Pope’s visit spurs discussions of Catholicism

University professors contemplate meaning of Catholic education

By KATIE KOHLER
Non-student Writer

Only days after Pope Benedict XVI made his first trip to the United States, Catholic educators at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s are pondering what it means to “witness truth and professional­ism” in their institutions.

On April 17, University President Fr. John Jenkins and Saint Mary’s College President Carol Ann Mooney were among those in attendance at the pope’s address in Washington D.C. regarding academic freedom and Catholic identity.

“It was a reaffirmation of that commitment (to truth and reason),” Jenkins said in a statement to the South Bend Tribune.

Bunikis was among those in attendance at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, and Jenkins also welcomed Bunikis’ immediate family - his parents Brian and Caroline and his sister Michelle - who attended the memorial service.

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University gathers to mourn student’s death

Former Zahm Hall rector Fr. Parrish delivers the homily at a Mass to commemorate the life of junior Andrew Bunikis

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Non-student Writer

Friends, family and classmates gathered at the Basilica Tuesday night in memory of Andrew Bunikis, a Zahm junior from Phoenix who died in a bus crash in Thailand last Friday.

Bunikis had taken the semester off to continue his work edu­cating children in northern Thailand.

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Business contest names winners

Gigt Center gives grad students, professor grand prize of $10,000

By PUJA PARikh
Non-student Writer

Notre Dame’s Gigt Center for Entrepreneurial Studies announced the winners of the eighth annual McCloskey Business Plan Competition and the seventh annual Sustainable Social Venture Plan Competition on April 18.

“The McCloskey Competition is intended for traditional entre­preneurial ventures that have not yet been launched or are at the earliest stage of launch,” program manager Melissa Paulsen said. “The Social Venturing or Social Entrepreneurship combines entrepreneurship with a social mission or purpose.”

Graduate students Brian Dunn, Christopher Dunn, Mary Beth Williams and electrical engineering professor John Nelson won the grand prize of $10,000 with their business, iFlare.

iFlare is a software radio that “makes a new generation of electronic communication devices possible — radios that can be adapted to almost any current and future wireless protocol with a simple software upgrade,” according to the competition brochure.

Brian Dunn, who was designated leader and CEO of iFlare plans to use the prize money his team earned to launch the pro­gram.

Graduate students Shelia Ponsinski, Anita Allen, Brad Amml, Heather Anns, Brandon Cooper, Edward Powers and Chris Zimmer were awarded the Sustainable Social Venture Plan award with their program, MedXcycle.

MedXcycle collects unused consumable medical items and uses medical equipment that would otherwise be discarded in the United States and resells the equipment to underserved countries.

Powneski got involved in the competition because she’s inter­ested in entrepreneurship.

“If I used the business plan competition as a crash course in buying and selling books

Juniors run Web site to buy and sell books

By MEG MIRSHAK
Non-student Writer

Students in the Mendoza College of Business have a new option to sell their textbooks at the end of the semester: DormBooks.com.

Co-founded by juniors Andrew Mathias and Karol Doak, DormBooks.com is a Web site facilitating the buying and selling of used business textbooks.

The Web site buys textbooks for more than the bookstore offers and resells them to students at a lower price, the pair said.

“In addition to beating the bookstore on price, we’re also more convenient since we go right to the (student’s) dorm room to pick up the books and deliver the books,” Mathias said.

He said they offer the delivery service because students should not have to stand in line during finals week and worry about losing money reselling their textbooks to the bookstore.

Currently, DormBooks.com employs 15 Notre Dame stu­dents who serve as pickup agents for the Spring 2008 buy-back period, which runs from May 6 to 13.

When one of these agents picks up a textbook from a stu­dent's dorm room to sell at the book store, it is resold to another student for less than the bookstore charges.

“They’re able to resell at a lower price because we pick up the books at any time - during the day...” Mathias said.

DormBooks.com is looking to expand and make the service available to students nationwide.

By BECKY HOGAN
Non-student Writer

Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States for the first time since being elected to the papacy in 2004 last week.

The pope’s talks during his visit focused on immigration, Catholic education and the Church’s sexual abuse scandal. His universal message of hope resonated among Catholics nationwide, and even among Notre Dame stu­dents.

Junior Susan Bigelow said she was touched by the fact that the pope took the time to meet with so many people throughout his visit.

“His willingness to meet with diverse groups of people — sexual abuse victims, immigrants and teachers — has really shown how diverse we are,” she said. “It was an affirmation that the American Catholic Church is a place of
INSIDE COLUMN

Old before my time

After recently visiting my grandparents on a rare weekend trip home, I found myself envious of them.

Needless to say, this jealousy of the life of my 80-year-old grandma is a very strange feeling.

Apparently the cliché stating that youth is wasted on the young rings some truth.

Through the visits I could think about was the mountain of homework that I had waiting for me when I returned to campus. While I was obsessing over the numerous tests and papers due throughout the coming week, I watched my grandma pack for Florida after returning home from a nice breakfast out with some friends.

At that moment, retirement seemed a joy. Old age is a small price to pay for the life that my grandparents are leading.

While some people struggle through retirement, experiencing the hardships of money problems and old age, my grandparents love being retired. Retirement raises them to jet off to Florida for a month to partake in walks on the beach and poolside happy hours with their condo friends, with no threat of deadlines, papers or working for a paycheck. Then, when they return from Florida, they will come back to a life of golfing, reading and visiting with friends.

Meanwhile, I would return from a rushed weekend visit to three tests and two papers, along with the looming threat of finals.

Somehow schoolwork has driven me to patriotically wish I were old and retired.

However, my grandparents paid their dues. My grandfather worked as an engineer for 40 years before retiring while my grandmother raised a family of three. They also went through college, though unlike me, they had to struggle for means to pay tuition. And now, their retirement in not without the pitfalls of knee surgeries and medical bills.

Still, it must be a great feeling to live a life of work and school, a feeling well-deserved after an accomplished and successful career, although there is something wrong with a 19-year-old wishing she were 80.

But soon I will turn in the last paper of my freshman year, turn in my last article for the paper, and take my last final.

After that, I believe I will experience a feeling somewhat akin to my grandmother’s retirement. There really is no better feeling than the weight lifting off your shoulders after completing a job well done. In a mere two weeks, I will complete my freshman year of college, and I will be able to proudly look back on a mostly successful freshman year and look ahead to a summer of freedom and fun.

The views expressed in the Inside Columns are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT EVENT WOULD YOU ADD TO AN'TOSTAL?

Alena Christensen
sophomore
McGinn

“Water balloon fight.”

Michael O’Connor
sophomore
Dillon

Sarah Walorski
senior

Joseph Murphy
senior

Brier Steenberg
senior

“Free scooter day.”

“Skeet shooting.”

“Britney Spears?”

“Apple bottom jeans day.”

IN BRIEF

Students for Environmental Action will perform a Vegetarian No Waste Dinner in the Coleman-Norse Lounge at 5 p.m. today.

Magicians Brian Brushwood and Jonny Zavant will perform tonight in the Lafollette Ballroom from 8 to 10 as part of the Student Union Board’s Antostal festivities.

In honor of William Shakespeare’s 444th birthday, the Cashwa-Leighton Library is presenting a poetry reading by student poets of English 323 tonight at 7:30.

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies will host a lecture Thursday entitled “Sharpening Sanctions: Effectiveness” at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center.

Women’s Lacrosse: Big East Semifinals will be held Friday at 7:45 p.m. against Georgetown in the Notre Dame Football Stadium.

The band “The Starting Line” will perform Friday at Legends at 10 p.m. as part of the Student Union Board’s Antostal festivities.

The Mendoza College of Business is will host a lecture Friday “Terrorism: Looking Ahead Patterns of the Past” at 10:40 a.m. in Jordan Auditorium.

The Notre Dame Battle of the Bands will be at Legends Saturday at 8 p.m.

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

OFFBEAT

Police arrest two in India for allegedly stealing sperm

MUMBAI, India — A laboratory technician who allegedly tried to make a quick buck by stealing samples from the Indian sperm bank where he worked has been arrested after a doctor tipped off police, authorities said Tuesday.

The employee allegedly stole the sperm from a sperm bank in the western city of Aurangabad, and tried to sell 101 vials of it to a doctor in Mumbai for about $625, Aurangabad police chief Krishna Lal Bishnoi said.

The doctor declined and called police, who arrested the lab employee and a relative, Bishnoi told The Associated Press.

"The doctor contacted police because they (doctors) usually refer patients to infertility clinics for treatment. They are never approached with sperm vials on sale," Bishnoi said.

Alleged drug dealer calls police to report robbery

NORTH NEW HYDE PARK, N.Y. — A Long Island man had to know he would be arrested when he called police to report he had just been robbed during a drug deal that went bad.

Nassau County Police said Christopher Canovico, 23, of Seaford, called at 8:19 p.m. Wednesday to say he had just been robbed in North New Hyde Park.

Police said Canovico was set up by two women who agreed to buy heroin at a local gas station. While they were sitting in Canovico’s car, a third person with a gun came up to the car and robbed him of $300, a cell phone and wallet.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

Cathy Quick, left, of Cathy’s Delicatessen and Student for Environmental Action president Eileen Willie share a laugh as they sample some of the treats from the Farmer’s Market booth during an Earth Day exhibition at Fieldhouse Mall on Tuesday.

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Group discusses iTunes for non-class lectures

By JOSEPH McMATHON
Assistant News Editor

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the possibility of making all lectures not affiliated with courses available online as podcasts on iTunes U at their meeting Tuesday.

Making them available as podcasts will allow all students and staff to listen to lectures and forums that they cannot fit into their schedules.

"There are a lot of things that students want to attend, but they can't," student body president Bob Reish said.

Uploading the lectures as podcasts is simple and relatively cheap, Morrissey senator Austin Hoeller said. "I believe it's just a matter of recording it and then uploading," he said. "The fees are minimal."

Class of 2011 president Cynthia Weber said Notre Dame should not only offer non-class lectures but also course and lecture content as podcasts. "I think absolutely we should pursue podcasts as a beginning and then go to iTunes U," she said. "We bring something really unique to the table as a Catholic university."

Reish said one example of an event that could be uploaded as a podcast would be "The (Un)Holy Trinity; Encourage, Media, and Men," which took place last week and examined the portrayal of gender relations in the media.

Some COR members voiced concerns of the difficulty getting professors and speakers to agree to allow the University to upload their lecture online. Weber, however, said this should not be a major stumbling block. "If I was giving a lecture I would jump at the opportunity to put it online," she said.

In other COR news:
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"We came up with some really good ideas on how to make it a joint alumni-student project," she said.

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Multiethnic celebration approved

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) approved two co-sponsorships at their meeting Tuesday.

The first proposal came from former student body president Kim Hodges. She was seeking funding for a Multiethnic Celebration event on May 3 at 7 p.m. in Dalloway's. After attending the Latino and Black graduation events held at Notre Dame, Hodges said she wanted to do something like that at Saint Mary's, she said.

"We don't have the numbers to do specific graduations like at Notre Dame but so I thought of a multiethnic graduation," she said.

There are concerns of the difficulty getting professors and speakers to come to the event. "If we can't pull this off, it's because of Notre Dame's culture," she said.

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The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Presents

The English Catholic Novel: Alive and Well

Dr. Marian Crowe
University of Notre Dame

Wednesday, April 23, 2008
103 Hesburgh Center
7:30 PM

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dent’s dorm room, he or she decides how much the book is worth, and then the customer checks the full amount.
Guidetti said he got the idea for Dormbooks.com as a freshman when he purchased a book through eBay and received it online for a profit.
Mataic and Grzesiak decided to use the Internet to revalue their business and e-mailed their friends to inform
them of the service in the fall of 2000.
A loan from Grzesiak’s father helped the co-founders buy books from students during the first semester.
Students have responded positively to Dormbooks.com, which has sold over 1,500
textbooks and saved students thousands of dollars, the pair said.
The next step, according to the Dormbooks.com business plan to outbid Amazon and Barnes & Noble in the Business Plan Competition last fall, the competition, an initiative of the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at Notre Dame, aimed to award prize money to entrepreneur
neering to outstanding new businesses.
Dormbooks.com advanced to the round of six finalists and Mataic and Grzesiak were awarded a $2,000 third place prize for their business plan.
“Were surprised at every single level of the competition,” Mataic said.
Mataic and Grzesiak hope to expand Dormbooks.com campus wide next fall, offering a service to students in all majors and even
teresting for college in Indiana.
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wonderful diversity,” Bigelow said that she was impressed as she attended and addressed the issue of immigra
tion during his visit.
“Just the thought that he was in New York and didn’t skirt the issue said a lot,” Bigelow said. “We should be protecting immi
gants rights and their families and I think it was really impor
tant that he addressed that.”
Bigelow said the pope’s trip to the United States showed his “softer side” to the public, despite the fact that it is quite
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tere in comparison to his late predecessor Pope John Paul II.
“I grew up with John Paul II, who is very popular, and I had always seen Benedict as more reser
ted. I think that ever since he’s been pope he’s been show
ng his softer side,” she said. “It’s cool that America was real
ly able to encounter the compas
sionate side of the pope.”

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in starting the business,” she said. “I knew I could not do it on my own and created a team of indiv
uals with a variegated set of skills to round out the rest of the team.”
Graduate student Jennifer Martini was awarded the runner up spot in the competition for the company Mibospo.
“NHospo” is an acronym for: mind, body, spirit, and it is a line of exclusive luxury yoga accessories that make women feel individual, feminine and fashion-forward,” Martini said. “We had several advisors from the fashion, retail and manu
facturing industry that provided us with guidance and continue to help us as we develop our business.”
Martini’s team of four started working together as a business ven
ture in August.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

*Zimbabwe's neighbors block shipment*

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Zimbabwe’s regime got a taste of the international isolation critics say it deserves when several countries refused on Wednesday to block a shipment of Chinese arms to prevent them from being used against Robert Mugabe’s opponents.

Union, church and human rights leaders across southern Africa rallied against allowing the Chinese freighter An Yue Jiang to dock at ports in any of landlocked Zimbabwe’s neighbors.

The Chinese government is willing to continue selling to Mugabe what it considered a “just war” but there is no indication that it will allow international trade to continue and Zimbabwe’s neighbors block shipment.

Suicide car bomber kills 2 Marines

BAGHDAD — A bomb-rigged truck exploded at a checkpoint Tuesday near the western city of Ramadi, killing two U.S. Marines and wounding three others in an apparent strike by al-Qaida in Iraq against American military targets.

At least one civilian also died and two dozen were injured in the blast, the latest in a string of recent attacks in rebel-held areas where local Sunnis have joined U.S. forces to battle al-Qaida.

Ramadi is a center of violence in the province, which was once held by insurgents. But it has been relatively peaceful since local Sunni tribal leaders fought forces with the U.S. military against the terrorist movement.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Chicago sees increase in violence

CHICAGO — Nine people were killed in 36 shootings over the weekend in Chicago, reflecting what some now say is a deadly breakdown in discipline among gang members after a crackdown over the past few years put many of them behind bars.

“The older guys in the past looked out for the little ones. Now they’re all locked up,” said Nick Stames, a social studies teacher at Crane Tech High School on the city’s gang-ridden West Side.

“There’s no sense of discipline in today. Everybody’s doing their own thing.

Now there’s fear that Chicago could be in for a bloodier summer.

Wall Street Journal editor resigns

NEW YORK — Marcus Brauchli is stepping down as managing editor of The Wall Street Journal, the company announced Tuesday.

Brauchli, who had been in the post for just under a year, will stay on as a consultant to News Corp. editors worldwide.

Brauchli didn’t go into detail about his decision to leave, telling the Journal’s staff in an e-mail that with the ownership change to News Corp. complete, “I think it’s time for both the company and I to move on.”

Local News

Pregnant bank teller shot in robbery

INDIANAPOLIS — A pregnant teller and the woman who is carrying her fetus were shot Friday in a robbery at a bank.

The bullet entered the abdomen of the woman who is five months pregnant but missed both fetuses, Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard said after returning to the robbery scene a few blocks from where the woman had surgery.

“Three really are what I am. This is just brazen,” said Ballard, who took office in January after being elected partially on the strength of his being a “law and order” candidate.

About two hours after the 9:30 a.m. robbery, police detained and questioned two teenagers who were reported to enter a nearby Warren Central High School, said Police Chief Michael Spears.

**UN reports Darfur conflict worsening**

Associated Press

The mission faces major problems in putting troops into a very hostile envi- ronment, Alfade said. It still lacks five critical capabilities to become opera- tional: attack helicopters, surveil- lance aircraft, transport helicopters, military engineers and logistical sup- port.

Holmes said that the rapid deployment of the joint peacekeeping force, known as UNAMID, would help protect civilians and possibly humanitarian con- veyors.
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The pope addressed between 350 and 400 people, adding an intimate quality to the speech, Mooney said. "It was not a large crowd. We were only about nine rows deep," she said. "They were at least six rows and a half away and when he came in, it was electrifying."

For those not in attendance, however, the message resonated through the walls of the tent.

For theology professor Timothy Matovina, the William and Anna Jay Director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, the Pope's message was not one of directed change, but more of advice on how to improve the current status of Catholic institutions.

"As usual, it was a good speech," he said. "I think, however, it was an admonition to pay attention and continue to do the good work. But you're never finished. You can always do better to justify the Catholic character and identity in universities."

Matovina, a faculty member of a Catholic college, Mooney heard Benedict's message as one of hope for the future of Catholic institutions.

"The primary thing I took away from it was his encouragement to all of us to realize what important work we're doing and his gratitude to all of us for doing that work," she said. "It was an eloquent and uplifting experience."

Mooney, along with other educators, did not know what to expect from the speech.

"At one point, he said that being a Catholic institution isn't dependent on statistics or orthodoxy. It is more about the spirit of the place people encounter the living God... It was a kind of optimism that our faith gives us and the hope we can communicate to others because of our faith."

"I think he was absolutely right... It is a spirit that infuses life into institutions and leads people to fullness."

Defining Catholic identity

Lawrence Cunningham, the John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology at Notre Dame, was surprised with Benedict's encouraging words amidst recent criticism of Catholic institutions for recent conflicts between Catholic identity and academic freedom.

"I think the most interesting thing about the talk is the encouragement that he gave to Catholic educators. You have to remember he was speaking not only to university and college presidents, but also to all people in Catholic education," he said. "I very much admire encouragement for priests and sisters and brothers to continue to support ministry in the church."

Cunningham also noted the importance of recognizing and defining a school's Catholic identity.

"[Benedict] said that schools occupy such a very firm place in the identification of schools as Catholic. And I think that, of course, goes without saying. I think for example, what is singular about Notre Dame? Is it a Catholic university?"

"Catholic University," he said. "That gives further encouragement to kind of reinforce how we best articulate that idea."

Cunningham also echoed Benedict's point that universities are more than just statistics.

"The number of students in a Catholic university purely by reason of numbers. For example, the demographics of the student body at Notre Dame according to the books is 85 to 87 percent Catholic. Georgetown is 50 percent of a little less; Sophia University in Tokyo is less than 10 percent. Does that make it less Catholic than Georgetown or Notre Dame?"

"Numbers, while important to the composition of the institution, cannot be the sole determinate in its Catholic identity," he said. "You can't use numbers to equate with ideal..." Near Richard McBrien, a theology professor at Notre Dame, said it's the responsibility of the members of a Catholic institution to maintain its Catholic identity.

"The point is that a particular number of Catholic faculty and students does not itself make an institution Catholic. At the same time, there must exist a critical mass of faculty, students and administrators to sustain and enhance Catholic character," he said. "There must exist a commitment that permeates all aspects of life of the institution — just not the academic, but also the liturgical and spiritual."

Academic freedom

In light of the performance of the "Vagina Monologues" at Catholic colleges across the country, including Notre Dame, and the recognition of pro-choice clubs and other actions deemed anti-Catholic as colleges and universities, across the country, Pope Benedict articulated his stance on academic freedom and the place it holds in university life.

"He reaffirmed academic freedom and in affirming it, said faculty has the freedom to pursue truth through careful analysis that leads them to find it," College president Carol Ann Mooney said.

"He emphasized that if we're Catholic, we have a particular mission and obligation to give students Catholic doctrine as well."

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April 23, 2008, is a great success. The Pope showed himself to be a non-threatening, warm and engaging person, contrary to the impression that many Catholics have had of him because of his many years as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith," he said. "His talk to Catholic educators was, as predicted, free of scolding, warnings, or harsh demands. It was essentially a positive address with which few Catholic university faculty or administrators could take serious issue."

Matovina, too, saw both the speech and the visit as an unexpected surprise to many Catholics.

"It is a great boost forward, a moment of encouragement. It is a good positive effect, a shot in the arm for Catholicism in the United States," Bill Brink contributed to this report.

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Don't Share your password!

You may be sharing more than you bargained for.
Government releases fuel plan

Gas prices and global warming call for environmentally-efficient vehicles

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**IN BRIEF**

**Yahoo Inc. first quarter profits rise**

SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo Inc. delivered first-quarter results that surpassed analysts’ modest expectations, but the performance might not be enough to fortify the Internet pioneer’s defense against a hostile takeover bid.

The Sunnyvale-based company said Tuesday that it earned $542.2 million, or 37 cents per share, more than triple its profit of $142.4 million, or 10 cents per share, at the same time last year.

Most of the first-quarter improvement stemmed from a $398.5 million gain recorded to recognize Yahoo’s stake in the par­

**Whirlpool suspends 39 workers**

INDIANAPOLIS — Smoking can be hazardous to your health, and it’s turning into a bad career move, too.

A Whirlpool Corp. factory in Evansville, Ind., suspended 39 workers who had signed paper­

**Government releases fuel plan**

WASHINGTON — The next generation of new cars and trucks will need to meet a fleet average of 31.6 miles per gallon by 2015, the Bush administration announced Tuesday, seeking more fuel­

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The Pope on Catholic school identity

In choosing to live by that truth, we embrace the fullness of the life of faith which is given to us in the Church.

On this point, that "the fullness of the life of faith is given to us in the Church," Notre Dame has a problem, of its own making. The President, Fr. Jenkins, and the Provost, Dr. Turbiville, initiated a new process of dialogue in April 2 that "statement on the rationale for hiring faculty who will enhance our Catholic mission." The statement went on for six pages about keeping Notre Dame "truly Catholic" without once mentioning the Catholic Church. That is like explaining how to play baseball without mentioning the bat.

The new dialogue process will be interminable and fruitless, as have been all its predecessors.

The incoherence of this dialogue project arises from Notre Dame's dogged adherence to an abstract relic of 1960s ideology. In 1967, officials of the leading Catholic universities met at the Notre Dame retreat at Land O'Lakes, Wis., and declared that, "To perform its teaching and research functions effectively, the Catholic university must have a true autonomy and academic freedom in the face of authority of whatever kind, lay or clerical, external to the academic community itself."

That claim of autonomy from external authority is phony. Notre Dame, like all universities, willingly submits to dozens of governmental and non-governmental authorities including, of course, the NCAA. The only "external authority" Notre Dame will not recognize appears to be the Catholic Church. Notre Dame brand of academic freedom, for example, is hardly consistent with Benedict's. "I wish to reaffirm," he said, "the great value of academic freedom. In virtue of this freedom you are called to search for the truth wherever careful analysis of evidence leads you. Yet it is also the case that any appeal to the principle of academic freedom in order to justify policies that contradict the faith and the teaching of the Church would obfuscate or even betray the university's identity and mission; a mission at the heart of the Church's munus docendi (teaching office or function) and not somehow autonomous or independent of it."

Interestingly, Benedict reaffirmed, without explicit mention of it, the principles of Ex Corde Ecclesiae, the 1990 Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Universities. Ex Corde requires of the Catholic university "a recognition of and adherence to the teaching authority of the Church in matters of faith and morals."

A final quote from Benedict causes regret that no one asked him about the Vagina Monologues: "Teachers and administrators, whether in universities or schools," said Benedict, "have the duty and privilege to ensure that students receive instruction in Catholic doctrine and practice. This requires that public witness to the way of Christ, as found in the Gospel and upheld by the Church's Magisterium, shape all aspects of an institution's life, both inside and outside the classroom."

It would be difficult to imagine the man who spoke those lines finding academic merit in the Vagina Monologues. The problem is truth-labeling. Notre Dame, in its fundraising, professes to be Catholic. But it defines that term by its own interpretation. An appropriate name for that mind-set is Protestantism, except that Protestants have the integrity not to call themselves Catholic. Professor Emeritus Rice is on the last school faculty. He may be reached at (574) 633-4415 or rice.l@nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

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You know what really grinds my gears?

After almost four years of observation, wonder and silent judgment, and in thanks to the many contributions of close friends (either by idea or example), I present to you a Peter Griffin-inspired rendition of: “You Know What Really Grinds My Gears?”... when people have an unnecessary sense of entitlement... when people make out on the track in Rolfs (at 11 a.m...)... that’s right, you just got called out... the Hammes Bookstore... when girls carry those ridiculously huge and wonderfully impractical bags into the dining hall while getting their food (seriously? get the munch bucket)... the Hammes Bookstore... every application that you can think of for the idea of doughnut delivery... straight-brimmed hats... the word "PigTostal"... that little undercover Indiana Dame. We must take those hats and do something.

Olympic boycott only hurts athletes

In agreement with the April 18 column by Yue Li and Lili Li entitled "Olympics symbolize peace," I believe it is necessary for those protesting the upcoming Olympic Games to evaluate the implications of such an action. Not only do people protest ([supposedly]) uniting experience, "Isn't that a crime?"... but what happens?... Just because the Olympic Games happen to find place in a country whose historical and recent conduct we reject, we throw a fit, forgetting that, although it is true that this event serves as a great opportunity for China to illustrate her character, the vast majority of the Olympic Games has nothing at all to do with the Chinese... the eventual outcome — and it’s only getting worse — is that the separation between a government’s foreign policy and its common citizens is horribly perverted. We have wheelchair-bound Chinese paralympian Lin Jing being manhandled as she’s wheeled down an avenue in Paris and...close-mindedness. A person who believes in the goodness of people... and lastly, when we forget the experience of things that have fallen by the wayside or don’t get to experience them at all... Rallying body, mind and soul in aims... at what you can do for the world. We all have that opportunity, especially here at Notre Dame. We must take those hats and do something... and do something.

Christina Shakour senior Welsh Family Hall April 22

Don’t criticize me or I just might cry

I love Notre Dame. I love walking around campus and being able to reflect what is going on in the world. Sometimes it makes me cry. So it is with lots of incredible and (supposedly) uniting experience. Then what happens?... Just because the Olympic Games happen to find place in a country whose historical and recent conduct we reject, we throw a fit, forgetting that, although it is true that this event serves as a great opportunity for China to illustrate her character, the vast majority of the Olympic Games has nothing at all to do with the Chinese.

Ben Heechler senior Alumni Hall April 18

OMG, you should totally write a one-act play for Viewpoint!

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Tim Lofus senior Welsh Family Hall April 16

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In response to the commentary titled "Olympics Symbolize Peace" (Apr. 18) I felt compelled to point out some glaring omis­ sions in the essay. The author Yue Li and Lili Li take issue with recent protests associ­ ated with the tour of the Olympic torch and calling the protests “unacceptable.” In the sense that it is unfortunate that this cere­ mony has been characterized by political protests rather then celebrations of athlet­ ic excellence, we both agree.

However, it is clear that the authors have no understanding of why China’s human rights abuses are unacceptable as a type of political activity that we are see­ing. In particular, I had a problem with the hypocrisy concerning their complaints about the media coverage and the call for the peace olympics. It’s ironic that the authors on one hand call for the games to become apolitical, but then make the argument that abandoning calls for a boycott will lead to China to open politically strikes me as extremely hypocritical.

In closing I agree with the authors’ sen­timents that the Olympics should symbol­ ize peace. However, when the government that hosts the games is complicit in wide­ scale human rights abuses (Darfur and Myanmar/Burma come to mind) then it becomes very understandable why some people feel the need to protest what they see as a gross misrepresentation of what the Olympic symbolize. I would suggest that the best way for the authors to achieve their goal of a torch ceremony and Olympic Games free of protests would be to pressure their government towards increased political freedoms and respect for human rights, but then I realize that is not such a good idea as many of the students in Tianammen Square found out. So in the end the Chinese government has reaped what they have sown to the detriment of its own citizens and the international com­ munity.

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Adventures in London: 

The Musical

I'll admit it — I've always wanted to be a cultural sophisticate. You know, to be that kid — the one who goes to the opera and likes it, or finds meaning in the puzzles of modern art. And to some extent, I'd like to think that I am. Earlier this semester I attended a performance of Mozart's "Die Zauberflöte" (say that five times fast), or "The Magic Flute," and fell in love with Ringgenbrod, Sarastro and Co. Granted, it was a required performance for my Opera in Britain class, but that's a peripheral detail. I even went to the opening of a Judasism — read: "challenging" — exhibit at the Tate Modern, and pretended to "get it" when I saw Duchamp's autographed urinal.

The beauty of being in one of the world's cultural and financial capitals, when it comes to indulging your inner artsy mind, is twofold. Firstly, there's money (and a socialist government's arts council — thanks, Welfare State!) to back up arts initiatives. Secondly, the museums are usually free. Most shows aren't terribly priced, minus the exchange rate. Point being, I've had many opportunities to indulge those artsy interests and add some points to my poser quotient.

But sometimes, I don't want to be a cultural sophisticate. Sometimes I don't want to exercise my mind, challenge my perceptions or push my boundaries. Sometimes, I just want to have a bloody good time.

Which is why, last Thursday night, I burked tradition, sense and every review I've read or heard and saw the "Lord of the Rings" musical.

"Really, Analyse? Really? I know. I know. To answer a few preliminary questions you might have: Yes, there is, in fact, a Lord of the Rings musical playing in the West End. It was in Toronto and over an hour longer first, and now runs in the theater in Drury Lane. Yes, there are dancing Hobbits and Elves and Dwarves, oh my. No, Viggo Mortensen does not play Aragon (for which I'm both mildly disappointed and, for his sake, pretty thankful). And yes, I really did see the play, in all of its show tune-belting, one-ling-wearing glory. And to be honest? It was the most ridiculous, cheesy, over-the-top thing that I've probably ever seen, and I loved every minute.

The show's production budget is well over £12 million (read: that's a whole lotta Dwarf gold), and it definitely shows. The stage itself centers on concentric rotating platforms in the floor that can rise and fall individually at the push of a techie's button. The costumes are epic, and the songs are — well, they're catchy as all heck, even when they're terrible. The Tag End, Prancing Pony and Minas Tirith sets were definite highlights, as was the Balrog sequence in the Mines of Moria. It was a "no holds barred, no Hobbit left behind" kind of night.

Of course, there were points — more often than not — when I had to avert my eyes out of pain. Galadriel initially sings a Celtic-epic song when the Fellowship enters Lothlorien called, surprisingly enough, "Lothlorien." (Visit the show's website to stream "Lothlorien" if you're really that curious.) The song is more than a little ridiculous, especially for its potential singing-in-the-shower-factor. However, when Galadriel randomly appears (is she spirit? Is she matter? Is she totally unnecessary? Yes, yes and yes) during a major battle scene and once again starts singing operatically about "Lothlorien" amidst the hordes of Orcs, you're a stronger woman than I am if you don't choke on the hysterical laughter you just stifled.

But even if it didn't exactly add to the development of my cultured sensibilities, I'm still singing the songs in my head. Awesomely bad it may have been, the show did leave me with some eternal nuggets of wisdom, like "May the hair on your toes never fall out."

Amen, Frodo. Amen.

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Watch out Notre Dame, things are about to get fierce. Christian Siriano, the winner of the fourth season of Bravo's hit TV series "Project Runway," is coming to campus tonight to talk about life as one of the country's hottest new designers.

Siriano, 22, is the youngest winner in the fashion design show's history. Growing up in Maryland, he worked in a salon in Annapolis and attended the Baltimore School for the Arts. There, Siriano was able to focus on fashion design as his course of study, which gave him a strong foundation for what was to come.

Following graduation, Siriano moved to London where he attended American InterContinental University, later interning at both Vivienne Westwood and Alexander McQueen. These internships provided Siriano with invaluable experience and opportunity, especially since the designer has named McQueen as his favorite designer and one of his strongest fashion inspirations.

After being cast on the fourth season of "Project Runway," Siriano immediately proved to be a top contender. He won four challenges, the most of any individual of the season, and earned a spot as one of the show's three finalists. With this honor came the opportunity to create a twelve-piece collection to be shown in Bryant Park during New York's fashion week.

Victoria Beckham, guest judge for the finale, along with regular judges Heidi Klum, Michael Kors and Nina Garcia, praised Siriano's Musketeer-inspired collection, which prominently featured ruffles and voluminous tops. Siriano was not only named the overall winner of the show by the judges, but was also voted "Fan Favorite," an honor decided by viewers.

Siriano was glad to accept the prizes that came with his victory, which included $100,000 to start his own label and a 2008 Saturn Astra. Prior to the show, Siriano lived in a small apartment in New York City that didn't even have a proper bed, as the designer claimed to rather use his money for clothes and his space as a work area. After this fact was made known in one of the last episodes of the season, W Hotels gave Siriano a bed to help furnish his living area.

Since the exciting conclusion of "Project Runway's" fourth season, Siriano has remained in the spotlight more than any previous winner. He has met with Victoria Beckham and Heidi Klum for fittings, and has appeared on several talk shows to recount his time on the show and his life since fashion week.

Siriano is also scheduled to make a cameo on the May 1 episode of ABC's "Ugly Betty," playing himself.

Siriano's distinctive character and flair also seems to have made an impact on the writers of NBC's "Saturday Night Live," which in a recent episode featured a skit about a fictitious Bravo show called "Fierce: The Hot Mess Make-Over Show." Amy Poehler, sporting flat-ironed hair and familiar glasses, played Siriano, and used his catchphrases "fierce," "tranny" and "hot mess" to excess to parody the always-entertaining comments of the "Project Runway" winner.

"Project Runway" mentor, Tim Gunn and his show "Tim Gunn's Guide to Style" were also parodied in the skit. Gunn, who has guided hopeful designers through all four seasons of the "Project Runway," has been especially praiseful of Siriano. Gunn stated in a March 2008 interview, "I really believe he is his generation's Marc Jacobs. I really do. We have found America's next great fashion designer."

By speaking to any "Project Runway" fans on campus, you can quickly sense the excitement for Siriano's appearance, which leaves many anxious to find out just what kind of entertaining they are in for. The lecture will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo Hall.

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Cenco's grand slam lifts Cubs over Mets

Milwaukee defeats St. Louis in 12 innings on Gabe Kapler's game-winning single; Gagne blows fourth save of year

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A day after Ronny Cedeno told reporters the Chicago Cubs are “thinking about the World Series,” he surprised the manager Lou Piniella.

“I'm going to take it back,” Cedeno said after hitting a grand slam, the first of his career, in the team's 9-8 win over the Cardinals.

Cedeno had started games with Hyan Theriot, the Cubs' shortstop, and Theriot was in the lineup Tuesday. But when Theriot was hit by a pitch in the eighth inning, Cedeno replaced him.

Cedeno, who was one of the last cuts, started 7-13, had 14 hits and improved to 14-6, his best record at this point since 1973.

Cedeno was 1 of 43 players called up this year.

Manager Willie Randolph bemoaned the lack of bats for his team to drive in runs in the seventh off three different relievers.

“I told Tony I wanted to play shortstop, and he told me he preferred for me to go to second,” Pujols said. “It's something I don't want to do every time, but in that case it was an emergency.”

All of it unfolded as the Cardinals rallied from a five-run deficit off the Brewers' beleaguered bullpen before Kapler singled off St. Louis closer Jason Isringhausen (1-1) to end the game.

Milwaukee gave up four runs in the seventh off three different relievers. It still led 7-2 when Eric Gagne made his fifth appearance in six days in the ninth.

He immediately got into trouble, hitting Izturis with a pitch on the right forearm and allowing a single to Skip Schumaker that put runners on the corners with none out.

Gagne got Rick Ankiel to chase a pitch for strike three, and Pujols hit what appeared to be a tailor-made double-play grounder to third baseman Bill Hall.

But second baseman Rickie Weeks couldn't turn it, allowing Izturis to tie the game at 8 and costing Gagne his second straight save opportunity.

“I just had a bad throw,” Weeks said.

Gagne has blown four saves in 10 tries this season, but manager Ned Yost said Gagne is his guy.

“We didn't turn the double play for him,” Yost said. “He's facing the best hitter in the National League, worked him and got him to hit in a double play, we just didn't turn it. It should've been over right there.”

Izturis left the game because he couldn't grip a ball. X-rays were negative.

With one out in the bottom of the ninth, the Cardinals sent Albert Pujols to second from first, catcher Jason LaRue to first and Yadier Molina to second to pressure pitcher Jason Isringhausen on the close call.

“It's just a very difficult. The manager teams, and the Mets decision-making make it very difficult,” Yost said.

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**IN BRIEF**

Kevin Garnett named NBA defensive player of the year

WASHINGTON, Mass. — When Kevin Garnett starts screaming, the Celtics' defense stops sputtering. For all his assets — athleticism, intensity, intelligence — it's the ability to communicate with teammates that he considers the key to Boston's skill at shutting down opponents.

"I talk. I understand how defense works," he said after being selected the NBA defensive player of the year Tuesday. "Communication probably the biggest thing when it comes to defense."

An outstanding defender throughout his previous 12 seasons, all with Minnesota, Garnett won the league award for the first time by a wide margin one day before Boston takes a 1-0 lead into Game 2 of the first-round series against Atlanta.

Brendan Haywood escapes suspension for flagrant foul

WASHINGTON — The Washington Wizards center Brendan Haywood was so steamed over his lack of playing time in last year's playoffs series against the Cleveland Cavaliers that he left the court before the final game was over and removed the nameplate above his locker.

In this year's rematch, Haywood has very much made a name for himself. In highlight shows across the land, he's The Man Who Shaved Lebron James.

"I've been criticized normally for not fouling," Haywood said. "This is actually different ground for me."

Under orders to give James a rough time in the paint, Haywood took the brusher's act a bit too far when he pushed James with both hands while the Cavaliers' megastar was airborne during a layup attempt in the third quarter of Cleveland's Game 2 victory Monday night.

WADA drops appeal of U.S. arbitration against Jenkins

The anti-doping agency's action comes after the World Anti-Doping Agency dropped its appeal of a U.S. arbitration ruling that cleared her of a positive drug test.

"It's a great honor to be the No. 1 pick," Long said. "I don't think it has sunk in yet. It's something every kid dreams about. I'm just real excited that it happened. Now I'm coming to a great place."

Long flew to South Florida with his parents Tuesday morning for the news conference. The Dolphins said they didn't conduct contract talks with any other potential picks.

**Dolphins reach agreement with Long**

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Jake Long seemed at ease in his new role as the NFL's No. 1 draft pick, leaning into a news conference microphone to talk about his mean streak while his mother sat in the corner, nodding as she smiled.

The Miami Dolphins were grinning Tuesday, too. They signed the Michigan left tackle to a five-year contract with $30 million guaranteed, and they'll select him with the top pick in the draft Saturday.

The deal allows the Dolphins and Long to avoid a possible holdout. Long becomes the highest-paid lineman in the NFL and a focal point in a rebuilding project for the new Dolphins regime led by Bill Parcells. Last season Miami went 1-15, and the offensive line has been a chronic problem in recent years.

"Jake was our guy from the beginning," general manager Jeff Ireland said. "Jake Long was on the top of our board for a long time. There wasn't a whole lot of debate. We thought it was a very good fit with the Miami Dolphins."

With many other needs as well, the Dolphins were interested in trading the top pick for multiple low choices. When suitors surfaced, they began negotiations last week with Long's agent, Tom Condon.

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Long reached an agreement with Miami that will make him the first pick in Saturday's NFL Draft.

Newly acquired offensive tackle Jake Long watches on as Dolphins general manager Jeff Ireland speaks to the media Tuesday. Long reached an agreement with Miami that will make him the first pick in Saturday's NFL Draft.

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Clemens was not at house party

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jose Canseco reaffirmed Tuesday that Roger Clemens did not attend a party at his house that has become a focal point of a federal investigation.

Canseco was interviewed by federal agents and answered a series of questions about a variety of subjects and about his knowledge of steroid use in baseball, said his attorney, Gregory Emerson.

The former AL MVP was questioned about his new book, "Vindicated," and "some of the issues that have arisen earlier in the (Congressional) investigations," Emerson said.

"He answered fully and to the best of his knowledge," the attorney said. "He said nothing new of significance was discussed."

The 1998 party at Canseco's house became an issue because Brian McNamee, Clemens' former trainer, has said Clemens spoke with Canseco and came afterward approached the trainer about using performance-enhancing drugs.

Clemens says he did not attend the party, and Canseco corroborated that in an affidavit to Congress. Canseco stood by that affidavit during his interview on Tuesday, Emerson said.

"Roger was probably one of his closest buddies, has been to Jose's house before," the attorney said. "Jose's absolutely certain Roger wasn't there (at the party in question), and he remains 100 percent committed to that affidavit."

Photos that show Clemens in Canseco's pool have surfaced, but they are undated.

Canseco has long been considered a whistle-blower about the use of steroids in baseball, with his 2002 book titled, "Juiced." Major League Baseball and federal investigators began to lose some of his claims more credibility.

"When this (Canseco's claims) first came out, Jose was shunned by players and by Major League Baseball," Emerson said. "Now they've found that there is a substantial amount of credibility."

"(The latest) book is an attempt to really expose Major League Baseball, not any particular players for their positions. I think he's been telling the truth and told the truth today."

Canseco has confirmed that Joseph Dion of Miami is the trainer "Max" he wrote about in his latest book. Canseco claimed that Dion was a steroids dealer he introduced to Alex Rodriguez.

Dion, first identified as "Max" by Sports Illustrated on its web site, strongly denied the allegations, saying he hates steroids and is "100 percent against their use." Rodriguez said he knows Dion, but he has repeatedly denied using performance-enhancing drugs. Canseco has said he has no knowledge of drug use by Rodriguez.

NFL

Seahawks release former MVP

Associated Press

SEATTLE - The Seattle Seahawks released former MVP Shaun Alexander, just 26 months after he signed a $62 million contract as the franchise's cornerstone.

Seahawks president Tim Russell said Tuesday the team released Alexander unconditionally after the running back passed a physical. It's been a rapid fall for the 30-year-old. When he signed that mammoth deal, he was coming off an MVP season in 2005 and a Super Bowl appearance. Now he's looking for work, coming off of two unimpressive and injury-filled seasons.

"Yeah, it's sad, really," Russell said after announcing a move that had been expected in Seattle for six weeks, since the signings of free agent running backs Julius Jones and T.J. Duckett. "He's been such an upstanding guy through my whole tenure here. I don't think we have that Super Bowl run if it wasn't for Shaun."

"It shows you have tough this game is, how ever-changing it is, how you can't play forever.... You just can't do it."

Alexander will try again in 2008. The three-time Pro Bowl runner, whose last two seasons have been his worst, said he is not retiring.

"I will be playing for another NFL team this fall, and doing everything I can to contribute," said Alexander, who ran for just 716 yards in 13 games last season - his lowest total since he replaced Ricky Watters as Seattle's lead back in 2001.

"I am healthy, energized and looking forward to beginning the next chapter of my NFL career," he said.

"My family will remain in the Seattle area, and when my days in the NFL do eventually come to an end, I plan to retire here. Our hearts are woven into the fabric of this community, we are blessed to be part of it, and we enjoy contributing to it in every way we can. Thank you, Seattle."

The Seahawks were waiting for Alexander's broken left wrist to heal before releasing him. He played the final 15 games of the regular season plus January's playoff s -- wearing a cast on that.

Tuesday morning doctors declared the 19th overall draft choice in 2000 fully healthy to participate in minicamps this spring.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish end season in fourth place

Marquette shoots ten over par to gain title

By PETER REISENAUR

Notre Dame ended its season with a fourth-place finish in the Big East Tournament, completing what was a good, but at times frustrating season for the Irish at the Traditions Golf Club in Hobe Sound, Fla.

Marquette's 1-over par 215 was more than enough to give the Golden Eagles the team title, but the Irish were able to finish in fourth place amongst the 12 teams at the Tournament this weekend.

Sophomore Doug Fortner, a solid performer all year long for the Irish, finished three-over par for the tournament with a 219. He finished the tournament in fourth overall, helping him earn his first career all-conference honors, and cap off an impressive year for the second year golfer.

Junior Josh Sandman, the most consistent performer all year long for the Irish had another strong tournament this week. He did not have his best final round but still earned a second all-Big East honor, and also finished in the top 10 of the individual tournament, making him the first Irish player to finish in the top 10 since 1989. Sandman was also able to finish the tournament at four-over par and tied for seventh place in the tournament.

Sandman also was able to finish the year off with a 73.1 stroke average and 72.41 in the spring season, which gave him an individual berth to the NCAA regional.

The other impressive finisher for the Irish was a freshman in Dustin Zhang. He showed improvement throughout the year, and in the tournament, finishing in 18th place in the tournament despite a 77 in the first round. He finished eight-over par for the tournament, and the Irish hope that he will be one of the future stars for their team.

All in all, the Irish were happy with their season, although they were at times a little inconsistent. They hope to improve upon that inconsistency next year, and hopefully come up with a Big East title.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish win third straight Big East title

By MICHAEL BLASCO

After dominating the competition through the first two rounds of the Big East Championship Tournament, No. 25 Notre Dame cruised through the final round to capture the program's third conference title in six years.

The Irish lead throughout the three-day tournament, which was held at the par-72, 6,080-yard Elk Run Golf Club in Batavia, Ohio, and shot a final round-best 302 to clinch the victory. Notre Dame sophomore Annie Brophey earned medalist honors for the first time in her career, leading the field with a 6-over par 222, while Irish freshman So-Hyun Park shot an 8-over par 224 to finish second. Overall, four Notre Dame golfers finished in the top five of the field. Brophey reaffirmed the importance of the team effort in the victory.

"To win conference as a team is great because we've worked really hard for this," Brophey said. "As an individual, it also feels great. We all played really hard. We played one hole at a time. I know that sounds clichéd, but it's true."

Senior Josh Broy, a two-time winner in the tournament, was not surprised by the outcome.

"It's always fun to be able to play out here and have a good week," he said. "As a team, we try to help each other and make each other better. I think we've done that this week.

The conference title caps an Irish season marked by unprecedented success. Notre Dame, who opened the 2007-2008 season with three straight tournament victories, have finished in the top five in nine of 10 tournaments this season, with the Big East Tournament win being their fifth first-place finish. Freshman So Hyun Park ranked No. 14 in the country, has led the Irish, her scoring average of 73.12 a program record; she also recorded two first-place finishes. Junior captain Lisa Maunu has contributed three podium finishes, including one first-place finish. Notre Dame head coach Susan Holt attributed the tournament victory to the team's consistent success throughout the season.

"Everything they've done this year has been a momentum builder for this week," Holt said. "They had pressure on them because they were the team to beat coming in. I was just really proud of them because they really hung in there. It was a good team effort with the way the scoring worked out. They all played a role and we needed all of them to show up and they did."

The Irish hit the links again May 20 for their final tournament, the NCAA Championship in Albuquerque, New Mexico; the squad earned an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament through the Big East tournament victory.

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Stop by!
Paul dishes 17 assists in win over Mavericks

Howard has second straight 20-point, 20-rebound game as Orlando ekes past Toronto, takes a 2-0 series lead

Paul Howard

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Dirk Nowitzki had 22 points and seven rebounds, joining Jason Kidd as they attempted to trap Chris Paul.

Paul promptly let them know they were in for long night, knifing into the lane on the dribble and dropping in a pretty floater.

As brilliant as Paul was in his playing this past week-end, his even was better.

Paul had 32 points and a franchise playoff-record 17 assists, leading New Orleans to a 127-103 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday night that gave the Hornets a 2-0 lead in their first-round series.

The old record was 15 assists, set by Muggsy Bogues in 1993.

Still, there were worries Chris really develop into the best point guard in this league, it’s amazing to watch how’s he’s really risen his game to another level,” Hornets coach Byron Scott said. “But what’s great players do. He’s definitely one of the best on this league right now.

David West scored 27 points and Peja Stojakovic 22 for New Orleans, which took a double-digit lead in the second quarter, led by as much as 25 in the third and never looked back.

Tyson Chandler had his second double-double of the series with 10 points and 11 rebounds, despite playing with foul trouble. Morris Peterson added 12 points and reserve guard Jarredo Pargo had 10 for New Orleans, which was 10-for-18 on 3-pointers, with Stojakovic hitting five of six.

“They were going to try some gimmick stuff” against Paul Scott said. “It was key that we had the confidence with the ball out of my hands for us to make plays. Peja hit shots, Mo was able to hit some, Tyson really disrupted what they were trying to do.

The series now moves to Dallas, where the Hornets easily split or dribbled around double-teams, scoring six points and assisting on eight baskets in the first quarter.

His crossover, between-the-legs and behind-the-back dribbles set up his array of running floaters, fades and jumpers. He found West for several open jumpers and a dunk. He twice found Chandler for alley-oop dunks. The Hornets shot a whopping 71 percent and set a franchise playoff record with 39 first-quarter points.

“They put the ball in Paul’s hands. We tried to trap him some early, but if West is going to be wide open at the top of the key, he’s making the shot,” Nowitzki said. “It’s tough to get the ball out of his hands if the shooters are shooting like that.”

Dallas got its deficit briefly down to 10 in the third quarter after 16-1 first-half points from Nowitzki and 10 from Chandler, but the Hornets hurt themselves with turnovers in the second period, which the Hornets converted into 10 points, often in transition, as they widened their lead to 67-51 by halftime.

Whatever adjustments the Mavs made at the break, their plight only got worse. Paul scored six quick points on two free throws, a driving layup and a running floater, then Stojakovic hit two jumpers, the second for his fourth 3 of the game, giving New Orleans an 88-58 lead.

Peterson then got involved with two 3s and jumper, and the Hornets, who shot 64 percent through three quarters, led 90-66 after West scored while backing in on Bass.

Bass, a force inside during this game, responded with nine points during the Mavs’ 10-0 run to start the fourth to make it 99-79 heading into the final period.

Early in the fourth, Paul scored six quick points on a runner in the lane, an off-balance floater off the glass and a pull-up jumper, putting the Hornets in the clear.

When asked if there was a way for Dallas to stop him, Paul replied, “I’m sure there is a way, but they have to realize what their best thing is.”

“One thing I’ve learned through this season and watching these games is that you have to be aggressive,” Paul continued. “If I just sit back and let them trap me, then they succeed in what they had to do. I know I have to pick my spots when I get the ball and let other guys go, but at the same time I have to be aggressive and attack and that’s what we did.”

Orlando 104, Toronto 103

Dwight Howard had 29 points and 20 rebounds, his second straight 20-20 game, in the Orlando Magic beat the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night for a 2-0 lead in their first-round series.

Chris Bosh had 29 points and 10 rebounds for Toronto, but missed a 19-footer with 1.9 seconds left that could have won the game. Jason Kapono scored 20 points, Jose Calderon had 15 and Carlos Delfino added 16 for the Rapters.

Jameer Nelson and Rashad Lewis each scored 18 for Orlando. Hedo Turkoglu made the go-ahead layup and finished with 12 points and nine rebounds.

Toronto, which trailed most of the game, took a 104-100 lead with 1:34 left on three consecutive 3-pointers, one from Delfino and two by Calderon, plus a free throw by Delfino.

But Turkoglu drove the lane for an acrobatic layup to put Orlando back on top, 102-101, then sank two free throws to push the lead to three points. Delfino made another layup to make it 104-103 with 9.6 seconds left, and the Raptors immediately got the ball back after Orlando’s Keyon Dooling was called for an offensive foul on the inbounds pass.

Toronto isolated Bosh for the last shot, but it was no good.

Toronto was the first player in nearly 40 years to record consecutive playoff games with at least 20 points and 20 rebounds. The last was the San Francisco Warriors’ Nate Thurmond in the 1968-69 playoffs.

The game was much more physical than Sunday’s series opener. Turkoglu was called for a flagrant foul in the second quarter defending Bosh. The Raptors star had just stolen a pass and had a clear shot at the basket when Turkoglu caught up with him, pushing Bosh hard to the ground.

Howard picked up a technical foul for second quarter jaw-fighting with Delfino after the making a layup, plus the foul on the guard in the third quarter.

The Raptors took their first lead of the series in the third quarter, using a 7-0 run to go ahead 64-59. Orlando was 0-for-5 to start the quarter, but regained an 81-71 lead after Nelson’s two 3-pointers and Howard’s bucket that preceded his technical.

For the second straight game, Toronto got buried in a double-digit deficit in the opening minutes, this time from inside. Orlando was 11-for-25 on 3-pointers in the period after a 9-of-11 performance in Game 1, but opened a 26-8 lead on Nelson’s slash to the bucket 8:04 into the game.

The Magic had five dunks in the first half, including three in a row on fast breaks off a steal by Turkoglu and a drive from Lewis.

The Raptors, who tied a franchise playoff low with eight turnovers in Game 1, had that many in the first 15 minutes.
Belles head to Kalamazoo

Saint Mary's can secure a spot in the MIAA playoffs with series sweep

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (20-7 overall, 9-3 MIAA) travels to last place Kalamazoo (3-21 overall, 1-11 MIAA) today, in a quest to secure a place in the MIAA playoffs. The Belles are currently in third place, and the top four move on to the post-season.

If the Belles sweep the Hornets, they will clinch a spot in the tournament.

Coach Erin Sullivan said she is confident with the team's position with only four games left to play.

"I feel great about where we are right now," she said. "We couldn't be happier."

The Hornets are coming off two 8-0 losses to Tri-State, with two hits in each game. They have lost five straight games.

Despite its losing record, Sullivan said her team is not taking Kalamazoo lightly.

"On any given day, any team can win," she said.

The Belles are coming off a successful weekend, when they won three of four games on Friday and Saturday. They have either swept or split every doubleheader they've played this season.

Senior pitcher McKenna Corrigan, who will start the second game, went 4-for-7 with four RBIs and three runs scored in the two games she started over the weekend. Her record is a perfect 11-0.

Corrigan is a major contributor in the Belles' offense, which has overpowered opponents for most of the season. Sophomore Ashley Peterson, who leads the team with a .484 batting average, is also an important factor in the attack.

Sullivan said that the team's approach to pitching and hitting will not change when it plays Kalamazoo.

"We will go out and continue to play our hardest," she said, "and hopefully secure a conference tournament berth with two wins."

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in a sense. He gave some great speeches."

34 years later, Dantley finds himself on the Nuggets sideline, and the assistant coach, he sees his role as less of a motivator and more of a teacher of fundamentals. He also tries to encourage his players to be self-motivated.

"Sometimes you get excited, but you're different than collegiate," he said. "I wasn't an emotional kind of player anyway. I played the same every game." Dantley, who is responsible for the Nuggets' big men, said the biggest change between college coaching and playing is that he has to keep track of the progress of all his players, rather than just worrying about himself.

"Coaching you have to worry about all the players on the team," he said. "Playing, you just worry about yourself." The Nuggets trail the Los Angeles Lakes one game to none in their first round playoff series. The series continues tonight at 10:30 in Los Angeles.

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Cougars

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Schrage was impressed with Riley's all-around performance in the game.

"Brett Riley had a great day, he got hit by a pitch, made a diving catch in a clutch situation, and had a homer," said Schrage. Mills then hammered a pitch to the wall in center field, speeding around the bases for a triple. A Pollock fly by Mills for the third run of the inning, extending to lead to 6-1.

The Cougars answered back in the top of the fifth when they put two on deck in the fifth inning. With two outs, Epps hit a solo home run, the second game against Purdue.

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ending double play on the liner of Purdue junior infielder Katie Mitchell and a tag-at-ear to end the inning. The bats stayed silent for the Irish all game, with the only hits coming off the bat of junior pitcher Sarah Smith, senior second base man Katie Laing, junior designated hitter Brian Barr, and sophomore catcher Erin Marmone.

"The mental approach of our hitters wasn't that great for the off-speed pitches we were facing," Lemire said. "Katie Mitchell was able to hit the pitcher's strength instead of waiting for her to make a mistake."

Things fell apart for the Irish in the seventh, when the Boilermakers were able to score two runs after a game offense together. Purdue sophomore pitcher Sarah Morris walked junior Alex Alexander to lead off the seventh inning. Purdue pinchhitter Ashley Barr. A single from junior outfielder Christa Podgajny and an error in center field scored pinch-runner sophomore second baseman Amy Butcher from second to end the game with seven runs, chasing Goya from the game. Riley singled home two runners for his third and fourth RBI on the day, and senior left fielder Ron Bresensky extended his hitting streak to 17 games with a single. With the lead already extended to 8-2, junior first baseman Evan Sharpley hit his team-leading 14th goal of the game in the eighth, and sharpay crushed the biggest challenge is to play with the mentality that it is tournament time," Lemire said. "We need to settle into our own and pick up that momentum." Thursday's game against Loyola-Chicago that begins at 5 p.m. is fireworks night at Melissa Stadium. The Irish will look to start getting into postseason mode in the double-header.

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"We're scoring 14-15 goals a game, but not just one person is doing the heavy lifting. Everyone is contributing," said senior midfielder Westley Kemp. "Defensively we played great," Corrigian said. "We held them to two goals until the game, which put us in a great position to win." The Irish didn't hesitate to ignore their offensive attack. Sophomore midfielder Kelly McKenna scored a brace in the first period of a 7-0 run. Junior midfielder Dan Gibson, sophomore midfielder Grant Kebes, Wharton, and Hicks went on to notch four goals within two and a half minutes, and the Irish ended the period with a commanding 5-0 lead over the Falcons.

The Irish improved their lead to seven at the start of the second period when Hoff and Wharton scored, Air Force finally got on the board with 5:27 remaining in the period with a goal on the power play but to cut the deficit to five. The Irish retained a 5-0 lead when sophomore Michael Podgajny and freshman midfielder Zach Brennan scored, allowing the Irish to enter halftime with a 5-2 lead over the Falcons.

The Irish carried their successful offensive tactics into the third period continuing the Falcons 2-0 with goals from Hoff and Hicks. Junior midfielder Peter Christen and freshman midfielder Billy Maloney tallied the final two Irish goals of the game in the fourth quarter. The Falcons scored the final three goals of the game designating in the day's final score of 13-5. The Irish continue their season Saturday, hosting conference opponent Ohio State.

"Right now Ohio State is playing as confidently as anybody in the country," Corrigian said. "They are very athletic and play very aggressively at both ends of the field. It's going to be a great game we're very excited about." The match will end the conference season for the Irish and will begin at 12 p.m. at Meade Krause Stadium.

For the win next three games, not only are we going into the tournament but having played very well at the end of the year when it counts, but we're also putting ourselves in a great position," Corrigian said. "But right now all we need to do is beat Ohio State, and that's all we're focusing on." Contact Ellyn Michalak at emichalak@nd.edu
**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

30 years after ND, Dantley finds success in coaching ranks

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It's been quite the spring for Adrian Dantley. The former Notre Dame star, who is now an assistant coach for the Denver Nuggets, has been in the NBA Playoffs and was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on April 7.

"It's really powerful for our basketball program and for Notre Dame," Irish coach Mike Brey said of Dantley's induction. Dantley played forward for the Irish under coach Digger Phelps from 1973-76. He was Notre Dame's leading scorer in 1974-75 and 1975-76, averaging around 30 points per game in both seasons.

"He was one of the great ones to ever play here," Phelps said.

After college, Dantley played for the U.S. team in 1976 Olympics and won the Gold Medal game over Yugoslavia. He went on to a 15-year career in the NBA and played for seven different teams.

Brey said he thought the Hall of Fame waited too long to induct Dantley. He said the forward's career was good enough that he should have been in the Hall "10 or 15 years ago."

Phelps said what he remembers most about Dantley was the forward's ability to draw fouls and convert at the free throw line.

"He was one of the best ever to draw fouls," Phelps said.

"He had a natural instinct to draw fouls."

Dantley, however, said it wasn't so much skill as luck that got him to the line so often.

"A lot of guys were dumb and fouled me," he said.

Dantley said his best memory at Notre Dame came in 1974, when the Irish upset UCLA 71-70, ending the Bruins' 88-game winning streak.

"I remember when we won the game how excited the student body was," Dantley said.

"UCLA was definitely the best team. They were the team back in those days."

Dantley said Phelps fired up the Irish squad with a rousing pep talk before the game.

"Everything was different for that game," Dantley said. "His pep speech pumped the guys up. He was like Knute Rockne.

"It's different now. They don't have the same kind of pep talks."

Dantley also said that his best memory as a Corvette player at Notre Dame was in 1974-75 and 1975-76, averaging 22.4 and 25.3 points per game, respectively.

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In those years, Dantley averaged 22.9 points per game and made 54.6 percent of his field goals. He also led the Irish in assists, rebounds, and steals.

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