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Pope's visit spurs discussions of Catholicism

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 and Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney were among those in attendance at the pope's address in Washington D.C. regarding academic freedom and Catholic identity.

"It was a reaffirmation of that commitment [to truth and reason]," Jenkins said in a statement to the South Bend Tribune.

Benedict made no specific references to any college or university in the address, but encouraged Catholic educators to seek the truth and uphold Catholic teachings.

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Pope Benedict XVI presides over a Mass in Yankee Stadium Sunday during his first visit to the United States as pope.

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.

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

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University gathers to mourn student's death

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

By JOSEPH McMAHON Assistant News Editor

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 was taken from us too soon," Parrish said in his homily. "Our hearts are breaking tonight with Andrew's family.'

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

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

"We 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



Students mourn the death of Andrew Bunikis at a Mass held in the Basillica Tuesday night.

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 Studies Entrepreneurial announced the winners of the eighth annual McCloskey **Business Plan Competition and** the seventh annual Sustainable Social Venture Plan Competition on April 18.

"The McCloskey Competition is intended for traditional entrepreneurial ventures that , protocol with a simple software 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, Rfware.

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

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

Graduate students Shelia Powenski, Anita Allen, Brad Annis, Heather Annis, Brendan Cooper, Edward Powers and Chris Ziener were awarded the Sustainable Social Venture Plan award with their program, Medxcvcle.

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.

"[I] used the business plan competition as a crash course

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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 Matasic and Karol Grzesiak, 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," Matasic 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 stu-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Old before my time

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

Needless to say, this jealousy of

the life of my 80-year-old grandma is a very strange feeling.

Madeline Buckley
News Production
Editor

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

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

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

While some people struggle through retirement, experiencing the hardships of money problems and old age, my grandparents love being retired. Retirement 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.

Somehow schoolwork 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 devoid 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 experi-

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT EVENT WOULD YOU ADD TO ANTOSTAL?



Alena Christensen

sophomore McGlinn

"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."

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 LaFortune Ballroom from 8 to 10 as part of the Student Union Board's AnTostal festivities.

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

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

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

The band "The Starting Line" will perform Friday at Legends at 10 p.m. as part of the Student Union Board's AnTostal festivities.

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

The Notre Dame Battle of the Bands will be at Legends



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

OFFBEAT

Police arrest two In India for allegedly stealing sperm

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

The employee allegedly stole the sperm from a sperm bank in the western city of Aurangabad, and tried to sell 101 vials of it to a doctor in Mumbai for about \$625, Aurangabad police chief Krishna Lal Bishnoi said. The doctor declined and called police, who arrested the lab employee and a relative, Bishnoi told The Associated Press.

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

Alleged drug dealer calls

ing a drug deal that went bad.

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

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

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

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

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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 dur-

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Group discusses iTunes for non-class lectures

By JOSEPH McMAHON Assistant News Editor

Council The 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 upload-ing," he said. "The fees are minimal."

Class of 2011 president Cynthia Weber said Notre Dame should not only offer non-class lectures but also course and lecture content as podcasts.

"I think absolutely we should pursue podcasts as a beginning and then go to iTunes U," she said. "We bring something really unique to the table as a Catholic university.⁴

Reish said one example of an event that could be uploaded as

a podcast would be "The (Un)Holy Trinity: Entourage, Media, and Men," which took place last week and examined the portrayal of gender relations in the media.

Some COR members voiced concerns of the difficulty getting professors and speakers to agree to allow the University to upload their lecture online. Weber, however, said this should not be a major stumbling block.

"If I was giving a lecture I would jump at the opportunity to put it online," she said.

In other COR news:

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.

"We came up with some really good ideas on how to make is a joint alumni-student project,' she said.

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 Multiethnic 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 multiethnic graduation," she said.

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

"I'm sure all of you can name one person on your hand ... somebody that came to Saint Mary's," she said. "That's not the case for alumni of color, students of color at this college. It's just not happening.'

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

The event will be honoring and recognizing 12 multiethnic seniors for their support and hard

work over the past four years, she said.

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

Senior biology major Olyenka Bilyk also requested a co-sponsorship for partial reimbursement for her participation in the Experimental Biology Conference in San Diego.

At the conference, Bilyk presented her senior comprehensive project to scientists from across the nation, she said.

She also was able to attend lectures and meet other scientists, which she said gave her crucial knowledge for the Saint Mary's biology department, she said.

"I can impart this knowledge to fellow Saint Mary's biology majors and students," she said. "I can also help bring this knowledge to the Saint Mary's biology department and help them become more competitive in their research.'

Both co-sponsorships were approved by the board.

In other BOG news:

◆Student body president and vice president Mickey Grusinski and Sarah Falvey began working to extend the Student Center hours for finals week, Grusinksi said.

They have also tried to create a stress free atmosphere in the Student Government Office during that week. There will be coloring books and games available to students, Falvey said.

"We're also going to try and have snacks up there," she said.

They are also hoping to have a masseuse for a few hours for "stress release," Falvey said.

♦Admissions commissioner Kristle Hodges asked BOG members to help her look for student ambassadors for next year.

'We love to take first-year students and sophomores," she said.

Ambassadors are required to give one to two tours a week, participate in official visit days on campus, and are sometimes asked to host prospective students overnight, meet with prospective students for lunch, Hodges said.

Women's issues commissioner Becki Faunce announced that there are events for the National Week of Silence taking place this week.

There will be a National Day of Silence Panel on Thursday at 6 p.m. in Dalloway's, she said. The panel will include students and professors who will be talking about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, **Transgender and Questioning** (LGBTQ) issues.

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dent's dorm room, he or she decides how much the book is worth and writes the customer a check for the full amount.

Grzesiak said he came up with the idea for DormBooks.com as a freshman when he purchased a book from his roommate and resold it online for a profit.

Matasic and Grezesiak decided to use the Internet to create their business and e-mailed their friends and classmates to inform them of the service in the fall of 2006.

A loan from Grzesiak's father helped the co-founders buy books from students during the first semester.

Students have responded positively to DormBooks.com, Matasic said.

In its four semesters operating, the business has sold over 1,500

textbooks and saved students thousands of dollars, the pair said. The pair submitted the DormBooks.com business plan to the McCloskey Notre Dame Business Plan Competition last fall. The competition, an initiative of the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at Mendoza College of Business, awards prize money to entrepreneurial students for outstanding new business plans.

DormBooks.com advanced to the round of six finalists and Matasic and Grzesiak were awarded a \$2,000 third place prize this past weekend

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

Matasic and Grzesiak hope to expand DormBooks.com campus wide next fall, offering the service to students in all majors and eventually other colleges in Indiana.

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words of remembrance at the end of the service. He said Bunikis was "very kind and had a special energy about him" and was "very determined."

Colona said when Bunikis told him he was nervous about being in Thailand for Christmas, Colona "encouraged him to not focus on the homesickness but to find value in his experience there, to pick a moment and make a full sensory memory of it."

In an e-mail to Colona, Bunikis described how he had brought American Christmas traditions to his school in Thailand. He stuffed stockings with candy, decorated with streamers and Christmas lights and taught the kids how to make gingerbread houses. "I did my best to identify what I was feeling in all five senses — it was a good way to remember a happy moment," Bunikis said in the e-mail.

Colona said Bunikis's work in Thailand perfectly described the type of person he was.

"Andrew cared about others," he said. "His happy moment was completely intertwined with bringing joy to the people around him. He set out to make a difference in their lives by sharing his creativity and enthusiasm with others."

Colona also said Bunikis would keep notes posted around his room. While some were simple reminders about tests and sporting events, others were more ambitious like "learn Cantonese" and "learn to play piano."

"Andrew believed that he would accomplish those bigger tasks and he planned to accomplish them, just like he planned to take a test or do his laundry," he said. "I never saw the notes myself, but I hope that one of them said, 'make a difference in the world,' and another one 'Give to those in need,' because Andrew certainly accomplished those things in his life."

Colona concluded by saying that Bunikis' life should serve as an example to others, and has certainly impacted his own. He said he has already made his own note — "Believe like Andrew believed."

"I encourage all of you, whose lives Andrew touched, to make a note for yourself, one that Andrew would have appreciated," he said. "I really think Andrew would enjoy that, and that way, a part of what Andrew's life stood for will continue to be part of your life, and Andrew's spirit, through you, can continue to touch people."

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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.

"Just the fact that he was in New York and didn't skirt the issue said a lot," Bigelow 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 "softer 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 is so charismatic, and I had always seen Benedict as more reserved. I think that ever since he's been pope he's been showing his softer side," she said. "It's cool that America was really able to encounter the compassionate side of the pope." She said this was most evident in his willingness to meet with the victims of the Church's sexual abuse scandal, which was something she had not expected during his weeklong trip.

"This was the first time victims of the sexual abuse scandals had been met by a pope," Bigelow said. "This shed a lot of light on the pope as a leader who genuinely desires reconciliation with this painful past."

The fact that the pope spoke in support of immigrants' rights and sexual abuse victims in America was great because he was able to bring that unifying message to a country that needs a lot of unity, Bigelow said.

Sophomore Colleen Moran also said that she also was surprised that Pope Benedict was willing to meet with sexual abuse victims.

"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 on the European continent, it can seem like the hierarchy of Church is rather distant to the American people, having the pope come to us makes it feel much more like a personal relationship," Moran said.

Moran said she thought the Pope's address to the United Nations General Assembly last Friday was particularly pertinent.

"The pope's address to the UN was an important reminder of Church's stance on the high value of human life, and that normative national sovereignty should not take precedence over the protection of human life and dignity," Moran said.

She said she was also impressed by the pope's efforts to reach out the people of other faiths.

"His visit to a synagogue in New York was important because it showed that the Church is committed to working with other faiths," she said.

The pope's visit to a synagogue in New York was the first time a pope had ever visited a Jewish house of worship in the United States.

Junior Jack Kiley said the theme of the pope's visit, "Christ our Hope," resonated throughout the Benedict's time in the country.

"The main thing that stood out to me aside from the theme of 'Christ our Hope' — the message of hope and renewal for Church in America — was his address to the youth in New York," Kiley said. "It really resonated with me when he said, 'Take courage.'"

Kiley said the pope's message

of hope was crucial for the American Catholic Church.

"There has been a lot of talk about losing vocations, so it was important for Benedict to come with the theme 'Christ Our Hope,' and say that if we put our hope in Christ, Christ will take care of the Church in America," he said.

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 wondered about 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 his 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 could not 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 ent 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."

"The four of us live in four

different cities and three differ-

Martini said even though her team didn't win she is glad she

for the company Mibospi.

"Mibospi is an acronym for 'mind, body, spirit,' and it is a line of exclusive luxury yoga accessories that make women feel individual, feminine and fashion-forward," Martini said. "We had several advisors from the fashion, retail and 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. participated in the competition.

"We were the runner-up so we were a bit disappointed as we hoped to win the competition," Martini said. "However, the experience and feedback was invaluable. The two days on campus were amazing and gave us additional validation that our idea for this business could work. It was such a thrilling experience, and not one we will soon 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 say it deserves, with its neighbors uniting to block a shipment of Chinese arms to prevent them from being used against Robert Mugabe's opponents.

Union, church and human rights leaders across southern Africa rallied against allowing the Chinese freighter An Yue Jiang to dock at ports in any of landlocked Zimbabwe's neighbors, and they were bolstered by behind-thescenes pressure from the United States.

In the end, governments usually unwilling to criticize Mugabe barred the ship at a time when Zimbabwe's government is being accused of cracking down on dissenters.

On Tuesday, church leaders in Zimbabwe said people were being tortured, abducted and murdered in a campaign of retribution against opposition supporters following the March 29 election, and urged international intervention.

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 in one of its former strongholds.

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

Ramadi is the capital of Anbar province, which was once held by insurgents. But it has been relatively peaceful since local Sunni tribal leaders joined forces with the U.S. military against the terror movement.

NATIONAL NEWS

Chicago sees increase in violence

CHICAGO — Nine people were killed in 36 shootings over the weekend in Chicago, reflecting what some community leaders 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 looked out for the little ones. Now they're all locked up," said Nick Stames, a social studies teacher at Crane Tech High School on the city's gang-ridden West Side. "There's no sense of discipline in the projects. Everybody's doing their own thing.'

Now there is growing 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 just four months after Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. 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. A search for his replacement will begin immediately.

Brauchli didn't go into detail about his decision to leave, telling the Journal's staff in an e-mail that with the ownership change to News Corp. complete, "I have come to believe the new owners

Bush continues to support NAFTA

President warns that migratory pressure from Mexico could increase without group

Associated Press

ORLEANS NEW President Bush chastised lawmakers on Tuesday for letting international trade deals falter in Congress and criticized Democratic presidential contenders for wanting to scrap or amend the vast North American free-trade zone.

At the close of a two-day summit, Bush, along with Mexican President Felipe Calderon and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, stood solidly behind the North American Free Trade Agreement. Under NAFTA, trade between the U.S., Canada and Mexico has swelled from roughly \$290 billion in 1994 to an estimated \$1 trillion by the end of this

year. "Now is not the time to renegotiate NAFTA or walk away from NAFTA," Bush said. "Now is the time to make it work better for all our people. And now is the time to reduce trade barriers worldwide."

The summit was overshadowed by Tuesday's Pennsylvania Democratic presidential primary race between Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama, who have threatened to pull the U.S. out of NAFTA or renegotiate it to push for more protections for workers and the environment.

With fears about job security already being fanned by downturns in the economy, trade has become a key issue of the presidential election. Bush argued that NAFTA has fostered prosperity in all three countries and that Clinton and Obama are wrongly using anti-trade messages to lure working class voters. Free-trade opponents say expanded international trade helps businesses, but threatens U.S. jobs and keeps wages from growing.

Bush warned that without NAFTA, migratory pressure from Mexico would be worse

"If you do away with NAFTA, there's going to be a lot of Mexicans, more Mexicans out of work, Bush said. "It will make it

harder on the border. 'So people who say, 'Let's get rid of NAFTA' because of a throwaway political line, must understand this has been good for America and it's also been good for Mexico and Canada."

Bush said he was less worried about the future of NAFTA than the pending trade deals he wants Congress to ratify with South Korea, Panama and Colombia. Bush singled out House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., saying if she doesn't schedule a vote on Colombia she will have to take responsibility for

killing the deal.

during the North American leaders summit in New Orleans Tuesday.

Not only will Pelosi have turned her back on a U.S. ally, Bush said, she will fuel anti-U.S. sentiment in Latin America and embolden leftist leaders like Venezuela's Hugo Chavez.

President Bush, accompanied by Mexican President Felipe Calderon, gestures

"She's going to have to explain why the voices of false populism have been strengthened, why anti-Americanism could flourish," the president said, "when America turns its back on a strong leader' like Colombian President Alvaro Uribe.

In Washington, Pelosi accused Bush of taking a partisan potshot. She said the United States must address its own economic weaknesses before signing any more trade pacts

"Democrats stand ready to work with the president to bring the Colombia Free Trade Agreement to a vote in the House, but the timing has to be that of America's working families, not the timing of the president," she said in response.

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Asked about the state of the U.S. economy, Bush said: "We're not in a recession. We are in a slowdown."

"I'm obviously concerned for our consumers," the president said. He was asked whether the rising cost of gasoline will erode the potential positive impact of the \$168 billion economic stimulus package passed by Congress, but he did not answer

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LOCAL NEWS

Pregnant bank teller shot in robbery

INDIANAPOLIS - A pregnant teller and the twins she is carrying survived after a masked robber vaulted a counter, shot her at close range and grabbed cash from her drawer at a bank near a state police post Tuesday.

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 from the hospital where the woman had surgery.

"Angry is really what I am. This is just brazen," said Ballard, who took office in January after being elected partially on the strength of an anti-crime platform.

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

UN reports Darfur conflict worsening

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The conflict in Darfur is deteriorating, with full deployment of a new peacekeeping force delayed until 2009 and no prospect of 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 aid chief and the representative of the peacekeeping mission said suffering in the Sudanese region is worsening. Tens of thousands more have been uprooted from their homes and food rations to the needy are about to be cut in half, 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 militia 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 AU mission. But only about 9,000 soldiers and police officers of the authorized 26,000 have deployed.

"We are late and we are trying to speed up the deployment of this mission, and we facing many obstacles," said the U.N.-AU force's envoy, Rodolphe Adada. "But eventually, with the help of some donors, we could be in a position to achieve maybe 80 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.

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The pope addressed between 300 and 400 people, adding an intimate quality to the speech, Mooney said.

"This was not a large crowd. We were only about nine rows deep,' she said. "We were all anxiously awaiting and when he came in, it was electrifying.'

For those not in attendance, however, the message resonated through both campuses.

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

'As I heard it, he wasn't saying do X, Y, and Z. it was an admonition to pay attention and continue to do the good work ... But you're never finished. You can always do better to guard the Catholic character and identity in universities," Matinova said.

As president of a Catholic college, Mooney heard Benedict's message as one of hope for the future of Catholic institutions.

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

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

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

Defining Catholic identity

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

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

make it less Catholic than Georgetown or Notre Dame? Numbers, while important to

the composition of the institution, cannot be the sole determinate in its Catholic identity. You can't use numbers to

equate with ideals.'

Rev. Richard McBrien, a theology professor at Notre Dame, said it's the responsibility of the members of a Catholic institution to maintain its Catholic identity.

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

Academic freedom

In light of the performance of 'Vagina Monologues" at the Catholic colleges across the country, including Notre Dame, and the recognition of pro-choice clubs and other actions deemed anti-Catholic at colleges and universities across the country, Pope Benedict articulated his stance on

academic freedom and the place it holds in university life.

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

that if we're Catholic, we have a particular mission and obligation to give students Catholic doctrine as well." While the Pope did not target any specific violations of Catholic doctrine for the sake of academic free-

dom, Cunningham said he worries about the relationship between the Vagina Monologues and Notre Dame

"Not that I was much in favor of the Vagina Monologues ... My biggest objection—it becomes kind of code word to identify Notre Dame. In the big scheme of things, the Vagina Monologues are basically minor league.

During his address, Pope Benedict asserted that Catholic values trump academic freedom, however, academic freedom

should not be ignored.

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"I think that's probably an overly generous way - making a much more subtle point, and the subtle point was this - you cannot make academic freedom an absolute value," Cunningham said. "It always has to be seen in the context of the

pursuit of the truth and the "The point is that a larger truth that particular number of the Catholic faith Catholic faculty and holds. Academic students does not freedom has to be understood in the context not only in institution Catholic." the larger pursuit of truth, but in Catholic institu-**Pope Benedict XVI** tion, the truth as it comes out of

both our encounter of faith and reason ... There are no limits to academic freedom."

McBrien focused not on the competition between Catholic identity and academic freedom, but their similarities.

'There is no inherent opposition between the teachings of the Church and academic freedom. If there is any discrepancy at all, it is between the requirements of academic freedom and particular interpretations of church teach-ings," McBrien said. "In other words, the differences are matters of theology, not faith.'

Implications of the visit

Pope Benedict's visit to the United States had many important implications for the future of Catholicism, McBrien said.

'It was a great success. The Pope showed himself to be a nonthreatening, 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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Cunningham also noted the importance of recognizing and defining a school's Catholic identity

"[Benedict] said that schools ought to be very firm in the identification of schools as Catholic. And I think that, of course, goes without saying. I think for example, what is singular about Notre Dame? It is a Catholic university," Cunningham said. "That gives further encouragement to kind of reflect upon, how we best articulate that idea."

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

"You cannot measure a Catholic university purely by reason of numbers. For example, the demographics of the student body at Notre Dame according to the books is 85 to 87 percent Catholic. Georgetown is 50 percent of a little less. Sophia University in Tokyo is less than 10 percent. Does that Wednesday, April 23, 2008

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Yahoo Inc. first quarter profits rise SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo Inc. delivered first-

quarter results that surpassed analysts' modest expectations, but the performance might not be enough to fortify the Internet pioneer's defense against software maker Microsoft Corp.'s takeover bid.

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

Most of the first-quarter improvement stemmed from a non-cash gain of \$401 million recorded to recognize Yahoo's stake in the parent company of Alibaba.com, a leading e-commerce site in China that went public last year.

If not for the Alibaba windfall, Yahoo would have earned 11 cents per share, comparable to its profit at the same time last year, on an apples-to-apples basis.

The results were 2 cents above the average

Government releases fuel plan

Gas prices and global warming call for environmentally-efficient vehicles

Associated Press

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

BUSINESS

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 energy 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 by reducing carbon dioxide emissions from tailpipes, cutting fuel consumption and making 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 2015. 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 will 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, passenger cars built in 2015 by General Motors will need to average 34.7 mpg, Ford's cars 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 reach 27.4 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 521 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 \$979

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 fuelefficiency requirements by 2015 and push them to build more gas-electric hybrid cars and diesel-powered trucks and SUVs.

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standard and automakers are prepared to meet that challenge," said Dave McCurdy, president of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, which represents General Motors Corp., Toyota Motor Corp., Ford Motor Co. and others.

In keeping with the new law, however, automakers will continue to receive a 1.2 mpg credit for producing flexible fuel vehicles which run on ethanol blends, but the credit will begin phasing out in 2014. Environmental groups have called it a loophole, noting that few vehicles actually use E85 ethanol.



Transportation Secretary Mary Peters speaks at the Transportation Department's Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center in McLean, Va. Tuesday.

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earnings estimate on the same basis among analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial. Revenue climbed 9 percent to \$1.82 billion.

Whirlpool suspends 39 workers

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

A Whirlpool Corp. factory in Evansville, Ind., suspended 39 workers who had signed paperwork claiming they don't use tobacco after they were seen smoking or chewing tobacco on company property. Now, some could be fired for lying, company spokeswoman Debby Castrale said.

Rising health care costs are turning employers across the country into nannies. Annual health care premiums are rising more than 10 percent a year, and many companies are fighting this by trying to encourage healthy living, said Indianapolis benefits lawyer Mike Paton.

I can't think of a client of ours who has not shifted their focus to controlling the cost of their health care plan," he said.

Many employers have developed wellness programs to motivate employees. Others ask employees to state on benefits forms whether they use tobacco, Paton said.

World Food Program foresees problems

Associated Press

ENGLAND

LONDON - Ration cards. Genetically modified crops. The end of pile-it-high, sell-it-cheap supermarkets.

These possible solutions to the first global food crisis since World War II. which the World Food Program says already threatens 20 million of the poorest children, are complex and controversial. And they may not even solve the problem as demand continues to soar.

A "silent tsunami" of hunger is sweeping the world's most desperate nations, said Josette Sheeran, the WFP's executive director, speaking Tuesday at a London summit on the crisis.

The skyrocketing cost of food staples, stoked by rising fuel prices, unpredictable weather and demand from India and China, has already sparked

sometimes violent protests across the Caribbean. Africa and Asia.

The price of rice has more than doubled in the last five weeks, she said. The World Bank estimates food prices have risen by 83 percent in three years.

"What we are seeing now is affecting more people on every continent, Sheeran told a news conference.

Hosting talks with Sheeran, lawmakers and experts, British Prime Gordon Brown said the spiraling prices threaten to plunge millions back into poverty and reverse progress on alleviating misery in the developing world.

'Tackling hunger is a moral challenge to each of us and it is also a threat to the political and economic stability of nations," Brown said.

Malaysia's embattled prime minister is already under pressure over the price increases and has launched a

major rice-growing project. Indonesia's government needed to revise its annual budget to respond.

Unrest over the food crisis has led to deaths in Cameroon and Haiti, cost Haitian Prime Minister Jacques Edouard Alexis his job, and caused hungry textile workers to clash with police in Bangladesh.

Former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said more protests in other developing nations appear likely. "We are going through a very serious crisis and we are going to see lots of food strikes and demonstrations," Annan told reporters in Geneva.

At streetside restaurants in Lome, Togo, even the traditional balls of corn meal or corn dough served with vegetable soup are shrinking. Once as big as a boxer's fist, the dumplings are now the size of a tennis ball, but cost twice as much.

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The Pope on Catholic school identity

Pope Benedict XVI's address to Catholic educators requires extensive analysis. We can mention here only a few of the aspects pertinent to Notre Dame.

The Pope rejected a merely statistical concept of Catholic identity: "A university or

of Charles Rice

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school's Catholic identity is not simply a question of the number of Catholic students ... Catholic identity is not dependent upon statistics. Neither can it be equated simply with ortho-doxy of course content." Some at Notre Dame will spin those statements to minimize concern about the sinking of the number of Catholic faculty below the fifty percent mark or about the haphazard exposure, if any, of Notre Dame students to orthodox course content. For Benedict, however, the irrelevancy of mere statistics evidently means that it is not enough to count the faculty who, for whatever reason, check the "Catholic" box. "Catholic identity," he said, "demands and inspires much more: namely that each and every aspect of your learning communities reverberates within the ecclesial life of the faith. Only in faith can truth become incarnate and reason truly human, capable of directing the will along the path of freedom (cf. Spe Salvi, 23). In this way our institutions make a vital contribution to the mission of the Church and truly serve society.'

This obviously means that a Catholic university cannot isolate itself from the "ecclesial life" of the Church: "A particular responsibility therefore for each of you, and your colleagues, is to evoke among the young the desire for the act of faith, encouraging them to commit themselves to the ecclesial life that follows from this belief. It is here that freedom reaches the certainty of truth. In choosing to live by that truth, we embrace the fullness of the life of faith which is given to us in the Church."

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

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

That claim of autonomy from external authority is phony. Notre Dame, like all universities, willingly submits to dozens of governmental and nongovernmental 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 somehow autonomous or independent of it."

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

A final quote from Benedict causes regret that no one asked him about the Vagina Monologues: "Teachers and administrators, whether in universities or schools," said Benedict, " have the duty and privilege to ensure that students receive instruction in Catholic doctrine and practice. This requires that public witness to the way of Christ, as found in the Gospel and upheld by the Church's Magisterium, 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 academic 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 have the integrity not to call themselves Catholic.

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"The fact that man knows right from wrong proves his intellectual superiority to the other creatures; but the fact that he can do wrong proves his moral inferiority to any creature that cannot."

> Mark Twain American Author

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China reaping what it has sown

In response to the commentary titled Olympics Symbolize Peace (Apr. 18) I felt compelled to point out some glaring omissions and hypocrisy. 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 then celebrations of athletic excellence, we both agree.

However, it is clear that the authors have no understanding of why China's hosting of Olympic Games generates the 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 apolitical. Yue and Lili complain about "some media coverage being seriously distorted." This seems incredible to complain about given the wide-scale censorship that the Chinese government practices. Since the Chinese government strictly controls foreign media access to Tibet, practices wide-scale internet censorship at home, and regularly imprisons those who attempt to speak out it seems odd for one to complain about alleged "media bias."

Another problem was the authors' statement that "the Olympics are not about politics." While in an ideal world this would be true, but reality paints a completely different picture. Berlin before WWII, the killing of Israeli athletes at Munich, and the boycotts for the Los Angeles and Moscow games clearly shows that politics are deeply engrained with the Olympics. To think because China is hosting the games that politics should be dismissed is naïve. It's ironic that the authors on one hand call for the games to become apolitical, but then make the argument that abandoning calls for a boycott will lead to China to open politically strikes me as extremely hypocritical.

In closing I agree with the authors' sentiments that the Olympics should symbolize peace. However, when the government that hosts the games is complicit in widescale 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 respect for human rights, but then I realize that is not such a good idea as many of the students in Tiananmen Square found out. So in the end the Chinese government has reaped what they have sown to the detriment of its own citizens and the international community.

> Robert Brathwaite graduate student off campus April 22

You know what really grinds my gears?

After almost four years of observation, wonder and silent judgment, and in thanks to the many contributions of close friends (either by idea or example), I present to you a Peter Griffin-inspired rendition of ... "You Know What Really Grinds My Gears?" ... when people have an unnecessary sense of entitlement ... when people make out on the track in Rolfs (at 11 a.m. ... that's right, you just got called out) ...when people unnecessarily abbrev ... the Hammes Bookstore ... when girls carry those ridiculously huge and won-derfully impractical bags into the dining hall while getting their food (seriously? get the hell out of my way!) ... obliviousness and inconsideration ... when people cut the line at Fever (party foul) ... professors who unnecessarily bring their politics into the classroom ... people who chew with their mouth open ... reality shows that portray how pathetic people are (Flavor of Love, Rock of Love, the Gauntlet, Pick-Up Artist, the Hills, etc.) ... when people pretend not to remember talking to you at the bar the night before ... when the Observer prints the same crossword two days in a row ... when professors (or administrators, for that matter) make attendance a requirement (if I can learn just as much by not coming to class, upon whom is that a reflection?) ... the bureaucracy of SAU. PigTostal ... that little undercover Indiana State Excise policeman with the backpack and backwards hat ... Hillary Clinton ... people who call for the prohibition of alcohol at Notre Dame ... when people care more about their taxes than they do about justice, humanity and responsibility ... arrogance ... fake baking (yet, I strangely appreciate the effort involved in presenting a perfectly tanned and groomed body for the purpose of donning a Borat thong) ... girls who misrepresent themselves to get a guy to like them ... when people care more about the Vagina Monologues and the morality of alcohol consumption than they do about China, Tibet, Sudan, the Iraq War, the next Potus, the failing health care "system," people denying the Holocaust, the environment, etc ... drivers who don't use their turn signals when turning ... when guys grunt/hiss/generally make noise when they're working out (seriously? We know you're lifting bud, keep it together) ... waiting lists ... straight-brimmed hats ... the word "Pink" on clothing (for that matter, guys who wear pink as well) ... every application that you can think of for the idea "someone else will take care of it" (e.g. the dishes) ... when people initiate a conversation with you and then proceed to talk endlessly about themselves ... and lastly, when we forget the experience of things that have fallen by the wayside or don't get to experience them at all (Rally in the Alley, Budweiser sponsoring Antostal, Boat Club, Corby's actually being on Corby's, St. Patrick's Day at College Park, Dis-O as it used to be, SYR's in dorms, the flowerbed entrance to ND, Fever being cheap, a National Championship in football, funny team names for Bookstore, actually finding a parking spot on campus)... And that, ahem, is what really grinds my gears.

Don't criticize me or I just might cry

I love Notre Dame. I love walking around campus and being able to reflect what is going on in the world. Sometimes it makes me cry. So it is with lots of thoughts and experiences in class that I sit here and try to tell everyone what I think is a going on.

There is a major problem with the student body here. It is the problem of ignorance mixed with close-mindedness. A person who is ignorant does not need to remain so. It is the problem of those who refuse to recognize that there is the possibility of different views in the world. That people have multiple explanations for what is going on in the world.

You don't need to change your views, but be open to the possibility that there are different views. I urge the student body to do research on both sides of all issues that you believe in. On both sides of issues that are most close to your heart. I want to believe in the goodness of people. I believe that people love.

It is hurtful to be told in class that I am a hypocrite. Yet, it is important to take someone calling you a hypocrite to look at why they would say that to you and others in your class. The problem for some people who will go and say you are being hypocritical is that they take bits and pieces of what you say and ignore the rest. This is why I want to tell the student body to look at the whole picture. Look at what you can do for the world. It is our responsibility to go out and do something.

There was recently a film series and conference on genocide. From this I could not help but feel pain for what is going on. Speaking with my roommates, I realize we are on the path to do something for the world. We all have that opportunity, especially here at Notre Dame. We must take those opportunities and take them. Do the research and love life, all of life. Be open to what is out there in the world. Stop being ignorant and stop the close-mindedness present when you ignore what you hear in classes. And most importantly remember that you are loved, no matter what.

> Christina Shakour junior Welsh Family Hall April 22

Olympic boycott only hurts athletes

In agreement with the April 18 column by Yue Li and Lili Ji 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 is it correct to 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 bettering body, mind and soul in aims of participating in this timeless, incredible and (supposedly) uniting experience. Then what hap pens? Just because the Olympic Games happen to find place in a country whose historical and recent conduct we reject, we throw a fit, forgetting that, although it is true that this event serves as a great opportunity for China to illustrate her character, the vast majority of the Olympics has nothing at all to do with the Chinese. The eventual outcome - and it's only getting worse — is that the

separation between a government's foreign policy and its common citizens is horribly perverted. We have wheelchair-bound Chinese paralympian Jin Jing being mauled as she's wheeled down an avenue in Paris and, while we're on the subject, world leaders such as French President Nicolas Sarkozy boycotting the opening ceremonies. Is this for real?

Of course, boycotting the Olympics is nothing new, as countries have previously refrained from attending when quite convenient, namely in 1965 and 1980. But again, who is losing by our boycotting? Presumably, nation A boycotts nation B to pain nation B such that nation B will now stop doing whatever it is that nation A condemns. Unfortunately the pain is — in some cases literally — on the athletes more than anyone.

Tim Loftus senior off campus April 16 Ben Hechler junior Alumni Hall April 18



THE OBSERVER **CENE**

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dventures in London:

The Musical

I'll admit it — I've always wanted to be a cultural sophisticate. You know, to be that kid — the one who goes to the opera and likes it, or finds meaning in the puzzles of modern art. And to some extent, I'd like to think that I am.

Analise Lipari

Scene and Heard

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,

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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 artslover, 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

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 Hobbit left behind" kind of night.

Of course, there were points — more often than not - when I had to avert my eyes out of pain.

Galadriel initially sings a Celtic-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

never fall out."



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recount his time since

fashion week.

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By KELLY O'SULLIVAN Scene Writer

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 a_1

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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MLB

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

Associated Press

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

"I'm going to take it back," Cedeno said. "I go too fast."

Cedeno swung as if he wants to help the Cubs get there, hitting a grand slam and driving in five runs in surging Chicago's 8-1 win over the New York Mets on Tuesday for its 13th victory in 16 games.

Ted Lilly won for the first time in five starts, helping the Cubs to their best start over 20 games since the days of Don Kessinger and Rick Reuschel.

The Cubs, who a season ago started 7-13, had 14 hits and improved to 14-6, their best record at this point since 1975.

Cedeno, who almost was cut at the end of spring training, has started the past two games with Ryan Theriot, the usual shortstop, out because of back pain.

Cedeno drove in Chicago's first run in a three-run fourth, then hit his first career grand slam in the eighth against Jorge Sosa for a 7-1 lead. Cedeno, who has 10 RBIs in his past four games, also had a key hit in Monday night's win, which led to the giddy talk of a World Series, some-

thing the Cubs have not won in 100 years.

"As long as he doesn't talk 'World Series,' I'm happy," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said.

The left-handed Lilly (1-3) retired his first 10 batters and lowered his ERA from 9.16 to 7.30 after allowing a run, four hits and four walks over six innings. He struck out four and combined with three relievers on a five-hitter.

"You hear guys talking, whether they went 0-for-4 or whatever the case was, they're talking about us winning games," said Lilly, who 15 games a season ago. "That made it a little bit easier for me to swallow given the fact that I was going out there and not giving us quality outings. We were winning games that I wasn't pitching. That made my load a little bit easier to bear."

New York was outscored 15-2 in the two-game series and has lost three in a row following a five-game winning streak.

Slugger David Wright said everyone on the team is accountable.

"Offensively now we're just not clicking," Wright said. "A few of our regulars weren't in there today, but we just can't get anything going offensively right now. We need the guys at the top of the order to get on base and we need the guys in the middle of the order to drive them in. It's not one guy or another."

over the New York Mets.

Manager Willie Randolph bemoaned the lack of bats and the Mets decision-making on defense.

"There were some lack-offocus kind of plays. You can't make mistakes like that," Randolph said. "Our bullpen is struggling a little bit right now and in this series, if you give them extra outs like that, it makes it very difficult. The Cubs are playing well and have swung the bats well all series. But when you give them opportunities like that, you end up paying for it to say the least."

Brewers 9, Cardinals 8

Gabe Gross stole second and sped home with the gamewinning run. He might as well keep running to Tampa Bay.

Gross scored on Gabe Kapler's single with one out in the 12th inning in the Brewers' victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday. After the game, the team announced Gross had been traded to the Rays in a deal for minor league pitcher Josh Butler.

"Some day," Gross said as

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."

It was a fitting end to a downright wacky game that included another oddity: Slugger Albert Pujols playing second base for the first time in his big league career. He had lobbied Cardinals manager Tony La Russa to play shortstop after Cesar Izturis was forced to leave the game.

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

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

Milwaukee gave up four runs in the seventh off three different relievers. It still led 8-7 when Eric Gagne made his fifth appearance in six days in the ninth.

He immediately got into trouble, hitting Izturis with a pitch on the right forearm and allowing a single to Skip

Schumaker that put runners on the corners with no outs.

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

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

"I just had a bad throw," Weeks said.

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

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

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

So, in the bottom of the ninth, the Cardinals sent Aaron Miles to short, Pujols to second from first, catcher Jason LaRue to first and Yadier Molina, the final position player on the bench, came in to catch. St. Louis carries 13 pitchers.







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ESPN.com/USA Today Softball Top 25

rank	team	points	previous
1	Arizona State	495	1
2	Florida	470	3
3	Alabama	466	2
4	UCLA	441	4
5	Michigan	425	5
6	Texas A&M	400	6
7	Stanford	365	8
8	Arizona	336	7
9	Oklahoma	331	11
10	Tennessee	303	9
11	Fresno State	299	12
12	Northwestern	291	13
13	Houston	284	10
14	North Carolina	221	17
15	Long Beach State	216	14
16	LSU	181	16
17	UL Lafayette	180	18
18	Virginia Tech	157	19
19	Hawaii	119	15
20	San Diego State	110	22
21	Washington	91	20
22	California	83	21
23	Mississippi State	54	24
24	Massachusetts	47	NR
25	Nevada	35	NR

ESPN.com/USA Today **Baseball Top 25**

rank	team	points	previous
1	Miami (FL)	772	1
2	Florida State	725	2
3	North Carolina	715	4
. 4	Arizona State	653	3
5	Rice	629	.7
6	Texas A&M	557	8
7	Wichita State	515	6
8.	Nebraska	514	440 C
g	South Carolina	503	10
10	Missouri	448	- 11
11	UC Irvine	419	5
12	Georgia	409	13
13	Vanderbilt	346	14
14	Oklahoma State	345	18
15	California	330	12
16	Stanford	323	16
17	San Diego	294	21
18	Coastal Carolina	272	20
19	CS Fullerton	208	22
20	Virginia	173	19
21	Kentucky	154	23
22	Ole Miss	125	17
23	Michigan	116	NR
24	Arizona	109	NR
25	Long Beach State	83	25

MIAA Women's Softball Conference Standings

team	conference	overall					
Tri-State	10-2	26-4					
Alma	9-2	19-9					
SAINT MARY'S	9-3	20-7					
Hope	9-5	23-10					
Adrian	6-6	18-16					
Olivet	6-9	11-20					
Calvin	5-9	11-20					
Albion	4-12	13-16					
Kalamazoo	1-11	3-21					

NFL



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

Dolphins reach agreement with Long

Associated Press

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

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

The deal allows the Dolphins and Long to avoid a possible holdout.

IN BRIEF

"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 high-

est-paid lineman in the NFL and a 6-foot-7, 315pound 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 no 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.

around the dial

NBA PLAYOFFS Atlanta vs. Boston 8 p.m., TNT

Houston vs. Utah 10:30 p.m., TNT

MLB BASEBALL New York vs. Chicago 8 p.m., ESPN

Kevin Garnett named NBA defensive player of the year

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

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

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

Brendan Haywood escapes suspension for flagrant foul

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

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

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

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

WADA drops appeal of U.S. arbitration against Jenkins

LONDON — American sprinter LaTasha Jenkins can compete again after the World Anti-Doping Agency dropped its appeal of a U.S. arbitration ruling that cleared her of a positive drug test.

The decision makes it official that Jenkins is the first athlete to beat the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency on a drug charge. The two-time world medalist tested positive for the steroid nandrolone at a meet in Brussels. Belgium, in July 2006.

A three-person U.S. arbitration panel had ruled against the USADA in December. It said results of her test were compromised because both European labs testing her sample violated international standards that require the tests be run by two different technicians.

At the time of the ruling, USADA had been 36-0 against American athletes in front of arbitration panels.

MLB Clemens was not at

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.

house party

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

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

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

"Roger was probably one of his closest buddies, has been to Jose's house before," the said. "Jose's attorney 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 shunned by players and by Major League Baseball," Emerson said. "Now they've

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Seahawks release former MVP

Associated Press

NFL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'My family will remain in the Seattle area, and when my days in the NFL do even-

Louis Rams on October 21, 2007.

tually come to an end, I plan to retire here. Our hearts are woven into the fabric of this community, we are blessed to be part of it, and we enjoy contributing to it in every way we can. Thank you, Seattle.'

The Seahawks were waiting for Alexander's broken left wrist to heal before releasing him. He played the final 15 games of the regular season plus January's playoffs wearing a cast on that. Tuesday morning doctors declared the 19th overall draft choice in 2000 fully healthy to participate in minicamps this spring.

Seattle's Shaun Alexander runs in a game against the St.



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found that there is a substantial amount of credibility.

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

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

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



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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 Irish at the Traditions Golf Club in Hebron, Ky.

The Marquette Eagles took the title, shooting a 10-over par to beat out Louisville who finished up with a 12-over par for the tournament. 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 allconference 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 1980. 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 stoke 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.

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

Behind the Irish (899), No. 28 Louisville (908) and Cincinnati (908) 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 thirdround, even-par 72 to stake 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 Brophy and Park's 1-2 finish, junior captain Lisa Maunu and sophomore Kristin Wetzel carded twin 11over par 227s to finish tied for fourth. Maunu 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 programrecord; 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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NBA PLAYOFFS

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 skipped out to the perimeter, joining Jason Kidd as they attempted to trap Chris Paul.

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

As brilliant as Paul was in his playoff debut 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 1993.

"Sitting there watching Chris really develop into the best point guard in this league, it's amazing to watch how he's really risen his game to another level," Hornets coach Byron Scott said. "But that's what great players do. He's definitely one of the best on this league right now."

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

Tyson Chandler had his second double-double of the series with 10 points and 11 rebounds, despite playing with foul trouble. Morris Peterson added 12 points and reserve guard Jannero Pargo had 10 for New Orleans, which was 10-of-18 on 3pointers, with Stojakovic hitting 5-of-7.

"They were going to try some gimmick stuff" against Paul, West said. "It was key that we had the confidence with the ball out of his hands 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 been playing with enormous confidence since the Hornets stormed back from a 12-point hole to win the series opener.

"We'll 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 19 points. Reserve Jason Terry added 16 points and Josh Howard scored 10.

"We just got outplayed and outfought. They outworked us 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 pride in this locker room. When you take a butt kicking like 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 35point, 10-assist performance in Game 1, Johnson said the Mavs 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



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.

easily split or dribbled around double-teams, scoring six points and assisting on eight baskets in the first quarter.

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

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

Dallas got its deficit briefly back to single digits behind 16 first-half points from Nowitzki and 10 from Howard.

But the Mays hurt themselves with seven turnovers in the second period, which the Hornets converted into 10 points, often in transition, as they widened their lead to 67-51 by halftime. Whatever adjustments the Mavs made at the break, their plight only got worse. Paul scored six quick points on two free throws, a driving layup and a running floater, then Stojakovic hit two jumpers, the second for his fourth 3 of the game, giving New Orleans an 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 backing in on Bass. Bass, a force inside during this game, responded with nine points during the remainder of the period, making it 99-79 heading into the final period.

runner in the lane, an offbalance floater off the glass and a pull-up jumper, putting the Hornets in the clear.

When asked if there was a way for Dallas to stop him, Paul replied, "I'm sure there is, but to me, I hope not."

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

Orlando 104, Toronto 103

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

Chris Bosh had 29 points and 10 rebounds for Toronto, but missed a 19-footer with 1.9 seconds left that could ately got the ball back after Orlando's Keyon Dooling was called for an offensive foul on the inbounds pass.

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

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 in the third quarter jawing with Delfino after the making a layup, plus the foul on the guard in the third quarter.

The Raptors took their first lead of the series in the third quarter, using a 7-0 run to go ahead 64-59. Orlando was 0-



Magic center Dwight Howard dunks over Toronto forward Chris Bosh during Orlando's 104-103 on Tuesday.

Early in the fourth, Paul scored six quick points on a

have won the game. Jason Kapono scored 20 points, 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 Delfino.

But Turkoglu drove the lane for an acrobatic layup to put Orlando back on top, 102-101, then sank two free throws to push the lead to three points. Delfino made another layup to make it 104-103 with 9.6 seconds left, and the Raptors immedifor-5 to start the quarter, but regained an 81-71 lead after Nelson's two 3-pointers and Howard's bucket that preceded his technical.

For the second straight game, Toronto got buried in a double-digit deficit in the opening minutes, this time from inside. Orlando was only 1-of-5 on 3-pointers in the period after a 9-of-11 performance in Game 1, but opened a 26-8 lead on Nelson's slash to the bucket 8:04 into the game.

The Magic had five dunks in the first six minutes _ including three in a row on fast breaks off a steal (two by Turkoglu and one from Lewis).

The Raptors, who tied a franchise playoff low with eight turnovers in Game 1, had that many in the first 13 minutes.

SMC SOFTBALL 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



Freshman outfielder Emily Treat swings at an oncoming pitch in an 11-8 win against Alma April 5.

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

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plays Kalamazoo.

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

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in a sense. He gave some great speeches."

34 years later, Dantley finds himself on the Nuggets sideline. But, as an assistant coach, he sees his role as less of a motivator and more of a teacher of fundamentals. He also tries to encourage his players to be self-motivated. "Sometimes you get excited, but pros are different than college," he said. "I wasn't [an emotional] kind of player anyway. I played the same every game."

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

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

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

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Cougars

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

"Brett Lilley had a great day, he got hit by a pitch, made a diving catch in a clutch situation, and had a homer," said Schrage.

Mills then hammered a pitch to the wall in center field, speeding around the bases for a triple. A Pollock sac fly plated Mills for the third run of the inning, extending to lead to 4-0.

The Cougars answered back in the top of sixth, finally touching up Dupra for four hits and two runs in the inning to cut the Irish lead to 4-2.

Notre Dame broke the game open in the bottom of the inning

with seven runs, chasing Goya from the game. Lilley singled home two runners for his third and fourth RBI on the day, and senior left fielder Ross Brezovsky extended his hitting streak to 17 games with a single.

With the lead already extended to 8-2, junior first baseman Evan Sharpley hit his team-leading ninth home run of the year with two aboard. Sharpley crushed the first pitch he saw from Cougars junior reliever Patrick Hernandez far over the 380 foot sign in right centerfield to give the Irish a nine run lead.

Sophomore outfielder Braden Ashdown added a run to the Notre Dame lead with a solo shot over the left field fence, the first homer of his career.

Dupra struck out five and scattered seven hits in his seven innings of work, picking up his second win of the season. Sophomore reliever Evan Danieli finished off the Cougars, striking out four and holding Chicago State scoreless over the final two innings.

Schrage said he was very impressed with the performances he received from his young pitchers in the game.

"Brian was able to throw three pitches for strikes, he's really becoming a pitcher," Schrage said of the freshman. "I was really pleased with how Evan Danieli threw the ball the last two innings, he threw with some good velocity and I was very impressed."

The Irish will face another nonconference opponent today, traveling to Fort Wayne to play IPFW at 7:30 p.m.

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Purdue

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ending double play on the lineout of Purdue junior infielder Katie Mitchell and a tag-out to end the inning.

The bats stayed silent for the Irish all game, with the only hits coming from senior leftfielder Sarah Smith, senior second baseman Katie Laing, junior designated hitter Beth Northway, and freshman catcher Erin Marrone.

"The mental approach of our hitters wasn't that great for the offspeed pitches we were facing," Lemire said. "We were trying to hit the pitcher's strength instead of waiting for good pitches."

Things fell apart for the Irish in seventh, when the the Boilermakers were able to string some offense together. Purdue sophomore catcher Jenna Alexander walked to open up the inning and was advanced to second base on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore outfielder Ashley Barr. A single from junior outfielder Christina Trauger into center field scored pinch-runner sophomore second baseman Amy Butcher from second to end the game.

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

Notre Dame 3, Purdue 1

"It feels great to get a win," Lemire said.

The second game against the Boilermakers started off with some much needed offense, when junior third baseman Linda Kohan came through once again for the Irish when they needed it most with an RBI in the first inning, scoring Fleury who had singled and stolen second base.

"We have relied on Kohan to come up in the clutch for us all year," Lemire said. "And she came through for us again today."

The Irish added to the lead in the top of the third when Smith put herself into scoring position by singling and stealing second base. Then Laing came to the plate and was able to get an RBI single to plate Smith.

Freshman Jody Valdivia (8-6) earned the start for the Irish, and responded to the impressive performance of Bargar with a strong outing of her own. Valdivia went 4.2 innings with four hits, an earned run, two walks, and four strikeouts.

"Valdivia had a great game and

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

The Boilermakers brought the score back to within one with a solo homerun from junior shortstop Candace Curtis in the third inning. That would be their only run of the game, however, as Bargar came on in relief in the fifth.

Adding an insurance run in the seventh inning was an RBI single from Fleury that brought junior pinch-hitter Stephanie Mola home. That score would hold up, giving the Irish the split.

Lemire would like to see the team pick up the intensity as the team nears the Big East and NCAA tournaments.

"Our biggest challenge is to play with the mentality that it is tournament time," Lemire said. "We need to settle into our own and pick up the intensity."

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 to the team's offense."

Senior goaltender Joey Kemp recorded nine saves with only two goals in fifty minutes of play to aid Notre Dame's defense.

"Defensively we played great," Corrigan said. "We held them to two goals until later in the game, which put us in a great position to win."

The Irish didn't hesitate to ignite their offensive attack. Sophomore midfielder Kelly McKenna scored at the 11:46 mark in the first period to begin a 7-0 run. Junior midfielder Dan Gibson, sophomore midfielder Grant Krebs, Wharton, and Hicks went on to notch four goals within two and a half minutes, and the Irish ended the period with a commanding 5-0 lead over the Falcons.

The Irish improved their lead to seven at the start of the second period when Hoff and Wharton scored. Air Force finally got on the board with 5:27 remaining in the period, scoring back-to-back goals to cut the deficit to five. The Irish retaliated when senior midfielder Michael Podgajny and freshman midfielder Zach Brenneman scored, allowing the Irish to enter halftime with a 9-2 lead over the Falcons.

The Irish carried their successful offensive tactics into the third period outscoring the Falcons 2-0 with goals from Hoff and Hicks.

Junior midfielder Peter Christman and freshman midfielder Billy Maloney tallied the final two Irish goals of the game in the fourth period. The Falcons scored the final three goals of the game designating resulting in the day's final score of 13-5.

The Irish continue their season Saturday, hosting conference opponent Ohio State.

"Right now Ohio State is playing as confidently as anybody in the country," Corrigan said. "They are very athletic and play very aggressively at both ends of the field. It's going to be a great game we're very excited."

The match will end the conference season for the Irish and will begin at 12 p.m. at Moose Krause Stadium.

"If we win the next three games, not only are we going into the tournament but having played very well at the end of the year when it counts, but we're also putting ourselves in a great position," Corrigan said. "But right now all we need to do is beat Ohio State, and that's all we're focusing on."

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Francis Capra, 25; Eric Mabius, 37; Ryan Stiles, 49; Jack Nicholson, 72

One might say that the movie stars turned

the demolition derby into a - "SMASH" HIT

Happy Birthday: Home, family and your own well-being should take top prior-ity this year. If change is necessary, make it happen instead of thinking about it. Don't give in to pressure to contribute to something that isn't going to make a dif-ference to your life or environment. You be the judge. Your numbers are 9, 21, 25, 30, 44, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be thinking too big and trying to do too much and that will be your downfall today. You have to keep your emotions down and your common sense up in order to finish well whatever you are doing. 3

stars TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Nothing can stop you once you've made up your mind. Take action at home and you will spark others to take part in your plans. Feeling good about your lifestyle and surroundings will make a difference to your morale. 3 stars GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone will try to take advantage of you. You

may be tempted to take an impromptu trip or to delve into something totally dif-ferent. Don't let too much change scatter you. Focus will get you ahead today. 3

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Social events, networking or taking on a new hobby should all be at the top of your list but don't do any of the above because someone else wants you to. Do things for your benefit and knowledge. S stars LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): There is someone you shouldn't trust just waiting to put you in an awkward position. Let others go first for a change. You are far better off knowing what you are dealing with rather than having to do damage control later on. 2 stars VURGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Home, family and loved ones should all take prior.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Home, family and loved ones should all take prior-ity over helping someone you aren't close to get ahead. Pull everyone you care about together for a worthwhile activity. Plan an entertaining time that will help build a close bond. 4 stars

build a close bond. 4 stars LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Temptation is likely to get to you. At least be smart and put your money in a safe place. The less you have to be frivolous with or to give away, the better. Don't let someone you love or are trying hard to impress bamboozle you. 4 stars SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Listen to what everyone else says before you been user a given a same and a star a same and a star a star a star a star bar user a given a stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Listen to what everyone else says before you share your opinions. Someone in a senior position or who can alter your life negatively will do so if you leave the wrong impression. Prepare to rework some-thing that raises complaints. 3 stars SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't get so emotional you miss the point or you don't get things done. Put whatever is not working off to the side and move ahead with the plans that will bring positive results. Someone may question your true feelings. 3 stars CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll want to do everything for everyone and in a lavish way that will leave a long-lasting impression. Go the distance and do whatever is needed to win popularity and favors. 4 stars AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't look for excuses or someone will stand up to you and question your lack of responsibility. You have to deal with issues in-stead of running from them. It may not be easy but, once you follow through, you will feel much better about your future. 2 stars PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take an idea you have and develop it. You will soon have something tangible to work with and people interested in what you are doing. There is money to be made if you invest in your own ideas, plans and future. 5 stars

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SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

30 years after ND, Dantley finds success in coaching ranks

Medal game over Yugoslavia.

He went on to a 15-year career

in the NBA and played for

Brey said he thought the Hall

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bers most about Dantley was

the forward's ability to draw

fouls and convert at the free

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seven different teams.

By CHRIS KHOREY Senior 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 was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on April 7.

"It's really powerful for our basketball program and for

Notre Dame," Irish coach Mike Brey said of Dantley's introduction.

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 throw line.

"He was one of the best ever to draw fouls," Phelps said. "He had a natural instinct to draw fouls."

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

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

Dantley said his best memory at Notre Dame came in 1974, when the Irish upset UCLA 71-70, ending the Bruins' 88-game winning streak. "I remember when we won the game how excited the student body was," Dantley said. "UCLA was definitely the best

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

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

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

BASEBALL

Declawing the Cougars

By MICHAEL BRYAN Sports Writer

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 homeruns.

Chicago State entered the away game with a woeful 4-32 record, but the Cougars hung with the Big East leading Notre Dame 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 third base after advancing to second 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 Chicago State pitcher with three extrabase hits. Freshman catcher Cameron McConnell doubled to lead off the inning, and Lilley then blasted the first pitch from Goya over the right field fence for his second homer of the year.

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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.

SOFTBALL

Men's Lacrosse

Laxers make it three straight

By ELLYN 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).

The Irish squad was led offensively by senior attack Alex Wharton, sophomore attack Neal Hicks and junior attack Ryan Hoff, each tallying two goals apiece. Ten different Irish players recorded goals during the match up, and Irish coach Kevin Corrigan attributes some of his team's success to its offensive diversity.

"We've had different people scoring each game and that's really encouraging," he said.





Senior attack Alex Wharton prepares to shoot in a 14-6 win over Denver April 15, 2007.

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 game, 3-1.

Purdue 1, Notre Dame 0

Junior starting pitcher Brittney Bargar (22-10) put in a strong performance for the Irish (30-16, 9-5 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 a 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 freshman shortstop Katie Fleury in the sixth allowed Boilermaker runners to take position on second and third with only one out. Bargar responded by earning an inning

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