James Jones talks on his iPhone outside of South Dining Hall.

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

For Dan Manier, who works in the newly constructed Eck Hall of Law, the slogan "more bars in more places" finally became true.

"Just sitting at my desk, in the past I was receiving anywhere from zero, one or at most, two bars of service. Now, I get almost always four if not five bars," Manier, who is the director of Law School Information Technology, said.

Manier is one of many AT&T users who is benefiting from two new transmitters that have been installed to serve the Eck Hall of Law and Duncan Hall directly, chief technology officer Dewitt Latimer said.

Prior to the installation, service in those buildings was "hit or miss," Latimer said.

In the law building, service depended on "whether you had a room or an office with a window in it or what side of the building you were on," he said.

AT&T saw that signal was weak in those two buildings and received feedback that there was room for improvement. The company consequently added the transmitters late this summer, Brian Ducharme, vice president and chief network officer for AT&T, said.

"We've been very committed to working with everyone at the University to improve the customer experience there on campus," he said. "This year we added a couple more sites to improve some areas."

Ducharme said there should be a clear improvement for AT&T customers in those buildings.

"I think the two biggest noticeable benefits in those areas now will be a strengthened voice and better bars in more places," he said.

For Manier, the new service means he can now focus more on his work and not on his phone signal.

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A shameless plug

In my three years here, I've learned to accept certain universal truths about Notre Dame life. There will never be parking in the lot when you need it. There's a reason the Mendoza College of Business is ranked No. 2 in the country. There's a reason the economics department is not.

Freshmen take a while to realize they aren't as smart as they thought they were in high school. Student government is a largely useless organization. But despite their general futility, occasionally overarching do-gooders on the second floor of LaFrande strike gold. And they appear to have done so with their plans for the student-only pep rally this Thursday. Rather than talking in circles and hypotheticals while achieving nothing, COR (or whichever of the many acronyms it is that is in charge of this thing) is actually putting one of their plans into action. Students have been asking for their own pep rally as long as I've been here, and now we actually have one.

So take advantage of it. As Viewpoint Editor, I read countless letters complaining about the state of the current pep rally system. Now that student government is implementing an entirely student-run format, it falls to us to actually show up. Prove that we actually have the school spirit everyone always claims mysteriously surrounds this place.

Even as a disgruntled senior, I can't help but be excited. It's true that our section may be slightly less enthusiastic in the stadium, times seemed rather enjoyable. We as a student body finally have a chance to come together — without the token tourists ogling us as if we're in charge of this thing — actually putting one of their plans into action.

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OFFBEAT

Flamingo prank leaves city with lasting legacy

MADISON — Some stories don't fit. This one doesn't even breathe.

The city council of Wisconsin's capital voted on Tuesday to designate the plastic pink flamingos its official bird, honoring a college prank committed 30 years ago.

In 1979, University of Wisconsin students planted roughly 1,000 of the pink plastic birds on a grassy incline outside the dean's office.

Alderman Marsha Rummel told the Wisconsin State Journal the council's 15-4 vote ensured the event was "captured in our imaginations forever."

Man donates record amount of blood

WOODBURY, N.Y. — A New York man is donating his 200th pint of blood this week, making him one of two people in the U.S. who has given 40 gallons. Seventy-five-year-old A1 Fischer of Massapequa (mass-ah-PHEE-kwah) plans to reach the milestone Tuesday, 58 years after he started giving blood. According to a New York Blood Center official, only 83-year-old Maurice Wood has donated more blood than Fischer. Wood is a retired railroad inspector from St. Louis.

Fischer, a print shop operator, donates blood about six times a year. He says he and Wood are engaged in a friendly rivalry and last spoke to each other a few days ago.

Long Island Blood Services executive director Harvey Schaffler says Fischer has helped almost 1,000 people.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Memories of the Air Force ROTC walk around campus Tuesday with their backpacks, as is their weekly ritual.

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IN BRIEF

A Blood Drive will be held at noon in the ballroom of LaFortune Student Center. Participants can sign up at www.givelife.org and schedule an appointment today.

A lecture titled "Three Things Americans Don't Understand about the War in Iraq Right Now" will be held today from 4 to 6 p.m. in the McGrattan Court Room in the Eck Hall of Law.

The Walsh Family Hall Block Party will take place today on South Quad from 6 to 9 p.m. Event activities include a pie-eating contest, Twister, door prizes and more. Proceeds benefit the Touching Tiny Lives Foundation.

"King Lear" will be performed by the Actors From the London Stage (AFTLS) at Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m. every day until Friday. Tickets are $20 regular price, $15 for faculty, staff and seniors and $12 for students.

"Para la Gente: Art, Politics and Cultural Identity of the Tabar de Gráfica Popular" will take place today in the O'Shaughnessy Galleries in the Snite Museum of Art at 10 a.m.

An exhibit called "Thin: Photographs by Lauren Greenfield" will host 53 color photographs of young women with eating disorders. It will be held today in the O'Shaughnessy West Galleries in the Snite Museum of Art.

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

The weather is looking nice today with temperatures around 77 degrees. The forecast calls for sunny skies and a high of 82 degrees.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Student-run pep rally planned

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed plans for Thursday evening's pep rally in the Stepan Center in their meeting on Tuesday evening. Student government would play a large role in running the pep rally, Schmidt said. "This pep rally will be literally student-run," Schmidt said. "The football office will control only minor details."

Student body president Grant Schmidt said student government does not have a lot of power, but the student body wants to be involved. "We will probably have a big role in running the pep rally," he said.

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Director of Security
Saint Mary's security is once again urging the community to report any and all suspicious activity or criminal activity.

"We help to promote student awareness by providing safety programs, with information provided on our Web site and through safety alert and notification systems."

Saint Mary's director of security, said students should not dismiss suspicious activity because SMC crime can be kept low with the help of students.

Ultimately, whether on campus or off, the entire community can benefit from students being more conscious. Students are also urged to report any unusual incidents to security.

"We encourage students to become involved in helping to maintain a safe campus by reporting any and all suspicious activity or criminal activity," said Gariepy.

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Undergraduate research grant proposal workshop

SESSION 1
Faculty reviewers’ perspectives on grant-writing
Thursday, September 10 - 3:30-4:30 pm
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How do you decide on a project? Whom should you ask for guidance? How do you develop a proposal? What's a human subjects protocol? What does a proposal average, good, or great?

To answer these questions and more, faculty members will share ideas for how to develop students' research projects to meet grant and academic criteria.
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quality and improved coverage, particularly in the building," he
said. "And then, of course, customers will experience much improved
data speeds."

Manier said he has been a definite improvement in the service in the law
building. "As far as the coverage that we're experiencing in the building, it's definitely better," Manier said. "That doesn't mean that we don't have times when calls are cut off. It does happen, but in general, our coverage is much improved."

Latimer said reactions from people in Duncan Hall and the Law Building have been positive.

"Folks in the Law School are ecstatic," he said. "Reports I get back from students in Duncan Hall is that all except for one corner of the building are getting the acceptable coverage and the one corner is the corner that is facing inward towards McGlinn. That's a very difficult corner to cover." Prior to the new transmitter, Manier said AT&T had very weak coverage compared to Verizon, Wireless in the Fick Hall of Law, but now, AT&T outperforms its competitor.

"Before, where we had just really awful AT&T service, Verizon was maybe not as awful but still in that category. It's just not reliable," he said. "[Verizon service] is not as good no the AT&T service."

Manier said he hopes that Verizon will decide to improve coverage in the area now that AT&T has done so.

"Often that's what happens when you've got two primary vendors in a situation like this. If one does it the other tries to follow suit so they don't lose business," he said. Latimer said Verizon and AT&T are the only companies who have chosen to put transmitters on campus, so their service is much better than competitor companies like Sprint and T-Mobile, who do not have transmitters on campus.

"We are always in open communications with [other cellular companies.] We would love to have them on campus. It's just up to them to make that decision," he said.

"And what we've always told the students is if they are unhappy with their cellular coverage on campus then they need to call their cell phone company and complain," Latimer said.

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was a huge gap with Notre Dame and the non-profit sector as a whole," Jacobs, the Inspire vice president, said. "We saw the need and decided that we could create a network that acts as the bridge between students, non-profits and businesses."

Colby said when she looked further into this apparent gap in non-profit resources on campus, she was surprised by what she found.

"There just wasn't really anything, not even an organization of the alumni who have non-profits," she said. "I was kind of shocked since Notre Dame is so much a service-oriented school."

This lack of information and the immense interest they had found at the Oscar Night Gala led Colby and Jacobs to begin discussing forming a club.

"We had the idea of this go-to network for support and inspiration for students interested and involved with the non-profit sector," Jacobs said.

Two years later, that idea has transformed into Inspire, which holds its first official meeting tonight in LaFortune Student Center. While the club is a recent addition to campus, Jacobs is confident that Inspire will be a successful organization.

"Things are really coming together," he said. "We have a lot of devoted people involved and because of that I think that Inspire will hopefully expand into the future."

The club already has plans for two events to take place this year that would be educational and charitable.

"I'd like to do a seminar first semester and a charity event like the Oscar gala next semester," Colby said. "Eventually I would like to have an event each month."

Colby has made sure that there are plenty of resources for the club members to consult should they decide to start their own organization.

"I've been working closely with Tom Harvey, who is the director of the Non-Profit Master's Degree Program at Mendoza [College of Business], the alumni and non-profit organizations in the South Bend area," she said. "We have a lot of people from different areas helping us so I think that club has the potential to become large and campus-wide."

While she has already found an abundance of resources for the club, Colby is still working on bringing more people into the organization for consultation and advice.

"I don't want someone thinking 'I'm 20 years old, I want to start a non-profit, how do I do that?'' she said. "I'm trying to get a go-to guy at the law school who can help with the law aspects of setting up these organizations and some grad students have contacted me as well. We're continually branching out."

Colby said most importantly, she hopes Inspire can do for students just what the title says - inspire.

"I want the club to inspire Notre Dame kids to go out and make the world a better place but in their own unique way," she said. "I believe that whether on a local, national or international level I just want them to have the opportunity to do it."

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showed up. We would love to keep increasing the number who want to give."

The number of donors so far in this year's event, Dukeman said, is already promising.

"We had a completely full appointment list before the first drop of blood was drawn," he said. Dukeman said the event has its volunteers to thank for the first day's success.

"The Notre Dame family makes this one of the biggest blood drives in this part of the country," he said. "Last semester, 235 plats were collected. According to the Red Cross volunteers who worked the event, this was the most they had ever collected over a two-day period. It couldn't be done without the people coming in and giving of themselves."

Cadedis Geralyn Janke and Griffen Bonnema were two of the Army volunteers staffing the event. Both echoed Dukeman's optimism about this year's event.

"We've had a really good turnout," Bonnema said. "We have more than 20 appointments per hour, including more walk-ins."

Cadedis like Janke and Bonnema, who worked the event in shifts with fellow cadets, ensured that volunteers sign in and read through the informational packet before donating. Donors were then required to go through a questionnaire and iron test.

The two cadets said while giving blood is a gift itself, donors do have another incentive: Each day volunteers are entered into a raffle to win a $15 Visa gift card. "We also have free Coke and cookies," Bonnema said.

Kaitlyn Van Beckman, a senior cadet captain from Valparaiso University, worked with Dukeman to plan the event, as well as to publicize it.

"To inform potential donors," she used posters and a LISETERN, Van Beckman said. "But if I could do it again I'd make it a Facebook group.

The event continues tomorrow in the LaFortune Ballroom from noon until 6 p.m.

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Presentation on Thursday, September 17 at 4 p.m.
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1:30-3:00 p.m. Discussion Panel: HIV/AIDS Voluntary Blood Testing in South Africa

3:00-5:00 p.m. Discussion Panel: HIV/AIDS and the Rule of Law - Concluding Remarks and Reception to follow

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Roadside bomb kills 4 US soldiers

BAGHDAD — Roadside bomb killed four U.S. soldiers in the rise on Tuesday, the military said, in the deadliest day for American troops in the country in weeks, as a series of bombs attacked roads claimed by Iraqi forces.

The first roadside bomb struck a patrol in southern Baghdad, killing one American soldier, the military said. A short time later, another bomb targeting a patrol in northern Iraq killed three soldiers, the military said.

Another roadside bomb exploded near a military, which pulled back from populated areas of Iraq before the end of June, has suffered fewer casualties in recent weeks. In August, seven U.S. troops died of the lowest monthly toll since the war began in March 2003.

Tuesday marked the deadliest day for U.S. forces since June 29, when four soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb in Baghdad.

Tornado, mudslides kill 16 people

WASHINGTON — In a single storm that spawned a tornado and mudslides, 16 people were killed in three states across northern Argentina and southern Brazil, authorities said Tuesday. Dozens were injured in the week that followed high winds.

At least 10 died in Argentina, said Ricardo Veselka, civil defense director for the town of San Pedro, where the twister hit. In Brazil, four people died in mudslides.

A tornado touched down in the Birmingham area, injuring several people. A local official said there were no immediate fatalities.

The tornado was about 15 feet long.

Spokesman Kate Plourd said the largest of the moves and learn more about their movements and learn more about their migratory habits.

The Massachusetts state office of Energy and Environmental Affairs said three sharks were tagged Tuesday off Monomoy (Maw-nou-moy) Island, near Chatham. Agency spokesman Kevin O'Connell said the largest of the three was about 15 feet long.

Two great whites were tagged Saturday by a team of researchers who often tag sharks to track their movements and learn more about their migratory habits.

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Yet this one was doused with controversy from the beginning, as several conservative organizations and many concerned parents warned Obama was trying to sell his political agenda.

That concern was raised in part by an accompanying administration's plan encouraging students to "help the president," which the White House later revised and Education Secretary Arne Duncan acknowledged Tuesday was "wrongheaded.

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And you have a responsibility to yourself to discover what that is.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

Communities propose park bans

LEBANON, Ind. — A central Indiana city is mulling adding 16 people the creation of a new park ban that would prohibit sex offenders from public parks, and nearby town may consider such a move after the state Supreme Court rejected a request to throw out a similar ordinance.

The court last month declined to hear a challenge to the law.

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"I think we can do it," Obama replied. The president said the country can afford to insure all Americans and that doing so will save money in the long run.

"We have to turn this around," Obama said. "The problem is money. The expert panel estimates it would cost about $53 billion a year beyond NASA's current $18 billion annual budget."

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NY houses mentally ill in nursing home

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — New York state violated the Americans with Disabilities Act by housing more than 4,300 mentally ill people in large nursing homes rather than integrating them into the community, a federal judge ruled Tuesday.

In a decision likely to affect similar cases in other states, U.S. District Judge Nicholas Garafolis of Brooklyn said that under federal law, the state must provide services to the disabled "in the most integrat-ed setting appropriate to their needs," enabling them to interact with people who aren't disabled as much as possible.

Disability Advocates, the Albany-based nonprofit group that sued the state in 2003, said many people in adult homes would be better off in their own apartments — at no more cost to the state.

"We're thrilled with today's decision," said Cliff Zucker, executive director of Disability Advocates. "We think it will make an adult homes foster "learned helplessness" because residents are not allowed to cook, clean, do laundry, or manage their own finances.

The court said the state must make it easier for people to move residents to apartments.

"The court found it was pretty much the lack of the draw," Zacker said. "If there were openings in the community, the resident went there. Otherwise they went to adult homes — big institutions."

According to the court documents, the state has 380 adult homes. New York City has 44. Some homes house more than 120 to 200 people.

During the trial, witnesses testified the large homes were in some respects more restrictive than the mental institutions they replaced. They told of lines of 200 residents waiting for medication and residents having virtually no privacy. In addition, witnesses said homes foster "learned helplessness" because residents are not allowed to cook, clean, do laundry, or manage their own finances.

The court said the state failed to show that it would cost more to provide services in a community setting than in an adult home. Moreover, the judge said, it would save Medicaid costs to move residents to apartments. When Medicaid costs are considered, the annual cost of serving a resident in supported housing is on average $146 cheaper than serving that person in an adult home, the court found.

With the ruling, the state Office of Mental Health must propose a remedy. Disability Advocates has agreed to be able to critique it. The judge will then issue an injunction spelling out what changes the state must make.

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**In Brief**

Plan outlined for balancing budget

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**Bid submitted for Sun-Times**

CHICAGO — A private investor group led by Chicago banker James Tyree has submitted a $5 million cash bid for newspaper publisher Sun-Times Media Group, which is currently in bankruptcy reorganization.

STG Holdings LLC also would assume $20 million worth of liabilities. Sun-Times Media, which owns the Chicago Sun-Times and 28 suburban Chicago newspapers and Web sites, filed for Chapter 11 in March 2009.

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**Consumers cut debt by record $21.6B**

WASHINGTON — Consumers slashed their borrowing in July by the largest amount on record as job losses and uncertainty about the economic recovery prompted Americans to cut in their debt.

Economists expect consumers will continue to spend less, save more and be less willing to take household finances declined by the recession into the future. Such behavior, though, is a recipe for a lethargic revival, because consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of economic activity.

The Federal Reserve reported Tuesday that consumers in July reluctantly backed their credit by a larger-than-anticipated $21.6 billion from June, the most on records dating to 1943. Economists had expected credit to drop by $4 billion. July's retreat translated into an annualized decline of 10.4 percent. That followed a cut of $15.5 billion in June, or a 7.4 percent annualized drop, and was the most since a 16.3 percent decline in June 1975.

The latest cut still left total consumer credit at $2.47 trillion.

Wary consumers and hard-to-get credit factor into the scaled-back borrowing. But economists are split on which force - lack of demand by consumers or lack of supply from banks - is having the biggest effect.

"It's really a tug of war," said Mark Williams, professor of finance and economics at Boston University and a former Fed bank examiner. "It's true that consumers are being more responsible, saying 'I don't really need that extra credit card,' but it is more related to banks clamping down on lending." But Erik Hurst, economics professor at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, says it is impossible to know for sure. "We are seeing declines in demand for loans from consumers but also declines in the supply of loans from banks. How much of the credit cutback is due to the decline in supply or demand, you can't really tell."

Last month, the Federal Reserve, in a survey of bank loan officers, found somewhat weaker demand for all types of consumer loans, the Fed survey said.
Bill & Miranda Gates Foundation and Viacom Inc. partner to launch a campaign to reduce the number of dropouts.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Students who might be too glued to their televisions to keep up with homework are going to find channels like MTV, Comedy Central and Nickelodeon helping them to get on task and graduate.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is partnering with Viacom Inc.'s television networks, education leaders and celebrities to launch an awareness campaign to reduce the number of dropouts.

"People should understand how the system is falling short today and how it really contradicts our commitment to equal opportunity," said Bill Gates in an interview with The Associated Press. "If we don't change it now, it will hurt the future of the country as a whole." 

Only one-third of American high school students graduate with the skills necessary to succeed in college and the nation's workplaces, said Gates.

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Klein and others praised the successes of charter schools, which have drawn the ire of union representatives and school officials. An e-mail to the nation's largest labor organization, the National Education Association, was not returned immediately Tuesday.

Privately operated schools undertook fresh approaches to schooling, had happier teachers and inspired healthy competition in achievement among American high school every 26 seconds, according to the Seattle-based Gates Foundation.

At that rate, not enough American children are graduating high school and college to stay competitive in the global marketplace, said Viacom President and CEO Philippe Dauman.

"We don't know much about substance, we're just about fluff at Viacom," Dauman said with a laugh. The Viacom chief, whose networks also include VH1, CMT, Spike TV, TV Land and Logo, said he told Gates a year ago, "We know kids, we know how to reach them, if you provide the substance we can be the megaphone."

To launch the five-year campaign, the documentary "Get Schooled" was set to premiere on all of Viacom's networks simultaneously at 8 p.m. EDT Tuesday night.

The documentary features pop singer Kelly Clarkson, basketball star LeBron James and President Barack Obama, but the program's real focus is on people behind the scenes, like a presidential speechwriter, and how education brought them success.

Dauman said the "Get Schooled" initiative would find its way into plot lines and programs, like BET's documentary "Bring Your 'A' Game," which featured prominent black men who have achieved success.

"But we're not going to go to all PBS-type programming," Dauman said. "In order to reach kids, you have to entertain them."

Activism is not new for Viacom and its networks. MTV has raised AIDS awareness, promoted participation in elections and led other education initiatives.

The Gates Foundation, started by Microsoft Co-founder Bill Gates and his wife, has invested more than $2 billion in educational programs since 2000.

At a Los Angeles event to launch the "Get Schooled" campaign, New York City schools chief Joel Klein said he was hopeful the approach would succeed because "trying to get traction with the millions and millions of kids in school is something that's been a challenge."

"When you bring the resources and the vision that the Gates Family and foundation has, coupled with the distribution assets that Viacom has — the role models, the glitz they can produce — it feels like a good mix of stuff that will capture kids," Klein said.

BUILDING BRIDGES SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS

Dr. David Severson, Director of the Eck Institute for Global Health "Global Health for the 21st Century at Notre Dame: The Eck Institute for Global Health"

Wednesday, September 9th 7:00 pm
Jordan Hall of Science Room 101

Multicultural Student Programs and Services
Associated Press

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Sudan frees woman convicted of wearing trousers

The Associated Press

CABO — A woman journalist convicted of public indecency for wearing trousers outdoors was freed Tuesday, despite her own desire to serve a month in prison to protest against Sudan's draconian morality laws.

The judge who convicted Lubna Hussein had imposed a $200 fine as her sentence, avoiding the maximum sentence of 40 lashes in an apparent attempt to put an end to a case that had raised international criticism of Sudan.

But Hussein refused to pay the fine, which would have meant a month's imprisonment. She told The Associated Press that she was freed Tuesday after the fine was paid without her knowledge by the Journalist Union, which is headed by a member of the ruling party.

"I had no choice. All my friends knew I didn't want to pay the fine," Hussein said, speaking by phone from Khartoum. "I had chosen prison, and not to pay the fine in solidarity with hundreds of other women jailed under this law.

Hussein said she suspects that the authorities don't want her to spend any time in prison because of the outcome of Khartoum, where she said at least 120 journalists are serving time, many of them convicted under the indecency law.

"I asked for an interview from inside the prison. Maybe they were un moved by my presence in prison," she said.

Fayez Solkh, the editor in chief of the pro-south newspaper Aljaras al-Hurriya, or Freedom Ajras, said the government freed Hussein to end their "predicament.

Mohiedin Tasiel, the head of the Journalist Union, said he paid the fine out of duty toward a member of the union.

"I didn't get permission from the government or from Lubna," he said from Khartoum. "I know my duty very well and I intervened to get a journalist out of prison.

Ever since her arrest in July, the 45-year-old Hussein has used her case to draw attention to Sudan's indecency law, which allows flogging as a punishment for any acts or clothing that is seen as offending morals.

Human rights campaigners say the law is vague, that its enforcement is arbitrary and that southern Sudanese in capital — who are mostly Christians — are often targeted.

Sudan's government implements a conservative version of Islamic law in the north, and "public order" police enforce the laws, banning alcohol, breaking up parties and scolding men and women who mingle in public, mostly Muslim northern Sudan.

Many women wear traditional flowing robes that also cover their hair, but it is also not uncommon for women to wear trousers, even though conservatives consider it immodest.

Under the 2005 peace deal that ended a more than 20-year civil war between the Muslim north and the Christian and animist south, laws — including the indecency law — are supposed to be reviewed to respect human rights and freedom of expression.

Hussein was arrested in July with 12 other women in a public cafe in Khartoum and were charged with violating the indecency law for wearing trousers in public. Ten of them were flogged shortly afterward after they accepted summary trials — as many women do to avoid the social stigma of a public trial on morality charges.

Hussein, however, decided to take the case to court to show the injustice of the law and its effect on women. Her case drew heavy condemnations from international human rights groups.


"This is not my case alone. This is a case of all the Sudanese women and the society," Hussein said Tuesday when asked if she would appeal the court decision.

She said she would consult with supporters before deciding if it is worth filing an appeal.

Lubna Hussein wore the same trousers that had sparked her arrest Monday after she was freed.
I was both surprised and relieved to see Eddy Street back open last Thursday. I am surprised that Kite Reality missed a golden opportunity to make a truly memorable and unique development of student housing (Irish Commons development, and was shocked to see how much progress had been made since 1st bid. While there is still much to go, I am fundamentals. It seems that Kite Reality, the oversight team from Notre Dame, missed a golden opportunity to create some real tradition. Think the future, it just seems that Kite Reality, while there is still much to go, with interest, characters the counter and a place to create some real tradition. Think the type of restaurants Adam Richman, the “Man Vs. Food” host goes for: The friendly, fun kind where they stick your picture on the wall if you can eat a 14-pound hamburger. None of us will ever consider the Five Guys at Eddy Street Commons a destination dining...
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Die with dignity**

I was almost amused by Professor Rice's reading of the infamous "death panel" legislation ("Obamacare" raises problems; Sep. 8). After all, it takes a special combination of vision and creativity to interpret the bill in the manner he suggests. The language of the bill simply adds advanced care planning and end-of-life consultations to the list of "medications" covered under Medicare, giving it coverage comparable to cancer and diabetes screening, psychologist services and other preventative services.

But while I was almost amused, I was mostly saddened that Professor Rice would try to dissuade people from engaging in end-of-life planning with scare tactics, and that he would try to prevent the government from paying for those who wish to plan ahead but are reliant on Medicare.

I'm not sure if Professor Rice has ever watched a love one pass away (I pray that he has not, but I have). My father died of liver cancer in 1992, only three months after he was first diagnosed. I watched him and my mother struggle to plan for the future while he was lying on what would become his deathbed. I saw the number of decisions that had to be made. And while they shielded me from the painful realities of the situation, I'm sure they discussed palliative care, resuscitation orders and what would happen when things got bad. Fortunately, my father was covered under private insurance; if he had been on Medicare under current law, meetings with a doctor to discuss these issues may not have been covered.

I understand that Professor Rice has serious issues with President Obama as he previously compared the President to the "Fuhrer," who made the Nazis look "unimaginative and primitive by comparison," and further implied that there are "serious questions as to Obama's eligibility for the office." ("No Confrontation Necessary," March 31). But some issues should be above partisanship. Living wills and advance care directives are about empowering sick and dying individuals to effectuate their own will even longer; and to die with dignity and peace of mind. For a man so devoted to the value of life, I would have thought Professor Rice would have understood that.

Bryan MacKenzie
law student
off campus
Sept. 8

**Two forks and a knife**

Dear North Dining Hall staff,

Please put the spoons back to where they belong. Although it would seem to make sense to put the spoons by the cereal, it would be much better to have them with the forks and knives so people can get all of their utensils in one quick hand motion. That is all.

Regards.

Kevin Eller
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Stanford Hall
Sept. 7

**The power of image**

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However, I would like to point out that these articles, though seemingly unrelated (and certainly of different gravity), are part of a much larger discussion over the power of the image in our increasingly visual society.

More than any generation before us, we are constant consumers of image. We absorb thousands of advertisements, images, words and by extension thoughts every day when we open our laptops, turn on the TV or even just drive down the street. In this environment of overwhelming imagery density, design and art become very powerful as a means of distilling this massive cloud to its bare essentials. Photography, particularly photojournalism, graphic design, logos (and even, yes, a catalog font choice) are becoming increasingly powerful in shaping how we perceive groups of people, companies and brands, and even political candidates.

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As I said, I encourage you to see "Thin" if you haven't and judge for yourself. If nothing else, I guarantee that the experience will be an education in the power of art and image, as well as a troubling exploration of the moral responsibility which that power bears.

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**EDITIORIAL CARTOON**

HEALTH CARE REFORM

MAKING SAUSAGE
**Gossip Girl**

**The CW, Mondays at 9 p.m.**

Premieres Sept. 14

"Gossip Girl" is back with more excitement than ever. Last season's cliffhanger left fans wondering what will happen when Blair (Leighton Meester) finds out Georgina (Michelle Trachtenberg) is going to be her roommate at NYU. Whether it is medical or relationship-centered, the CW still holds potential to develop these stories as well as new ones, all through the hilarious repartee that is unique to "The Office."

**Community**

**NBC, Thursdays 9:30 p.m.**

Premieres Sept. 17

NBC is hoping for the next big comedy hit as it prepares to launch the season premiere of "Community," a quirky new show that follows one man's quest for a law degree. Jeff (played by Joel McHale), also host of "The Soup" on E!, is learning to mix between smoke and crows as an entrance, comes to town. Elena finds herself in a dangerous love triangle just as the people around her are being attacked by a mysterious assailant. The show plays on many vampire myths. While "Twilight" and "True Blood" choose to keep away from distorted faces when the fungus comes out, "Diaries" seems to mix between that and loss. Whedon's animalistic morphing, in a haggard Dorian, Gray-like aging transformation, that the CW still makes look attractive.

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**Legal Memo**

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**THE OBSERVER SCENE**

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

By COURTNEY ECKERLE, ADRIANA PRATT, KELLY GOLDE, MAIJA GOLDEN, LAUREN HRANAC and LESLIE SHUMATE

The Vampire Diaries

**The CW, Thursdays 8 p.m.**

Premieres Sept. 10

Based on the book series by L.J. Smith, "The Vampire Diaries" follows a small-town beauty and her brooding vampire male lead. Stefan Salvatore (Paul Wesley) becomes obsessed with Elena (Nina Dobrev), a girl who is a dead ringer (no pun intended) for an old love. The two bond over journal writing, angst-filled stares and trendy clothing. Their love, which is fraught with the usual peril, is in immediate jeopardy when Stefan's less than upstanding vampire brother, Damon (Ian Somerhalder), using smoke and crows as an entrance, comes to town. Elena finds herself in a dangerous love triangle just as the people around her are being attacked by a mysterious assailant. The show plays on many vampire myths. While "Twilight" and "True Blood" choose to keep away from distorted faces when the fungus comes out, "Diaries" seems to mix between that and loss. Whedon's animalistic morphing, in a haggard Dorian, Gray-like aging transformation, that the CW still makes look attractive.

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By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writer

Fox only has three new series premiering for its fall lineup, and the shining star is quirky comedy "Glee." The show is unlike anything on television right now, and although it does have the proven combination of high school and musical, "Glee" adds more realistic obstacles and teenage angst into the mix. Only one episode has aired, but already it has created a cult-like following. A shopping mall tour, which can either help (think "American Idol" or "The Office") or hurt a show ("Veronica Mars" or " Arrested Development ").

The producers took a risk by airing it in May after "American Idol," and then not again until its fall lineup premiered on Sept. 9, but it seems absence makes the heart grow fonder. A shopping mall tour, ComicCon screening and a "Biggest GleeK" contest kept the hype building for the show throughout the summer.

But the multifaceted campaign strategy had a purpose: to display this complex show to a broad audience that otherwise might not tune in. "Glee" centers around an Ohio high school singing troop, and starts out with a typical pecking order division of school groups. A te aser show that when this new rainbow coalition of misfit toys gains confidence and talent, the social order is all shook up — and that's just the beginning of the shaking that this group is facing.

The show's first single from the pilot episode, a reworking of "Don't Stop Believing," shot to the top of the iTunes chart. A successful twist tapping hasn't come out of Hollywood since the 1990s "Sister Act" movies. Versions of "Gold Digger" and "Push It" rock to hip-hop and R & B.

Jane Lynch is perfection as "Cheerios" squad leader Sue, released over the summer showcased how musically diverse this show will be, ranging from 1980s rock to Broadway's "Les Miserables," you can tell she (and her character) has incredible talent. The only sour note comes with Josslyn Gibbs's (seen last season on "NRE's Heroes") Terri, the wife of Glee club leader Will Schuester. She's a bed-and-bath-product-crazed harpy of a wife. It's a bit unbelievable that Mr. Schuester (played by the underrated Matthew Morrison) could be trapped by such a vacant and manipulative nut-job and not even realize how unhappy he is. This off-beat comedy is sure to add some sass to the fall shows, especially with its diverse characters and lyrical spin on the David vs. Goliath story line that makes you want to root for "Glee" despite its shortcomings. "Glee" premieres tonight at 9 pm.

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By JORDAN GAMBLE
Features Writer

"Glee," a quirky amalgamation of movies like "High School Musical" and " Election" and TV series like " Freaks and Geeks," has a lot riding on its success this fall: an already cult-like following, one-third of Fox's new show lineup, and about $3 million per episode.

That's a pretty hefty price tag for a show that has all the indicators of a quick fizzles at first glance. It sure looks like a niche show, what with its Broadway renditions and obscure pop-cultural references. But according to an April article in the Los Angeles Times, series creator Ryan Murphy (also known for other quirky, and edgy shows like "Nip/Tuck" and the short-lived but delicious "Popular") is hoping that with the right marketing and commitment to high standards, the show can push the boundaries of network television.

"I think they are all wanting to break out of the box. What is network television? What can it be?" Every once in a while, something comes along that's just different. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't, I think we're still on the same page that it's great to attempt it," he said.

The show's songs have consistently racked up downloads on iTunes, especially as teaser selections from upcoming episodes have been released to keep interest from slacking off. Murphy has suggested that Fox will produce a general "Glee" music albums a season, but it might be more likely that viewers will race online to purchase the featured music after each episode. RED Speedwagon's "Can't Fight This Feeling," Salt-N-Pepa's "Push It," and Amy Winehouse's "Back to Black" are just a few of the songs "Glee" has retooled with cappellas vocals from the cast. The licensing fees and royalty payouts involved in each episode's music selection takes up a chunk of that $3 million, but hopefully the popularity of the "GleeKed" versions will defray the cost.

So far, every song has been a cover, and there are few indications that the show will start creating original music. The characteriza­ tions presented in the pilot (the sensitive jock, the bitchy cheerleader, the overachieving weirdo, and the tyrannical coach) fit neatly into archetypes, which may prove difficult to enrich as the episodes progress. For right now, however, Fox promoters are banking on the characters.

Several of the characters have Twitter, a MySpace, and a Facebook accounts. "RachelBerryGLEE," the Twitter account for the overachiever character, is most likely updated by an intern in Fox's marketing department, but the account's 4,435 followers can read updates like "Wait, 'Cop Rock' was cancelled?" and "Spent an hour trying to think of a style of performance I don't excel in and couldn't come up with one."

During last week's repeat airing of the pilot, cast members even updated their personal Twitter accounts for a live-stream commentary on the episode — blurring the line somewhat between reality and fiction. For example, the "sensi­tive jock" Finn, doesn't have a Twitter, but the actor Cory Monteith does (he's searchable as "frankenteen.") More than 10,000 followers read about this summer's "Glee" mall tour through his regular updates.

The long break after the pilot episode and the gimmicky musical format could work against "Glee," but the show's creator and promoters have used their resources to keep the quirky comedy in the public's mind like that summer song that you can't get out of your head.

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New York — Nick Swisher hit his second home run of the night in the ninth inning to help the New York Yankees beat the Cleveland Indians 7-2 on Friday night.

Swisher had hit a home run in the first inning and also had three hits in the game.

Manager Joe Girardi had his starting lineup made up of nine left-handed batters, and Swisher was batting ninth.

The Yankees scored three runs in the ninth inning to take the lead back after the Indians had tied the game in the eighth inning.

Swisher hit a two-run shot in the fifth inning, and then added another home run in the ninth to set a new home run record for the season.

The Yankees beat the Indians 7-2 in the second game of a three-game series.

The Indians' ace left-hander, Cliff Lee, was pitching on two days rest and allowed three runs on eight hits.

Yankees reliever Phil Hughes pitched a scoreless inning in relief.

The Yankees will try to complete a three-game series sweep of the Indians on Saturday with a win in the final game.
Kyle Orton recovers from dislocated knuckle

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — The Denver Broncos might have solved one of their many mysteries Tuesday after watching Kyle Orton take snaps, hand off cleanly and complete passes at practice for the first time since slicing open his right index finger nine days earlier.

"It was obvious today that he could do it all," offensive coordinator Mike McCoy said. Orton wore a glove on his throwing hand and thin gauze and tape on his injured finger to protect the dislocated knuckle that poked through the skin in the Broncos' third preseason game. Second string Chris Simms will start in Orton's place if he is unable to recover.

In Brief

Seymour has yet to move to Oakland after trade finalized

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Richard Seymour failed to report to Oakland for a second straight day Tuesday after being traded from the New England Patriots.

"I really have nothing to report on that," Raiders coach Tom Cable said. "Nothing has changed at this point."

Seymour, a five-time Pro Bowl defensive end, was acquired from the Patriots on Sunday in exchange for the Raiders' first-round pick in 2011. The move was on the NFL's official transactions list and Seymour is on the Raiders' roster on their Web site.

Cable said he spoke with Seymour earlier this week and that the defensive lineman told him he wants to play in Oakland.

Cable reiterated that he is hopeful Seymour will play for the Raiders but declined to discuss reports the two sides were in talks on a new contract.

Beltran returns to Mets after recovery from knee injury

NEW YORK — Carlos Beltran is back in the lineup for the New York Mets. Sidelined since June 22 with a bone bruise on his right knee, the All-Star center fielder was activated from the disabled list Tuesday before the opener of a three-game series against the Florida Marlins.

Beltran, set to start in center and bat cleanup, says he's glad to be back with the Mets after a long rehabilitation. He says his most recent MRI showed the bruise on his knee had decreased in size.

Beltran went 3 for 18 with two RBIs and two walks in five rehabilitation games with Class-A Brooklyn.

The Mets also purchased the contract of right-hander Tobi Stoner from Triple-A Buffalo.

Serena Williams moves to semifinals in the U.S. Open

NEW YORK — Defending champion Serena Williams has advanced to the U.S. Open semifinals, setting up a showdown against Kim Clijsters.

The No. 2-seeded Williams beat No. 10 Flavia Pennetta of Italy 6-4, 6-3 Tuesday night to improve to 23-1 in Grand Slam singles matches this season.

Williams has won three of the past four major championships. She is seeking her fourth U.S. Open title and 12th Grand Slam overall.

With her older sister Venus sitting in the stands, Williams pipped up a 21-9 edge in winners against Pennetta, who was trying to be the first Italian woman to reach a Grand Slam semifinal.

Clijsters, the 2005 U.S. Open champion, beat No. 18 Li Na in straight sets earlier Tuesday.

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NBA

Heat will stand by troubled star

Associated Press

MIAMI — Michael Beasley is in daily contact with the Miami Heat and is bouncing around under the direction of team personnel, with plans of being with the team when training camp begins later this summer.

Speaking about Beasley for the first time since he arrived 20 months ago, Heat president Pat Riley said Thursday that he's "confident...very confident" Beasley will have a strong season for Miami and insisted he still strongly believes in the No. 2 overall pick from the 2008 draft.

"I was told this by somebody. Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future," Riley said. "You can't put yourself above and beyond anybody. We all have periodic lapses. We haven't gone our way for whatever reason, and we've all had an opportunity to grow. Because of what's happened in the past, we hope there's growth for his spirits for him."

Riley could not reveal specifics about the manner of treatment Beasley is receiving, citing privacy concerns. Those close to Beasley, including his personal manager Bruce Shingler, have said repeatedly in recent weeks that they are not going to discuss the exact details of the treatment.

"A series of posts on his Twitter account raised many concerns about his well-being, including one entry that said "I feel like the whole world is against me. I can't win for lovin'."

Several Heat teammates offered their support quickly through Twitter posts and reaching out to those in Beasley's circle.

Riley said Dwyane Wade, the team's best player and the NBA's reigning scoring champion, was among the first players to send Beasley a message.

"I'm not going to forgive anybody's transgressions just merely because they're 20 years old," Riley said. "I think when you become a professional basketball player, a lot of things come at you a lot quicker than normal. There's a lot of things you may be able to handle or not handle."

Beasley finished his rookie season as Miami's second-leading scorer behind Wade, averaging 13.9 points and 5.4 rebounds. The Heat plan for this season include using Beasley at both small forward and power forward, and Riley said that hasn't changed even though Beasley hasn't been around teammates for several weeks.

Riley said Beasley had between 21 and 28 workouts earlier this summer at the team facility with other members of the Heat's young core, including Daequan Cook and Mare Chalmers.

Getting into 4-on-4 or 5-on-5 games in Houston, however, has been impossible, Riley said.

BYU leaps 11 spots in polls

Associated Press

NEW YORK — BYU barged into the top 10 of The Associated Press college football poll, making the biggest jump of any team from the preseason rankings after scoring the biggest upset of the opening weekend of the regular season.

The Cougars jumped 11 spots to No. 21 in the Top 25 released Tuesday, three days after they stunned Oklahoma 14-13 in Provo, Utah, as three-time defending national champions.

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"Our football team, we have the ability," Mendenhall said. "We're trying to gain credibility."

BYU travels to New Orleans to face Tulane on Saturday before playing their first home game on Sept. 19 against Florida State, one of three teams to fall out of the rankings this week.

"I  do think that the game and how we played helped-validate our team and helped the exposure of the fight that we're all kind of engaged in as our league is trying to gain credibility," Mendenhall said.

BYU will be ranked as high as eighth this season. But BYU stumbled in its biggest games, suffering lopsided losses to Mountain West Conference rivals TCU and Utah, then lost to Arizona in the Las Vegas Bowl.

"Our football team, we have three goals....winning a conference championship, winning the state championship and going to a bowl game and winning it. We didn't do any of them," Hall said during a conference call with reporters.

"Even though we won 10 games, we were upset with the way it ended." Virginia Tech's opening loss dropped the Hokies seven spots to No. 14.

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Texans quarterback Matt Schaub evades Vikings linebacker Brian Robison in a preseason game Aug. 31.

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"I've got to prove myself every practice and every time I go out there," he said. "You get graded and you get judged basically every time you throw the football. So I'm still going to have that same sense of urgency."

The status of receiver Kevin Walter and safety Eugene Wilson are also uncertain because of injuries.

Walter, who was second on the team with 899 yards receiving and eight touchdowns last season, has a hamstring injury. Wilson was injured by an illegal crackback block delivered by Brett Favre for which the quarterback was fined $10,000.

Another question mark for the Texans is how rookie linebacker Brian Cushing and veteran corner Dantara Obinikom will perform on Sunday. Cushing missed all four preseason games because of a sprained knee, but is healthy and expected to start at strong-side linebacker.

Middle linebacker DeMeco Ryans is confident that Cushing is up to the task, but has been trying to help the first-round pick in the days leading up to his NFL debut.

"I stay on him, always asking him questions to make sure he's into what we're doing, into our game plan and making sure we're both on the same page," Ryan said. "The more me, him and Zac (Olen) (discuss) the easier it's going to be for all three of us."

Robison missed all of camp in a contract holdout before reporting on Sunday.

U.S. OPEN

Murray stunned in Open's 4th round

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Disappointed.

That is what the word Andy Murray used over and over to describe how he felt about his performance in the U.S. Open. After all, Murray arrived at Flushing Meadows ranked No. 2 in the world and leading 37 wins on hard courts this season. Beside such success, he was prepared to win his first Grand Slam title a year after reaching the U.S. Open final.

Instead, he heads home, losing at third round, a 7-5, 6-2, 6-2 loser to No. 16 Marin Cilic of Croatia on Tuesday.

"I just struggled, I didn't play poorly," Murray said. "I could have been better in pretty much every part of the game, whether it was mental or serve, forehand, backhand, return of serve."

Ahead 5-4, he wasted two set points. By the second set, Murray was grinding while flexing his left wrist, which he acknowledged afterward had been bothering him for about a week. By the third, Murray was mopping about the court.

"But regardless of my wrist, I lost the match," Murray said. "I returned poorly. He served well — and that was really the difference."

Murray's loss, at least for one evening, turned into the talk of a tournament that has been generating a lot of buzz about the men's field. Instead, the focus has been on the women's event and the surprise emergence of 17-year-old American Melanie Oudin and the quick comeback of former No. 1 Kim Clijsters.

Oudin plays in the first major semifinal of her nascent career Wednesday — she obliged autograph seekers after practicing Tuesday — and Clijsters already is into the semifinals, where she will face a Williams for the second time this tournament.

Clijsters beat Venus Williams in the fourth round; now she will take on defending champion Serena Williams, who improved to 23-1 in Grand Slam singles matches this season by beating No. 10 Flavia Pennetta of Italy 6-4, 6-3 Tuesday night. Looking ahead to facing Clijsters, the younger Williams said: "She's such a good person to play, like, only wish the best for her. But not in the next match."

The 27-year-old American and 26-year-old Belgian both have 12-match winning streaks at the U.S. Open. Clijsters won the first seven matches in the 2005 title, the last time she played in New York, and now has five this year: the last a 6-2, 6-4 win against 18th-seeded Li Na of China.

Still unranked because she only had played in two tour-

naments before the U.S. Open, Clijsters is the first unseeded player to reach the semifinals at Flushing Meadows since Elena Dementieva in 2000.

"I'm surprised to be sitting here talking to you right now," Clijsters said.

She left the game in 2007, when she announced she was pregnant with what would become daughter Jada in February 2008. Since returning to competition in August, Clijsters is 10-2.

"dow, seniors and juniors," she will be the first mother to win a Grand Slam tournament since Evonne Goolagong Cawley at Wimbledon in 1978.

"I still have an immense respect for all the Grand Slams and the history that's happened in each and every one of them," said Clijsters, who lost in the 2009 Australian Open final. "It's easier now to push that aside when you're out there and just focused on the game and not too worried or too impressed by everything that's happening around you.

"Now the hopes of becoming the first British man to win a Grand Slam championship will have to be set aside until 2010."

The pressure back home some, will not increase, matched by Murray's self-imposed expectations.

When he wasn't saying, "I'm obviously very disappointed," he was saying, "I'm feeling tremendously happy." Clijsters said. "Of course, it's the biggest result of my career."

"I still have a lot to learn," Murray said. "I think I'll be a better player next year than this year. I know, hopefully I'll do that."

Cilic, meanwhile, advanced to the first major semifinal of his career.

"I'm feeling tremendously happy," Clijsters said. "Of course, it's the biggest result for me, so far."

Next for him is a match against No. 6 Juan Martin del Potro, who beat 2003 French Open champion and No. 11 Fernando Gonzalez of Chile eliminated No. 7 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-4. Gonzalez will face No. 2 Rafael Nadal and No. 13 Gael Monfils in the quarter-

finals.
**MLB**

**Royals’ bullpen keeps Tigers quiet in victory**

*Hollday takes Hoffman deep in ninth to topple Brewers; Beltran returns to Mets in defeat to Ramirez, Marlins*

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Billy Butler drove in two runs, Kansas City’s bullpen pitched three scoreless innings and the Royals ended the Detroit Tigers’ last two-game winning streak with a 7-5 victory Tuesday night.

The Tigers had 11 hits and a rare strong performance from their bullpen to win consecutive games for the first time since July 27-28 against Baltimore.

Yasuhiro Yabuta (1-1) allowed two hits in 2-1/3 innings for his second career victory, Roman Colon pitched a perfect eighth and Joakim Soria survived two hits in the ninth for his 23rd save.

The AL Central-leading Tigers scored five runs off Royals starter Bruce Chen, but went through six pitchers and had two costly outfield miscues.

Marcus Thames and Aubrey Huff drove in two runs each and seven hits, leaving with a 5-4 lead.

Huff chased Chen with a soft double to center in the top of the ninth and the Royals a two-run lead in the eighth.

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T'Wolves sign another guard

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - The Minnesota Timberwolves wasted little time moving on after being rebuffed by Ricky Rubio.

Two days after the 18-year-old point guard backed out of a deal to join the Timberwolves this season, Minnesota signed restricted free agent Ramon Sessions to an offer sheet Friday.

The Milwaukee Bucks will have seven days to match the four-year, $16 million offer.

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NCAA Football

Flu bug hits Sneed, Ole Miss team

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — Flu-like symptoms continue to ravage the Mississippi football team, even sacking quarterback Jevan Sneed.

Shannon Singletary, Ole Miss’ senior associate athletic director for sports medicine, says more than a dozen Rebels football players are sick with flu symptoms, including fevers as high as 103 degrees. Tests to confirm the presence of swine flu take two weeks, but officials aren’t taking any chances.

“From what we understand the standard protocol across the country is to treat all the symptoms as if they are swine flu,” Singletary said.

Other sports and the student body in general have been hit hard over the last three weeks. Ole Miss spokeswoman Barbara Lago says 368 students have reported flu-like symptoms to campus health services staff and a system that reports absences to faculty has reported twice as many students missing class over the last two weeks than is usual for a full month during the regular fall season.

Washington State University has also been dealing with a flu outbreak that is suspected to be swine flu. Before its opening game last week against Stanford, Washington State reported 13 players with flu-like symptoms. Officials at Mississippi are following Centers for Disease Control guidelines and all players are being isolated for 24 to 48 hours even after their symptoms clear up. A vaccine for the swine flu, also called H1N1, will not be available until next month.

“As best as possible we’re putting them by themselves,” Singletary said. “If they’re in a dorm room we’re trying to make arrangements where their teammates are living with everyone. We’re doing everything we can to get them by themselves for 24 to 48 hours at least.

That didn’t stop Sneed from catching the illness. His roommate, Clayton Moore, also had the flu.

Ole Miss players in all sports started falling ill around the start of classes with the baseball team seeming to take the brunt of it. It started to hit the football team hard last week. Some players, like Moore, were left home from Sunday’s trip to Memphis. Others played sick with some vomiting on the sidelines and others taking intravenous fluids at halftime.

As many as a dozen players were expected to miss Monday’s practice. That number grew to as many as 16 sick by Tuesday, Singletary said.

Players reporting symptoms are seen by a doctor and are put on a regimen of rest with plenty of fluids and pain relievers.

The flu’s impact could have been much harder on the football team. The No. 6 Rebels have the week off before playing Football Championship Subdivision opponent Southeastern Louisiana on Sept. 19.

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Abernethy wasn’t cleared for participation eligibility until last week, which led him to decide that he should sit out that season.

“From that point, it took a while for the site to officially clear me to race,” Abernethy said. “It was already mid-season at this point, so it was just easier to redshirt rather than to run in potentially just one race.”

Abernethy’s ability to participate last season in his sophomore year was again inhibited, not by the NCAA but by a long string of injuries that completely halted his ability to run, in the summer leading up to the 2008 season, Abernethy was plagued with shin and hip problems that required a break from proper training.

“Racing a good cross country season is impossible if you haven’t put in enough work over the summer,” Abernethy said.

Abernethy spent the duration of the season doing cross-training activities and preparing for the upcoming track and field season.

“In the end, though, it just wasn’t the same as running,” Abernethy said. “It took all cross-country season last year to get completely healthy again.”

With a full summer of training behind him and his health back completely, Abernethy is well prepared to make a name for himself in his junior season.

“Last summer, one thing after another killed my training,” Abernethy said. “This year, I made sure to take care of any nagging pains to prevent something worse from developing.”

In Friday’s Crusader Open at Valparaiso’s Sunset Hills Park, the Irish men’s team came in first place, and 10 of the first 11 runners to cross the finish line were from Notre Dame.

“A lot of the guys on our team ran well, and it was nice to practice running as a team in a race setting,” Abernethy said.

The next event for Abernethy and the men of the Notre Dame cross country team is the National Catholic Invitational on Sept. 18 at Notre Dame’s Burke Golf Course where they will see tougher competition and a longer race than last weekend.

“As for the rest of the season, I’m just trying to stick to things one race at a time and to stay healthy,” Abernethy said. “National Catholic is up next, so I look forward to running my first collegiate 8K there.”

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on defense with 18 and 14 digs, respectively. The Belles’ next chance to earn their first conference win of the season will come Friday as they travel to Adrian. The Bulldogs, who have lost their last four matches and

are now 1-4, are also looking for their first MIAA victory.

The Belles will have a little extra to play for, as last season they were beaten two out of three times by Adrian, including a four-set loss that knocked them out of the MIAA playoffs.

The match is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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Observer:
Billionaire offers $50M to move Coyotes north

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Canadian billionaire James Balsillie has offered the city of Glendale $50 million to quiet its objections to his bid to buy the Phoenix Coyotes and move the franchise to Hamilton, Ontario.

Lawyers for Balsillie, co-CEO of the company that makes the Blackberry, filed an amended bid in U.S. Bankruptcy Court on Monday adding the offer to Glendale. Balsillie offered to buy the franchise for $212.5 million, contingent on moving it to Ontario.

The new bid would subtract $20 million from the original and combine it with another $30 million to pay the city if Glendale accepts the offer. Balsillie's bid would stand at $242.5 million.

The NHL bid $140 million to buy the team and keep it in Arizona after its board of governors voted 26-0 with three abstentions against Balsillie as an owner.

The team is to be sold at auction on Thursday, but many legal issues have yet to be resolved.

Glendale has estimated losing the Coyotes would cost the city more than $500 million in losses, saying it planned on the team playing at Jobing.com arena for 30 years.

Balsillie's lawyers argue the city's estimate is too high, citing the 30-year projection and saying that revenue from the Coyotes has been about half of the projected estimates. They argue that $50 million is much more than what the city would get under the NHL's bid, saying that Coyotes owner Jerry Moyes sought to cap the city's claim at between $5 million and $7 million.

Balsillie's $50 million offer to Glendale is contingent upon Glendale accepting it by Sept. 30 and the Coyotes moving to Ontario.

Glendale's City Council met behind closed doors about the Coyotes on Tuesday, but city spokeswoman Jennifer Liewer said she could not say whether they discussed Balsillie's offer.

She said the council took no action and would have to decide on the offer in a public meeting.

She declined to say how Balsillie's offer has affected the council's objection to his bid.

"We're not going to negotiate this in the media," she said. "We're working through the process in bankruptcy court and trying to honor the wishes of the judge and go through the negotiations as the bankruptcy court dictates."

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Two studies conducted for the NHL set a potential relocation fee of $101 million to $195 million to move the Coyotes to Hamilton. The NHL said even $175 million would not begin to address the true damage done to the league by moving the team.

The potential fees are in stark contrast to the $11.2 million to $12.5 million cited by economics professor Andrew Zimbalist in a study conducted for Balsillie.

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A third potential buyer, Ice Edge, bid said it would spend up to $150 million to buy the team, but NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said in a court filing Tuesday that he was advised Ice Edge no longer intends to participate in Thursday's auction.
Tefft but Kali more than lose winning for record as Notre No. 15 as a doubles pairing. to work well together and tough to defend. And at the Year, took home first-team the Irish reach the NCAA for us under those circumstances." Henderson netted 17 goals and had two assists in her spectacular freshman campaign, good for 36 points in a season in which she helped the Irish reach the NCAA Championship. For her efforts, Henderson was named Big East Rookie of the Year, took home first-team Freshman All-America honors and was also a Hermann Trophy nominee. "She has a couple of things going for her," Waldrum said. "For one, she has great speed. In any sport that really kills people. But with that speed she also has a lot of strength and she can hold people off the ball. That combination makes her very tough to defend. And at the end of the day, there is something to be said for players who can adjust to score goals. That's what she and Kelli flankns do very well." The Garland, Texas, native is no stranger to top competition. As a member of the Dallas Sting, one of the premier club teams in the country, Henderson led her squad to the nationals and once again as a member of the Dallas Sting. Henderson also boasts an outstanding resume on the international level. She has traveled across the globe playing in tournaments as part of the U.S.' youth national teams. She currently is a member of the Under-23 National Team player pool. This past summer, Henderson underwent a number of surgeries to repair damage to her hip which prevented her from playing more minutes last season. But while Waldrum said that she's not quite feeling back to 100 percent, you would be hard-pressed to convince anyone else of that fact. With the exception of the UNC game, the sophomore has been on quite a tear this fall. In the three games this season, Henderson has four goals, three assists and is game-winner, and one assist to lead the team with nine points. Waldrum was quick to credit her tremendous growth as a player from last season to this point for her continued success. "Last year, she didn't feel much pressure as she flew under the radar," said Waldrum. "In the shadow of Kelli Hanks and Brittany Rock," Waldrum said. "But with Hanks and Rock now gone and more of the pressure resting on her shoulders, she is learning how to handle it herself. She's trying to get the rest of the players on the field more involved by not being too selfish." Henderson and the Irish that she's not quite feeling back to 100 percent, you would be hard-pressed to convince anyone else of that fact. With the exception of the UNC game, the sophomore has been on quite a tear this fall. In the three games this season, Henderson has four goals, three assists and is game-winner, and one assist to lead the team with nine points. Waldrum was quick to credit her tremendous growth as a player from last season to this point for her continued success. "Last year, she didn't feel much pressure as she flew under the radar," said Waldrum. "In the shadow of Kelli Hanks and Brittany Rock," Waldrum said. "But with Hanks and Rock now gone and more of the pressure resting on her shoulders, she is learning how to handle it herself. She's trying to get the rest of the players on the field more involved by not being too selfish." Henderson and the Irish

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every match, and for our team to work well together and perform as best as we can." The tandem of Frilling and senior Kali Krisik are ranked No. 15 as a doubles pairing.

Last season Frilling and teammate Keli Tefft had a 37-5 record as Notre Dame's top doubles team. With Tefft now graduated, Frilling hopes to continue winning far more comfortably this season. "It will be a transition (from Tefft) but (Kali and I) have played a few times together," Frilling said. "We are trying to get into the swing of things. I had to do the same thing with [Tefft] last year. I had never played with her before, so I am hoping this will lead to good things with Kali." Krisik and Frilling first played together last season against Marquette in an 8-0 victory. Irish coach Jay Louderback saw a natural fit with this pair and the duo has evolved into one of the top partnerships in the country. They both played with Tefft at different times," Louderback said. "When we put them together, Kali plays the ad and Krisik runs the defense." The new doubles pair stayed on campus for part of the summer, as did sophomore Shannon Mathews and junior Kristen Rafacl. The new doubles pair stayed on campus for part of the summer, as did sophomore Shannon Mathews and junior Kristen Rafacl. "They did conditioning and some strength work in the weight room," Louderback said of the four. "We were able to work on the court some too." The limited summer work has Frilling confident she can help lead the team to the same heights Tefft led the team to last season. "I want our team to do as well as we did last year. If not better," Frilling said. "I would like the team to make the NCAA semifinals again, if not further." Joining Frilling in individual rankings, Shannon Mathews is ranked No. 94 in preseason and Cosmina Ciobanu skirted into the rankings at No. 125. The doubles duo of senior Kristen Rafael and incoming freshman Christine Maggflagen are ranked No. 38. The team is very experienced and has all the tools that they need to win a national championship this year," Tefft said of her former teammate.

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**Men’s Golf**

U.S. Amateur experience benefits Zhang, Santos-Ocampo

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Out of the 300 qualifiers for the U.S. Amateur Championships this summer, two are on the Notre Dame golf team. Senior Carl Santos-Ocampo qualified for the August tournament for the second consecutive year and junior Dustin Zhang advanced to the final round of match-play, as he did last year, but he missed the cut-off mark by two strokes. In order to qualify for the round of 300 this year he took second in his regional on a course he knows well.

"I definitely had a huge advantage (playing on my home course in Florida)," Santos-Ocampo said. "I was comfortable with all the shots I was hitting, and I could make confident swings."

A two-day score of 141 earned the Florida native one of three spots to the Championships, even though Santos-Ocampo was not convinced he had qualified after his rounds.

"I didn’t feel like I played well," he said. "I knew I had played solid, and apparently that was good enough to qualify." Zhang took a different route to qualifying than his teammate. Did, playing on a course outside of Chicago he had never laid eyes on before.

Zhang tallied a two-day score of 136, which placed him one stroke ahead of a tie for third place. Zhang would have found himself in a sudden death playoff if his score had been one stroke higher.

The two teammates competed against each other and the rest of the field at the U.S. Amateur Championships in Oklahoma the last week of August. Irish coach Jim Kubinski went down to watch their rounds.

"It was a great thrill to spend so much time on the practice grounds with those guys and then see them on the national stage against the best players," Kubinski said. "By playing on the national stage against players from across the country, Santos-Ocampo and Zhang gained experience not many have.

"When you play 300 of the best players in the world, you cannot help but learn some things, adjust your game and see Amateurs/page 22.

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**ND Women’s Soccer**

Sophomore scorer

Henderson leads ND offense in second year

By ALEX BARKER  
Sports Writer

When an underclassman finishes second on the team in goals scored and total points, most would consider that a great season. But when you consider the fact that just three goals made up the difference between Melissa Henderson, a freshman at the time, and four-time All-American and two-time Hermann Trophy winner Kerri Hanks, the achievement becomes downright incredible.

"I think (Henderson’s freshman season) ranked right up there with the likes of Kerri Hanks and some of our other all-time great scorers," Irish head coach Randy Waldrum said.

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