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ND, SMC grads manage debt well

By EILEEN DUFFY

As indebted college students and recent post-graduates nationwide struggle to fork over money for their credit card and student loan hills on time, Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students are taking a different route and paying them back in a fashion that’s not only timely — it’s “amazing,” said an executive at Notre Dame Federal Credit Union (NDFCU).

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Albion: Work for goals, not money

By MEGHAN WONS

Mark Albion co-founded six start-ups, wrote a New York Times bestseller and taught at Harvard Business School and spoke both in front of the United Nations and with Mother Teresa, but he told his audience at the Mendoza College of Business Tuesday night he was simply a fellow journeyman.

A social entrepreneur and co-founder of Net Impact, a nationwide organization of graduate students and professionals supporting responsible business, Albion came to campus after Notre Dame’s MBA Net Impact chapter invited him to participate in its annual Ethics Week.

Albion urged students to work for more than a pay-check, find an occupation that makes them passionate and use it to impact the world.

“What’s your contribution going to be?” he said. “What are you going to do with your God-given life? That’s the big question.”

Albion recalled the day that changed his perception of his career and put him on a “different path.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Celebrating today

"On the morning of 14 February 1969, during a company-sized patrol in Quang Nam Province..."

The first time I read these words, Valentine’s Day stopped being about buying my mom a heart-shaped chocolate container or exchanging notes with pretty girls. These lines open the Silver Star citation awarded to my uncle, James Patrick Witt, for his actions on Valentine’s Day, 1969. This medal was awarded posthumously. He succumbed to the wounds he suffered in combat 38 years ago. This letter is what I have of him, what I can touch and see. All else are ancient memories gleaned from one-soldiers over too much wine, too late at night. Read on: "the point element took the command post of a North Vietnamese Army company by surprise."

The point element. My uncle, "Second Lieutenant Witt... while initiating an aggressive assault on the enemy bunker, received multiple wounds as he moved across the fire-swept terrain... Although painfully wounded, 2nd Lieutenant Witt calmly delivered explicit directions regarding the course of action to be followed by his men."

I never knew my uncle. In my home, he was always spoken of in quiet, hushed tones. "Your uncles Jim was a Marine, my father would say. Marine. Not "brave," not "a leader," but Marine. As if no other word was necessary."

But all I had of him was a sheaf of paper bearing a red and gold seal, and this medal was awarded posthumously. These lines open the Second Lieutenant Witt citation. "The men who knew him best."

I felt I was missing something. A part of my family. A part of me that runs from the ones who knew him best.

I traveled to Orlando for a reunion of the First Battalion, Seventh Marine Regiment. My uncle was part of Delta Company.

There, I met men who still bore the scars of the war that was consigned to history three decades ago. They live it every day. They weep in church, and drink in camaraderie. From them, I was able to paint a picture of my uncle that was more real than the words of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, or my parents' respectful silence. "He never asked anyone under his charge to do anything that he himself would not do," his captain said. "It was my fault. I put Jim on point that day, because he was aggressive. It was my decision," said his captain.

They told me about a man who cared for his men, a good leader and a gallant soldier. "I'm going to Hooters with the baseball boys. That's where I spend every special holiday."

From left to right, students Raquel Rios, Ricardo Pineda, Luis Silva, Cassie Montoya and Carlos Amaya audition at the Latin Expressions tryouts Tuesday.

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Committee created to explore fund options

By SONIA RAO

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The fund only grows if The Shirt achieves record-high sales. Some of the money in the royalty fund could be put toward the student government endowment, Friend said.

The money would then accumulate interest.

Friend cautioned that though the carry forward and royalty funds have significantly expanded over the past five or six years, it is still important to have money on hand for debt emergencies.

"There's going to be a time when The Shirt is not as successful as it's been. There was a time when it sold only 40,000 units," he said.

Breen-Phillips senior Matt Braun moved for an ad hoc committee to form for endowment explorations. SUB manager Patrick Vassel volunteered to lead the group, and student body president Lizzi Slappey said she would assist Vassel in researching investment possibilities.

Hall President's Council co-chair Bryan Lowery said he discussed the nubs and bolts of an endowment with Director of Accounting and Financial Services Jason Little. Lowery said an endowment fund would be possible for student government, "but we would have to go through Development. If we wanted outside donors," he said.

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at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross set up accounts each year, according to Burden.

I guess the average person going to these schools is not well, not your average person," he said. "The self-discipline it takes to maintain academic standards is reflective of the individual.

"But in general, our students with credit cards probably have a better pay record than our members." While that record is partly due to local students' self-discipline, Burden said, many students also send bills home to their parents — so they're careful about their purchases.

"The linebacker probably isn't going to show up on that bill," he joked.

But credit history occasionally occurs with incoming freshmen, though officials apply for credit cards that they can't pay for as seniors in high school, Lowery said, or they join a health club and don't pay the membership fees, prompting the club to notify the credit bureau.

"It's rare, it does happen," Burden said, adding quickly that NDFCU would deny such students. "That shows we're not totally stupid.

Noric is the University, which recognizes the staggering debt many graduates will face coming graduation day. So it works to make students aware of and prepared for the money they'll owe after college.

The Career Center hosts a three-part Senior Transitions Course, now in its second year, which gives seniors a glimpse into the real world. Topics covered include developing a career plan, networking with alumni, budgeting and investing.

"If you graduate from Notre Dame and owe you over $30,000, that's going to be a concern for you," said Father Joe Carey, a career advisor at the Center and an organizer for the course. "That's going to impact where you live, how much you can pay for rent, how much you spend on food. Those sorts of things are big questions.

"The real leg of the series takes place tonight. The Financial Aid Office also warns seniors how much they will owe, how often, and in what size increments. They used to hold meetings, but now they forward this information online. Wardlow still encourages students to come in for an exit interview, where a financial aid representative can answer any questions a student might have.

She also advises graduating seniors to keep in touch with their loan lenders, from notifying them of an address change to asking them for forbearance if they know the money won't be available to pay.

"You should never ignore the billings and the correspondence you get from your lenders," she said. "It's very hard to clean up your credit once you get that black mark on it."

And while Burden's job is to negotiate as many loans as he can, he admitted there are situations when credit isn't the right choice.

"People borrow so much money nowadays," he said, "in what size increments? To get young people into debt.

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Mark Albion

His mother managed a textile factory and employed a lot of immigrant workers, whom she taught English and helped secure other jobs. Albion called her “one of the most generous people — even though they didn’t use words like that back then.”

He said he found out after her recovery she had continued working at the factory during her illness.

Inspired by his mother’s passion for her job, he left his paycheck behind to pursue other interests.

“In deciding to go down my own path, I asked myself four questions: Who are you? What do you want? What can you do? Where are you going?” Albion said.

He challenged audience members to ask themselves these questions and said they should look back to their childhood aspirations. For Albion, a simple trip to the attic led to the right track to self-fulfillment.

He said he found a box of old short stories in a box in his attic he would try to sell for three to five cents when he was younger. “They were real classics like ‘I Became the Demon,’” he said with a laugh.

Although he loved writing, the young entrepreneur Albion quickly discovered it wasn’t very profitable and quit.

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In a time when people are easily replaced by computers or outsourced, Albion told students they needed to bring their personal spark to their jobs to really achieve success.

“You need to determine how you are going to measure success,” Albion said. “My dad once asked me if I would rather be rich or famous. It took me 37 years to figure out those are the wrong options.”

Albion said he recently asked his daughter the same question and when she quickly said she would choose the money, he was initially concerned — but she clarified her answer.

“My daughter said, ‘You can’t give your fame away, but you can give away your money.’ I thought then, I must be doing something right,” he said.

Albion will be on campus for the next few days and will facilitate a presentation at noon Thursday in Mendoza’s Giovanni Commons that is free and open to the public.

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is research which will greatly increase the speed and efficiency of computers.

But this type of research has the potential to create an impact beyond the performance of computers, engineering Ph.D. student Trevor Gickowski said.

"I’m excited to use these facilities for research that has significant contributions to society," Gickowski said. "We’ll potentially be able to work with nano technology as small as human cells, which has countless medical applications.

This level of research is not possible in the College of Engineering’s current home, Fitzpatrick Hall, interim College of Engineering Dean James Mert said.

“Our clean room now isn’t much cleaner than the hallway, because we don’t have the proper ventilation technology in Fitzpatrick,” Mert said. "Our current building wasn’t designed to do the latest engineering research."

But Stinson-Remick Hall will be able to serve these needs as it is set to include architectural features especially designed for an engineering facility, said Mark McCready, the chair of the chemical engineering department.

"The structure will be built softer to minimize the vibration of the building, which affects our work on the nano level," McCready said. "The site will also be grounded against electromagnetic interference, which could interfere with our instruments."

He said experiments that don’t require cutting-edge facilities will still be conducted in Fitzpatrick Hall.

But Stinson-Remick Hall will also contain practical features for students — including a 24-hour discussion lounge, a small cafeteria and a chapel — which the College of Engineering currently lacks, McCready said.

The facility will provide new lab spaces for graduate students and faculty members — but with the new Engineering Learning Center, Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering department chair Stephen Hall said the building will be geared toward undergraduates.

"The new building will also contain more labs than there are current engineering faculty members, but the department chairs said they expected the new infrastructure additions would attract new scholars and professors to Notre Dame."

"We’re 20 years behind where we need to be on buildings," Hall said. "Every other major research university has had 10 times the building construction we’ve had in engineering."

New facilities are necessary for Notre Dame’s undergraduate and research engineering programs to remain competitive against rivals like Princeton and Purdue, he said.

"If we want an engineering program like Princeton, for example, we need to invest like they do," Hall said.

The new addition will also play an important role in the advancement of the University’s national prestige, Mert said.

"Students in all Colleges want to graduate from a top-ranked university and this new building will contribute to that," Mert said.

Planning for Stinson-Remick Hall began in 1994 and construction is now set to begin in November 2007, Hall said.

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restaurant tonight, and every woman will be greeted at the door with a long-stemmed red rose.

At LaSalle Grill, which was completely booked for tonight more than a month ago, a special "Tastes of Love" Valentine’s Day menu will be prepared for the evening.

Another restaurant, Studebagels, capitalized on the holiday by making heart-shaped bagels.

Freshman Michelle Ripple may visit one of these restaurants tonight, but as she ventures into a classic Valentine’s Day romance ritual — the blind date — she doesn’t know her exact plans for the evening.

"I arrived at my dorm to find a rose and an invitation to a private dinner with about five other couples, and those are all the details I know," she said with a smile.

Ripple, however, was not the only one counting the hours before Valentine’s Day.

The staff at LeMans Hall set up multiple tables in the front lobby anticipating the arrival of many bouquets and floral arrangements for its residents, something that surprised sophomore Maggie McSorley.

"I arrived at my dorm to find a rose. More Maggie McSorley.

At Notre Dame, the Ballroom Dance Club will mark the occasion with a Valentine’s Day dance tonight, but the group’s excitement may not be shared by the entire community.

More than 400 anti-Valentine’s Day groups are available to cynics and lonely hearts, including the "Anti-Valentine’s Day," "Boycott Valentine’s Day" and "Valentine’s Day Should Be Abolished" groups.

Sophomore Ashleigh Cross joined the ranks of the dissenters.

"Valentine’s Day is too commercialized and exclusive and if you don’t have a certain someone to spend it with," she said. "It’s not that fun."

It may not be a cause for celebration for Cross, but others may appreciate the historical significance of Valentine’s Day.

The holiday stemmed from three Catholic priests martyred on February 14 in 269.

One of them, St. Valentine, defied Roman emperor Claudius II in the 3rd century by marrying young couples in secret.

However, the happiest people today may not be the holiday’s devotees, but the stockholders of the companies reaping the commercial benefits.

Approximately 180 million roses and 36 million heart-shaped candy boxes will be exchanged today, and profits associated with the holiday will pay $34 billion, according to the History Channel.

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Jury finds Walgreens not guilty

Unanimous verdict ends $2.5 million civil lawsuit over racial discrimination

Associated Press

RENO — A jury Tuesday cleared Walgreens Co. of racial discrimination alleged in a $2.5 million civil lawsuit brought by four black Texas men who said they were wronged in a confrontational episode at the drug store four years ago.

The six-woman, two-man jury in Washoe County District Court deliberated less than an hour after it began hearing testimony seven days ago.

The unanimous verdict capped a dramatic trial that saw the judge repeatedly admonish both legal teams and the lead plaintiff, Bruce Johnson, 44, of Houston, taken from the courthouse by ambulance last week when he suffered an asthma attack after aggressive cross-examination.

In their lawsuit, the four men accused Walgreens of trained their lawyer to shout a racial slur, slammed a door and denied them service after they complained about the quality of their photographs at the downtown Reno store in February 2003.

Walgreens' attorneys acknowledged the store slammed a door and walked off the job but said the clerk uttered the n-word and maintained the incident was a case of poor customer service absent any racial bias.

"Obviously, we're pleased with the verdict," said Howard Rosenblum, a lawyer for Walgreens.

"We accept allegations such as this very seriously," he said. "Walgreens has said all along we don't tolerate discrimination of any sort. It's good to see the system work."

A lawyer for the plaintiffs addressed the jury after appealing the case to the Nevada Supreme Court.

"We're not done yet," Silverberg told The Associated Press. He said the appeal would challenge some rulings "that kept out a lot of information that I think should have gone to the jury about what Walgreens knew about the clerk accused of the misconduct." Silverberg said in closing arguments Tuesday morning that the men deserved millions but would accept just $1 as justice served.

"It was wrong for Walgreens to treat these men differently for one reason and one reason only — the color of their skin," Silverberg said.

"These men stood up against the 14th largest company in the U.S. for four years to let Walgreens know they were not going to take it."

He told the jury, "Please let Walgreens know there is no more harmful word with such history and meaning for an entire group of people."

But a lawyer for the company, Clark Vellis, said the four men were "professional victims" looking to "turn justice into money." He urged the jurors to base their verdict on facts, "not sympathy or inflammatory statements about the Ku Klux Klan."

"Every time somebody has a bad experience, you can't sue. Every time somebody does something you don't like, you can't sue and try to turn it into money," Vellis said in his closing argument.

Judge Janet Berry told the jury before they began deliberations that in order to award damages to the men they must prove they suffered "monetaryly compensable physical or emotional injuries" as a result of Walgreens engaging in "extreme and outrageous conduct considered in a civilized society to be atrocious and utterly intolerable."

"That conduct does not include such things as insults, threats, indignation or petty trivialities," she said.

Johnson, a gospel singer, said pursuit of justice in the case became his calling and he launched a Web site, stopalldiscrimi­nation.com, to help others facing a similar plight.

Judge Janet Berry presides during a lawsuit against the Walgreens drug store chain in Reno on Jan. 26. The company was cleared of discrimination charges Tuesday.
Valentine's Day is here once again. Many of you will spend this evening with your Valentine "name-side" dining at the dining hall, or if your boyfriend is lucky enough to have borrowed a roommate's car, enjoying the oh-so-romantic atmosphere of Chili's, or perhaps even The Vine. If you are like me, however, you are most likely to be found picking up something on the box of chocolates your mom sent you while watching "The Notebook" until your tear ducts run dry, alone in your room. Yet if you do find yourself single this Valentine's Day, fear not, for over the years I have discovered that on Valentine's Day, girl-friends are left unsatisfied, while their boyfriends are left in the doghouse because they cannot live up to their girl-friend's "unrealistic" expectations. That does not sound like "the Holiday of Love" to me. But being a girl myself, I understand a woman's expectations on Valentine's Day: they are not that high. Therefore, I have compiled a list of the Top Ten Worst Valentine's Day Gifts to Give a Girl This Year. This way, the females will know how not to end up in the doghouse, and unless I've missed a bad gift or two, the ladies will finally have a happy Valentine's Day. So men, read up, and ladies ... you can thank me later.

1. Step one: cut a hole in a box. Step two ... [Continues...]

"My Funny Valentine," it's most likely going to end awkwardly for everyone involved.

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**TEN SONGS FOR THE ROMANTICALLY INCLINED**

Whether you're planning on celebrating this Valentine's Day by bringing sexy back or just engaging in some hardcore hand-holding, it never hurts and can help in a lot of ways to have some mood-setting musical ambiance as you spend some quality time with your significant other. Just whatever you do, resist the urge to emulate Justin Timberlake and his three-step plan for romantic gift giving. Cutting holes in boxes should be left to the professionals. Instead, here are some tunes to throw on the old LovePod and help turn your campus pad into a "Love Shack."

"All My Life" — K-Ci and JoJo
Shades of middle school, anyone? Gentlemen, remember those awkward days of middle school dances, desperately trying to avoid eye contact with your date while simultaneously keeping your hands from sliding down from the small of her back while also leaving room for the Holy Spirit between the two of you? This Valentine's Day, hear back to that era of dance-ending slow songs. Of these, without a doubt, K-Ci and JoJo's masterpiece remains the defining example of an era. Slow-dancing is optional.

"Crush" — Dave Matthews Band
This song was practically made for pulling off the old "yawn and stretch" routine. Just try to resist the urge to pull out a lighter and start singing along.

"Get Let It On" — Marvin Gaye
Depending on your position in your relationship, this one is either for the somewhat less-than-serious or for the very serious. Either way, a little Marvin is great for at least a laugh or two, or perhaps something more, DeLuca or no DeLuca.

"Truly Madly Deeply" — Savage Garden
Again dipping back into the well of middle school-esque pop culture, Savage Garden's intense use of adverbs and nature-themed lyrics ("I wanna stand with you on a mountain / I wanna bathe with you in the sea") go a long way towards planting the seed of passionate romance between you and your special person.

"My Girl" — The Temptations
This is a good one to use if you're taking your lady to a classy venue for a candlelit dinner, such as escorting your date arm in arm to Flank Steak night at North Dining Hall.

"Let's Get It On" — Marvin Gaye
This song was practically made for pulling off the old "yawn and stretch" routine. Just try to resist the urge to pull out a lighter and start singing along.

"U.N.C.H.E.A.D." — Frank Sinatra
It just doesn't get much more classy than Mr. Sinatra, does it? This is a good one to use if you're going for the cute and sweet approach. Used in conjunction with a scenic stroll around your campus, the "U.N.C.H.E.A.D." routine. Just try to resist the urge to pull out a lighter and start singing along.

"LO.V.E." — Frank Sinatra
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"Melt With You" — Modern English
This '80s-sounding track is a great feel-good jam and the perfect song to pop in the old player as you and your lover defrost the rest of time and has allowed multiple generations of V-Day Cassavas to "get righteous" with their lucky ladies.

"Unchained Melody" — The Righteous Brothers
You're probably thinking this one is the black sheep of the family here, but give it a try. This old-school doo-wop has survived the test of time and has allowed multiple generations of V-Day Cassavas to "get righteous" with their lucky ladies.

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**VALENTINE'S DAY UNDER THE PERMA-CLOUD**

Despite the chill of subzero windchill blowing the ground, February 14th is nowhere to be found on the horizon. Our weather forecast predicts clear skies and a high of 50 degrees. But don't let the clouds get you down! You can still have a romantic Valentine's Day without breaking the bank. Here are some ideas to help you celebrate:

1. **Make your own flowers**: Gather some fresh flowers from your garden or a local florist and arrange them in a beautiful vase. This is a great way to show your love and add a touch of nature to your space.
2. **Write a love letter**: Take some time to reflect on your feelings for your significant other and write them down in a heartfelt letter. This is a personal and thoughtful way to express your love.
3. **Plan a picnic**: Pack a basket with your favorite foods and snacks and head to a nearby park or beach. Enjoy the outdoors and each other's company.
4. **Watch a romantic movie**: Choose a classic or modern love story to watch together. This is a fun and relaxing way to spend the evening.
5. **Write and record a song**: If you're musically inclined, write and record a song for your significant other. This is a unique and personal gift.

Remember, the most important thing is to spend quality time with your loved one and create unforgettable memories.
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**BREAK-UP SONGS**

**TEN SONGS FOR SOLITARY SINGLES**

I know what you're thinking. You're sitting in your dorm room, playing Halo if you happen to be a guy, or doing whatever it is that girls do in their free time (playing with Barbies?). Meanwhile, you're looking wistfully out your window at the merry couples frolicking in quad snow, wishing that you weren't a victim of Notre Dame's enraged gender relations and had a special person to share Valentine's Day with. Well fear not, for the friendly folks here at the Observer Scene Section have compiled the perfect playlist for you to take your mind off of your V-day blues. On a day renamed by some as Singles Awareness Day, there's no need for you to stay sad — get glad! Or mad, depending on how you like to cope with your failures regarding the opposite gender. Either way, here are some tunes to keep that chin up. Who needs love, anyway?

"Complicated" — Avril Lavigne

As a teeny-bopper wannabe-rock star, Avril Lavigne clearly is the heir apparent to angry female artists such as Alanis Morissette, poised and ready in the wings to take over the title of "Most Disgruntled Female Star on the Planet." This heartfelt track goes into depth about the complexities of trying to reconcile adolescent romance with the social challenges of being cool.

"You Are So Last Summer" — Bill Withers

Nothing says, "this relationship is over and I'm in no way bitter at all" than using some valley-girl speak to tell off your ex. Using such lyrics as "You could slit my throat/ And with my one last gasping breath I'd apologize for bleeding on your shoes," this song will be sure to keep that tail droopy, feyere. Remember, you can't spell "mope" without "e-m-o."

" Ain't No Sunshine" — Eric Clapton

Lately, the songwriting process has been anything but fun. But this song about the pain of your unrequited love from overseas ex-girlfriend. Interestingly enough, "Ain't No Sunshine" could also be a fitting comment to describe the current fresh-air situation here on campus. Seasonal Affective Disorder? Singles Awareness Day? Coincidence? Probably not. Either way, you're SAD.

"My Paper Heart" — The All-American Rejects

Take refuge with these Rejects, who not only revel in their exalted female solidarity, much as the Spice Girls did several decades later, but also have a message of love with the rest of the free world. As a teeny-bopper wannabe-rock star, Avril Lavigne is clearly the heir apparent to angry female artists such as Alanis Morissette, poised and ready in the wings to take over the title of "Most Disgruntled Female Star on the Planet." This heartfelt track goes into depth about the complexities of trying to reconcile adolescent romance with the social challenges of being cool.

" You Could Still Have Me" — Laura Pergolizzi

Despite your Facebook stalking and awkward forays on the quad, does that special someone in your life rebuff your every advance? Despite your Facebook stalking and awkward forays on the quad, does that special someone in your life rebuff your every advance? Enter "Layla." Eric Clapton's song about the most famously ruthless female of all time. So the next time you find that your unicorn has "got away," don't go on the next person who has the misfortune of crossing paths with you. As she's so to let her down hard, gentlemen.

"I Want You To Want Me" — Cheap Trick

This one's pretty straightforward, but unlike the kill-yourself ethos of the emo genre, the song manages to stay fairly upbeat with a hip, old-school rock sentiment. Play this track if you're trying to say, "I like you, but I'm not desperate."

"Respect" — Aretha Franklin

The anthem of scorned women everywhere, this classic simultaneously allows women to stand up for themselves while expressing female solidarity, much as the Spice Girls did several decades later with their hit, "If You Wanna Be My Lover." If you're looking for a little added backbone, feel free to throw this one on and feel better about yourself.

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ECLECTIC CAST GAINS CRITICAL ACCLAIM

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

“Little Miss Sunshine” stole the hearts of millions with its quirky humor about a dysfunctional family riding across the country in an aged, yellow VW Bus. While the film itself represents some of cinema’s biggest prize, “Little Miss Sunshine” garnered a nod over bigger and more visible films like “Dreamgirls” (the leader of the pack in terms of pure numbers, with eight nods) and “Children of Men.”

For some reason, the Academy really likes to throw in one of these kinds of films every year. Consider some of the Best Picture nominees over the past decade: “Chocolat” (2000), “In the Bedroom” (2001), “The Cider House Rules” (1999), “Elizabethtown” (1998), and “The Full Monty” (1997). None of these films had the clout and marketing power of the bigger studio productions and each was doomed almost from the start to be an also-ran.

So why, without fail, does the Academy nominate a film that has almost no chance of winning? Well, history has proven that these kinds of films actually do have a slim chance of winning. The appeal with a film like “Little Miss Sunshine,” which isn’t being marketed as hard as some of the bigger pictures in the race (including the no-show “Brokeback Mountain”), is that it allows the audience to “discover” it on their own without being told to like it. It’s the same kind of appeal that drove the last two Best Picture winners, Paul Haggis’ “Crash” and Clint Eastwood’s “Million Dollar Baby.”

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If “Little Miss Sunshine” wins the Best Picture Oscar on February 25, it will indeed be an upset, but perhaps not as big an upset as people will make it. With no clear frontrunner, it’s entirely possible that “The Departed” and “Babel” will split the vote, allowing a smaller film like “Little Miss Sunshine” to slip through the cracks and take home the top prize.

Is it probable? No. But it wouldn’t be the first time that an upset film came from left field to be named the Best Picture. Just ask Clint Eastwood or Paul Haggis.

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Steve Carell, center, and the rest of the “Little Miss Sunshine” cast crashed the Academy Awards party, putting themselves in the running for the Best Picture Oscar.

By BRIAN DOXTADER
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Editor’s Note: This is the third in a five-part series on the 2007 Oscar nominees for Best Picture.

“Little Miss Sunshine” is the Little Movie That Could, a small film that flew under the radar upon its initial release, but gradually gained steam to become this year’s dark horse Best Picture nominee.

There seems to be one every year — the film whose very nomination is a bit of a surprise. “Shakespeare in Love” (1998) and “The Full Monty” (1997) were early upsets whose stars are rising. Alan Arkin, Steve Carell and Abigail Breslin anchor this cast and give the strongest performances of the year.

Abigail Breslin and Paul Dano also do their parts to form the engine which has propelled “Little Miss Sunshine” to the brink of Oscar glory.

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From left, Alan Arkin, Paul Dano, Steve Carell, Greg Kinnear, Abigail Breslin and Jill Taley all lent their talents to a cast that propelled the film to four Oscar nods.
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Wade scores 35 to lead Miami over Portland

Defending champs head into All Star break with .500 record

Associated Press

MIAMI — For the Miami Heat, this was a night of comebacks. First, coach Pat Riley said he will return after missing six weeks because of knee and hip surgeries. Then Dwyane Wade shook off a bruised left shoulder and outscored Portland by himself in the final quarter.

Now, the Heat's long trip back to the West Coast is over. Miami had 35 points and the Heat beat Portland 104-85 on Tuesday night, giving seven wins in eight games entering the All-Star break.

"I'm just glad we won. We've gotta go to the post so we talked about it, said Heat interim coach Ron Rothstein, who went 12-9 as Riley's replacement and helped the team recover from being under .500 on Jan. 27. "Now this is launching pad for after the break."

Wade had 16 of his points in the final quarter, one more than the Trail Blazers managed as a team, and almost single-handedly decided the game with three straight baskets in an 88-second span early in the period.

Miami led 77-63 entering the fourth and the game was still in doubt when Juan Dixon hit a 3-pointer with 10.9 seconds left, but Wade's three baskets pushed the Heat to 94-67, the Heat's biggest at that point — with 7:46 remaining. Miami would lead by as many as 21 in the final minutes.

"I'm not sure why he is one of the best players in the league," Portland's Joel Przybilla said. "He just took over. They showed why they are the world champs this night.

Zach Randolph had 17 points and six rebounds for Portland, and Jarrett Jack added 16 for their last 11, went ahead by 20-0 San Antonio baskets to start the second of 2001 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS. 4-DOOR. EXCELLENT CONDITION. 51,000 MILES. ONE OWNER, 13-9 as Riley's replacement and 85-18-9 as Riley's replacement and 122-110 in the fourth quarter when Jose Calderon converted a three-point play and moments later fed Bos for a basket that made 94-86.

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**Associated Press**

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. —**

NASCAR vowed last summer to crack down on cheaters, pledging to toughen penalties in a sport where bending the rules is as common as hugging bumpers.

Officials made good on that promise Tuesday.

NASCAR suspended the crew chiefs for Matt Kenseth, Kasey Kahne, Scott Riggs and Elliott Sadler and docked all four drivers points before the season-opening Daytona 500 its strongest statement to date on cheating.

All four cars failed qualifying inspection, and a fifth, Michael Waltrip's startup Toyota Camry, faces additional penalties that could be even more severe.

"It's obvious that we've ramped up our penalties and we're going to get people's attention," competition director Robin Pemberton said. "We're going to grab this one by the horns."

Robbie Reiser, crew chief for Kenseth, and Kenny Francis, crew chief for Kahne, were suspended four races. Rodney Childers, crew chief for Riggs, and Josh Brown, crew chief for Sadler, were suspended two races.

"Kahne, Riggs and Sadler are teammates at Evernham Motorsports. Kenseth, the 2003 series champion and runner-up last season, drives for Boush Racing. All four crew chiefs can appeal, a process that likely infuriated the team.

Four crew chiefs can appeal, a process that could allow them to work the Great American Race. If they do and the committee cannot schedule a hearing before Sunday's race, they would be allowed to participate.

But Roush Racing already has a suspension for Reiser, and said the 500 will be the first race he has missed since the team's inception in 1999 — a stretch of 255 races.

Reiser and Francis may also be fined $30,000 each, while Childers and Brown were fined $25,000 each.

All four drivers will start the season with negative points a move that most likely infuriated the team.

**Illinois basketball players sustain injuries in crash**

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. —

Brian Carlwell, one of two Illinois basketball players injured when their car went off the road and slammed into a tree on Monday night, is improving and could move into a regular hospital soon, according to a University of Illinois spokesperson.

Carlwell is expected to move out of intensive care on Tuesday night. He suffered a severe concussion in the single-car accident, according to Carlwell's attorney.

"We just hope and pray Brian is going to be OK," Weber said.

**IN BRIEF**

Barber ends NFL career, set to join NBC's 'Today' show

NEW YORK —

Former NFL running back and new "Today" show correspondent Tiki Barber said his offensive line at Fox News Channel made him recognize he had a passion for a career outside of sports.

Barber also said his problems with New York Giants head coach Tom Coughlin had "started to take its toll on me."

The just-retired NFL running back was formally introduced as an NBC Universal employee Tuesday. He'll contribute news and human interest stories to "Today," and he'll be an analyst on NBC's Sunday highlight show "Football Night in America" in the fall.

He spurred offers from Fox and ABC/ESPN to take the NBC job. "My dream has always been to be on the "Today" show," Barber said.

Barber, 31, retired as a Pro Bowl running back, scoring a touchdown in the NFL all star game last weekend.

Allen, Okur chosen to play in NBA All-Star Game

NEW YORK —

Seattle's Ray Allen and Utah's Mehmet Okur were chosen Tuesday by commissioner David Stern as injury replacements for the All-Star game.

With Steve Nash (shoulder) and Allen Iverson (ankle) both pulling out of Sunday's game in Las Vegas, the Western Conference was in need of a guard. Allen is seventh in the league with 26.9 points per game.

Okur's clutch late-game play has helped Utah keep rolling despite the absence of Carlos Boozer, who was chosen for the All-Star game but also was forced to pull out because of a hairline fracture in his leg. That had left the Jazz, whose 34-17 record is third-best in the league, without a player in Sunday's game.

Allen is headed to his fourth straight All-Star Game and seventh overall. Okur is a first-time selection.

Reiser and Francis may not appeal because delaying the suspension could cause them to miss the debut of the Car of Tomorrow at Bristol Motor Speedway in March.

In toughening its penalties, NASCAR made the unprecedented move of taking points away before the season has even started.

Kahne and Kenseth were docked 50 points apiece, while Riggs and Sadler lost 25 each.

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Belles prepare for Albion

Conference foes to square off again after overtime battle last month

By DAN COOPER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will look to avenge its Jan. 17 overtime loss to Albion at 7:30 tonight at the Angela Athletic Center.

Since that loss, the Belles are 5-1 and have worked their way to third in the MIAA with a 10-11 overall record and a 9-2 league mark.

Albion, which is riding a two game winning streak, is 13-9 and 8-6, respectively.

"We definitely have our hands full. They are a good team and they're on a roll," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "We're going to try to win the boards and limit their second chance opportunities."

In its last meeting with Saint Mary's, Albion had a balanced offensive attack that showcased four double-digit scoring efforts. Three starters had 11 or more points, including junior forward Jessica Babcock, who scored 19. Sophomore forward Kati Tindall added 14 points, including junior forward Anna Kammrath pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds.

Albion has continued its balanced offensive attack, in which all five starters scored 10 or more points. Sophomore forward Bridget Lipke had a solid game with 12 points and 10 assists and freshman forward Anna Kammrath pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds.

Saint Mary's guard Alison Kessler drives to the basket during the Belles' 72-69 overtime loss to Albion Jan. 17.

Saint Mary's should enter this game with confidence knowing it played Albion close in their last meeting and this time it has home court advantage.

"We haven't played well our last two games and we need to get back on track," Henley said. "It will be nice to have a game at home because we have played well at home all year."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish get set to take on trio of ranked teams

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

No. 2 Notre Dame hosts No. 23 Michigan to kick off a tough three-match home stand today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion at 4 p.m.

"Michigan is always a good team to play because you know they're going to play hard and fair," Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback said. "It should be a really good match. They're undefeated and they beat Vanderbilt, Oregon, and Washington, which are all quality teams."

Michigan senior Jenny Kuehn, a fifth-year transfer from Tulane, leads the Wolverines with a spotless dual-match record this season. "(Kuehn) has a lot of experience," Louderback said. "She played No. 1 and No. 2 singles at Tulane, and they were a top-20 team when she was there."

After Michigan, No. 7 North Carolina (9-2) and No. 20 Wake Forest (4-8) will travel to South Bend for matches on Friday and Sunday, respectively. The Irish (6-1) are accustomed to playing highly ranked teams in a short time span.

But even if Notre Dame does try to halt a three-match losing streak against the Wolverines. "We've just had her hit a lot of balls. She just needs her confidence back," Louderback said. "She's just had some tough matches and played pretty well," Louderback said. "The more she plays at the top of our lineup and gets more experience, she'll be fine."

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Irish coach Tim Welsh said, "We know we have to challenge our youth in every aspect of the race."

Judging by their record, defeating the Mountaineers will be an uphill task. West Virginia has left opponents in its wake on its way to a 13-0 dual meet record and a first-place finish in the Maryland Invitational. It is worth noting, however, that Notre Dame is the only ranked team the Mountaineers have faced this season.

"West Virginia is a very strong team," Welsh said. "They sprint very well. Four of their five relays are excellent, and they have the top seed in almost all of the races this weekend."

"We have more depth than West Virginia in some events," Mone said. "We are interested in the middle and long distance freestyle and diving events. If we compile a lead in those events, we might be able to hold them off, but it's going to be tough."

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Nixon said: "We have a lot to look forward to in addition to the Big East.

Such confidence should not be mistaken for a lack of respect for the 11 teams who will be trying to break Notre Dame's stranglehold on the Big East Championships, Nixon said.

"We have a lot of freshmen who defeated them 195-60 in the Shamrock Invitational, Nixon said. "If we compile a lead in the 200 freestyle and 200-yard fly, we will be in the 1,650-yard freestyle as well."

The Scan also ruled that out, however. Nixon said: "We know we have to challenge our youth in every aspect of the race."

The West Virginia coach has been working towards all season. This season, Rutgers has compiled a dual meet record of 6-1. The only blemish on the Scarlet Knights' dual meet resume came at the hands of No. 12 Penn State who defeated them 195-105 Jan. 20.

The other team that could pose a threat to Notre Dame is West Virginia. Although the Irish defeated the Mountaineers at the Shamrock Invitational, Nixon said West Virginia is a rapidly improving squad.

"The West Virginia coach has done a great job recruiting since he took over two years ago," Nixon said. "He has assembled a team that is going to be tough to beat."

"We believe our team is as strong as anyone's," Welsh said. "If we compile a lead in these events, we might be able to hold them off, but it's going to be tough."

"We have a lot of freshmen in key positions," Welsh said. "We just want our freshmen to take great swimming on our part."

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D’Amico, who had totaled just eight points her last five games and was riding a three-game streak without a field goal, bounced back with 15 points in 18 minutes.

On the defensive end, Notre Dame forced 20 turnovers, resulting in 22 Irish points. It was the 18th time in 25 games that Notre Dame has forced 20 or more turnovers.

“We did a good job of getting turnovers and turning those into points at the other end,” McGraw said. “Our transition offense is where we were able to break the game open.”

Villanova had no such defensive prowess. The Irish turned the ball over only 8 times, a season low.

Notre Dame led 34-25 at the half, and Allen had scored 15 of her 25 points on 7-of-10 shooting.

“I thought we executed well, especially on the offensive end of the floor,” McGraw said.

In the second half, Villanova closed the gap, at one point trailing by 3. But after that point, the Irish steadily increased their lead, due in part to their ability to get to the free throw line. Notre Dame made 10-of-14 free throws, while Villanova finished 4-of-6.

Irish freshman Ashley Barlow started her second consecutive game and scored 15 points. Although the freshman did not make a field goal until 12 minutes into the second half, McGraw said Barlow’s defense and stamina during her 38 minutes on the floor was a big part of the win. Barlow was also 5-for-7 from the charity stripe.

For the second consecutive game, the Irish had four players in double figures. Senior guard Breona Gray rounded out the group, scoring 10 points and sinking both 3-pointers she attempted.

Notre Dame was choosy but effective with its outside shooting, making 3-of-5 on the night. Villanova, by contrast, took 19 3-pointers and made only four.

Notre Dame improved to 37-8 overall and 5-4 in the Big East. The win was the second conference road win during her 38 minutes on the floor was a big part of the win. Barlow was also 5-for-7 from the charity stripe.

Practice makes perfect. At least that’s what Irish coach Joe Piane was thinking when he decided to send competitors to the Windsor Team Challenge Saturday. Even though the Irish did not qualify any additional competitors for the Big East championships, which start this weekend, they improved their times in a competitive atmosphere.

We had a couple of performances improve, like Joe [Genoa] and Demenique Manning in the 60-meter dash,” assistant coach John Millar said. “But in the most part it was more of a meet that we were using to prepare for this weekend and just give them a chance to compete away from the Loftus Center.”

The Irish women excelled once again in the sprints, taking the top three spots in the 60-meter and 300-meter runs. In the 60, senior Maryann Erigha won the event, followed by juniors Brienne Davis and Manning. Freshman Joanna Schulte placed first for the Irish in the 300 with seniors Okechi Ogbenkiri and junior Crysta Swayzer taking the second and third spots.

Manning also took first in the 60 meters, while the Irish women won the 800-meter relay.

“Overall for the women, the ones that competed here ran pretty well. And most of them ran pretty close to their seasonal best,” Millar said. “But they ran better than last year at the same time so I felt really good about that.”

On the men’s side, the Irish were equally impressive. Genoa set a seasonal best mark Saturday in the 60 meters while senior Jordan Powell set his own personal best in the 300 meters.

The Irish won the 660-meter in convincing fashion, with juniors Austin Wechter and Robert Kueny taking first and second, respectively.

Even though no one from the limited Irish squad qualified for the Big East championships, the Irish still considered the weekend a success. Going into the tournament, Piane said the main goal was to taper some of the runs for qualified runners in order to give them a little extra preparation for the conference meet this weekend. This meant many of the races Notre Dame competed in, such as the 300-meter sprint and the 800-meter relay, are not Big East events. Millar also said the main goal was to help get the team ready for the Big East.

“Even though no one from the Irish qualified for the Big East in the sprinting events, it was mainly a group of sprinters and quarter-milers and that sort of thing,” Millar said. “But I think that it was successful from the standpoint of preparing them for the conference meet and just getting one last competitive opportunity.”
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Men's squad looks to avenge loss to West Virginia, take title

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