Anti-theist and Christian debate religion
Hitchens and D’Souza argue the merits of evolution, faith and the existence of a supernatural power

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

Anti-theist Christopher Hitchens and Christian apologist Dinesh D’Souza may initially appear to have nothing in common. Hitchens argues the merits of evolution, while D’Souza argues for the existence of a supernatural power. In the absence of evidence, Hitchens doubts, while D’Souza defers to faith.

But despite their opposing views, both figures had one thing in common: they approached religion from a purely logical, factual perspective when speaking to a sold-out audience in Wednesday’s debate at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Hitchens said religion is merely a man-made attempt to make sense of the world. “Religion was our first attempt to make sense of our surroundings. It was our first attempt at health care, in a way,” Hitchens said. “It was our first attempt at psychiatric care, at dealing with terrible loneliness of the human condition.”

“It is the worst attempt, but partly because it was the first,” Hitchens said.

Hitchens said evolution and the big bang theory should be used to explain the world and human existence. Meanwhile, D’Souza pointed out flaws in evolutionary theory and said religion is the best explanation for essential human questions. “Evolution doesn’t explain the question of life on the planet,” D’Souza said. “Evolution merely explains the transition between one life form and the other.”

But D’Souza said evolution also fails to explain human evil, rationality and in particular, morality. “Think of a couple of moral facts. Think of simple things. Getting up to give your seat to an old lady in the bus. Giving blood,” he said. “Now if we are evolved primates who are programmed to survive and reproduce, why would we do these things?”

Hitchens said humans do good deeds because they wish to. “I’ll tell you why. It gives me great pleasure to do so,” he said. “I enjoy the sort of people it makes me come in contact with. And I like giving blood.”

But D’Souza said these moral characteristics exist because humans were made in the likeness of the creator who made it that way,” he said.

D’Souza also said he favored religion simply because it was the more likely explanation. “If we see a fine tuned universe, what’s more likely? Someone fine tuned it or it fine tuned itself?” he said. “Let’s go with the best explanation.”

D’Souza said. “If you go to a village and 95 percent of the people believe in something, do you go to the scientist and say, ‘No, that’s wrong.’”

Archbishop discusses Catholic globalization

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Catholic Church must find a way to integrate social action in order to help build a better global society, Arch Bishop of Munich and Freising Reinhard Marx said at the Terrence E. Keeley Vatican Lecture Wednesday.

Mark, one of the most recognized thinkers in the German Catholic Church, delivered the annual speech to a large crowd including University President Fr. John Jenkins and President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh.

“One of the benefits of being a Catholic university is that we are part of the universal Church and often the universal Church comes to us,” Jenkins said in his opening remarks. “Bishop Marx will add to our thoughts about the conflicts of the modern world and the Church.”

Marx recently published a book titled “Das Kapital,” which he used as a framework for his talk about the value of Catholic social teaching and tradition in today’s globalized world.

“When I speak about social ethics and sustainability,” Marx said, “I emphasize energy savings, on building strategies that confirm that the building has met a certain standard of sustainability.”

According to the USGBC Web site, LEED certification is based on building strategies that emphasize energy savings, water efficiency, carbon dioxide emissions reduction and sensitivity to environmental impact.

Geddes Hall houses both the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) and the Institute for Church Life (ICL).

CSC director Fr. Bill Lies said Geddes Hall is a place that offers “a much more gracious welcome” to the community.

“The environment is God’s gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future genera-
INSIDE COLUMN

Bryant is better

I’ve been waiting to do this for a while now so here goes. Kobe Bryant is better than Lebron James. Despite the recent attempts by Nike to sell more shoes, LBJ shouldn’t even be in the same conversation as Kobe, let alone puppet commercials that depict the two as best friends.

Don’t get me wrong. Lebron is probably the most athletic player in NBA history. He can jump higher, drive faster, and dunk stronger than any player in the league. He can virtually score at will, and his backside block-from-behind has become a trademark. I’m just not ready to crown him as the league’s best player, or even the best scorer.

James is 25 years old. In his seventh year in the league, he has one MVP award and has only appeared in the NBA Finals once. Bryant had three titles by his sixth year. But let’s talk about the undisputed–greatest-of-all-time, Michael Jordan?

Jordan didn’t get his first NBA Championship until he was 28 years old in his seventh year in the league. But by that age, he had played three years at North Carolina, led the league in scoring four consecutive years, and had two MVP awards while missing most of his sophomore season with a broken foot.

For Lebron to be considered greater than either Kobe or Jordan, he would have to win the next three NBA titles, lead the league in scoring at least two of those years, and win at least one more MVP award.

Given his success this season, the MVP and scoring title are probably a lock. But the game has changed. With the exception of the Spurs’ recent run, dynasties are becoming less and less common. Even if he did win the next three titles, he would still have to shake off the “Shaq–effect” like Kobe did last year.

If I haven’t even mentioned the weaknesses in his game. Lebron still isn’t a tall enough 25–foot jumper to save his life. Most of his points come in the paint, half of which are from the block. The refs are too intimidated to call traveling.

But his game is complete. He can shoot the ball out to 40 feet. He can bust off dribble-drives, pass, and play lockdown defense. Most importantly, you can trust him to take the last shot. He’s made seven game-winners this season alone.

If I’ve offended any Cleveland fans in this process, just relax. Take comfort in the fact that Lebron will probably wear him a Knicks jersey next year anyway, so if he doesn’t win it this year, he never will.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Chris Masoud at masoudtnv.edu.

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IN BRIEF

“All Art is Propaganda” will be displayed at 8 a.m. today. The exhibition will be available in the Hesburgh Library.

The “2010 BFA/MFA Candidates’ Theses Exhibition” will open at 10 a.m. today in the O’Shaughnessy Galleries in the Snite Museum of Art.

Yin Yu Tang: A Chinese Home” will be on exhibit at 10 a.m. today in the Scholz Family Works on Paper Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art.

The SMC Tostal Carnival will begin at noon today. Inflatable and a mechanical bull will be available on the Library Green at Saint Mary’s College.

“Rethinking Rwanda, 1994” will be held at 12:30 p.m. today in C103 Hesburgh Center.

A seminar titled “Structural Transitions in Developing Economies” will begin at 3:30 p.m. today in 118 Nieuwenhuis Science Hall.

The “Catholicism at the Crossroads” Spring lecture series will begin at 7:30 p.m. today in Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary’s College.

The SMC Tostal will hold a concert featuring Josh Kelley and Jon McLaughlin at 8 p.m. today in O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s College.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer.nd@gmail.com
Bonfire to raise funds for Haiti

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

The 7.0-magnitude earth-quake that devastated Haiti months ago has affected the Haitian people even now, months after the event, said Pal Jindra, IDRC president. “Forgetting what happened is the worst thing that we could do to our brothers and sisters in Haiti,” said Jindra. “We wanted to give students an opportunity to experience the customs and the history of the Haitian people.”

Tickets for the event, which are $10 in advance and $15 Friday night, will be sold in front of the dining halls. All proceeds, Jindra said, will go directly to the Notre Dame Haiti Response fund, which supports the Red Cross, Catholic Relief Services, Friends of Orphans, the Congregation of the Holy Cross and the Notre Dame Haiti Program. “These are all organizations doing incredible work in an unimaginably difficult setting,” Jindra said.

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Jindra said IDRC has assembled a playlist of Haitian music and will be using a student DJ. If you have never heard of the Haitian hip-hop before, it is really, really incredible,” he said. “A lot of these artists on the Haitian scene could be radio-ready even here in the U.S.”

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Recently elected SGA officers meet for first time

By MEGHAN PRICE
News Writer

The new Saint Mary’s board of Student Government Association (SGA) began the 2010-11 term when it held its first meeting Wednesday night. The main purpose of the meeting was for the new officers to get to know one another and for them to discuss their goals and expectations for the next academic year.

SGA president Rachael Chesley and SGA vice president Laura Smith took over in office on April 1.

“Laura and I are fairly new to this,” Chesley said to the other officers. “We have already learned a lot about SGA over the past month and we are looking forward to learning more from you and getting your help and input. We are very excited about getting started on this coming year.”

Wednesday’s meeting was the first for many SGA officers.

Chesley said her and Smith’s goal was to integrate equal amounts of experienced students with new students who have fresh perspective. They said they feel that this was the best possible way to serve the student body.

SGA discussed that they want to get more involved with the student community. Among many other comments, the Board told Chesley and Smith they thought it would be good if they were visible around campus and at campus events.

They also talked about how SGA meetings and offices are open to the student body and ways to get the students more interested in attending them. The board will attempt to increase attendance at the SGA meetings in order to hear what issues students care about.

“If I was in the SGA meeting or in the office, I felt like I was somewhere I wasn’t supposed to be,” Smith said. “We need to change that and make sure students feel welcome.”

Patrick Daniel, director of Student Involvement, was at the meeting and told the officers they needed to get the student body behind issues they believed in strongly.

He also said the new Board needed to make sure when they choose issues, they are representing the average Saint Mary’s student.

Some of the issues the Board intends to address in the coming year are networking between clubs on campus and the availability of service project opportunities for students.

The Board will continue to meet every Wednesday until the end of the year.

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Soler Senate
Soler, Bell set tone for year

By MEGAN DOYLE
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Student body president Catherine Soler and vice president Andrew Bell, who took office on April 1, set the tone for the upcoming year’s administration and welcomed the new senators to student government as they led their first meeting of the Student Senate Wednesday.

Soler, Bell and the senators swore to “preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the student body” as they officially assumed their positions.

The initial meeting of the new Senate established committee chairs and introduced new members to their responsibilities.

An executive order from Soler created a new committee to deal with off-campus concerns.

The new committee will compile many of the off-campus projects, such as Transpo, that were handled by various committees during the last administration, Off-Campus Concerns Committee chair Emily Smith said.

The agenda for the new committee includes continuing to improve the Transpo service for students, educating off-campus students about improving their relationships with their neighbors in the local community and arranging student discounts at off-campus restaurants.

One of the committee’s goals is to “expand beyond just the boundaries of Notre Dame,” LeStrange said.

The senators approved all nominations for committee chair positions. The nominees outlined the mission of their committees and their plans for the upcoming year.

The Community Relations committee, chaired by Claire Sokas, plays an important role in the upcoming Commuincity Day, and Sokas said she hopes to work on similar projects to engage students with the South Bend community.

Gender Issues committee chairs Mariath McGroigan and Tim Castellini plan to address issues of gender, sexual orientation and the development of gender resources.

“The most important thing about this committee is trying to make [these issues] more accessible to the student body,” Castellini said.

Social Concerns Committee chair Patrick McCormick said his committee would be working on the hunger initiative that was included in Soler and Bell’s election platform.

Other approved committee chairs include Michele Mulhall for Academic Affairs, Casey Cockerham for Campus Technology, Matt High for Residence Life, Chase Riddle for University Affairs, Brigitte Githinji for Multicultural Affairs and Paige Becker for Oversight.

The student senators unanimously passed resolutions bestowing emeritus status on former student body president Grant Schmidt, former vice president Cynthia Weber and former chief of staff Ryan Brelenthal.

Veteran members of student government voiced their support for last year’s administration.

“The whole student body was able to feel like they got something from the administration under Grant,” Becker said.

Bridge Bredemann commented Weber on “an above-and-beyond job,” and McCormick described Brelenthal as “a model of the servant leader.”

The new senators will soon be settled into the various committees and liaison positions to other groups around campus.

“As senators, you are the number one source for student government and organizations on campus to keep everyone informed,” Soler said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gitmo detainee set for trial in 2011

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A military judge at Guantanamo Bay on Wednesday said lawyers in the case of a Sudanese detainee don’t expect to be ready for trial until early 2011, according to a military commission spokesman.

Joseph DellaVedova, spokesman for the Pentagon’s Office of Military Commissions, said in an e-mail from the U.S. base in Cuba that the judge said prosecutors and defense lawyers told her they could be ready by January or February 2011 in the war crimes case of Omar Ullman Muhammed.

He said the judge, Navy Capt. Moira Gomes, “is going to wait for the remaining two experts in the case to take up most of the court’s attention for the remainder of 2010.”

Boston man sentenced by North Korea

South Korea — North Korea sentenced a Boston man to eight years of hard labor and ordered him to pay a $700,000 fine for entering into the communist country illegally earlier this year, state media reported.

Alijah Malik Gomes, 30, was the fourth American detained by North Korea for illegal entry in less than a year.

Gomes, who had been teaching English in South Korea before his arrest, acknowledged his wrongdoing at Pyongyang’s Central Court on Tuesday.

North Korea’s official Korean Central News Agency said in a brief dispatch Wednesday.

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Associated Press

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Man arrested for alleged Pelosi threats

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A California man agreed about health care reform allegedly made threatening voicemails for U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, a state man was arrested for allegedly leaving South Korea.

The arrest came a day after a Washington Post article about health care reform allegedly made threatening voicemails for U.S. Sen. Nancy Pelosi, including at least one call in which he got through and spoke to her directly.

The Jan. 9, 2009, call was traced to MSHA’s assistant director to MSHA’s assistant director

Local News

Inability to compromise stops census

INDIANAPOLIS — U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts’ refusal to drop the last of congressmen about the census, in many of the Supreme Court’s decisions reflects the fundamental inability to strike compromises on laws, as Congress can when writing them.

Roberts’ remarks came during a talk at the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis. Responding to a question about remarks Roberts made during his 2005 confirmation hearings about wanting to build consensus on the court, Roberts said justices differing in their interpretations of laws cannot act like lawmakers and strike compromises halfway.

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Continuing rains cause flooding in Brazil

Associated Press

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tions and towards humanity as a whole,” Lies said, referencing a quote from Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical “Caritas in Veritate.”

The Pope’s words and Geddes Hall are reminders that every choice we make has an impact on our world.

IIL Business Manager Brian Shulman said that Geddes Hall is “a visible sign” of the connection between the resources at Notre Dame and the need to research, education and outreach.

“This is a teaching moment for understanding that sustainable choices in everyone’s lives and in the life of the church as well,” Shulman said.

In achieving Gold certification, the facility has drawn visitors who are interested in seeing the University’s commitment to environmentally friendly efforts, CSC Director of Communications Horn said. Geddes Hall builds a variety of sustainable design and construction techniques including low-flow plumbing and recycled construction materials. A significant portion of the building materials were manufactured within the regional economy to have a smaller impact of transportation and support the local community, a University press release said.

One of the core principles that inspired the work is the understanding of solidarity, that we are all called to be responsible for all people in the world,” Horn said. “By making more sustainable choices here at Notre Dame we are enabling other people to have better and more equitable use of resources.

The architects behind the project did not achieve this certification without overcoming certain challenges.

Because this was our first building planned, designed and constructed seeking LEED, we had to learn how to interact with the USGBC reviewers,” Marsh said. “It has been helpful to all of the professional staff within the Office of the University Architect have learned the LEED New Construction criteria and passed an examination to become LEED Accredited Professionals.

Other buildings awaiting certification reviews include Ryan Hall, Stinson-Rennick Hall, the Purcell Pavilion and Innovation Park at Notre Dame, according to a University press release.

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document, it is necessary to see the social doctrine as one whole,” Marx said. “All parts of our doctrine are linked and they inform one another.”

Marx said the problem with social doctrine in today’s world is that people have found the delivery of the message and the meaning in which it is communicated. We want to share an ideal with everyone and everyone has found the way to speak in noninvasive statements, he said. “But the sentences must be compatible for all men of goodwill.”

Marx applied the Church’s social doctrine to the current economic crisis. He said he believes there is a distinct relationship between virtues and institutions and the two cannot be separated.

“We need to work within the system but the system must have the right organizations so that the virtues are underlined,” he said. The financial crisis shows very clearly that there was a failure in both virtue and institutions.

Marx said he believes social doctrine can be used to help alleviate the crisis but it “is not possible to build a society based on this current image of man.”

Pope Benedict XVI recently spoke about the need to rethink the relationship between the market, state and society and any new modifications this relationship has after the financial crisis. Marx thinks the crisis has provided the opportunity to pursue a new way of thinking in light of social teachings.

“ Humanity and social life is more than the sum of individual, but good cannot be achieved without the state,” he said. “What is necessary is to ask the question of what it means to live a good life in a society.

Marx believes in the power and application of the social teachings, but he said they cannot have global responsibility without legal and political and institutional arrangements that would guarantee that the guidelines will be followed.

“We cannot just apply force to people because it’s not enough,” he said. “ We must have a framework of the market and this is very dependent on civilization.”

Marx said there were many lessons learned in the aftermath of the financial crisis, but the most important lesson is that the global community must rethink capitalism and “organize the market, state and society on a global level, it is very important for the Church, to keep a channel of contact with the whole society, which we think is important for understanding solidarity, that we are all called to be responsible for all people in the world.”

Hitchens said. “At least I never faked my faith.”

“The believers position, no less than the atheist, is an attempt to grapple with the facts to make sense of the data,” he said. “Faith is not a substitute for reason. Faith only comes in when reason stops.”

The difference, D’Souza said, is how believers and nonbelievers choose to apply their faith.

The atheist who says there isn’t, just like the believer who says there is, is making a leap of faith,” he said.

But Hitchens said he is more comfortable making not assumings.

“If there is any such judge of the atheists, I will be able to say at least I never faked belief,” Hitchens said. “At least I wasn’t a hypocrite.”

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In Brief

Talks of airline merger become serious

MINNEAPOLIS — United Airlines and US Airways are in talks about combining into what would be the nation's second-biggest airline, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The person, who insisted on anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the talks, said the talks appeared to be getting more serious.

This person said a deal would be modeled on the Delta-Northwest combination, which was a stock swap without a cash component.

Shares of both companies jumped in after-hours trading after the news was reported by The New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. US Airways was up $1.31, or 20 percent, to $8.17, and Chicago-based United parent UAL Corp. rose $1.53, or 8 percent, to $24.08.

Calif. cracks down on middlemen

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California lawmakers took a step Wednesday toward cracking down on the middlemen that help private investment firms land lucrative contracts with the state's giant pension funds.

The use of so-called “placement agents” has erupted into a scandal in California and New York, where allegations of cronyism and exorbitant fees have prompted investigations.

On Wednesday, the state Assembly's Public Employees Retirement System Committee voted 4-1, with one member abstaining, to improve oversight of the way California public pension funds invest.

The California Public Employees Retirement System is the nation's largest pension fund, with about $200 billion in assets under management.

The California bill would require placement agencies to register as lobbyists and file quarterly reports stating any gifts or fees they received.

It also would prohibit the practice of allowing outside investment managers to pay those agents contingency fees for winning business with the funds. Placement agents typically earn 1 percent of the total investment they win for their clients, which can mean millions of dollars for landing a deal.

Conservatives to lobby for drilling

Agreement made to campaign for expansion of oil company's offshore operations

Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Conservation groups on Wednesday unveiled a new version of an unusual agreement in which they will lobby for an oil company's expansion of drilling off the coast of California in exchange for definite end dates to its local petroleum operations.

The revision attempts to address criticisms of the original 2008 agreement by making its terms public, granting the state the right to enforce it and strengthening provisions to ensure an end to operations offshore from scenic Santa Barbara County.

A week after President Barack Obama moved to open many federal waters to drilling — except along the West Coast — local environmental groups accompanied by area political leaders unveiled the revised plan at Shoreline Park on a bluff overlooking the blue Pacific with oil rigs in the distance.

"The bottom line is this plan puts in place a timetable to end existing oil drilling off our coast and prevent any future drilling," said Rep. Lois Capps. "It's transparent. It's accountable. It's smart."

The plan, which needs government approval, would allow Plains Exploration & Production of Houston to shunt drill up to 30 new shafts from an existing platform in federal waters into a formation in state waters.

The company, known as PXP, would shut down existing oil production from three offshore platforms over the next nine years and a fourth platform in 14 years.

The company said the talks appeared to be getting more serious because of the sensitive nature of the talks, as well as the timing.

"We believe the talks are moving forward," said a company representative.

The environmental groups who blessed the deal essentially ties to the deal essentially hate by jamming six to eight animals in a small cage that doesn't allow them to turn around, extend their wings or engage in any natural behavior," Pacelle said. "And these are third party beneficiaries.

Backers also pointed to provisions requiring PXP to reimburse its federal oil leases to eliminate the possibility that the four platforms could continue to operate after the end dates, and to prevent PXP from being forced by the federal government to continue producing.

Under the deal, PXP also would have to give up any profits resulting from a violation of the end dates.

Addressing another concern, the backers said there are no title or other issues that prevent PXP from turning over 3,900 acres on shore to the Trust for Public Land.

Despite such changes, some conservationists continued to doubt the proposal.

"There's no way you can tell the government 15 years from now that it can't change its mind and do what it wants to do," she said.

Assemblyman Pedro Nava, D-Santa Barbara, who is running for state attorney general, said the agreement does not give the state any additional authority.

"Bottom line for me, in 2008 we were told that the deal was the deal of the century and it wasn't," he said.

"Why am I going to believe this one is any better than the last one?"

Richard Charter, energy consultant to Defenders of Wildlife, said that even though it is a local proposal, it threatens to open up the entire state coastline and is opposed by "most of the mainstream conservation community."

Videos display animal welfare violations

Associated Press

In this May 1, 2009 file photo, a crew member is arriving by boat to an offshore drilling platform off the coast of Santa Barbara, Calif. The platform is operated by Venoco, Inc.

Reports of rampant animal welfare violations at egg-laying farms have prompted animal rights groups to release videos showing living conditions in a standard San Diego County egg-laying farm. The videos were made secretly as part of an investigation by Animal Rights Watch, a group that monitors living conditions in egg-laying farms.

The videos, made secretly as part of an investigation by Animal Rights Watch, a group that monitors living conditions in egg-laying farms, show hundreds of thousands of birds — known as battery cages — being forced by jamming six to eight animals in a small cage that doesn't allow them to turn around, extend their wings or engage in any natural behavior, Pacelle said. "And these facilities are so large and there are so many birds that when problems arise they're almost impossible to address."

Animal rights groups have used undercover video before to highlight practices at egg facilities, including last year when Chicago-based Mercy for Animals released video showing workers at West Des Moines-based Hy-Line North America tossing male chicks into a grinder. Industry groups say it's common practice because male chicks can't lay eggs or be raised quickly enough to be raised profitably for meat.

The latest videos were shot in February by an undercover employee at Rose Acres Farms, said his operation doesn't "condone anything anyone saw in the video."
Editors note: This is the second installment in a series of columns by Notre Dame faculty members exploring current scholarly research in sexuality concentrating on sexual orientation and related issues.

What causes sexual orientation? What makes us to be attracted to and fall in love with the people that we do?

Almost all our behaviors and traits are a product of both nature and nurture. The "Nature/Nurture Debate" actually does not make much sense, because genes and environment have a constant interplay throughout the lifespan. However, whether through genes or learning, there is no doubt that sexual orientation is manifested somehow in our brains. This is because the brain is responsible for all our thoughts, behaviors, personality characteristics — everything that we are. The brain is not a fixed entity — learning changes your brain every day, whether you're making changes, like a phone number you forget immediately, or long-lasting behavior patterns, like being shy or outgoing — and, perhaps, like sexual orientation.

What is it that changes our brains to be straight or gay? There are probably many influences, but one may be the level of androgens. Androgens (testosterone-like hormones) influence sexual orientation from a disorder called Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH). In this disorder, the adrenal glands' hormone production goes haywire so that mone production goes haywire so that this disorder, the adrenal glands' hormones go haywire so that this disorder, the adrenal glands' hor-

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Our next clue comes from differences between straight and gay people in tiny regions of the brain involved in sex reproduction, found in post-mortem brains by Simon LeVay and colleagues. A region of the hypothalamus called INAH3 turned out to differ in size between straight men and women — men's INAH3 is about twice as large as women's. Gay men, however, had a smaller, straight-female-sized INAH3. Could INAH3 be the "sexual orientation area" of the brain? It's possible. The hypothalamus is certainly an important area for sexual behavior, although what exactly INAH3 does is unknown. But another consideration is the chicken-and-egg problem: What causes what? One possibility is that the size of INAH3 causes sexual orientation: a larger INAH3 means you will be attracted to men. But another possibility is that being attracted to women for years and years causes the size of INAH3 to increase. Remember that your brain is changing and responding all the time in response to your experiences. And the brains being studied were adult brains, after the individuals had died.

We can find out more by looking at sheep, a species which shares with us some reproductive traits. Interestingly, eight percent of rams (male sheep) have a sexual preference for other rams, rather than ewes (female sheep). It turns out that sheep also have an INAH3, and it follows exactly the same pattern as in humans: rams that prefer ewes have an INAH3 twice as big as the INAH3 of ewes, but rams that prefer rams have the smaller, ewe-sized INAH3. We still have the chicken-and-egg problem: Does being attracted to ewes or rams change the size of INAH3? Or does the INAH3 size control the attractions of the sheep? We don't know. But we do know that human cultural experience cannot explain the INAH3 results. Whatever the connection between this brain region and sexual orientation, it is something we share with other species.

These are just two studies among an ongoing body of research seeking to find out more about the biology of sexual orientation in humans. So far scientists think that, like most human behavior, sexual attraction is the result of a complex orchestration between genes, early hormone environments and other environmental factors. There is probably no one thing that determines sexual orientation. But each clue gives us a little more information about human sexuality and how we each come to be who we are.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Swans sing before they die — t'were no bad thing did certain people die before they sing." — Samuel Taylor Coleridge, English poet

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When my father left his childhood bedroom for the Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College in the late summer of 1967, he possessed three things: a tailored suit, a luggage set and a typewriter. He had acquired all three at separate times immediately sur-
rounding, but, more significantly, on account of his graduation from high school.
So, when my time came to leave the nest, I thought a similar sequence would be safe. My father was insistant that I take careful time in securing my own versions of the three commencement items. My mother tried to explain why they were so important to him, but I just shrugged, and rode shotgun on the way to Men’s Bus. There were too many great stories, parties and salutatory addresses demanding my concentra-
tion.

Two years later, I find myself check-
ing an over-sized rolling duffel at the airport counter, buttoning up the three-
button pin-stripe armor before braving formal events and spending a large

majority of time with my fingers on the
keys of my computer. Look in my room and you will see that these have a spe-
cial place among other belongings. Right there with my books and the pic-
ture of my family and my iPod and my
speakers and my sneakers and my futon and my postcard collection and my camera and my snow boots and my binoculars and my bicycle.

I have yet to install and that strand of
Christmas lights I grabbed off of a tree
on the side of the road last winter break.

All right, so you wouldn’t necessarily be inclined to notice them any more than anything else in my hovel of strange junk. And it would be safe to
assume that, on most days, the suit or the suitcase or the computer doesn’t
strike me either. Truth be told, individu-
ally, they are not more than societal necessities. Commodity to be found in any one of my neighbors’ homes. However, when one in addition to a
little picturesque legend of my father,
dressed up, suitcase in one hand, portable typewriter in the other, floats into
my mind and I try to understand what those things meant to him.

For centuries, higher education has
represented a furthering and a refinement of individual, intellectual instruc-
tion. To a certain extent, this remains and will always remain its function:
assimilation of information, profession of the knowledge by some sort of demon-
stration by others of comprehen-
sion of such knowledge.

Yet, the longer I am here at this
University, the more I feel that an equally important (though perhaps implicit or even overlooked) role of col-
lege is the social formation of the indi-
vidual. For most, the university is a
catalyst for our transition from ado-
lescence into adulthood, a catalyst for independence and autonomy. We (or at
least some of us) are pushed from the nest of our parents and made non being for
a time, allowed to roam. We are asked to interact with adults more as peers than as authorities. We are encouraged to develop our own thoughts and worldview. Course Readings or the latest assignment for a paper from Philosophy, but college is our soci-
ety’s way of making us responsible for our own thoughts and actions. College
forces us to recognize our own person

ial, free and capable.

My father stood on the Louisiana State University campus. He wears a suit, a sign of his age and of his newly earned status as a man, no longer a boy. He carries a suitcase, symbolic of his having no others to home, fostered to nothing and no one, able to settle in any land he may choose. And he punch-

es out letters on a little, tan Brother typewriter, the keys that can unlock his thoughts or pin down the world he sees on to fields of 20-pound white.

Perhaps distinguishing their signifi-
cance among my room of superfluities allows me to distinguish my own significance among this world of banali-
ties.

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MGMT brought to time-honored classics as well as his entrepreneurial spirit that caught the eye of Mohan Murjani, the man who would come to launch Hilfiger’s first line of men’s clothing. And it has been since been the fresh eye and unifying devotion to always keeping things new and breaking through with new styles and looks that has enabled Hilfiger to bring classic American sportswear to consumers around the world.

What Hilfiger went on to create was a distinct brand with worldly appeal, that was competitively priced and, perhaps most importantly, made up of products that people wanted. Hilfiger was never one to design for himself, but instead a designer dedicated to the consumer, always keeping in mind what was both wearable and desirable.

Admittedly, he let things slip in the late 90s as the company saw its sales cut in half due to oversupply. At that point he, with his team, went back to the drawing board and exercised the kind ofolling fashion and capitalizing off of the fact that his customers sought but didn’t have access to new trends, he designed his own line of clothing.

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MGMT’s success

“Congratulations” is a good album to just put on and zonk out to for about 45 minutes. While it does have some flaws, it is still a good album and worth a listen, however, if the listener goes into the album as a spiritual successor to “Oracular Spectacular,” he will be sorely disappointed. MGMT went out on a limb for their sophomore effort, and while many fans of their more pop tunes will probably not enjoy this, those who can listen to it with an open mind will find a worthwhile experience.

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By TATIANA SPRAGINS Scene Writer

The Italian Theatre Workshop will premiere April 15 and run through April 17. An annual production, the workshop is the produc-
tion of a class that performs a play acted and organized entirely by students — all in Italian. This semester, the class, Italian Theatre Workshop Amore, onore, tradimento (love, honor, betrayal) will put together a production that exam-
ines the theme of marriage and infidelity in two different stories: Goldoni’s “La Camera della Posta” and Pirandello’s “Bellavita.”

Italian is Notre Dame’s second most studied language, Rome is one of its most competitive study abroad programs and Bologna is one of the few locations that offer a year-long study abroad experience. This workshop, a unique class offered only by the Italian department, aims to get students involved in not only the opportunity to fur-
ther enhance their Italian but also to use their acting skills, engaging the student with the literature and typi-
ically with the language at Notre Dame. There is no option but to become completely involved with the work, as performing the text involves studying, reading, speaking and acting. Michele Keefe, a senior and the play’s student director, describes the class as “one of the few classes that offers an Italian immersion experience. It is a great place to experiment with speak-
ing, listening, and understand Italian. Between the end result being something to be proud of, knowing that we were able to put on a successful show, and it was all done in Italian”.

Both plays to be performed are short comedies. In Goldoni’s “La Camera della Posta,” it is about a woman who is about to meet the man she has been arranged to wed, yet when her husband-to-be sees her, he pretends to be someone else to find out what she’s actually like. What he finds out isn’t too pleasing, since she does not like the descrip-
tion of the person he actually is (her future husband) and in fact, recently died and their dispute over her son — whose father no one is sure of.

Professor Lawrence Hooper, the class’s teacher and director explained that since the plays are in Italian, students have to focus on the text and study it more than normal. Consequently, this dedic-
ation helps the making of the acting come before, students must have taken at least one year of Italian. Most students in this year’s class have studied abroad in Italy, either for a semester in Rome or the entire year in Bologna. As part of their course requirements, the student actors keep journals and make analyses of the text, although classes consist mostly of rehearsals. In fact, the workshop can also count for FTT credit.

Although aimed at a narrower audience due to the language bar-ier, if anyone has even the slightest interest in Italian or in theatre, it will surely be a fun experience to see a broad-
low Notre Dame and Italian language students execute their work of a semester on stage. Not to mention, it’ll be a challenge for the audience to keep up with complex and typi-
cally Italian plots packed with love triangles, disputes and scandals.

Tickets are $3 for students and $5 for non-students, and can be purchased at the Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures in DeBartolo Hall.

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"Precious," DPAC @ 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

This Thursday, Friday, and Saturday “Precious,” the Academy award nominated film, will be show-
ing at DPAC. It centers on Claireece Precious Jones (played by new-
comer Gabourey Sidibe), a 16-year old black girl growing up in Harlem. Abused by her mother and raped by her father, Precious’ life is an end-
less string of hardship. Her only escape is through elaborate fan-
asies she creates for herself in times of difficulty. Yet her imagina-
tion cannot save her from the reality of her life. Precious must learn to cope with her difficulties and break out of a cycle of abuse and poverty. A compelling heart-breaking story, “Precious” is a must-see.

“It’s Complicated,” DeBartolo 101 @ 7:30 p.m.

Starring an all-star cast including Meryl Streep, Alec Baldwin, Steve Martin and John Krisinski, “It’s Complicated” is a quirky romantic comedy no doubt aimed at an older crowd, yet enjoyable to a younger audience as well. The plot follows Jane, a self-sufficient divorcee with three grown children and a successful bakery. At her son’s graduation, Jane rekindles her romance with her ex-
husband, Jake. Upon returning home, Jane begins seeing her architect, Adam, while continuing an affair with her ex-husband. Torn between the two men, Jane must sort out her life and redefine what it means to be the “other woman.” John Krisinski is delightful as Jane’s daughter’s fiancé.

“The Roots with Mike Posner,” DeBartolo Center @ 7:30 p.m.

The Roots are a hip-hop group out of Philadelphia known for their eclectic mix of live instru-
ments and jazz influences. Formed in 1991 by rapper Black Thought, the group has been touring and making music ever since. Hailed as the best live show in their genre, The Roots are sure to put on a great performance. They are joined by Mike Posner, college stu-
dent turned singer/songwriter who has become famous for his mix-
tapes, combining innovative covers of popular songs with his own
compositions. Posner has become known for energetic, sold out shows. Tickets for this event are $10.

Hamlet – “Thomas,” DPAC @ 1 p.m.

“Hamlet” is considered one of Shakespeare’s greatest works. It offers an unparalleled look into the human psyche, delving into madness and obsession in a way none have before or since. Because of its great-
ness, “Hamlet” has inspired countless adaptations, including Ambroise Thomas’s operatic version. Starring Simon Keenlyside and Natalie Dessay, this adaptation elaborates on the madness of Ophelia, creating one of the greatest scenes of madness in all of opera. Filmed live at the Metropolitan Opera and shown in HD in the Browning Cinema, this per-
formance of Thomas’s “Hamlet” is the best operatic experience one can get, short of being at the Metropolitan Opera in person.

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Giants sweep opening series against Astros

Longoria’s three RBIs help Rays top Orioles; Rockies struggle offensively in final innings and fall to Brewers

Associated Press
HOUSTON — Edgar Renteria tied a career high with five hits and the San Francisco Giants broke away from the Houston Astros 10-4 Wednesday to complete a season-opening three-game sweep.

The Giants are 3-0 for the first time since 2006 when they began with a sweep at San Diego and won seven straight. Renteria last scored 3-0 in 2007.

It was 4-0 when Juan Uribe doubled in the eighth inning and scored the go-ahead run when Sammy Gervacio (0-1) threw away a bunt. The Giants added another run in the inning, then scored four times in the ninth.

Aaron Rowand had four of the Giants’ 19 hits. John Bowker had a two-run homer and Travis Ishikawa added his first career pinch-hit home run.

Jeremy Affeldt (1-0) got the win in relief of Matt Cain, who allowed six hits and one run in six-plus innings.

Bowker’s two-run homer that landed in the bullpen in right-center field in the second. It was his first career hit against Myers after striking out in his previous three at-bats against him.

The Giants put the lead to 3-0 when Renteria scored as Mark DeRosa grounded into a double play. Pedro Feliz doubled twice for the Astros, including an RBI hit in the fourth.

Rays 4, Orioles 3
Evan Longoria homered and drove in runs, Matt Garza allowed two runs over eight innings and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday night.

Longoria hit a two-out, two-run double in the fifth to give the Rays a 2-1 lead and added a solo homer in the eighth.

San Francisco starting pitcher Matt Cain releases a pitch during the Giants’ 10-4 win over the Houston Astros Wednesday.

With Milwaukee trailing 4-3 going into the sixth, Edwards singled, went to third on a single by Casey McGehee, and scored on a sacrifice fly by George Kottaras to tie it. That was the end of the day for Rockies starter Aaron Cook (0-1), who was relieved by Randy Flores.

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Gerut doubled, scoring McGehee to give Milwaukee a 5-4 lead. Gerut remained poised at the plate and adjusted his hitting stance from high inside earlier in the at-bat.

“I just keep waiting for something to hit and make sure it’s not coming at your head — and try to put a good swing on it,” Gerut said.

It was a shaky return to the Brewers for Davis, who rejoined his old team as a free agent after five seasons in Arizona. He has been one of the Brewers’ key acquisitions for thyroid cancer in 2008. Davis first pitched for the Brewers from 2003-06.

He was wild from the start Wednesday, giving up three runs over one inning. But he was at least throwing a pair of wild pitches in the last inning alone. It could have been even worse.

“It wasn’t a complete blooper,” Macha said. “It could have gotten ugly in the first inning.”

Macha said Davis was “a little too amped up” Wednesday, which he didn’t disagree.

“I was really trying to do too much out there — just to dominate and I told myself not to do,” Davis said.

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With Second Life not a game, it is a multi-user, virtual environment that can be a business. It doesn’t have winners or losers.

Jim: Oh, it has losers.

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In Brief

Phillies claim Figueroa off waivers to boost bullpen
WASHINGTON — Nelson Figueroa has been claimed off waivers by the Philadelphia Phillies, who hope the right-hander can bolster an injury-depleted bullpen.

Tiger Woods, shown above after winning the 2002 Masters, looks to repeat his success starting today. At a press conference Wednesday, Augusta National chairman Billy Payne expressed his displeasure with Woods' recent behavior.

Payne unhappy with Woods' conduct

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — On the day Tiger Woods arrived at the Masters, he changed out of his spikes after playing nine holes, walked across the parking lot and went upstairs to the office of Augusta National chairman Billy Payne.

Payne would not discuss details of their Sunday afternoon meeting.

Based on his blunt criticism of Woods during his annual press conference Wednesday, they probably weren’t talking about how Woods was hitting the ball or his chances of winning a fifth green jacket.

“It is simply not the degree of his conduct that is so egregious here,” Payne said. “It is the fact that he disappointed all of us, and more importantly, our kids and our grandkids. Our hero did not live up to the expectations of the role model we saw for our children.”

They were the strongest words from a Masters chairman since Hootie Johnson’s famous “point of a bayonet” reply to Martha Burk in the summer of 2002 when he defended the club’s right to its all-male membership.

Payne was one of the Augusta National members who stood among the Georgia pines to the right of the first fairway on Monday, the first time Woods played before a gallery since being caught cheating on his wife five months ago.

No other golf official has been so outspoken about Woods’ behavior.

No other major is like the Masters.

Even though Woods is a four-time champion and the No. 1 player in the world, he is at Augusta National by invitation, just like the other 95 players who will tee it up on Thursday.

Woods had already played his final practice round — nine holes with Mark O’Meara — and left the course when Payne held his news conference. The chairman saved his thoughts on Woods for the end of his opening statement.

“Is there a way forward? I hope yes. I think yes,” Payne said. “But certainly, his future will never again be measured only by his performance against par, but measured by the sincerity of his efforts to change.”

“I hope he now realizes that every kid he passes on the course wants his swing, but would settle for his smile.”

It was the final press conference before the Masters begins with more scrutiny — more curiosity — than ever of Woods. No one knows what to expect from his game because Woods has not competed since winning the Australian Masters on Nov. 15.

“He should do pretty good — he’s coming off a win,” Robert Allenby cracked.
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NBA

Nelson breaks record for most wins as coach

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Don Nelson, one of the NBA’s true mavericks, is now the league’s winningest coach.

Nelson set the career record for victories in the Golden State Warriors’ 116-107 win over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday night, notching win No. 1,333 to surpass Lenny Wilkens.

Stephen Curry had 27 points, 14 assists, eight rebounds and a career-high seven steals and Anthony Tolliver scored a career-high 34 points to get Nelson over the hump.

He is 1,333-1,061 in 31 seasons on the bench.

Kevin Love had 17 points and 18 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who cut a 27-point deficit 108-104 with 43.6 seconds left.

But the Warriors closed the game out at the free throw line and Ronny Turiaf poured a cup of Gatorade onto Nelson’s gray head of hair as the team engulfed their 69-year-old coach to celebrate.

It was extra special for Nelson to do it in Minnesota. He has a daughter who lives in the Minneapolis suburb of Minnetonka and had 20 family and friends at the game, including his wife.

He wasn’t in the reflecting mood before the game, but said he has been in contact with Wilkens as he has approached the record.

Lenny’s been an idol of mine for a long time,” he said.

This has been a long season for the Warriors (24-54), who have been ravaged by injuries and are a lock to finish with their fewest wins since 2001-02, when they won only 21 games. But in some ways, this was the perfect team to take Nelson to the top of the record books.

The Warriors played their sixth straight game without Monta Ellis (flu) and also were again without Anthony Randolph (ankle) and Kelenna Azubuike (knee). Center Andris Biedrins (sports hernia) and forward Brandon Wright (shoulder) have missed big chunks of time this season too.

The Warriors have called up five players from the Development League this season, which is tied with the 2007-08 Spurs for the most in one season. Tolliver and Chris Mullin to make the Warriors one of the more entertaining teams in the league.

Nelson has built a reputation as a “mad scientist,” experimenting with lineups and offensive sets to cater to teams that were not always the biggest, strongest or most talented. In his first stint with Golden State in the late 1980s, he employed the famous “Run T-M-C” lineup of guards Tim Hardaway, Mitch Richmond and Chris Mullin to make the Warriors one of the more entertaining teams in the league.

Nelson got his first head coaching job with Milwaukee in 1976 when he replaced Larry Costello 19 games into the season. He has also coached the Dallas Mavericks and New York Knicks and returned to the Warriors in 2006-07, when he led the eighth-seeded team to an upset of top-seeded Dallas in the first round of the Western Conference playoffs.

Through it all, Nelson has always done it his way. He’s clashed with players, management and ownership at various stops along the way and is the only coach with at least 1,000 career victories who has yet to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. But his Nelson has survived through it all in an industry where service time is measured in months, not years.

“His success he’s had, the longevity he’s had, it’s tough to be a coach in this league and to stick around as long as he has,” Timberwolves coach Kurt Rambis said before the game.

“He has the success that he’s had, the numerous situations he’s been in. He’s done a great job.”

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of the game, as Zach Attack! beat the all-female team of Let’s Be Strong.

The weather wreaked havoc upon both teams as the court was filled with puddles and the rain continued to drive down throughout the game. It was not until late in the game that Broslikethisteam.com began to pull away as the rain continued to pound the players. “They played great, tenacious defense,” Broslikethisteam.com junior Kevin Laughlin said. Despite the loss, We Are Foul played well against a good opponent. The team said that overall, they played their best and battled through the rough playing conditions.

“I felt that we played a great game,” We Are Foul senior Joy Feeney said. With the win, Broslikethisteam.com advanced to the second round.

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Two of the Belles’ three points came in singles play as senior Camille Gebert won her match at No. 2 singles 6-4, 6-4, and Grabarek earned a 6-0, 6-4 victory for the Belles against the team from Old College, struggling in the first half to find their rhythm as their shots would not fall. They picked it up in the second half, but the speed and strength of the Bus Drivers was too much as they were able to convert those easy layups on breakaways.

“We were outmatched, but overall it ended with everyone happy,” Holy Cross junior Brendan MacAlear said. “It was a good effort and I wish we could have gone a bit further.”

After the game, Mysteries sophomore Chris Brennan led both teams in a prayer as they knelt and held hands after a hard-fought game. Both teams left the prayer in good spirits as the five freshmen on the Bus Drivers looked forward to their next game against the tournament’s second seed.

“You play to win the game,” Eric Bens said. “The first half we were relaxed, but in the second half we didn’t really play well. It was nice to just come out and play in a game that wasn’t really that competitive.”

The Belts is the Word 21, Hey Tiger, Dead in the Hole 7

The Belts is the Word was awarded home court advantage and good passing to win a over Hey Tiger, Dead in the Hole.

The five Dillon freshmen that make up The Belts is the Word are Matt Losego, Matt Enzweiler, Taylor Guinn, Thomas Corz and Bobby Manfreda — said they found inspiration for their team’s name from one of their other friends.

“We’re playing in honor of a friend, Daniel Stromberg,” Enzweiler said.

Carr’s defense at point guard led to a number of steals, and Berg is the Word was able to convert those steals into a number of fast break opportunities. After getting off to an early lead, they never looked back as Hey Tiger essentially abandoned conventional basketball in favor of attempting trick plays. The freshmen of Hey Tiger did not seem upset about the loss.

“Losing in this manner just makes me appreciate mozzarella cheese that much more,” Casey Lilek said. Berg, meanwhile, was pleased with his team’s effort as it looks to continue through the Bookstore bracket.

“We appreciated their effort and their team,” Enzweiler said. “But ultimately if you’re not first you’re last.”

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The Belles (8-4, 2-1 MIAA) will travel to the University of Chicago Maroons this weekend for their final non-conference match of the season. The Maroons are currently ranked third in the nation and will provide another challenge for the Belles as the regular season begins to wind down. The Belles are getting to the end and we’re just going to pull out some wins,” Grabarek said. “The University of Chicago is extremely tough and will be a good test for us. We also have a couple matches (at Aibon and at Kalamazoo) later in the month.”

The MIAA conference championships will be held three weeks from Friday, and Grabarek said the Belles expect to make some noise in the tournament and create trouble for teams like Calvin (11-2, 4-0). “We’ve had several close matches,” Grabarek said. “If we see them again and play well, things could go differently.”

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Mass

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private Mass Tuesday night in honor of James.

“I think it was good closure for some of our players,” he said. “I think everybody asked the question why, and the Mass was really kind of try to answer some of those questions.”

The football program and Notre Dame are doing as much as they can for the James family.

“We’re going to fly out as a staff Friday to the memorial. I think it’s important to be able to see the family face-to-face,” Kelly said. “Obviously Matt did not play here, but he’ll always be part of the Notre Dame family and we want to make sure that message is clear.”

Junior tight end Kyle Rudolph will also attend the funeral, according to Kelly.

The news of the tragedy spread quickly to South Bend Friday.

“Immediately … somebody close to [James] notified me,” Kelly said. “My first instinct was how we could help the family. We were able to arrange transportation for the family that night.”

Kelly also said the University and the football program are in discussions about a campus-wide tribute in honor of James, but nothing has been finalized yet.

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side, but that obviously was part of the plan as well, we wanted to make sure we could keep their focus,” Kelly said.

Junior linebacker Anthony McDonald said he was not surprised about practicing outside in the rain.

“We’re going to be playing on nights like this during the season, so you’ve got to prepare somehow,” McDonald said. “We went inside for a little bit, but honestly I kind of like being outside in the elements. It makes you tougher. I’m a linebacker — you’ve got to be tough.”

After its last practice, on March 31, Kelly said he was not happy with the team’s performance. He said he saw improvements Wednesday.

“Today was small steps, but I was pleased that they got the message about how we’re supposed to practice on a day-to-day basis,” Kelly said. “We had the body language starting to show itself, a couple of our players were looking like they were defeated, like they were a little tired,” he said. “We made good progress. We started better and we gave it all we could for the first 15 [out of 24] periods.”

The Irish will hold their sixth practice Friday as they continue to prepare for the Blue-Gold Game on April 24.
Crossword

**Across**
1. Proceed without notes, say (10)
2. How kids grow up, it's often said (7)
3. Soviet space dog (6)
4. "One who dislikes unruly hair?" (5)
5. Soy satellite's acquisition (9)
6. Bryginn (12)
7. Position (9)
8. Housewares brand (6)
9. Fidel's land (3, 2, 2)
10. Night class subj. (8)
11. "Alternative way to get directions?" (3, 7)
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**Down**
1. Subtitle of many biographies (8)
2. The majority of Jutlanders (10)
3. Mary's charge (6)
4. Retail giant founded by a 17-year-old (9)
5. Swell (5)
6. Song sung by an orphan (8)
7. Exposé, poetically (7)
8. Sounds of surprise (7)
9. Stout (5)
10. "___ smasher" (7)
11. Very dry (6)
12. "The Lost World" menace (8)
13. Answer to each of the six starred clues, literally (6)
14. Play-___ (8)
15. Literary monogram (7)
16. Chip, maybe (6)
17. Affected one (5)
18. "__ in London" (8)
19. Masked men with blades (2, 2, 5)
20. "Big blow?" (6)
21. Eponymous scale developer (6)
23. "Never with a woman" (6)
24. "Fiesque" composer (6)
25. "I love, to Livy" (6)
26. Scotland's Firth of ___ (3)
27. Greek character (6)
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FOOTBALL

Kelly, Irish remember Matt James

Team practices outside despite heavy storms

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

A little rain wouldn’t stop the Irish from holding their fifth spring practice outside — but a little lightning did.

“This is wonderful weather. I appreciate finally getting back to reality here,” Irish coach Brian Kelly said. “We tried to … get our players to understand what it takes to develop their skill and that is to be mentally locked in for 24 [five minute] periods [each practice].”

Notre Dame resumed practice Wednesday after taking a week off for the Easter holiday. Though it was raining hard, the Irish spent the first 45 minutes outside before thunder and lightning drove the team inside. However, once the storm cleared, the team moved out again.

“We had to move around a little bit today, we went inside, out, and junior Kyle Rudolph, run drills in the rain Wednesday in the fifth of 15 spring practices.

Team helped by Tues. Mass in James’ honor

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

In many ways, the rain throughout Wednesday’s practice summed up the mood around the football complex. After the practice, Irish coach Brian Kelly said practice and classes were helping the Irish cope with the tragic death of incoming offensive lineman Matt James Friday.

There’s grieving still going on, but it doesn’t have to take hold of the team for the whole day,” Kelly said. “You have to focus on your class-room. You’re going to come out of that building and you’re going to be intensely committed to being the best player, and then you’re going to carry that with you in your downtime.”

Kelly said the team held a Mass in James’ honor Thursday at 5:05 p.m. Friday, 1:05 p.m. Saturday and 12:05 p.m. Sunday.

SMC TENNIS

Belles drop match 6-3 to Calvin

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

The Belles showed no signs of rust following a layoff over Easter break but were unable to overcome a superior heat team in their 6-3 loss to No. 13 Calvin College Wednesday.

“We played a really tough team,” said junior Kate Grabarek, an Observer sportsewriter. “It shows us where we are. We lost to them 8-1 last year, so this shows we have improved. They are a very solid team.”

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Nasty weather postpones five games

Observer Staff Report

Wednesday’s heavy rains and occasional thunder and lightning forced postponements for Notre Dame’s baseball game with Western Michigan, Notre Dame’s softball doubleheader against Bowling Green and Saint Mary’s softball doubleheader at Albion.

No makeup date has been scheduled for the match-up with Western Michigan. The Irish baseball team (10-17, 1-5 Big East) will next host Rutgers in a three-game conference series this weekend, with first pitches at 6:05 p.m. Friday, 1:05 p.m. Saturday and 12:05 p.m. Sunday.

The two games opposite Bowling Green have been rescheduled for April 28, beginning at 4 p.m. The doubleheader will now contribute to a span of nine games in nine days for the Irish from April 21-29.

Before then the No. 23 Irish (26-6, 5-0) will host South Florida in a three-game Big East series this weekend, with a doubleheader Saturday. The first pitch Saturday will be at noon, and the game will be televised on CBS College Sports. The second half of the doubleheader will start at 2 p.m. Sunday’s first pitch will also be at noon.

No date has been determined to make up the Belles games with Albion. Saint Mary’s (13-9, 2-0 MIAA) next plays Saturday as the Belles host Alma at 2 p.m.

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Pangstas rout Flock of Ostri to advance to second round

By MEGAN FINNERAN, TIM SINGLER AND CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writers

Even with two men on their team, the Flock of Ostri could not compete with the Pangstas.

The four Pangborn women and the Walla Walla resident of the Flock 21-10, dominating the majority of the game.

“It felt liberating for a team that has competed with us to become clear the Pangstas would come out on top. They had a succession of five unanswered points, only interrupted when one of the Pangstas fell while trying to defend a fast break by the Flock.”

Pawlak said.

During the second half, it became clear the Pangstas would come out on top. They had a succession of five unanswered points, only interrupted when one of the Pangstas fell while trying to defend a fast break by the Flock.

The biggest factor between the two was their movement back and forth across the court. The Flock put up wild shots, moving the ball wherever they could. On the other hand, the Pangstas looked as if they had practiced together as they quickly moved down the court with sharp passes, resulting in easy lay-ups.

“A turnover forced by Zach Attack! 21, Let’s Be Strong 13 A turnover forced by Zach Attack! in the first possession of the game led them to score 13 points.”

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