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: their approach to 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 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 direction of life on the planet,” D’Souza said. “Evolution merely explains the transition between one life form and the other.”

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.

“Those are the characteristics 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 say...”

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, according to University President Rev. John Jenkins and Freising Reinhard Marx said at the Terrence P. Keeley Vatican Lecture Wednesday.

Marx, 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. Bishops 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 justice, I see BISHOP/page 6

ROTC holds Iron Irish contest

By AMANDA GRAY
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame’s Army ROTC Iron Irish competition tested more than physical strength Wednesday. The second year of the annual competition placed the four army platoons against each other, racing across campus to complete tasks, Cadet Second Lieutenant and senior Scott Viter said.

Platoon B1 won after performing well through several of the events, Vitter said. “Religion and very well on the swimming portion,” he said. “Overall, we came out on top.”

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Hall first to receive LEED certification

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Geddes Hall recently became the first building at Notre Dame to achieve LEED Gold Certification and will pave the way for future environmentally conscious efforts that build upon the University’s emphasis on ethics and sustainability.

“What this means is that the United States Green Building Council (USGBC), a non-profit company that established the LEED certification system, has confirmed that the building has met a certain standard of sustainable design and construction practices,” University architect Doug Marsh said.

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 what 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.

I haven’t even mentioned the weaknesses in his game. Lebron still is yet to top even a 25-foot jumper to save his life. Most of his points come in the paint, half of which are putbacks. His free throws are so poor that refs are too intimidated to call traveling.

But his game is complete. He can shoot the ball lights out up 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 already.

If I’ve offended any Cleveland fans in this process, just relax. Take comfort in the fact that Lebron will probably wear 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 cmasoud@nd.edu.

Corrections

The Observer regrets indulging in a creative series for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-6543 so we can correct our error.

Question of the Day: What are your summer plans?

Halle Brewster

Bobby Sullivan

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Bryant is going to California and spending lots of time on the beach, hopefully having an internship.

"Ask me in August."

"I’m just going home to Mexico, but maybe an internship."

"I’m doing an internship in Chicago."

"I’m going to be working at my mom’s law firm and going to Disney Land for the Harry Potter park."

"I’m studying for the Bar exam because I’m a law student."

Chris Masoud

Assistant Sports Editor

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 Toastal 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 Topology Optimization” will begin at 3:30 p.m. today in 116 Newland 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 Toastal 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 obsnews.nd@gmail.com.

Offbeat

8-year-old attempts to fill up family van with gas, crashes BETHEL, Ohio — An Ohio man says his 8-year-old son was just trying to do him a favor and get gasoline when the boy drove the family’s minivan and crashed it. James Crouch says he didn’t even realize his son, Jordan, was out of the house Friday morning until a Clermont County sheriff’s deputy came to the family’s home in Bethel and woke him up to let him know what happened.

The boy says he used keys that he found in his mother’s purse and backed the car out of the driveway.

He started going down the road at about 5 mph but could barely reach the pedals and lost control, crashing into a telephone pole. He wasn’t hurt.

Crouch says Jordan still is in his pajamas and just wanted to do something nice. He says he’s going to watch his son more closely now.

Man accused of stealing vacuum with kids present FRAMINGTON, N.Y. — An upstate New York man was accused of stealing a vacuum cleaner from a department store on Friday — with his children there. State police said Richard Dekennip was charged with endangering the welfare of a child and robbery. After the 42-year-old man allegedly stole the vacuum cleaner, police said he strack a security guard with his car in the parking lot.

The guard wrote down his license plate and Dekennip was later arrested at his home. His car was found abandoned at the Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack parking lot.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com
Bonfire to raise funds for Haiti
Students remember earthquake, continue to collect monetary donations

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

The 7.0-magnitude earthquake that devastated Haiti mid-December has occurred three months ago, but several campus organizations are refusing to let the tragedy be forgotten.

"Forgetting what happened is the worst thing that we could do to our brothers and sisters in Haiti," said Paul Jindra, International Development Research Council (IDRC) president. "The rebuilding effort will likely continue for years, so it’s crucial that we keep Haiti and its citizens in mind even now, months after the earthquake."

IDRC and the K e l l o g g Institute’s Haiti Working Group will sponsor a Haiti Bonfire Party on Holy Cross Hall on the shore of Saint Mary’s Lake Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The event will feature a celebration of Haitian culture, from traditional music to authentic cuisine. Jindra said IDRC has assembled a playlist of Haitian music and will be using a student DJ. If you’ve never heard Haitian hip-hop before, it really is incredible," he said. "A lot of these artists on the Haitian music scene could radio-ready even here in the U.S."

"We wanted to give students an opportunity to experience the customs and the history of the Haitian people," said Pal Jindra, president IDRC.

Tickets for the event, which are $15 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. "Sophomore Matthew Razzano, who will take over as IDRC president in the fall, plans to continue events on campus that raise awareness and funding for rebuilding efforts in Haiti."

"We are planning more Coffee and Conversations yearly next year to get students thinking about the aftermath of the earthquake and the developmental issues that were unearthed by the disaster," he said.

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Hilfiger offers words of business wisdom

By LILY HOUGH
News Writer

He may be the king of a global fashion empire, but there is one dream that Tommy Hilfiger never saw through.

"I thought I should be a professional football player," he said.

See Also
"Tommy Hilfiger: A designer for the consumer"

Today, Hilfiger said his recipe for success remains true to his original philosophy. "We're just clothes really," he said.

"At the end of the day, at the right place at the right time, but I had the right presentation," he said. "I was studying business myself, trying to figure out what was going on in the world and that set us apart from companies. We really understand what it was that we'd really push the buttons on the consumer and I figured it out.

Yet while still flourishing overseas, the American base of Hilfiger's empire appears to be headed for ruin in the late '90s after he seemed to have a monopoly over men’s, women’s and children’s casual fashions for the greater part of the decade. Having offered a Residence collection in 1995, Hilfiger said he began his business team’s faux pas of overshooting the demand — a "business no-no."

"Rolled down to its simplest arithmetic, business is simple arithmetic... really a simple philosophy, it's about supply and demand," he said.

"That's something they teach in every business school, but we learned it ourselves and we learned it the hard way."

"Every team in the country has a standard answer — it's always about the people. I have been fanatical about surrounding myself with great people. A great team will bring you great success."

In 1995, he established the Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation to help empower America's young people. "I wanted to build a different business — a business team's faux pas of overshooting the demand..." he said.

"People ask me why I think we're so successful, I think the standard answer — it's always about the people. I have been fanatical about surrounding myself with great people. A great team will bring you great success."

"We're becoming much more responsible as human beings and that is very meaningful to me," Hilfiger said.

While Hilfiger's presentation resonated with business lessons to be "creative... never stop exploring..."

Looking back, Hilfiger said his biggest regret was skipping over college.

"I opened up my store and I thought, 'This is what I want to do.' I said, 'I will do this.' I took the path of resistance," he said.

A self-taught businessman at the age of 19, Hilfiger wanted to bring big city fashion from New York City to his local community in upstate New York and began designing his own clothing. As the trends of the late '60s left him and his customers unsatisfied, Hilfiger said.

"I wanted to build a different mousetrap," Hilfiger said.

"I wanted to reach back into my roots when I wore preppy clothes in grammar and early high school and redesign them. So I took every single one of those items out of my closet and redesigned every detail."

Looking back, Hilfiger said his biggest regret was skipping out on college.

"I opened up my store and I said, 'This is my education.' He said. "But I had been smart enough to go to business school, I would have avoided some of the mistakes I've made."

Hilfiger said today, he considers hitting bankruptcy at 22 his greatest learning experience.

"That was my master's degree," he said.

Hilfiger said his subsequent successes after introducing his trademark red, white and blue logo can be attributed to his first private collection in 1985.

"I was at the right place at the right time, but I had the right presentation," he said. "I was studying business myself, trying to figure out what was going on in the world and that set us apart from companies. We really understand what it was that we'd really push the buttons on the consumer and I figured it out."

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Recently elected SGA officers meet for first time

By MEGHAN PRICE
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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

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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.

“From a greater perspective,” Bell explained, “I 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 Sokas 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.

“Several of the committee’s goals is to “expand beyond just the bubble 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 Community Day, and Sokas said she hopes to work on similar projects to engage students with the South Bend community.

Gender Issues Committee chairs Mariah McGrogan 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 Mick 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 Brellenthin. 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 Brellenthin 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 Guantánamo 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 commissions 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 Uthman Muhammad.

He said the judge, Navy Capt. Moira McDonald, has been working on 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 crossing into the communist country illegally earlier this year, state media reported.

Alijah Mahli 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 reported.

Man arrested for alleged Pelosi threats

SAN FRANCISCO — A California man angry about health care reform allegedly made threatening and harassing phone calls to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, including at least one call in which he got through and spoke to her directly, law enforcement sources said.

Gregory Lee Giusti, 46, was arrested Wednesday at his San Francisco home, said Joseph Scherb, a spokesman for the FBI’s San Francisco office. Scherb would not disclose the charges against Giusti, saying they were under seal until his first appearance before a federal magistrate, scheduled for Thursday.

The first arrest came a day after a Washington state man was arrested for allegedly leaving threatening voicemails for U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, a Democrat from the state.

Giusti, who has lived in the Richmond district of San Francisco for 15 years, has a history of mental health problems, according to people who know him.

Beached whale found on N.Y. shore

EAST HAMPTON, N.Y. — A young female whale that became stranded on a New York beach is wallowing near death on the shoreline after experts decided the mammal was too sick to save.

The 25-foot-long whale was discovered Tuesday morning on the eastern Long Island shore of East Hampton, an exclusive beach used mostly by residents of the tony village. In the past two days, thousands of visitors have trekked there to see the beached whale lying in the shallow water as a heavy surf pounded the white sand.

Experts say the whale was already dying when it came to shore and cannot be rehabilitated.

LOCAL NEWS

Inability to compromise stops census

INDIANAPOLIS — U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts has delayed the deadline for states to compromise 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 law cannot act like lawmakers and strike compromises halfway.

BRAZIL

Continuing rains cause flooding in Brazil

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Rodrigo de Almeida had dug for 15 hours through mud and debris, and he looked like it. Auburn hair matted around his head, his ripped shirt, his torn jeans and his rubber sandals.

When asked Wednesday if he had been able to save anyone from the massive landslide that buried the place where he lives, he silently shook his head. Of the 136 people confirmed dead from Rio’s heaviest rains on record, at least 18 died in his shantytown, Pleasure Hill.

“No right there is of 15 people I know died,” Almeida said, staring at a massive mound of mud and debris. Wood planks — remnants of the shacks engulfed by the landslide — were poking through the mud as 30 rescue workers gingerly dug at it with picks and shovels, still looking for survivors.

“We found a guy alive this morning, so we had hope,” said Almeira, 28. “He didn’t make it, we were told he died on his way to the hospital.”

Because of the continuing rains, steep hillsides and loose earth, officials said there had been few successes.

One man, Carlos Eduardo Silva dos Santos, 24, was pulled alive from under a concrete wall in western Rio. Firefighters said they had no count on how many people had been rescued.

The death toll could easily rise. An official with Rio’s fire department said at least 60 people were missing Wednesday afternoon. And although the rain that poured down without interruption from Monday afternoon through Wednesday morning had finally begun to let up, it was raining again Wednesday night and more rain was expected through the weekend.

Nearly all the deaths occurred in landslides that engulfed the slums, yet another reminder that life in one of the world’s most famous playgrounds is much different for the poor than it is for the rich.
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ditions and towards humanity as a whole,”” Lies said, referencing a method of reasoning thatNote 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 the environment.

ICL Business Manager Brian Shumaker

Geddes Hall is “a visible sign” of the connection between the resources at Notre Dame and the IC’s mission to research, education and outreach.

“This is a teaching moment for understanding that sustainable projects reach,” Lies said, referencing the Church’s social doctrine. “We need to work within the regional economy to manufacture LEED building materials. A significant portion of the building construction materials. A significant portion of the building materials were manufactured within the regional economy to support the local community, a University press release said.

One of the core principles that inspires work to understand the working relationship between the market, state and society is that we cannot separate the means in which it is communicated. We want to share an ideal with everyone and have found the deliverance of the message and the means in which it is communicated.

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

Mark 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 core of social doctrine between the market, state and society. He said we are all called to be responsible for all people in the world.” Lies said. “By making more efficient 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 that most 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-Renwick Hall, the Purcell Pavilion and Innovation Park at Notre Dame, according to a University press release.

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The competition is the culmi-
nation of a semester-long scored competition for the platoons. Cadet Lieutenant Colonel and senior Tom Capretta said.

“The main reason we run the Iron Irish Race is to build plato-
on cohesion through competi-
tion. Cohesion is important to the success of the unit in the military,” Capretta said. “As cadets, we try to improve our selves and each other, and building a cohesive team is an important part of completing that goal,” Capretta said. The competition also affords leadership opportunities to our upperclassmen, which is important preparation for us as we look to become commissioned officers in the U.S. Army.

The Iron Irish competition included five events. The pla-
toons competed in a timed swim, rope climb, ruck run, simulated rifle competition and a "mystery event," which was a "paintball tournament on White Island," Waliszewski said. The event that was postponed due to a thunderstorm warning.

"The weather was terrible, but it was a lot of fun," Vitter said. "The storms added another dimension to the competition, making it more difficult, but people stepped up and worked.

He said event planners hope to have the paintball tournament in future years. "At the end of the day, all of those tasks are meant to be completed by everyone," Vitter said. "The Iron Irish competition is not a competition than who has the fastest time.

Vitter said before the com-
petition he was hopeful his platoon would perform well as a unit.

"I hope we show the camar-
dade and group mentality that we’ve developed over this semester," Vitter said.

Cadet Corporal and sopho-
more Trevor Waliszewski, also a member of platoon B1, was also hopeful for a win.

"A win would increase the solidarity of our platoon and establish as the clear favorites for all battalion competitions next year," Waliszewski said.

Waliszewski said the competi-
tion needed his platoon think together.

"The Iron Irish event is an attempt designed to motivate us to work harder during Physical Training sessions throughout the year," he said. "As we will be completing all of our chal-
enges as a platoon, the event encourages teamwork and makes us look out for one another.

Waliszewski said the event helps prepare for real-world combat experience.

"The Army teaches us a Warrior Ethics including the statement, ‘I will never leave a fallen comrade,’ and Iron Irish allows us to put that into effect as we complete all the chal-
enges as a team. It’s a compet-
itive environment where we can learn lessons that will make us better officers in a real-world combat environ-
ment," he said.

But Hitchens said he attributes his platoon’s win to the group men-\ntality. “Our platoon has come along very well since last semester in terms of teamwork and cohe-
sion,” Vitter said. “That was the biggest part of today. We may not be the biggest or strongest platoon out there but we get along with each other and that’s what the competition was about.”

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In Brief

**Talks of airline merger become serious**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — 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.

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 $1.35, or 20 percent, to $20.48.

Calif. cracks down on middlemen

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California lawmakers took a step Wednesday toward cracking down on the middlemen that help private investment firms do a stock swap without a cash component.

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

On Wednesday, the state Assembly's Public Employment Retirement System and the Joint Labor-Management Social Security 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 $298 billion in assets under management.

The California bill would require placement agents 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 revised 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 ocean with oil rig in the distance.

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The plan, which needs government approval, would allow Plains Exploration & Production of Houston to 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 in nine years and a fourth platform in 14 years.

The controversial plan put in place a plan for 67 square inches per bird.

The environmentalist parties to the deal essentially do not view the plan as new drilling because it would use the existing Platform Irene.

Currently, 27 platforms operate off the Central and Southern California coasts. They produced 13.3 million barrels of oil in 2009, a very small amount of the overall national production.

Environmental Defense Center attorney Linda Krop, who represents the environmental groups, said the revised agreement would allow the California attorney general to enforce its terms by making the state a third-party beneficiary.

Backers also pointed to provisions requiring PXP to surrender 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.

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**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.

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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."
Sex on the brain: The biology of sexual orientation

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? We come 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 genetics or environment, 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 very small 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 hormones that your brain was exposed to while developing in utero. One of the clues that androgens (testosterone-like hormones) influence sexual orientation comes from a disorder called Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH). In this disorder, the adrenal glands’ hormone production goes haywire so that they make too much androgen. This means you will be attracted to men. But if you are a girl and extra androgens on the brains of these girls make too much androgen. This means you will be attracted to men. But if you are a girl and CAH girls are normal from there on out. However, was there an effect of the androgens on the brains of these girls when they were developing in utero? It seems that there is. When CAH girls grow up, 33 percent of them describe themselves as homosexual or bisexual, compared to six to 10 percent of the non-CAH population. So, androgens must play a role in sexual orientation, but they can’t explain it completely. After all, 67 percent of CAH women identified as heterosexual. And most homosexual and bisexual women do not have CAH. So androgens in the developing brain play a role in sexual orientation (at least in women), but they’re not the whole story.

Our next clue comes from differences between straight and gay people in tiny regions of the brain involved in sex and 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-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 women, and smaller 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 exposures 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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By William Stewart

Guest Columnist

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 surrounding, but more significantly, on account of his graduation from high school. So, when my time came to leave the nest’s cover, my father was insistent that I take careful stock in my room and you will see that there are a special place among other belongings, right there with my books and the picture of my family and my iPod and my speakers and my futon and my postcard collection and my camera and my snow boots and my sneakers and my three gifts with which I left home. 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, individually, they are no more than societal necessities – objects to be found in any one of my neighbors’ rooms. However, when you come into my 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 furtherance and affirmation of individual, intellectual instruction. To a certain extent, this remains and will always remain its function. Assimilation of information, profusion of the knowledge by some students, demonstration by others of comprehension 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 college is the social formation of the individual. For most, the university will be a catalyst for our transition from adolescence 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 build up our own thoughts and worldview. Curious Rodlike or the latest assignment for a paper from Philosophy, but college is our society’s way of making a reality of our own thoughts and actions. College forces us to recognize our own personal

By Jenny Leget

Letters to the Editor

One book, one Michiana

Being ‘anti-union’ perfectly legal

By Felicia A. Smith

I am writing to share exciting information in response to the March 31 Letter to the Editor titled “One book, one Michiana” (Caitlin Wilson, Rachel Hamilton). I am pleased to announce that Hesburgh Libraries will host a presentation by Notre Dame Law professor Thomas Shauffer, titled “Michiana project. Hesburgh Libraries will pleased to announce that Hesburgh

Two years later, I find myself check-

an over-sized rolling duffel at the airport, my backpack, a pair of

and they used to be. I grew up on a steady diet of classic inspirational movies like Rudy (obvious), Remember the Titans, Miracle, Seabiscuit and Space Jam. They

were produced by Columbia Pictures these days don’t seem as magical as they used to be. Unfortunately I have also seen the complete fall of the once-powerful baseball program. While I still think that my coming to the university coincided with the loss of one of the last vestiges of a great sports tradition in the nation (Paul Mainieri), there is no reason our own program has not gone from a Big East dynasty that was a perennial player in the NCAA Tournament to a Big East afterthought that has not made the tournament in the last 15 years.

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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 still is a good album and worth a listen; however, if the listener goes into the album expecting 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 were not great; some fans admired the very eclectic mix of musical genres and feels, there are many more who will not be, and it is largely fans from the latter group that fueled the vast majority of MGMT fans became fans by listening to their pop-infused songs from “Oracular Spectacular,” and these fans will be disappointed with this album. Again, to stress the point, there are no singles on this album. “Flash Delirium” is not a real single, nor does it sounds like it. It has more in common with the progressive rock of the 70s or the OC soundtrack — beach music — than MGMT’s previous work. This is a problem, because while there are people out there who will be fans of the eclectic mix of musical genres and feels, there are many more who will not be, and it is largely fans from the latter group that fueled the success of “Little Darker.”

Many tracks in the album’s album, meaning that the album is not a straight-up singles album, “one song, Flash Delirium, has been released, although it has been described as more a taster for the album than an actual single. Basically, if you like “Flash Delirium,” you’ll like “Congratulations,” and vice versa. Either way, it’s easy to see that “Congratulations” has little stylistically in common with “Little Darker.”

In less than a week’s time — April 3 — it’s to be precise — MGMT’s follow-up to their 2007 hit album “Oracular Spectacular” — suitably named “Congratulations” — is to be released and available to download legally. That’s not to say that it’s not available now — as well the put-together leak of the album in mid-March prompted the hand to release the album in a stream-only format on March 20. Although members of the group have described the album as a “no-singles album,” one song, “Flash Delirium,” has been released, although it has been described as more a taster for the album than an actual single. Basically, if you like “Flash Delirium,” you’ll like “Congratulations,” and vice versa. Either way, it’s easy to see that “Congratulations” has little stylistically in common with “Little Darker.”

The only problem with this is that the songwriting best described as “preppy American classic, with a twist.”

His success upstate brought him to the big show in New York, where he further learned the trade and strove endlessly to launch a line. It was the fresh eye to bring classic American sportswear to consumers around the world.

What Hilfiger went on to create was a distinct brand and 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.

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This Thursday, Friday and Saturday “Precious,” the Academy award nominated film, will be show- ing at DPAC. It centers on Claireece 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’s life is an endless string of hardship. Her only escape is through elaborate fantas- ties 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.

By TATIANA SPRAGINS
Scene Writer

The Italian Theatre Workshop will premiere April 15 and run through April 17. An annual pro- duction, the workshop is the pro- duction of a class that performs a play or musical organized by students — all in Italian. This semester, the class, Italian Theatre Workshop: Amore, onore, tradi- mento (love, honor, betrayal) put together a production that exam- ines the theme of marriage and infidelity in two different stories: Goldoni’s “L’Osteria della posta” and Pirandello’s “Bellavita.”

Italian is Notre Dame’s second most studied language, Rome is one of the few locations that offer a year-long study abroad experience. This workshop, a unique class offered only by the Italian depart- ment, aims to get students involved in not only the opportunity to further enhance their Italian but also to use their acting skills, engaging the students with the literature and the language both by speaking it aloud while performing in accor- dance to the text. This theatre workshop offers the challenge of having to study a complex play and then also perform it — all in a for- eign tongue. However, it is also one of the few unique opportunities for the students to become completely exposed to Italian while still study- ing 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.

Michela Keefe, a senior and the play’s stu- dent director, describes the class as “one of the few classes that offers an Italian immersion experience. It is a great place to experiment with speaking, listening, and understand- ing Italian, with 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,” Keefe says. “L’Osteria della Posta,” 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 already has a lover. Confusions and laughter galore, it is a much lighter play than the second one, “Bellavita.” This play deals with the relationship between the lover and the husband of a woman who has

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

Starring an all-star cast including Meryl Streep, Alec Baldwin, Steve Martin and John Krasinski, “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 divorcée 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 Krasinski is delightful as Jane’s daughter’s fiancé.

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” 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 greatness, “Hamlet” has inspired countless adaptations, including Ambrose 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 showing in HD in the Browning Cinema, this perfor- mance of Thomas’s “Hamlet” is the best operate 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

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MLB

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 2003, when they began with a sweep at San Diego and won seven straight. They last lost a season opener in 2003-04.

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.

Jerry Affeldt (1-0) got the win in relief of Matt Cain, who allowed six hits and three earned runs in 6 2-3 innings.

Astros starter Brett Myers gave up a career-high 12 hits and 6 runs in six-plus innings in his Astros debut.

Rowand, the Giants' leadoff man, and Renteria, the No. 2 hitter, each drove in two runs.

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

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 disappotted 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 an all-male membership.

Payne was one of the Augusta National members who stood among 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 before when Payne held his news conference. The chairman saved his thoughts on Woods for the end of his opening statement.


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 13 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.

“Success is hard work, but you can’t do a job without sticking around as long as you have,” Tim Hardaway Jr.

“To have the success that he’s had, the number of situations he’s been in. It’s a great job.”

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

The game was riddled with turnovers and fast breaks, but the main difference came right in front of the basket, where the men consistently made their lay-ups.

Following half time, both sides experienced a long drought. "We've only scored one shot since half," senior Alex Wheeler shouted after asking the commissioner for the score long after the second half began. "From there, the Zach Attack! players realized they had to pick up the pace. And they did.

"We were never really scared we were going to lose," senior Zach Karches said. "But the men certainly picked up their game. Let's Be Strong did as well, answering almost every point scored by their opponents and even holding them at 19 for a long series of possessions. However Let's Be Strong could not recover from the 11-4 lead the men had taken at half.

"We're hoping to get as far as we can without having to try too hard," Karches joked. "A few of our players are looking to get drafted by the Nets."

Brolikethisteam.com 21, Are We Foul 8

It was all about the Bro's as Brolikethisteam.com defeated Are We Foul despite a downpour throughout the game. Brolikethisteam.com struck early and came out with an early lead. When the Bros eased up on defense, Are We Foul would strike with a basket. Are We Foul proved that to be a tough team and didn't need to foul to stay in the game.

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 Brolikethisteam.com began to pull away as the rain continued to pound the players.

"They played great, tenacious defense," Brolikethisteam.com junior Kevin Laughlin said. Despite the loss, Are We 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, Brolikethisteam.com advanced to the second round.

Bus Drivers 21, Five Glorious Mysteries 5

The Bus Drivers used their athleticism to overwhelm Five Glorious Mysteries en route to a blowout victory Tuesday. Five Glorious Mysteries, consisting of two freshmen, a sophomore and two juniors from Old College, struggled in the first half to find their rhythm as the rain did 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 get a number of 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 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 all that competitive."

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

The Berg is the Word rode a hot streak into the tournament and good passing to win over Hey Tiger.

The five Dillon freshsons that make up The Berg is the Word are Matt Losego, Matt Enzweiler, Taylor Guinn, Thomas Corz and Bobby Mandras — said they found inspiration for their team's name in 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 freshness of Hey Tiger did not seem upset about the loss.

"Losing in this manner just makes me appreciate mezzarellas to a greater degree than 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 other backstory for the Belles came from the No. 2 doubles duo of Jill VanVeen and Mary Therese Lee won an 8-4 decision over Jill VanVeen and Mary Therese Lee won an 8-4 decision over Jill VanVeen and Mary Therese Lee won an 8-4 decision over Jill VanVeen and Mary Therese Lee won an 8-4 decision over Jill VanVeen and Mary Therese Lee won an 8-4 decision over Jill VanVeen and Mary Therese Lee won an 8-4 decision over Jill VanVeen.

The rest over Easter break allowed some Saint Mary's players to heal their injuries and return to full health as they head toward the stretch run. The last match the team competed in was a 9-0 victory over Trine College on March 30.

The Belles (8-4, 2-1 MIAA) will travel to the University of Chicago Maroons in 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 team is looking to get to the end and we're happy to pull out some wins," Grabarck said. "The University of Chicago is extremely tough and will be a good test for us. We also have a couple matches (at Albion and at Kalamazoo) later in the season."

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

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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 to 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."

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Junior tight end Kyle Rudolph credited the break for the team's improved performance.
"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.

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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 lighting drove the team inside. However, once the storm cleared, the team moved out again.

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Football

Team helped by Tues. Mass in James’ honor

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

In many ways, the rain through-out 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 class 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 Inspired by Tues. Mass in James’ honor.

Baseball

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BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Nasty weather postpones five games

Observer Staff Report

Wednesday’s heavy rains and occasional thunder and lightning forced postpone-ments for Notre Dame’s baseball game with Western Michigan, Notre Dame’s softball doubleheader against Bowling Green and Saint Mary’s softball double- header 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 week-end, with first pitches at 5:05 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 con-tribute 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 double- header 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 deter-mined 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.

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 sports-writer. “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.”

Bookstore Basketball

Pangstas rout Flock of Ostri to advance to second round

By MEGAN FITZNERAN, TIM SINGLER AND CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writers

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

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

“It felt liberating for a team to compete with the Pangstas, the Flock of Ostri could never get the better of them. Pangstas said.

During the second half, it became clear the Pangstas would come out on top. They had a succession of five unan-swered points, only interrupt-ed 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 where- ever 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.

“Didn’t practice before this, but we’ve all played Pangborn interhall football and basketball together,” Kotz said.

After a career of sports together in Pangborn, there is no other way these women would rather end the year than with a few more wins in the tournament.

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 an easy lay-up by senior Jonathan Becker. That first shot set the tone for the rest of the game.

Baseball

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