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

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
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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 organ-

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Gino’s East Pizza hits Mishawaka

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

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

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

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

“Mike Brey comes in here about once a week,” Manette Mullen, Gino’s East part-owner, said.

The restaurant also caters more than 100 cheese, pepperoni, and a ‘93 Notre Dame architecture graduate, said.

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

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Students search for abroad beyond OIS

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

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

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

Summer programs offered through OIS involve six weeks of study and require students to earn six to eight credits during their time abroad. While locations for summer study include some overlapping cities with the semester-long programs, LaFortune said summer study also has certain advantages for students that are not offered the semester-long OIS programs.

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

LaFortune said the applicant pool to the summer programs is varied, but a lot of people who were not accepted or were waitlisted in the academic year pro-
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 we 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” (it still want a piece of the Aggro Crag) and countless other shows, '90s Nickelodeon will never be surpassed. Power Rangers was fantastic, and how much would you pay for the old MTV? “Say What Karaoke” and TRL made any afternoon entertaining for at least two hours. 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.


You cannot compete with those, and I know I left out plenty of great options. The second annual student health fair, “How the Health Are You?” will be Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center. Free health screenings, assessments and self-care activities will be offered to students. Free massages and food samples will also be available in addition to free raffles for prizes.

A lecture, “Blacking 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.

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IN BRIEF

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

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

A colloquium, “Biomolecules under pressure: Why it matters,” will take place from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in 118 Newell 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.

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CORRECTIONS

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

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Student to begin tent, tarp collection for Haiti

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

“I’m a Boy Scout, so my first reaction was that the [Boy Scouts of America] has access to a lot of tents and could get them there easily and that Notre Dame’s connections in Haiti could help get them there quickly,” Kudija said.

“Today, they’re asking for tents now. When we start collecting we’ll ask for both.”

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

“I talked to Risk Management and they said they’re fine with the whole plan,” Kudija said. “It still needs to be approved officially through Student Activities. When that gets actually approved, we can start collecting on campus.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Saint Mary’s professor gives poetry reading

By CAROLYNN SMITH
News Writer

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

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

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

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

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

She later recited a poem titled, “To Stay Found.”

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

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

When asked by a student if she brings her femininity into her writing, Hooker said she brings her femininity into her work more than in the past.

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

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

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

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

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

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Council reviews improvements, approves final Web site

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

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

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

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

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

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

Sophomore Joey Rich, the creator of rent.nd.edu, will continue to be the administrator of the Web site for the next few years and he will be the one responsible for monitoring the site.

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

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

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

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

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

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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 practical 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 three-day, closed-door meeting bringing together the pope, top Vatican officials and 24 Irish bishops was thought to be shelting on this side of the border toward talks with the Afghan government — a development increasingly seen as key to ending the eight-year war.

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

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NATIONAL NEWS

Florida executes 1980s murdered

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

Gay rights activists traveled from Ohio to witness the execution.

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President Barack Obama’s administration has vowed to kill or seize Taliban and al-Qaeda leaders in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The arrest comes as relentless CIA missile strikes against militant targets in the border tribal region have killed several commanders.

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

Former members of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and security experts said the arrest would hurt the Taliban but was far from a decisive blow. They said Baradar would likely be quickly replaced and that local commanders had a lot of autonomy from the leaders based in Pakistan.

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

“IT'S A GREAT TACTICAL SUCCESS THAT THE COALITION FORCES SHOULD BE PLEASED WITH, BUT BY NO MEANS IS IT THE BEGINNING OF THE END,” SAID WILL HARTLEY, AN ANALYST AT JANE’S TERRORISM AND INSURGENCY CENTER IN LONDON. “THIS WILL HAVE A NOTED EFFECT ON THE SHORT-TERM ABILITY OF THE TALIBAN TO OPERATE THE WAY IT WAS. HOWEVER, IT HAS PROVED ITSELF A RESILIENT ORGANIZATION.”

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

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

Afghan analysts in the U.S. said they were closely watching for a stepped-up U.S. effort to capture or kill Jalaluddin Haqqani and his son Sirajuddin, the brutal leaders of the Taliban arm that operates in eastern Afghanistan from bases in northern Pakistan.
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grams apply for summer. We make the summer pro-
gram happen in two 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 wait-listed. “I knew I wanted to go abroad at some point and so when I got wait-listed I thought that the summer session could be fun,” he said.

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

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

LaFortune said many students request courses that are normally not offered outside of those offered by OIS. “If an OIS program doesn’t fit a student’s interests or academics we often encourage them to look at other ways of going abroad,” she said. “We often connect them with the Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement and we suggest talking to their deans about studying abroad through their major or college.”

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

She has elected to study in Alcyon, 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,” Tepe said. “The College of Engineering programs allow us to take classes abroad that will count for engineering elec-
tive credit.”

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

“It’s not a bad option by any means and I don’t have to worry about being bored 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,” assistant director of the Kellogg Institute Holly Rivers said.

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

“In the Kellogg programs stu-
dents 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 kind of meaning in their study abroad experience.

“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 ride to raise money.”

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

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.

“Two weeks later, I had 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 expert in the spring, teaching how to stay and build for another day.”

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

“We would meet people in the community and if they knew you were doing something, they would cook you a meal or do something really nice,” the bicycle trip leader said. “Dave Skorup and I met Patzwahl. “We were try-
ing to be of service and promote our organization, but usually you would receive more than you could give to 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 piz-
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 called 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 identi-
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-
tracts with bullies expired, and he decided to open a Gino’s instead.

Senior vice president of devel-
opment at Holladay Properties, Tim Tepe, said the push to open a Gino’s East was somewhat unexpected.

“Gino’s was interested in Heritage Square, but we were considering a lot of different options,” he said. “It presented some logistical chal-
enges. At one point, the road they were taking just ended, with no indication on the map as to how to get back on track.”

Tepe assessed the premises and found that the property’s potential to be high quality.

“It was hard,” she said. “They did make a doubt.”

For Patzwahl, one of the best

“I realized how much cultural diversity there is in America.”

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

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

“Riding in the Rocky Mountains was difficult,” he said. “It was also the most beautiful part of the trip with-
out a doubt.”

Iafigliola said one of the best

parts of hiking across America is simply meeting people from different parts of the country.

“When you’re out there, not watching TV, but going through country, you meet ordinary people and see the way they live,” he said.

This year’s ride begins June 18 and concludes Aug. 8, start-
ing in Niagara Falls and end-
ing in New Orleans. Bikers can choose any part of the entire ride or for a segment of the course.

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

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IN BRIEF

Google Buzz faces FTC complaint

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

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

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

Simon Property bids on competition

LOS ANGELES — Simon Property Group Inc., the nation's largest shopping mall owner, made a $10 billion hostile bid Tuesday to acquire ailing rival General Growth Properties, for $10 billion. General Growth, the No. 2 mall operator, filed for bankruptcy protection last year.

Simon’s second attempt at a hostile bid for its longtime partner Scherings-Plough Corp.

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

Obama plans to create deficit commission

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

The White House’s second attempt at a major acquisition in three months. In December, Simon offered $700 million in cash and up to $100 million in stock to buy more than 60 unlisted centers from another competitor, Prime Outlets Acquisition Co. That deal is pending.

Barack Obama’s commission will have a deficit target set, President Obama will announce Thursday that he is establishing a panel similar to — although weaker than — the one lawmakers rejected.

The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the president’s executive order creating the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform has not been announced.

The deficit spiked to an extraordinary $14 trillion last year and could top that figure this year as the struggling economy puts a big dent in tax revenues. Even worse from the perspective of economists and deficit hawks, the medium-term deficit picture is for deficits to hit around $1 trillion a year for the foreseeable future.

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

Obama’s version of the commission is a weak substitute for what he really wanted: a panel created by Congress that could force lawmakers to consider unpopular remedies to reduce the debt, including curbing politically sensitive entitlements like Social Security and Medicare.

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

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

Although Obama’s commission will lack any requirement for Congress to act on its advice, it will provide some political cover and big-name backing.
Last weekend, the first gold medal of the Winter Olympics was awarded to Swiss ski jumper Simon Ammann. While his ability to propel himself off a ramp 108 meters into the air was incredible, it was his post-interview that was particularly telling. In it, he spoke in incredible English to the NBC interviewer, not only giving the normal “it felt great” sort of sentiments, but also metaphors and idioms to describe his experiences. 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 their citizens able to communicate across languages. This is in part true, however; there still seems to be a sense of good European citizenship that involves learning another language, if only to accommodate each other more easily. This is something that is certainly lacking in the United States, with many students rarely even taking serious language classes in grade school, middle school or college.

The common argument is that English is the language of the world, should be the language of the world or soon will be the only language worth knowing in this world. So, if we are fluent in English, what else do we need? Globalization has in fact made the necessity of learning another language, if only to communicate across languages. This 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.

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. 

Jason Coleman
Man at Large

Taking this international

EDITORIAL CARTOON

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“You only live once — but if you work it right, once is enough.”

Joe E. Lewis
U.S. comedian
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

University of Houston

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Is Fr. John listening?

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

God Save the Swedes

Dear Brendan Keeler,

While reading the Viewpoint I stumbled upon your brief diatribe, “Cloutly with a chance of meatballs” (Feb. 15), lamenting certain dish- synergies exhibited by North Dining Hall. Though I am neutral towards your statement that the “spoons belong with the forks,” I was appalled at your bold usage of the terms “Swedish meatballs” and “terrible” in the same sentence. I would venture to say that the Swedish meatballs, which Notre Dame supplies Buffalo properties upwards of six meals a week, are some of the most palette-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.

University of Houston

Detained missionaries only victims of justice

In the wake of Haiti’s devastating earthquake, people from all over the world have provided an outpouring of support to the ravaged country. A contingent of 10 American missionaries, however, is discovering that the intended charita- ble contribution may have gone too far for the Haitian government’s taste. The group was detained after allegedly attempting to rescue 32 Haitian chil- dren by illegally taking them across the border into the Dominican Republic. After the Americans were held in cus- tody for several days, Haitian authorities charged them with kidnapping Jan. 26.

Flaws in the legal system accruing 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 investiga- tion. 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 assis- tance. 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 chil- dren out of the U.S.?

It has to be said that the missionaries accountable for their actions. Laws always need to be followed — especially in time of crisis.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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 U.S. 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 tact- tics such as increasing workloads, decreasing hours and layoffs. Workers with already phys- ically 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, “informing[ ] its employees that it would be futile for them to select a union as their bargaining representative by implying they would not get a pay raise,” and “threatening[ ] employees with losing their employment, if they continued to participate in union activity.” As a Catholic community, we are called to stand for justice. How can we con- tinue to invest millions of dollars in a compa- ny 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 invest- ment office last spring alerting them to these issues, nothing has changed. We, as a Catholic community standing in love and solidi- darity with HEI workers, are calling Notre Dame to divest from HEI. Take a stand with us.

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February 17, 2010

The Observer
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 of Summer" 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 soooo hot.

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By COURTNEY COX
Scene Writer

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

The song “Et Ducit Mundum Per Luce” (“He leads the world through light”) begins with an instrumental piece, the album takes off, launching into a number of moving, lyrical ideas. TheIRS Slowly, the impression of tumbling. It is a very happy and vivacious instrument choice, this track is honest and direct. It’s three days after Valentine’s Day. Are you still love drunk, smiling at the beautiful roses sent to you by a boyfriend, smiling as you stare at the adorable stuffed bear reading “I Love You Bear-y Much!” or are you still recouping from a chocolate over-dose resulting from an attempt to drown the sorrows of your single life with sugar? But no matter your current state of mind or relationship status, it is possible to find happiness in this brand new Yeasayer release in April 2010. According to original member Will deLonge, the movie “centers on an astronaut who is stranded on the Earth’s space station as the Earth collaps- es,” but in truth the movie seems to be more than that. Through an astronaut stranded on the International Space Station, the movie explores the human need for connection.

The suspense proves to be well worth it, seeing the song “Love” as a stand-alone track, the best part about it is that it’s single and real. Despite all the no’s he’s talking about situations that most people can relate to and will identify with, “Love” is scheduled for a fall 2010 release. It begins really minimalistically but then drums steadily increase in intensity, seconds to a minute, the segments almost headfirst fall, for it “can be so bold to those in love to really enter into a connection.”

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'Odd Blood'
Yeasayer

Label: Secretly Canadian Records

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‘Love’
Angles & Airwaves

Recommended Tracks: “Et Ductum Mundum Per Luce,” “Hallucinations,” “Young London,” “Shove.”
Associated Press

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

Jordan soon could have a much different role on team.

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

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

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

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

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

“I didn’t talk to him about the particulars,” Brown said of his conversation with Jordan last week. “He just told me don’t believe everything you read in the paper and I’m trying my hardest to get this thing done. I’m hopeful that at the end of the day Michael will be running the Bobcats.”

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

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

Jordan currently has a unique role in Charlotte. While he runs the basketball operations, he’s not officially a team employee and rarely attends practices or games. But he was able to lure Brown, a fellow Hall of Famer, to coach the Bobcats.

The team said (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.

“When it’s been a mystery, the general public, I’ve heard it from several people,” Felton said. “So I hope it works out and he gets the team.”

Johnson, the founder of Jordan’s 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, including November’s acquisition of Stephen Jackson from Golden State.

Owning a team outright would be another milestone for the six-time NBA champion.

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

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

Raiders, Janikowski agree to record $16 million deal

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Sebastian Janikowski signed a contract Tuesday that is the richest contract for a kicker in NFL history, the team said.

Janikowski will be guaranteed $37.5 million over the next five years, including $11 million in the first year. The deal includes $36.7 million guaranteed in the first three years.

Janikowski was eligible to be an unrestricted free agent in the off-season if he didn’t sign a contract or place the transition or franchise tag on him by Feb. 25. But the team was able to lock him up by giving him the same contract All Pro punter Shane Lechler got a year ago to stay out of free agency.

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

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

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

He missed 10 field goals as a rookie, and connected on only 76 percent for his first three seasons. But he has been very consistent the past two seasons. He has made 31 of 36 kicks the past two years, including 14 of 17 from 40-49 yards.

The focus now turns to defensive end 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 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without inquiring first.
The Portland Trail Blazers acquired veteran center Marcus Camby from the Los Angeles Clippers in exchange for guard Steve Blake and forward Travis Outlaw. Camby is averaging 7.7 points per game this season.

Associated Press

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

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

The Blazers are currently in eighth place in the competitive Western Conference despite a litany of injuries. Centers Greg Oden and Joel Przybilla are both out for the season with injuries. All-Star Brandon Roy hasn’t played since Jan. 20 with a hamstring injury.

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

In Portland, Camby will be a starter for much of the season in the Blazers’ frontcourt, 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 Jeryd 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.

Women’s Basketball Big East Standings

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Oklahoma State coach pleads not guilty to charges

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 drug 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 Stanos, who set an April 5 hearing date. Morgan later declined comment to reporters.

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

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

Orioles’ Bergesen hurts arm

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

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

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

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Blazers acquire Camby for Blake, Outlaw

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

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NCAA Division I Men’s Hockey

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Nicholas Severin def. Robert Manfreda

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

Gregory Bennett def. David “Mountain Man” Cray

Bennett, a sophomore, and Cray, a junior, jabs to the stomach and head throughout the first two rounds, complete control, knocking down Cray and forcing the referee to stop the fight.

Kevin “The Night Man” Kray def. John Bollman

Kray used his height to his advantage, pressuring his opponent student Aguirre. Midway through the second round the sophomore Aguirre pushed in completely knocking down Aguirre and forcing the referee to stop the fight.

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

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

Nicholas “II Capo” Minefra def. Alex “Mac Attack” Macomber

Macomber took an early lead that he kept for the duration of the fight in his defeat of junior Macomber. Early in the first round, Macomber pinned Macomber against the ropes as Macomber could not find the opportunity he needed to weaken his relentless opponent. In the third round, Macomber started to work in his target, and let his guard down. Minefra reacted by throwing a right hook to the head, which Macomber back against the ropes and sent Minefra to the unanimous victory.

Dominic “Warso War Horse” Golab def. Brian “Halfman, Half hair” O’Connor

Golab proved advantageous as he defeated O’Connor in a battle of juniors. Only a few seconds into the first round, Golab had O’Connor on his ropes with a series of powerful combination punches.

Luke Scullion def. Brian “Caesar” Salat

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


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.

Luke Scullion def. Timothy Wallace

The junior Wallace came out swinging against the energetic sophomore Conway trading blows for the first two rounds, but Conway 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, as he could secure the judges’ vote.

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

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


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 allowed 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.
John Mozeliak put it best: “We have McGwire’s undivided attention.”

The Cardinals have their hitting coach in the fold for 2010.

McGwire, 46, was a four-time home run champion in his 15-year career in the majors. But his career was dogged by steroid allegations, and those issues were rekindled when he publicly admitted to the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

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

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

Bench coach Joe Pettini said simply: “I hope we don’t have to put him on display.”

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

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

Several pointed out that during McGwire’s heyday, pitchers had equal access to steroids. “I’m happy I wasn’t playing in that era so I didn’t have to even think about it,” said Joe Mather, a candidate for the Cardinals’ vacant third base job. “But you can’t really go back and judge somebody when you were never really there.”

Growing up, Mather always wore McGwire’s number.

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

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

“It was great for the ball 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.”
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 Belles will try to close out their season on a strong note in what will be their last contest of the year.

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

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

Henley said she wants the Belles to focus on playing air-tight team defense, which began with neutralizing Olivet’s tight team defense, which 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.

“Were 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, J.J. Barea scored 21 and Jason Terry had 20 assists for the Mavericks, who shot a season-low 32 percent.

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

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

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

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

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

The last meet the Irish participated in was the Jan. 29-30 Shamrock Invitational. The Irish defeated Denver (245-124), but lost to Iowa (197-171) and Missouri (197-173) in the event.

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

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

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

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**St. John's**

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The Irish fell to St. John's Tuesday 76-64 for their second loss of the season.

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

The Irish will look to rebound at Georgetown Saturday.

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**Dinner**

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

"We felt based on our RPI, how many games we had won, and how we had finished the season that we would get into the NCAA Tournament," Irish baseball coach Dave Schrage said. "So our team was in the locker room watching the selection show when we did not get picked. There was silence for a good 10 minutes. Walking in to address 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 select us," Schrage said.

The team has committed to two mottoes for this year, which Schrage has had put on some shirts and rebranded well, but we didn’t have anybody else.

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

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**Junior guard Brittany Mallory dribbles upcourt during Notre Dame's 90-66 win over DePaul on Feb. 14. The Irish fall to St. John’s Tuesday 76-64 for their second loss of the season.**
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The fighters traded jabs in the first round, but neither boxer was able to go anywhere with his punches.

In the second round, the sophomore Mohill fired punches from the outside. He was able to land some punches, but Reilly held his own, and Mohill finished the round on his back.

Reilly carried the momentum into the final round and sealed the unanimous victory over Lagoy.

Nicholas “The Guillotine” Goode def. Joseph “Sweet Cheeks” Devina

Although he faced a constant assault of punches, Goode won by unanimous decision over Decker. Decker went after Goode aggressively throughout the match, but Goode utilized a number of good defensive moves and was able to land some solid punches in his victory.

Michael “The Silver Slugger” Sayles def. Anthony “El Gigante” Lucchino

Sayles came out attacking early, trapping the freshman Lucchino in a corner. Much to the surprise of both fighters, Sayles was able to keep the intensity going throughout the first two rounds.

The sophomore came out in the second round after a flurry of strong punches from Sayles.

140 pounds
Michael Johnston def. Kareem “Stunna” Salem

The junior pinned Salem against the ropes a few times as he was able to land many punches in his unanimous victory. By rushing the law student against the ropes, he was able to outlast Salem as his energy depleted towards the end of the match.

Johnston’s quick feet and strong uppercuts allowed him to evade a few of Salem’s punches.


Zicarelli and Heath had a hard-fought first round in which the fighters established some punches and struggled to set an early tone.

Heath, a senior, controlled the second round and ended with strong finish. Although Heath landed far more punches, Zicarelli, the junior from Dillon Hall held on for a bit longer.

Heath, however, proved to be too much in the final round, sealing the victory with a strong showing, hitting both of two big punches on Zicarelli. He won in a split decision.

Nick “Bronco” Bortolotti def. Michael “In a Box” Burred

Bortolotti’s experience was evident during the first match as helanded many good punches against the senior Burred. The sophomore Bortolotti connected numbers of punches in the second round. Burred fought a tough match but came up short, losing by unanimous decision.

Albert Toscano def. Matthew Dobelman

Toscano proved to be a relentless fighter with a strong effort early and often. Although each fighter shared the majority of punches in round one, the sophomore Toscano simply would not go down.

Toscano was the clear leader heading into the final round, and he finished strong to earn the victory in a unanimous decision.

147 pounds
Kieran Bulger def. Sean “The Machine” Mullen

Bulger defeated Mullen by unanimous decision as he kept quick feet and was able to avoid many punches. Mullen had a tough time landing shots against the senior because Bulger evaded well and was quick on his feet. Bulger landed a series of punches that knocked Mullen off of his feet. Mullen fought well against Bulger despite falling short.

Matthew Lemanski def. Scott “Rawr! Lahr

The sophomore Lemanski came out swinging early, and there was no clear leader in the first round. Lemanski had a strong second round, getting some strong shots in on Lahr.

In the third round, Lemanski put the finishing touches on a decisive victory, as he stopped the fight and named Lemanski the winner.

Thomas “Shake and Bake” Enzweiler def. Mike “It’s all about the O” Quigley

Enzweiler came out swinging and never looked back. The junior almost knocked the sophomore Quigley off of his feet during the first round. Enzweiler used his long arms to his advantage by having the opportunity to land a number of shots on Quigley. Enzweiler pinned Quigley against the ropes in the second round, when the referee ended the match early and gave the victory to Enzweiler.

155 pounds
Tim “The Slayer” Thayer def. Ethan “Chomp Chomp” Hatcher

Both fighters came out with steady, balanced attacks, each jabbing and landing solid shots to the head and body.

After a stiff right hand to his opponent’s head, the senior captain began to assert himself in the third round. Enzweiler used his combination before the referee stopped the fight and named Enzweiler the winner.

Andrew “Fess the Mess” Fessler

The sophomore Fessler also came out swinging early and was able to avoid many punches against the senior Johnston. He won in a unanimous decision.

John “My Body is a Wonderland” McShane def. Mark “The Lion” King

The freshman McShane came out flying out of the gate after the opening bell, trying to put the senior McShane on the ropes. But McShane would not budge and kept King from attacking with strategic jabs to the head. In the second round, King continued his attempt to stay on the offensive, but McShane’s jabs would not let him do so. In the third round, McShane took over and solidified his unanimous victory.

Kevin Goodwin def. James “Jumbo Slice” Bowers

The senior Goodwin and freshman Bowers put on a good show as both boxers battled aggressively through all three rounds. In the first round, Goodwin landed a few uppercuts to Bowers’ face, but Bowers’ retaliation was just as forceful.

The match continued in this back and forth manner, as the boxers fought just as hard in the third round as they did in the first. In the end, it was Goodwin’s initial efforts that won him the split decision.

Daniel “Cabbage Patch” Chapman def. James “Rambro” Folz

The sophomore Chapman controlled most of this bout, as he was able to land punches and successfully elude them. In the third round, Chapman dealt out a steady diet of left-right combinations, occasionally landing clean shots to Folz’s head. After two close rounds, Chapman stayed on the offensive in the third round and won by unanimous decision.

Alex “Gatto Loco” Olortz def. Joseph “McManimal” McMahon

Olortz established his dominance early in the first round, as he focused on jabs to the body and McMahon’s experience against the ropes. Olortz continued to string together multiple forceful jabs to the head and body. In the second round, McMahon came out in the third round and pinned McMahon against the ropes on multiple occasions.

Although McMahon, a junior, refused to give up, Olortz prevailed in a unanimous decision.

163 pounds
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 evened 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 and experience 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.

Caleb Laux def. James “Marshall Law” Oderlick

Senior Marshall’s first punch set the tone for the first round, but fellow senior Laux came into the second round with a near even effort. His fire continued into the third round, when both fighters brought the heat. An eventful ending, Laux took the victory in a split decision.

166 pounds
Matthew Ginnett def. Jack “The Ripper” Healy

The freshman Healy began the fight with a bang, quickly cornering his senior opponent. But as the fight continued, Ginnett’s seniority showed through. A steady stream of jabs that delivered a second secured Ginnett his unanimous win.

Jason “Pretty Boy” Miller def. Michael “Caveman” Abercrombie

Miller’s senior status provided him with a clear edge against sophomore Abercrombie.

While Abercrombie was quick on his feet and dodged the punches of Miller to the best of his ability, the senior Miller’s experience and height to the stomach and flurry of jabs to the head was too much for “Caveman” to handle.

Miller pinned Abercrombie in the first round and in the second round, with two knockdowns and a unanimous victory.

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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 (21-5, 9-4) in three straight meetings. Playing without sidelined senior guard Lindsay Schrader, who did not play because of an ankle injury, the Irish ran into a dangerous St. John’s team playing with confidence after playing No. 1 Connecticut more tightly than any other Big East team in a 66-52 loss.

“It’s always tough to play on the road,” McGraw said. “I think we looked fatigued. You just have to give the credit where credit’s due. St. John’s outplayed us. I don’t think we can talk about whether Schrader would have made a difference.”

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

Shenneika Smith’s 23 points and 10 rebounds paced St. John’s, which had three playmakers in Shenneika Smith, Blessing Onoh and 10 rebounds paced St. John’s, which had three playmakers in Shenneika Smith, Blessing Onoh and 10 rebounds paced St. John’s. They were able to hold the lead.

Senior forward Devereaux Thomas had 18 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. Junior forward Devereaux Peters, one of the few bright spots on the defensive end, did her best to keep the Irish under wraps.


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Cugliari defeats Perez by unanimous decision

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133 pounds

Chris “Cougar” Cugliari def. Michael “Boricua” Perez

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

Brian “Ghost Hands” Robillard def. Jonathan “Nightman” Lagoy

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

WINTER MEET

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

BASEBALL

Kelly speaks at opening night

By JARED JEDICK
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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 the year’s Big East championships. Lyle gave the 480-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. Lyle 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