Deans discuss seniors’ progress towards graduation

Most of Class of 2009 seems on track to graduate in May, some may have to repeat a course to receive degree

By MADALINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

The deans require students to fill out a plan of study when they start the business major and they have to continue to update their plans periodically, he said. "In January, we will check every senior's schedule to see if their plan indicates they graduate on time," Gaglio said. "If by the end of the semester, a student has not completed a course, we send an e-mail to every students who is short.

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O'Neil speaks on pianos and passions at entreprenuer lecture

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

Notre Dame alum and member of The O'Neill Brothers piano duo, Tim O'Neill did not start his career by visiting the Career Center. Instead, O'Neill found what he loved to do and opened his own business, he said as he spoke to an audience at the Mendoza College of Business Tuesday evening about "Turning Your Passion into Profits."

"You're up against a lot to start your own business," he said. "But you can do it." O'Neill shared his own story as a self-employed musician, while giving advice on how others can succeed as entrepreneurs.

He invited the audience to think about three questions: What do you love to do? Who else would love that? And, are you willing to take the risk and put that passion into action? "Your mom and your brother don't have the answer," he said. "I don't find your passion. "Someone else might tell you what your passions are, but only you can answer it."

O'Neill said he made a mix tape of his piano music for his mother to listen to when he studied abroad in Austria during his sophomore year at Notre Dame. When he returned, he learned that she had made fifty copies and passed them out to friends. He had found other people who loved his passion, a consumer base of people in their forties, fifties and sixties.

"Your mom will add up to ten percent," he said. "I was making $25 an hour, and my mom was making $100 an hour." O'Neill said he decided to make a thousand tapes and distribute them to all the local gift stores he could find. One of his tips on making sales was that it was "no risk" for the stores.

When starting a business, he said you should frame your proposals to buyers in terms that will benefit them with little risk. "Sit in their shoes and ask..." O'Neill said.

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Upward Bound focuses on aiding students in recognizing their potential

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

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INSIDE COLUMN

Yes, I am a band groupie

On Saturday, I’ll be attending my last home game at Notre Dame stadium as an undergrad.

On Wednesday of next week, I’ll remark on my last Thanksgiving break as an undergraduate. During the two weekdays that I’ll be attending the last classes of my second last semester as an undergraduate. And then I’ll be taking my second academic load of final exams as an undergraduate.

A bird, I sincerely wish I was born, I’ve recently had to fly out of my obsession with the Fighting Irish. Still, alone, alone, alone.

thank you very much. It’s nearly a decade. I hope those of you who have been reading this column regularly throughout my time at Notre Dame can see the changes. There have been a few that have made me more than a bit of my life. Some of my best times have been spent in the saxophone section in our sophomore year. The band is and the band that I was in high school. While I can’t claim to be a member of the marching band, I have been part of my life since my best friend joined the saxophone section in our sophomore year.

Without the band Katie and I would probably still be spending our Friday nights watching movies in the lobbies of the McCandless Hall and making fun of the girls scurrying down the stairs in their too high heels and too short skirts to catch the Trudy.

Without the band, I wouldn’t have been able to ask Matt of the Saxophone to accompany me to the Juvenile Formal in an inside column last year. For all those still-wondering, he said yes! (Hahns again for being a good sport about it Matt!).

Without the band, I wouldn’t have realized my obsession with Chicago the band, not the city, nor would I have been able to see them in concert four times and meet them.

Without the band, I wouldn’t have met half of the amazing people that I have come to call my friends.

All in all, the band is pretty much a salutation.

I have the good fortune to fly out of our acquaintance with the band, I have a low-key relationship with it. For example: I have been watching the band perform their halftime shows on game days, but I hate it because they leave me alone on campus every Monday through Thursday throughout first semester. The only reason they aren’t taken away from me on Friday is because I go to them. I’ve only missed two Friday marathons and practices in the last two years. I even held us out to mar­ch when I was on confines the Friday before the Pitt game.

I also don’t get to sit with most of my friends at football games as they are on the field. However, I have the good fortune to fly out of that time with them. No tailgating for me. Instead, I drive Saint Mary’s hand girls to Notre Dame freakishly early in the morning and make my way to each and every concert on the steps.

Still, I can deal with eating dinner with my few friends out in band or unaccompanied with my trusty cup of The Observer only if because it means wearing my shoes or being in the breeze.

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OFFBEAT

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Defenders could face fines.

Inmate who escaped returns to jail on own

Toy told The Paducah Sun—Norton newspaper, “I guess they haven’t seen that before.”

Toy, 21, was in the McCracken County Regional Jail in western Kentucky awaiting trial on charges stemming from a July home invasion. He’s also serving a four-year sentence for theft.

Officials said he escaped early Monday while on a cleanup detail in the lobby. He bolted after a guard unlocked the front doors to clean trash from a breezeway.

But Toy returned that afternoon, wet and covered with grime. He told authorities his sister had persuaded him to surren­der because his family feared for his safety.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Estampas Portenas, a tango group from Argentina, will dance at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center today at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 for students and can be purchased online or at the Ticket office.

This month’s Evenings of Prayer from Around the World will feature Muslim prayer. The service will be held at 7 p.m. today in 330 Coleman-Morse. Students of all faith tradi­tions are welcome to the Campus Ministry-sponsored event.

The College of Science is hosting a Fall Astronomy Show featuring Exoplanets in the Digital Visualization Theater in the Jordan Jar of Science at 8 and 9 p.m. Thursday. The event is free and will be fol­lowed by a question and answer session.

The Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show the film “Boy A” at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Thursday. In the film, a man who committed a terrible crime as a child is released from jail as an adult and fears a world he has never been part of.

There will be a ground­breaking ceremony for Harper Hall, the new home of expand­ed medical and cancer research initiatives at the Indiana University School of Medicine — South Bend and Notre Dame. Harper Hall, Friday at 10 a.m. adjacent to Raclin-Carmichael Hall on the corner of Angela Boulevard and Notre Dame Avenue.

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What was your reaction to Brady Quinn on Monday Night Football?

Steve Simonidis
senior
off-campus

"David Cavazos’s comic, Homepiece pretty much sums it up."

Jane Lee
senior

"It was 10 times better than I imagined it would be."

Joey Leary
senior

"I realized I needed to go to the gym to up my Adonis status."

Brian DeSplinter
senior Alumni

"It’s inappropriate for publication."

Liz Harter
Saint Mary’s Editor

"In the words of Billy Madison, ‘so hot — want to touch the hypnot."

As many students bundled up in the snowy winter weather, at least one person decided to get creative and hang a bike from a tree Monday night.

TODAY

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LOCAL WEATHER

ND faculty member wins Emmy

Director of foundation relations is co-creator of animated television series

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what's the risk for them," he said. "They're thinking, 'There is no risk, they'll probably try it.'"

Although he had both a tapestry-making major and a music minor, O'Neill said he declared陶瓷 truly major his junior year because he was still unsure about a career. While he said his marketing degree is not essential to starting a business, "I want to create an idea in your minds that you can do this," he said. "It wasn't that a degree made that happen, but the hard work that made it happen.

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Senators authorized to obvious in vetting said and would make sure they complete their requirements. In the rare event that a student who must take summer school after senior year to receive their degree, there won’t be any trouble,” he said. Cathy Pieronek, a dean in the College of Engineering, said there were no problems registering seniors for required courses. The College tracks students’ progress before graduation in order to let students know which classes they still need to take, so they can send [the students] an audit that we do manually every summer before their graduation, so the seniors got the audit in the sanding semester.” Pieronek said, “But that, the departments are responsible for making sure their courses. The departments make sure they complete their requirements.

The former senator said it usually comes happen the student failed the course in the spring semester. “If a class is full and we don’t make room in a student can finish, we will do that,” she said. “But it’s a really good job here of scheduling our classes in the first place so conflicts can’t occur.”

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**Lawyers review Clinton for position**

Attorneys hired by the Senator work with Obama transition team

**Assisted Press**

Clinton aide Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has engaged a team of prominent lawyers to help his wife, Presiden Barack Obama vet her candidacy for secretary of state as some Democrats have raised red flags and advisers to the former first lady said she was weighing whether to take the job if Obama offered it.

At least four names of Cheryl Mills, David Kendall and Robert Barnett are working with the Obama transition team to review information about the Clinton family’s financial dealings, including Bill Clinton’s business deals and relationships with foreign governments. Bruce Lindsey, a former Clinton aide who now heads the former president’s charitable foundation, has taken a leadership role in the process.

All represented the Clintons on legal matters in the White House during President Clinton’s diplomacy with intern Montenegro’s war crimes and his impeachment in 1998. They are all knowledgeable about the story said it has gone smoothly and that both Clintons were cooperating fully.

Bill Clinton already has appointed a team in his efforts to step toward smoothing his wife’s path to the job. Because of the intense negotiations the said the former president and the State Department would step away from day-to-day responsibility for his foundation, his wife served and would alert the State Department to his speaking schedule and any new sources of income.

A new involved in the creating the said that there was nothing obvious in the former president’s story who would torpedo his wife’s prospects for the post. The team has also authorized to discuss the mat, and would speak only on background.

The aide pointed out that former President George W. Bush has given paid speeches and participated in international business ventures since his son, George W. Bush, has been president without stirring public reactions or complaints about a conflict of interest. But another Democrat who attended Hillary Clinton’s campaign warned that Clinton’s business arrangements were more complicated than many people realized. Despite her own campaign, few of her senior strategists knew anything about the former president’s business deals and whether they would hold up under scrutiny if she won the nomination.

When Bill Clinton was in the Senate, the said that he had hoped to take a leading role on health care reform and other issues.

The question of whether should be willing to give up her independent stature to work with her husband or in the Senate would not have been made public through recently filed tax forms for his and his wife’s charitable activities.

For example, still unknown are the names of donors to Bill Clinton’s presidential library or what he and his wife sold with the Yacuba Global Opportunities Fund, a private investment that was founded in , a close friend.

During the primary campaign against Hillary Clinton, Obama pressed the former first lady to release financial disclosure to his library. Bill Clinton refused, saying many had given money to the library that their names not be publicized to make the donors’ names public going forward if his wife won the presidency.

The former president has engaged in other deals that could complicate his wife’s work as secretary of state. Records show he raised money for his foundation from the Saudi royal family, Kuwait, Brunei and the Embassy of Qatar, and from a Chinese Internet company seeking information for a Tibetan human rights activist.

While many people familiar with the Clintons’ business dealings thinking she is inclined to take the secretary of state’s job if it is offered, others say she is also considering the controversial secretary of state post, where she had hoped to take a leading role on health care reform and other issues.

The former president said he was going to discuss with his college professors, he said, “I’ve said everything I have to say on Friday,” she added. As the State Department, the prospect of Clinton as secretary of state is among career foreign service officers worried that she would use the position to advantage and they fear Clinton, as the secretary of state, exit the mission is under way into conflicting claims by the government and rebels over who is to blame for recent violence, the southern States, but he said the Clinton would not derail a cease-fire.

“If I am secretary of state,” Karzeni said in his office at UNAMID headquarters in Fasher. "But … if the people have been fighting and one of the people of the states is not on fire, it is not like you are switching off and on your lights in the house. You will have incidents like this.”

The war in the Darfur region in 2003, citing neglect and poor performance by the government. So far 300,000 troops and 2.7 million have been displaced.

The Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir announced last week that his government is seeking a cease-fire as part of a peace initiative. But when South Sudan was accused of violence high lighted the volatility of the state in Darfur where many cease-fires have come and gone.

The Sudanese government, which has been criticized by the United States, welcomed the cease-fire agreement. However, the Sudanese government said it would not make any more than a symbolic gesture. The government has been accused of human rights abuses and of supporting rebels in the Darfur region.

The agreement was signed by the defense minister and the Sudanese government. The agreement was welcomed by the United States and the European Union. The United States has been pressing the Sudanese government to end the conflict in Darfur.

The agreement calls for the withdrawal of government forces from Darfur and for the creation of a UN-protected area in the region. The agreement also calls for the establishment of a UN mission to monitor the ceasefire. The UN mission will be staffed by military observers and civilian monitors.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Stem cells used in new procedure
Doctors have given a woman a new windpipe with tissue grown from her own stem cells, eliminating the need for anti-rejection drugs. "This technique has great promise," said Dr. Eliezer Genden, who did a similar thing in 2005 at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. That operation used both donor and recipient tissue. Only a handful of windpipes, or tracheas, transplants have ever been done.

If successful, the technique could become a new standard of treatment, said Genden, who was not involved in the research.

The results were published online Wednesday in the medical journal, "The Lancet."

The transplant was given to Claudia Castillo, a 30-year-old Colombian mother of two living in Barcelona, suffered from tuberculosis for years. After a severe collapse of her left lung in March, Castillo was given regular hospital visits to clear her airways and was unable to take care of her children.

Israeli tanks raze Gaza farmlands

The Israeli army and Gaza's ruling Islamic militant Hamas movement have been trading fire for the past two weeks, nearly five months of relative quiet. The violence comes as the Egyptian-negotiated truce that began June 19 is due to expire next month, and both sides might be trying to dictate more favorable terms in anticipation of the agreement's renewal.

Man charged for friend's murder

INGRAM, Texas — A wealthy retiree opened his three-story lake home to an out-of-work mechanic he had befriended, then murdered and his possessions.

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When the mechanic, Charles Lee Tidwell, 46, and another man were indicted on murder charges Monday in the death of retired investment banker 52-year-old Allan Kowalski. Fourteen people, mostly friends and family of Tidwell, were indicted on theft charges.

Local news

Woman sue BMV over license plate

INDIANAPOLIS — A woman is suing the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles for refusing to issue a personalized license plate with the words "BE GODS."

The woman told the U.S. District Court on Monday, the same day the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles upheld the constitutionality of the state's "In God We Trust" license plate. However, the BMV prohibits vanity plates referring to race, religion, deity, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or political party.

Puerto Rico

Evidence found in Holloway case

SAN JUAN — A new witness has come forward in the 2005 disappearances of American teenager Natalie Holloway and prosecutors are seeking more evidence in the case, the only one of its kind in Puerto Rico.

A human told Dutch police this month that Joran van der Sloot confessed to her years ago that he was involved in Holloway's disappearance, according to Ann Angela, a spokeswoman for the Aruba Procurators' Office.

But the Dutch Caribbean island's chief prosecutor said authorities still lack proof they need to convict van der Sloot, who has been arrested twice and released for lack of evidence.

"After three years of investigating, it is very, very difficult to find that evidence," prosecutor Hans Mos told The Associated Press. "We have to be realistic."

Holloway, an 18-year-old from Mountain Brook, Alabama, was last seen in May 2005 leaving a bar in the Aruban capital Oranjestad with Van der Sloot on the final night of a high school graduation trip to the island. Exhaustive searches have found no trace of her.

Investigators reopened the case earlier this year based on hidden-camera recordings made by a Dutch TV crime show. On the video, Van der Sloot says Holloway collapsed on the beach after they left the bar and that he called a friend to dump her body at sea.

The new witness, once a friend of Van der Sloot, confirmed that he gave her roughly the same account shortly after Holloway's disappearance. But Mos said her statement does not bring authorities any closer to resolving the case.

He also said the witness would lack credibility in court unless she explains why she waited so long to come forward.

On June 25, 2008, Eric Holder walked with Caroline Kennedy on Capitol Hill in Washington. Holder is Obama's top choice to be the next attorney general.
Officials consider prostitution ban

Associated Press

LONDON — The British government wants to make it illegal to pay for sex and is considering a plan to "name and shame" men who are caught. Police and government officials say the move could turn back the clock to Victorian times.

The sex trade is already heavily restricted in Britain, unlike in many of its European neighbors where prostitution and solicitation are legal.

But Britain wants to go its own way, marking yet another foray into human behavior by which many people actually call overly moralistic.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown, the son of a Presbyterian minister, has already backed a series of six taxes on alcohol and cigarettes, called for tougher drug laws and is planning Britain's first Las Vegas-style casino.

Officials say there is also a need for a crackdown on prostitution.

"Basically, if it means fewer people are able to go out and pay for sex I think that would be a good thing," Home Secretary Hazel Blears, whose newspaper in the weekend, ahead of the government's announcement of the details Wednesday.

Any changes will have to be approved by Parliament, where Brown's Labour Party has a 63-seat majority, but is expected next month.

The proposal would make paying for sex illegal and carry additional penalties for men who are caught again after being forced into prostitution, the home office said. But details will be given to details on fines and other penalties before the formal announcement.

Men who frequent prostitutes could also be identified publicly, as they are in the London borough of Lambeth, where police send warning letters to the homes of drivers whose license plate numbers are caught on closed-circuit television picking up street walkers.

In addition, the plan would make it a criminal offense to pay for sex with a prostitute "controlled for another person's gain" and could bring rape charges, according to a Government document. It is being paid for sex with a woman forced to work as a prostitute.

Under the new proposed law, it would be illegal to lie to and sell sex on the streets or elsewhere in public. A brothel is unlawful, but a woman working sex inside is not, similarly, paying for sex is legal.

But solicitation in public — commonly known as "crawling" — is not.

Some 30,800 prostitutes are estimated to be working in Britain, the same as during the Victorian age — an era when a raft of laws were enacted in a vain effort to curb the flourishing sex trade. These days, cards and prostitutes of the world's red light districts.

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Six workers criticized the government's proposal. They said they might be put at greater risk and would feel they were not doing their trade in remote neighborhoods or to work alone.

"The plan is totalitarian," said Carl Mitchell, spokeswoman for the Collective of Prostitutes.

"If they make solicitation illegal and start sending police officers on the streets, men are going to be more nervous and women will be forced to make hasty decisions to survive economically. As Britain and the world changes physically and economically, the government should try to help women rather than make them work harder."

Britain made global headlines in 2006 when a man murdered five prostitutes in Douglas, about 70 miles north of London. Recent headlines, however, have focused on countless victims in eastern Europe, Asia and Africa who have been fleeing from human traffickers.

There is growing debate on whether a crackdown would lessen violence or cut down on human trafficking. Scotland's Lord Smith, who used to trade in the same atmosphere from transportation, industry and power generation by mid-century.

In his roughly four-minute opening remarks, Obama said the U.S. economy would continue to feel the effects of climate change and dependence on foreign oil.

He reiterated his support for cutting greenhouse gas emissions using a cap-and-trade system, an approach also backed by the Senate. But he said Obama would establish national annual targets to reduce emissions by 2020 and reduce them another 80 percent by 2050.

Obama also promoted anew his proposal to invest $15 billion in climate change in 2010, to work as a prostitute. They include clean wind, wind, biomass and clean-coal fired power plants.

"I promise you this: When I am president, any contractor who's willing to promote clean energy will have a partner in the White House, and in the back seat of the Bush."

Obama made it clear that he would once again engage vigorously with the world to help lead the world toward a new era of action on climate change," Obama said.

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Obama said the U.S. is at the forefront of the world's efforts to achieve climate change. Although the U.S. has the world's largest economy and is responsible for a fifth of global greenhouse gas emissions, it is far behind other nations.

The country is committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 18 percent below 2005 levels by 2010, and has set a goal of reducing its emissions by 70 percent below 2005 levels by 2050.

On Monday, a 14-year-old girl taken by the state during the September and sent out some invitations to regional partners.

The Governor held climate summit

Schwarzenegger opens conference with taped message from Obama

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger opened his international climate change conference Tuesday by upstaging himself with a taped message from the real star — President-elect Barack Obama.

"I'm here because I believe the world is at a turning point in the fight against climate change," Obama said in a pre-recorded message.

Obama's message was displayed on a screen in front of the 6,000 guests attending the "Forums on the Environment" at the Beverly Hilton.

Obama's appearance was a departure from the usual protocol for a world leader as the conference was held in Schwarzenegger's home state.

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Market rebounds in turbulent session

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street rebounded Tuesday in another bar­

bulous session, as investors rushed back into the market after the Standard & Poor's 500 index tested a 2003 low.

The market, which had been down four of the past five sessions, has been volatile amid worries about how bad the recession might be. That's driven many retail investors to look for safety in traditionally safer stocks like hedge funds keep major stock indexes valuating.

That was the case on Tuesday as stocks rallied in the final hour of trading. At least some of the buying was because fund managers whose portfolios are tied to the S&P 500 had to find a replacement for Anheuser-Busch Cos. The brewer was officially removed from trading at the market's close after its takeover by Belgium's InBev SA was completed.

Investors also used the market's big drop earlier in the session as chance to scoop up undervalued stocks. There was some encourage­ment about corporate earnings after Hewlett-Packard Co. said fourth quarter and 2009 results will sail past Wall Street expectations.

But still underpinning the market were concerns that the economy had fallen into a recession that could be the worst downturn in more than two decades. A disappointing read on wholesale prices and the housing market only reinforced this.

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The Observer

The scribbling of the damned

When I pulled out a notebook in Russian class the other day, I happened to open it, accidentally, from the back. As I flipped through it backwards to get out of the random notes and reach the pages most relevant to Russian, an irish classmate, Faith, happened to glance over.

"Okay," she said.

"I just saw the word hell there, in really big letters, right next to a black scribble."

"Oh..." My cheeks went hot, I’d taken the notes in question at the Internation Students’ You’ll Better-Turn-In-Your-Final-Exams-On-Time-Or-Else Meeting. “Um, I’m a compulsive doodler," Faith said.

"Me, too," I said. "I’ve only drawn girls, I like drawing them with really big bangs."

Actually, I do as well. I just tend to scribble over them afterwards. But right now I needed to clarify a more pressing matter with Faith.

"And that was a note telling me to get the hell on asap with my papers," Faith said. Of course by then all ten members of the class were giggling, so everyone laughed. One person said, "Wow, what a nice thing to write to yourself."

And yes, I suppose, in the great crunch of finals season, we can probably find less abrasive means of self-motivation. But he honest. There’s no way I’m the only person in the world of university culture who’s beginning to feel, as the last of the fall semester slips by, that they’re heading straight to hell, in really big letters, next to a black scribble. You’ve have read, in previous Observers, about the actually misnamed National Novel Writing Month. If not, then the basic premise is that a bunch of us wannabe fiction writers from around the world get together on a relevant message board and spend several weeks commiserating about subplots that grow out of nowhere and characters who hook up with each other without our permission. In the midst of all this, each of us are striving, or at least attempting to strive, to finish a 50,000 word novel within the month of November.

I’m only an amateur. My novel is very far behind, in terms of both length and plot, though I’ve written a significant amount (14,000 words) and the focal character has still not put in her appearance. The project is, at the moment, my most time consuming extracurricular, and I can’t even make it count time productively. Meanwhile the end of the term creeps up. The remaining weeks on the syllabus are few. Starbucks is playing Christmas music (though, here in Dublin, not advertising peppermint mocha). And yet the "NaNoWriMo" crunch, and the paper and final crunch, remains.

You feel it, too. You have your winner weight training, your three-week 7 a.m. shifts at North Dining Hall, and your constant rehearsals that leave simple "Halliebug" circling around in your head along with Microbiology. And, too, you have your three papers due the Monday after Thanksgiving, the first of five sections of your Arcane Economics in Japanese final scheduled for the first week of December, and half a textbook’s worth of B/C Calc to catch up on before Christmas. Oh, and yeah. There’s that thesis outline to start thinking about, too.

Each day of this may be a struggle: But you’re very creative, a hell, you’re very creative, a hell. We are, unless you go to your room and start in a notebook to finally scratch your dog’s ears as you are well-conditioned back into a house scented with pine and hot chocolate. You may feel as though that university spell will last forever. Philosophy of Lost Civilizations research paper may be forever hanging over your head like a black scribble, just as I feel that I’ll never manage a scholarly essay on The Exorcist in time to flee to England, gather with my family, and enjoy unwindly large quantities of the Christmas Cake my aunt and I baked last week.

Hell, in really big letters? Alasow. The funny thing is, though, the capacity we all have to survive. Of course, unless you’re very creative, a Works Cited page can’t kill you, and neither can the paper attached to it. Everything on earth is finite, including our own stress. And, you have been, stronger than the things that pressure us now. We will remember that, and remain active and productive. We will study, write, sing, lift our way through these next few weeks. We will do what we can for stress relief, make the best of every difficulty, and enjoy what happenings come our way in the meantime. We will not be burnt out, so to speak, nor scribbled over, by "Hell."

We will remember exactly what "hell" is, and find a Faith to keep it in perspective for us. Mine makes second-year Russian a lot more fun.

Katharine Khorey is an English major and Russian minor spending her junior year abroad at Trinity College, Dublin. Had she been at Notre Dame this year, however, she would have totally gone to Andrew Miller’s showing of My Fair Lady, viewing snow tongs from across the ocean. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Don't worry about our kiss under the arch—I have been with Lindsey McMahon that the r-word can be a hurtful word. However, I find that her ensuing indignation of "Trophic Thunder" is more than a little unfair, since she never saw the film.

Rather than priding herself with having been offended by a movie she has never seen, McMahon could have saved herself the effort of expressing her outrage by actually doing some research on the subject of her Viewpoint letter. Had she actually seen "Trophic Thunder" she might have discovered that the film does not insult the mentally disabled.

The purpose of the film is to lampoon Hollywood. In it, Ben Stiller depicts a bad actor starring as a mentally disabled character in an equally bad film. This is not meant as a slight at the mentally disabled. Far from it. It is more meant as a parody of dramatic movies, whose depictions of the mentally disabled are well-meaning, but poorly executed, with the end result of reinforcing negative stereotypes of these people.

McMahon would do well to understand the difference in fiction between the voice of an author and the voice of a character. It appears that she has legitimate disagreement with particular characters in the film, but since the filmset out to ridicule these same characters, I would suggest that McMahon and the creators of "Trophic Thunder" are on the same page. Using her logic, the "Dark Knight" should never have been played at St. Mary's, since the Batman involves labors of love. Batman's activities that would not be condoned by the Catholic Church.

In fact, in the future, he'd be so hard on movies you haven't even seen, because you may be depriving yourself of a valuable experience.

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Dear six guys I've hooked-up with this semester,

Thank you for the hook-up. It was... decent. From my experience, it was a typical freshman year hook-up.

Some of you shamelessly lead me on, while others do exactly what it is purported to be - just sort of happened. Obviously, I wanted it too because I definitely do not want you. In fact I love to kiss boys, my roommates and I refer to it as "my hobby."

Yes, the hook-up itself was fine, but afterwards we've run into a problem. The problem is the following:

1. You end up at a party, at a party, and at a party. It's the way that you look at me, with that awkward stare that makes me want to look down and hide, but I don't know what we're talking about. It's like we haven't talked since then?

2. Other times we see each other in class, and even though our eyes used to contact or suddenly become enthralled in conversation with the nearest object. To be fair, I think I may have gotten a "hello?" here and there, but I don't think it was a while though, so forgive me if my memory isn't perfect.

What about my number, did you ask for it as just a matter of course? It is your way of saying: "Thanks for the hook-up, but no thanks for my number too."

What are you actually looking for? Is it a serious relationship? Do you want to text me? Do you want to see each other again? Do you want to watch the latest movie together? Do you want to hang out on a Friday night? Do you want to go on a date? Did you find me "cute"? I am writing to hold these students accountable. I am writing to hold these students accountable.

I doubt you would answer even if I could call you.

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I'm a good person and an even better friend. But obviously, since we hooked-up, it would be too much to ask that we ever consider friendship as an option. Ignoring each other, apparently, is the only choice that we have.

Of course, I don't render myself blameless. Our hook-up was the most convenient of all gratification that we could find. I realize that and I admit to being just as guilty as you are. But next time I smile at you in the row of "hi" in class, you can pretend that you haven't gone both dead and blind since that night that we met at that party.

I don't doubt that you are willing to do that, but I am sure of one thing. You six guys are where I draw the line. This weekend, and all weekends until I graduate, I refuse to add to this list. I won't hook-up with any more random boys. Not because the act itself was bad but because this campus isn't that big and I can't afford to have any more boys refusing to look me in the eye when I walk down South Quad. At Notre Dame, I am looking to make friends (not boyfriends, fiancées, and husbands or hook-ups obviously lead to anything but friendship. I can find a new hobby, hopefully something that really does make me happy, but I won't hook-up. I will see you at the dining hall.

Sincerely, Melissa.

PS: Don't worry about our kiss under the arch—we will not use it.
Quantum of Solace

Directed by: Marc Forster
Starring: Daniel Craig, Olga Kurylenko, Mathieu Amalric, Judi Dench, Gemma Arterton

Bond by Bond: A History of 007

By ANALISE LIPARI

He's a government agent, a member of Her Majesty's Secret Service, and one of Britain's finest. He's been Scottish, English and Irish. His women have ranged from Pussy Galore to Vesper Lynd, and he's been a womanizer long before Britney Spears ever branded the epithet. His weapons have run the technological gamut, as have his many gadgets. His classic ride? An Aston Martin, darling.

Who is he? Bond, James Bond.

Through the years, the movies have seen Ian Fleming's literary hero jump from page to screen in multiple renovations and over 20 films. In honor of the latest Bond flick, "Quantum of Solace," Scene takes a closer look at each portrayal of Bond in his over 40-year-long legacy. Bond by Bond.

Sean Connery (1962-1971)

For many, the definitive Bond, Connery and his Scottish accent delivered Bond's quirks and quips with ease. Connery's smoking, smoldering Bond was featured in seven films, ranging from the first Bond adaptation, 1962's "Dr. No," to his appearance in 1971's "Diamonds Are Forever." His arguably quintessential performance as 007 was 1964's "Goldfinger," a hallmark of the franchise for its Style, style and intrigue.

Roger Moore (1973-1985)

After Connery's brief return in 1971, Roger Moore took the reins as Britain's favorite MI6 agent. Moore's Bond has a more lighthearted humor than Connery's, often calling a self-conscious attention to where he was, were distracting and a bit over the top. The villain was rather lame and uninteresting — a short, mean, environmentalist wasn't as scary or innovative as prior villains. Generally ruthless capitalists/environmentalists with bulging creepy eyes do not make for great villains. Neither do evil sexists generally. The final showdown between the two main characters in "Casino Royale" came down to a poker game, which was subtle yet effective, but the conclusion was filled with explosions, screaming, and other disappointing acting standard to the action genre. The film was supposed to develop Bond as a character, instead it typecast him into a very physical action oriented role.

An interesting facet of this film's development centered around the evil organization Quantum that has people everywhere. It must have a hand in everything. Though the only real show of Quantum's power is within the first portion of the movie, the storyline is left for future films to pick up. Many members of Quantum are introduced and as an extremely powerful and evil organization, it is bound to inspire many missions for Bond, hopefully with more interesting villains and secret bases.

Bond's supporting cast was a mix bag. The Bond girl. Camille Montes (1964's "Goldfinger," was made entertaining the fact that she was a Bolivian plai ora Ukrainian, but otherwise her acting was boring. The revenge element is not new, and it was not well-executed. Still, the lack of sexual involvement between Bond and Kurylenko's character Camille Montes was a site touch. Her self-contained action sequence were refreshing. Agensi Fields, played by Gemma Arterton, was standard British female foil. M was, as always strongly played by Judy Dench.

The film was entertaining, but coming the jump. "Casino Royale" may be the step backwards. "Quantum of Solace" was filled with irrelevant villains, a lack of compelling supporting characters, and action sequences I would have worked better if the film is called "The Bond Supremacy." It's no bad film by any means, it is just an over hype disappointment that continues the Bond tradition; action, bond action, and action, read by promises made by "Casino Royale."

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'Quantum of Solace' fails to meet expectations

By SZYMON RYZNER

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Though a promising opening car chase created a strong start for the "Quantum of Solace," the film soon deteriorated into reused character archetypes and a general lack of creativity.

To be fair, the beginning was brilliant grand choreography on the roads, an interrogation followed by a betrayal, and a Parkour-esque romp through an Italian city. Yet while the 22nd Bond film seemed early on to be a grand return to glory, the film limited itself to mediocrity.

The action sequences began to drag soon after the first sequence and shaky camera work created endless confusion regarding what was actually going on. There was a fight on foot, in a car, in the air, and on the water. Perhaps the next movie will take the jump to the final frontier? Sure, Bond has done it before, but why not again in the next film? That's what "Quantum of Solace" has devolved to — a Bond film just like any other. Captured to today's cinema-goers tastes and with a dash of current politics, "Quantum of Solace" is just the next Bond film, nothing more.

The many locales that Bond traveled to were exotic and provided for great visuals. The entirety of the travels really gave a sense for the lifestyle that Bond leads, creating an enticing product for the viewer. Still, the large floating text bubbles above every location Bond visited, describing exactly what was set to appear on screen.

As for the Bond girl, Gemma Arterton, was standard British female foil. M, as always strongly played by Judy Dench.

While Dalton's two Bond films were well-known to today's audience, from Denise Richards to Halle Berry, Bond's was also moving. In the Cold War conflicts of his earlier and into the modern context of an increasingly globalized world. In "Tomorrow Never Dies," Bond teams up with a Chinese woman to take down his baddie; in "GoldenEye" 007 is working to prevent a global financial crisis; and in "The Other Day," Bond is a mission to North Korea. Admitting portion of Brits felt her heroes had been altered by his Irish character, reportedly calling him "James O'Bond," Daniel Craig (2005-present)

While still a fledgling Bond, the first actor to inhabit the role is definitely his own. Craig's Bond shot new life into series in 2006's "Casino Royale," portri 007 as a "blunt instrument" that is training and experiencing to hone his skills at MI6. "Casino Royale" was Fleming's Bond novel, and the film works to rejuvenate the series by starting it all over again. Who knows how successful or long Craig's run will be, but the no doubt that Bond will live on.

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Auric Goldfinger
Played by Gert Frobe. Auric Goldfinger was a gold-crazed businessman who tried to break into Fort Knox before getting thwarted by 007 (Sean Connery) in "Goldfinger." To his credit, Goldfinger orchestrated some of the most needlessly complicated deaths in the series, including encaisuing his assistant Jill Masterson completely in gold and trying to slice Bond in half with a giant laser. Besides his elaborate schemes, Goldfinger is probably best remembered for his henchmen, including the giant Korean assassin Oddjob and the temptress Pussy Galore (which has to be one of the best Bond girl names ever).

Ernst Stavro Blofeld
No, that sinister bald man stroking the big white cat is not Dr. Evil. It's Blofeld, the dastardly head of SPECTRE (Special Executive for Counter-Intelligence, Treason, Revenge, and Extortion) whose hobbies include hijacking spacecrafts and poisoning the world's food supply in hopes of world domination. Blofeld is a hard man to track down; we see little more than the back of his head in his first few Bond appearances. Though voiced and played by several actors, Blofeld was probably best embodied by Donald Pleasance in "You Only Live Twice" and Telly Savalas in "On Her Majesty's Secret Service."

Max Zorin
Played with slick creepiness by Christopher Walken, Max Zorin was a world-famous industrialist and a pain in James Bond's side in "A View to a Kill." Even if the 80's Bond movies were nothing to write home about, Zorin was one of the standout villains in Bond history. Although he was the man with the plan (he wanted to cause an earthquake in Silicon Valley to take over the microchip market), he was also a stone-cold killer along with his wiry henchwoman MayDay (model Grace Jones). He gets his comeuppance in rather cool fashion, though, by falling from the top of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Xenia Onatopp
Bond girls aren't always sugar and spice and world-class experts in whatever science 007 needs at the time. Xenia Onatopp (Famke Janssen) stole the show as Alec Trevelyan's lusty henchwoman in "GoldenEye." A noted sadist and masochist, Xenia took a little too much pleasure in killing people in her boss's grand scheme to steal and fire the GoldenEye laser in an attempt to destroy the world's financial markets. When her trusty AK-47 wasn't available, Xenia was happy to use her very strong thighs to take out anyone who was in her way, including 007 (Pierce Brosnan in his first turn as the special agent).

Jaws
It might be a funny name but don't laugh because he just might take a bite out of you. Jaws (Richard Kiel), an angry giant with stainless steel teeth, definitely gave Bond a hard time in "The Spy Who Loved Me" and "Moonraker." Though at first he is a cold-hearted killing machine, he did do some pretty cool stuff like bite through metal chains and stop an entire cable car system with his bare hands. Jaws does eventually see the light and manages to help James Bond and Holly Goodhead prevent the evil Hugo Drax from destroying the human race.

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Without Garnett, Celtics down Knicks

**Indicted Cuban watches on as Mavericks defeat Bobcats; LeBron's 31 leads the way for Cavaliers over Nets**

Associated Press

**BOSTON** — It was quiet — too quiet — in the Boston locker room before the game. On the floor, the Celtics managed to replace Kevin Garnett's intensity in just fine.

"Not having a great player out there, you definitely miss him," point guard Rajon Rondo said after Boston beat the New York Knicks 100-83 on Tuesday night while Garnett served a one-game suspension. "But we tried to go out tonight and get the ball moving and that's what we did. A lot of guys got shots."

Starting in place of Garnett, Brian Scalabrine hit a 3-pointer with 1:14 left to help Boston recover after its 12-point, fourth-quarter lead was trimmed to seven. Scalabrine scored 22 with eight rebounds, Kendrick Perkins had 16 points and eight rebounds and Biombo had 15 points, eight boards and seven assists.

"It was a kind of a different atmosphere in the locker room, a little bit quieter than usual," Pierce said. "Thank goodness we were able to take up the slack for one game and get the win."

Wilson Chandler scored 23, and Zach Randolph had 18 points and eight rebounds for New York. The Knicks tried to muscle their way closer in the Atlantic Division — they were ranked fifth through 26 games — instead lost to Boston for the seventh consecutive time.

I'm just real curious to see what those guys will be saying if we weren't in a basketball league and didn't have refer­ees," Knicks forward Quentin Richardson said. "I mean, it wouldn't be the same story. I mean, they are the world cham­pions and rah, rah, rah, but the tough part I don't factor.

"I come from a neighborhood where you can say what you want to say, but until you do something, it don't mean noth­ing."

Garnett did not miss a game last season until Jan. 27, when he began a nine-game stint in street clothes because of an abdominal strain; the Celtics were 9-2 in all without him during that championship run. But he was suspended for throwing a punch at Milwaukee's Andrew Bogut on Saturday and forced to sit out one game.

Celtics coach Doc Rivers decided to start Scalabrine, the little­used big man, rather than Paul Pierce, who had 15 points, seven rebounds and five of his six assists in the third, one of them a 3-pointer, for his only other starters of the night.

"He played good defense and hit two big 3s and I just felt like using him," Celtics guard Eddie House said. "He's got his number called and he was ready. He was a true professional."

**Mavericks 100, Bobcats 83**

Mark Cuban yelled and cheered from hiscourtside seat during the game, then high-fived his players after it was over.

The 5-7 Dallas Mavericks owner didn't act any differently a day after being charged with insider trading. His team, meanwhile, stopped looking like the dysfunctional unit the owner might have presented by offering the lie, unendorsed Bobcats.

"It was a big win for us for sure," Nowitzki said.

A career-high 23 points from rookie D.J. Augustin was not enough for Charlotte, which fell behind 15-0 while playing again without top scorer Team MVP Gerald Wallace.

The Bobcats didn't score until nearly 7 minutes had elapsed in a woeful performance that kept them winless all-time against Dallas.

"It looked basically like the Knicks were against a re­cruit team out there," said Bobcats forward Gerald Wallace, who had 13 consecutive three-pointers. "They did whatever they wanted to do."

With Nowitzki adding nine rebounds and Josh Howard scoring 21 points, the Mavericks led by as many as 23 in a rare victory at Allen Arena.

"You know, they're a great team, but at the end of the day, you're going to miss the people when your famous owner suddenly goes somewhere else and you can't just do what you want," Nowitzki said.

The billionaire Cuban was charged by federal regulators Monday of using confidential information on a stock sale to avoid more than $750,000 in losses. Cuban has disputed the Security and Exchange Commission's findings and said he will fight the charges.

**Cavaliers 106, Nets 82**

With free agency awaiting him in 2009, Cleveland star LeBron James said he was putting on a show for the New York metropolitan area and its deep-pocket teams highlighted by length-of-contract and marketplace.

James had 31 points, eight rebounds and four assists in an other­dominating performance and the Cleveland Cavaliers romped to a 100-83 win against Milwaukee on Saturday to stretch their winning streak with a decision on the New Jersey Nets on Tuesday night.

The play that everyone will remember is the 23-year-old former Florida standout's dunk from the dunk show that started the season.

"I got my shot at it and I missed it, you move on," he said.

The question of moving on to a big part of James' life. The 23­year-old is scheduled to become a free agent in 2010, and there has already been speculation that the Nets and the New York Knicks are already clearing salary cap space to make a run at the superstar who on Tuesday became the youngest NBA play­er to reach the 11,000-point plateau.

Before the game, James said he would not hesitate to leave Cleveland if another franchise offers him a better chance to win multiple NBA titles.

"I think you do what is best for you and you do what is best for your career," James said when asked about his sense of loyalty to the Cavaliers before they played the Nets in New Jersey.

After the game, he focused on his team, which is off to a 9-2 start.

"It's plus," he said of the second-half effort. "The thing we did was we stopped turning the ball over. We had only one turnover in the second half."

They also got big efforts from Mo Williams and Delonte West. Williams had 8 of 16 points and five of his six assists in the final 24 minutes, while West scored 14 of his 16 points, hitting all four of his 3-pointer attempts in the decisive third quarter when Cleveland broke the game open.

"It was a tough night and I wasn't hitting my shots," Carter said.

James put on a show for the less than capacity crowd at the Loud Center against a team par­tially owned by his friend, rap­per Jay-Z. He dunked, hit layups and Hayes layups out of his socks on a great cross-over drib­ble move that got him his 11,000th point, and finally entertained the crowd with a late tap-out on an alley-oop from Zydrunas Ilgauskas in the clos­ing seconds.

"His strength and his quickness, at his size, is pretty unheard of," said Nets rookie forward Ryan Anderson, who got a chance to face James. "The things he can do they pretty amazed. He is so athletic, and he's 6-9. He is an incredibly talented guy."
**NCAA Women's Basketball**

**AP Top 25**

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**MLB**

**Pedroia wins AL MVP award**

NEW YORK — Dustin Pedroia could easily be mistaken for a mechanic, carpenter or plumber, most anything except a major league player. "I'm not the biggest guy in the world. I don't have that many tools," he said. "If you saw me walking down the street, you wouldn't think I'm a baseball player." Well, not unless he was carrying his AL MVP award.

Pedroia added to his ever-expanding trophy case Tuesday, becoming the first second baseman to earn the honor in nearly a half-century.

The Boston little man with the meaty swing easily beat out Minnesota slugger Justin Morneau, Red Sox teammate Kevin Youkilis and record-setting closer Rodriguez in a scattered ballot that saw five different players draw first-place votes.

Generously listed at 5-foot-9, 195, Pedroia has quickly piled up a huge stack of hardware. Earlier this week, he won the Gold Glove. He was the 2007 NL Rookie of the Year and capped off that season with a World Series ring.

"I had to overcome a lot of things to prove people wrong, and so far I've done that," he said on a conference call from his home in Arizona. "I have to find a way to have that edge."

Pedroia drew 16 of the 28 first-place votes cast by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America and finished with 317 points. He was even left off one ballot, while Morneau and Youkilis were listed on every one.

"You look around the league, there are a ton of great players," Pedroia said.

Pedroia led the AL in hits, runs and doubles in helping the Red Sox win the wild-card berth. He batted .326 with 17 home runs and 83 RBIs and also stole 20 bases.

Pedroia became a fan favorite at Fenway Park with his scrappy approach. In a lineup depleted by injuries to David Ortiz, Mike Lowell and J.D. Drew and the midseason trade of Manny Ramirez, Pedroia took his hearty hacks wherever needed - while he usually batted second, he also hit leadoff and cleanup.

Nelle Fox was the previous second baseman to become AL MVP, in 1959 with the White Sox. No position has produced fewer MVPs overall - just 10 overall since the AL and NL awards were first presented in 1931.

**In Brief**

**Muschamp to replace Brown at Texas after retirement**

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas defensive coordinator Will Muschamp has been designated as the head-coach-in-waiting by the university, expected to take over the Longhorns when Mack Brown retires.

Muschamp is in his first year with Texas, but athletic director DeLoss Dodds said Tuesday he and Brown know they want to keep him at Texas. To do that, they will more than double his salary from $8 million next year, $12.5 million in 2010 and $13.5 million in 2011. Dodams has a 2012 option for $14 million.

Dempster was 17-6 with a 2.96 ERA for the Cubs last season, then became a free agent after making the switch from the closer to starter.

"It was imperative that we kept him in house," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said. "No doubt in our minds that Ryan would have exceeded this deal on the streets in three or four weeks from now, the way the market is for starting pitching. Ryan was committed to us. From Day One he told us he wanted to stay. And it was a priority for us to try and get it done before we got too far down the road in the winter."

**Battier, McGrady practice for Rockets Tuesday**

HOUSTON — Houston Rockets forward Shane Battier practiced with the team for the first time on Tuesday, but Ron Artest and Yao Ming skipped the workout after leaving Monday's win over Oklahoma City with sprained ankles.

Tracy McGrady also practiced Tuesday after re-aggravating his sore left knee in Monday's game. McGrady was going to have an MRI on the knee, but decided with team officials that the test was unnecessary and practiced instead.

The Rockets play Dallas on Wednesday and Artest and Yao Ming are expected to be ready for game time.

Battier has been bothered with inflammation in his left foot for months after offseason surgery. He said Tuesday that he needs a few more full practices before he's ready to play in a game.
Cycling

Armstrong would fear for safety in Tour return

Associated Press

LONDON — Lance Armstrong fears he could be attacked by spectators if he returns to the Tour de France next year.

The seven-time Tour champion, who is making a comeback after three years in retirement, said in an interview in The Guardian on Tuesday that he is concerned about his safety.

"I don't want to enter an unsafe situation but you see this stuff coming out of France," said the American rider, who has many critics in France. "There are some aggressive, angry emotions. If you believe what you read, my personal safety could be in jeopardy."

"Cycling is a sport of the open road and spectators are lining the road. I try to believe that people, even if they don't like me, will let the race unfold," Armstrong was asked if he specifically fears a physical attack.

"Yeah. There are directors of French teams that have encouraged people to take to the streets ... elbow to elbow. It's very emotional and tense," he said.

It's unclear why Armstrong is worried about his safety now, given that attacks on riders are extremely rare. Organizers have in recent years taken additional steps to protect riders from spectators, including increased use of crowd barriers.

Armstrong announced his comeback in September and joined the Astana team. He is reunited with Astana team leader Johann Bruyneel, who teamed with Armstrong for all seven Tour de France wins from 1999-2005.

Armstrong plans to meet with Tour officials before deciding whether to compete in the 2009 Tour.

Previously, he had expressed doubts over trying for another Tour title because of the problems he might encounter with French organizers, journalists and fans. Armstrong is scheduled to race the Giro d'Italia for the first time. The 100th anniversary edition of the Giro is scheduled for May 9-31. The Tour de France starts July 4.

The 37-year-old Armstrong said in the Guardian interview that he is in better shape at this stage of the season than in past years.

"I'm much better physically now," he said at his home in Austin, Texas. "And mentally there is no comparison. I'm far stronger and more motivated. The motivation of 2008 feels like the motivation of 1999. I was back from cancer then. I had the motivation of vengeance because nobody wanted me or believed in me."
Purdue downs Loyola-Chicago

Indiana squeezes by IUPUI; Texas cruises easily past Tulane

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Bowl Championship Series games are moving to ESPN, the latest in a series of events to migrate from over-the-air to cable.

BCS coordinator John Swofford is confident that fewer and fewer viewers will make a distinction between the traditional broadcast networks such as Fox, the current home of the BCS, and ESPN, which will start airing the games in January 2011.

Pittsburgh games on the NCA, NII, and Major League Baseball are already broadcast on cable, as is Monday Night Football. ESPN announced last week that the British Open will be televised live exclusively on cable beginning in 2010.

This marks the first time, though, that the decisive game in a major U.S. pro sports league or NCAA college football or men's basketball will air on cable.

"You're talking about a situation where we're seeing more and more sporting events go to cable," Swofford said. "And certainly I think that the college football community, people who truly follow college football, are extremely pleased to draw into ESPN and see ESPN as in essence for television the home of college football.

The BCS and ESPN announced a four-year contract Tuesday, ESPN outbid Fox, which is paying $80 million annually to broadcast the games from 2007-10.

ESPN's offer was for $125 million annually. The network is including a person with knowledge of the negotiations. The person requested anonymity because the networks are not releasing financial details.

Fox would not offer much more than $100 million annually, the person said.

Pittman will increase because of the new deal, Swofford said.

ESPN runs ABC Sports, but chose to slate the games for the network, not the ABC-over-the-air network.

Owning a valuable property like the BCS could help ESPN because it negates future subscription fees.

The agreement covers the 2009 and 2010 Rose Bowls each year and the BCS game from 2011-13.

The Rose Bowl will continue to be televised on ABC through at least 2020 under a separate, previous contract, said ESPN President George Bodenheimer.

ESPN is available in just over 8 million U.S. homes, which is 86 percent of all households with televisions. Pundits have said Swofford expects that number to grow by 2011, and ESPN notes that 95 percent of people who watched the BCS title game on Fox last season had cable or satellite.

"Measuring the difference in viewership between sports on over-the-air and cable networks is difficult because ratings often fluctuate wildly depending on matchups.

The seven-game American League championship series between Minnesota and Cleveland Indians averaged 10 million viewers on Fox in 2007. A seven-game series between the Red Sox and Yankees in 2004 this year averaged 7.4 million.

But when CBS boasted appealing matchups for the 2007 division series, it actually drew 26 percent more viewers than the previous year, when the broadcasts were split between Fox and ESPN. The viewers were available to more people.

BCS officials decided in 2004 to maintain the current format — and not switch to a playoff system — until at least 2014, and the TV contract reflects that.

Numerous teams have criticized the BCS structure over the years, which could make for some awkward pairings if previously critical analysts now wind up calling the games.

Bodenheimer said those opinions will continue to be voiced.

"We have a church and state operation here between editorial and on-air talent and the business side," he said.

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Oil snap losing streak against Blue Jackets

Wild ride hot goaltending to shootout win over Pens; 'Canes record season-high 48 shots to beat Canadiens

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Edmonton Oilers got high marks for shooting efficiency in their highest-scoring game of the season.

Shawn Horcoff had a goal and two assists to lead seven multi-point scorers, and the Oilers snapped a three-game losing streak with a 7-2 rout of the Columbus Blue Jackets on Tuesday night despite being out-shot 39-19.

"I don't really think the score was indicative of how close the game was," Horcoff said. "I thought we showed a lot of good character to get that 5th goal. We kind of gave ourselves some breathing room."

Sheldon Souray, Andrew Cogliano, Tom Gilbert and Lubomir Visnovsky had a goal and an assist, and the Minnesota Wild benefited from a gift goal that Pittsburgh put into its net for a victory Tuesday night that ended the Penguins' six-game winning streak.

Niklas Backstrom, 3-0 in shootouts this season, stopped 24 of 25 shots before turning aside Petr Sykora, Alex Goligoski and Sidney Crosby in the tiebreaker. Crosby, 9-of-32 in career attempts, needed to score to keep the shootout going but couldn't beat the Wild goalie with a wrist shot.

"You look at their lineup and look at their players. To keep them to one goal, that's a big effort," said Backstrom, who has allowed six goals while winning four of five. "You always want to compare yourself against the best teams out there, and you try to get up there. Your team gets confidence when you beat them."

**Hurricanes 2, Canadiens 1**

The punchless Carolina Hurricanes kept peppering Carey Price, and got a couple of pucks past the Montreal goalie just in time. Sergei Samsonov and Ray Whitney scored 3 minutes apart in the third period, and Carolina put a season-high 48 shots on net in its come-from-behind victory over the Canadiens on Tuesday night.

"We came out with the attitude that we were going to shoot some pucks and crash the net a little bit more," Samsonov said. "We really made an effort to try to put the puck on net from any position, and I think that kind of created the forecheck."

Whitney followed Samsonov's first goal of the season with the go-ahead score with 13:27 remaining to jump-start a Carolina offense that averaged fewer than two goals in its previous six games.

"We're doing what we're doing now with not a lot of goal-scoring," Whitney said.

Robert Lang scored for the Canadiens, who snapped a brutal power-play drought just in time for the third time in four games.
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**The Observer • SPORTS**

**Magic win despite Bosh scoring 40**

I feel pretty confident that Weis did say, however, "Whenever you have to carry a wing, using a second-stringer with a third-quarter lead before hang in the game. It's the Magic's eighth win in the past nine games.

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Ridderdwall said. Bilkner scored the game-winner against the Lakers as the fourth shooter to go. After taking a shot straight at the center ice, Ridderdwall deked Lake goalie Brian Mahoney-Wilson and lifted the puck into the net.

"I saved a little move I did in Junior, where we had a lot of matches and then I didn't use it," Bilkner said. "I knew it had worked before, but I just hoped it did this time, and it did.'"

Our Dame senior goalie Jordan Pearce was also in favor of the rule change.

"I think it's good," she said. "I think they're really fun and they're a great way to get crowds into the game. Friday night, the students were into it, they were making a bunch of noise."

Pearce said that he and Irish captain Erik Condra played together on the Lincoln Stars U.S. Hockey League Junior team, and went 7-1 in shootouts during their time.

"Erik and I were both in the locker room at the beginning of the game, just yelling, "Put him on the point!" Jaskowski asked us our opinion, and we were like, "Yeah, let's go!"" and so we went 7-1," we said "Sure!" Pearce said.

Penway said that his goal in shootouts is to put as much pressure on the shooter as possible.

"My mindset is to be really extra focused on the puck and try to make them make the first move," he said. "If you can be patient and stay up as long as you can, it forces them to make a move and beat you. You don't really want to beat yourself.

The Irish players are well-prepared for the new shootout rules, as they have had shootouts at youth levels in previous years. Up until now, they said, the shootouts had just been for bragging rights.

"Every Thursday before game weekends we'd do a little shootout competition after practice," Ridderdwall said. "It allows guys to work on their moves with a little bit of pressure, but it's just good times. That's helped us a lot.

"Jordan Jackson said he's started tracking the competition to determine his order for shootouts during games. He'd be dividing the team into two groups and allows the players to vote on the order of the players to vote on the order of the players.

"They probably know best who's going to give their team the best chance to win," Jackson said. "And we've been tracking who's scoring and not scoring and it helps the game longer."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

UNC blows out Kentucky 77-58

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - Devon Thomas scored a career-high 20 points to help top-ranked North Carolina blowout Kentucky 77-58 on Tuesday night despite playing again without his team's leading scorer.

Wayne Ellington had 16 points for the Tar Heels (2-0), who led by double figures throughout the game and never looked back in this year's first meeting with one of the nation's top basketball programs.

Patric Henson had 19 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Wildcats (0-2), who finished with 28 turnovers in their second straight loss.

North Carolina didn't really need Henson, who has missed almost three weeks of practice with a shin injury.

Henson, who was the nation's No. 1 recruit, sat out Saturday's opening win against Wisconsin.--

After matching his high points in the opening game, Thompson said Tuesday night's loss to VMI, the 25-6 team midway through the season, was a little awkward, a little bit, and a lot more difficult.

"That's probably about the biggest concern is that they're the biggest programs in men's college basketball," said Thompson.

Kentucky early, speeding up the score, and never looked back in the second half. The Wildcats put the Tar Heels in a hole, but only briefly.

"It's a backcourt turnover into a 3-pointer from Ellington then forced another one that led to an alley-oop pass from Tim Abromaitis for a dunk and a 25-6 lead midway through the second half.

"I'm pretty excited about that, that's probably the best of my career," Tim Abromaitis will sit out this year.

"But the Sports Illustrated cover will always show as the smiling Barlow," he added.

"I've been his team, a lot of times, it's been our best year," she said. "And just as against the Tar Heels, we had to experience again.

Mike Brey said that he didn't have the luxury to lead this team to a national championship, but the Irish coach felt that his team could still compete for a title this year.

"I feel kind of guilty being in this [cover] shoot with all he's done and accomplished," he said. "I feel like we look at it and say, "What are we doing? Why are we on it?"

"Mr. Maloney, another one that's still on the face of - - - - Irish basketball.

"He has been our best voice," Brey said. "He's a senior guard. Just hearing Kyle talk this year it's been his team, a lot of respect.

McAlarney said the Sports Illustrated cover has brought in a lot of attention, but he said it is a "little weird".

"I've gotta really be locked in, getting in the gym, working more. I've gotta set an example for these guys here," he said.

"...Just consistently coming in and working, showing these guys what it takes.

If I show these guys the right way to do it, I can walk down to the rest of the team."

Note: "...Blowing an injury to one of his top eight players, Irish coach M nearly for the rest of the year.

Coach Roy Williams said there wouldn't be enough minutes for Abromaitis, the starting player on the team, to be playing this year.

Last season, current sophomore Carleton Scott did not play and could play for a fifth year when the time comes.

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Charlie in charge

Weis to retain play-calling duties for remainder of regular season; team prepares for life without Floyd

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

One more week of the head honcho calling the plays. Irish coach Charlie Weis said in his Tuesday press conference he would hold onto the call sheet for the Syracuse game.

Weis said offensive coordinator Mike Haywood will miss practice for personal reasons, so Weis will retain play-calling duties.

"And with that being said, followed up by a short week next week, for the rest of the regular season I will be handling the play calling offensively," Weis said.

Calling plays against Navy, Weis said, was 'comfortable' for him. He felt he could 'sink' with the game plan at halftime and adjust any necessary problems.

"I think that probably the thing that was easiest thing for me to do is to come in at halftime and be able to whit-
tile through the game plan and get back to what we needed to do to win the game," Weis said. "And I think when you're not involved in that whole process and all the play-calling, that's a much more difficult test to do than when you're actually involved in the play-calling."

He said the offensive staff assisted him, but being involved with the game plan was the key for Weis' half-time adjustments.

"I think that more than anything else the biggest comfort zone was being able to, because we were involved with the whole process, be able to tweak some things at half-time to kind of get it right," Weis said.

Weis dismissed the notion that Syracuse could be a trap game — it is the last game for the seniors, and there’s other reasons to play well.

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Irish receiver Michael Floyd sprints downfield during Notre Dame's 33-7 win over Washington on Oct. 25.

McAlarney graces SI cover

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

Irish co-captain Kyle McAlarney said junior forward Luke Harangody is the face of Notre Dame's basketball program. But last week, Sports Illustrated printed a series of regional covers for its college basketball preview, and McAlarney, along with women's player Ashley Barlow, graced one of the six covers.

A self-effacing McAlarney said Harangody is "the man," and credit the Observer's Associate Sports Editor Fran Tolan for the article on the Irish's "next shining star."