desk), you have at least passing familiarity with local public transportation (a word from the wise: $12 to Grape Road is way too big a cab fare), and you even have some idea what classes you’re taking this semester. So as the girl you couldn’t care less about, who’s leaving this weekend—well, in all of these respects, you’re miles ahead of her and in a different place. And I can tell you most assuredly that she does care about that, and you. Or rather, to drop the third person conceit: I care.

I care because even though I’m not there, I still appreciate and feel all the things you’re going through now at Notre Dame now, and for as many great things as may await us future expatriates in the coming year, what I know I’m missing makes me sad. Still, I did make the decision to go abroad for the year, and hope for your sake as well as mine that all my reasons for doing so will be vindicated; if nothing else I hope Trinity College will do enough for the style and content of my writing that you’ll get a decent column to go with your sweet potato fries every Wednesday.

And hopefully this column will connect two faraway places. This Saturday, for instance, I’ll be sitting on an airplane reading VC Andrews and wishing I could sleep. But I’ll imagine crossing South Quad in the morning as the smoke of grilled brats fills the air and toddlers in oversized jerseys catch footballs from their beer to future justice scholars. The view from the plane, or: Why the byline. I can imagine your experiences both this first football Saturday and everything that’ll come later. I can share with you both the frustration of waiting in hours long security lines and the more interesting experiences that’ll come out on the other side.

Hence the byline "Both Sides Now," which is some of you will recognize from the Judy Collins song (or Jon Mitchell, if that’s your preference). Here, as in the song, it’s meant to evoke one’s seeing and learning from seeing, two perspectives.

This doesn’t mean you’re in for constant and predictable comparisons between your current setting and mine—really? A sprawling Catholic university in a small Midwest city is different than a walled ancient one in a capital city in another continent? Really? As much as I’d like to see Dublin with me, it should be far from the only topic covered. Also, there are much more interesting subjects to read about than whether or not someone who, once again, you’ve never met and couldn’t care less about, is allowed to enjoy a Guinness in public or entertain male admirers in her room after midnight.

But it does mean. Hopefully, you’ll get to read a biweekly piece that both identifies with your own experiences and offers you something new at the same time. That you’ll get the view from here and there, on all kinds of things, at once.

The view from both sides, now. Soon, I’ll be abroad. I know you couldn’t care less.

But I hope you enjoy the view any way.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
“Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.”

Abraham Lincoln
former U.S. president
The 18th amendment is one of the more infamous sections of the United States Constitution. Ratified in 1919, it prohibited the purchase or sale of alcohol throughout the U.S. Its authors' intentions were pure: federally mandated uniform sobriety, which they assumed, would erase a plethora of social ills and lead to a more enlightened, harmonious society. Violence and poverty would disappear if only the wise words of the U.S. government were given the power to supervise the leisure activities of American citizens and ensure that they did not partake in the dangerous and intemperate consumption of intoxicating beverages.

The actual results, of course, were not as envisioned. For one thing, it quickly became apparent that a significant number of Americans didn't really care whether the federal government approved of their partaking in a glass of wine or a mug of beer. The new-leg-endary "speakeasies" of the 1920s quickly sprouted up, providing people with an opportunity to imbibe w hatever they would like. The 21st amendment, ratified in 1933, ended the failed experiment and restored Americans' legal right to imbibe whatever they would like. Prohibition should have taught legislators a number of important lessons about attempting to regulate personal behavior. Banning a highly desired good such as alcohol neither reduces demand nor prevents consumers from obtaining the good. It simply drives the business underground, replacing peaceful, honest business with the criminality and danger of the black market. Furthermore, the United States' failed experiment with alcohol prohibition should have prompted America to evaluate the role of the government in their lives. Do the police exist to protect our rights, or to protect us from ourselves? Not only was prohibition a practical failure, but it violated the ill conceived and outdated arguments of the prohibitionists: that prohibition was a massive failure.

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The 1984 National Minimum Drinking Age Act imposed a federal mandate on states, threatening them with a reduction in highway funding if they did not ban the purchase and consumption of alcohol by persons under the age of 21. Since then, the effects of the 1920s prohibition have reportedly themselves: underage drinking is widespread, as any high school senior will tell you, and those who believe the legal drinking age have little difficulty acquiring alcohol. Fake IDs abound, and a general disregard for the law prevails. Rather than make our society safer, the 21-year-old drinking age has encouraged risky behavior and helped to create a dysfunctional culture wherein alcohol is treated as a forbidden Fruit and abused rather than consumed responsibly in a mature fashion.

Even if we ignore all of the practical consequences of the 21-year-old drinking age, it's difficult to explain why a person who is considered a legal adult and can vote, join the armed forces, operate a car, sign a contract, and purchase a gun cannot be entrusted with a bottle of beer. The drinking age arbit­rarily discriminates against a group of people who are otherwise considered full legal members of society.

With these considerations in mind, a group of over 100 college presidents and chancellors (the exact total stands at 129 at the time of this writing) have come together to call for a public debate over the drinking age. These college administrators have witnessed the ill effects of the current laws and concluded that they accomplish no practical good and serve only to encourage dangerous behavior amongst their students. Their organization, the Amethyst Initiative, urges an "informed and passionate public debate over the effects of the 21-year-old drinking age." Such a debate is long overdue.

The current signatories to the Amethyst Initiative span a variety of colleges throughout the nation, ranging from small colleges to prestigious universities such as Dartmouth and Duke. Father Jenkins, however, has yet to add Notre Dame to the list. It's safe to say that few members of our university's student body and administration are under the illusion that the drinking age is effective or serves a salutary purpose on our campus. By signing the Amethyst Initiative, Father Jenkins would add Notre Dame to the growing number of academic institutions which are standing up for the rights and health of their students. It's time for our society to recognize, at long last, that prohibition simply does not work. Let's join the chorus of voices calling for open debate and sensible drinking laws in the United States.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Contraception not to blame**

When I made the decision to transfer to Notre Dame I knew that it would be a fairly conservative environment. However given that this is one of the top universities in the nation I was surprised to find that the university would not tolerate the university to coerce science, health and communication courses.

Yesterday's Viewpoint column ("An anniversary worth remembering") by Prof. Emeritus Rice advocates for reproductive health education. Professor Rice chose to lump together the majority of Americans who make the responsible decision to practice safe sex by labeling them as "inane" and hedonistic. Professor Rice cites the ill conceived and outdated arguments of the Roman Catholic Church against contraceptive care according to your own beliefs. For those of you who choose to do so, please be smart about it and protect yourself and your partner from the risk of STDS or having to face the difficult challenge of natural family planning by using condoms and/or other forms of readily available contraceptives.

Surely the professor can't be serious that the birth control pill is responsible for the objec­tifi­cation of women? The sad truth is that women have been objectified by men for as long as history has existed, and we are not doing much to change that, at least not from a logical foundation, attempts to equate contraception with abortion.

But fear not! For those married couples who choose to express their love for one another without the burden of raising a family of 15 or so children, the Professor offers the superb counsel of Paul VI, "take into account the natural rhythms of a woman's reproductive cycle to regulate birth without offending the moral principles that make according to your own beliefs. For those of you who choose to do so, please be smart about it and protect yourself and your partner from the risk of STDS or having to face the difficult challenge of natural family planning by using condoms and/or other forms of readily available contraceptives. For those of you who choose to do so, please be smart about it and protect yourself and your partner from the risk of STDS or having to face the difficult challenge of natural family planning by using condoms and/or other forms of readily available contraceptives.

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This week 90210 will try to once again become synonymous with teen drama. But did it ever really leave? "Beverly Hills, 90210" led the pack of shows, along with the likes of "21 Jump Street" and "Saved by the Bell," that would develop into their own genre: that of teen TV.

Few of these shows would be great works of entertainment. The networks they fueled, whether it was the UPN or the WB offered some successes but mostly hemorrhaged the profits of their umbrella companies, and the current version, the CW, is facing similar difficulties. Yet, the shows of this genre are some of the most memorable. When we gather for our high school reunions these are the shows over which we'll reminisce with longing.

There is a clear path from the "Beverly Hills, 90210" of 1990 to the "90210" of today. The current iteration is the standard fare: fresh faced Midwestern twins Brandon (Jason Priestley) and Brenda (Shannen Doherty) Walsh and their fairly conventional parents, Cindy and Jim (Carol Potter and James Eckhouse) move to hip, happening Beverly Hills, 90210. The show also focused on popular girl Kelly Taylor (Tiffani Thiessen), moody heartthrob Dylan McKay (Luke Perry), and their friends Steve Sanders (Ian Ziering) and Donna Martin (Torri Spelling) during their years at Beverly Hills High.

What made the original "90210" so popular was how effectively it acted as a show for teens and about teens. Dylan was that mysterious, enigmatic character that every girl couldn't stop thinking about. Kelly may have been the token high school beauty, but she had her fair share of difficulties in life. Relationships began and ended, friends came and went, and life went on in Beverly Hills. "90210" also visibly worked to represent the issues that teens face, such as pregnancy scares, sexual assault and even the scary prospect of college being aimed at the PG-13 crowd, fashioned an industry occupied with courting teens. This era of teen drama was strong enough to make headway into other genres, dipping into the supernatural with "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," testing the water with more off the wall shows such as "That 70s Show" and "Freaks and Geeks," and even teen-ifying Superman with "Smallville." Finally we reach the current wave of teen TV with shows such as "Glimore Girls," "The O.C.," and "Gossip Girl," that, while shiny and new, hold to the same teen formula.

What unifies teen TV? Foremost there is the drama. On the drama. The hundreds of crises (real and imagined) in a single season that most of us will even brush off in our entire adult lives. That will of course be interspersed with needed comic relief. Next, with few exceptions, the cast will be gorgeous and well dressed. And often, in good 90210 fashion, the actors will all be significantly older than the high school students they play. Sadly, these shows will almost certainly take place in white America and minorities will be of the token variety. That has slowly begun to change in the more recent renditions of teen TV as they begin to attempt a true representation of US demographics, but a quick glance at the cast photo of "90210" or "Gossip Girl" will emphasize the lethargy. But for some reason all this unites to create shows that, no matter the absurdity, make you come back for more every week. There could be an argument that we had no taste when we were in high school, but really there is something delicious about all that teen angst and excitement. Teen TV is about being in the case of growing up, but being shocked by the hurdles life sends us. It's a state of being that we'd never want to live through again, but are eager to visit once a week.

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THE OBSERVER

THE EVOLUTION AND APPEAL OF TEEN TV

By ANALISE LIPARI

Brenda, Brandon, Dylan, Donna, Steve and Kelly are back. Well sort of. This week, the CW is finally airing the long-awaited pilot episode of its brand new version of the classic teen series, "Beverly Hills, 90210." Though the show's demographics are to be believed, the Beverly Hills population, solely consist of white people — an idea that was just as unrealistic in the 90s as it is today. And any TV show that solely focuses on this "problem" or "issue" risks becoming a weekly PSA, to which the disgruntled audience of "7th Heaven" can testify.

With years of teen TV history preceding it, the brand new version of "90210" has a lot to live up to. Like that pesky little sister who can finally start her freshman year, the CW's "90210" has a brand new look and a talented cast of actors to make sure its season goes right. This time, the new kid in town is Annie Wilson (Shannen Grimes), a Kansas City native who finds herself at the center of a social circle when students discover a connection between her and high school heartthrob Ethan Ward (Justina Milligan). Their friendship drives his girlfriend, popular girl Naomi Clark (Annalyne McLeod), up the wall. Joining Annie at West Beverly High is her adopted brother Dixon (Tristan Wilds of HBO's "The Wire"), who immediately connects with local bad girl Erin Silver (Jessica Stroup). Dixon also strikes up an early friendship with Navid Shirazi (Michael Steger), editor of the high school paper. The Wilson's photographer mom, Debbie, is played by "Full House" alum Lori Laughlin — time will tell if the actress can hold her own without Uncle Jesse (Naomi). The setting is the original premise, West Beverly's new principle is the Wilson patriarch, Harry (Rob Estes). Jessica Walter of "Arrested Development" fame stars as Tabitha Wilson, Brenda's feisty grandmother who is literally upstaged as director of their high school musical by none other than Brenda Walsh's surprising return by Doherty. Jennie Garth is also scheduled to appear as Kelly Taylor, on the other hand, her place in the teen years of a generation is secure.

It's likely that viewers will compare the new "90210" to its legendary predecessor. With several original actresses and settings — yes, they're even going back to the Peach Pit, in place of comparison seems inevitable. Of course, the show's target teen audience may have little, if any, knowledge of the original show other than pop culture lore and "I love the 90's" episodes. The question of whether or not old fans might return to this reincarnated version also has yet to be answered. Jenny Garth recently told Entertainment Weekly that when she heard the CW was reformulating "90210," "I was kind of celebrating. I thought, oh my god, they're taking the show and doing it in a different way, it's not being disrupted. Some part of who I was and a piece of my history was being messed with. It took me a while to settle into that idea." Whether or not they were high-quality entertainers, shows like "90210" will always have a place in the teen years of a generation of Americans. The CW has hit it big in recent years with shows like "Gossip Girl," "Reaper," and the final seasons of "Gilmore Girls" after the merger of the WB and UPN, which gives the network some much-desired wiggle room. Time will tell if Annie, Dixon and company (so far at home in West Beverly Hills, and if fans feel comfortable with giving "90210" another go.

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9. “Laguna Beach” — The show attracted a large audience seeking to live vicariously through the residents of Laguna Beach, California and indulge themselves in the drama of the day-to-day experiences of this set of teens.

8. “Gossip Girl” — It hasn’t shown it’s true colors quite yet, but with a new season full of potential premiering this week, “Gossip Girl” could rise in popularity. And as should be expected, there are a lot of attractive people and gossip.

7. “One Tree Hill” — Rather than actually suffer through the high school years like most teen dramas do, “One Tree Hill” fast forwards to the characters 20s. It still contains all the same drama, just with bigger bank accounts and children.

6. “Gilmore Girls” — It started focusing on a mother’s bond with her daughter, but “Gilmore Girls” soon introduced various memorable characters and quick witty dialogue that enraptured it’s audience.

5. “Dawson’s Creek” — The Parents Television Council called it the worst show on television for two years in a row. Ultimately this probably led to the success it enjoyed.


3. “Buffy The Vampire Slayer” — Those with a taste for the supernatural were quickly drawn to Joss Whedon’s Buffy. A strong female lead with a stake in hand, Buffy fought the vampires off for seven seasons, all while dealing with the usual high school angst, even once while singing.

2. “The OC” — Same formula, new decade. With an entertaining soundtrack and exciting plotlines, Notre Dames’ quads were quiet and empty when “The OC” was on.

1. “Beverly Hills, 90210” started it all. Thirty year olds played high school students, a generation of heartthrobs was born for us to fawn over (and another is coming soon with “90210”), and most importantly it introduced America to the idea of focusing on the difficult and often painful lives of teenagers.
Jacksonville Jaguars offensive lineman Richard Collier rests during warm-up drills at training camp in Jacksonville, Fla., Collier was hospitalized after being shot early Tuesday morning.
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NSCAA Men’s College Soccer Poll

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MLB

- Pirates pitcher Matt Capps celebrates with teammates after Pittsburgh defeated the Cincinnati Reds 3-2 Tuesday. The Pirates broke their 10-game losing streak with help from their rookie players.

Pittsburgh snaps 10-game losing streak

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — It’s too early to say if Pittsburgh’s three-way deal at the trade deadline is paying off, but the Pirates can dream, can’t they? Rookies Brandon Moss and Andy LaRoche, two of the players acquired by Pittsburgh in a six-player deal on July 31 that hit back-to-back home runs to help the last-place Pirates snap a 10-game losing streak with a 3-2 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday night.

“Basically, we’ve been pressing the last few games,” said Moss, who had a career-high three hits and is hitting .366 (15-41) with four home runs and six RBIs in his last 13 games. "It’s hard enough playing baseball and winning games without pressing. It’s a roller-coaster with ups and downs, and we’ve been on a prolonged down.”

Moss and LaRoche were both acquired in a three-way trade on July 31 that sent left fielder Manny Ramirez from the Red Sox to the Dodgers and left fielder Jason Bay from the Pirates to Boston.

The homers helped right-hander fans Snell win for the second time in three starts. Snell (6-10) lasted six innings, giving up seven hits and two runs — one earned. He struck out five.

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In Brief

McCarthy, Hamilton lead Rangers over Mariners

ARLINGTON, Texas — Brandon McCarthy pitched six strong innings for his first win in more than 13 months, Josh Hamilton drove in three runs and the Texas Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 6-4 on Tuesday night.

McCarthy (1-0) allowed two runs and four hits in his third start of the season. He struck out four without a walk in a 104-pitch outing.

McCarthy, whose last victory was on July 31, 2007, at Cleveland, went on the 60-day disabled list on March 30 with right forearm inflammation after pitching an inning in a spring training game. He didn’t begin throwing in the bullpen until June 21.

Frank Francisco struck out the side in the ninth for his third save in nine chances. Texas had lost 10 of its previous 12 at home and four of five overall.

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Rodriguez and Nady hit homers in Yankees’ win

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Mike Mussina earned his 17th win, and the New York Yankees got home runs from Alex Rodriguez and Xavier Nady in a 7-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday night.

Joha Chamberlain came off the disabled list for New York and pitched 1-3 scoreless innings out of the bullpen. Tampa Bay’s lead in the AL East was trimmed to four games over Boston, which beat Baltimore 12-4.

Seeking his first 20-win season, the 39-year-old Mussina (11-7) allowed two runs and 10 hits in six-plus innings. He matched a season high with eight strikeouts, improving to 3-0 against the Rays. He also beat the AL East leaders on April 7 and May 14, and his 19 career wins tie him with Tim Wakefield for the most by any pitcher against Tampa Bay.

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MLB

White Sox at Indians

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Trojans jump to top spot in polls

Associated Press

NEW YORK — By staying away from the cupcakes, Southern California earned itself a slim new ranking.

No. 1 always seems to fit USC.

Southern California jumped two spots to No. 1 in The Associated Press' top 25 on Tuesday, rewarded by voters for opening the season with a dominant performance on the road against a BCS conference opponent.

Georgia and Ohio State, the preseason Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, started their season as expected. The Bulldogs scrimmaged at home against FCS teams. But Southern California, however, traveled across country to face Virginia 1 and could not have been more impressive in a 52-7 victory.

Georgia fell to No. 2 and Ohio State to No. 3.

"We realize that rankings so early in a season are certainly fluid. But rankings do help establish a pecking order for things later in the season," USC coach Pete Carroll said in a statement. "As for moving into the No. 1 spot, it's nice to know that people think highly of our team."

Since reaching No. 1 on Dec. 7, 2003, the final regular-season AP poll of that season, USC has been No. 1 in 39 polls, by far the most of any team during that time.

"Some have said the voters are taking our schedule into consideration," Carroll said. "Our philosophy has always been to schedule outstanding opponents. We need to play challenging games like we just did, traveling across the country to open the season at Virginia. Games like that bring out our best and make us stronger as a team."

The latest voting was close. USC received 21 first-place votes and 1,539 points from the 65-member media panel. Georgia had 20 first-place votes and 1,506 points. Ohio State got 15 first-place votes and 1,497 points.

"I'd say we've evolved as pollsters," said Stewart Mandel of SI.com, who moved USC up to No. 1. "In the past, voters just kind of automatically moved teams up and kept teams where they were if they won."

Georgia beat Georgia Southern 45-21 on Saturday and Ohio State opened with a 43-0 win over Youngstown State.

"There's a bit of a growing backlash for the amount of teams that open with 1-AA opponents," Mandel said. "Our book "Bowl, Polls and Tattered Souls" chronicles college football's controversies.

"To see a team (USC) go on the road and play a New Year's Day bowl team from last season, and not only play them but destroy them, how could you not reward that team?"

USC also jumped past Georgia to No. 1 in the USA Today coaches' poll, which has the same top five as the AP poll.

"It's definitely a privilege to be No. 1. But it's not something we take for granted," Georgia offensive lineman Chris Davis said. "It doesn't matter right now what we're ranked. What matters is our next game and right now, that's Central Michigan. The only time the polls matter is in December that's when the polls matter."

While the Bulldogs' opened easy, their schedule ultimately should be as difficult, as any team's. Georgia's big nonconference test is at No. 15 Arizona State on Sept. 20. The Bulldogs also face six Southeastern Conference rivals that have been ranked in the first two polls.

As for Ohio State, the Buckeyes play at USC on Sept. 12 before getting into the Big Ten schedule.

But of the teams in this week's top 10, USC and Texas are the only ones that don't play an FBS opponent, and the Trojans are the only team that doesn't play a team from a non-BCS conference.

The last team to drop from No. 1 after a victory was USC last season. LSU jumped from No. 2 to No. 1 when it beat Tulane 34-9, the same week the Trojans edged Washington on the road, 37-24.

The last preseason No. 1 team to lose the top spot after winning its opening game was Florida in 2001. The Gators beat Marshall 49-14, but preseason No. 2 Miami opened with a 33-7 victory over Penn State and the Hurricanes jumped to No. 1 with Florida slipping to second.

The next four teams in the new Top 25 stayed the same: No. 2 Oklahoma (two first-place votes), No. 5 Florida (five first-place votes), No. 6 Missouri (one first-place vote), No. 7 LSU (one first-place vote) and No. 8 West Virginia.

No. 9 Auburn and No. 10 Texas each moved up a spot, taking advantage of Clemson's big drop. Clemson, ninth in the preseason, fell out after losing 34-10 to Alabama on Saturday.

Also falling out after losses were Virginia Tech, Pittsburgh and Tennessee.

Moving into the rankings were No. 21 Fresno State, No. 22 Utah, No. 23 UCLA and No. 24 South Carolina.

Alabama moved up 11 spots after its big victory over Clemson.

The second 10 started with No. 11 Wisconsin, followed by Texas Tech, Alabama, Kansas and BYU and Arizona State were tied for 15th. Arizona, BYU and Utah are both ranked for the first time since 1996.

South Florida was No. 17, ahead of Oregon, Penn State, and Wake Forest at No. 19.

The final five were all the teams to move into the ranking, except for Illinois, which dropped four spots and tied South Carolina for No. 24.
After being forced to flee by Hurricane Gustav, Wednesday, September 3, 2008

The Superdome was not used as a refuge during Gustav as it was during Katrina. It did not evacuate enough people from the storm or damage and never lost power, according to Joe Thornton, vice president of SMG, the company that runs the stadium.

There was a row of plastic chairs in the upper right corner that said that there had been only minor damage — exterior signs that had been ripped with downed fences and ripped with downed fences and ripped with downed fences and ripped with downed fences and ripped with downed fences and ripped with downed fences and ripped with downed fences.

"We want to be one of the first ones back because we want to play that game and lift the spirits of our city after what’s been a tough week." Mickey Loomis

Saints’ General Manager

"We’re going to continue to practice and to stay in the routine we’re in until Friday and December 6th, when we return on Friday," Loomis said.
Federer pushed to limit at U.S. Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — His strokes away, his emotions laid bare for all to see, Roger Federer figured out a way to stay in the U.S. Open.

Federer found himself locked in a five-set struggle against the sort of player the world is accustomed to seeing him dismiss with ease, and it was only down the stretch that the four-time defending champion at Flushing Meadows looked part of it.

Avoiding as big an upset as tennis has seen in a while, Federer came back to beat 23rd-seeded Igor Andreev of Russia 6-7 (5), 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 Tuesday night to reach the quarterfinals at the year's last Grand Slam tournament.

When Federer finished the match with a forehand winner, he shook his fists violently and yelled, then flashed a grin toward his girlfriend and others in the player guest box.

Hard to recall the last time this guy was so pleased by a mere fourth-round victory. This is, after all, a man who owns 12 Grand Slam titles, two shy of Pete Sampras' career mark. A man who has won 31 consecutive matches at the U.S. Open. A man who is trying to extend his record streak of 17 straight appearances in major semifinals.

And yet, because of how tough this was, Federer couldn't stop smiling at the end of the three-hour test.

"I was just trying to stay in the match," he told the supportive crowd at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

NFL

Ex-Bengal Johnson acquired by Detroit

Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Rudi Johnson didn't need long to find a new home.

Johnson, who was waived by the Cincinnati Bengals on Saturday, officially signed with the Detroit Lions on Tuesday. Johnson will join rookie Kevin Smith as the featured backs in Detroit's new run-oriented offense.

"As soon as I finish talking to you guys, I'm going to bury myself in the playbook," Johnson said after meeting with the media Tuesday. "I want to be able to contribute in this team as soon as possible." -- Rudi Johnson Lions' runningback

Johnson has missed much of training camp and the presesaon with the same hamstring problem that caused him to miss five games last season, but said that he'd be ready for Detroit's season opener Sunday in Atlanta.

"I'm good — I just have to take care of my hamstring each and every day and stay on top of it," he said. "My main thing during camp was to make sure I was ready for Week 1.

Johnson rushed for 1,480 yards in both 2005 and 2006, but was limited to 497 last year. This season, the Bengals will be going with Chris Perry and Kenny Watson as their top runners.

"The word got out last month that the Bengals were trying to trade me, so I knew this was coming," he said. "I had a great run in Cincinnati, but now I have to move on.

Johnson will be reunited with Jon Kitna, who played for Cincinnati before coming to Detroit in 2006, and also has a tight bond with one of the players who will be blocking for him.

"I talked to Jon — he and I are friends from when we were together with the Bengals," he said. "I talked to (Lions guard) George Foster, who is a very good friend of mine," he said.

In Cincinnati, the Bengals' wide receivers, Chad Johnson and Houshmandzadeh, opened defenses up for the running game, and Johnson hopes that Detroit's duo of Calvin Johnson and Roy Williams will do the same thing.

"I'm excited about playing with two great guys on the outside in Roy and Calvin," he said.

"I'm looking forward to that," Johnson noted. "While considering Detroit's offer, Johnson got some advice from an unlikely source — Tatum Bell, the player he replaced on the Lions roster.

"When we talked, he didn't know it was going to be him that was going, but Tatum knows this is a business," Johnson said. "He told me all about the city, the players, the coaching staff and even details like practice times and how things are run here.

With Bell gone, Johnson will be battling for carries with Smith, Detroit's third-round pick. He thinks he is still capable of putting up the same numbers that he did in Cincinnati, but isn't worried about cracking the starting lineup quite yet.

"Right now, I've got to get through this playbook," he said.

"After that, it is up to the coaches. I know I can contribute and help this team. The coaches will figure out how to best use me."

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Carmona said of his wild pitch "It felt great to see one finally go out," Martinez said. "The White Sox remained tied with Minnesota for the AL Central lead despite losing for the fifth time in six games. Chicago will try to avoid a three-game series sweep Wednesday. "Something's missing," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "It seems like we are tired. It seems like we are dead. There are a lot of things that we are missing right now." "Maybe because we're not scoring many runs. Maybe because the starting pitching throws four innings and that's it. Maybe we're not catching right. Maybe I'm making the wrong decisions." "We have to find out right away because if we continue to play like that, it's going to be tough to compete," De La Rosa said. Fausto Carmona (8-5) pitched 2 2/3 innings to win his third straight start and Asdrubal Cabrera broke out of a 1-for-19 slump with three hits for the Indians, winners of 12 of 15.

Chicago's Nick Swisher snapped his 0-for-19 slide with an eighth-inning double. Martinez put Cleveland ahead 2-0 in the second inning against John Danks (10-8). Jonny Perellia walked and Martinez, activated Friday after having right elbow surgery in mid-June, hit the first pitch he saw over the wall in left. It was his first homer in 57 games and 203 at-bats since Sept. 25. "Nobody has more fun playing this game than Victor," said backup catcher Sal Fasano, who greeted Martinez with a bear hug in the dugout. "It was a lot of fun to see him do that." Martinez said he was teased by teammates and enjoyed every minute of it. "I'd be lying if I said I wasn't thinking about this drought," Martinez said. "This game is all about having fun and the guys made some fun of me. It was a great feeling." Franklin Gutierrez's two-run double made it 4-0 in the fifth. Carmona failed to get out of the sixth when Chicago scored three runs, helped by the right-hander's wildness. Jercaine Dye walked and scored up a wild pitch. Another run scored on a sacrifice fly by Swisher. Then Carmona hit Alexei Ramirez in the hand with a pitch and pinch-hitter Jose Uribe followed with a two-out RBI double off the left-field wall to make it 6-3. "I tried to make a perfect pitch and it sunk too much," Carmona said of his wild pitch. "I’d be lying if I said I wasn’t thinking about this drought," Martinez said. "This game is all about having fun and the guys made some fun of me. It was a great feeling." Franklin Gutierrez's two-run double made it 4-0 in the fifth. Carmona failed to get out of the sixth when Chicago scored three runs, helped by the right-hander's wildness. Jercaine Dye walked and scored up a wild pitch. Another run scored on a sacrifice fly by Swisher. Then Carmona hit Alexei Ramirez in the hand with a pitch and pinch-hitter Jose Uribe followed with a two-out RBI double off the left-field wall to make it 6-3. "I tried to make a perfect pitch and it sunk too much," Carmona said of his wild pitch.

"He threw strikes and pitched well, but offensively we're struggling," Giant manager Bruce Bochy said. "We're not getting the big hit to keep a rally going."Since giving up seven earned runs in one and two-thirds innings against Florida on July 31, De La Rosa has gone at least six innings in each of his five starts and has not allowed more than three runs in any outing. He has a 1.78 ERA during that stretch.
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Coach Jim Tressel said Wednesday that Chris "Beanie" Wells hit the sideline to watch the last Youngstown State game. He was of things," Tressel said Tuesday. Almost dragging the foot, encased in an immobilizing boot, when he slowly returned to the sideline to watch the last few minutes of the blowout.

Yet Tressel didn't slam the door on the possibility that Wells might still play in Saturday's game against Ohio University. "I don't know," Tressel said. "I was almost dragging the foot, encased in an immobilizing boot, when he slowly returned to the sideline to watch the last few minutes of the blowout."

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As an expert, I can say that the text is a mix of sports and legal news, with a focus on the health and future of Chris "Beanie" Wells. The article also discusses the legal situation involving O.J. Simpson and the upcoming jury selection process in Nevada.

**NCAA Football**

Tressel noncommittal on Wells

Associated Press

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the team's summer trip to Brazil.

Quinn's solid performance during that stretch turned Cahill's struggle hold on the position into an open competition heading into the 2006 sea-
son. Cahill and Quinn split pre-
season games as well as the opening six games of the season before Acta decided to give the job back to Cahill.

"It was after the Louisville game that the Boss (Clark) came up to me and told me he was going with Cahill," Quinn said. "I respected the Boss's decision. He was honest with me all the way through. I just kept my head down and worked hard knowing I would get my opportunity."

Quinn's initial opportunity came earlier than expected after an injury to Cahill in Notre Dame's Sweet 16 contest against Maryland forced Quinn into action. He played the majority of the contest, preserving a 2-0 Irish win. Quinn also played the second half of Notre Dame's 3-2 loss in the Elite Eight to Virginia.

Cahill's main opportunity would have to wait, however, as Cahill sat out his 11th game of the season and then his fifth season and reclaimed the starting goalie job once again. Cahill's absence allowed Quinn a few spot appearances through the latter half of the season, Quinn once again watching Notre Dame's run to the Elite Eight primarily from the sidelines.

Although Quinn may not have seen as much field time as he would have liked over the past three years, he said he feels he has become a much bet-
ter keeper during his time in South Bend.

"I think I've come pretty far since my freshman year," Quinn said. "Physically, I've put on some muscle, lost weight, and gotten quicker.

"My biggest challenge has been mental. That was one thing that gave Cahill an edge over me. He was much more calm and maybe more confi-
dent. We have a sports psycholo-
gist, and I've talked with him. He's helped me relax and become more calm and consisten-
t in the goal."

These changes are a big rea-
son why Quinn's opportunity has finally arrived. Even after Cahill left, Clark told Quinn that the starting job would be an open competition between him and Tuttle. With that competi-
tion now settled, Quinn can finally focus on helping Notre Dame achieve and surpass the success of the past few seasons.

Quinn's solid performance this season has given him a leg up in the future, and he has handled it just as good if not better than the other teams since I've been here," Quinn said. "From my end, I've been here four years, and I've been long enough to know what Coach Clark expects from us. I need to step into a leader's role and make sure we're as organized as possible."

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This expedition will not be limited to the offense, and Weis said he will also help make sure the defense is running smoothly through defensive coordinator Corwin Brown.

But Weis will not be in the dark about his team's defense-
making — or on either side of the ball.

"I'm going to have one of my boys hold onto a call sheet both offensively and defensively so that if there's a lull in the action, I want to go look at it, I'll have something available to me," he said.

Moreover, Weis will still make the big strategy decisions during the game to avoid put-
ing pressure on his assistants. Weis said it is always the head coach's call on whether to attempt a fourth-down conver-
sion.

"That is always the job of the head coach to have to make that decision, because right or wrong, you're going to have to live with that decision. And you don't hang your assistants out to dry on that one," Weis said.

Weis added that he and the offensive staff will know ahead of time which situations they will attempt a fourth-down conver-
sion so they can call an appropriate third-down play.

"Normal you wouldn't throw the ball on third and one unless you already had the backing from the boss that you were going to go for it on fourth and ten," Weis said. "But if you didn't, you wouldn't worry about it. You're going to just punt in that situation."

Weis said that, in addition to not calling plays during the game, he will not help script the opening drives of games as he did when he was the offensive play-caller. But this is not to say he will have no input as to the opening drive; rather, he will review the offensive play-calls on the tape Friday morning.

"And if there's something I would say. Why would you do this? We'll just eliminate it. Or if it's something that can run this, too. So maybe there be a down on one. Either get eliminated or added. Yes, but I'm not scripting that."

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Saint Mary's career and has already recorded an assist this season.

"While some of our scoring talent may seem young or even inexperienced, I don't really con-
cern about our ability to put the ball in the net," Crabbe told the Observer.

"I think this team is just as good if not better than the other teams we have here four years, and I've been here long enough to know that," Quinn said. "From my end, I've seen as much field time as he
could handle, and I've talked with him. Sometimes good pitchers run into trouble, and that's why I was more confident in Quinn's initial opportunity with the Phillies.

Weis said Notre Dame will have only two players sit out of Saturday's game: right end Mark Banner and tight end Jashaud R Gaines. Gaines is out for the season because of a knee injury, but Banner did not play in Notre Dame's game against Maryland.

Gaines was not listed on the two-deep, but was expected to start on special teams, where he played in four games last season.

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MLB

Hamels pitches eight innings in Phillie win

Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins hits an RBI single during Philadelphia's 4-0 win over the Nationals Tuesday. Rollins had two RBI singles and a walk in the game.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Almost every time Jimmeh Rollins has taken the mound this season, the Philadelphia Phillies have been able to count on him to pitch deep into the game.

On the left-handed day it again Tuesday night against the Washington Nationals, pitching into the eighth inning and allow-
ing five hits in a 4-0 victory that ended the Nationals' seven-game winning streak.

In 29 starts this season, Hamels (12-4) has pitched at least seven innings 23 times, the most in the majors. He has a 3.01 ERA in 203 innings.

"He gets a quality start pretty much every time out," Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins said. "He gives you a chance to win with what he has. If anything, it's not necessarily indicative of that, but his ERA does. Sometimes good pitchers run into bad luck. There have been games we have blown, games that we just haven't scored, and then there are games like tonight, where all it takes is one or two runs and he can work with it."

Rollins gave Hamels most of what he had to work with with two RBI singles and a walk. The Phillies remained two games behind first-place New York in NL East.

Washington's winning streak was its longest since a 10-game run in 2005, but it ended as J.C. Lannan's move to first, and once he reached third he

took off for home, and there you have it," Utley said. "I thought the only play was for the kid, but X-rays were good."

"I felt like I got a jump, but I decided to take the extra base. I thought it was safe to try and knock the ball loose. My intention was definitely not to hurt him. My intention was to kick the ball loose," Phillips manager Charlie Manuel said. "We came to the decision to break for home, and had no problem with how Utley finished the play."

"It's not old school, it's good school. The decision was on the collision."

The collision was the second play at the plate for Flores on this year's list.

Earlier in the third inning, Rolen was called out at home plate for a collision with catcher Victor Rodriguez from the right. The throw from left fielder Willie Harris was in time, but Rodriguez, the right of Flores, who missed the ball as he tried for a sweep tag on Rolen, who went in second on the throw, scored on Utley's singl-

The Phillies tacked on two more runs in the seventh, the first on another ill- timed error by Rollins. Ruiz then scored as Rollins was caught in a rundown between first and second during an inning-ending double play.
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Horoscope

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY

Sahar Nazemi, 42, Iranian actress, 1966
Dale Mortensen, 40, economist, 1968
Eugenia Litt, 36, actor, 1972

Happy Birthday: There is plenty on the line today and the opportunities are limited. You will have to calculate every move, make sure you don’t waffle or give in too fast. The next week will be the key to getting what you want in the end. Take it slow and make more strategic moves. Your numbers are 4, 12, 23, 25, 34.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You feel emotionally up and down due to what you are told to do. Your reaction will be extreme. A long-term relationship will be in your best interest. Let old issues go. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take a break. You need some time to put things in order and decide what you want to do with the rest of your life. New plans will irritate you and new tactics will frustrate others. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A simple approach is your best bet today. Qualifications and abilities will multifly your interest. Don’t let too low an approach or opportunity taint your sights. Love is in the air and a social scene will be geared toward romance. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stick close to the people you trust and respect. The older and more experienced people will give you good advice and steer you away from moves that will harm you in the long run. Your personal relationships, however, will give you second chances leading to understandings and breakthroughs. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Doing things that are unique will give you connections with interesting people who will implement new ideas and add a spark to your plans. Love is growing with someone who wants to spend more time with you. Try to accommodate this person. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There will be a lot riding on how much you do. The experience will be high and the self-image on your part will be hard to perfect and will need a deal. A relationship with someone very different from yourself will form if you aren’t looking for the same.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don’t get into a fight with someone. It won’t be worth your time and the bad feelings you face will be hard to remedy. You may want to refrain from relationships and consider whether or not the people of some are good for you. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be the key to getting what you want in the end. Take it slow and make each move count. Someone can and will twist your words around. Explain your ideas concisely. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don’t underestimate the power of communication. Some may see and will your words around. Refuse your ideas consciously. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Personally and financially you are coming an un­usual and unusual development that will make your life easier. A commitment or pro­ject will help you achieve your desires. Learn and write well. Love, too, will be on the rise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You have a sophisticated appeal and are creative and clever. You can be a set of words to help you achieve your dreams. Learn and write well. Love, too, will be on the rise. 5 stars

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Worth the wait

Senior keeper Andrew Quinn gets his chance to start after three years on the bench

By GREG ARBOGAST

Saint Mary's College (3-2, 0-1 MIAA) dropped its first conference match of the season Tuesday night against Adrian College (3-2, 1-0 MIAA) at the Angela Athletic Facility. The Bulldogs swept the Belles in straight sets (25-15, 25-22, 25-18).

Senior Kara Hollin led Saint Mary's offensively and defensively with 10 kills and 11 digs, but put up a mediocre .167 hitting percentage on the night. Also contributing on the defensive end were junior Lora Slupczynski with 11 digs and sophomore Meggahn Rose with 13 digs.

Freshman Danielle Brink and junior Jauna Fohr contributed 16 assists and 12 assists, respectively. Junior Kathleen Mills also had a solid match, making three kills in seven attempts with no errors for a .429 hitting percentage.

Adrian's three errors contributed to the Belles' win.

Belles drop first MIAA match in straight sets

By MICHAEL BLASCO

Irish senior keeper Andrew Quinn handles the ball in a game against South Florida on Sept. 8, 2006. Quinn battled Chris Cahill for two years before earning the starting spot this season.

SMC SOCCER

Winless

Team hopes to follow Hinton at Manchester

By ALEX BARKER

Coming off a not-so-successful opening season tournament last weekend, Saint Mary's looks to channel its offensive prowess from last season and capture its first win of the 2008 campaign when it travels to face the Manchester College Spartans today.

Under first-year head coach Ryan Crabbe, the Belles struggled to score against the competition at the Case Western Invitational, dropping their first two matches of the season.

Against the Spartans, Saint Mary's looks to start anew and find its offense behind senior leadership like that of senior forward Lauren Hinton, the Belles' leading scorer last season.

"Lauren is one of the top offensive players in the entire league," Crabbe told the Saint Mary's athletic Web site. "She will definitely be looked upon for a scoring punch this season."

Hinton has 28 goals in her four years with the Belles.

FOOTBALL

Weis embraces new role

By JAY FITZPATRICK

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis decided at the end of last season that he would relinquish play-calling duties. And so far, he has stayed committed to that.

"I think Andrew deserves it," Clark said after last Sunday's game. "He's been knocking at the door for three years now, and we're going to give him a little run."

Clark's decision serves as vindication for all the hard work and patience that Quinn has shown over the past three seasons. As a freshman, Quinn was redshirted behind incumbent junior Chris Cahill, but opportunity soon came knocking. Cahill decided to study abroad during the spring and summer terms, leaving Quinn as the primary goalkeeper during both the spring and fall campaign.

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