University professors contemplate meaning of Catholic education

By KATIE KOHLER
News 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 presided over the Mass.

Jenkins also welcomed Bunikis’ family.

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.

University president Fr. John Jenkins presided over the Mass. In his greeting, he expressed feeling of “sadness” and “loss.” Jenkins also welcomed Bunikis’ immediate family — his parents Al and Caroline and his sister Michelle — who attended the memorial service.

Former Zahm Hall rector Fr. Daniel Parrish, who was the dorm rector when Bunikis was on campus, delivered the homily at the memorial. He also mentioned Bunikis’ family.

“Our hearts are heavy as we remember the life of a man who can be adapted from us too soon,” Parrish said in his homily. “Our hearts are heavy tonight with Bunikis’ family.”

Parrish described Bunikis as a truly caring young man who served the people of Thailand in whose mission he had grown to love.

He emphasized the theme of cross and what it means to carry its burden.

“By find ourselves tormented by this tragic death,” Parrish said. “There is no getting around it. Tonight, we know the cross.”

However, Parrish said Bunikis’ life is an example of someone who did all they could to spread hope.

“We come together in this place to declare against the darkness of the night the brilliant light of Christ,” he said. “[Andrew’s mission] was to bring hope to all he met, from South Bend to Thailand.”

Current Zahm Hall rector Fr. Corry Colona, who lived down the hall from Bunikis, offered a prayer for Bunikis.

Students find inspiration, hope for the future in papal actions, talks

By BECKY HOGAN
News 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.

“He 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 truth and reason.”

Business contest names winners

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

By PUJA PARIKH
News Writer

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

The McCluskey 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 J. Nicholas Laneman won the grand prize of $10,000 with their business, Ifware.

Ifware is a software radio technology 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 Ifware plans to use the prize money his team earned to launch the program.

Graduate students Shelia Powneski, Anita Allen, Brad Dunn, Amanda Cooper, Edward Powers and Chris Ziemer 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 used the business plan competition as a crash course in growing a business,” she said.

Juniors run Web site to buy and sell books

By MEG MIRSHAK
News 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 Malacai and Karol Gress, Dormbooks.com is a Web site facilitating the buying and selling of used business textbooks.

The Web site buys back 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,” Malacai 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 buyback period, which runs from May 6 to 13.

When one of these agents picks up a textbook from a student, they take a picture of the book and enter it into the database.

“[The buyer] can see what books are available and place an order,” Malacai said.

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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 visit. I think about what 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 enables 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. Meanwhile, homeschool work has driven me to pathetically 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 is not without the pitfalls of knee surgeries and medical bills.

Still, it must be a great feeling to live the life of work and school, a feeling well-deserved after an accomplished and successful life, 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 grandparents’ 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.

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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
senior
Carroll

"Free scooter day."

Brier Steenberg
sophomore
Dillon

"Skeet shooting."

Joseph Murphy
senior
off-campus

"Britney Spears?"

Sarah Walorski
senior
off-campus

"Apple bottom jeans day."

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 80 vials of it to a doctor in Mumbai for about $625. Aurangabad police chief Krishna Lal Bishto 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 Canonicò, 23, of Seaford, called at 8:19 p.m. Wednesday to say he had just been robbed in North New Hyde Park.

Police said Canonicò was called by two women who agreed to buy heroin at a local gas station. While they were sitting in Canonicò’s car, a third person with a gun came up to the car and robbed him of $340, a cell phone and wallet.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

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

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

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

The Kroe 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 held Saturday at Legends at 8 p.m.

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

Group discusses iTunes for non-class lectures

By JOSEPH McMAHON
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 Holler 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 real into our schedules."

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In other COR news:

COR members briefly followed up last week's discussion on the Notre Dame Clothing Haiti Project. Hall President's Council co-chair Erin Walsh said she was able to meet with some alumni over the weekend and discuss specific plans.

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Wash said she would attempt to organize a clothing drive, possibly before the end of the semester, and then arrange to have the clothes flown to Haiti next year using an empty cargo plane.

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Board of Governance

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 Multicultural Senior 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] so I thought of a multietnic graduation," she said.

Her reasons for wanting to hold this event were not just because of Notre Dame's ceremony; she said she is also concerned with the lack of legacies at Saint Mary's from "alumni of color," she said.

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In other BOG news:

Student body president and vice president Mickey Grusinski and Sarah Falvey began working on a Multicultural Senior Celebration event on May 3 at 7 p.m. in Dalloway's.

The plans for the event include a keynote address from 1999 black alumni, Tyus Jackson, Hodges said.

"The event will be honoring and recognizing 12 multietnic seniors for their support and hard work over the past four years," she said.

"I think that's important that we celebrate all the endeavors that our girls have had since they've been here," she said.

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dent’s room door, he or she decides how much the book is worth and offers a competitive check for the full amount.

Gribow said he was impressed with the idea of DormBooks.com as a freshman when he purchased a book from the business and resold it online for a profit.

Matusic and Grzesiak decided to use the Internet to create their business and e-mailed their friends in the fashion, retail and manufacturing industry that provided the inspiration for their business.

"We had several advisors from DormBooks.com, the fashion, retail and manufacturing industry that provided the inspiration for their business.

DormBooks.com advanced to the round of six finalists and Matusic and Grzesiak were awarded a $2,000 third place prize prior to this competition.

"We were surprised at every level of the competition," Matusic said.

Matusic and Grzesiak hope to expand DormBooks.com campus wide next fall, offering the service to students at all majors and even DormBooks.com colonies in Indiana.

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Students

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wonderful diversity." Bigelow said that she was impressed by the way Benedict addressed the issue of immigration during his visit.

"When he said that he was in New York and didn’t skirt the issue said a lot,” she said. “We should be protecting immigrants’ rights and their families and I think it was really important that he addressed that.

Bigelow said the pope’s trip to the United States showed his “safer side” to the public, despite the fact that he is usually characterized as more austere in comparison to his late predecessor Pope John Paul II.

“I grew up with John Paul II, who was always the first one I had always seen Benedict as more reserved. I think that ever since he’s been pope he’s been showing his safer side,” she said. “It’s cool that America was really able to encounter the encompassing side of the pope.

She said this was most evident in his willingness to meet with the victims of the Chinese sexual abuse scandal, which was something she had not expected during his visit.

“This was the first time we’ve seen the pope meet with sex abuse victims that had been met by a pope,” Bigelow said. “This shaded a lot of light on the pope as a leader who genuinely desires reconciliation with this painful past.”

Bigelow said the pope’s speech “spoke in support of immigrants’ rights and sexual abuse victims in America was great because he was able to bring that unity directly to a country that needs a lot of unity, Bigelow said.

"The pope’s speech was a wonderful reminder for the United Nations General Assembly. Friday was particularly pertinent for us.

"The pope’s address to the UN was an important reminder of Church’s stance on the high value of human life, and that the protection of human life and dignity," Moran said.

"I wasn’t expecting the comments on the sexual abuse scandal because he neglected before to comment on it, but it was one of most pressing issues for the Church and I was pleased to see he did comment on it,” she said.

Additionally, Moran said that the pope’s visit was a unique opportunity for Americans to gain a better understanding of the pope and his ministry.

“Since Rome is the European continent, it seems like the hierarchy of Church in the United States had brought the pope to America, helping the pope come to us makes it feel much more like a personal relationship," Moran said.

Moran said she thought the pope’s visit to the United Nations General Assembly last Friday was particularly pertinent for us.

“The main thing that stood out to me from the pope’s address to the United Nations General Assembly in New York was the first time a pope had ever visited a place of worship in the United States. Junior Jack Kiley said the pope’s visit to the United Nations General Assembly and resonated throughout the Benedict’s time in the country.

"The main thing that stood out to me at the United Nations General Assembly was his address to the youth in New York," Kiley said. “I really resonated with me when he said, ‘Wake up America!”

Kiley also said the week’s events helped him better understand the pope as leader of the Church.

"I think before he came to America a lot of people weren’t really aware of who he was," Kiley said. “When he came here he showed that he’s an incredibly holy and intelligent man who has deep faith and deep compassion and cares about the Church—that surprised me and I really liked that.”

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Contest

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in starting the business," she said. “I knew I couldn’t do it on my own and created a team of individuals with a variety 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.

“Mibospo is a screenplay focused on body, 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 manufacturing industry that provided us with guidance and continue to help us as we develop our business.

Martini’s team of four started working on their business venture in August.

"The four of us live in four different cities and different time zones. We have been working together since August and didn’t meet in person until the night before the competition," she said. “We had spent countless hours on e-mail and conference calls to get us ready for the competition. It was so exciting to finally meet in person.

Martini said even though their team didn’t win she is glad she participated in the competition.

"We knew the result so we were a bit disappointed as we hoped to win the competition. Martini said. “But we know the experience and feedback was invaluable. The two days on campus were amazing and gave us additional validation that our idea of the project could work. It was such a thrilling experience, and not one we will ever forget.

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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 warned it would face earlier this month by blocking 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 shipment, saying it was a deadly shot at what they described as a fragile peace in the disintegrating country.

At least one civilian also died and two dozen were injured in the blast, the latest in a string of television and radio attacks by rival political factions, according to police and reports.

**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 near the American stronghold. A parked car containing a suicide bomber was destroyed.

At least one civilian also died and two dozen were injured in the blast, the latest in a string of television and radio attacks by rival political factions, according to police and reports.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Chicago sees increase in violence

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

"The older guys in the past look out for the little kids. Now they've all locked up," said Nick Stomes, a social studies teacher at Crane Tech High School on the city's gang-ridden West Side. "There's no sense of discipline in the projects. Everybody's doing their own thing.

Now there's no fear that Chicago could be in for a long, bloody summer.

**Wall Street Journal editor resigns**

New York — Marcus Brauchli is stepping down as managing editor of The Wall Street Journal, the newspaper that owns the company that bought the paper, 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., which owns the Journal and other papers, the company said.

Brauchli didn't go into detail about his decision to leave, telling the Journal's staff in an email that "there's no sense of discipline in the projects. Everybody's doing their own thing.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

Pregnant bank teller shot in robbery

Indianapolis — A pregnant teller and the twin she is carrying were shot by a masked robber who vaulted a counter, shot her at close range and grabbed cash from her drawer at a bank in Indianapolis.

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 Tuesday, adding that she was "in good condition," where the woman had surgery.

"It's a fairly serious wound," said Ballard, who took office in January after being elected partiy on the strength of promises to improve the city.

About two hours after the 9:30 a.m. robbery, police detained and questioned two teenagers who fit the robber'sdescription.

**UN reports Darfur conflict worsening**

United Nations — The conflict in Darfur is deteriorating, with full deployment of a new peacekeeping force delayed until 2009 and no prospects for a political settlement for a war that has killed perhaps 300,000 people in five years, U.N. officials said Tuesday.

In grim reports to the Security Council, the United Nations said chief and the representative of the peacekeeping mission said suffering in the Sudanese region was "alarming.

"Tens of thousands more have been uprooted from their homes and food rations to the needs of those displaced," they said.

"We continue to see the goal posts receding, to the point where peace in Darfur seems further away today than ever," said John Holmes, undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs.

The conflict began in early 2003 when ethnic African rebels took up arms against Sudan's Arab-dominated central government, accusing it of discrimination. Many of the worst atrocities in the war have been blamed on the janjaweed militias of Arab nomads allied with the government.

A joint U.N.-African Union peacekeeping force took over duties in Darfur in January from a beleaguered 7,000-man U.N. mission. But only about 9,000 soldiers and police officers of the authorized 25,000 have deployed.

"We are left and we are trying to speed up the deployment of this mission, and we are facing many obstacles," said U.N.-A.U. force's envoy, Rodolphe Adada. "But eventually, with the help of some donors, we could be in a position to achieve maybe 50 percent of the force by the end of this year.

The mission faces major problems in putting troops into a very hostile environment, Adada said. It still lacks five critical capabilities to become operational: attack helicopters, surveillance aircraft, transport helicopters, military engineers and logistical support.

Holmes said further progress in deploying the joint peacekeeping force, known as UNAMID, would help protect civilians and possibly humanitarian convoys.
The pope addressed between 300 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.

Benedict also echoed the advice he gave to Catholic educators in the United States.


Benedict's message was not one of directed order, but rather a call to reflect upon, how we best articulate to others because of our faith, she said. "I think he was speaking not only to university and college presidents, but also to all people in Catholic education. You have to remember that if we're talking about the relationship between the Church and academic freedom, if there is any discrepancy at all, it is between the requirements of academic freedom and particular violations of faith as well," McBrien said.

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 — not just the academic, but also the liturgical and spiritual."

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"Not that I was much in favor of surprises, but 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."

Matinova, 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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Yahoo Inc. first quarter profits rise

WASHINGTON — The next generation of new fuel-efficient cars and trucks will need to meet a fleet average of 31.6 miles per gallon by 2015, the Bush administration proposed Tuesday, seeking more fuel-efficient vehicles in the face of high gasoline prices and concerns about global warming.

Transportation Secretary Mary Peters outlined the plan on Earth Day, setting a schedule that was more aggressive than initially expected by the auto industry. It responds to a new law that requires new cars and trucks, taken as a collective average, to meet 35 mpg by 2020.

"This proposal is going to help us all breathe a little easier, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from tailpipes, cut fuel consumption and make driving a little more affordable," Peters said.

New cars and trucks will have to meet a fleet-wide average of 31.6 mpg by 2015, or about a 4.5 percent annual increase from 2011 to 2013. In 2015, passenger cars will need to achieve 35.7 mpg and trucks will need to reach 28.6 mpg.

The rules were designed to push companies to boost fuel efficiency across their entire lineup. Manufacturers have different requirements for cars and trucks of different sizes based on vehicle sales. Collectively, the fleet of new vehicles will need to meet the rules.

Among individual manufacturers, Ford's cars will need to average 34.7 mpg by 2015, and its trucks will need to reach 35.5 mpg and Toyota's cars will have to achieve 34.6 mpg.

For light trucks, GM will need to achieve 27.8 mpg by 2015, while Ford will have to average 28.8 mpg and Toyota will need to hit 28 mpg.

The plan is expected to save nearly 55 billion gallons of oil and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 221 million metric tons over the life of the new vehicles built between 2011-2015. It will add an average cost of $650 per passenger car and $797 per truck by 2015.

Environmental groups and their allies in Congress, who have criticized the Bush administration's handling of the requirements, said they were mostly encouraged by the proposal.

"After years of fighting a fuel economy increase, the Bush administration is showing faith in the American auto industry's ability to reform," said Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., who sought the higher standards.

Automakers opposed increases to the regulations in previous years, but supported a compromise version of the legislation in Congress. The changes would require the industry to implement more than half of the fuel-economy requirements by 2015 and push them to run on ethanol blends, but the credit will begin phasing out in 2016. Environmental groups have called it a loophole, noting that few vehicles actually use E85 ethanol.
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.

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.

The 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 positions that contradict the faith and the teaching of the Church would obstruct 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 something autonomous or independent of it."

Interestingly, Benedict reaffirmed, without explicit mention of it, the principle of Ex Corde Fidesjura, 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, shapes 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 merit in the Vagina Monologues.

The problem is truth-in-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 do not even have the integrity not to call themselves Catholic.

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In response to the commentary titled Olympics Symbolize Peace (Apr. 18) I felt compelled to point out some glaring omissions in your piece. The authors Yue and Lili take issue with recent protests associated with the tour of the Olympic torch, calling the protests “unacceptable.” In the sense that it is unfortunate that this ceremony has been characterized by political protests rather than celebrations of athletic excellence, we both agree. However, it is clear that the authors have no understanding of why China’s hosting of the Olympic Games calls for a different 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 games to be scrapped. It is 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 China to open politically strikes me as extremely hypocritical.

In closing I agree with the authors’ sentiments that the Olympics should symbolize peace. However, when the government of hosts the games is complicit in wide-scale human rights abuses both at home and abroad (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 Olympics 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 keep togetherness rights, but then realize that is not such a good idea as many of the standards in Tiananmen Square found out. So in the end the Chinese government has realized what we have to say to them and it itself is its own citizens and the international community.

Robert Brathwaite
graduate student
off campus
April 22

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 can one say that the Olympics are not about politics, but what many appear to have forgotten is what the Olympic Games are about: the athletes. These individuals have dedicated countless hours to betting body, mind and soul in order to prove themselves and the research and love life, all of them to illustrate her character, the vast majority of the Olympics has nothing at all to do with the Chinese.

The eventual outcome — and it’s only getting worse — is that separation between a government’s foreign policy and its common citizens is horribly perverted. We have wheelchair-bound Chinese paralympian Lin Jing being maligned as she’s wheeled down an avenue in Paris and, when only a small number of world leaders such as French President Nicolas Sarkozy boycotting the opening ceremonies. Is it for real? Of course, boycotting the Olympics is nothing new, as countries have previously refrained from attending when quite conventionally, namely in 1967 and 1980. But again, who is losing by our boycotting? Presumably, nation A boycotts nation B so that nation B will now stop doing whatever it is that nation A contends. Unfortunately the pain is — in some cases literally — on the athletes more than anyone.

Ben Hechler
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April 18

OMG, you should totally write a book for me! For pennies?

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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 Papageno, 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 Dadaism — 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 arts-lover, 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 an opportunity 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 bucked tradition, sense and every review I've read or heard and saw the "Lord of the Rings" musical. "Really, Analise? 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 Ring-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 Bag 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 Ilobbit 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-y, 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 that 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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Cedeno'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

CHICAGO — A day after Ronny Cedeno told reporters the Chicago Cubs are "thinking about the World Series," he delivered.

"I'm going to take it back," Cedeno said. "I go too fast." He exhaled. "It was definitely a little bit out-of-the-blue, but I'm just looking forward to going down there and joining the team now.

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Brewers' Gabe Kapler, 33, is congratulated by teammate Craig Gentry after driving in the winning run in the Brewer's 9-8 win over the Cardinals.
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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 $50 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.

“It’s really important for us to know Jake is going to be on the field for us on time when training camp begins in July,” coach Tony Sparano said. “That was critical.”

Long’s total contract package is for $57.75 million, said a person familiar with the negotiations who didn’t want to be identified because the Dolphins declined to reveal terms. Last year’s top pick, JaMarcus Russell, signed for $61 million with the Oakland Raiders but missed all of training camp before reaching a deal.

Long becomes the highest-paid lineman in the NFL and a pound cornerstone 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 lower choices. When suitors surfaced, they began negotiations last week with Long’s agent, Tom Condon.

“It’s such 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.

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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 own 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) hearings, 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 home became an issue because Brian McNamee, Clemens' former trainer, has said Clemens spoke with Canseco and soon afterward approached the trainer about using performance-enhancing drugs.

Canseco says he did not attend the party, and Clemens' attorneys deposed 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 in 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 2005 book titled, "Juiced." Major League Baseball and federal investigators have begun to give some of his claims more credibility.

"When this (Canseco's) claims first came out, Jose was shocked by it 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 more than any other player.

"We are not responsible for typographical errors."
MENS GOLF
Irish end season in fourth place
Marquette shoots ten over par to gain title

By PETER REISENAUR
Sports Writer

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 program at the Traditions Golf Club in Herlong, Louisiana.

The Marquette Eagles took the title, shooting a 219. 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 Tournament, making him the first Irish player to finish in the top 10 since 1990. Sandman was 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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WOMENS GOLF
Irish win third straight Big East title

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

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 Broyphy 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. Broyphy 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," Broyphy said. "As an individual, it also feels great. We all played really hard. We played one hole at a time. I know that sounds cliched, but it’s true."

Behind the Irish (899), No. 28 Louisville (898) and Cincinnati (898) rounded out the podium ahead of the seven-team field. Notre Dame shot the three lowest team rounds of the tourney (296, 301, 302), while Cardinals freshman Sara-Maude Juneau shot a third-round, even-par 72 to take out the lowest 18-hole score of the week.

The young Irish squad thoroughly outplayed the competition, with every Notre Dame golfer finishing in the top 15 overall. Behind Broyphy and Park’s 1-2 finish, junior captain Lisa Maunu and sophomore Kristin Woetzel carded twin 11-over par 227s to finish tied for fourth. Mauno led after the first round, but bogeyed four of her final seven holes of the tournament to slip to fourth.

Freshman Katie Conway added a final-round 77 to her previous scores to finish a respectable 17-over par, tied for 15th overall.

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 ten 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 this season. 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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Feel free to come and go anytime between 4:30-6pm. We will be located on the left side of Legends (the restaurant portion) on the upper tier in the back.

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

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Dirk Nowitzki had 29 points and 10 rebounds, joining Jason Kidd as they attempted to trap Chris Paul.

Paul promptly let them know he was in for an long night, knifing into the lane on the pick-and-roll and dropping in a pretty floater.

As brilliant as Paul was in his playing in the last weekend, his encore 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 1990.

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-of-18 on 3-pointers, with Stojakovic hitting 6-of-7.

"They were going to try to make gimmick stuff" against Paul, West said. "It was key that we had the confidence with Paul, get them used to that, for us to make plays. Peja hit shots. Mo was able to hit some shots. It really disrupted what they were trying to do.

The series now moves to Dallas, where the Hornets have not won since January 1998. But that streak will end if the Mavericks don't figure out how to slow down Paul and a supporting cast that has played with enormous confidence since the Hornets stormed back from a 12-point hole to win the series opener.

"We take a look at some things, but we've got to have a better effort," Dallas coach Avery Johnson said. "We've got to go home and get some home cooking. They protected their home court; we have a chance to go home and do the same thing. Like, I've been saying all along, they are a No. 2 seed that deserves to be No. 2 and we've got to play much better.

Nowitzki led Dallas with 27 points, but spent most of the night looking frustrated, yelling at no one in particular after he threw one pass out of bounds. Brandon Bass was another bright spot for Dallas, muscling inside for 15 points. Reserve Jarron Terry added 16 points and Josh Howard scored 10.

"We just got outplayed and couldn't find a way to contain them on both ends of the floor," Terry said. "We have to play a lot harder and just fight. We have a lot of guys with who 'll take a lackluster room. When you take a butt kicking that, you can only dig deep and come out swinging.

The Mavs hoped Kidd would be a bigger factor in this game, but he finished with only seven points and eight assists. Johnson, however, declined to single out Kidd or anyone else.

"It's not one person," he said. "It's a team game and collectively the team has to do a better job on both ends.

After Paul's dazzling 35-point, 10-rebound, 13-assist performance in Game 1, Johnson said the Mavericks would throw more double-teams at Paul, hoping to get the ball out of the star point guard's hands.

The strategy backfired badly from the start. Paul 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 a 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. Dallas 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 when 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 below double digits, 16 first-half points from Nowitzki and 10 from Kidd.

But the Mavs hurt themselves with turnover struggles in the second period, which the Hornets converted into 10 points, often in transition, as they widened their lead to 67-51 at 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-point of the game, giving New Orleans an 80-58 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 back and letting in a back.

Bass, a force inside during this game, responded with nine points during the period, including three in a row on fast breaks off a steal by Turkoglu and a defensive foul from Lewis.

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Hornets guard Chris Paul, left, attempts a layup against Mavericks guard Jerry Stackhouse in the second half of New Orleans' 127-103 win on Tuesday.

Orlando 104, Toronto 103

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

Chris Paul 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, while Jose Calderon had 18 and Carlos Delfino added 16 for the Raptors.

Jameer Nelson and Rashard 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 101-100 lead with 1:04 left on three consecutive 3-pointers, one from Delfino and two by Calderon, plus a free throw by Lewis.

But Turkoglu drove the lane for an alogical 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 inbound pass.

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

Howard 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 in the third quarter juggling with Delfino after 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 ti-

5-for-10 on 3-pointers in the period after a 9-of-11 performance in Game 1, but opened a 26-8 lead on Nelson's flash to the bucket 8:04 into the game.

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Chris 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."
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 postseason.

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 of 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 open talks.

34 years later, Dantley finds himself on the Nuggets sideline. "I've seen my share of good and bad coaches," he said. Asking him why he chose 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.

"Some times you get excited, but pros are different than col-
lege," he said. "I wasn't an emotional kind of player any-
way. I played the same every game."

Dantley, who is responsible for the Nuggets' big men, said the biggest change between playing and coaching is that he has to keep track of the progres s of all his players, rather than just worrying about himself.

"You have to worry about all the players on your team," he said. "Playing, you just worry about yourself."

The Nuggets trail the Los Angeles Lakers one game to none in their first round playoff series. The series continues tonight at 10:30 in Los Angeles.

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Schrage was impressed with Lilly's all-around performance in the victory.

"Brett Lilly had a great day, he got hit by a pitch, made a diving catch in a clutch situation, and had a homer," said Schrage. Lilly then hammered a pitch to the wall in center field, scoring four for hits and two runs in the inning to cut the lead to 9-4.

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Bargar's only downfall was the lead-off walk in the seventh, Lemire said.

Note: Dame 3, Purdue 1

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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," he said.

Senior goalkeeper Joey Kemp recorded nine saves with only two goals allowed minutes of play to score Duke's defense.

"Defensively we played great," Corrigan said. "We held them to two goals until later in the game, which was a great position to win." The Irish didn't hesitate to igni-
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Freshman Jody Valdivia (8-6) earned the start for the Irish, and responded to the impressive perfor-
man ce of Bargar with a strong two three-inning shutout. Valdivia allowed four hits, an earned run, two walks, and four strikeouts.

Valdivia had a great game and kept her pitch-count down," Lemire said. "She had only a couple walks and we're really proud of her."

The Boilermakers scored the first run of the game in the first inning, scoring pinch-hitter Beth Northway, and fresh-
man catcher Erin Marrone. "We were trying to hit the pitcher's strength instead of walking him," Lemire said. "We needed to settle into our own and pick up the pace.

Thursday's game against Loyola-
Chicago that begins at 5 p.m. is
fireworks night at Melissa Cook 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," he said.

Senior goalkeeper Joey Kemp recorded nine saves with only two goals allowed minutes of play to score Duke's defense.

"Defensively we played great," Corrigan said. "We held them to two goals until later in the game, which was a great position to win." The Irish didn't hesitate to igni-
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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

30 years after ND, Dantley finds success in coaching ranks

By CHRIS KHOREY

Sports Writer

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 his team in the NBA Playoffs 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.

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.

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**BASEBALL**

Declawing the Cougars

By MICHAEL BRYAN

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Entering Tuesday's game ranked for the first time this season, No. 24 Notre Dame looked every bit a top-25 team in a 12-2 route of Chicago State at Eck Stadium.

Freshman Brian Dupra gave up just two runs in seven innings and the Irish offense exploded for seven extra base hits in the win, including three home runs.

Chicago State entered the away game with a woeful 4-32 record, but the Cougars hung with the Big East leading Irish through the first four innings.

"This is probably the best Chicago State team I've played against in ten years," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "I give them a lot of credit."

Notre Dame manufactured a run with some small ball in the bottom of the first, beginning with senior leadoff hitter Brett Lilley getting plunked by the 100th hit by pitch of his career. The shortstop then stole second base after advancing on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore designated hitter David Mills. Sophomore outfielder A.J. Pollock then lined a pitch into centerfield to drive home Lilley and put the Irish on the board 1-0.

Cougars senior pitcher Chris Goya managed to keep Notre Dame quiet for the next three innings, and appeared to be in contention for his first win of the season with his team only down a run.

The Irish broke through against Goya in the fifth, however, punishing the Chiglona State pitcher with three extra-base hits. Frosh catcher Cameron McConnell doubled to lead off the inning, and Lilley then blasted the first pitch from Goya over his right field fence for his second home run of the year.

Junior first baseman Evan Sharpley follows through his swing in an 12-2 Irish victory over Chicago State Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium. Sharpley hit his team-high ninth homerun in the win. 

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**MEN'S LACROSSE**

Laxers make it three straight

By ELYNN MICHALAK

Sports Writer

No. 7 Notre Dame earned its third straight victory Tuesday, defeating Air Force 13-5 and improving its record to 10-2, (3-1 Big East) in the loss, doing what it took to get the Boilermakers (31-17) out until the final inning. Bargar pitched 6 1/3 innings and the Irish offense exploded for seven extra base hits in the win, including three home runs.

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**SOFTBALL**

Irish split doubleheader against Boilermakers

By JARED JEDICK

Sports Writer

Notre Dame split its Tuesday afternoon series with Purdue, losing the first game 1-0 in a pitchers' duel that was decided in the Boilermakers' last at-bat before returning the favor in the late afternoon.

Purdue 5, Notre Dame 0

Junior starting pitcher Brittany Bargar (22-10) put in a strong performance for the Irish (30-16, 9-2 Big East) in the loss, doing what it took to get the Boilermakers (31-17) out until the final inning. Bargar pitched 6 1/3 innings allowing five hits, four strikeouts, two walks and one earned run.

"She had a really solid game," assistant coach Lizzy Lemire said. "She kept the ball down well and had a great game overall controlling the hitters."

In the second and sixth innings, Bargar worked out of jams to keep the score knotted at 0-0. The second inning saw runners on second and third bases with two outs before Bargar was able to induce a key groundball.

An error committed by fresh- man shortstop Kate Fleury in the sixth allowed Boilermaker runners to take position on second and third with only one out. Bargar responded by earning an inning