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

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 nonprofit 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 a 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 13 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 organizes Fuller Center Bicycle Adventures.

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Students search for abroad beyond OIS

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-

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

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Photo courtesy of Aaron Patzwahl

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

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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 2000s? And it made me think back even further — 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 I will never see again.

Turn on the TV now and compare it to what we used to 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 “Soy What Karaoke” and “TRL” made any afternoon entertaining for at least two hours.

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 of this list and you have an all-time classic in every category: “Billy Madison,” “Pulp Fiction,” “Fight Club,” “Forest 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 ‘90s 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 at his best (Reasonable Doubt), 2Pac and Biggie alive and Dr. Dre and Snoop made songs before auto-tune?.

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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 hitch-hiked weeks earlier.

Stephen 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 owner Teresa Geron checked a microchip in the white dog’s neck. Two days later, they were in the Krewe of Barkus pet parade.

IN BRIEF

Mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday will be held in the Basillica 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 Newland 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 of self-care abilities will be offered to students.

Free massages and food samples also will 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

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Corrections

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

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY: What do you do to deal with this South Bend weather?

Alicia Danto

John Tchoula

Carl Brophy

Andy Hills

Andrew Ea

Linh Hoang

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Howard

Edwards

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Welsh Family

“arctica’s gone”

in the dorm.

“i sit at home, bake cookies, and watch “the little mermaid.”

“a sweatshirt. i don’t think it’s that cold.”

“I throw snowballs at the geese.”

“I stand next to the heater in South Dining Hall.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com
By AMANDA GRAY  News Writer

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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.

“At first I don’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.

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.

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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 specific steps.

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 deal a two-day, closed-door meeting bringing together the pope, top Vatican officials and 24 Irish bishops to try to restore the trust of Irish Catholics shaken by revelations of decades of clerical sex abuse and cover-ups.

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 mummified remains and 15 others are helping end many of the myths surrounding the boy king. While a comparatively minor ruler, he has capitalized the public since the 1922 discovery of his tomb, which was filled with a stunning array of jewelry 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, a former dishwasher, was put to death 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 after a 25th by lethal injection, the fifth executed under Florida Gov. Charlie Crist and the first in 2010.

Florida leaders traveled from Ohio to witness the execution.

Judge allows hate crime confession
GARDEN CITY, N.Y. — A jury will be permitted to hear that a New York teenager admitted to police moments after the fatal knifing of an Ecuadorian 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 Patchogue Main 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 said Tuesday that he plans to seek Barbara Arad’s seat in the Senate, even though he once had more than enough petition signatures to put him on the 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.

Obama announces loan for nuclear plant

Washington — President Barack Obama announced Wednesday that the government will provide a $36 billion loan guarantee for two new nuclear reactors to be built by Southern Co. in Georgia and South Carolina.

“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.

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gram after a few weeks after the academic year decision let-
ters 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 working for the entire summer. “I knew I wanted to go abroad at some point and so when I got word listed I thought that the summer session could be fun,” he said.

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

“Now there are courses I can take in the summer program that make it easier to qualify for an International Business certifi-
cate,” he said. “I really wanted to go abroad next term but also didn’t really want to be away from campus for an entire semester so this worked for me.”

LaFortune said many students receive summer financial aid packages outside of those offered by OS.

“If an OS 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 Hammond, 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 credit.

She has elected to study in Alcor, Spain, this summer through the College of Engineering, which also offers a summer program in London for 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 elec-
tive credit.”

Hammond said she would prefer to go abroad for an entire semes-
ter through OS, 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 bored in my sen-
ior year,” she said.

Students looking for an alterna-
tive study 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 inter-
esting in going to countries that aren’t offered through OIS,” said assistant director of the Kellogg Institute Holly Rivers said.

The Kellogg Institute funds stu-
dents’ efforts in programs such as Experiencing the World, which presents more independence in places like Africa, Asia and Latin America.

“In the Kellogg programs stud-
ents 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 accom-
plished, LaFortune said she hopes that students find some means of studying abroad.

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

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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. “I thought of a bike to raise money.

Iafigliola said riders can raise money for a cause of their choice, and route the group, the step it is taken at Fuller Center sites to help build locks.

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.

“Anybody who’s hit by a real-
ly had tornado the summer before, and when we got there, the entire town was demol-
ished,” he said. “We took an extra day or two to help but then stay 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 small towns where they would cook you a meal or do something really nice. The healing that came from that,” he said.

Patzwahl said “We were try-
ing to be of service and pro-
mote our organization, but usually you would receive more from" these people.”

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oni and sausages pizzas to the football team after home games during their entire sea-
son.

“They ordered 140 small pizz-
as (for the first game),” Tepe said. “The next game came and another restaurant was sup-
posed 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 iden-
tification 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 con-
troversial reputation forced Tepe, senior vice president of devel-
opment at Hollay Properties, to walk away from the project.

“We had all the permits in place, but we just didn’t want to be there,” he said. “I really wanted to be there, but it was the most difficult because of Rocco’s and its image. They had like every negative thing you could think of, she said. “People would go to Gino’s, because it’s deep-dish and it’s from the athletic department. I knew we couldn’t go there.”

Tepe said it was clear from the beginning that Gino’s was the right direction for the new pizza restaurant.

“We make the summer pro-
gram whenever there is a market that wants to go,” he said. “It’s not a suburb of Chicago, there’s not enough people … They had like every negative thing 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 Kuske, who recently visited Gino’s, said with South Bend’s other renowned pizzerias, the open-
ing of a new one seemed diffi-
cult.

“Trying to establish a pizza restaurant in South Bend is dif-
cult because of Izzo’s and its history with Notre Dame peo-
ple,” Kuske said. “This is dif-
ferent because it’s deep-dish and they offer something total-
ly different.”

The Mishawaka location stands out from other Gino’s Easts as well, she said, because of its unique décor. Other loca-
tions, 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 architec-
ture program. For example, he framed a photo of Hotel Dame, 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 pizze-
reria 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 it other Italian favorites.

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**New York —** Signs that the economy is indeed strengthening gave investors a surge of optimism and sent stock sharply higher.

The Dow Jones industrials soared almost 170 points Tuesday on upbeat earnings reports and corporate deals, luring 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 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 former 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 encouragement for other European banks.

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 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 broad hold 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 alliling 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, a 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 13.92 last month.

**Dow climbs nearly 170 points**

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

Associated Press

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**In Brief**

Google Buzz faces FTC complaint

WASHINGTON — A privacy watchdog group complained to federal regulators on Tuesday about Google Buzz, saying the search company has come under "opt in" for Gmail users for Buzz, rather than wait-up violations remain because Google automatically signs up Gmail users for Buzz, instead of asking them to do so themselves, or "opt in" for the service. The FTC 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 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.

**Market Recap**

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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 110 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 feelings. 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, and no other language is needed to be an international business person. 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. In addition to making graduates more appealing to potential employers, the simple act of learning a language 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 would’n’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 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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New spoon location actually costs NDH more money

According to Kevin Eller’s letter, “Spooning for Solutions,” North Dining Hall moved the spoons so students could 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 knives.

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Feb. 16

God Save the Swedes

Dear Brendan Keeler,

While reading the Viewpoint I stumbled upon your brief diatribe, “Clout 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 by your bold usage of the terms “Swedish meatballs” and “terrible” in the same sentence. I would venture to say that the Swedish meatballs, which Notre Dame faithful probably consume 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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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 discovered to have intended charitable contribution may have gone too far for the Haitian government’s taste.

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.

Plaints accrue 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.? The answer has to hold the missionaries accountable for their actions.

Laws always need to be followed — especially in 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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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 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 album cover for Yeasayer’s “Odd Blood” looks as if something is missing. It appears there is a space 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.

“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, is a really happy and upbeat fall, however, and that’s when it becomes clear that it’s falling in love. Cute right? Well echoing a similar sentiment in the lyric, because every word is dripping with a peaceful bliss. Keating sings, “I remember making love to you 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 and so on, the main message is a little angering. 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.

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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 you were given? Or are you still 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.
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.

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 pretty much a given," Felton said. "So I hope it works out and he gets the team."

Johnson, the founde r of Black Entertainment Television and the first black majority owner of a major professional sports team, also wasn't talking Monday. He 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 sponsors. After a rocky beginning that included drafting the disappointing Adam Morrison, he's made several moves that have helped the team, includ ing November's acquisition of Steph en Jackson from Golden State. Owning a team outright would be another milestone for the six-time NBA champi on. "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 Michael takes that lightly. I think he admires Michael and realizes what he means to our sport."

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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 contract that is the richest deal for a kicker 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 had hoped for at the time.

He missed 10 field goals as a rookie, and connected on only 61-yarder that was the fourth longest in NFL history.

The focus now turns to defensive coordinator 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.

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 624 South Dining Hall. Deadlines for next-day classifieds is 1 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is $5 per cent per ad. By Stephen Jackson from Golden State. Owning a team outright would be another milestone for the six-time NBA champion.

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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 at 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-defense team. In 21 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 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 Jerrid 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 diazepam and two forms of the stimulant Adderall.

Orioles’ Bergesen hurts arm

Baltimore — Orioles right-hander Brad Bergesen will be slowed at the start of spring training after hurting his shoulder while filmi...
Nicholas Severyn def. Robert Manfreda
Minafra’s technique and agility helped him last through the final round and take the fight by 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. Bennett controlled the second fight, but Bennett’s initiative and aggression tilted the fight in his favor. Russell Handly regrouped and opened the second round with punches, landing three punches in the second round on the offensive strategy to prove he could control his opponent. Scullion driving Zaabel against the ropes and into a corner could not find the opportunity he needed to weaken his opponent. In the third round, Macomber started to come closer to his target, and let his guard down. Minafra reacted by throwing a right hook that he landed against Macomber back against the ropes and sent Minafra to the unison victory.

Nicholas “It’s-a M-E-a” Ponzio def. Preston Bennett
After an even beginning, the senior captain Ponzio ended the first round in control by cornering his opponent. Bennett came back with intensity in the second round, overpowers his opponent’s movement. In the end, Ponzio continued to pressure his challenger and took the win by split decision.

Dominic “Warss War Hammer” Golab def. Brian “Half-man, Half hair” O’Connor
Golab proved advantageous as he defended 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 combination punches. In the second round, one right hook from O’Connor left Golab dizzy, off target and unable to control Golab almost fell to the ground. The round was the most definitive as Golab acquired a number of points and threw a number of powerful punches that he could not protect himself from. Golab won in a split decision from the judges.

189 pounds
Bernardo “Blue” Garcia def. Christopher “Sly” Sarkis
The junior Garcia began the match in control, but the freshman Sarkis finally came back, knocking Garcia to the ground and then the junior 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 punches, 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. Wallace momentarily stop the fight in the first round. Handy regrouped and opened the second round with punches, but Wallace retaliated by coming closer to Handy’s face, causing the referee to end the fight and give Wallace the victory by a split decision.

William “The Italian Stallion” Straccia def. Adam “The Sultan of Swinging” 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 weakened Zaabel in the sophomore’s favor.

From the beginning of the second round, Straccia mounted, 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 strategy 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’ vote.

In the second round, Orenchuk bounced back with more energy than before, but Healy remained unfazed by his opponent’s punches. Healy unleased 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 in 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 dizzier, almost losing his balance numerous times in the third round when Salat forced him against the ropes. Scullion won by split decision.

John “Papa” Tchoula def. Jeff “Dog” Hu
Hu only took 50 seconds for Tchoula to defeat grad student Hu as the referee stopped the fight four seconds into the first round. Tchoula, a junior, established himself as the dominant boxer in the ring. For a few seconds, Hu rushed Tchoula against the ropes, but Tchoula’s left hook quickly helped him out of it. Another left hook shot from Tchoula left Hu 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 fight. 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 combinations 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.

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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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.

“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.’ ”

Announcing the Year 2010 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift to the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2010 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work must normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student’s degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O’Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame;
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals;
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow;
4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
5) two letters of recommendation;
6) transcripts and courses completed;
7) a list of other sources of funding (being sought or confirmed) for the same project (i.e. Office of International Studies, Nanovic Institute, etc.)

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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 Gutherie 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 neither less this time around.

“We’re on a nice streak right now, but they’re a humble group,” coach Scott Brooks said. “They’ve got a lot of energy and competitiveness that requires every bit of our inside-outside game.”

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 air-tight 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 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 surged 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.

Burge Iba’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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Lawsuville, 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 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 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 some young players in our program. I’m excited about the guards we have coming, Sr. coming back.”

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

Louisville has won three of its last five 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 Samedu Samuels leads the team in scoring 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 three-point range.

Junior forward Tim Abromaitis shoots 49 percent from three-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 three-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 the NCAA Tournament. “Fighting to get into the NCAA Tournament,” Brey said. “That’s our charge. To fight to stay in the top half and make your run from there.”

Tip-off is at 7 p.m. on ESPN.

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**St. John’s**

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 are on the radar.

The Irish will have their chance to rebound at Georgetown Saturday.

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**Dinner**

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 mottoes for this year, which Schrage has had put on T-shirts for every player. That motto is “989, committed to winning, signifying the sum of all the players’ numbers on the team, and ‘one team, rock solid.’ The ‘989’ is meant to be a reminder that every member of the team is important if they are going to win, and ‘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. “Selflessness 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 in April 1974.

“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, 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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Jordan Bucci def. Adrian “Yo Adrien” Moreno
Returning champion and senior Bucci picked up the pace midway through the first round, showing his dominance against the sophomore Moreno. In the second round Moreno evolved the playing field, but Bucci began the third round fiercely with haymakers and did not back down. Bucci took the match by unanimous decision.

Ryan “The Show Stopper” Shestak def. Andy Nester
The two senior boxers looked strong and aggressive in the first round, but it was Shestak’s size, experience and consistency that earned him the unanimous victory. Nester didn’t give up despite Shestak’s intensity and forcefulness, and he retaliated in the third round with a series of jabs to Shestak’s head. It was not enough to trump Shestak’s early domination, and Shestak was awarded the unanimous victory.

Michael Kristensen def. Andrew “The Lion” King
The two senior boxers looked strong in the first round, but Bucci began the third round fiercely with haymakers and did not back down. Bucci took the match by unanimous decision.

Matthew Gimlett def. Jack “The Ripper” Healy
The freshman Healy began the fight with a bang, quickly cornering his senior opponent. But as the fight continued, Gimlett’s seniority showed through. A steady stream of jabs to the body secured Gimlett his unanimous win.

Jason “Pretty Boy” Miller def. Michael “Caveman” Abercrombie
Miller’s senior status proved him with his dominance against sophomore Abercrombie. While Abercrombie was quick on his feet and dodged the punch of Miller to the best of his ability, Miller’s seniority showed through. A steady stream of jabs to the body secured Gimlett his unanimous win.
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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 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 Frenchman 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, had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

**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

**ND Swimming & Diving**

**Squad looks to add to conference title count**

By ANDREW OWENS  
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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 in 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