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Frappier was appointed to the position of assistant coach of the national team in 1981. In 1983, he was named head coach of the team. In his first year as head coach, Frappier led his team to the Elite Eight. In 1989, his team finished second in the national championship. Frappier left the program to become an assistant coach at the University of Miami, where he helped lead the Hurricanes to a national championship in 1991.

Frappier spent 12 years as the head coach at the University of Maine, where he compiled a 300-70 record. He was also named the NCAA Coach of the Year in 1987 and 1991.

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Ignatian Spirit Award honors Trustee, Costco co-founder

Longtime Trustee Gerri Graves and her husband Bob, both founders of Costco, were presented the 2016 Ignatian Spirit Award by President Thayne McCulloch at the April 14 Ignatian Gala.

This award provides recognition of individuals who exemplify the call of Ignatian Spirit to serve the common good, to live with integrity, and to engage wholeheartedly in service of others.

The Cravenses certainly do that. They founded the College Success Foundation, a leader in improving college access to thousands of underrepresented students throughout Washington State and in Washington, D.C. Founded in 2000, the Foundation has awarded more than $50,000,000 in scholarships to students.

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I've been suspicious of people who say a book “changed their life.” Really? Can “Chicken Soup for the Soul” be that powerful? Then I read “The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything” by Father James Martin, S.J., this year’s undergraduate commencement speaker and got it. This man has a gift of translating complex theological concepts into everyday English. He gets it. He lives it. And he’s funny.

I first read “The Jesuit Guide when I was 18, discerning whether or not to become a Jesuit myself. A young man trying to figure out how to do his life’s work all the help he can get, and a vocation director recommended the book. I can say with all honesty that it changed my life, and I don’t blame you if it sounds suspicious. Let me explain.

I am a Gonzaga graduate. I went on student retreats and I felt as though I had found that it is true what they say – the fruits of a Jesuit education don’t fully ripen until years later, as life unfolds. There I was, six years removed from my time at Gonzaga, struggling to find direction. Fr. Martin’s book was the sunshine needed for the seeds of my Jesuit education to truly blossom.

To “The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything,” Fr. Martin looks at life as a whole and applies it to the tools that St. Ignatius used for his first Jesuits. (Almost) everything is covered – relationships, purpose, God and how we can find our true vocation. All of a sudden, as I devoured the pages, simple concepts I had learned at Gonzaga began to return. Recalled people, experiences and lessons. It began to make more sense and I was finally able to feel God’s clear direction. Thanks to Fr. Martin’s powerful and profound movement in my life, I was able to discern that being a Jesuit priest is not for me, but that working alongside them is! Now I am back at Gonzaga, fulfilling my vocation.

This is just my story. If you’d like some encouragement – and maybe some clarity – I highly recommend picking up Fr. Martin’s commencement speech on May 8. You might be surprised at how much you laugh, and at how much your life can be changed.

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Fresh out of graduate school, Frappier landed at GU as assistant coach.

“Being on the flight for my interview, I had printed out all over the place. In those days there weren’t many laptops or iPads. The guy across from me was a former student of mine and he had a pad of paper. I didn’t have anything,” says Frappier.

“Turns out he was about to interview the then-GU president’s position. I was so nervous, but he encouraged me to have confidence in myself and to use the interview as an opportunity to decide if Gonzaga was right for me.”

With an assistantship to coach debate in graduate school, Frappier had not had the opportunity to teach in a traditional classroom setting, yet he was interviewing for a coaching AND teaching job.

For Frappier, competition is addictive and fuels his “awaiting decisions early in my career I would be in the hallways outside the debate rounds pacing feverishly waiting for decisions to be announced. I took losses pretty hard. I’m a little more relaxed now.”

Certainly the waiting for decisions could not be as intimidating or pressure-soaked as his interview for the job. “I had never taught a course. I found myself in front of a full class, including five Gonzaga professors, and had to teach. I thought, ‘Oh, gosh, what’ve I gotten myself into?’ But I think it went ok once I get talking about subjects I was passionate about. What I noticed quickly was that debate. They were ridiculously smart and had some arguments we struggled to answer effectively all year.” So Frappier and GU were linked.

A full day of projects on April 16 included neighborhood clean up project.

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