Right to Life crosses reappear

**By TERENCE FRAHSH**

News Writer

In response to vandalism directed at the Club’s white cross demonstration in October, the group has chosen to display the crosses on South Quad again, from Wednesday to Friday.

Right to Life co-president Janel Daufenbach said the club decided to repeat the cross demonstration to bring the issue of abortion to prominence on campus. “We put them up to remind people of the truth of abortion,” said Daufenbach. “The cemetery got torn down, and we don’t think people can hide from the truth.”

When the club organized the first demonstration in early October, about 900 of 1,200 crosses were knocked down during the night. This display marks the first year the cross demonstration has taken place more than once during a school year. Previously, Right to Life set up the crosses for one day during

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**ROTC commemorates Veterans Day**

By MARY KATE MALONE

News Writer

As Notre Dame students walk on North Quad this Veterans Day, the presence of four ROTC members standing silently at Clarke Memorial Fountain will remind them of the men and women who have risked their lives in battle. Members of the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC units began their annual Veterans Day vigil at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. For the following 24 hours, four ROTC members will stand guard at Clarke Memorial Fountain to commemorate fallen soldiers.

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**Food services survey for changes**

By NICOLE ZOOK

News Writer

Well-known for efforts to improve campus life, this month students will have their chance to upgrade at least the quality of the food served in the dining halls, as establishments on both campuses conduct satisfaction surveys.

Last week, Saint Mary’s Food Services distributed about 300 surveys in the Noble Family Dining Hall so students could provide opinions on issues ranging from the food served to the cleanliness of the facility.

Notre Dame will also send out online surveys to students later this month.

Saint Mary’s Food Services director Larry Bowles said he personally gave the survey to students as they left the building and looks forward to seeing the results.

“Take the surveys and send them out to be tabulated. We won’t have the results for about two weeks,” he said. “I already know not everybody is happy with what we do, and that’s why I don’t look at the surveys before we send them in.”

Bowles said the surveys would be extremely useful this year, as large numbers of students participated. Last year, 17 percent of the student population provided results. This year, he estimates about 30 percent of students filled out surveys.

“We review them, and if it’s something I can change, we change it,” he said.

South Dining Hall general manager Marc Poklinski also said gauging student reaction is important to food services.

“A lot of the things that we do are based on student reactions,” he said. “We’re going to be doing a survey in November, and I think this will be the first year we’re going to do a second one to see how opinions change.”

Based on previous surveys, Notre Dame has extended dining hall hours, included new menu items, increased vegetarian and vegan options and changed from an 8-day menu rotation to a 12-day cycle.

“We noticed that once we started the surveys, freshmen and sophomores liked South Dining Hall’s variety, but our ratings weren’t as high with juniors and seniors,” Poklinski said. “Now, instead of things showing up 28 times a year, it’s down to 19. That’s cutting 33 percent of repetition out of our menus.”

North and South Dining Halls each serve around 2,300 students per meal, and Saint Mary’s generally feeds about 800 at each meal. Bowles, for the

**(see SURVEYS/page 6)**

**Senates approves resolution for men’s basketball ticket exchange program and discusses amendment to the student union constitution that changes election rules at Student Senate Wednesday.**

One week after concerns about the men’s basketball ticket distribution were discussed at Senate, the university affairs committee came back with a resolution that would help resolve the problem of connecting students with unused tickets to those without.

Zahn senator Mike McGinley presented the resolution, speaking to the importance of swift implementation.

“The faster we get tickets into the hands of students and those students fill up empty seats at games, the better,” McGinley said.

The Ticket Share Program works with residence halls to provide a central location for students to exchange extra tickets. If hall governments decide to take advantage of the optional program, student government will provide a banner that has a “give” and “take” section for each game, with space for the

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Junior Tristan Butterfield peruses the selection in South Dining Hall Wednesday. Surveys may allow for expansion of menu items.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Home sweet home**

Freshman year of college is the time for a lot of significant changes and different experiences. Typically these include adjusting to living on one's own, battling homesickness and making a college work load. Having your family decide to up and move to the Marshall Islands is significantly less common, but this very thing happened to me my first year at Notre Dame.

I lived in Reno, Nev., for 18 years of my life, and going away to school in Indiana was the biggest adventure of my life. As I was preparing to come home for the summer, my parents dropped a huge bomb on me: "We're thinking of moving."

The prospect of relocating in itself is a big deal, but then they added, "To the Marshall Islands."

So began one of the strangest and most interesting years of my life. Granted, I didn't have to physically move to the Kwajalaine Atoll, a tiny island of about 2,000 people which is five miles long by half a mile wide, but there was a definite sense that things were very different. My entire family had to get major physical and military clearance in order to go, and we could only take one of our family pets over there. When I called my parents from school, it was already the next day since they were past the international dateline, and our cat had fights with wild crabs. I often felt like I was related to the cast of "Gilligan's Island."

I went to visit my family during Christmas break, and it took me three days, five airports and Christmas live in a hotel alone in Honolulu to get there. The week I spent there was fun and strange, because I was basically in a tropical paradise without any crowds, but I finally realized that my family literally lived in the middle of nowhere. Nothing is quite as scary or liberating as knowing that your parents are an entire ocean away from you.

While my family was living the island life, I thought that it was the worst thing that could have ever happened to me. Looking back at it now, I have a different perspective. There are a lot of things worse than your parents moving to an island, and I had a great experience to write about if I apply to grad school. Most importantly, I realized that my family could survive anything, whether it be moving to an island or an entire year of "Gilligan's Island" jokes.

The views expressed in the Inside Columns are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Molly Griffin at mgriffin@nd.edu.

**CORRECTIONS**

In the Nov. 10 edition of The Observer at the review about "Monk/Tripolis," the book was incorrectly described as a novel. The Observer regrets the error.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU NOMINATE TO BE MR. ND?**

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"That dreamy guy that I always see at NDH."

"Father Hesburgh, just because."

"Ted Loveless, because his fluorescent shirt really turns girls on."

"Tim Wyne, but Salims the Usurper will dominate."

"Joe Rude, because I can't have his older sister."

**OFFBEAT**

**Man allegedly tries to swap pot for tires**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A man who unsuccessfully tried to barter with marijuana was arrested for stealing two auto tires after the deal was rejected, Roseville police said.

Joshua Dean Williams, 20, and another man allegedly tried the pot-for-tires swap at a Sears Auto Center, said police spokeswoman Dee Dee Gunther.

When the sales clerk refused, one of the men swung at the worker with a baseball bat, Gunther said. The worker avoided being struck and threw a rock at the car, shattering a window.

The suspects grabbed two tires and drove off, Gunther said. The duo returned to the store about an hour later looking for the worker who broke their window, said Tim Thompson, assistant manager of the tire shop.

The two fled after workers recognized them, but police were able to nab Williams and arrest him on suspicion of robbery, Gunther said.

**Russia parliament rejects beer measure**

MOSCOW — The upper house of the Russian parliament on Wednesday rejected a bill that would have banned public beer consumption.

The bill already had been approved by the lower house of parliament, the State Duma, which is dominated by the pro-Kremlin United Russia party. The Federation Council, the upper house, which rarely challenges the Kremlin, had been widely expected to pass the measure.

However, the measure was rejected by a 40-73 vote, the Federation Council press service said.

**IN BRIEF**

Visiting scholar Jennifer Caudal will speak about "Peace is Beautiful: Defining Ethnic and Religious Violence in East Kalimantan, Indonesia" today from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

Alfonso Aguilar, head of the Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Washington, D.C., will talk today about "Building A Common Civic Identity." from 5 to 7 p.m. in 210 McKenna Hall.

A Fall Choral Concert by the Saint Mary's Women's Choir and the Collegiate Choir will be performed tonight at 7:30 p.m. in O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's College.

The Student Union Board will sponsor a showing of "The Manchurian Candidate" today from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. in 215 Delortain Hall.

U.S. ambassador and George Washington University professor Thomas McNamara will discuss the topic "Terrorist Rogue No More: Libya" today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Sports nutritionist Valerie Staples from the University Counseling Center will talk today about "Eating Disorders and the Notre Dame Student" from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. in the Aquatics classroom, Rolfs Aquatic Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnewshndu.edu.

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Walsh Hall names 2004 Mr. ND

Mr. Knott, sophomore John Lyons, wins fourth annual competition

By SARAH BARRETT
News Writer

The cream of the Notre Dame men's crop competed in the fourth annual Mr. ND Pageant Wednesday, as men from 13 of the male dorms on campus vied for the elusive title.

Each contestant allowed the 150 attendees to get to know them a little better by performing their diverse talents ranging from poetry readings, song and dance and piano playing to magic tricks, karate and even baking.

Held in the LaFortune Ballroom, this event was put together by sophomore Kathleen O'Brien as part of Walsh Hall's 'Wild Week' and raised money for boxes of cookies to donate to the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Auctioning off the contestants after the pageant as dates for Walsh Hall's dorm dinner, the organization raised $85.

Having been serenaded, kissed on the hand and bribed with cookies, the judges declared John Lyons, Jeffery Stephens, Spence Redlick, Brandon Hollihan and Pete Lavorini as the top five contestants, allowing them to move on to the second round of the pageant.

The round consisted of questions concerning the contestants' favorite meal at the dining hall, their feelings on the Facebook.com and popped-collars and the color and contents of their own 'man-purse' if they had one.

Sophomore John Lyons last year's first runner-up and this year's winner said the pageant was a fun experience.

"It was pretty cool, just a bunch of great guys goofing around and having a great time," Lyons said.

O'Brien felt that the talented contestants made for a wonderful pageant.

"It was a lot of work but I am glad it turned out really well," O'Brien said. "I hadn't had a lot of experience running a campus event but it turned out to be a lot of fun."

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Karl Liebenauer, Mr. Carroll, serenades the judges during the Mr. ND contest Wednesday night as the audience looks on.

Arafat, 75, dies after lapsing into coma

Future of Palestine, people unknown

Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Yasser Arafat, who triumphantly forced his people's plight into the world spotlight but failed to achieve his lifelong quest for Palestinian statehood, died Thursday at age 75.

The French military hospital where he had been treated for nearly a month said he died at 3:30 a.m. The Palestinian leader spent his final days there in a coma.

Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saib Erekat and Tayayel Abdel Rahim, a top Arafat aide, confirmed that Arafat died in a conversation with reporters at Arafat's headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

White House spokesman Trent Duffy said the administration was waiting to comment until it confirmed Arafat had died. The State Department had no immediate comment.

The Palestinian parliament speaker will be sworn in as the new president until it confirmed Arafat died in a conversation with reporters.

Palestinian officials have said they want to ensure a smooth transition. Under Palestinian law, Parliament Speaker Raabi' Faiibouh, a virtual unknown, is to become caretaker president until elections are held in 60 days.

Arafat, a charismatic leader, was revered and vilified as a murky and dramatic as his life. Flown to France Oct. 29 after nearly three years of being penned in his West Bank headquarters by Israeli tanks, he initially improved but then sharply deteriorated as rumors swirled about his illness.

Top Palestinian officials flew in to check on their leader while Arafat's 41-year-old wife, Suha, publicly accused others of trying to usurp his powers. Ordinary Palestinians prayed for his well being, but expressed deep frustration over his failure to improve their lives.

Arafat's failure to groom a successor complicated his passing, raising the danger of factional conflict among Palestinians.

A visual constant in his checkered keffiyeh headdress, Arafat kept the Palestinians' cause at the center of the Arab-Israeli conflict. But he fell short of creating a Palestinian state, and, along with other secular Arab leaders of his generation, he saw his influence weakened by the rise of radical Islam in recent years.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Forces storm Dutch house, end standoff with terror suspects

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Special forces overpowered two suspected Islamic extremists Wednesday after a daylong armed standoff, adding to Dutch concerns that global terrorism has spread into their corner of Europe.

Police said more suspects were detained in two other cities on a day that possible links emerged between the Muslim militant charged with murdering a Dutch filmmaker a week ago and terrorists allegedly involved in attacks and plots in Morocco and Spain.

The bloodshed began when police tried to force their way into a working-class neighborhood at 2:45 a.m. and a suspect threw a grenade, seriously injuring an officer, authorities said.

Ivory Coast foreigners evacuated

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — France, the United States and other nations launched one of the largest evacuations of their trapped citizens in Africa Saturday. French President Jacques Chirac sternly denounced the killers of dozens of foreigners that Marines consider the largest-ever such mission.

French soldiers in boots plucked some of their trapped citizens from the banks of Abidjan's lagoon.

Long convoys sent out by the U.S. Embassy and other nations rounded up foreigners from their homes for evacuation as Ivory Coast's state of emergency silenced appeals for calm and for a mass uprising against the French, the country's larger colonial rulers.

By late afternoon, much of Ivory Coast's largest city was quiet — the first break from violence since Saturday.

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Pensioner formed remonstrance

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — The judge in the Scott Peterson murder trial removed the pensioner from the jury Wednesday, the second time in two days a juror has been sent home.

The judge did not say why he removed juror No. 5, a man in his mid-40s who has both left and right sides of his face and who has two children. The juror was replaced by an alternate whose son-in-law owns a restaurant that has been under attack.

ACLU uses over new charity rules

WASHINGTON — The American Civil Liberties Union and a dozen nonprofit groups on Wednesday urged the Supreme Court to strike down new rules requiring organizations that receive money from federal employees' charitable drives to check their staffs against terrorist watch lists.

The lawsuit against the Office of Personnel Management disputes a policy in the agency's Combined Federal Campaign that requires participating charities to certify they don't knowingly employ people or contribute money to organizations found on the terrorist watch lists of the United States, the United Nations or the European Union.

The ACLU says federal employees have deductions taken from their paychecks and given to designated charities. It is the nation's largest workplace charity drive.

LOCAL NEWS

Million-dollar scheme thwarted

MILLER, Mo. — Prosecutors said Friday that federal and state authorities have shut down a $1 million-dollar gambling scheme nestled in a Best Western hotel.

An informant alerted authorities to the scam in which some brokers bought winning tickets after being told by a lottery security officer to which store it had been sent. An informant alerted authorities to the scam in which some brokers bought winning tickets after being told by a lottery security officer to which store it had been sent.

Bush nominates Gonzales for post

WASHINGTON — President Bush nominated White House counsel Alberto Gonzales, who helped shape the administration's controversial legal strategy in the war on terror, to be attorney general Wednesday. He would be the first Hispanic ever to serve as the nation's top law enforcement official.

"He is a calm and steady voice in times of crisis," Bush said, his eyes glistening with emotion as he stood next to Gonzales. "He has an unwavering principle of respect for the law."

After complaints about civil rights abuses in the name of fighting terror, Gonzales said, "There should be no question regarding the department's commitment to justice for every American. On this principle there can be no compromise."

A Harvard educated attorney whose parents were migrant workers, the soft-spoken Gonzales would succeed Attorney General John Ashcroft, one of the most powerful and polarizing members of Bush's Cabinet.

"Just give me a chance to prove myself" — that is a common prayer for those in my community," said Gonzales, "Mr. President, thank you for that chance."

Some of Ashcroft's harshest critics welcomed his selection, while others voiced doubts. "It's encouraging that the president has chosen someone less polarizing," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "We will have to review his record very carefully, but I can tell you already he's a better candidate than John Ashcroft." Another Democrat, Sen. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota, said the Senate generally allows the president to choose his own team. "I don't think that's going to change much," he said.

The American Civil Liberties Union reserved judgment on Gonzales, but its executive director, Anthony Romero, said, "What we do know, however, raises some significant doubts and troubles."
A wooden comment box sits near the entrance of South Dining Hall. Comments are reviewed by staff and posted for students.

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Our general manager for North Dining Hall, said implementing variety changes was easier in a smaller atmosphere.

"There’s a difference in how you can do things," he said. "If you come to me and say, ‘I don’t like what you served for dinner Wednesday night’, I can change that... because it’s a smaller group here.

Bowles said students do provide personal opinions on various aspects of the dining halls each day. Since he came to Saint Mary’s, a comment card system has been used which allows students to get almost instant reactions to their comments. Cards with responses from the dining hall staff are posted daily for general viewing and have prompted the appearance of such menu items as wraps, a hot dog bar, a taco bar and a full-time deli.

"We get more positive comments than negative on cards," Bowles said. "We’ll do those things, not because they’re healthy options, but because students asked for it.

Poklinski said South Dining Hall also uses a comment system.

"Our operations manager has comment cards [posted] really close to the exits. It used to be a lot more popular... now, as we’re filling up, and able to offer a lot more, the suggestions have gone down greatly," he said.

He said the yearly survey, with 17 different sections for students to rate food services on, tends to have a bigger impact. Last fall, survey results demonstrated a plunge in student and faculty opinion of the appearance of South Dining Hall. As a result, the problem — which food services would not have known existed without the survey — was immediately solved.

"One of the things that we had last year that South really dropped was appearance of facility," he said.

"We’ve been getting [workers] out in the dining rooms more frequently now [and] the table’s still fresh for people to go out and sit in. That’s one of the most recent examples of how we’ve used the survey.

Both schools said they would begin reviewing survey results as soon as they are tabulated, in order to make changes accordingly. Bowles emphasized the need for as much honest student input as possible in order to provide a positive dining experience.

"We want people to understand that we’re doing what we can to improve not just the quality of food, but the quality of life on campus," he said.

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students’ names, room numbers and phone numbers.

The resolution specifies that the Ticket Share Program is designed to be a free exchange, and that exchanges in one dorm are not limited to residents of that dorm.

Off-campus students can use the Off-campus Web site as their exchange system.

"Standing dorms a program that will work is the best idea for the situation, and shows that students government cares," Badin senator Lizzi Shappell said.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Senate also discussed an amendment to the section of the student union constitution about general student body elections, but it could not be fully debated or voted on because of Senate rules.

The changes mainly concern write-in candidates and runoff elections.

Under current rules, write-in candidates — those who missed the deadline to appear on the ballot or switched tickets — need only 150 signatures on a petition to be approved.

The amended rule requires 50 percent of the required signatures for the position to be submitted. That would mean in the presidential race that requires 700 signatures for a candidate to appear on the ballot, a write-in candidate would need 350.

A second change removes the option for abstention from the runoff ballot.

"Given what happened last year in the ab s t e n t i o n received 8 percent in the runoff, giving neither candidate a majority, it would be better if abstention was not an option," Siegfried senator and vice presidential candidate in last year’s election James Jefco said. "We will have a primary with the option to abstain, but in a runoff election, students should just choose between the two remaining candidates or not vote.

The amendment also gives Senate the power to decide the election only in the event of an absolute tie in voting in the runoff — as opposed to the absence of a majority for either candidate — removes the obligation of senators to vote according to the breakdown of their respective dorms in that event.

There was debate over releasing senators of this obligation, but it was emphasized by a number of senators that the event of an absolute tie was very unlikely.

"The goal here is to make it so the person with the most votes always wins," student body president Adam Ivstam said of the amendment. Debate on the amendment will continue next Wednesday.

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Federal Reserve ups interest rates

One-quarter percentage point increase cited to ameliorate economy

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve boosted a key short-term interest rate by a quarter percentage point Wednesday. Citing an improving economy and "well contained" inflation, it said further increases would be gradual.

The rate increase is part of a credit card campaign to bring rates back up to more normal levels now that the economy's recovery from the 2001 recession is more deeply rooted.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his Federal Open Market Committee colleagues — who set interest rate policy in the United States — increased the target for the federal funds rate to 2 percent from 1.75 percent.

The funds rate is the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans and is the Fed's primary tool for influencing economic activity.

In response to the Fed's decision to push up the funds rate, Wells Fargo said it was increasing by a corresponding amount its prime lending rate for many short-term consumer and business loans to 5 percent from 4.75 percent. Other commercial banks were expected to follow suit.

The Fed's current rate-raising campaign began in June with a quarter-point boost, marking the first rate increase in four years. The Fed bumped up rates again by a quarter-point in August and September and then once more Wednesday.

Fed policy-makers stuck to their view that future rate hikes would be gradual. They said rates could rise at a pace likely to be "measured," retaining language contained in previous statements.

On the economy, the Fed said it "appears to be growing at a moderate pace despite the rise in energy prices, and labor market conditions have improved." The Fed also said inflation and longer-term inflation expectations "remain well contained," another reason the Fed can stick with its gradual approach to raising rates.

The vote was unanimous.

"Monetary policy-makers seem quite pleased with the current state of the economy," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Bank of America Capital Management. Still, she said, "The Fed's task is not complete. Policy-makers want to see rates at more normal levels with the belief the economy no longer needs the prop of excessively low interest rates.

Economists believe the odds are increasing for the Fed to boost the funds rate again on Dec. 14, at its last meeting of the year. Before the good news on October payrolls, many economists believed the Fed would probably stand pat at the December meeting.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrials were up around 10 points in trading after the Fed's announcement.

The Fed's latest rate increase comes as many economists believe the economy has emerged from a late spring and early summer soft patch.

The economy added a sizable 337,000 jobs in October, most since March, the government said last week. While the figures were helped by job gains related to hurricane cleanup efforts, they nonetheless raised hopes that the recovery in the labor market, which has been uneven, is gaining some real traction.

The pickup in October's payrolls was welcome news to President Bush, who sparked frequently with Democratic rival John Kerry over the health of the labor market and job losses that have occurred since Bush took office in January 2001.

Calif. settles lawsuit with Diebold

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Diebold Inc. agreed Wednesday to pay $2.6 million to settle a lawsuit filed by California alleging that the electronic voting company sold the state and several counties shoddy voting equipment.

According to the settlement, the North Canton, Ohio-based company must also upgrade ballot tabulation software that Los Angeles County and others used Nov. 2. Diebold must also strengthen the security of its paperless voting machines and promise never to connect voting systems to outside networks.

"There is no more fundamental right in our democracy than the right to vote and have your vote counted," California Attorney General Bill Lockyer said in a statement. "In making false claims about its equipment, Diebold treated that right, and the taxpayers who bought its machines, cavalierly."

The original lawsuit was filed a year ago by electronic voting critic Bev Harris and activist Jim March, who characterized the $2.6 million settlement as "peanuts."
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Respect Life Week in October, but Daunfelsbach said multiple cross demonstrations per year could become the norm.
In contrast to the October display, a Notre Dame Security/Police officer will be present during the night hours of this week's demonstration to guard against possible vandalism.

Officer A. Bridges said NSP officers stationed near the South Quad entrane to Harley Hill would take shifts from evening to sunrise Wednesday and Thursday nights.

"We did what we do normally — get student names and IDs," said Bridges about any possible vandalism attempts.

Daunfelsbach said that during the approval for the current display the group approached the associate vice president for student affairs Bill Kirk with a request for some type of security.

"We raised the concern because the cemetery was destroyed last time," she said.

In addition to the NSP presence, Daunfelsbach said lights to Life members would also be present during the night hours.

"From 12 to 6 a.m. there will be life members praying around the crosses," she said.

Daunfelsbach said the club chose the week for the display because of the home football game.

Daunfelsbach and Cathy Prozenzaln, organizer for both demonstrations, said the vandalism directed at the first demonstration prompted a strong response from club members in favor of another display.

Prozenzaln said when the crosses were torn down in October, many people stopped throughout the day to help set the crosses back up.

"I felt that, more even than doing the crosses again, this was just a testament to the pro-life sentiment on campus," she said.

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ABC pulls special
'Saving Private Ryan,' will not air tonight

Associated Press

NEW YORK — More than 20 ABC affiliates around the country have announced that they won't take part in the network's Veterans Day airing of "Saving Private Ryan," saying in a letter to the film's violence and language could draw sanctions from the Federal Communications Commission.

The decisions mark a twist in the conflict over the aggressive content the FCC has taken against obscenity and profanity since Janet Jackson flashed the world during the last Super Bowl halftime show.

Steven Spielberg's Oscar-winning movie aired on ABC with relatively little controversy in 2001 and 2002, but station owners — including several in large markets — are unnerved that airing it Thursday could bring federal punishment.

The film includes a violent depiction of the D-Day invasion and profanity.

"It could clearly have been our preference to run the movie. We think it's a patriotism and tribute to our fighting forces," Ray Cole, president of Citadel Communications, told AP Radio. The company owns three ABC affiliates in the Midwest.

Other stations choosing to replace the movie with other programming are located in Atlanta, Dallas, Honolulu, New Orleans, Milwaukee, Chicago, Orlando, Fla., and Charlotte, N.C. They are owned by a variety of companies, including Fox Television, Tribune Broadcasting Corp., Hearst-Argyle Television Inc., Belo Corp. and Sinclair Broadcast Group.

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diers. The vigil will conclude at 4:30 p.m. today with a speech by University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh.

Veterans Day ceremonies have been a part of the Notre Dame experience since 1926, when it was referred to as Armistice Day and honored those who fought in World War I.

Commander of the Air Force ROTC, Mike Zenk, helped plan the event this year. He said the location of the event helps highlight Notre Dame veterans, but said the ceremony still seeks to honor all veterans, regardless of their origin.

"Father Hesburgh makes a point that the peace memorial was designed to honor Notre Dame graduates who have given the ultimate sacrifice," said Zenk.

Though it might be easy to walk by the fountain without taking notice of the military members, it is the silence and solemnity of the tribute that makes it so powerful according to students on campus.

Many students walking by Clarke Memorial took note of the ceremony but continued on their way.

Junior Jana Lamplota, however, sat quietly and watched as the military members assumed their places at the start of the vigil.

"I just have a very deep appreciation for Veterans Day," Lamplota said. "It's a beautiful ceremony.

"I would have been honored that we could be here to support our military members," she said. Lamplota, who has attended the concluding ceremony for the last two years, was pleasantly surprised to be drinking her coffee on North Quad when the vigil began.

"It strikes me because many of the students standing guard are seniors who will be serving our country in a very important way next year," she said.

Cadet Captain Patrick Melquh, a senior in the Army ROTC, acknowledged the unity that the vigil cultivates between the three branches on campus.

"It's a chance for us to gather all three branches of the military," Melquh said as he waited his turn to stand guard at the fountain. "It reminds us of the distinct brotherhood and sisterhood that unites all members of the military. We're all out here for the same reason.

Indeed, the separation between the branches was apparent as cadets and midshipmen begin their shifts. Many were meeting for the first time. After shaking hands and introducing themselves, Cadet Captain John Trischel and Midshipman 3rd Class Eric Emanuel Zervoudakis, recognized the importance of bringing the entire ROTC program together for Veterans Day.

"We play sports against each other, but this is an opportunity to come together and show support for all veterans," Zervoudakis said.

Sandwiched between Halloween and Thanksgiving, Veterans Day is a holiday not always given a great amount of attention. Yet, Mike Edwards, a retired Lt. Col. and retired professor of military science, believes Notre Dame does a fine job of acknowledging the importance of the holiday.

"It's hard for us to gather in our country in a very important way during the Thanksgiving holiday," Edwards said. "It's a wonderful opportunity to show the nation's gratitude for the sacrifices veterans have made for our country.

"It's terrific the way we honor our military and express our gratitude to them," Edwards said.

It is not hard to stand out in the cold heat at night. It is not small compared to what others have done.

Still, the presence of the veterans themselves is what completes the ceremony.

"I am very proud," said Stephanie Lutz, who has participated in the ceremony for two years and was watching the drill team routine, said it's not the gaze of onlookers that makes her proud, but the acknowledgment from veterans who approach the memorial with expressions of gratitude.

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Supplement linked to disease

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — A New York City company is recalling two Chinese herbal supplements because they contain a carcinogen linked to kidney disease, the company said Wednesday.

Kingway Trading Inc. of Brooklyn said it is recalling its dietary pills Double Deers Formula brand Expellin Extract (Concentrated) and Cardioflex, the company said it stopped distribution of the products after being notified by the Food and Drug Administration that they contain aristolochic acid, a carcinogen and toxin found in plants that has been associated with some cases of kidney failure and an increased risk of kidney cancer.

Expellin extract has been marketed to relieve headaches and sinus congestion, while Cardioflex is suggested for maintaining cardiovascular and circulatory health. Both supplements were imported from China and distributed nationwide through retailers and acupuncture clinics since May 2000.

The FDA confirmed the recall Wednesday and advised consumers who have taken the products to contact their health care provider immediately. No illnesses related to the products have been reported, the company and the FDA said.

Pfizer stock plunges

Drug exposed as risk, Pfizer stock plunges

Painkiller dangerous for heart disease patients

Associated Press
NEW ORLEANS — A scientist's claim of evidence that Pfizer Inc.'s Bextra might be even riskier for people with heart disease than rival arthritis drug Vioxx sparked controversy Wednesday at a medical meeting and sent the company's stock lower.

Dr. Garrett FitzGerald, a University of Pennsylvania cardiologist who helped test these types of drugs years ago, told a medical conference that he had reanalyzed some previously published studies on Bextra and concluded that it roughly doubled the risk of heart attacks and strokes — the reason Merck & Co. pulled Vioxx off the market in October.

But FitzGerald's numbers haven't been published or independently reviewed, and he presented only partial information in a speech rather than a scientific session at the American Heart Association meeting where others could evaluate and critique it.

Pfizer, which besides Bextra also sells a similar painkiller, Celebrex, complained FitzGerald had selectively chosen data that made results appear worse than they were from larger studies of Bextra's safety.

"Pfizer has shared Bextra clinical results in a timely manner with regulatory authorities both in the United States and worldwide," said Dr. Joseph Feczko, Pfizer's president of worldwide development. FitzGerald said Pfizer and the federal Food and Drug Administration should have made more forcefully to determine whether the large of the whole class of drugs — called cox-2 inhibitors — need to carry a warning of risks in heart disease patients, and to do larger studies to define their safety for people with arthritis but not heart risks.

He and others have criticized Merck and the FDA for not removing Vioxx after 20 million people took it and the risks became known.

In an opinion piece in the New England Journal of Medicine last month, FitzGerald argued that studies long ago suggest that the problems with Vioxx are a "class effect" shared by other cox-2 inhibitors.

The same mechanism that inhibits inflammation and makes the drugs easier on the stomach than traditional painkillers also blocks a substance that prevents heart problems, FitzGerald believes.

"We have a clear mechanism that applies to this class of drugs that explains not only what happened but how it happened," he said.

In light of the Vioxx withdrawal and his alleged new analysis showing risks of Bextra, "This has shifted the burden of proof onto those who would have to establish that this is not a class effect," he said.

The Food and Drug Administration plans to convene an advisory committee in February to review the safety of Bextra. "This has shifted the burden of proof onto those who would have to establish that this is not a class effect," he said.

"We look forward to a scientific and reasoned evaluation in this appropriate setting," Pfizer's Feczko said.

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The early hours of Nov. 3 found me shocked and disapproving as my hopes for a new president steadily slipped away. John Kerry might not have been a perfect candidate, but I believe that he would have been a capable leader who would have made great strides in uniting a divided nation. After getting over the initial surprise that the American people had really opted for four more years of "Duluth," I realized that plenty of good came out of this election.

First and foremost, last Tuesday saw the highest percentage of voter turnout since the 1960 election. Of particular interest was the fact that some 207.9 million Americans under the age of thirty voted. This marks an increase of 4.6 million from the 2000 election — I'm sure this can be largely attributed to P. Diddy's inspiring "Vote or Die" campaign. In short, Democrats and Republicans alike emphasized the importance of getting out and voting, and that has paid off.

Another positive element of this election came as a result of last month's debates. Both candidates were effective in using the debates to energize their bases. More importantly, Sen. John Kerry and President George W. Bush used the forum to help bring several key issues to the forefront of voters' consciousness. Obviously, the war on terrorism, Bush's war in Iraq, abortion, gay rights and the economy were among the debates. However, the context also caused people to think about taxes, health care and Supreme Court nominations. Regardless of which candidate was more effective in the debates, they both succeeded in bringing these topics into our national discussion.

If you are anything like me, you are not thrilled with the idea of Bush in the White House for four more years. Still it is important to support the president and the United States. I have heard many people claim that they are going to leave the country until the 2008 election. Do not go packing your bags quite yet. It is time to stop complaining and begin trying to make a difference in America. Do not let the losers that you felt so passionately about prior to last Tuesday go on to ruin until the next election cycle.

This is not a time for a partisanship. This is the time for peace in Red States and Blue States to band together and try to repair some of the deep divisions in our country. For Democrats, that does not mean that you should go invest in a NASCAR bumper sticker to put on your car. Instead, start with something simple. Whether or not you agree with the war in Iraq, it is important to support the troops. Rather than complaining about the war and its causes, stand behind the brave men and women who are overseas defending our rights.

Similarly, this is not a time for Republicans to tout "political capital" or glorify a supposed mandate. Instead, it is a time to reach out to Democrats and look for some common ground. For the president, a good start would be to heed the words of his opponent, Kerry. In his concession speech he closed his final words with remarks to "work together for the good of our country."

Molly Acker
Nobody likes a dumb blonde

The Observer
RELINQUISHING PARTISANSHIP

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
Show some consistency in your loyalty

To the current students of the University, I feel the need to express some concerns which may be confusion with the leadership of our football team. This past Saturday, Notre Dame students stared at their television sets in a fixed glaze of disbelief and excitement, and for some, relief. Eyes were glued until the very last second of play to ensure the Irish victory. With the game, students were shown live and running through dorm hallways and chanting down South Quad, only to be followed moments later by silence and reflection. If we can only watch our team without a victory, this is disappointment.

Students, who moments before were heard avidly commenting, our fearless student-athletes, were stillclaiming, "You can't beat a team that is a year older, let's face the truth..." as the leadership of coach Tyrone Willingham, his assistants and additional to doubtful believers, the alumni's impatient, hard-to-satisfy attitude seems to eclipse our community's air of success.

First, I feel that it is imperative for me to share certain facts with you about college football. In today's world, there is more parity in college football compared to the "glory days" under coaching legends such as Bear Bryant, Lomba, Parcysgahan and Holtz. The resilient streak of Notre Dame's football preeminence — 11 national championships from 1924-1988 — made Notre Dame college football's benchmark for excellence. Due to the reduced number of scholarships and the expansion of television game coverage, there are now more exceptional football programs throughout the country. That's why smaller teams like Baylor can defeat historically dominant programs like Texas A&M (no. 22).

The ship is clearly turned in the right direction, and now is not the time to take wind out of the sails. Defeating Michigan and Tennessee doesn't make the coaches of our team. The school doesn't need disruption now, from the alumni or band-wagon fans. Instead, it needs to focus on the next six games and develop consistency. Willingham's presentation will develop that consistency. You will have some of the best high school football players aspiring to play under Willingham. Let's not dwindle the interest and love for next year or two's future All-Americans because of the uncertainty of Notre Dame football leadership.

Willingham has proven that in addition to high academic standards, both at Stanford and Notre Dame, he has been able to recruit and motivate football players that can play at a top 25 program level. Be careful what you wish for, alumni, for if Willingham leaves, he will be successful at wherever he goes as he is a great football coach and professional level. Could you imagine him taking the Florida head coaching job, with a hot bed of Florida talent without the academic pressure or in addition to the incredible economic support that the University of Florida's football program is accustomed to receiving. He'd probably be a national championship coach.

If Willingham and the Irish beat no. 1 USC in the Memorial Coliseum, that should guarantee him a contract extension. The alumni, as well as the student body, need to realize that our football organization is well equipped with some of the best coaches and student-athletes that put it on the line every weekend. As the saying goes, football game day is like "Any Given Saturday," the jostles of the court could bring mighty kings to their knees on a so-called "good day." The players cannot blame anyone if they fall; there are simply no excuses on the athletic field. Rather, they must be prepared for the next opponent who would have love nothing more than to boast about beating the Irish. We are the fans, they are the coaches, they are the players. That is why we need our support. They need our encouragement. And they need our loyalty now more than ever. That is the essence of the Notre Dame "family." To the players and coaches I say this: Get 'er done, and Go Irish!

Kellie Middleton
Pawpaw's West
Nov. 10

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I regret that I have but one life to give for my country." - Nathan Hale, captain, American Revolution
The Year of the Eucharist

GREGORY DWORJAN

The turn of the century has provoked a fight for the rights of gays. Gay marriage has been outlawed in almost a dozen states. The Catholic Church has deemed homosexuals morally corrupt, saying that it is acceptable for a person to acknowledge him or herself that he or she is, in fact, homosexual. However, that person is not allowed to act upon his or her inner acceptance. While homosexual intercourse is approved upon by the Church, there are many Catholics who are engaging in action against this. And, having adultery when in place in 26 states, has only been one prosecution in the past five years. Why has the Catholic Church pushed for a national law criminalizing adultery? Is it not expressly writer to support a person to acknowledge to him or herself that he or she is homosexual? If so, how does this affect the lives of Catholics? There are many who do not follow the ways of the Church's Teachings. Because of Catholic Church’s pressure to control Morrisonism, for example, polygamy was outlawed nationally. This is a Western ideal that has no foundation in the Bible. After all, did the men of Bible have many wives? God did not punish them for their polygamy. The writer of the phrase "the two shall be one flesh" in Moses, who had two wives. The monogamous requirement of marriage started in Roman culture, and had no roots in the Bible. Seeing this, it is easy to understand how biblical passages have been misinterpreted.

The Bible also never explicitly condemns homosexual relationships. The passages often cited to denounce homosexuality contain incor, of course, in the original Hebrew texts. Research proves that the Hebrew version of the Bible that was first used in 1946, was the first version of the Bible to use the word homosexual. The word "homosexual" in the English language, is not the same word as it is in Greek. There is a difference in meaning. In Greek, and only to be included among one thousand years ago with the combination of the Greek "homo" and the Latin "sexualis." Translations of the Greek "malakoi" and "asakoloi" into "effeminate" with regards to homosexual men are equally incorrect. Even sodomy, which has been used to describe the act of homosexual intercourse, was not a word in biblical Greek or Hebrew. In fact, the language of the time had no word, "sex" all.

With these examples, it is easy to see the misinterpretations that often led to the biblical text being misconstrued. Where would Jesus stand on homosexuals? The Gospel according to Matthew and Mark believe that Jesus would express disapproval of such a group. But, when we examine Jesus’ teachings historically, social pariahs of the times, such as prostitutes and lepers, were welcomed. His acceptance of all teaches us to love our neighbors, regardless of their religious beliefs, any other view that they hold. How would Jesus stand on homosexuals if we do not believe in them? This is the purpose behind the separation of Church and State in the Constitution. The government is not allowed to endorse any religion. Laws may be created only for moral reasons — moral in this case means ethical, not moral in this case means ethical, not religious. Humans decided that homosexuality is wrong, not God. God, who we believe is all-powerful, to we go to heaven and who will sin. Because of this, it is not right for the Catholic Church to ostracize a portion of the gay society that does not follow its teachings. The Church cannot continue to condemn the gay lifestyle through the advocacy of laws that govern people who do not always believe in the Catholic faith. It is important that the Church recognizes that gays are people. Biblical passages that are used in support of why homosexuality is morally wrong are mistranslations and therefore misinterpretations. I am not gay, but I believe that gays should receive equal rights the Constitution guarantees to everyone American. I urge each one of you to accept the gay community for what it is. There are too many misconceptions about gays. Just as race and gender should have no place in how people are viewed, neither should sexual orientation. It is time for a new rights movement — one that accepts all people as they are.
Fans get a dose of Lennon unplugged

By JULIE BENDER
Senior Music Critic

Pulling things apart to see what is on the inside often fascinates little kids. They want to know what makes a clock tick, or how a gum ball pops out when you put a penny in the machine.

It happens that music fans as well take innocent delight in hearing songs stripped to their bare honed, outtake versions. At times fans have taken this delight to extremes, like the rumored circulation of tapes containing nothing more than Bob Dylan's heavy breathing. Most fans, however, prize the musical side of their favorite artist's "unplugging." John Lennon fans are the latest to be treated to songs stripped down to their demo-versions with the release of "Acoustic."

Every year, between the anniversaries of Lennon's birthday in October and his death in December, his widow Yoko Ono releases a collection of songs in his remembrance. This year marks what would have been Lennon's 64th birthday and the 24th year since his death, and "Acoustic" is Yoko's fitting tribute to her late husband.

The album is a collection of 16 songs from Lennon's solo-era songbook. Although most of these versions have been released before, primarily on "The John Lennon Anthology," there are seven tracks seen here for the first time, including "Cold Turkey," "Real Love" and a cutting "Working Class Hero."

This unplugged, acoustic arrangement is a suitable and flattering format for Lennon's songs. Known for his honest and direct lyrics, the minimal guitar accompaniment delivers Lennon's voice with an understated clarity. Making the album even more attractive is the knowledge that Lennon was self-conscious about his own voice. On published recordings he often mixed his own vocal tracks, obscuring the natural sound of his voice.

"Acoustic," however, fans get to hear Lennon raw and unvarnished. Although some of the album tracks seem to be throwaway numbers — the closing track of nothing more than Lennon whistling — there are several good moments on the album that make it worthwhile.

The album's highpoint is a touching version of "Watching the Wheels." Originally released on the "Double Fantasy" album, this song is a plaintive defense of Lennon's withdrawal from the rock 'n' roll scene in the late 1970s. Haughtily married and turning to his newborn son during this time, Lennon was criticized by fans for abandoning his music. With "Watching the Wheels," Lennon defends himself singing, "I'm just sitting here watching the wheels go round and round / I really love to watch them roll / No longer riding on the mainstream / I just had to hit it right.

Fans will also like the live version of "Imagine," where Lennon re-creates the piano song on his guitar. This song, which has become a worldwide anthem for peace, is in new innocence when played acoustically. The faint sound of the audience accompanying Lennon on the chorus, "You may say I'm a dreamer / But I'm not the only one / I hope someday you'll join us / And the world will live as one," adds to the poignancy of this ageless song.

Other good tracks on "Acoustic" are "Real Love," which the Beatles released on Anthology II. The "Luck of the Irish," a song decrying the British for their abuses on Ireland, the stark opener "Working Class Hero" and the haunting "Mother."

For those who are unfamiliar with Lennon's solo work, it would be better to start with one of his other albums in order to appreciate "Acoustic." For veteran Lennon fans, however, "Acoustic" will be a welcome addition to the album collection. Guitar players will find the album especially appealing with the inclusion of the actual tablature Lennon used, and a chord chart for the songs. "Acoustic" allows fans to unplug and listen to Lennon in a newfound purity, and musicians will be able to acoustically right along with him.

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**Jin's debut hits and misses**

By KENNYA STORIN
Associate Sports Editor

Jin is not your average, run-of-the-mill rapper. After all, he's Chinese-American. Jin first appeared on the hip-hop scene when he was seen in a clothing competition on BET's "106" and Park's Freestyle Fridays. As a result, he gained a great deal of respect in the New York underground rap scene, and was eventually offered a contract by Fluff Ryders.

The New York-based Fluff Ryders, home to rappers like 112MS, Frez and Dukecake, was once an unstoppable force in the late 90s when DMX was at the peak of his powers. However, the group's popularity has dwindled over the years, and only a few of its members have seen much success recently. As a result, it is not surprising Fluff Ryders decided to take a chance and sign Jin to his first record deal.

Once Jin became a Fluff Ryder, he came out with the single, "Learn Chinese," at the end of 2003, which quickly became an underground success. Due to his Chinese ethnicity and growing underground popularity, he started to receive some media attention, including a positive write-up in the New York Times. Everything seemed to be going Jin's way, and his debut album was slated for an October 2003 release. Unfortunately, due to several delays in production, Fluff Ryders missed the opportunity to capitalize on Jin's growing popularity, and it was not until his past October that his debut, the first "History," finally materialized.

Of course the question is, was it worth the wait? The answer is yes and no.

More than anything else, Jin uses his Chinese background to distinguish himself from his peers, throwing out lines like "I ain't your 50 Cent, I ain't your Eminem, I ain't your Jigga Man, I'm a Chinese man!" and "This ain't Bruce Lee, ya'll watch too much TV!" At times he also gets serious about his experiences as a Chinese-American, referring to his struggles as an aspiring rapper ("The rap battle, the race-card was my downfall.") Jin also talks about his relationship with his son, and how his family has been his biggest support system.

"Acoustic" is Jin's latest addition to the New York-based rap group Fluff Ryders.

**The Rest is History**

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"Feels Like Today," Rascal Flatts naturally maintains its standing as one of the hottest groups in country music today. Five years into its recording career and these multi-platinum songwriters have already achieved numerous billboard hits and music awards. Voted by both the CMA and ACM as top vocal group, it has produced three soulful and highly acclaimed records. With their stellar good looks, and ever so touching reaction, which repeats "Every long lost dream, lead me to...

where you are, others who broke my heart they were like the Northern Star, pointing me on my way into your loving arms. This much I know is true, that God blessed the broken road that led me straight to you."

Traditionally, the Rascal Flatts audience has been made up of predomi-

nately young females. With each album, this band being the third, the group has progressively matured in its

songwriting. Previously released hits such as "I'm Movin' On," and "These Days," were clearly geared to a more adult audience. The majority of its songs, however, and especially those on "Feels Like Today," are interpretive

and can be widely appreciated by most age groups.

Rascal Flatts' devoted fans will enjoy "Here's to You," a fun song dedicated to every type of fan, calling them, "You're the heart and the soul, and the reason we do what we do."
New Dolphins coach Bates gets trapped team

Now, after a pennant race and postseason drama centered with instant replay rulings, baseball will get another chance to see who else wants to give replay a look.

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"I think it's completely right, 100 percent," the New York Yankees general manager said this week. "But you would hate to have a game where an umpire or even a team manager comes down to a play where they miss it and instant replay could have helped," he said. "So as far as instant replay, I'm in favor of it.

Players said Wednesday's workout was set to a quicker tempo than under Wannstedt and praised Bates for his demeanor during morning meetings and practice.

"He was just into everything today. He was catering to every position and basically sat there and just talked with us to find out what we were thinking about," tight end Randy McMichael said.

Bates said any personnel decisions, such as whether Jay Feidler or A.J. Feeley will start at quarterback against Seattle, would be made next week.
Red Sox alumni salute World Series champs

Boston — Pedro Martinez, Jason Varitek and more than a dozen other Red Sox free agents might want to take advice from some people who know. Stay in Boston, or you’ll regret it.

"It would be hard to walk away from this city," former Red Sox pitcher Bruce Hurst said before posing for pictures with the World Series trophy. "I would venture to guess that they’d miss it more than they’d realize."

Hurst was inducted into the Red Sox Hall of Fame on Wednesday night, an opportunity to get together with former teammates such as Wade Boggs and Vladdy who left Boston as a free agent.

"Hopefully, I won’t have to look at [video of myself crying on the bench again],” he said, referring to the '86 loss to the New York Mets. "Now when you talk about the Red Sox World Series, I’m sure many more than [turning out for the victory parade] and we might want to take it more than we’d have thought."

Boston has 16 free agents, and there is virtually no way the Sox will be able to spend some time here.

Hurst knows all about leaving Boston. After the Red Sox came within one strike of ending their championship drought in 1986, he returned to the playoffs with San Diego that offseason.

You get it pretty quick, though.

And that’s what makes playing in Boston different from other places, former outfielder Bernie Carbo said.

"I would stay here and take less money, or take what I need,” he said. "You'll never find a better organization, a better town, a better ballpark. My advice would be to stay here, continue to win, continue to be a family."

Carbo was honored by the Red Sox Hall of Fame for hitting the tying home run in Game 6 of the 1975 Series, setting the stage for Carlton Fisk’s more famous game-winner in the 12th inning.

Inducted with Boggs, Eckersley and Hurst during the dinner at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center were: Bill Carrigan, who won three World Series as a catcher from 1906-16. He was the player-manager from 1913-16 and manager from 1927-29; Jimmie Collins, a third baseman and manager from 1901-06 who led the Red Sox to a World Series victory in 1903; Billy Goodman, a lifetime .300 hitter who won the AL batting title in 1950 with a .354 average and finished second in MVP voting that year.

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- South Quad

**friday 11.12**
- Sign-Ups for Retreats: Freshman Retreat #55 (Nov. 19-20)
- Freshman Retreat #56 (Dec. 3-4)
- Applications are available in 114 CoMo or online at campusministry.nd.edu!

**saturday 11.13**
- Handbell Choir Concert
  - 10:00 am
  - Eck Alumni Welcome Center
- Folk Choir
  - Concert for the Missions
  - 8:30 pm
  - Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- **Eucharistic Adoration**
  - 12:00 noon - 7:00 pm
  - Every Monday - Thursday
  - Coleman-Morse Chapel

**monday 11.15**
- **Eucharistic Adoration**
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- **Atmosphere**
  - 7:00pm
  - Coleman-Morse Chapel

**tuesday 11.16**
- **Advent Bible Study**
  - Tuesdays thru Dec 7
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  - Drop-Ins Welcome!
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**wednesday 11.17**
- **"Crossing Over"**
  - American & African Students
  - Share Reflections on their
  - Cross-Cultural Experiences
  - 6:00pm with Dinner Provided
  - Coleman-Morse Lounge
- **ifFour:71 Contemporary Christian Prayer Service**
  - 10:00am
  - Coleman-Morse Chapel
- **Theology on Tap**
  - 10:00pm
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**mass schedule**

**Basilica of the Sacred Heart**

**Saturday, November 13**
- Vigil Mass at the Basilica
  - 30 minutes after the Game
  - Rev. James K. Foster, csc
- Vigil Mass at Stepan Center
  - 45 minutes after the Game
  - Rev. William M. Lies, csc

**Sunday, November 14**
- 8:00 am
  - Rev. Nicholas R. Ayo, csc
- 10:00 am
  - Rev. James K. Foster, csc
- 11:45 am
  - Rev. William M. Lies, csc

**Around Campus (every Sunday)**
- 1:30 pm
  - Spanish Mass
  - St. Edward's Chapel
- 5:00 pm
  - Law School Mass
  - Law School Chapel
- 7:00 pm
  - MBA Mass
  - Mendoza COB
  - Faculty Lounge

**Call All Men**

by Greg Ruehlman

Intern, Campus Ministry

Some things in life are constant.
Take gravity, for example. A football (or marshmallow) hurled into the air at Notre Dame Stadium is bound to come down somewhere.

Math has given us as well. A one-dollar hamburger plus a one-dollar soda equals a two-dollar lunch (unless we're at Reekers, in which case it equals ten dollars).

But there is one fact that history proves to be more constant than anything else. More certain than the rising and setting of the sun, it is this: we can't get men to sign up for retreats.

This has held true since the very first retreat, which happened in prehistoric times, when two cavewomen approached their male friends. "Thag and Ook," they said, "we have a wonderful idea! It's called a 'retreat.' A group of us will come together to talk about God, share our feelings, renew the spirituality which sustains our existence, and in the process make new cave-friendships and strengthen old ones! Isn't that great?"

Thag and Ook grunted. On the whole, they were skeptical of sharing. Also, they were in the middle of crushing the heads of some antelope with a big rock.

"You two are something else," the cavewomen exclaimed. "Don't act like it wouldn't be good for you, and a lot of fun! What's more important in life than God? Besides, it's healthy for us to get away from work and stress on occasion. And it's definitely not healthy to keep your feelings bottled up!"

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"Sorry, we've got heads to crush."

As you can see, some things never change. Here we are in the year A.D. 2004 and many men still hesitate to go on retreat. Excuses vary: too much homework, too busy, too tired, too much touchy-feely stuff.

This is surprising, because no guy I've ever met regretted going on a Campus Ministry retreat. Whether it's Freshman Retreat, Sophomore Road Trip, Senior Retreat, NDE or Man's Weekend, there's something for everyone and they're definitely a guaranteed good time and much-needed break from our crazy schedules.

The beauty of a retreat is that it's whatever you want to make of it. If you need a community to support you and help you talk some things out, it's right there.

More than once as an undergrad, a retreat weekend proved to be the defining event of a semester for me. So guys, if you've enjoyed the retreat experience like I have, it's time for us to talk it up and challenge the excuses.

Encourage your friends and dormmates to go on retreat. And for you guys who haven't gone yet, it's time to man up and join the club. If you need any more incentive to go, just remember that the cavewoman-to-caveman ratio is definitely in our favor.

"Sorry, we've got heads to crush..."
McNair frustrated chest is still sore after rest

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Steve McNair wants to help his Tennessee Titans start winning games while redeeming his own sub-par performance this season.

Now only if his chest would stop hurting whenever he gets out of bed or throws a pass.

The NFL's co-MVP of 2001 has played through pain from a list of injuries, but he said Wednesday he still can't take a direct hit 2 1/2 weeks after being knocked out of the Titans' 20-3 loss at Minnesota on Oct. 23.

"I'm trying to fight through some of the pain and get some work done. The thing we're worried about now is, 'Can I take a hit?' If I do take the right hit, it's going to knock me out two to three more weeks," McNair said.

"That's the Catch-22 we're working with right now." McNair was able to throw passes in a one-on-one drill and in a seven-on-seven drill Wednesday, his first work with teammates since his latest injury.

The Titans (3-5) listed him as questionable yet again on their injury report, and coach Jeff Fisher called McNair's limited passing "encouraging." He said the quarterback's availability will be a game-time decision Sunday against Chicago (1-5).

"The issue is not throwing the football or running around with the ball, doing those kinds of things. The concern is just a hit," Fisher said. "We want to make sure it's not going to set him back, and any kind of contact is going to set him back." McNair is frustrated by this latest injury because he came back within two weeks after he threw his first pass in 2000 in a victory over Kansas City.

He spent two nights in the hospital after being knocked out of a loss to Jacksonville on Sept. 26, which caused him to sit out a loss to San Diego the next week. Then he was caught in a high-low hit on the first play of the second quarter against Minnesota.

"It's not my fault," McNair said. "It's the play calling. I can't go straight from bed to practice or anything like that. There's nothing I can do about that except work hard and be patient and know that I will get back there and be patient to get back there and make sure I'm ready to go."
OLYMPICS

USADA bans Jerome Young for life after second violaton

Associated Press

Sprinter Jerome Young, a central figure in a doping case that could cost the U.S. relay team its gold medal from Sydney, was banned for life by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency on Wednesday following his second positive test for a banned drug.

Young tested positive for EPO at a Paris meet in July, USAO said. He is believed to be the first sprinter to test positive for EPO, which is popular with endurance runners and cyclists.

Tests for EPO were introduced at the 2000 Sydney Games. Sprinter Kellie White admitted she used EPO and other performance-enhancing drugs earlier this year when she accepted a two-year ban for doping.

Young, 28, tested positive for the steroid nandrolone in 1999, but was exonerated by a U.S. appeals panel in July 2000, avoiding a two-year ban. He ran in the opening and semifinal rounds of the 2000 Games, but not in the 1,600-meter final anchored by Michael Johnson.

All six members of the relay squad received gold medals, but Young's was stripped. Other members of the team include 30-year-old Alvin Harrison, who accepted a four-year suspension in October for drug violations uncovered in the BALCO case. Harrison's twin and Sydney teammate, Calvin Harrison, is serving a two-year suspension for testing positive for drugs linked to the Bay Area Laboratory Cooperative.

The Harrison cases and the latest involving Young all came after the Sydney games. But track's world governing body, the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), has recommended declaring the entire Sydney relay team ineligible because of Young.

Last month, the U.S. Olympic Committee challenged the recommendation in a petition lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland. Young, who has denied ever using a prohibited substance, was not covered by the appeal.

"As a matter of course, we don't comment on specific individual drug cases," said Jill Geer, spokeswoman for USADA Track & Field. "It's certainly tragic if Jerome or any other athlete made the decision to cheat."

Barry Seibel, a spokesman for the USOC in nearby Colorado Springs, said Young's suspension should not affect the case pending before the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

"We have complete confidence in the fairness of CAS proceedings and do not believe that the decision announced today will have any bearing on that proceeding."

The CAS has not set a date for a hearing, he said.

MLB

Stottlemyre set to return for 2005, then retire

Associated Press

NEW YORK — One more year, Mel Stottlemyre says. After that, he absolutely, positively will retire as pitching coach of the New York Yankees.

Stottlemyre agreed Wednesday to return for his 10th season under manager Joe Torre, and the Yankees also announced former catcher Joe Girardi will replace Willie Randolph as bench coach.

"I've been talking about retirement for about three years," Stottlemyre said. "Each year I've changed my mind at the end of the season. I'll be 64 years old at this time next year, and it's probably time."

Stottlemyre said he always intended to return for the 2005 season, even though some reports had said he would leave now.

"I was a little upset about that for a while," Stottlemyre said during a conference call. "Maybe someone within the Yankees' organization would be happy if I did step down this year."

Following the departures of Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte and David Wells, New York's starters had a 4.82 ERA this season, sixth among the 14 AL teams. Next season's staff will have a new look, too.

"I really want to go out on top," he said.

Stottlemyre was diagnosed with a form of bone marrow cancer in April 2000 and underwent stem-cell transplantation treatment, but his health has been fine in recent years.

In January 2002, he said he would retire after that season but changed his mind after Anaheim beat the Yankees in the first round of the playoffs. Last year, he didn't agree to return for 2004 until owner George Steinbrenner gave him a raise.

Girardi, 50, caught for the Yankees from 1996-99 and made the NL All-Star team with the Chicago Cubs in 2000. His 15-year-playing career ended when he was cut by New York at the end of spring training, and he became a broadcaster for the YES network.

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Artest wanted time off for rap album and rest

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest said Wednesday that he asked coach Rick Carlisle for time off because of a busy schedule that included promoting a soon-to-be released rap album, which led to his two-game benching.

Artest held a short news conference before Wednesday night's game against the Los Angeles Clippers, and in his usual ambiguous manner, tried to explain why he was benched.

Artest said that he asked Carlisle for as much as a month off to heal his aching body and recover from a particularly busy schedule.

"My body has been aching. I was going to take some time off and I said it the wrong way," Artest said. "Everything that happened wasn't too negative. I kind of surprised the team by wanting to take some games off, just to get back together, maybe stay home for a little bit, rest a little bit and come back."

He certainly surprised Carlisle, who said Tuesday that the situation, "compromised the integrity of the team. It's a private team matter, and I'm going to leave it at that."

"I don't know what that means," Artest said. "They probably expected a little more, expected me to play every game. Everybody's different. It's early in the season, so I feel like I could take some time off early and be ready for the long stretch."

So Carlisle benched Artest for Tuesday night's win over Minnesota and Wednesday night's game against the Clippers. It is not a suspension, and Artest and Carlisle benched 24-year-old is scheduled to release his debut rap album later this month and has been spending a lot of time making promotional appearances.

"I've been doing a little bit too much music, just needed the rest," Artest said. "I still got my album coming out Nov. 23. After the album comes out I'm going to make sure all of my time is focused on winning a championship."

It's the latest in a long line of controversial situations for Artest, ranging from destroying television monitors at Madison Square Garden two years ago to excising the team to fly to every game of the Eastern Conference finals at Detroit last season.

Carlisle tried to downplay the issue before the game Wednesday night.

"This is not the Cuban missile crisis. It's not life or death, it's not about national security," Carlisle said. "It's just simply about a group of guys needing to remind ourselves — all of us — about the sanctity of team, and what it's about."

The message appears to have landed with Artest.

"It was a good decision," Artest said. "I need the rest. There's a lot of things going on."

When asked if he thought the punishment fit the crime, Artest said, "There was no crime done. I think it helped out. I was tired."

"I was doing a lot. I was running around a lot and doing a whole bunch of stuff and I've been doing a little bit too much music, just needed the rest," Artest said. "I still got my album coming out Nov. 23. After the album comes out I'm going to make sure all of my time is focused on winning a championship."

"I probably decided then that I was done with the NFL," he told The Gainesville Sun. "It wasn't the lifestyle best for me. You don't have scout teams in the NFL. When I was at Florida, I worked with the quarterback every snap for two hours. It wasn't that way in the NFL."

"Some said to me that if I return to coaching, it'll be at a good state university, a college coaching job somewhere," Spurrier said. "It seems like I'm better suited for that. I know I certainly had a lot more success in the college game than in the NFL. So if I return to coaching, I think that would probably be the best idea."

Spurrier even took a shot at his former job.

"Probably very few NFL teams would want me after the success I had," he said. "Some probably would say that in the right situation I could be successful. But if I had a choice, I'd lean toward the college game. Everybody has their own little niche. The college game was certainly a lot better success-wise for me."

Spurrier withdrew his name from consideration to return to Gainesville, where Ron Zook was fired last month after two-plus seasons.

Spurrier refused to reveal whether he would have taken the job had it been offered, but school president Bernie Machen and athletic director Jeremy Foley weren't planning to extend any invitations without a full-blown search-and-interview process — something Spurrier may have felt was a slap in the face considering his track record with the Gators.

Spurrier could land elsewhere, maybe even with another SEC team.

Spurrier said he would prefer to coach in a warm-weather climate. South Carolina? North Carolina? How about Texas?

He declined to say whether he has spoken to any schools.

"I can't answer all that. I can't answer all your questions. In the next two or three weeks, once the season is over, we'll see what happens," he said.

"I think I've made it clear now that if I go back into coaching, I'll be at a good state university, a college job."
Texas Rangers Buck Showalter, right, speaks during a news conference in Key Biscayne, Fla. Showalter was voted the AL Manager of the Year award and Bobby Cox of the Atlanta Braves won the honor in the NL.

Cox, Showalter voted managers of the year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bobby Cox and Buck Showalter were given little chance of success after payroll purges pushed out key players. Proving the predictions wrong, their teams won anyway, and so did the managers.

Cox was voted NL Manager of the Year on Wednesday for leading the Atlanta Braves to an unexpected 13th straight division title, and Showalter won the AL honor for turning the last-place Rangers into a contender after Texas traded MVP Alex Rodriguez to the New York Yankees.

"Some of the fans probably thought we weren't going to make it this year, but we did," Cox said following his third manager of the year award. "I think I'm as thrilled this year as I ever have been with one single team."

Coming off four straight last-place finishes in the AL West, Texas cut its payroll in half and wasn't predicted to do well. But the Rangers rebounded and remained in contention until the final week of the season.

"I would have picked us the same place everybody did, too," said Showalter, who won for the second time.

Cox received 22 first-place votes and 10 seconds for 140 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Tony La Russa of St. Louis, who has won four manager of the year awards, was second with 62 points after leading the Cardinals to a major league-best 105-57 record. Jim Tracy of Los Angeles was third with 52.

"I thought Tony deserved it, to be honest," Cox said. "I would be more than happy to split that trophy and have both our names on it." Atlanta, struck by injuries to key players, was 33-39 after a loss at Baltimore on June 25, then went 63-27.

"We were treading water for a good part of the season until we got everybody back and finally took off," Cox said.

Cox won the AL award with Toronto in 1995 and the NL honor with the Braves in 1991, the first year of Atlanta's record run. Atlanta lost 3-2 to Houston in the first round of the playoffs. Despite all the division titles, the Braves' only World Series championship under Cox was in 1995.

IN BRIEF

McGrady likely to miss game with hip, groin injury

McGrady left midway through the third quarter of Tuesday's game against Memphis with strains in his right hip and groin and didn't return. He limped through some shooting drills during practice and said the pain had gotten worse.

"It's a sharp pain with every movement," McGrady said. "It's really limiting me. If I feel I can go, I'll be ready to play. I'm not counting tomorrow out just yet."

McGrady said his hip and groin started bothering him during Friday's game at Memphis.

Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy didn't seem too concerned about the possibility of playing without McGrady for a game or two.

Two Michigan State receivers arrested

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Two Michigan State football players were arrested and charged with possessing a dangerous chemical compound after they allegedly planted homemade bombs that blew up outside campus apartments.

Terry Love and Irving Campbell, both 19-year-old redshirt freshmen, were arrested Tuesday morning as they left the scene of the first explosion, campus police said. A second bomb exploded shortly afterward, and a third was detonated by the campus police bomb squad.

The men said they planted the bombs in Spartan Village as a prank, campus police Sgt. Florene McGlothian-Taylor said.

No one was hurt and there were no property damages, McGlothian-Taylor said. The players released on $500 bond after being arraigned Tuesday.

Chief's put Barber on injured reserve

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs placed linebacker Shawn Barber on injured reserve Wednesday and prepared for Sunday's must-win game at New Orleans without All-Pro running back Priest Holmes.

Coach Dick Vermeil stopped just short of saying Holmes would definitely be out, but the league's leading rusher and scorer was on crutches after straining a medial collateral ligament in his right knee. None of his teammates expected him to play.

Derrick Blaylock, out last week with a deep thigh bruise, practiced full speed for the first time Wednesday and would start for the Chiefs (5-5) in Holmes' absence.

Blaylock, a fifth-round draft choice out of Stephen F. Austin in 2001, has carried 32 times for 150 yards, a 4.7 average.
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said. "We've just got to make sure we know what our shot is. I think we are still learning that, but that's a fine line. I love when guys are confident and aggressive."

"We got to 80 pretty easy tonight, and 80 in a college basketball game is a lot of points. We are shooting it well and making the extra pass out there."

Playing against a more conventional opponent in Quincy, the Irish were able to turn up their defensive effort and not just try to keep up with the quick up-and-down pace of St. Joseph's.

After a slow start, the Irish picked up their energy level and started getting in the face of their opponent's passing lanes and the passing lanes. They outrebounded the Hawks 37-33— including 17 offensive rebounds — and forced 22 turnovers while forcing 15 steals.

"That's a lot of points. I've never seen a basketball game is a lot of points. We're not doing well, she helps to refocus the group," Tarutis said.

In one of her more solid defensive performances of the season, Henican demonstrated this defensive responsibility, she can help the team, she'll go for it."

Ashley Tarutis
Irish freshman

serves the team can always count on her to jumpstart a go-getter attitude in Notre Dame's Oct. 31 match against Villanova. In one of her more solid defensive performances of the season, Henican totalled 26 digs, accounting for 45 percent of Notre Dame's digs against Villanova. In addition, she helped limit the Wildcats' offense to .007 on hitting.

Coach Debbie Brown says that Henican's most significant contributions cannot be inferred from statistics, however.

"She takes a really large area of the court as her responsibility," Brown said. "She can really frustrate hitters because she's consistent and keeps getting digs."

"That's something that will never show up in the box scores, but it's a huge part of our success."

Last year, Henican played a prominent role on the defense as well, becoming the third player in Irish history to record 400 digs in a season. In addition, Henican's efforts were part of the reason Notre Dame limited Big East opponents to a .134 hitting percentage and set a single-season record for fewest service aces allowed per game with 0.94.

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key dig or a big play. She always comes up with these spectacular digs that just amaze everyone."

But her teammates aren't the only ones she has impressed.

More recently, the libero Henican was recognized as the Big East Conference Player of the Week — just the second libero ever to earn the honor. Tarutis said Henican's award was more than merited.

"I think it shows that all of her hard work has paid off," Tarutis said. "She finally got recognized for what she's really good at."

The junior libero has proven she is deserving of the honor throughout the season. Tarutis says the team can always count on her to jumpstart a go-getter attitude in Notre Dame's Oct. 31 match against Villanova. In one of her more solid defensive performances of the season, Henican totalled 26 digs, accounting for 45 percent of Notre Dame's digs against Villanova. In addition, she helped limit the Wildcats' offense to .007 on hitting.

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Senior Irish guard Chris Thomas looks for space during Notre Dame's victory over Quincy Wednesday at the Joyce Center. Thomas finished with 18 points and tied for the team lead with six rebounds.
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"Ryan Ayers has a great feel
for the game already and
is very strong," Brey said.
Hillesland, a 6-foot-8, 220-
pound power forward, brings a
defensive presence and a
winning
attitude.
The St. John's Jesuit star
averaged 13.0 points and 9.9
rebounds per game in his junior
season, finishing third on the
team in assists despite missing
10 games due to knee surgery.
Hillesland's team went 23-2,
going 6-4 when he was out of
the lineup and losing its only
other game in the state finals.
"He already digs in defensively," Brey said. "And he's real
good with the ball.
McAlarney, a 6-foot-3, 170-
pound guard who flew under
the recruiting radar of most
top Division-I programs, averaged
35.6 points per game last
season and scored 907 points to
set the Staten
Island high
school single season
scoring record.
McAlarney scored a
career-high 59 points
against
McMurry at
Moore
Catholic high
school, and
he
set another
Staten Island
record with seven
games of 30-plus points in a season.
"I called Kyle last night," Brey said. "This team had two
practices and he was coming back from the YMAC to get
some extra shooting in. He's
just a throwback.
"The 6-foot-11, 240-pound
Zeller is the most nationally
recognized Irish recruit. He was
very impressive as a sophomore
candidate for the 2005 Mr. Indiana Basketball
honor after earning All-America
honors from Street
and Smith's
maga
azine for the season. Zeller
averaged 19.8 points and
9.4 rebounds.
Hillesland verbally
committed to Notre Dame first,
but later Zeller's
announcement in
late April arguably
spurred the ensuing
committing
craze. Hillesland
headed out on a
top national recruiting
class.
"I'm excited to see the
way we've progressed as
a team," Brey said. "We
have four great players:
Mike Brey irish coach
Zach Hillesland
Irish recruit
"Ryan Ayers has a great feel
for the game already and
is very skilled.
Ralph Sampson IV and the
derby..." Brey said.
"I don't know how
big [Kyle said]," Brey said.
"But I know four of us
committing is a
huge thing for Notre Dame
as an institution.
Our class gets
me real excited
because it's a
great class with a
great bunch of
guys with, as coach Brey said
before, four-year guys.
"Our team consisted
of a lot of great players
who are going to
make the Irish better
next year," Brey said.
"We have a lot of
options now," Brey said.
"It's a great
program and that's
the way we
want to
play.
And the things that
I've been
most impressed with
is the way these
guys have
handled themselves in
team meetings.
"The kind of leaders
that our players have
been in the NBA already
and have two
players who are
ready to
play, the
Irish
have
a
lot of
options
to
choose from."
MEN’S BASKETBALL

Present and future

Irish knock off Quinicy to finish up preseason, ink four recruits

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

The other “Chris” in the Notre Dame backcourt showed he’s got some game Wednesday night.

Chris Quinn’s game-high 25 points paced the Irish as they cruised to an 89-61 victory over Division II Quinicy at the Joyce Center.

“He’s really a heck of a guard and one of the most underrated guards in the (Big East) and nationally,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “It probably won’t be as much of a secret in December (He’s) so solid, the game comes easy to him, doesn’t really force a thing. It’s fun to watch his maturity and confidence level growing.”

In his second game in an Irish uniform, senior Dennis Latimore looked more comfortable than he did in the exhibition opener against St. Joseph’s. That game was his first since February 2003.

Latimore came out more aggressive and with more energy on both ends of the floor against the Hawks.

He hit a couple of fadeaways jump shots along with getting a breakaway steal leading to an uncontested dunk on the other end.

“I tried to work on that,” Latimore said. “It’s a big difference coming from a practice situation to a game situation. Game speed is so much quicker, and it took me the whole first game to adjust. I think I’m adjusted to that now.”

That spurt from Latimore came during a 23-8 run in the first half that saw the Irish turn an 8-5 deficit into a 38-11 lead.

“We’re going to be good offensively,” Brey said.

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Calling Meg Henican captain is insufficient.

In addition to the leadership role she has assumed, Henican has become a go-to girl for the defense and an inspiration to the Notre Dame volleyball team.

“Henican adds a lot of confidence to the team,” freshman Ashley Tarzis said. “We know we can always count on Meg for a strong showing in the upcoming season.”

Only second libero to win Big East Player of the Week

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Sealing a promising future for a program on the rise, Irish coach Mike Brey announced the commitment of Ryan Ayres (Blue Bell, Penn.), Zach Hillesland (Toledo, Ohio), Kyle McAlarney (Staten Island, N.Y.) and Luke Zeller (Washington, Ind.) to the Notre Dame basketball recruiting class of 2009 Wednesday morning.

All four players signed national letters of intent by 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. Brey said the players’ commitments add future security and potential to a program already poised for a strong showing in the upcoming season.

“People wanted to put the moniker ‘Fab Four’ on them,” Brey said from the football conference room in the Joyce Center. “I said, ‘Yeah, that’s great, with the emphasis on (the word) four’ ... because they’re going to grow up and grow old together in a college basketball program.”

Notre Dame assistant coaches pushed recruiting last winter and spring because the team had roster spots to fill.

“I want to emphasize my assistant coaches do a great job with that, and every day they’re doing something with recruiting,” Brey said.

“(The recruits) are going to be a part of a program on the rise, Irish coach Mike Brey said.

By RICHARD FRIEDMAN
The Observer

Irish guard Chris Quinn attempts to drive past a Quinicy defender in Notre Dame’s 89-61 victory Wednesday night.

Irish prepare for talented receivers

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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Last year, when people thought of Pittsburgh, they thought of Larry Fitzgerald. This year, however, is different.

The Panthers offense is diverse and still dangerous under the arm of first-year starter Tyler Palko.

Palko has become famous for his ambiextrous tosses while being pressured.

“He’s versatile,” Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. “He’s doing a great job of protecting the football, for the most part.

He moves around in a timely basis to make it very difficult. And he’s putting the ball in the right places with his receivers.”

One threat catching the ball is 6-foot-8 Joe DelSardo. The former walk-on burned Rutgers Oct. 23 for 105 yards on eight catches. DelSardo is one of five Panthers who has recorded 100-yard receiving games this season. Greg Lee is also one of those. In his first full season as a starter, he is atop the Big East in receiving yards and eighth in the country, averaging 104 yards per game. Last week against young Miami, Lee set a new school record with four touchdowns.

We’ll have to see if Palko can continue that type of performance.

OLYMPICS

Jerome Young is banned by the USASA for life after testing positive for an illegal drug for a second time.

NFL

Titans quarterback Steve McNair is still listed as questionable despite more than two weeks of rest for his bruised sternum.

MLB

Baseball’s general managers to discuss instant replay at annual meetings in Florida.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Henican emerges as the go-to libero

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