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'A sense of freedom'

Sophomore bikes across country, raises \$4,500 for home-rebuilding service project created by Notre Dame graduate



Photo courtesy of Aaron Patzwahl

All of the riders on the Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure participate in the customary "dipping of the tires." They dipped their rear tires in the Pacific Ocean and their front tires in the Atlantic Ocean to complete their cross-country journey. The group averaged 70 miles a day.

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

When sophomore Aaron Patzwahl decided to spend his summer after high school biking 3,300 miles across the country, he knew it would be a challenge.

Cycling through California deserts and the Rocky Mountains was, at times, painful. Often, the temperature surpassed 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

But Patzwahl had the opportunity to "see the country from the ground level," and he raised about \$4,500 in the process.

Before coming to Notre Dame in the summer of 2008, Patzwahl participated in the Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure, a service project started by Ryan Iafigliola, a 2007 Notre Dame graduate, to benefit housing projects of the Fuller Center for Housing.

The Fuller Center is a non-profit organization based in

Georgia that constructs housing in poverty-stricken areas.

"We averaged about 70 miles a day," Patzwahl said of the trip, which began in San Diego, Calif. and ended in Savannah, Ga. "It was great experiencing the scenery, but meeting all different people across the country was the most amazing and enlightening part of the trip."

Patzwahl and Iafigliola were among eight riders that participated in the complete inaugural bike trip. This summer,

Iafigliola will organize the third annual excursion, and he said he hopes to raise about \$250,000. The last two trips garnered about \$200,000 collectively, he said.

"The experience is something you'll never forget. There's kind of a sense of freedom in being on the road every day, riding at your own pace and meeting all kinds of interesting people," Iafigliola said.

During the 2008 trip, the group hit about 11 states and stayed at various churches and

community centers along the way.

At Notre Dame, Iafigliola was president of Habitat for Humanity on campus. He became acquainted with Millard Fuller, founder of both Habitat for Humanity and the Fuller Center.

After graduation, he pursued a post-graduate service opportunity with the Fuller Center, and now works on staff. As part of his service, he organ-

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Gino's East Pizza hits Mishawaka

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

Pizza lovers have never been at a loss for options in South Bend as far as quality and tradition are concerned — from the family favorite Rocco's to the long-standing classic Barnaby's to the student-loved Bruno's.

But now there's a new player in the mix.

Chicago deep-dish pizza landmark Gino's East has a new Mishawaka location, which is quickly gaining an esteemed reputation with the Notre Dame community.

"Mike Brey comes in here about once a week," Manette Tepe, Gino's East part-owner and a '93 Notre Dame architecture graduate, said.

The restaurant also catered more than 100 cheese, pepper-

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KATIE PERALTA/The Observer

Gino's East in Mishawaka is decorated with Notre Dame and pizza-themed memorabilia.

Students search for abroad beyond OIS

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Many Notre Dame students recently received acceptance letters into study abroad programs and have made plans to leave campus next academic year. However, several students are currently exploring alternative study abroad options.

"When students who didn't get accepted into a semester-long program come to talk to us about their options, one of the first things we recommend is studying abroad in the summer through the University," Assistant Director of the Office of International Studies (OIS) Liz LaFortune said.

Summer programs offered through OIS involve six weeks of

study and require students to earn six to eight credits during their time abroad. While locations for summer study include some overlapping cities with the semester-long programs,

LaFortune said summer study also has certain advantages for students that are not offered the semester-long OIS programs.

"Summer study programs offer unique opportunities and unique locations," she said. "Students can study in South Africa and attend English-language programs in Paris and Rome."

LaFortune said the applicant pool to the summer programs is varied, but a lot of people who were not accepted or were wait-listed in the academic year pro-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Nothing beats the '90s

At the end of last year one of the big questions was what defined the last decade. What were the movies, songs, biggest people and events of the 2000's?

And it made me think back even farther — what defined our childhood in the '90s?

Thinking back, it made me realize the '90s are easily the greatest decade we will ever see. We were lucky to grow up during a golden generation of entertainment and culture, the likes of which we will never see again.

Turn on the TV now and compare it to what we used it have. Between "Legends of the Hidden Temple," "Double Dare," "Guts" (I still want a piece of the Aggro Crag) and countless other shows, '90s Nickelodeon will never be surpassed. Power Rangers was fantastic, and how much would you pay for the old MTV? "Say What Karaoke" and "TRL" made any afternoon entertaining for at least two hours.

Even education was back then. The Magic School Bus went anywhere and Oregon Trail still stands the test of time as one of the greatest computer games I've ever played.

No movies of the last decade came close to equaling those of the '90s. If I could only watch five movies for the rest of my life, I guarantee every single one would come from that decade.

Pick any of this list and you have an all-time classic in every category: "Billy Madison," "Pulp Fiction," "Fight Club," "Forrest Gump," "Saving Private Ryan," "The Lion King," "Independence Day," "Space Jam" (you heard me), "Jurassic Park" and "Shawshank Redemption." You cannot compete with those, and I know I left out plenty of great options.

Maybe the easiest place to find 90's greatness in the music. It doesn't matter what genre you're into, there was something for everyone.

Rap emerged and evolved, with Jay-Z at his best (Reasonable Doubt), 2Pac and Biggie alive and Dr. Dre and Snoop taking over the West Coast (how did they make songs before auto-tune?).

Green Day was actually good, Blink-182 was formed and Third Eye Blind and Counting Crows songs are still played everywhere. We know every all the words to way too many 90s songs, from classics like "Closing Time" and "Champagne Supernova" to Backstreet Boys and Britney songs we belt out after drinking.

All in all, I feel bad for future generations. They'll have their own nostalgic memories, but there's no way Hannah Montana compares to "Saved By The Bell," and the Power Rangers would own Dora the Explorer.

Maybe most depressingly, they'll never know Will Smith had a music career.

So next time you're tired of T-Pain and terrible reality shows (Jersey Shore excluded), turn up some "Bittersweet Symphony", turn on The Sixth Sense and think about how good we had it.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Michael Bryan at mbryan@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

In the Feb. 15 edition, the wrap of the 163-pound preliminary Bengal Bout between Steven Brownell and Caleb Laux was incorrect. Laux defeated Brownell after the referee called the fight in the second round. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU DO TO DEAL WITH THIS SOUTH BEND WEATHER?



Alicia Danto
sophomore
Howard

"I bundle up and stay in the dorm."



John Tchoula
junior
off campus

"I sit at home, bake cookies, and watch 'The Little Mermaid.'"



Carl Brophy
sophomore
St. Edward's

"I find John."



Andy Hills
sophomore
Carroll

"A sweatshirt. I don't think it's that cold."



Andrew Ea
junior
O'Neill

"I throw snowballs at the geese."



Linh Hoang
junior
Welsh Family

"I stand next to the heater in South Dining Hall."



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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish baseball coach Dave Schrage and football coach Brian Kelly talk during the Baseball Opening Dinner Tuesday night.

IN BRIEF

Mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday will be held in the Basilica at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. today.

A lecture, "Immigration Reform: A Multifaceted Proposal to a Multifaceted Problem," will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today in Room 210-214 in McKenna Hall.

A colloquium, "Biomolecules under pressure: Why it matters," will take place from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in 118 Nieuwland Science.

Mike Valente, the recipient of the 2009 Nicholas Sparks Prize, will give a reading from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the bookstore.

The second annual student health fair, "How the Health Are You?" will be Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center. Free health screenings, assessments and self-care activities will be offered to students. Free massages and food samples will also be available in addition to free raffles for prizes.

A lecture, "Blockading the Border and Human Rights," will be Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Room 210-214 in McKenna Hall. The lecture will be preceded by a reception, beginning at 4 p.m. and followed by a book signing at 5:30 p.m.

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

OFFBEAT

Dog hitchhikes 1,200 miles to reunite with owner

NEW ORLEANS — The dogs in New Orleans' Carnival pet parade included a pooch that hitched a ride 1,200 miles from Taos, New Mexico, to the city where his 26-year-old master had hitchhiked weeks earlier. Stephan Soleas came to New Orleans for a few weeks of visits and music. He said his 6-year-old Labrador mix, Charlie, went missing days after he left.

Charlie was found by a couple vacationing in Taos. The couple saw a

collarless dog and tried to find its owner, but the veterinarian didn't have a microchip scanner.

The couple gave up their airline tickets, rented a car and made the 3-day drive back to New Orleans with the dog. Incidentally, they also named the dog Charlie.

Soleas and Charlie were reunited 10 days later — Feb. 5 — when Magazine Street Animal Clinic co-owner Teresa Gernon checked a microchip in the white dog's neck. Two days later, they were in the Krewe of Barkus pet parade.

Police: Robin Hood charged with identity theft

DENVER — This Robin Hood is accused of stealing — and not to give to the poor. Authorities said a 34-year-old named Robin Joshua Hood found someone's wallet in downtown Denver and apparently began using the man's name in a ploy to avoid being caught on a warrant. Hood told investigators he was being investigated for drug charges.

Hood was charged Friday with identity theft and impersonation.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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Student to begin tent, tarp collection for Haiti

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

As a Boy Scout, freshman Matthew Kudija was taught to give back to others. Now that he's older, Kudija is using what he learned to make a difference internationally by collecting tents for Haiti.

"It has the potential to really provide some much-needed assistance to the people of Haiti," Kudija said. "In the period between the immediate relief and the more permanent rebuilding, they need shelter."

Kudija hopes to begin collecting tents and tarps as early as next week, after he gains approval from Student Activities.

Kudija decided to start the collection after reading a news article in which Haiti Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive requested shelter for his country.

"[The article] highlighted the need for tents and the Prime Minister specifically requested donations from the world for tents to help shelter the people there," Kudija said.

Kudija said his background in the Boy Scouts is what led him to this decision.

"I'm a Boy Scout, so my first reaction was that the [Boy Scouts of America] has access to a lot of tents and could get them there easily and that Notre Dame's connections in Haiti could help get them there quickly," Kudija said. "Today, they're asking for tarps now. When we start collecting we'll ask for both."

Kudija is working with Circle K, a social service club on campus, and the Student Alumni Association, but he said he is still waiting for Student Activities Office approval.

"I talked to Risk Management

and they said they're fine with the whole plan," Kudija said. "It still needs to be approved officially through Student Activities. When that gets actually approved, we can start collecting on campus."

"We're trying to get more students involved with the project now that we're at the point where we can start doing stuff," Kudija said. "It will be helpful to have more people involved with the actual collecting."

Kudija is working with several local Boy Scout troops to begin collecting.

"I'm working with the Boy Scout district in the South Bend area to collect tents in their units," Kudija said. "There's a facility just south of campus that we may be using to store tents in."

Kudija said if his tent and tarp collection is successful on a campus and local level, he would like to see the drive go national through the Boy Scouts of America network.

"There are two aspects that I'm working on — the local South Bend area and the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America to work on a wide-scale effort," Kudija said.

Kudija said the biggest challenge is finding transportation for the tents and tarps to and from Haiti.

"I know there's a lot of guys here that are former or current members of the Boy Scouts of America, and they could contact their local units back home could help move stuff on the national scale," he said.

Those who wish to donate tents, time or transportation can contact Kudija at mkudija@nd.edu. Monetary donations are not currently accepted.

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Saint Mary's professor gives poetry reading

By CAROLYNN SMITH
News Writer

Sr. Eva Mary Hooker spoke on wilderness — its beauty, splendor and power — at a poetry reading called "Notes on Survival in the Wilderness," Tuesday at Saint Mary's College.

Hooker has previously given poetry readings in college and university settings, as well as with other poets and writers.

The inspiration for her poems came as a joke, from an actual wilderness survival book. The titles of her poems relate to the chapter titles from that book.

"This is a sequence of poems that explore wilderness, its beauty and natural power," Hooker said.

Hooker read with ease in a soft but intense voice and captured the audience's attention as soon as she began reciting her first poem.

She later recited a poem titled, "To Stay Found."

"To stay found, you must know where you are," Hooker said.

As she moved through her poems, at times she was able to relate her words to the people of Haiti and their continuing needs.

When asked by a student if she brings her femininity into her writing, Hooker said she brings her femininity into her work more

than in the past.

"Now I feel my understanding as a woman is so fully integrated that I can't leave that out," Hooker said.

There was much appreciation and thanks from the audience not only for the poems, but also for her enthusiasm and strength while reading.

"The way you read your poetry reveals how a poet works," Dr. Kathleen Dolphin, director of the Center for Spirituality, said to Hooker at the end of her reading.

Hooker has taught English Literature for more than 25 years and has been teaching at Saint Mary's College for four years. Some of the courses she has taught include first year English courses, contemporary poetry and a poetry writing seminar.

Her poems have appeared in a number of publications including The Harvard Review, The Massachusetts Review, Shenandoah (The Washington and Lee University Review) and the Vermont Literary Review. Her book, "Notes for Survival in the Wilderness," was a finalist for the Center for Book Arts Award. Another book, "The Winter Keeper," was a finalist for the Minnesota Book Award in poetry.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Council reviews improvements, approves final Web site

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

At the Council of Representatives (COR) meeting Tuesday night, members reviewed improvements made to the new Web site, rent.nd.edu, and unanimously approved the final version.

At the last meeting of COR, many members raised objections to the version of rent.nd.edu that was proposed to them. The Web site, which student body president Grant Schmidt said would be a resource for students to review off-campus housing options, has been modified to be more accessible and user-friendly based on the suggestions from members of COR.

"Two major issues about rent.nd.edu that were raised in the last meeting have been fixed," Schmidt said.

One of the biggest debates was over who would control or monitor the subjective information that can be posted to the Web site by students. Schmidt said a "Correct This Information" box was added to every listing where visitors to the site can post corrections to information that they feel is incorrect about specific properties.

"The information that visitors post in this box will be sent to the administrator as well as to the individual who created that listing," Schmidt said.

Sophomore Joey Rich, the creator of rent.nd.edu, will continue to be the administrator of the Web

site for the next few years and he will be the one responsible for monitoring the site.

"After Joey decides that he doesn't want to be involved in the Web site anymore, it will be up to student government to decide if they want to continue with this resource or not," Schmidt said.

The other major issue that was fixed was the display and organization of properties. At the last meeting of COR, many members had expressed concern with the difficulty of rating and reviewing complexes or the individual properties that comprise that complex.

Schmidt said students now have the option of rating a complex as a whole or a specific property within that complex, making the content much easier for students to view.

Since rent.nd.edu was unveiled last week, there have already been more than 1,600 views, despite the fact that student government hasn't advertised the site yet. Schmidt said this fact was very encouraging and thinks that rent.nd.edu has a lot of potential to be successful.

"I really think that this is an awesome resource," he said. "We can also tie this into off-campus safety because now students can be better informed and feel more secure knowing that they're living in a safe area."

Schmidt said Student Government will e-mail off-campus students about the Web site today so that they can start reviewing their properties and complexes on the site.



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

Student Body President Grant Schmidt speaks at Tuesday's Council of Representatives. The Council discussed improvements on rent.nd.edu and voted on the final version of the Web site.

Schmidt then reminded members of COR that they only had six weeks left before the newly elected student government officials begin acting in their new positions. He said the last few weeks would be a good time to address any issues that they felt were important.

Schmidt said he planned to discuss issues involving Food Services, medical amnesty and

personal meetings with hall rectors in the coming weeks with COR. Meetings with the will take place in the next week and will involve two members of student government talking to each rector individually about improving residence life on campus.

"Rectors play such an important role on campus and we want to talk to them about the bettering

their role and bettering residence hall life," Schmidt said.

After talking to rectors, members of student government will then meet with student senators and other dorm residents to gain better insights into potential improvements.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pope meets with Irish bishops

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI told Irish bishops at a special summit meeting Tuesday to be courageous in confronting the pedophile priest scandal that has rocked that Catholic nation's church, but took no action on victims' demands the Vatican take some responsibility.

Specifically, bishops said the pope didn't rule on whether to accept the resignations offered by several bishops for their role in decades of concealment or push for resignations from those resisting calls to step down.

The two-day, closed-door meeting bringing together the pope, top Vatican officials and 24 Irish bishops was called to restore the trust of Irish Catholics shaken by revelations of decades of clergy sex abuse and cover-up.

New findings made in Tut mystery

CAIRO — Egypt's most famous pharaoh, King Tutankhamun, was a frail boy who suffered from a cleft palate and club foot. He died of complications from a broken leg exacerbated by malaria and his parents were most likely brother and sister.

Two years of DNA testing and CT scans on Tut's 3,300-year-old mummy and 15 others are helping end many of the myths surrounding the boy king. While a comparatively minor ruler, he has captivated the public since the 1922 discovery of his tomb, which was filled with a stunning array of jewels and artifacts, including a golden funeral mask.

NATIONAL NEWS

Florida executes 1980s murderer

STARKE, Fla. — Florida has executed 45-year-old Martin Edward Grossman, who was convicted of killing a state wildlife officer during the 1980s.

Governor Charlie Crist's office said Grossman died at 6:17 p.m. on Tuesday at Florida State Prison.

He was convicted of first-degree murder in the death of Margaret "Peggy" Park, a Florida wildlife officer who was shot with her own gun in 1984.

Grossman was the 69th person executed in Florida since the death penalty was reinstated here in 1979. He was the 25th by lethal injection, the fifth executed under Florida Gov. Charlie Crist and the first in 2010.

Park's family traveled from Ohio to witness the execution.

Judge allows hate crime confession

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. — A jury will be permitted to hear testimony that a New York teenager admitted to police moments after the fatal knifing of an Ecuadorean immigrant that he was responsible, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Jeffrey Conroy, 19, is the only one of seven teenagers charged with murder in the November 2008 stabbing of Marcelo Lucero near the Patchogue train station on Long Island. Two other teenagers have pleaded guilty to assault as a hate crime and other charges and have agreed to testify against their co-defendants.

Conroy and four others are awaiting trial; all have pleaded not guilty. Conroy's trial is expected to start sometime in March.

LOCAL NEWS

Former GOP Sen. seeks Bayh's seat

INDIANAPOLIS — Former Republican Sen. Dan Coats' campaign said Tuesday it has more than enough petition signatures to put him on Indiana's May primary ballot as he seeks the Senate seat Democrat Evan Bayh is leaving.

Coats won't have a clear path to his party's nomination, as at least four other Republicans expect to be on the ballot. Meanwhile, no Democrats met Tuesday's deadline to submit the necessary signatures to get on the primary ballot, meaning state party officials will pick a candidate for the November election.

PAKISTAN

CIA captures top Taliban leader

Arrest of radical group's second in command deals major blow to organization

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — The capture of the Afghan Taliban's No. 2 commander by a joint CIA and Pakistani team dealt a fresh blow to insurgents under heavy U.S. attack and raised hopes that Pakistani security forces are ready to deny Afghan militant leaders a safe haven.

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar's arrest in the Pakistani port city of Karachi may also push other insurgent leaders thought to be sheltering on this side of the border toward talks with the Afghan government — a development increasingly seen as key to ending the eight-year war.

Baradar, in his late 40s, was the second in command behind Taliban founder Mullah Mohammad Omar and was said to be in charge of the day-to-day running of the organization's leadership council, which is believed based in Pakistan. He was a founding member of the Taliban and is the most important figure of the hardline Islamist movement to be arrested in the war.

Baradar, who also functioned as the link between Mullah Omar and field commanders, has been in detention for more than 10 days and was talking to interrogators, two Pakistani intelligence officials said Tuesday. One said several other suspects were also captured in the raid. He said Baradar had provided "useful information" to them and that Pakistan had shared it with their U.S. counterparts. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

The White House declined to confirm Baradar's capture. Spokesman Robert Gibbs told reporters the fight against extremists involves sensitive intelligence matters and he believes it's best to collect that information without talking about it.



AP

Soldiers of Pakistan's paramilitary force search incoming Afghan nationals at Pakistani border Chaman along Afghanistan Tuesday.

President Barack Obama's administration has vowed to kill or seize Taliban and al-Qaida leaders in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The arrest comes as relentless CIA missile strikes against militant targets in the border tribal region have killed several commanders.

Obama has ordered 30,000 extra troops to southern Afghanistan. On Saturday, thousands of them began a major attack on the town of Marjah in the southern province of Helmand, one of the regions that Baradar is believed to control.

Former members of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and security experts said the arrest would hurt the Taliban but

was far from a decisive blow. They said Baradar would likely be quickly replaced and that local commanders had a lot of autonomy from the leaders based in Pakistan.

Nevertheless, the capture is likely to cause short-term disruption, since Baradar was the day-to-day commander of the Taliban and his successor would not have the same prestige.

"It's a great tactical success that the coalition forces should be pleased with, but by no means is it the beginning of the end," said Will Hartley, an analyst at Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Center in London. "This will have a noted effect on the short-term ability of the Taliban to operate the way it was. However, it has

proved itself a resilient organization."

Pentagon spokesman Col. Dave Lapan said he could neither confirm nor deny that Baradar was captured but said the removal of any senior leader would have "an immediate impact to their operations."

"But we've seen, too, that they then push successors into their place... How long it takes them to sort of reconstitute depends on the situation."

Afghan analysts in the U.S. said they were closely watching for a stepped-up U.S. effort to capture or kill Jalaluddin Haqqani and his son Sirajuddin, the brutal leaders of the Taliban arm that operates in eastern Afghanistan from bases in northwestern Pakistan.

Obama announces loan for nuclear plant

Associated Press

LANHAM, Md. — Promising "this is only the beginning," President Barack Obama announced more than \$8 billion in federal loan guarantees Tuesday for the construction of the first nuclear power plant in the United States in nearly three decades.

Obama cast his move as both economically essential and politically attractive as he sought to put more charge into his broad energy agenda. Obama called for comprehensive energy legislation that assigns a cost to the carbon pollution of fossil fuels, giving utility companies more incen-

tive to turn to cleaner nuclear fuel.

"On an issue that affects our economy, our security, and the future of our planet, we can't continue to be mired in the same old stale debates between left and right, between environmentalists and entrepreneurs," Obama said in a stop at a job training center outside Washington. "Our competitors are racing to create jobs and command growing energy industries. And nuclear energy is no exception."

Rising costs, safety issues and opposition from environmentalists have kept utility companies from building new nuclear power plants since the early 1980s

Obama has been arguing that the country must develop cleaner energy technologies and modernize the means by which it powers itself. At the same time, he has said that policymakers must not conclude they have to choose between a cleaner environment and sufficient energy supplies to meet demand.

Obama's budget proposal for 2011 would add \$36 billion in new federal loan guarantees to \$18.5 billion already budgeted but not spent — for a total of \$54.5 billion. The new \$8.3 billion in federal loan guarantees will go toward the construction and operation of a pair of reactors in Burke County, Ga., by Southern Co.

Abroad

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grams apply for summer.

“We make the summer program deadline two weeks after the academic year decision letters are sent out for that purpose, so students who weren’t accepted have another option,” LaFortune said.

Sophomore Dave Skorup said he decided to apply to the Summer London 2010 program after he found out he had been wait-listed for next spring.

“I knew I wanted to go abroad at some point and so when I got wait-listed I thought that the summer session could be fun,” he said.

Skorup said after he looked further into the summer program, he realized that it would be to his personal advantage to go abroad in the summer.

“There are classes I can take in the summer program that make it easier to qualify for an International Business certificate,” he said. “I really wanted to go abroad in the spring, but also didn’t really want to be away from campus for an entire semester so this worked out.”

LaFortune said many students research other study abroad options outside of those offered by OIS.

“If an OIS program doesn’t fit a student’s interests or academics we often encourage them to look at other ways of going abroad,” she said. “We often connect them with the Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement and we suggest talking to their deans about studying abroad through their major or college.”

Sophomore Allie Hamman, an engineering major, was accepted into the Dublin program for Fall 2010, but had to turn it down due to conflicts with her classes and credits.

She has elected to study in

Alcoy, Spain, this summer through the College of Engineering, which also offers a summer program in London for around 40 Engineering students.

“It’s really hard for engineering majors to go abroad for an entire semester,” she said. “The College of Engineering programs allow us to take classes abroad that will count for engineering elective credit.”

Hamman said she would prefer to go abroad for an entire semester through OIS, but that the summer program through her college works better with her schedule.

“It’s not a bad option by any means and I don’t have to worry about being overloaded my senior year,” she said.

Students looking for an alternative study abroad experience can also apply for international internships and fellowships in the developing world through the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

“Students that participate in these programs are often interested in going to countries that aren’t offered through OIS,” Assistant Director of the Kellogg Institute Holly Rivers said.

The Kellogg Institute funds students’ efforts in programs such as Experiencing the World Fellowships, which give students more independence in places like Africa, Asia and Latin America.

“In the Kellogg programs students are often traveling with only two or three other students so they are forced to integrate into the country and culture,” Rivers said.

No matter how it is accomplished, LaFortune said she hopes that students find some means of studying abroad.

“To visit, study or research in a foreign country is a great opportunity that all students should try and take advantage of,” LaFortune said.

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Pizza

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oni and sausages pizzas to the football team after home games during their entire season.

“They ordered 140 small pizzas [for the first game],” Tepe said. “The next game came and another restaurant was supposed to be there, but someone from the athletic department got wind and call us on Thursday and said ‘Hey, will you guys do this?’ because they really wanted the pizza.”

The football team was one of Gino’s first loyal customers after its September opening.

Tepe said Gino’s currently offers a 10 percent discount to students with valid school identification cards and is working on a delivery program to the University, making the pizza more accessible to students without cars.

Gino’s is located in Heritage Square shopping center in Mishawaka, roughly five miles north of campus.

The location of Gino’s East was originally to be an Irish pub called Molly Brannigan’s, Tepe said. But the pub’s contractor pulled out and Tepe, senior vice president of development at Holladay Properties,

was left with an open space.

Tepe assessed the premises with operator Larry Briski, who suggested the idea of turning the space into Gino’s East.

“I knew Gino’s East ... I had been going there since high school,” Tepe said. “So I jumped all over it.”

Tepe said the push to open a location in the area was a difficult one and required a great deal of persuasion.

“Selling the corporate people was hard,” she said “They did not think South Bend was a market they wanted to go to at all.”

Tepe said Gino’s corporate gave a number of reasons for not wanting a South Bend location.

“It’s not a suburb of Chicago, there’s not enough people ... They had like every negative you could think of,” she said. “But people [in South Bend] already knew about [Gino’s]. We didn’t even advertise when we opened.”

Senior Mary Kusek, who recently visited Gino’s, said with South Bend’s other renowned pizzerias, the opening of a new one seemed difficult.

“Trying to establish a pizza restaurant in South Bend is difficult because of Rocco’s and its history with Notre Dame people,” Kusek said. “This is dif-

ferent because it’s deep-dish and they offer something totally different.”

The Mishawaka location stands out from other Gino Easts as well, she said, because of its unique décor. Other locations, like the original on Superior Street in Chicago, offer interiors with walls on which customers can write with chalk. The interior of the Mishawaka location features Notre Dame and American classic images with pizza themes, like former Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn throwing a deep-dish pizza instead of a football.

Tepe also decorated the bathroom interiors with images from Rome, such as some specific to the architecture program. For example, he framed a photo of Hotel Lunetta, where architecture students stay while studying in Rome.

“It’s kind of like a fun little Rome throwback,” she said.

Tepe said he hopes the pizzeria will become an attractive place to the entire community and hopes that with student discounts and campus catering events, Gino’s will become as big of a fixture in South Bend as its other Italian favorites.

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Bicycle

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ized the cycling trip across America.

“I was trying to figure out how I could contribute to the Center right out of college,” Iafigliola said. “And I thought of a bike ride to raise money.”

Iafigliola said riders can raise money for a cause of their choice, and along the route, the group stopped at Fuller Center sites to help build houses.

For Patzwahl, one of the most meaningful experiences of the trip was helping to rebuild the small town of Greensburg, Kan., after it had been ravaged by a tornado the previous summer.

“They had been hit by a really bad tornado the summer before, and when we got there, the entire town was demolished,” he said. “We took an extra day off from riding to stay and build for another day.”

Although the group was cycling to serve others, Patzwahl said it often worked the other way around.

“We would meet people in the towns, and oftentimes, they would cook you a meal or do something really nice. The hospitality was amazing,” Patzwahl said. “We were trying to be of service and promote our organization, but usually you would receive more than could give to these people.”

A native of Fort Myers, Fla., Patzwahl said the trip was an education.

“We stayed in towns ranging from as large as Albuquerque to this little town in New Mexico, where there was one stoplight if that. No one had cell phone reception the entire time,” he said. “I realized how much cultural diversity there is in America.”

The trip was physically taxing as well, Patzwahl said, and presented some logistical challenges. At one point, the road they were taking just ended, with no indication on the map as to how to get back on track.

But he said anyone can do the trip with some training.

“Riding in the Rocky Mountains was difficult,” he said. “But it was the most beautiful part of the trip without a doubt.”


Iafigliola said one of the best parts of biking across America is simply meeting people from different parts of the country.

“When you’re out there, not visiting tourist sites, but going through country, you meet ordinary people and see the way they’re living,” he said.

This year’s ride begins June 18 and concludes Aug. 8, starting in Niagara Falls and ending in New Orleans. Bikers can participate for the entire ride or for a segment of the course.

“Cycling is fun, but the trip is about so much more than cycling,” Iafigliola said. “Being a part of this ministry is really something special.”

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Navy Reserve Officer Opportunities for Grad Students

Currently the Navy Reserve is seeking qualified graduate students for positions including Civil Engineering Officer and Engineering Duty Officer.

If you are a US citizen, physically fit, and possess a strong academic background you may be eligible to apply for a commission as an Officer in the Navy Reserves while attending graduate school.

Reserve Officers serve one weekend a month and two weeks a year. The opportunity can often be particularly well-suited for graduate students.

Benefits include monthly pay, health coverage, career-building with training and leadership experience while still attending college, and networking opportunities with other Reserve Officers who work full time in the civilian industry.

If you looking for an opportunity to enhance your resume and obtain valuable experience with additional income while in college, explore the opportunities currently available to become an Officer in the Navy Reserve at www.navyreserve.com.

LT John Zedaker will be on campus during the months of February and March for interviews with interested students. If you would like to set up an interview, email a current resume to john.m.zedaker@navy.mil or call 800-371-7456.

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NASDAQ	2,214.19	+30.66	
NYSE	7,013.35	+138.79	
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STANDARD & POOR'S DEP (SPY)	+1.57	+1.70	109.74
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13-WEEK BILL	-5.56	-0.05	0.09
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IN BRIEF

Google Buzz faces FTC complaint

WASHINGTON — A privacy watchdog group complained to federal regulators on Tuesday about Google's new Buzz social networking service, saying it violates federal consumer protection law.

The Electronic Privacy Information Center filed its complaint with the Federal Trade Commission just days after Google Inc. altered the service to address mounting privacy concerns.

Since launching Google Buzz as part of Gmail a week ago, the search company has come under fire for automatically creating public circles of friends for users based on their most frequent Gmail contacts. Over the weekend, Google altered the service to merely suggest contacts for its users' social networks.

Despite the changes, EPIC argues that privacy violations remain because Google automatically signs up Gmail users for Buzz, rather than waiting for them to do so themselves, or "opt in" for the service. EPIC wants the FTC to require Google to make Buzz a "fully opt-in" service. It also wants the company barred from using Gmail address book contacts to compile social networking lists.

Simon Property bids on competition

LOS ANGELES — Simon Property Group Inc., the nation's largest shopping mall owner, made a \$10 billion hostile bid Tuesday to acquire ailing rival General Growth Properties.

The acquisition would allow General Growth, the No. 2 owner of shopping centers, to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. General Growth filed for bankruptcy last year after buckling under the weight of billions in debt it racked up during a massive expansion effort fueled by cheap credit.

The move is Simon's second attempt at a major acquisition in three months. In December, Simon offered \$700 million in cash and stock to buy more than 60 outlet shopping centers from another competitor, Prime Outlets Acquisition Co. That deal is pending.

Simon is using its comfortable cash cushion and credit lines to take advantage of falling commercial property values, which are off 40 percent from their peak in 2007. And General Growth has some prized centers, including the Glendale Galleria in Southern California and the South Street Seaport in Manhattan.

Dow climbs nearly 170 points

Dollar falls while stocks, oil, gold and other commodities experience sharp spike

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Signs that the economy is indeed strengthening gave investors a surge of optimism and sent stocks sharply higher.

The Dow Jones industrials soared almost 170 points Tuesday on upbeat earnings reports and corporate deals. Investors who have been anxious in recent weeks about economic problems overseas were able to put aside their concerns for the time being. They focused instead on the domestic economy.

The dollar fell as investors felt less of a need to stash their money in safer investments. Oil, gold and other commodities joined stocks as the beneficiaries of the market's renewed confidence. And the stocks of energy and materials producers were among the day's big winners.

European markets also rose following new plans by European Union leaders to push Greece to get its budget under control. European officials gave Greece one month to prove it can cut its deficits. Debt problems in European countries including Greece, Portugal and Spain have been a major factor behind weakness in global stock markets in recent weeks.

A strong earnings report from Barclays, a major European bank, also gave the market some relief. European banks have been slower to recover than their U.S. counterparts, and investors saw the bounceback at Barclays as an encouraging sign.

In the U.S., Kraft Foods Inc. and apparel retailer Abercrombie & Fitch reported earnings that beat expectations, while drugmaker Merck & Co. said profits jumped after the company bought its longtime partner



AP

In this Feb. 4 photo, trader Gregory Rowe, left, and specialist Michael Sollitto, right, react on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Schering-Plough Corp.

Earnings reports over the past month have mostly come in better than expected, but problems in the global economy have overshadowed that good news and pushed the market lower.

"Earnings have been good, but pushed to the back seat," behind Europe's problems, said Alan B. Lancz, president of Alan B. Lancz & Associates in Toledo, Ohio. The strong reports Tuesday "superseded some of these worries."

Meanwhile a bold acquisition move by the nation's largest mall owner raised hopes that businesses are feeling more confident about the economy.

Simon Property Group

has offered to acquire its ailing rival, General Growth Properties, for \$10 billion. General Growth, the No. 2 mall operator, filed for bankruptcy protection last year.

The Dow rose 169.67, or 1.7 percent, to 10,268.81. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 19.36, or 1.8 percent, to 1,094.87, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 30.66, or 1.4 percent, to 2,214.19.

About five stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 4.2 billion shares, down from 4.5 billion Friday.

In other deal news, JPMorgan Chase & Co. said it was buying RBS Sempra Commodities'

global oil, global metals and European power and gas assets in a deal worth about \$1.7 billion. The move nearly doubles JPMorgan's corporate client base for commodities.

Economic reports throughout the holiday-shortened week will also provide insight into the economy. Market were closed Monday for President's Day.

A report on manufacturing in the New York area was stronger than expected. The Empire State manufacturing index rose to 24.91 this month, compared with a forecast of 18, according to economists polled by Thomson Reuters. The index was 15.92 last month.

Obama plans to create deficit commission

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Determined to have a deficit commission with or without Congress' backing, President Barack Obama plans to announce on Thursday that he is establishing a panel similar to — although weaker than — the one lawmakers rejected.

Former White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles and former Republican Senate Whip Alan Simpson would lead the panel, a senior administration official said Tuesday. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the president's executive order creating the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform had not been announced.

The deficit spiked to an extraordi-

nary \$1.4 trillion last year and could top that figure this year as the struggling economy puts a big dent in tax revenues. Even worse from the perspective of economists and deficit hawks, the medium-term deficit picture is for deficits to hit around \$1 trillion a year for the foreseeable future.

Obama and his economic team have said repeatedly that this is not sustainable. He told lawmakers during his State of the Union address that he would go around their vote and appoint a version of a deficit commission.

Obama's version of the commission is a weak substitute for what he really wanted: a panel created by Congress that could force lawmakers to consider unpopular remedies to

reduce the debt, including curbing politically sensitive entitlements like Social Security and Medicare.

As rejected, the bipartisan 18-member panel would have worked for much of the year and, if 14 members agree, report a deficit reduction blueprint after the November elections that would be voted on before the new Congress convenes next year. The 14 would have to include at least half of the panel's Republicans.

That idea crashed in the Senate, defeated by equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans — some of whom initially supported the idea.

Although Obama's commission will lack any requirement for Congress to act on its advice, it will provide some political cover and big-name backing.

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Taking this international

Last weekend, the first gold medal of the winter Olympics was awarded to Swiss ski jumper Simon Ammann. While his ability to propel himself off a ramp 108 meters into the air was incredible, it was his post interview that was particularly telling. In it, he spoke in incredible English to the NBC interviewer, not only giving the normal "it felt great" sort of sentiments, but also metaphors and idioms to describe his



Jason Coleman

Man at Large

delight. I know quite well that Western Europeans in particular have famously gifted tongues, often speaking three or more languages fluently. Some claim this is simply a result of necessity; that European countries simply couldn't live together without its citizens able to communicate across languages. This is in part true; however, there still seems to be a sense of good European citizenship that involves learning another language, if only to accommodate each other more easily. This is something that is certainly lacking in the United States, with many students rarely even taking serious language classes in grade school, middle school or college.

The common argument is that English is the language of the world, should be the language of the world or soon will be the only language worth knowing in the world. So, if we are fluent in English, what else do we need? Globalization has in fact made the world smaller, and has increased the number of English speakers on the planet. However, it is hard to imagine that English will be the only language

worth knowing any time soon. Even with hundreds of years of continental coexistence, the French still speak French, and the Spaniards still speak Spanish. Education in the United States should work harder to imbue the sense of global citizenship that accompanies learning a foreign language.

This seems to be lost on most major universities, our own included. While the school of Arts and Letters and the school of Science require at least intermediate proficiency in one foreign language (which is great), the school of business requires no language courses at all. In fact, it is possible to earn an International Business Certificate upon graduation without ever taking a language course, or even leaving the country at all.

The majority puts forth the argument that English is the language of business, and no other language is needed to be an international businessperson. It may be possible to operate internationally without any language experience, but one will certainly be limited in their effectiveness. If the ultimate purpose of business is to sell a product or service to someone, then one might ask how an American in Beijing plans to sell something to a Chinese business that operates mostly in Chinese. Moreover, even if the actual business is handled in English, it certainly doesn't hurt to demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of culture through language. Just being able to use simple greetings, and talk about the challenge of learning a foreign language with someone who has had a similar experience learning English is good for business relations, and, as a result, good for business.

In addition to making graduates more appealing to potential employers, the simple act of learning a lan-

guage is a different kind of challenge from working finance analyses, or learning how to account for investments on the balance sheet. It is a challenge that cannot be mastered easily or with a long night of cramming. Make no mistake: Mendoza students are top notch at what they do, but in the same way they are rarely asked to produce a well-written essay, they are not challenged linguistically either. Even if students never plan to work outside of the country, the simple challenge of taking a language at a college level is enough to make them think more clearly about the way they use English in both writing and speaking.

Certainly some students would be upset at the prospect of having to take a foreign language. However, it wouldn't be worse than other classes in the business school (read: future issues, behavioral science requirements, etc.) and could potentially open up a whole slew of possibilities for a student that may have never existed. This has been the experience of a number of students I know who were able to turn some language ability into internships and jobs around the world.

Ultimately, business schools across the country teach largely the same topics. If Mendoza is to remain a top-notch business school, it could start by helping to transform its students into not just a business force, but a force ready to take on opportunities not just at home, but all around the world. This would be a competitive edge that would be hard to beat.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let’s talk about justice

Pope John Paul II in “On Human Work” writes “[Unions] are indeed a mouthpiece for the struggle for social justice, for the just rights of working people.” Despite this basic right to organize, Notre Dame has millions of dollars invested in HEI Hotels and Resorts, the seventh largest hotel management company in the US. HEI buys hotel properties and runs them under franchise brand names, such as Hilton and Sheraton, with the intention of selling them again at a profit within eight to 12 years. To cut costs, HEI uses tactics such as increasing workloads, decreasing hours and layoffs. Workers with already physically demanding jobs are being asked to work even harder. A recent study published in the American Journal of Industrial Medicine in 2009 shows that hotel workers had an injury rate 25 percent higher than all service workers, housekeepers having the highest rate of injury. Despite complaints, employees still feel that their voices are not being heard.

This has prompted HEI workers across the country to organize. However, employees have encountered many challenges in this fight. The National Labor Relations Board has issued the following complaints among others against HEI alleging that the company broke labor laws by, “Inform[ing] its employees that it would be futile for them to select a union as

their bargaining representative by implying they would not get a pay raise,” and “Threaten[ing] employees with losing their employment, if they continued to participate in union activity.”

As a Catholic community, we are called to stand for stand for justice. How can we continue to invest millions of dollars in a company whose workers are suffering without being heard? Can we allow workers such as Herman Romero and Santana Alvarez, employees of HEI-owned hotel Sheraton Crystal City in Arlington, Va., to be laid-off after a union drive began only to be rehired months later in positions with lower wages?

After a meeting with Notre Dame’s investment office last spring alerting them to these issues, nothing has changed. We, as a Catholic community standing in love and solidarity with HEI workers, are calling Notre Dame to divest from HEI. Take a stand with us.

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Feb. 16

New spoon location actually costs NDH more money

According to Kevin Eller’s letter, “Spoonng for Solutions,” North Dining Hall moved the spoons so that fewer students would use them, in hopes of saving money on dishwashing. If this is true, whoever made that decision is extremely misguided. While there are certainly many people who will refrain from taking an unnecessary spoon as a result of the relocation, there are an equal number of people who need a spoon but forget to pick one up. A student will sit down to enjoy his meal and realize that he has no spoon with which to eat his soup. The student is forced to double back and get a spoon. This journey will undoubtedly make the student even hungrier, causing

him to consume more food. The cost of preparing this extra food effectively negates any dishwashing savings. When you factor in the number of students who continue to take a superfluous spoon out of spite or who end up with two forks and a knife, I am convinced that the spoon relocation actually increases costs for NDH. I whole-heartedly support Mr. Eller’s plan to move the spoons back where they belong with the forks and and knives.

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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Detained missionaries only victims of justice

In the wake of Haiti’s devastating earthquake, people from all over the world have provided an outpouring of support to the ravaged country.

A contingent of 10 American missionaries, however, is discovering that its intended charitable contribution may have gone too far for the Haitian government’s taste.

Cougar Editorial Board

The Daily Cougar

The group was detained after allegedly attempting to rescue 33 Haitian children by illegally taking them across the border into the Dominican Republic. After the Americans were held in custody for several days, Haitian authorities charged them with kidnapping Jan. 26.

Prosecutors accused the Americans of abducting the children — some of whom told police they had living parents — so they could be sold into child-trafficking rings.

In a speech to members of the press on Feb. 3, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the group’s decision was “unfortunate,” and that the U.S. would not interfere with Haiti’s investigation.

There isn’t much reason to believe the Americans’ actions weren’t on the up and up,

but their intentions in this situation do not make a difference. They broke another country’s laws and deserve to be in jail for doing so.

It’s understandable that people would want to help Haitians in any way possible; with around 200,000 dead and another million or so left homeless, plenty of Haitians could use the assistance. But the missionaries apparently couldn’t figure out a better way to provide aid without breaking the law.

People condemning the U.S. government’s decision to not get directly involved in this case should try to imagine where they would stand if the shoe were on the other foot.

What if it was Haitian missionaries who were in jail for attempting to smuggle American children out of the U.S.?

Haiti has the right to hold the missionaries accountable for their actions.

Laws always need to be followed — especially in a time of crisis.

This column first ran in the Feb.10 edition of The Daily Cougar, the daily newspaper serving The University of Houston.

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Is Fr. John listening?

Recently, the St. Joseph County Council passed an ordinance, or a law, that requires companies to pay their workers at least a “poverty wage.” A poverty wage is to be calculated every year on March 1 and is to be used until the following March 1. For 2010, the poverty wage is \$8.80 per hour. However, along with this law, the ordinance contains a “self- sufficiency wage.” While the ordinance does not require companies to pay their workers a self-sufficiency, or a living wage, this wage is the lowest income one could make without having to receive subsidies (such as food-stamps, etc) of any kind. The St. Joseph County Council determined this wage to be \$12.90 per hour. Interestingly enough, few building service or food service workers at Notre Dame receive a self-sufficiency wage. In fact, most starting workers earn a mere \$9.02 and hour, nearly \$4 an hour under the guideline for a self-sufficiency wage. Is Fr. John listening to every member of the Notre Dame family? And if so, do families let some members wait in line for food stamps while others enjoy a healthy and balanced meal in the comfort of their homes and dorms?

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senior
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Feb. 15

God Save the Swedes

Dear Brendan Keeler,

While reading the Viewpoint I stumbled upon your brief diatribe, “Cloudy with a chance of meatballs” (Feb.15), lamenting certain idiosyncrasies exhibited by North Dining Hall. Though I am neutral towards your statement that the “spoons belong with their brethren,” I was appalled at your bold usage of the terms “Swedish meatballs” and “terrible” in the same sentence. I would venture to say that the Swedish meatballs, which North Dining Hall faithfully produces upwards of six meals a week, are some of the most palate-pleasing staples of said dining establishment. Additionally, the racially charged statement, “why mix Swedish with Italian, keep it pure North?” is an affront to the culturally inclusive environment which Notre Dame painstakingly strives to attain.

Students of Notre Dame, do not be led astray by Mr. Keeler; the Swedish meatballs should be appreciated both for their delectable nature and their contribution to the cultural multiplicity among menu options at North Dining Hall.

God Save the Swedes, and their meatballs.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



*I Am Going to Hold My
Breath and Stamp My Feet
Until*
(500) DAYS OF SUMMER
Gets an Oscar Nod

By DECLAN SULLIVAN
Scene Writer

Ok, so easily the best movie released in the past 12 months was "[500] Days of Summer." Starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zooey Deschanel, this romantic comedy managed to take a genre that is flooded by awful Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Aniston vehicles and turn it into something with a message on the complexities of modern relationships that, at the same time, remained entertaining due to an offbeat sense of humor, a great soundtrack and visually dazzling moments that conveyed the emotions of the characters in a way that words never could.

But that wasn't good enough for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Instead, the Academy gave a nomination to an actress whose most famous role was that of Gracie Hart of "Miss Congeniality" and "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" fame.

"[500] Days" at least deserved a nomination for Best Original Screenplay or Best Actor. That's not to knock the

movies nominated in those categories — they are pretty solid. But the fact that "[500] Days of Summer," a movie that not only completely changed the way an entire genre is perceived — think "Star Wars" to sci-fi and fantasy movies — but also appeals to nearly every person that it is shown to — I'm talking about coasties-to-stoners range of appeal — did not garner even a single nomination makes me nervous about our society in general.

Despite all its praise, "[500] Days" was not the most popular movie of the year — or even close to it. No, instead that recognition goes to a movie that is about two degrees away from furry porn. "Avatar" did look sweet, but its plot was a shallow rip-off of countless other movies — "The Last Samurai" and "Dances with Wolves," to name two — and yet it has NINE Oscar nominations. That's crap. It deserves the technical awards, but Best Picture? No, no it does not. Instead, it is merely taking up a spot that "[500] Days" should be occupying.

I'm not saying "[500] Days" deserves to win Best Picture, or even be nominated for it, but looking at some of the movies up for the award, it is at least

as good or better than half on the list. I mean, "Up" was a good movie, but aside from the first 15 minutes, it's a pretty standard Pixar flick. And I don't think standard flicks should be rewarded with both Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay nods.

The Academy has upset me before, but I have not been so upset with a snub that I wanted the Academy members AND their families to suffer, at least until now. I curse you Academy members. I curse you to another decade of declining ratings for the Oscars. I curse you to increased claims of irrelevancy. I curse you to the level of the Kids Choice Awards. "[500] Days of Summer" deserved the nomination, and you not giving it to them just shows how oblivious you are to the difference between good movies and movies with big budgets and star power. If not giving the nomination seemed like the right move to you, then I don't want to be right.

P.s. If you haven't seen "[500] Days of Summer," you really should. Zooey Deschanel is sooooo hot.

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THE OBSERVER SCENE



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The album cover for Yeasayer's "Odd Blood" looks as if something is missing. It appears that there is a face there, but it looks distorted, like a person being Skyped with horrible service. It's a blur with basically no structure. What a clever choice for album art because that's essentially the way the album feels. There are certainly great tracks, but as a whole it isn't quite assembled and something seems to be missing.

The album begins with "The Children," which simply has no structure other than the keyboard part near the middle and end. It gives off the feeling of suspense, almost saying ... just wait, the album hasn't started yet. It seems like a wasted song, but it's the first one so of course there's still hope for the rest of the album.

The suspense proves to be well worth it, seeing as the first single off the album, "Ambling Alp," follows it up. This track is so great in every way. It may not cause the listener to jump up out of their seat and dance, but it's perfect for just bopping around. The drums are one of the best parts of the song. They drive the melody and have been known to cause many an air drummer to go crazy. The best part of the entire track, however, is the lyrics. They are so inspiring in a very non-pretentious way. "You must stick up for yourself, son. Never mind what anybody else done." It makes so much sense. "It is important to not let everyone just walk all over you," seems to be the message that lead singer Chris Keating is trying to convey, and he has done so in a very hip manner.

That great track is then followed up by "Madder Red," which is almost an '80s-inspired power bal-

lad rearranged for the indie rock listeners of the 2010's. It begins really minimalistically but then builds to a sort of pop melody. It's definitely good, but not great. It seems to serve as a brief interlude between "Ambling Alp" and the following "I Remember."

"I Remember" is one of the best songs on the album simply because it's so straightforward. Amongst all the noise and arguably overly ambitious instrument choices, this track is honest and self-assured. In a lot of ways it's very sweet. Not Jo Bros sweet, but definitely sweet for Yeasayer. It begins with a descending scale that gives off the impression of tumbling. It is a very happy and upbeat fall, however, and that's when it becomes clear that it's falling in love. Cute right? Well someone must have really cast a spell on the lyricist because every word is just dripping with a peaceful bliss. Keating sings, "I remember making out on an airplane, still afraid of flying but with you I'd die today." Gosh, doesn't everyone wish they could find a guy that sweet? It gets even better. He also sings, "You're stuck in my mind all the time." Swoon. It's definitely a love song, but the best part about it is that it's simple and real. Despite all the noise he's talking about situations that most people can relate to and will identify with.

The last truly good song on the album coincidentally follows directly after "I Remember." "O.N.E." is the dancey track that picks up the tempo after its peaceful predecessor. While it is definitely upbeat, the message is a little angrier. The whole point of the song is that this man, whoever he is, is trying to get away from the girl who had him wrapped around her finger. It's almost pushing her away, but then right in the middle of the song it slows down for mere seconds with the

words, "Hold me like a foe, hold me like you used to, control me like you used to." While he is pushing her away he still has her in the back of his mind and at some points still wishes she were there. Then suddenly he mans up and pushes her away again with, "No ... you don't move me anymore, and I'm glad that you don't, 'cause I can't have you anymore." It's a great juxtaposition and it makes the song one of the three standout songs from the album.

Sadly those three are the only three with any real merit, and they all occur within the first five tracks. "Odd Blood" perfectly nails some songs, but others are just jumbled and leave the listener wondering what in the world? While it's not Yeasayer's best album, it does have its redeeming qualities and is definitely worth a listen, if only to hear those three standout tracks.

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'Odd Blood'
Yeasayer

Label: Secretly Canadian Records
Recommended Tracks: "Ambling Alp," "Madder Red," "I Remember," "O.N.E."



By MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL
Scene Writer

It's three days after Valentine's Day. Are you still love drunk, smelling the beautiful roses sent to you by a boyfriend, smiling as you stare at the adorable stuffed bear reading "I Love You Bear-y Much!" across his chest? Or are you still recovering from a chocolate overdose resulting from an attempt to drown the sorrows of your single life with sugar? But no matter your current state of mind or relationship status, it is possible to find happiness with "Love," the newest album from Angles & Airwaves.

The CD is the third album by the alternative rock band started by Blink-182 vocalist Tom DeLonge. It begins with an instrumental piece, "Et Ducit Mundum Per Luce" ("He Leads The World Through Light"). Although it has no words, the song provides an excellent introduction to the album's space-like, almost haunting sound. The guitar and drums steadily increase in intensity, segueing nicely into the rest of the album.

The progressive, space rock feel to the album fits appropriately with the album, which provides the

soundtrack to the band's similarly titled movie. "Love" is scheduled for release in April 2010. According to DeLonge, the movie "centers on an astronaut who is stranded in a space station as the Earth collapses," but in truth the movie seems to be more than that. Through an astronaut stranded on the International Space Station, the movie explores the human need for connection.

After the opening instrumental piece, the album takes off, launching into a number of moving, lyrical songs. One of the best songs of the album is "Hallucinations," the first single, which the band released in October 2009. The song begins with a good percussive beat and rising guitar chords as it asks, "Do you believe in hallucinations, steady dreams, or imaginations?"

Even without knowing the premise of the movie that the song accompanies, it is easy to imagine yourself floating through the cosmos, past brilliantly colored galaxies and nebulae while listening to this song. The rhythm and lyrics combine to make the song a calming one, perfect for de-stressing after a day of tests.

The introductions and conclusions to the songs, though instrumental, are exceptional. Ranging from a few

seconds to a minute, the segments add greatly to the cosmic sound of the album, providing segues from song to song.

Other fantastic tracks from the album are "Young London" and "Shove." "Young London" starts out fast and powerful, with strong percussion. It is a beautifully written and recorded call for its listeners to live for today, saying, "Suit up, boys, let's ride, it's the weekend. Get down, girls, and dance with your best friend."

"Shove" also starts out strong, echoing a similar sentiment. It calls to those in love to really enter into it wholeheartedly, to accept the headfirst fall, for it "can be so bold and so cavalier." It has a rhythmic, almost electronic feel, but it works with the lyrics and in combination with the rest of the album.

The album itself is an excellent one, although the tracks tend to blend

together slightly. Each one has a similar feel, and each deals in some way with the concept or idea of love. However, the tracks themselves stand out from each other in subtle ways. Also, considering the album is almost a movie soundtrack, it works that the songs are alike in sound and theme. Even with the similar sounds, the album is excellent, easy to listen to and appropriate for almost occasion.

"Love" is a free album. It is available for download online on ModLife.

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'Love'
Angles & Airwaves

Recommended Tracks: "Et Ducit Mundum Per Luce," "Hallucinations," "Young London," "Shove."

NBA

Hall of Famer Jordan determined to buy Bobcats

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Michael Jordan has been called the NBA’s greatest player, a supreme competitor and top pitchman.

Jordan soon could have a much different role: team owner.

Charlotte coach Larry Brown said Monday night that Jordan has told him he’s doing all he can to buy majority control of the Bobcats from owner Bob Johnson.

“He said he’s doing his best to put himself in a position to get the team,” Brown said after practice. “He wants it badly.”

Johnson is eager to sell the unprofitable club, and NBA commissioner David Stern said Saturday he expects a deal to be completed within two months.

While Stern has said Jordan owning the team “would be a good thing,” he may have competition. Former Houston Rockets executive George Postolos has made inquiries, and it’s possible if Postolos gets control Jordan would no longer have a role with the team.

Jordan, currently a part owner with the final say on basketball decisions, would have to put an ownership group together and agree with Johnson on a price. Jordan declined comment Monday through a team spokesman.

“I didn’t talk to him about the particulars,” Brown said of his conversation with Jordan last week. “He just told me don’t believe everything you read in the paper and I’m trying my hardest to get this thing done. I’m hope-

ful that at the end of the day Michael will be running the Bobcats.”

Postolos, who once worked as an assistant to Stern in the NBA offices, has been in talks with Johnson for months.

“I am still not talking to media about Charlotte,” Postolos wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Monday.

Jordan currently has a unique role in Charlotte. While he runs the basketball operations, he’s not officially a team employee and rarely attends practices or games. But he was able to lure Brown, a fellow Hall of Famer, to coach the Bobcats and Charlotte (26-25) is in position to make its first play-off appearance this season.

“Anytime I read a possibility that Michael is not going to be involved it impacts my family and me because I came here because of him,” said Brown, in his record ninth NBA head coaching job. “Now after I got here I realized there were a lot of real plusses for being here. But again, I wouldn’t have thought about it and I’ve been thrilled since I’ve gotten here with the arrangement.”

Guard Raymond Felton was even more confident that a deal would be struck to make one of North Carolina’s most popular figures owner of the state’s NBA team.

“From what I’ve been hearing it’s probably going to happen,” Felton said. “So I hope it works out and he gets the team.”

Johnson, the founder of Black Entertainment Television and the first black majority owner of a major professional sports team, also wasn’t talking Monday. He



Charlotte Bobcats managing partner Michael Jordan, left, talks with Bobcats’ guard Stephen Jackson during a game against the Memphis Grizzlies. Jordan hopes to expand his role as the Bobcats owner.

has declined interview requests for months.

What’s clear is Johnson is looking to unload the Bobcats. After paying \$300 million for the expansion franchise that began play in 2004-05, Johnson has lost tens of millions of dollars each season as the Bobcats have struggled to draw fans and find sponsorships.

But after five losing seasons, the Bobcats sit in sixth place ahead of Tuesday’s game against New Jersey.

“(Johnson) wanted the snow in Dallas to freeze the season so that the Bobcats would go

right to the playoffs for the first time,” Stern joked at his news conference Saturday. “So I think they have done a good job of putting a team together.”

Jordan has had a role in that since buying into the team in 2006 and getting control over basketball decisions. After a rocky beginning that included drafting the disappointing Adam Morrison, he’s made several moves that have helped the team, including November’s acquisition of Stephen Jackson from Golden State.

Owning a team outright

would be another milestone for the six-time NBA champion.

“He’s as good a player as we’ve ever had in this sport. He’s a wonderful guy,” Brown said. “I think when the NBA bounced back, Magic (Johnson) and Larry (Bird) and then Michael sustained it. A lot of people owe a lot to him. I don’t think David Stern takes that lightly. I think he admires Michael and realizes what he means to our sport.

“I just think we’ve got to have him involved. ... I just can’t see the NBA without him being involved.”

NFL

Raiders, Janikowski agree to record \$16 million deal

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Sebastian Janikowski and the Oakland Raiders agreed on a \$16 million, four-year deal Tuesday that is the richest contract for a kicker in NFL history, the team said.

Janikowski will be guaranteed \$9 million in the deal, a person familiar with the contract said on condition of anonymity because the team did not announce terms. ESPN first reported the contract Tuesday.

Janikowski was eligible to be

an unrestricted free agent if the Raiders did not sign him to a contract or place the transition or franchise tag on him by Feb. 25. But the team was able to lock him up by giving him the same contract All Pro punter Shane Lechler got a year ago to stay out of free agency.

Janikowski is coming off the best season of his 10-year career. He made 26 of 29 field goals, with his only misses coming from 45, 57 and 66 yards. He made six kicks of at least 50 yards, including a 61-yarder

that was the fourth longest in NFL history.

Janikowski also had 17 touchbacks on 58 kickoffs for the sixth best mark in the league last season.

The Raiders used a first-round pick to draft Janikowski in 2000, making him the first specialist in 21 years to go in the first round. Janikowski did not emerge as the game-changing kicker owner Al Davis hoped for at the time.

He missed 10 field goals as a rookie, and connected on only

76 percent for his first three seasons. But he has been very consistent the past two seasons, making 41 of 44 kicks inside of 50 yards. He became the all-time leading scorer in team history in 2008 and has 1,000 career points.

The Raiders have traditionally done a good job keeping their own free agents. They gave record deals last February to keep Lechler and star cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha and also gave a big deal to keep defensive tackle Tommy Kelly in

2008.

The focus now turns to defensive lineman Richard Seymour. Oakland traded a 2011 first-round pick to New England for Seymour before last season. He had four sacks, but two of the them came in the season opener.

If Oakland cannot sign Seymour to a long-term deal by Feb. 25, the team is expected to use the franchise tag to keep him for next season. Seymour, a five-time Pro Bowler, would be guaranteed \$12,398,000 with a franchise tag.

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Luke: I can eat fifty eggs. Dragline: Nobody can eat fifty eggs. Society Red: You just said he could eat anything. Dragline: Did you ever eat fifty eggs? Luke: Nobody ever eat fifty eggs. Prisoner: Hey, Babalugats. We got a bet here. Dragline: My boy says he can eat fifty eggs, he can eat fifty eggs. Loudmouth Steve: Yeah, but in how long? Luke: A hour.

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2	NOTRE DAME	10-1
3	West Virginia	9-2
4	Georgetown	9-2
5	St. John's	8-4
6	Rutgers	7-4
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NBA



The Portland Trail Blazers acquired veteran center Marcus Camby from the Los Angeles Clippers in exchange for guard Steve Blake and forward Travis Outlaw. Camby is averaging 7.7 points per game this season.

Blazers acquire Camby for Blake, Outlaw

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Portland Trail Blazers are picking up needed help on the interior, acquiring Marcus Camby from the Los Angeles Clippers in exchange for guard Steve Blake and forward Travis Outlaw.

The team announced the trade on Tuesday. ESPN.com and Yahoo! Sports were the first to report the deal, which also includes cash going to the Clippers.

The Blazers are currently in eighth place in the competitive Western Conference despite a litany of injuries. Centers Greg Oden and Joel Przybilla are

both out for the season with injuries. All-Star Brandon Roy hasn't played since Jan. 20 with a hamstring injury.

Camby gives the Blazers instant help in their depleted middle and is a sign that despite their injury problems the Blazers (31-24) want to make a playoff push this season. Along with Oden, Przybilla and Roy, forward Nicolas Batum, guard Rudy Fernandez and Outlaw have all missed significant time with injuries.

In Portland, Camby will team with another veteran in Juwan Howard to solidify the Blazers post. The lanky veteran is a former defensive player of the year

and two-time member of the NBA all-defensive team. In 51 games this season with the Clippers, the 14-year veteran is averaging 7.7 points and 12 rebounds per game.

"We are very excited to bring an experienced big man of Marcus' caliber to the team and we feel he'll help us a great deal down the stretch run," Blazers general manager Kevin Pritchard said. "He's a fierce competitor and has been one of the league's best defensive players for quite some time."

The Blazers were able to part with Blake because of the development of Jerryd Bayless and the presence of Andre Miller. Blake

returned to Portland before the 2008-09 season and was a starter for much of last season. He began this season in the Blazers' starting lineup as well before taking on a reserve role in December. In 51 games, Blake was averaging 7.6 points and 27 minutes per game for the Blazers.

Outlaw has been one of Portland's key reserves during the Blazers' turnaround in recent seasons. He was the longest-tenured Blazers player after being drafted in the first-round of the 2003 draft by Portland.

Outlaw has been limited to just 11 games after breaking his left foot on Nov. 14 at Charlotte. In

IN BRIEF

Pitcher Chien-Ming Wang signs deal with Nationals

NEW YORK — Pitcher Chien-Ming Wang and the Washington Nationals have reached an agreement on a \$2 million, one-year contract, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

The deal includes the chance to earn \$3 million in performance bonuses, the person said Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity because the agreement was not yet final.

Washington planned to announce the deal during a news conference Friday at spring training, the person said.

Wang, a right-hander who turns 30 on March 31, had spent his entire five-year major league career with the Yankees, who allowed him to become a free agent in December when they failed to offer a 2010 contract.

Ex-Oklahoma State coach pleads not guilty to charges

STILLWATER, Okla. — The attorney for former Oklahoma State coach Sean Sutton entered a not guilty plea to four felony drug-related charges Tuesday and said his client is in a treatment center.

The attorney, Trace Morgan, explained the reason for Sutton's absence at the arraignment to Payne County Special Judge Michael Stano, who set an April 5 hearing date. Morgan later declined comment to reporters.

Sutton, 41, was arrested Thursday after agents from the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs said he picked up a shipment of painkillers under another person's name.

Authorities said the package contained about 40 pills, which included the anti-anxiety drug clonazepam and two forms of the stimulant Adderall.

Orioles' Bergesen hurts arm filming team commercial

BALTIMORE — Orioles right-hander Brad Bergesen will be slowed at the start of spring training after hurting his shoulder while filming a promotional spot in December, an injury that caused the team to institute a new policy regarding commercial shoots.

Bergesen strained his right shoulder while performing in a commercial promoting Baltimore's 2010 season. He will see limited action for a week to 10 days after the Orioles pitchers and catchers begin workouts Thursday in Sarasota, Fla.

Bergesen had his rookie season cut short last year after being hit in the shin by a line drive on July 30. The right-hander had not thrown off a mound from August until the commercial shoot, and he hurt himself by throwing at game-speed.

Bouts

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Nicholas Severyn def. Robert Manfreda

Severyn’s technique set him apart in the first round, but the freshman Manfreda showed no indication of his rookie status. While the junior’s ability to dodge punches added to his efforts, Manfreda ended the second round full of energy. In the end, Severyn’s experience helped him last through the final round and take the fight by a split decision.

Gregory Bennett def. David “Mountain Man” Cray

Bennett, a sophomore, and Cray, a junior, both exchanged jabs to the stomach and head throughout the first two rounds. Cray slowly fatigued, and Bennett’s intensity and aggression tilted the fight in his favor.

Bennett’s flurry of jabs in the third round and his quickness on his feet earned him the unanimous decision.

173 pounds

Alex Kissinger def. Jose Aguirre

Kissinger’s desire and talent instantly showed as he used constant jabs to corner the grad student Aguirre. Midway through the second round the senior took complete control, knocking down Aguirre and forcing the referee to stop the fight.

Kevin “The Night Man” Kray def. John Bollman

Kray used his height to his advantage in his defeat of sophomore Bollman, who used a right hook to hang in with the junior.

In the third, Bollman led the offensive movement, largely weakening Kray to the point where Bollman appeared to have an edge. Growing more tired as the final seconds ticked away, Bollman was unable to protect his face, and Kray quickly took advantage of the opportunity with powerful combination punches that led to the judges’ split decision in Kray’s favor.

Michael “Nobody puts Baby in a Corner” Urciouli def. Jake Joe

After a fairly neutral first round, the junior Urciouli came out with a powerful sequence of jabs, landing more punches than his opponent. Despite the freshman Joe’s strong presence in the final round, Urciouli’s aggression gave him the win by unanimous decision.

180 pounds

Mike Doran def. David “Played and it pleased the Lord” Fosselman

An even first round was not enough to satisfy the junior Doran, and it showed when he picked up his pace in the second round, dodging the sophomore Fosselman’s punches to maintain control. Fosselman started the third round aggressively, but Doran came back to take the match by unanimous decision.

Giacomo “Il Capo” Minafra def. Alex “Mac Attack” Macomber

Minafra took an early lead that he kept for the duration of the fight in his defeat of junior Macomber.

Early in the first round, Minafra pinned Macomber against the ropes as Macomber

could not find the opportunity he needed to weaken his relentless opponent.

In the third round, Macomber struggled to find his target, and let his guard down. Minafra reacted by throwing a right shot that pushed Macomber back against the ropes and sent Minafra to the unanimous victory.

Nicholas “It’s-a ME-a” Ponzio def. Preston Bennett

After an even beginning, the senior captain Ponzio ended the first round in control by cornering his freshman opponent. Bennett came back with intensity in the next round, overpowering his older opponent. In the end, Ponzio continued to pressure his challenger and took the win by split decision.

Dominic “Warsaw War Hammer” Golab def. Brian “Half-man, Half hair” O’Connor

The early lead by Golab proved advantageous as he defeated O’Connor in a battle of juniors. Only a few seconds into the first round, Golab had O’Connor against the ropes with a series of hard combination punches.

In the second round, one right hook from O’Connor left Golab dizzy, off target and unbalanced as Golab almost fell to the ground.

The third round was the most definitive as Golab acquired a number of points and threw a series of powerful punches that O’Connor could not protect himself from. Golab won in a split decision from the judges.

189 pounds

Bernardo “Blue” Garcia def. Christopher “Stubs” Sarkis

The junior Garcia began the match in control, but the freshman Sarkis quickly came back, knocking Garcia to the ground to end the round. Garcia came back to begin the next round as strong as he had begun, and took the match by a unanimous decision.

Jim Hasson def. John Zivalich

Hasson, a junior, defeated his freshman opponent with 20 seconds left in the first round. Early in the fight, Hasson rushed Zivalich against the ropes where Zivalich quickly lost his balance and fell to the ground. Hasson aggressively pursued Zivalich with a series of blows, causing the referee to stop the fight before the first bell.

Timothy Wallace def. Patrick “The Paddy” Handy

The junior Wallace came out swinging against the energetic freshman Handy, landing three significant combinations and opening up a number of cuts on Handy’s face to momentarily stop the fight in the first round. Handy regrouped and opened the second round on the offensive, but Wallace retaliated with a strong blow to Handy’s face, causing the referee to end the fight and give Wallace the victory by technical knockout.

William “The Italian Stallion” Straccia def. Adam “The Sultan of Swing” Zaabel

Despite a solid performance in the first round, the sophomore Zaabel was not able to keep his lead going long enough to beat Straccia, a junior.

In the first round, Zaabel threw an early left hook shot that sent Straccia into a corner and shifted momentum in the sophomore’s favor.

From the beginning of the second round, Straccia seemed dazed, but he recovered by

driving Zaabel against the ropes and into a corner.

Zaabel became more offensive in the third round, trying to scrape up a few last points for a potential victory, but a powerful left hook from Straccia proved to be the difference in a split decision.

205 pounds

Pat “Tigers Love Pepper, They Hate Cinnamon” Burns def. Francis “The Tank” Conway

The senior Burns and the sophomore Conway traded blows for the first two rounds, with both fighters displaying strong defensive skills while neither gained a significant advantage. In the third round, Burns landed a number of head shots to the sophomore. When Conway appeared unable to defend himself one minute into the third round, the referee stopped the fight and awarded Burns the victory by technical knockout.

Jason Healy def. Christopher Orenchuk

Healy, a junior, used a defensive approach in the first round to outlast and defeat Orenchuk, a grad student.

Healy defended himself well and waited for Orenchuk to tire from his offensive strategy so he could secure the judges’ votes.

In the second round, Orenchuk bounced back with more energy than before, but Healy remained unfazed by his opponent’s punches.

Healy unleashed his offensive strategy in the third round, displaying more energy than Orenchuk. The judges gave Healy the unanimous victory.

Luke Scullion def. Brian “Caesar” Salat

Scullion’s drastic height advantage proved the difference-maker in a battle of contrasting styles.

Scullion immediately delivered powerful blows to the freshman’s head that made him lose balance and accuracy.

Salat entered the ring a different boxer in the second round, aiming for the grad student Scullion’s body to weaken his opponent’s tendency to keep supplying detrimental punches to Salat’s head and face.

Scullion quickly got dizzy, almost losing his balance numerous times in the third round when Salat forced him against the ropes. Scullion won by split decision.

John “Papi” Tchoula def. Jeff “Devil Dog” Hsu

It only took 50 seconds for Tchoula to defeat grad student Hsu as the referee stopped the fight. Right from the beginning of the fight, Tchoula, a junior, established himself as the dominant boxer in the ring. For a few seconds, Hsu rushed Tchoula against the ropes, but Tchoula’s left hook quickly helped him out of it. Another left hook shot from Tchoula left Hsu unable to recover and the referee called the fight with 25 seconds left in the first round.

Heavyweight Division

Will “At the Edge of Darkness” Burroughs def. Kyle Roque

Burroughs defeated Roque midway through the first round when the referee stopped the contest. In the first few seconds, freshman Roque found himself pinned against the ropes facing the law student, and was not able to pull himself away from Burroughs’ forceful throws. The referee stopped the contest with 45 seconds left in the first round.

David “Dutch” Stedman def. Matthew “Tiny” Tansey

Stedman, a senior, and Tansey looked evenly matched from the beginning of the fight,

but all it took was one powerful throw from Stedman to knock the freshman Tansey to the ground and cause the referee to stop the fight.

Tansey led Stedman around the ring and often had Stedman pinned against the ropes, but Stedman’s powerful combination punches proved detrimental to Tansey’s ability to complete the fight. One extremely powerful hook from Stedman threw Tansey to the ground with four seconds left in the first round.

Kevin “The Long Beach Lumberjack” Crepeau def. Daniel “The Mega-Asian” Chen

Crepeau, a junior, defeated Chen in half the time of a normal fight as the referee deemed the fight over with 45 seconds left in the second round.

Crepeau came into the match with an offensive attitude that became apparent when he easily drove Chen into the ropes a few seconds into the first round. Chen bounced out before receiving any crucial damage and was able to return a few punches, but Crepeau’s quickness and agility in the ring did not allow Chen a shot at weakening him.

The break helped Chen reenergize to get back in the fight, but his inability to protect himself effectively gave Crepeau an opportunity to end the fight early with the same right hook shot Chen saw before. Halfway through the second round, the referee called the fight and Crepeau was named the victor.

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MLB

Cardinals ready for McGwire's coaching debut

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — Mark McGwire's No. 25 jersey is ready for duty again, hanging outside his locker stall in the St. Louis Cardinals' spring training clubhouse.

The most controversial batting instructor in the major leagues was due to arrive in Jupiter late Tuesday and could be on the field as early as Wednesday, the date for pitchers and catchers to report for St. Louis.

Several of his pupils are already here, including second baseman Skip Schumaker, who is among a handful of Cardinals familiar with McGwire's passion for hitting after offseason workouts in California. He's perhaps McGwire's biggest booster on the team, having worked with the slugger he grew up idolizing since 2005.

The leadoff hitter had one complaint: No longer will he have McGwire's undivided attention.

"I'm excited about it," Schumaker said. "I'm not excited I have to share him. He's helped me a whole lot the last couple of years and I'm excited to have him for a full season."

Last month, McGwire ended more than a decade of denials and evasion by admitting that he used steroids and human growth hormone as he became a home run king. Schumaker said teammates will quickly

learn that McGwire, though tarred and feathered by many as a poster boy for performance-enhancing drugs and thus far locked out of the Hall of Fame despite his 583 homers, has plenty to offer.

"He preaches consistency and not to have a roller coaster type of year, and to know your swing," Schumaker said. "He's convinced me I know my swing and he's always been super positive."

As early arrivals to camp dodged boxes during the unpacking process from the move south, no one seemed too concerned that a media circus was coming to Roger Dean Stadium, the Cardinals' spring home. Cardinals spokesman Brian Bartow did not expect a crush of national media for the official camp opening, even if McGwire suiting up appears to be the biggest story at the outset.

"I'm sure there'll be a lot of stuff going on early, but hopefully that'll all move aside," pitcher Kyle Lohse said. "I've heard a lot of good things about him and hopefully everybody will get their work done in peace."

Big Mac's return to baseball comes just over a month after admitting to steroids use during his dramatic power surge in the 1990s, including his then-record 70-homer season in '98. Whether his confession went far enough is an open question.

In January, the Cardinals

were optimistic that McGwire would be able to fully focus on his coaching debut after he submitted to a round of interviews and made two brief appearances in St. Louis. Manager Tony La Russa went beyond optimism, basically warning that McGwire would have plenty on his plate without revisiting his flawed career.

"He has been more forthcoming than anybody yet," La Russa said. "What more else is there to say? This is definitely go forward time."

Bench coach Joe Pettini said simply: "I hope we don't have to put him on display."

Undoubtedly, there will be more questions when the 46-year-old McGwire shows up. His assertion that steroids allowed him to heal from injuries but did not offer a power boost was bothersome to many, with even general manager John Mozeliak weighing in against that notion.

Until the hubbub dies down, the clubhouse and the field will be McGwire's sanctuary. He figures to get a royal reception from players who won't judge him for any misdeeds from the past.

Several pointed out that during McGwire's heyday, pitchers had equal access to steroids.

"I'm happy I wasn't playing in that era so I didn't have to even think about it," said Joe Mather, a candidate for the Cardinals' vacant third base job. "But you can't really go back and judge



Cardinals hitting coach Mark McGwire swings a bat as he works with Cardinals players at Busch Stadium.

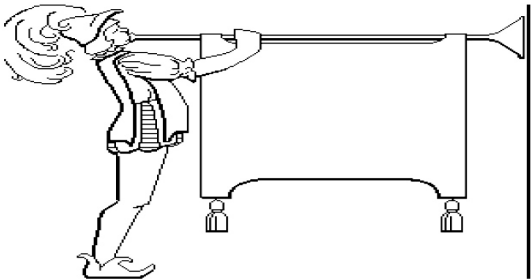
somebody when you were never really there."

Growing up, Mather always wore McGwire's number.

"He was my guy," Mather said. "I'm looking forward to it, that's for sure. All I've heard is good things."

Schumaker has vivid memories of watching Cardinals games during the 1998 season when McGwire broke Roger Maris' single-season home run record during a dramatic race with Sammy Sosa, helping wipe away the lingering memories of the strike that wiped out the 1994 World Series. Looking back, he does not feel cheated.

"It was a great time for baseball and he brought baseball back," Schumaker said. "Nothing is tarnished for me. We have confidence in him, he's our hitting coach and we're excited to work with him."



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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles host Olivet in Senior Night rematch

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's hosts Olivet tonight in the Belles' home finale and Senior Night, a must-win game if the Belles hope to claim third place in the MIAA.

The Comets will try to close out their season on a strong note in what will be their last contest of the year.

Saint Mary's (12-11, 7-7 MIAA) traveled to Olivet (7-17, 6-9) a month ago and came away with a three-point victory that required every bit of the Belles' resolve. Saint Mary's escaped the Cutler Event Center thanks to a 23-4 second-half run. The Comets pushed the Belles to the brink in their last meeting, and Belles coach Jennifer Henley said she expects nothing less this time around.

"Our game with Olivet will certainly be a challenge," Henley said. "They have great team speed and really work their inside-outside game."

Henley said she wants the Belles to focus on playing airtight team defense, which begins with neutralizing Olivet's low-post tandem of sophomore center Olivia Yarrell (11.3 points, 6.5 rebounds per game) and senior forward Gabrielle Federau (6.5 points, eight rebounds per game). The

Comets are apt to look for kick-out passes that set up 3-point attempts by their guards, especially sharpshooting junior Stephanie Stephar.

"Our guards have to contest their outside shooters and not give up the open 3," Henley said. "As a team, we need to stop putting teams at the foul line."

Saint Mary's will depend on senior forward Anna Kammrath and sophomore forward Kelley Murphy to shut down Olivet's inside presence, while junior guard Liz Wade and sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney will be tasked with defending the Comet backcourt.

Kammrath will also be honored tonight as the team's lone senior. A team captain, Kammrath has been a consistently strong performer for the Belles this year. Henley said she will be sad to see her go.

"I am very proud of the player she has become both on and off the court. These four years have gone by way too fast," Henley said. "She certainly is leaving her mark, not only on this team, but this program."

Saint Mary's closes out its home schedule tonight against Olivet at 7:30 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility.

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NBA

Thunder defeat Mavericks

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Caron Butler was hitting shots, Brendan Haywood was making a difference inside and the new-look Dallas Mavericks were rolling along.

Then, the Oklahoma City Thunder roared back with an offensive flurry and their stingy defense to run away with a seventh straight victory.

Kevin Durant had 25 points and 14 rebounds, rookie reserve James Harden added 17 points and Oklahoma City spoiled the debut of Dallas' three new players in a 99-86 win Tuesday night. The surprising Thunder moved within a half-game of the scuffling Mavericks for fourth place in the Western Conference.

"We're on a nice streak right now, but they're a humble group," coach Scott Brooks

said. "They're looking forward to challenging each other tomorrow."

Butler scored 13 points and helped Dallas build an early 12-point lead after coming over in a weekend trade from Washington, but he finished 4 for 16 from the field and Oklahoma City charged ahead in the second half.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 24 points, Jason Terry had 14 points and Jason Kidd had 12 assists for the Mavericks, who shot a season-low 32 percent.

Starting center Erick Dampier had 13 rebounds but headed to the locker room with 2:54 remaining with an open dislocation of the middle finger on his right hand. He was expected to remain in Oklahoma City and have it surgically repaired before rejoining the Mavericks. The team gave no immediate timetable

for his return.

"It was frustrating," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "I'm not going to make excuses about the trade. Right now, I'm just concerned about Damp's situation."

The Thunder raged into the lead with a 40-point second quarter — their highest scoring period of the season — and then clamped down to hold Dallas to 11 points in the third quarter — the lowest output for the Mavs in any period this season.

Serge Ibaka's layup pushed the Thunder lead to 17 in the first 2 minutes of the fourth before the Mavericks finally mounted a comeback. Terry hit a 3-pointer before Kidd's free throw cut it to 92-84 with 3:37 remaining. Dallas didn't score again until J.J. Barea's meaningless layup with 16.3 seconds left.

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Louisville, a team they defeated 166-134 at home on January 16.

The last meet the Irish participated in was the Jan. 29-30 Shamrock Invitational. The Irish defeated Denver (245-124), but lost to Iowa (197-171)

and Missouri (197-173) in the event.

"It was a really hard meet and a real challenge for everyone involved," Welsh said after the Shamrock Invitational. "The good news for us is that we swam better every session and our energy and competitiveness was solid throughout. Also, we are swimming faster than we were last year at this time."

Lytle was once again a top performer for the Irish. He finished second and third in the 100 and 200 free, respectively.

The Irish hope to take the positives from that meet into the Big East championships this weekend as they attempt to win yet another league title.

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“Obviously, he’ll make the trip and you’ve got to see how he reacts to the bicycle today and reacts to actually some movement, shooting drills today and tomorrow, to see where he’s at. That’s kind of where we’re at, we’re kind of day-to-day.”

Brey said despite the sub-.500 conference record he was confident in his team’s performance and the future of the team looked bright.

“I’m very happy with how we do business,” Brey said. “Certainly we’d love to win more Big East games and more NCAA Tournaments, but I’d take my track record.”

“Peek ahead, I’m excited about young players in our program. I’m excited about some of the guards we have coming, Scott Martin coming back.”

Martin was lost for the season when he tore his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in pre-season practice.

Louisville has won three of its last four games, including a 66-60 win on the road at No. 5 Syracuse Sunday. The Cardinals also beat Connecticut at home on Feb. 1.

Sophomore forward Samardo Samuels leads the team in scor-

ing with 15.3 points per game and in rebounding with 7.4 a contest. Senior guard Edgar Sosa follows with 13 points per game.

The Irish perimeter shooting, however, has a chance to take advantage of the Cardinals, who allow opponents to shoot 34 percent from 3-point range. Junior forward Tim Abromaitis shoots 49 percent from 3-point range and senior guard Ben Hansbrough

hits 46 percent of his 3s.

Without Harangody and his 24.1 points per game, the Irish struggled against St. John’s Sunday. Abromaitis scored 14 points and the Irish hit nine 3-pointers and shot well from field goal range and from the foul line, but only put up 43 shots and could not keep up with the Red Storm.

Their current record has the Irish on the fringe of making the N C A A Tournament.

“Fighting into top half of this league is the world we’re in now,” Brey said. “That’s our charge, to fight to stay in the top half and make your run from there.”

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Junior guard Brittany Mallory dribbles upcourt during Notre Dame’s 90-66 win over DePaul on Feb. 14. The Irish fell to St. John’s Tuesday 76-61 for their second loss of the season.

St. John’s

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finished with 14 rebounds and six blocks, both career highs.

“I thought Devereaux Peters did a nice job on the boards,” McGraw said. “She blocked

some shots and rebounded well, but we didn’t have anybody else.”

Notre Dame’s biggest concern will be a potential collapse in the toughest stretch of the season. Upcoming games against Georgetown on the road and Marquette at home leave the Irish little time to right the ship.

“We just need to learn from it,” McGraw said. “We just have to put it behind us, and we’ve got to get our veterans to get us back on track.”

The Irish will look to rebound at Georgetown Saturday.

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Dinner

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last year’s disappointing failure to get into the NCAA Tournament behind it and focus on how it can make sure there are no questions this time around.

“We felt based on our RPI, how many games we had won, and how we had finished the season that we would get into the NCAA Tournament,” Irish baseball coach Dave Schrage said. “So our team was in the locker room watching the selection show when we did not get picked. There was silence for a good 10 minutes. Walking in to address to those individuals was probably the hardest speech I have ever had to give.”

But the disappointment from last season quickly turned into motivation, as now the team is committed to making sure that rejection does not happen again.

“Ever since that day from a coaching perspective and a player’s perspective we really have been focusing on making sure that there is no doubt this year that the NCAA selects us,” Schrage said.

The team has committed to two mottos for this year, which Schrage has had put on

T-shirts for every player. That motto is ‘898, committed to win,’ signifying the sum of all the players’ numbers on the team, and ‘one team, rock solid.’ The ‘898’ is meant to be a reminder that every member of the team is important if they are going to win, and the ‘one team, rock solid’ is meant to show that they have to do it together.

To achieve these goals, Schrage has outlined a three-point plan.

“Our number one goal is to care about each other,” Schrage said. “Selfishness lead to L’s, and selflessness leads to W’s. Every day when we wake up, we deliberately and intentionally — those are the two words we use — we give the very best effort that we can. The third thing is that we need to be enthusiastic about that effort.”

Reed, a rags-to-riches story at Notre Dame, went from flunking out of school as a freshman and facing working on an assembly line in Indiana to becoming one of the great stars at Notre Dame in both baseball and basketball, as well as playing with such great players as MLB legend Hank Aaron. Part of Reed’s fame is that he played an important role in Aaron’s record-breaking 715th home run to pass Babe Ruth on April 8, 1974.

“But if you look at the bottom of that box score for that game it says, winning pitcher, Ronald Reed,” Reed said.

Reed had one piece of advice for all the players that were in attendance, and that was a school related message.

“I hope each and every one of you makes it to the big leagues, but there are no guarantees,” Reed said. “It is highly improbable, not impossible, but improbable. But what you have in the palm of your hand right now is a degree from the University of Notre Dame.”

Kelly ended the dinner with an impassioned speech about what he believes a team is capable of once they have begun to focus on the process and habituating themselves to what it takes to succeed.

“Because what this team is after this year is different,” Kelly said. “It is not just about winning games, because a lot of people know how to win games. What I think this baseball team is on the verge of is winning consistently. That’s the hard part.”

The Irish will have their first shot at showing that consistency Friday at 1 p.m. when they take on Mississippi Valley State in Itta Bena, Miss.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 3 Notre Dame upset on the road by Red Storm

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

The first loss of the season is generally the hardest pill to swallow, but Tuesday's 76-71 defeat at the hands of St. John's will be one that Notre Dame thinks about for a long time. The Irish fell behind 18-6 within the game's first six minutes and were never able to overcome the deficit, as St. John's upset the No. 3 team in

the country.

"We finally had a game where nobody played well," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We had a lot of lapses defensively. Offensively, we shot the ball poorly, and we just really didn't get back in transition."

The Irish (23-2, 10-2 Big East) have now fallen on the road to the Red Storm (21-5, 9-4) in three straight meetings. Playing without sidelined senior guard Lindsay

Schrader, who did not play because of an ankle injury, the Irish ran into a dangerous St. John's team playing with confidence after playing No. 1 Connecticut more tightly than any other Big East team in a 66-52 loss.

"It's always tough to play on the road," McGraw said. "I think we looked fatigued. You just have to give the credit where credit's due. St. John's outplayed us. I don't think we can talk about whether

Schrader would have made a difference."

Notre Dame was a noticeably different team Tuesday without Schrader. The Irish shot 36.2 percent from the field, down from their season average of 45.1 percent, and were held without a field goal for more than six minutes in the second half.

Shenneika Smith's 23 points and 10 rebounds paced St. John's, which had three players in double figures by the

break.

Despite an overall lackluster team effort, Notre Dame had several players turn in noteworthy performances. Junior guard Brittany Mallory added 17 points, and freshman guard Skylar Diggins tallied a team-high 20 points, with 18 coming in the second half. Junior forward Devereaux Peters, one of the few bright spots on the defensive end,

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BENGAL BOUTS

Domination station

Cugliari defeats Perez by unanimous decision

By TIM SINGLER, ANDREW OWENS, MATT ROBISON, KAITLYN MURPHY, MEGAN FINNERAN, MOLLY SAMMON and CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writers

133 pounds

Chris "Cougar" Cugliari def. Michael "Boricua" Perez

Cugliari came out swinging early and never let up throughout the match. At one point in the second round, Cugliari pinned his fellow senior against the ropes for eight seconds of continuous punches. Cugliari's quick feet allowed him to evade numerous punches thrown by Perez. Perez fought hard throughout the three rounds, and put forth a tough fight. Cugliari won by unanimous decision.

Brian "Ghost Hands" Robillard def. Jonathan "Nightman" Lagoy

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Senior Chris Cugliari, right, connects with a right hand against senior Michael Perez Tuesday during a quarterfinal match in the 133 lb. weight division.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish look to reverse road woes

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Win two, lose two.

That has defined Notre Dame's successes and failures of late. The Irish followed two straight losses with two wins at home, only to lose two more on the road.

The Irish (17-9, 6-7 Big East) travel to Louisville tonight to face the Cardinals (16-9, 7-5), further testing Notre Dame's ability to win a conference game on the road.

The injury to senior forward Luke Harangody won't help. Harangody suffered a bone bruise to his right knee in a loss to Seton Hall last week and did not play Sunday in a 69-68 loss to St. John's.

"He rode the bike yesterday, he'll shoot a little bit today," Irish coach Mike Brey said.

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BASEBALL

Kelly speaks at opening night

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish kicked their season off in style last night with the annual Baseball Opening Night Dinner highlighted by Major League Baseball star and Notre Dame alumnus Ron Reed and Irish football coach Brian Kelly as keynote speakers.

The star power had even Kelly wide-eyed.

"It is so different at Notre Dame than anywhere else I've been, that being a part of this university you are immediately around greatness and you are always meeting great people," Kelly said.

Notre Dame is ready to put

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Irish football coach Brian Kelly speaks Tuesday at the ninth annual Baseball Opening Night Dinner at Purcell Pavilion.

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ND SWIMMING & DIVING

Squad looks to add to conference title count

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

This weekend, the Irish and coach Tim Welsh have the opportunity to add more hardware to the trophy case as they head to Pittsburgh for the Big East championships.

Notre Dame has won four of the last five Big East championships, and is looking to make it five of six.

Senior John Lytle will play a key role in Notre Dame's attempt to win another title. In last year's Big East championships, Lytle gave the 400-yard free relay team a lead they

would not relinquish. He came from behind in the first leg and his teammates were able to hold the lead. Lytle also set a school record in the 100 free last year.

"He's quite a racer," Welsh said earlier this month. "He's extremely competitive. We're very proud of him. He has done everything for us."

The Irish defeated Pittsburgh, a main competitor in the Big East every season, in their only match this season, 179-121. The only other Big East team the Irish faced was

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