Career Center helps grads in job hunt
Persistence and networking are critical skills alums should use to find employment

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

In light of the struggle of many recent graduates to find employment in the weak economy, persistence and networking will prove critical for seniors entering a competitive job market.

At graduation in May, 20 percent of the graduating senior class categorized themselves as "actively looking for employment," Associate Director of the Career Center Kevin Monahan said.

The summer months, however, have seen slight yet significant improvements in the job market — all positive signs for young Notre Dame alumni and undergraduates.

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For the love of the game...

This time last year, when the Irish opened the season against San Diego State, I was in the press box to cover my first football game. Before the game started, I sat down at my laptop with a plate of fries, food and said to the senior sitting next to me, "Not to sound like a newbie, but this is probably the coolest thing that's ever happened to me." He replied, "No, don't worry—it's Awesome."

As it ended up last season, between The Observer, student managing and losing my ID card, I only sat in the student section for one game, the win over Purdue. And I didn't have a problem with it.

This season, I almost didn't even buy tickets, and had to be convinced to do so by friends and alumni. I wasn't thrilled to hear about the gates being open Friday afternoons so fans could walk through the tunnel onto the field—for me, it's old hat. Outdoor pep rallies didn't excite me. And I figured I would hear Drummer's Circle from my room in Cavanaugh.

But when I found out my group has an extra ticket, I invited my best friend up for the game. She's a huge Notre Dame fan and is new to campus, so it was super exciting. I got excited too. I told her she has to get here by noon, she was probably the only one able to get here by 11 a.m. And I would make the most of the first game of the season, between The Observer, student managing and losing my ID card, I only sat in the student section for one game, the win over Purdue. And I didn't have a problem with it.

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OFFBEAT

FDA test confirms animal was in man's soda can

ORMOND BEACH, Fla.—An FDA test shows that either a frog or a toad was in a Florida man's soda can. The Food and Drug Administration test confirmed that the remains of an animal were in Fred Denegri's can of Diet Pepsi. Denegri popped the can July 23 as he was grilling dinner outdoors in Ormond Beach.

A Pepsi spokesman said the company is aware of the FDA testing and stands by its manufacturing process. The can was traced back to a plant in Orlando, which runs about 1,250 cans a minute on the production line. The spokesman says the speed of the production lines and the rigor of its quality control make it virtually impossible for a frog or toad to get into a can. Denegri said he is certain the animal was in the can before he opened it.

Amsterdam lets beer bike ride on, with limits

AMSTERDAM—The beer bike will ride on in Amsterdam. The seated bikes, were groups of people around a central bar, are something of a fixture in the city's center. But two accidents within two months prompted the city councilor responsible for transport to launch an investigation in June.

Following that review the city has decided to allow the bikes to carry on riding, a city spokesman said Saturday. They will, however, need permits from the various city boroughs, and those permits are likely to come with restrictions on hours of operation and requirements for a sober driver.

A reception will follow the event.

The film "The Brothers Bloom" will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Sunday. The film follows two brothers, who just happen to be the biggest swindlers as they take on their last job—a wealthy heiress. Tickets are available online or at the Ticket Office 574-631-2800.

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

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College holds activities night

By BRIDGET MEADE

Saint Mary's held their annual activities night Wednesday, filling the Student Center with more than 100 booths, including groups from Notre Dame and the South Bend community, as well as from the College.

Patrick Daniel, director of student involvement, estimated around 850 to 1,000 students attended.

Student Coordinator Katie Cuda said she started planning Saint Mary's Activity Night the first day she stepped on campus this semester. From the Chinese Culture Club to the Irish Dance Team, Cuda was responsible for contacting every club and organization that was represented.

This year, the event was moved from the Angela Athletic Facility to the Student Center to "improve the movement of students," Cuda explained. "The Student Center not only has more people coming in and out, but it allows for a smooth flow of students from table to table."

Katie Cuda noted that Activities Night is crucial for her program. "We need activities night to recruit because most people don't even know the club volleyball program exists," Bennett said.

Fellow freshman Tamara Meeks signed up for so many clubs that she lost count. "I probably won't commit to all of them," Meeks said. "I'll just choose later once I have received more information about them."

"It was overwhelming seeing all the tables at first, but it's great that there is a chance to see everything, no matter what our interests are," Abby Harman said.

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"I definitely think we should do something as an alternative because I don't feel like that's really a pep rally what we're talking about on the Irish Green," Duncan Hall representative C.J. Kelly said. "I feel like that's more like a fair for alumni and people coming from the community. I feel like as students, we're not getting anything out of it."

Marc Anthony Rosa from Keough Hall said that pep rallies should cater first and foremost to the students, and that the pep rally will be too far away if held at Irish Green.

"Holding it on Irish Green so far away from where everyone works, where everyone plays, it's a negative transition," Rosa said. "I think we need to bring it closer to the dorms, closer to where people are."

Although the administration has already decided the pep rallies will take place at Irish Green, students could decide to hold their own alternative pep rally at Irish Green, as suggested by Vice President Grant Schmidt.

"Students can put on our own event. If it is something that is a big enough concern, we can make our own venue," Schmidt said.

Keenan representative Chase Riddle suggested having pep rallies on one of the quads on campus.

Pep rallies were "one of my favorite things about freshman year last year," he said, and said he is concerned that freshmen will be missing out on the tradition of a pep rally.

"What about trying to hold one somewhere as we said on North Quad, for one of the midseason games?" he said. "Similar to Dillon Hall pep rally, but a North Quad one. Or God Quad. Just to keep it little closer, bring it back to the students"
them to understand that while participating in the activity, the simulation events by a wheelchair, on crutches, or dets before they start their Services Scott Howland said.

Coordinator of Disability said. "I looked online to find job search. but was able to utilize the Notre Dame alumni in the current job market, so we can help others to pass ideas, expertise and advice," Monahan said. "To get my new job in San Francisco, I used both LinkedIn and Irish Online a lot," O'Neill said. "Since Howland found job openings, then used LinkedIn and Irish Online to find someone who worked at one of these companies and sent them messages to talk to them about their company. Irish Online and Notre Dame alumni clubs throughout the country are valuable resources from which to begin their job search, O'Neill said. He does, however, recommend being persistent and constantly following up on applications and submitted resumes.

"I was really persistent in following up with people and jobs that I was interested in," O'Neill said. "E-mails are so easily lost in one's inbox that my message doesn't get opened. Even after exhausting Notre Dame's job search resources, however, not all recent graduates have experienced the same success in the job market.

Monahan is still a Class of 2009 economies major, said a dependence on the Notre Dame network is unreliable and insufficient in a time when just about everyone is feeling the effects of the economic recession. "I've been using LinkedIn to get in contact with Notre Dame alumni in companies and industries I'm interested in including. Some people don't reply or if they do, it is often in a friendly but unable to do more than tell me if there are any openings. It's a struggle to even get another name recommendation sometimes.

In response to this common complaint by many struggling young graduates, Monahan said the Class of 2010 needs to note the struggles of their friends and classmates. "Delaying the process would be the capacity to move impairments," Kelly said. "As one knows very well, the design of a building can help facilitate the capacity to move from place to place. As students, we are all in serving as active participants in the world around us.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Jimena sweeps through Mexico
LOS CABOS — Hurricane Jimena plowed across Baja California on Wednesday, tearing off roofs, down power lines and bringing welcome rainfall to a drought-stricken state.

The storm made landfall Wednesday afternoon between Puerto San Andresito and San Ignacio, sparsely populated area of fishing villages on the Pacific coast of the peninsula.

Wind gusts and heavy rains blew down dozens of trees and lamp posts in Loreto, the nearest significant resort town to the area where Jimena main landfall, according to Humberto Carmona, a city official manning an emergency response center.

Elections will end Honduran crisis
KABUL — A Taliban suicide bomber attacked officials leaving the presidential palace Wednesday, killing the country's deputy intelligence chief and 22 other people, officials said.

The brazen assault occurred as tensions are running high after last month's divisive presidential election and a sharp rise in U.S. casualties — events that have already raised alarm in Washington over the future of President Barack Obama's strategy to turn the tide of the war.

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NATIONAL NEWS
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Cuba to pay for jailing journalist
MIAI — A federal judge ordered the Cuban government and the ruling Communist Party on Wednesday to pay $27.5 million in damages to the mother of a journalist jailed since a 2003 crackdown on dissidents.

The judge said the family deserved to be compensated "for the intentional infliction of emotional distress" it has endured.

LOCAL NEWS
Corrupt police officers indicted
LOS ANGELES — Four Los Angeles narcotics detectives convicted of stealing drugs and money will be sentenced later this month.

A federal jury in June convicted Robert B. Long, four of counts of actual or attempted drug possession with intent to distribute. Judges Nahra P. Edwards was convicted of three drug counts.

Federal prosecutors say each faces up to 20 years in prison, according to federal immigration officials.

BP discoveries oil in deepest oil well
NEW YORK — Nearly seven miles below the Gulf of Mexico, oil company BP has tapped into a vast pool of crude after digging the deepest oil well in the world. The Tiber Prospect is expected to rank among the largest petroleum discoveries in the United States, providing a new half as much crude in a day as Alaska's famous North Slope oil field.

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Drilling at those depths shows how far major oil producers will go to find new supplies as global reserves dwindle, and how technology has advanced, allowing them to reach once-unimaginable depths.

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Deep-water operations are consid- ered to be the last frontier for prairie land oil deposits, and the entire petroleum industry is sweeping the ocean floor in search of more crude.

BP needs to invest years of work and millions of dollars before it draws the first drop of oil from Tiber. Such long waits are not uncommon. Three years after announcing a discovery at a site in the Gulf called Kaskida, BP has yet to begin producing oil there.

Projects like the Tiber well will not reduce U.S. dependency on foreign oil, which continues to grow. But new technology does permit access to major oil finds closer to U.S. shores.

BP expects Tiber to be among the company's richest finds in the Gulf on pari with its crown jewel.

Female members of Mujahedeen Organization of Iran yell in protest as a response to Iraqi Security forces' attempts to search their house.

Shots ring out at Iranian exile camp
BAGHDAD — The women formed a human chain as the men chanted, confronting Iraqi troops moving into their compound. Gunfire rang out, and the soldiers waded into batons, wooden bats and assault rifles.

By the end, officials said, 11 Iranian exiles were dead — shot, beaten or run over by military vehicles.

Throughout the confrontation, American soldiers who once protected the Iranian opposition group stood by. According to U.S. officials, they had no legal authority to intervene.

One video taken by the exiles even shows the deters get into a while SUV and roll their windows up as the bloodied men plead for help.

The deadly melee at Camp Ashraf, the base of the People's Mujahedeen Organization of Iran, provides a glaring example of what can go wrong as the U.S. military scales back and the Shiite-led Iraqi government expands its muscles.

The U.S. military guarded the camp since the fall of Saddam Hussein in 2003 under an agreement that made its 3,400 residents "protected persons" under the Geneva Conventions. The military stopped observing the agreement after a new security accord with the Baghdad government took effect in January, U.S. Embassy spokesman Philip Frayne said.

Responsibility for the camp then passed to the Iranian government, which promised not to use force against the group. A small contingent of Iranian troops moved into the camp the middle of this fray, he said.

Iranian officials said they would not establish a police station at the camp. And there are numerous other issues on which the Iranian government could go its own way — like the fate of anti-al-Qaida Sunni militi­dias, which are strongly supported by the U.S. but now seem to get less back­ ing from Iran's Shiite leaders, or the multiple dis­putes between Baghdad and the Kurdish north, which the U.S. has sought to mollify lest they explode into violence.

"These kinds of things are only going to happen more often and in other places, and the U.S. has to decide what are we going to do about it," said Army Reserve Col. Gary Moruch, who was stationed at Camp Ashraf and maintains close ties with the exiles there.

The bloodshed brought rare criticism by Washington of the U.S.-trained Iraqi security forces. But U.S. officials tried to balance it with the larger policy goal of hand­ ing over greater responsi­ bility to the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki while U.S. forces reduce their presence.

"Iraq was trying to extend its sovereignty to Camp Ashraf. We under­ stood what they were trying to do. They did not do it well," State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley told reporters two weeks after the raid.

Camp Ashraf and the presence of the Iranian exile group have been a source of friction between Washington and Baghdad.
Abroad
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basic research work that I
did on a day-to-day basis at
Free Tibet."

Piontek said she thorou­
gly enjoyed "walking all over
the city, from the main sites
along the Thames to any
one of the glorious parks
they have."

The political science
and religious studies double
major said she was fortu­
nate to be able to travel
around the U.K. and experi­
ence places like Edinburgh
and events like Wimbledon.

Piontek said it is impor­
tant for her "[to realize] that I
was at the center of
one of the most amazing,
historic, and culturally
important cities in the
world."

Abroad for Notre Dame’s
International Summer
Service Learning Program,
Saint Mary’s nursing senior
Alison Russell said she had
an inspiring experience in
India.

While working in the city
of Kolkata, Russell assisted
the poor and elderly for
eight weeks at a dispensary
started by Mother Teresa.

Russell said she "helped
with medical related tasks
and also helped with the
normal volunteer work
which consists of washing
and drying clothes by hand,
helping exercise patients,
taking patients to the bath­
room, feeding and helping
them eat dinner and
preparing them for bed."

Russell said that the expe­
rience was moving because
"These most basic tasks
became sacred and holy as
we slowly formed relation­
ships with these women."

Russell elaborated on
what made the experience
memorable for her:

"Learning small and big
ways to immerse myself in
Indian culture, embracing
the feelings of confusion,
outrage and helplessness that
came with the poverty and
corruption that was evi­
dent around every corner
and openly loving the
women of Calcutta are the
beginning of lessons I
learned during my time
abroad," she said.

Piontek said she experi­
nenced reverse culture shock
upon re-entry into the
United States and "noticed
how big everything is in
America."

Russell said she is sur­
prised at little things
throughout the day that
remind her of her "women
in India."

Students are also return­
ing from popular programs
in Italy, France, Spain,
Australia, Austria and China
to name just a few.

Alumnae of these pro­
grams are invited to a
"Welcome Back Party" host­
ed by The Center for
Women’s Intercultural
Leadership. The party will
be held in Haggar Parlor on
Thursday, Sept. 10, starting
at 4 p.m.

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Schilling interested in seat
Former major league pitcher considering run for Senate opening

BOSTON— Curt Schilling,
the former major league
pitcher who won the alle­
giance of Bosonians by lead­
ing the Red Sox to the 2004
World Series, said Wednes­
day that he has "some interest" in running
for the seat held for nearly
50 years by Democratic Sen.
Edward M. Kennedy.

Schilling, a registered inde­
pendent and longtime
Republican supporter, wrote
on his blog that while his
family and video game com­
pany, 38 Studios, are high
priorities, "I do have some
interest in the possibility."

"That being said, to get to
there, from where I am
today, many, many things
would have to align them­
selves for that to truly hap­
pen," he added.

Any other comment "would
be speculation on top of
speculation," Schilling said,
adding, "My hope is that
whatever happens, and
whomever it happens to, this
state makes the decision and
chooses the best person
regardless of sex, race, reli­
ion or political affiliation —
to put that state back in the
place it deserves to be."

State election law would
limit Schilling to running
solely as an independent can­
didate because it requires
those seeking a major party
nomination to have been
enrolled in that party for at
least 90 days before the Nov.
3 deadline for filing nomina­
tion papers with the state
Elections Division.

Schilling told New England
Cable News that he has been
contacted by people whose
opinion I give credence to,
but he did not elaborate. He
decleared to comment when
The Associated Press called
his office.

The 42-year-old lives in
suburban Medfield and cam­
paigns for President George
W. Bush in 2004 and Sen.

As a player, he won three
World Series, in 2001 with
the Arizona Diamondbacks
and in 2004 and 2007 with
the Red Sox. He became
a Sox legend when he won
Game 6 of the 2004
American League Champions­
ship Series while blood from an injured ankle seeped through his sock. He
also pitched for the Philadelphia Phillies, helping them reach the 1993 World
Series. He retired in March.

He and his wife, Shonda,
have four children ages 7 to
14.

Reactions among the Red
Sox was decidedly jovial
Wednesday.

"If he runs, good luck,"
said first baseman Kevin
Youkilis. "I don't know if I'd
want to do that job."

Team manager Terry
Francona said Schilling
should do whatever makes
him happy but noted, "I don't
think he'd want me as his
campaign manager."

So far no major
Republicans have taken
out nomination papers to be
a candidate in the Jan. 19
special election. Former Lt. Gov.
Kerry Healey and state Sen.
Scott Brown are among those
considering campaigns.

Democrats said to be con­
sidering a campaign include
U.S. Reps. Stephen Lynch of
Boston, Michael Capuano of
Somerville and John Tierney of
Salem, as well as Kennedy's
Joseph P. Kennedy II.

So far, only state Attorney
General Martha Coakley has
taken out papers for a
Democratic campaign,
though she has refused to
make any follow-up com­
ment.

Kennedy died last week at
age 77 from a brain tumor. A
special election to replace
him is scheduled for Jan. 19,
although the Massachusetts
Legislature is considering a
bill that would allow Gov.
Deval Patrick to appoint
someone to the seat on an
interim basis during the
campaign.

That bill is the subject of a
hearing next week.
**In Brief**

YouTube may offer movie rentals

LOS ANGELES — YouTube, Google Inc.’s online video streaming service, is in talks with Hollywood studios to rent new release movies online, according to people familiar with the talks.

The move follows similar deals by Apple Inc.’s iTunes and others.

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As part of its illegal marketing, Pfizer invited regulators to consult meetings at resort locations, paying their expenses and providing perks, prosecutors said.

“They were entertained with golf, massages, and other activities,” said Mike Loucks, the U.S. attorney in Massachusetts.

Loucks said that even as Pfizer was negotiating deals with drugmakers, it was missing out on potential deals, and that they were continuing to violate the same laws with other companies.

To prevent backsliding at this time, Pfizer’s conduct will be specially monitored by the Health and Human Services Department’s inspector general for five years.

In an unusual twist, the head of the Justice Department, Attorney General Eric Holder, did not participate in the record settlement, because he had represented Pfizer on these issues while in private practice.

Associate Attorney General Thomas Perrelli said the settlement illustrates ways the Justice Department “can help the American public at a time when budgets are tight and health care costs are rising.”

Perrelli announced the settlement terms at a news conference with federal prosecutors and FBI, and Health and Human Services Department officials.

The settlement ends an investigation that also resulted in guilty pleas from two former Pfizer sales managers.

Officials said the U.S. industry has paid out more than $11 billion in such settlements over the past decade, but one consumer advocate voiced hope that Wednesday’s penalty was so big it would curb the abuse.

“We’re so much money in selling pills, that there’s a tremendous temptation to cheat,” said Bill Vaughan, an analyst at Consumers Union.

“There’s a kind of mentality in this sector that (settlements) are the cost of doing business and we can cheat. This penalty is so huge I think consumers can have some hope that maybe these guys will tighten up and run a better ship.”

**Amazon makes case against Google**

SAN FRANCISCO — Online book seller Amazon.com Inc. is warning a federal judge that Internet search leader Google Inc. will be able to gouge consumers and stifle competition if it wins court approval to add millionaires, millionaires and之上 it has already vast digital library.

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As part of its illegal marketing, Pfizer invited regulators to consult meetings at resort locations, paying their expenses and providing perks, prosecutors said.

“They were entertained with golf, massages, and other activities,” said Mike Loucks, the U.S. attorney in Massachusetts.

Loucks said that even as Pfizer was negotiating deals with drugmakers, it was missing out on potential deals, and that they were continuing to violate the same laws with other companies.

To prevent backsliding at this time, Pfizer’s conduct will be specially monitored by the Health and Human Services Department’s inspector general for five years.

In an unusual twist, the head of the Justice Department, Attorney General Eric Holder, did not participate in the record settlement, because he had represented Pfizer on these issues while in private practice.

Associate Attorney General Thomas Perrelli said the settlement illustrates ways the Justice Department “can help the American public at a time when budgets are tight and health care costs are rising.”

Perrelli announced the settlement terms at a news conference with federal prosecutors and FBI, and Health and Human Services Department officials.

The settlement ends an investigation that also resulted in guilty pleas from two former Pfizer sales managers.

Officials said the U.S. industry has paid out more than $11 billion in such settlements over the past decade, but one consumer advocate voiced hope that Wednesday’s penalty was so big it would curb the abuse.

“We’re so much money in selling pills, that there’s a tremendous temptation to cheat,” said Bill Vaughan, an analyst at Consumers Union.

“There’s a kind of mentality in this sector that (settlements) are the cost of doing business and we can cheat. This penalty is so huge I think consumers can have some hope that maybe these guys will tighten up and run a better ship.”

**Google’s deal with authors and publishers is illegal**

The government said the company promoted four key advantages: Google will be a “trusted” source for books, including the killer Piers Beatra, as treatments for medical conditions different from those the drugs had been approved for by federal regulators. Authorities said Pfizer’s salesmen and women created phony doctor requests for medical information in order to send unsolicited information to doctors about unapproved uses and dosages.

Use of drugs for so-called “off-label” medical conditions is not uncommon, but drug manufacturers are prohibited from marketing drugs for uses that have not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.
AFGHANISTAN

Spy boss killed in suicide bombing

Associated Press

KABUL — A Taliban suicide bomber attacked officials leaving a mosque east of the capital Wednesday, killing the country's deputy intelligence chief and 22 other people in a major blow to Afghanistan's security forces.

The brazen assault occurred as tensions are running high after last month's divisive presidential election and a sharp rise in U.S. casualties — events that have already raised alarm in Washington over the future of President Barack Obama's strategy to turn the tide of the war.

A Taliban spokesman, Zabiullah Mujahid, claimed responsibility for the bombing, which happened as Afghan dignitaries were leaving the main mosque in Mehteran, 60 miles (100 kilometers) east of Kabul, after ceremonies marking the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

The bomber approached the crowd on foot and detonated an explosive belt, killing 23 people, including Abdullah Laghmani, deputy chief of Afghanistan's National Directorate for Security and the target of the attack, according to provincial spokesman Sayed Ahmad Safi.

Laghmani, a close ally of President Hamid Karzai, was a major figure in Afghanistan's security and intelligence apparatus and his death was a setback to Afghan efforts to curb Taliban and other extremist activity.

Laghmani formerly served as intelligence chief for Kandahar, the former Taliban spiritual capital in southern Afghanistan, and fought with the Taliban-dominated alliance that helped oust the Islamist movement from power during the U.S.-led invasion of 2001.

In his most recent post, Laghmani directed intelligence operations especially in eastern Afghanistan and appointed local security officials throughout the area.

The attack occurred in a relatively safe city, serving as a deadly reminder that the militants are capable of striking even in areas where their influence is not strong.

U.S. troops cordoned off the blast site, filled with blood-splattered bunks of burned-out vehicles set on fire by the explosion. The local hospital was jammed with more than 50 wounded.

It is indecisible that such an attack was carried out at a mosque during the holy month of Ramadan," said Peter W. Galbraith, the deputy U.N. chief here. "But the contrast between the vast majority of Afghans who yearn for peace during this holy month and those who conducted this attack could not be more stark."

Karzai said in a statement Laghmani tried to kill "brave and hardworking" officials, but others would take their place.

The assassination of such a senior figure was a shock to the Karzai administration, already under fire for alleged fraud during the Aug. 20 presidential election. With votes tallied from 60 percent of the polling stations, the country's election commission said Wednesday that Karzai is leading with 47.3 percent, followed by Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah with 32.6 percent.

Karzai needs to win a majority of the votes to avoid a second round.

But theballasting was marred by fraud charges from Abdullah and others in the 36-candidate field as well as a low voter turnout, especially in southern Pashtun areas where Taliban influence is strong but where the incumbent was expected to draw most of his votes.

The Obama administration had hoped that the election would produce a government with broad public support to confront the Taliban, combat corruption and curb the flourishing drug trade.

Instead, Abdullah escalated his fraud allegations Wednesday, accusing the Afghan election commission of playing a role in "organized fraud" throughout the country.

"Proof and evidence show that with the cooperation of the election commission, a massive fraud has taken place," Abdullah told reporters.

Two Taliban brought some Pashtun tribal chiefs to Kabul on Tuesday to repeat his allegation and other irregularities in their home districts.

China

China to approve single-dose vaccine

Associated Press

BEIJING — The answer may be near to a crucial question about vaccine for the advancing swine flu: one shot or two.

Chinese officials say they are about to approve vaccines that prevent the new flu in a single dose.

If they're right, it would be good news. Many health researchers fear it will take two shots to protect people, vastly complicating efforts to stem the spread of the illness.

The World Health Organization says it is encouraged after reviewing the test results from one of the two Chinese vaccines. However, experts said more results are needed from other vaccine makers to determine if one dose would be potent enough.

Australia-based CSL should know within days whether one of its vaccine, administered to volunteers in that country in late July, was enough, CSL to date has been mum.

In about two weeks, the U.S. expects to announce initial test results from its vaccine, which is the same type that the two Chinese versions, said Dr. Anthony Fauci of the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

"From what I've seen and heard of the Chinese, they look encouraging," Fauci said of the clinical trials of the Chinese vac­cine from Sinovac Biotech Ltd. "This is very good news. Let's hope the material that we're using has similar results."

Most experts agreed.

"Everybody is desperately hoping that one (shot) will do because then that's much easier to administer," said Josie McVernon, a vaccine expert at the University of Melbourne who is involved in Australian trials of swine flu vaccine that exist in dozens of doses in the U.S. in recent years.

Last week, Mexico's health sec­retary, Jose Angel Cordova, said Mexico is considering buying vaccines from China, which would be more than double the price of cheaper than other vaccines being offered to the government. But Mexico would want a guarantee that China's vaccine is safe and effec­tive.

The World Health Organization said information provided by Sinovac showed that, in studies they showed, the vaccines were tested in three formulations of 15 micrograms per dose, and all give antibody responses that satisfied regulatory criteria. That one-dose vaccine is the same amount the U.S. govern­ment is testing.
Seattle libraries close for week

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The main library in this book-loving city is an architectural landmark, a daring, contemporary temple to the written word that draws tourists as well as literary locals and those who just want a place to sit, read, rest or think.

Just don't try checking anything out, returning an overdue book or even logging onto the online catalog this week.

The city's entire library system — from its branches to book drops to Web site — is shut down to save money.

"I think it's a very sad day — week — for the city of Seattle that they can't access their local library, which is one of the most heavily used libraries in the country," said Nancy Pearl, the city's ex-librarian and a superstar in the world of libraries. "And even beyond that immediate sorrow is that people can't go in and check out or find a good book to read in a time of economic trouble, she said.

All city departments have been told to reduce spending to make up a $43 million gap in Seattle's 2009 budget. The public library is trying to cut 2 percent, or about $1 million, and the weeklong closure of its downtown central library and 26 branches aims to save $625,000. About 700 library employees are forgoing a week's worth of pay, with the system to reopen the day after Labor Day.

Libraries have been targets for branch closures, reduced hours and job cuts as scurries for cash during the economic downturn, said American Library Association President Camila Alire, adding that the group did not have statistics on similar closures around the country.

Among other places, cutbacks and closures have been proposed or instituted recently for libraries in Dallas, Philadelphia, Hawaii, Providence, R.I., and Norwich, Conn.

The reduced hours or closures come just as more people are using libraries for job searches, resume writing, to entertain themselves with a free book or movie, or for a place of refuge.

In western Washington, where gray, damp winters lead to introspection, books and the Seattle Public Library have always been a popular escape.

In the city of about 600,000, the library system estimates 80 percent of Seattle adults have a library card, and visits to libraries jumped from under 7 million in 2004 to more than 12 million last year. Friends of Seattle Public Library, a community support group, says that as of July, library visits were up 8 percent over the same period in 2008.

"It seems so bizarre for a city so steeped in its literature and cultural roots for its library to be closed," said Scottish tourist Cameron Burt, an architecture student at Glasgow's University of Strathclyde as he gazed at the building from the sidewalk opposite its locked doors.

Burt had hoped to stroll through the Rem Koolhaas-designed central library, whose angular, steel-and-glass walls enclose large, airy spaces that Seattleites have adopted as downtown de facto living room since it opened five years ago.

"Libraries have always been there for everyone," he said.

Seattle has closed its libraries for two weeks each in 2002 and 2003 during earlier economic downturns. The city announced this week's closure in April.

City Librarian Susan Hildreth said this week was chosen because school is not in session and general library use is low this time of year. Cutting branch hours could have saved the same amount of money, but the impacts would have lasted longer and meant layoffs.

The system also is reducing training, putting off buying some staff computers and cutting administrative costs, including a 4.5 percent salary cut for Hildreth and library directors.

Bill Dennis, a representative of the library workers' union, likewise said the closure was the most equitable way of handling a bad situation in which all city departments have had to share pain. "Reducing jobs gone unfilled, reduced training and overtime, as well as deferred maintenance."

"Because much of the library's budget is for personnel, the cuts announced had to be made, and weekday furloughs were better than eliminating jobs outright," Dennis said.

"I have always been an ambassador for the Smoky Mountains because I tell everybody how beautiful these mountains are," Parton said. "And no matter where I go, if you say something about the Smoky Mountains, even if the people have not been here, they just smile."

Wednesday marked the anniversary of then-president Franklin D. Roosevelt's speech in 1940 from the same stone stage as he lauded the park's creation.

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I spent the first two weeks of the New Year traveling through Spain. I tried, each day, to make some sense of it — in flip charts I saw disfigured into some kind of coherent narrative. In the end, this was — like all narratives in a fallen world — something of a falsification. But it was not, I think, entirely without merit. I understand Spain better now, understand what its history means for human nature. I have learned the story of Spain — a story that came together only at the end.

In the final days of my journey, I went to the Valley of the Fallen, high in the mountains over Madrid. It is a war memorial to and a mass grave for 40,000 who died in their civil war — a memorial hewn deep into the mountain by Franco’s political prisoners. It is the fascist dream given physical form, a cavernous underground basilica into which one descends as though into one’s own tomb. It is a grotesque inversion, almost a parody, of Saint Peter’s, an echo of death itself — silent, patient and inevitable.

It is difficult to describe how it felt to be there — and even more difficult to describe my reasons for going. I suppose that I needed to see how the story ended. For the Valley of the Fallen is the logical conclusion of the glorious dream of empire born so notably hundreds of years earlier in the conquest of Granada, when Ferdinand and Isabel hoped that they might build the city of God here on earth. This was no small thing, but like all waking dreams it ended in madness.

Behind the altar is a grave that, almost alone among the thousands, has a name on it: Generalissimo Francisco Franco. He lies triumphant in this travesty that he built in God’s name, his head in the hollow of the dome of the mountain. I confess that I wanted to spit on it. I almost did. But it occurred to me that I had no right: Franco was evil, no doubt. But could I be sure that, had I been in his shoes, I would have done differently than he had? Could I be sure that I would have been on the right side? Could I be sure that I was now?

For there is something of Franco, something of the dream that was Spain, in my own heart — something glorious and zealous and entirely mad. Something evil: the temptation to build the city of God on earth, no matter the cost. It might be that my life will take such a course that, someday, students idealistic and naive will come to spit on my grave. If I am honest, I must admit that between me and depravity stands only the whim of history. The glorious madness lies curled inside — silent, patient and inevitable.

And yet, there is something glorious in the attempt of the Spanish Empire to transcend the merely human, something sublime. Are the 500,000 victims of their civil war too high a price to pay for "Las Meninas"? For "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz"? For "Saturn Devouring His Son"? Are the countless millions subjigated by the Spanish Empire, broken in the plantations and mines of the Americas, too high a price to pay? And, if not, isn’t even one victim too high a price to pay? But to what extent does it even make sense to ask these questions?

Nietzsche reiterates, again and again, that it is ever profound evil that makes anything truly worthwhile possible. His words are certainly true of Spain; the glory of Velázquez was borne aloft by the rape and pillage of Cortés and Pizarro. The zeal of El Greco was not different in kind from that of Torquemada. And the sublime horror of Goya was but an echo of the madness to which he had borne witness his entire life.

Nietzsche concludes, ultimately, that we must affirm everything, no matter how awful. That we must learn not just to bear but to love fate, to make this world in its sublimity and its madness entirely our own. He might not be wrong. But this is, I suppose, little consolation to the fallen. It does not make their sacrifice any easier to bear. In the end, it might not matter: there is indeed a part of me willing to trade my soul for glory. But I fear that the same might be said of all of us: this darkness is in each of our hearts — an original sin if ever there was one. Is Generalissimo Francisco Franco still dead, then? Not quite, I think: he lives in all of us — silent, patient, and inevitable. The Valley of the Fallen is our tomb as much as his. This is the story of Spain.

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If people would actually read the so-called “Torture Memos” we have been told about, they would learn that great career which will give me a great sense of purpose and impetus to be allowed to join him. Save for some solid life-guarding skills on Jesus’ part, this did go well for Peter. Later, Peter experiences Jesus’ divinity in the Transfiguration. He hursts out, “Let us build tents here so we can stay forever!” Jesus politely informs him this is the wrong answer — that they must descend the mountain to face hardship and suffering. James and John, disappointed at a city’s response to the preaching of the Kingdom, ask Jesus if they might call down fire and brimstone on the people there; he must have been inside Jesus’ brain as he heard that one.

Lest the Gospels, beginnings are exhilarating, but also uncertain times. For the disciples, beginning is full of mistakes, as they are for us. They are filled with swollen chests and exuberant states sometimes leave us, soon afterwards, scratching our heads — “What was I thinking?”

For me, part of the liberating power of the Gospels is how lovingly — even encouragingly — Jesus responds to the disciples’ frequent missteps. In fact, I can imagine him secretly delighting in how exuberantly they take risks on behalf of his mission. “This is why I called them!” he grins, picking up the towel and laying his first foot on the water’s surface, or James and John called down their ill-conceived hellfire. Jesus discerns in their enthusiasm the hints of doggedness and persistence. Ultimately, they come to understand his call. “With them, I can change the world!”

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Looking back three years in my life, I was in the same boat as all of you freshmen are in now. I was wide-eyed and looking for adventure, dreaming about making an impact in my college career. I was coming to college to become a “new” person. I had plans of what I was going to go do, what I wanted to study, and how I wanted to reverse my behavior for the future. As I fast-forward three years, I really haven’t changed all that much, and I still use my first plans. I have been gained by these techniques; information that might not have been gathered otherwise. He goes on to say that while he believes he would not choose to allow these techniques, he does not fault those who made the decisions.

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Tell us what you think.
There is no doubt that Willie Nelson is an American classic. His career spans several decades and includes many awards and honors as is as well known for his pop-culture persona — the free-spirited hippie — as for his musical talent. His songs, including "On the Road Again" and "Always On My Mind," are country anthems; in his newest album, "American Classic," Willie Nelson delivers, giving 12 beloved favorites a new twist in his familiar style. "Not just for country lovers, "American Classic" resonates with any fan of musical American.

Nelson's musical break-through came over 30 years ago, with the 1978 release of "Stardust," the first in a "Great American Songbook." The result was a runaway success, and such collections have now become a part of the American musical tradition. Today, critics are saying that "American Classic" is the long-awaited sequel to "Stardust," and Willie once again pays tribute to the great musical tradition that came before him.

While "Stardust" was more distinctive, "American Classic" brought Nelson's youth, evoking the music he grew up with in the 1920s and 1940s more than the "outlaw country" movement that became his trademark. Like any Frank Sinatra or Bing Crosby album, "American Classic" appeared just too good to pass up this party night or a slow-mov­ing dance that ended as a Ballard of the 1946 musical "St. Louis Woman," and has been covered by greats like Billie Holiday, Judy Garland, Ray Charles and Barbra Streisand, and in "On the Street Where You Live," Nelson conveys a country aura more strongly than in most of the album. If "I Had You," one of the album's strongest numbers, Nelson more than lives up to his predecessors, teaming up with Diana Krall in a gently piano-driven number that whispers of old-time romance. In 2001, Nelson's "Ain't Misbehavin'" was selected one of 350 "Songs of the Century" by RIAA. It gains a new magic in Nelson's hands, and Nelson has in truth put his soft side more than most country singers.

Don't miss Nelson's mischievous duet with Norah Jones on Christmas classic "Baby It's Cold Outside," her fresh, youthful voice blends beautifully with his mellow entreaties. Nelson closes the album appropriately with "Always On My Mind," although more than 300 artists have recorded this song, Nelson's 1982 version is definitely the best known. It won "Song of the Year," "Best Country Song," and "Best Male Vocal Performance" at the 25th Grammy awards in 1983. The song has lost none of its magic through the years. Neither has Willie Nelson. At this album goes, he is and always will be an American classic.

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"Afghan Star" is playing in the Browning Cinema at DPAC at 3 p.m. This film is a documentary about Afghanistan's version of "American Idol" after the fall of the Taliban. The contestants for the show include three women. The show itself is an example of democracy for the people through voting for performers, and the effect it's had on the culture there is noteworthy, as it displays the country's struggle to achieve modernity. Tickets: $6, $5 faculty/staff, $4 seniors, $3 all students.

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With Stankonia

By Nick Anderson

Scene Writer

For the past 20 years, fans have been waiting for hip hop to get their own version of The Beatles. This expectation is unreasonable for all sorts of reasons (unless you're a fan of The Wu-Tang Clan, then it's already happened). Strangely enough, there are dozens of influences and styles that it's near impossible to describe the album more specifically than hip hop. Starting with funk, they quickly move to a loose approximation of alt rock, followed by a pop tune, and continue to soul, disco and even a ballad. Each attempt performs at an amazing level.

OutKast has described themselves as a "playa and a poet;" Big Boi being the former and Andre 3000 being the latter. This dynamic was taken to an extreme on their double album "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below" but it works much better when they play off of each other within songs. The pair regularly alter-
said Melzer, a 28-year-old never past the third round at a major tournament. "I think I'd be happy, I would be happy if I had a career like that." 

Apparently, Safin is not, too. not more than once Wednesday that he has no regrets. His career is buzzing out, with a 12-18 record in 2009, including a first-round loss at Wimbledon in June.

And his departure deprives tennis of one of its more outlandish and outspoken stars.


"I don't think about being the opponent in Safin's Grand Slam goodbye, Melzer used the phrase. "If he really retires."

"If the world?"

Rafael Nadal def. Richard Gasquet

"Everyone's been curious about the condition of Rafael Nadal's knees, so it made sense that his first Grand Slam opponent in three months would wonder as well.

Which might explain why Richard Gasquet tried a drop shot deep in the third set of his U.S. Open match against Nadal on Wednesday. Nadal made the long run necessary to get to the ball, and flipped it back over the net, winning the point.

A moment later, as if corroborating with Nadal to show everyone how fit the six-time major champion truly is these days, Gasquet offered up another drop shot.

Nadal got to that one, too.

Starting a bid to win the only Grand Slam title missing from his resume, Nadal encountered no apparent trouble from his much-scrutinized legs in a 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Gasquet at Flushing Meadows.

"I am more fresh, yeah. Fresher than ever in this tournament," he said after the match. "I don't know if this kind of fresh is good," he said.

"No excuses about being very tired."

And his departure deprives tennis of one of its more outlandish and outspoken stars.

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"Safin said. "I will not do that. I want to achieve something else."
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Baseball

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In Brief

Tomlinson to miss San Diego's preseason finale

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Chargers coach Norv Turner has confirmed that LaDainian Tomlinson will not play in Friday night's exhibition finale against the Denver Broncos.

Tomlinson started the first two exhibitions, backing a tradition of having him sit out the entire preseason.

"We're looking forward to having Brandon back on Sept. 6 and starting our preparations for Cincinnati with him," Mc Daniels said. "There's no discussions whatsoever taking place between the Denver Broncos and any team in the NFL regarding Brandon Marshall.

There were reports the New York Jets would be interested in trading for him. Mc Daniels suspended Marshall for the rest of the preseason last Friday for detrimental conduct stemming for insubordinate actions during a practice.

Police recover missing Phillies World Series ring

PHILADELPHIA — Police have recovered a Philadelphia Phillies World Series ring that went missing in 2003.
FALL CAREER FAIRS

September 16
5:00 - 9:00 pm
Joyce Center Fieldhouse

How to Prepare for the Career Fair

1. Compose a Resume that Markets Your Background and Skills
   - Visit The Career Center Monday - Friday from 1:00 to 4:45 pm for a 15-minute resume review or stop by “Resumes on the Run” in LaFortune (visit http://careercenter.nd.edu for dates and times)

2. Prepare, Prepare, Prepare
   - Attend a “Prepare for the Career Fair” workshop
   - Determine your objectives for attending
   - Review the list of companies attending the fair and position descriptions on Go IRISH
   - Visit company websites and review mission statements, annual reports, and products or services
   - Develop and refine networking 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)
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3. At the Fair
   - Dress in business attire and bring several copies of your resume in a portfolio
   - Review the map of employer booths and take a bag for “giveaways”
   - Be proactive by approaching employers
   - Speak with both young alums and experienced representatives
   - Demonstrate confidence and enthusiasm in delivering your “Thirty Second Message”
   - Ask the representative how to sign up for an interview (i.e. “After reviewing your company information and the position, I am interested in speaking with you further. How can I obtain a slot on your interview schedule at The Career Center?”)

4. Following the Fair
   - Send an email thank-you to the recruiters with companies of interest within 3 days of the fair
   - If you obtain an interview:
     - Prepare by researching the company, industry, competitors, and the job or internship description on Go IRISH
     - Review The Career Center’s Interview Guide and practice sample interview questions
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Engineering Majors:
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Wednesday, September 9, 5:00 pm in 118 DeBartolo

Science Majors:
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Wednesday, September 9, 5:00 pm in 118 DeBartolo

Sophomores:
Tuesday, September 8, 5:00 pm in 114 Planner

All Majors:
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To view all companies attending Fall Career Expo:
1. Login to Go IRISH
2. Click on Events Tab
3. Click on Notre Dame 2009 Fall Career Fairs to view participating employers and general posting information

To view job postings:
1. Login to Go IRISH
2. Click on “Jobs/Internships” and select Go IRISH Jobs
3. In the “Keywords” search, enter FCE09. For engineering opportunities, search EID09.

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**Favre** still has not played a game with top receiver Bernard Berrian, who missed the last two games with a hamstring injury. He was expected to return to practice Wednesday, but he did not participate.

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**Childress** said he was considering running Favre against the Cowboys on Friday night, but decided not to.

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**Favre's** approach to the team's preseason finale against Dallas is anything but traditional.

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**Cowboys** are worth $1.65 billion, the most of any team in the NFL, coach Brad Childress said Wednesday after Tomlinson took a few shots at Peterson in a recent Los Angeles Times story.

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**Weekend work** is the NFL's best RB. It rushed for 1,815 yards and scored 21 touchdowns in 2006, but has been slowed slightly by injuries this season. He has gained a career-low 1,110 yards rushing last season, but still managed to catch 52 passes.

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**Peterson**'s accomplishments in the passing game certainly set him apart. He caught 100 passes in 2003 and has never caught fewer than 51 in a season.

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**Peterson** has 40 catches in his first two seasons combined. He knows he has to be better in that area and has worked diligently to be a more reliable receiver and blocker.

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**Tomlinson** knows firsthand that can happen.
**NHL**

**Coyotes to begin season in Arizona**

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Canadian billionaire James Balsillie has made a final offer to buy the Phoenix Coyotes, then move to Hamilton, Ontario, as quickly as possible.

Balsillie made the suggestion Wednesday after U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Kevin Thomas Graham ruled it "reasonably probable" that he could find "the best out-of-court resolution" to the outstanding issues in the messy Coyotes fight by Sept. 14 deadline set by the court.

The statements came during a hearing on whether the judge should overrule the NHL board of governors' 26-0 vote rejecting Balsillie's bid to try and clear the way to move the franchise to Hamilton.

"We may have to move during the season," Keffer said.

The NHL vehemently opposes Balsillie's bid and wants the judge to rule that the Coyotes will play the coming season in Glendale. A majority vote would set the outcome of the bankruptcy case. Such a ruling would delay the Balsillie's bid, his attorney said.

The league, which has made it clear it wants to keep Arizona as a franchise so long as it pays its share of the $100 million in debt the Coyotes have to pay under previous ownership, is in a tangle over whether the team at this late date across the continent to Hamilton would involve an "unreasonable difficulty for the other teams and players, not to mention everyone involved with the Phoenix franchise. Each day of uncertainty does more damage," Bettman said.

"I think the arguments by PSI (the company Balsillie formed to pursue the Coyotes) on moving the club across the border from Phoenix, the issue that all sports leagues have," Bettman said. "I think it does the same game and it does not respect the players and what they have to go through. It's like putting them in a month and night out to do the great things they do on the ice." "Just break out my pom-poms and be a cheerleader," Young said. "I'm not worried at all about the baseball aspect of hitting and throwing. That stuff will come back to me in a day."
NEW YORK — Serena Williams offered a new, tongue-in-cheek explanation for why she plays so much better at Grand Slam tournaments than other events.

"Maybe it pays more," she said with a smile. "I guess I’m trying to pay off my mortgage."

Defending champion Williams joined her sister in the U.S. Open’s third round with a dominating victory Wednesday night, playing pretty close to perfect while beating 51st-ranked Melinda Czink of Hungary 6-1, 6-1 in less than an hour.

Williams is seeking her fourth U.S. Open championship and 12th Grand Slam singles title overall. She’s won three of the past four major tournaments — but she hasn’t won a single non-major tournament in that span.

The American is trying to become the first woman to win consecutive titles at Flushing Meadows since her older sister Venus in 2000-01.

The siblings could play each other in the semifinals. Venus Williams were heavy bandages above and below her left knee while winning earlier Wednesday, eliminating Bethanie Mattek-Sands of the United States 6-4, 6-2.

The Williamses are scheduled to team up Thursday in the first round of doubles, taking on Julie Geoges and Arantxa Parra Santonja. Serena said she hadn’t had a chance to speak to Venus about whether they would stay in the doubles event but figured they would play.

The younger Williams played Czink at a hard-court tournament in California in July, and things were much more competitive until Williams eventually prevailed 6-3, 7-6(7).

NHL

Luongo signs 12-yr extension with Canucks

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Goaltender Roberto Luongo chose to finish his career in Vancouver because he believes the franchise will win a Stanley Cup.

The 12-year, $64-million contract extension he signed on Wednesday may help.

Luongo’s new contract comes with an annual salary cap hit of just $5.33-million, which is down from the $6.75-million average of his current four-year, $27-million deal that expires at the end of the upcoming season.

“I want to win the Stanley Cup,” Luongo said on a conference call. “That’s why I play. We had to do something that made sense for both me and the team, and I think that’s what we accomplished by doing a deal where the money is a bit more front-loaded.”

Luongo’s deal includes a no-trade clause, keeping the 30-year-old Canucks captain in Vancouver until the 2021-22 season.

The new deal pays Luongo $10-million in 2010-11, just $1 million in each of the final two seasons to give the Canucks more flexibility under the NHL salary cap.

“Fran was more about my love for the game,” Luongo said. “I just want to play as long as I can. I don’t see what’s wrong with that.”

He also plans to play for Canada at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

“Roberto Luongo is the leader of our hockey team; he is in the prime of his playing career and has a tremendous desire to make the Canucks a champion team,” general manager Mike Gillis said in a statement.

“His leadership, competitiveness and character are what this team will represent for many years to come.”

Recycle The Observer.
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans Saints safety Usama Young's failure to appear in court for parking in a handicapped spot led to his arrest this week after he was stopped for breaking that law.

Harrah's Police Chief Peter Dale said officers initially pulled Young over in suburban Metairie and intended to give him a ticket, but had to arrest him after he turned out up an outstanding violation in the parish. Sheriff's spokesman Col. John Fortunato confirmed that Young was arrested for a parking violation.

Dale said his attorney, Donald "Chick" Foret, said the other citation came last year when the player was parked illegally at a cell phone store.

"My client said I sincerely apologize for doing what I did. There's no excuse for it," Young said in a phone interview. "I ran into the AT&T store for a two- to three-minute stop to get a phone charger, and came back out, and an officer was writing me a ticket. Immediately, I knew I was wrong."

Young said he also wanted to apologize specifically to all people with disabilities or elderly people who need handicapped parking spots. He wasn't acting professionally and he regrets that he didn't do anything like that again."

Young said he still had some parking tickets outstanding due to the court date, in part because he had a lot going on between the end of the 2008 NFL season and his return to Kent State University in Ohio to finish work on his degree in education.

Young was on his way home when he was pulled over by Harrah's police around 3:14 a.m. on Monday. A ticket was issued.

Young was pulled over in a 40 mph zone and drove about a mile before pulling over.

"He wasn't belligerent. He didn't give officers any trouble," Dale said.

Still, the officers cited Young with reckless driving and fleeing police, then arrested him. He was transferred to the Jefferson Parish jail in Gretna and released on $1,500 bond soon after, Foret said.

Saints spokesman Greg Bensel said the team was aware of Young's arrest.

"We are working with our legal counsel and we are supporting Usama in this situation," Bensel said.

Young, 24, was a standout defensive back for Kent State from 2006-08 before being drafted in the second round by the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Associated Press

WAUSAU, Wis. — The Marshfield High School baseball team hopes to win its second straight Wisconsin Valley Conference title, and senior Jeff Kowalczyk has the job of keeping that dream alive. The senior pitcher has been named the Boys Varsity Athlete of the Year.

Kowalczyk, a right-hander, is well-regarded in the Marauders program for his work ethic and maturity. He has a 3.5 grade-point average and is captain of the track team.

"He's a hard worker. He's always had a lot of potential," Marshfield coach Greg Buback said. "He's a very mature person, and you can kind of see that translate on the field. He's a good leader."
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hasn't weakened the bond between us. We're a close knit group," said McCarthy, a senior captain. "No one's looking out for themselves. If that means they're not starting one day, that's what it means and they're here to help the team." The return of corner David Blayls, a junior with three career starts, gives Notre Dame an extra starting-caliber player, aside from starters Robert Blanton and Raeshon McNiel. In fact, Irish coach Charlie Weis said Walls is "right there," in terms of being a starter after missing last season. "I wouldn't read too much into it," Blayls said. "We're going to make the most of it and try to get each other better. We know the coaches are going to make the best decisions." In terms of how the Irish will line up Saturday, several defensive backs will likely see time against Nevada's vaunted pistol attack. Corners Gary Gray and Jamoris Slaughter will likely work their way into the rotation. But McCarthy and Smith will surely be called upon to help in run support, as Wolfpack quarterback Colin Kaepernick and running backs Val Taua and Luke Lippett will each be looking to run downhill through the Irish defense. Notre Dame's safeties should be up for the task, because after McCarthy was the team's leading tackle a year ago, and Smith a converted linebacker McNeil made 110 stops last season, including a team-high 60 solo. He also had 3.5 tackles for loss and made two interceptions. Smith had 57 tackles (39 solo) and 8.5 tackles for loss, including 3.5 sacks, which tied for the team lead. He figures to be a run stopping threat as he moves further away from the line of scrimmage but will still have the flexibility to make big plays to stop the ground game. Blanton and McNiel each had two interceptions last season, and McNeil led the Irish with 11 pass break-ups.

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when pulled wide, he recognizes when to come in, and his serve is continued from page 24

the next day and try to get each other better. We know the coaches are going to make the best decisions." The Irish are also looking for their freshmen to make solid contributions and compete for spots in the lower part of the lineup. "Our freshmen are quite good," Blayls said. "Blas Mora has already reached the quarterfinal of one of the US Futures, quite an accomplishment for an entering freshman. Michael Moore had a very strong showing at the US Junior Nationals.Spacer Talmadge returned from playing at the French Open during July. Each has a chance to contribute as a freshman. We will find out pretty quickly where they stand, as we open with the Illini on Tuesday. The Irish will look to improve their doubles lineup as well as find answers at the top of their lineup this fall before beginning dual matches in the spring.

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**Horoscope**

**EUGENIA LAST**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Salma Hayek, 42; Leonard Lewis, 41; Khanyi Breytenbach, 30.

**Happy Birthday:** There is plenty on the line and the boundaries are limited. You will have to calculate your every move, making sure you don't veer off or give too much. Balance will be the key to what you want to do in the end. Take it slow and make each move strategically. Your numbers are 4, 12, 30, 26, 35, 44.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You'll feel financially up and down due to what you are told and how you are treated. Nothing will be as bad as you think it, so don't react. A connection you have to someone who influences you may be questionable. 3 stars

**TWIN** (April 20-May 20): Take a chance. You need some ways to get things in order and decide what you want to do with the rest of your life. New plans will bring you and your new source of planning in the year will create joy. 4 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 stand by behind your every move. Your personal relationships, however, will give you mixed messages leading to misunderstandings and breakups. 2 stars

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

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sep. 22): There will be a lot of riding on how much you do. The expectations will be high and the willpower on your part to do detail and precision will seal a deal. A partnership with someone very different from yourself will form if you want what you want more than work itself. 3 stars

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't get into a fight with someone. In any case, you will be your own secret. You may want to rethink your relationships and see whether or not some of them are good for you. 4 stars

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't rely on others. You can get some good advice on a job you want to do but don't be too much yourself, if possible. Favoring someone to do something you can do yourself will be a waste of money and the job will not be done to your satisfaction. 5 stars

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can please yourself professionally in such a way that the demand for your talents will skyrocket. Offer a new creative idea, concept or service. Some of the older people will fight the change but you will surpass any resistance. 4 stars

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't underestimate the power of communication. Someone can and will give you what you want. Emphasize your ideas correctly. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Personality and financially you are coming across as more serious. It's a good time to make your life stable. The money you make will help you to achieve your dreams. Hopes and wishes. Love on the rise. 3 stars

**PICTURES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Don't get labeled passable because you are using old, outdated methods. Look to someone younger who is a little ahead of his or her time to inspire you to move in the right direction. It may be time to take on a younger partner. 3 stars

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team looks forward to first match in brand new stadium

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

After 16 months of watching Alumni Stadium grow brick-by-brick, No. 2 Notre Dame will finally be able to enjoy their $5.7 million state-of-the-art facility when No. 1 North Carolina comes to town Friday night.

"There is no other word to say than it's exciting," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "We are going to get on the field early Thursday night just to have a little bit of practice on it before Friday's game."

The team wants to test out the new field before Friday's tilt not just because the defending champion Tar Heels are coming to town, but also because the new playing surface at Alumni Stadium will alter the flow of the game.

"We brought in some sod, a different kind of grass than was at Alumni Field, from Colorado because the weather is similar there," Waldrum said. "Men's soccer coach Bobby Clark and I both wanted a shorter grass than was at Alumni Field, a little bit quicker grass."

The shorter grass will distinctly speed up the pace of any game played at Alumni Stadium, while an LED Electrinos scoreboard will keep track of Irish scores. Luxuries such as the scoreboard and an improved lighting system and an air-conditioned press box elevate Alumni Stadium to a ruffled air in college soccer. Other programs with stadiums of similar quality include West Virginia, Tennessee and Texas, but few, if any, other college soccer programs have the same amenities the Irish will begin enjoying Friday.

"What the team is most excited about is the locker room and the lounge area we will have," Waldrum said. "We have been using the visitor's locker room in the baseball stadium as our permanent locker room for the 10 years I've been here."

The new Alumni Stadium will have a locker room with custom wood lockers for each player, as well as a lounge area with flat-screen plasma TVs for the players.

FOOTBALL

Secondary to none

Talented defensive backs headline Irish D

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

No position group boasts more talented and experienced depth than the Irish secondary, an area of strength on last year's mediocre defense that hopes to improve with gifted youngsters throughout the front seven.

Though safeties Kyle McCarthy and Harrison Smith have been projected starters since the start of spring camp, there has been a healthy competition between corners, and for playing time in nickel and dime packages. But that

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MEN'S TENNIS

ND needs youth to step up in fall

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

After the graduation of Brett Helgeson, the Irish will look to a young core of returning players to fill the No. 1 singles slot over the course of the fall season in preparation for the spring.

Among the potential candidates are juniors Stephen Havens and Dan Stahl, who played No. 2 and 3 singles respectively for the Irish last season. Sophomore Casey Watt also may have an opportunity to prove himself early in the season.

"Last year Havens at times played like that player, but he needs to demonstrate the match-to-match consistency that was missing a year ago," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Certainly he has the ball-striking ability to win at the top. Adding a stronger presence at the net will give him a chance to see just how good he can become. Watt had an outstanding record for us, but at a lower lineup slot."

Bayliss noted that Stahl had success last season in the middle of the lineup and that the team may end up with a No. 1 by committee for the time being.

The Irish will compete in some events this fall that will allow them to shift the lineup around and find the right combination of players. Included in that mix will be sophomores Niall Fitzgerald and Sam Keeton, who each saw significant action last season for the Irish.

"Watt always competes ferociously, but needs to expand his tennis vocabulary by adding some new weapons," Bayliss said. "Fitzgerald has come back with a much greater confidence. He is now able to keep his backhand out of the middle of the court."

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Check out The Observer's Irish Insider podcast at ndsmobserver.com/podcasts as beat writers Bill Brink, Matt Gamber & Sam Werner preview Saturday's game against Nevada.

IRISH INSIDER PODCAST

An open letter to alumni Tom Reynolds

Dear Tom Reynolds,

You had me fooled. For a while there, I thought there was no way that the person that paid for that billboard about the "Backer" was actually a Notre Dame alumnus. It had to really be some USC or Michigan fan, right? I mean, there's no way anyone smart enough to receive a degree from Notre Dame would put that up... right?

Michael Bryan
Associate Sports Editor

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