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Group discusses courses, election reform

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

The Student Senate unanimously approved two resolutions concerning Teacher Course Evaluations and a student discount at the bookstore and discussed a third regarding election reforms at its last meeting for two weeks. Three years in the making, the resolution on TCEs sets forth a comprehensive outline for a two-pronged system of course evaluation for students.

The first part of the proposal calls for faculty members to “communicate a vision of their courses in advance of the DART registration period,” according to the resolution. This would include loading information about course times, descriptions, goals, syllabi and evaluation methods onto a web-based platform accessible by students.

The second part allows students to voice their opinion in a questionnaire handed out at the same time as traditional TCEs, and to view the results of evaluations. The Student Senate then unanimously approved two new students to the TCE board.

A task force was created to consider the phasing out of traditional TCEs and replacing them with an online evaluation system. President Temple人家 and President Staley have both expressed interest in implementing an online evaluation system.

SENATE

Campus supports ‘Gay? Fine By Me’ demonstration

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

The color orange, spotted yesterday on students sporting “Gay? Fine by Me” T-shirts and on a large spray-painted closet in front of South Dining Hall, helped promote awareness of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and queer issues at Notre Dame Thursday.

Students were welcome to "come out of the closet," which did not necessarily mean as a gay or lesbian. For example, one girl came out as "one hungry anal-receptive accounting major." "This isn’t about a particular issue, but showing this campus is not homophobic," a student said.

Thayer speaks about gay, lesbian rights

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

Andy Thayer, founder of the Chicago Anti-Bashing Network, spoke about inequality and discrimination directed at gays and lesbians members of the South Bend community Wednesday night at the Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns.

"If we’re going to combat the problem of anti-gay violence, we need to go to the root of the problem. The question is, what gives rise to this hatred of gay people?" Thayer asked.

In answering that question, Thayer blamed the government. "If the government says it’s okay to dehumanize humans, it sends a message to society at large," he said. "The fact of the
INSIDE COLUMN

ND means hibernating all winter

When applying to Notre Dame, my high school counselor once said, "It's a beautiful place, just gorgeous — but the winters there are as cold as snow!" Now, beside the fact that the actual temperature of snow really has nothing to do with cold winters, I assumed he meant the weather over here gets pretty dang cold and went from there. This comment, though strange, did cause me to reflect upon the situation as well as what I would do when winter finally did come.

Last Friday, departing from my 4 to 6 p.m. class to almost complete darkness I recalled the words of my counselor and realized the time for dorm room hibernation is almost upon us. Soon, Internet lecture notes will become essential, and don't forget to restock those vital food items before it's too late. You know the type — Cheez-its, llama wafers, nilla wafers ... the list goes on and on...

Though we may be confined to our dorm when winter hits, there are still plenty of things to do — being from rainy Seattle, I am used to not seeing the sun for weeks at a time and adapting off the clock. So, while trapped inside on particularly wet days, catching up on that list of movies-to-see is a good activity. For those who need a bit more physical activity, hallway soccer or football is always a hit. And who could forget — Halo 2 is now out. Regardless of the weather, that abstinence will keep many students indoors for quite a while and I get the sinking sensation that GPA's will soon be dragging. But not all indoor activities have to be electronic. Sometimes a night spent with a deck of cards, whether the game is poker or hearts, can be quite entertaining. And we can always look to nature for examples as well; bears hibernate all winter, why can't we? Sleep is definitely a good thing, and I never seem to be able to get enough of it.

Time marches on it always does. However, what it means for us may vary from person to person. For example, if I were to keep up with my monthly check-ups, fingernails, and a fond farewell to grass for the next few months. Predictions of snow, though as of yet unfilled, exist nonetheless, and the chilly nights are a constant reminder of how extremely difficult making it to those 8:30 a.m. classes will soon be.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU HAVE A SECRET CRUSH ON ANYONE?

Heather Booth
junior McGinn "No, but my friend Sarah does."

Chris Brown
freshman Keenan "There's this girl Carrie and she works in South Dining Hall."

Tommy Wang
sophomore Alumni "There is this girl at my high school, but I don't see her anymore."

Phil Hicks
freshman Dillon "Yes, she is vicious and she is in the military."

Justin Rugby
senior Alumni "No, I don't."

Small, floating Chick-fil-A promotion cows dropped from the ceiling of the Joyce Center Wednesday during a timeout at the Duke-Notre Dame men's basketball game.

IN BRIEFS

The lecture "Is War Rational? The Extent of Miscalculation and Misperception as Causes of War," will be given by Daniel Lindley today at 12:30 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

The Nanovic Institute will present a screening of the Italian film "Il Cento Passi (The Hundred Steps)" at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. tonight in the Browning Cinema.

The Student Union Board will sponsor a screening of "The Bourne Supremacy" at 10 p.m. Thursday in DeBartolo Hall.

Malachy McCourt will be in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore on Friday at 4 p.m. signing his book "Malachy McCourt's History of Ireland."

St. Mary's Basketball Tip Off Classic game will be Friday at 6 p.m. at Angela Athletic Facility against Hanover College.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team will face off against Harvard Friday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center Arena.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will perform Friday at 8 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The Notre Dame Percussion Ensemble will perform on Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Band Building.

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

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Giri advocates gender justice

By APRIL THOMAS

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matter is, when the government says, 'We're going to call out this whole class of people, who don't fit the same rights as other folks' — that dehumanizes you, makes you a target.

Thayer said that the loss of commonality was right for gays would endanger the rights of all Americans.

"We are far in this country to pick on, to vilify any group because we say you allow them to get away with that, and it sets a horrible precedent for other people," Thayer said.

Switching to the topic of gay marriage, Thayer said that 1,138 federal rights are obtained by marriage. They include access to pension and Social Security survivors' ben­efits, immigration rights, medical care), and the ability to adopt children, among many others.

"Many gay and lesbian couples are forced to live apart from this country because they can't get their partner naturalized," Thayer said.

Recalling one woman's complaint about the immigration laws, Thayer said, "She told me, 'I can bring my dog into this country, but I can't bring my wife.'"

Thayer said that 52 percent of gay couples currently raising kids. However, when asked what the solution is now that a full 33 percent of gay couples and 42 percent of lesbian ones are also being brought up children, Thayer said,

"This issue is about not putting children in the gay and lesbian community." Thayer said. "It is a severe problem for many people in the gay and lesbian community."

Thayer also referred to the ability of gays to marry in Canada and the Netherlands.

"There are truly equal mar­riage rights, and you can't say the U.S. is looking to the other countries, they're the leaders," he said. "Maybe the Netherlands has something up on the U.S. I think it's a war leader in family dysfunction.

"There are also the talks about former Speaker of the House Next Gingrich's criticism of the gay community.

"Those who vilify us are some of the best destroyers of the family. For example, take Newt Gingrich," he said.

Pointing out Gingrich's flawed history as a family man, Thayer referred to the former Speaker of the House's multiple divorces.

"Thy critics of gay mar­riage can never seem to map it out how our marriages affect theirs. They must be truly in­secure in their own marriages," he said.

Thayer criticized former presidential candidate John Kerry and the Democrats for not taking a clear stand on gay rights in this month's election.

"Civil rights and equality is like a light switch — it's either on or off, no in-between," he said.

Thayer also said that gays and lesbians should settle for civil unions, but stand up for them.

"Things can change in some of the worst circumstances if people are willing to get out into the streets and work for it. This is why we do what we do," Thayer said.

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**ND students focus on graduate conference**

By PAUL SPADAFORA
The Observer • NEWS

Attendance at the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students conference and upcoming legislation in the U.S. Congress concern­ing graduate students were the main topics discussed at Tuesday's Graduate Student Union meeting.

President John Young and co­vice president Amanda Matthews talked with the other GUS members about the recent conference by the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students in Pittsburgh.

"NAGPS serves two functions," Young said. "The first is to meet the needs of International Graduate stu­dents on campuses across the nation. The second function is to act as a lobbying group for graduate student interests in Congress," Young said.

Matthews said she felt that the conference helped to foster good working relationships with other graduate students and contacts from other schools.

"Our objective was to seek out and make contacts with those organizations, and we were able to achieve that," Matthews said.

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Causes of church dissent cited
Catholic Cardinal condemns media, partisan forces for attacking U.S. bishops

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Washington Cardinal Theodore McCarrick blamed the media and partisan activists for unjust attacks on him and other Roman Catholic bishops who spoke out this election year on whether dissenting Catholic politicians should receive communion. He accused them of spreading internal dissent among church leaders.

In a speech delivered behind closed doors and released Wednesday, McCarrick pleaded for unity among his colleagues.

"The media or partisan forces sometimes tried to turn bishops against one another. I look around the room and see bishops who have been attacked as partisan, others who have been called cowards," he said during a private session of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "That is not who we are. We are united in our defense of life and the dignity of the human person."

The bishops wound up at the center of a nasty national debate over religion and politics after St. Louis Archbishop Raymond Burke said he would deny the Eucharist to Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, a Catholic who supports abortion rights.

Anti-abortion advocates pressured Burke to reconsider, but he stuck to follow Burke's lead. Other Catholics lobbied the prelates to highlight a broader range of moral issues in their stance, such as war and poverty.

Kerry supporters joined the fight, accusing Catholic leaders of trying to help re-elect President Bush, a Methodist whose position on abortion is more in line with Catholic teaching. Bush won the Catholic vote.

McCarrick, head of a bishops' task force on Catholics in public life, became a target of critics himself after saying he opposed using Communion as a sanction. The American Life League, a group of outspoken abortion opponents, took out ads denouncing his stance.

The cardinal said it has been a difficult year. Bishops were accused of being "single issue" if they spoke out on abortion, and if they didn't, they were derided as indifferent to the destruction of unborn human life," he said.

"We do not believe that our commitment to human life and dignity and our pursuit of justice and peace are competing causes," he said. "While we do not believe that all issues have equal moral claims, we will work to protect those whose lives are destroyed by abortion and those who are dying of hunger. We will strive to protect human life from the moment of conception until the moment God calls us home and we will strive to preserve peace... This is who we are and what we believe."

In an interview, McCarrick said that the bishops' position on Communion has been "widely misunderstood."

Only a few of the more than 250 American bishops said that dissenting lawmakers should be denied Communion. A dozen or so prelates said the politicians should voluntarily abstain from the sacrament, but would not be denied if they sought communion.

Most bishops took the same position as McCarrick. "The vast majority of bishops are in the center and the center is holding," he said. Last June, he issued a statement in Denver saying politicians who supported abortion rights were "cooperating in evil," but also affirmed church law that individual bishops can determine how to respond to those politicians.

Iraqi suicide bomber blasts convoy

Bishop William Sklystad of Spokane, Wash., incoming president of the U.S. Conference of Bishops, addresses a meeting in Washington on Wednesday.

Iraqi suicide bomber blasted a Roman Catholic convoy in Baghdad on Wednesday, killing four people and wounding at least 13 others, Iraqi security officials said.

The ambush took place near Camp Fallujah, a U.S. Marine base in the western part of the city, where American troops are fighting insurgents.

The bomber rammed his vehicle into the convoy, which was carrying Iraqi government officials to a nearby meeting, said a police official in Baghdad.

The attack was the latest in a series of attacks on U.S. and Iraqi security forces in the city, which has been under heavy pressure from insurgents.

The convoy was heading to a nearby military base when it was attacked.

The bomber was traveling on a dirt road that runs parallel to the main highway in Fallujah.

The attack came just days after a suicide bomber killed two Americans and wounded at least 13 others in another attack near the U.S. embassy in Baghdad.

The U.S. military has stepped up security measures in Fallujah in recent weeks, but the attacks continue.

Iraqi security forces are struggling to regain control of the city from insurgents who have taken over large parts of it.

The attacks have put a strain on relations between the U.S. military and Iraqi security forces, who blame the Americans for not doing enough to help them.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military has come under increasing criticism for its treatment of detained Iraqis, who are often subjected to harsh interrogation techniques.

The U.S. military has also been criticized for its treatment of Iraqi civilians, who have been targeted by insurgent attacks.

The attacks have generated widespread outrage in Iraq and around the world, and have raised questions about the long-term prospects for stability in the country.
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"She said, 'Daddy we don't have to go anywhere - I want to come here,'" Hedburgh said.

Though she graduated in 1975 after a two-year stint of concentra-

tion in Russian studies and Soviet affairs — beginning her trau-

jectory to government posi-


nitions in foreign relations — Rice is still passionate about her Notre Dame ties.

This July, Rice hosted about 30 administrators, donors and 

travellers in the West Wing office that she occupied for the last four 

years as the presi-


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advisor, where blue 

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Nanni, vice presi-

dent for University Relations.

"She's a huge 

football fan," Nanni said, recall-

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from the war in Iraq to Rice's 

biggest surprises in the White 

House to her personal recollec-

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Rice's selflessness, said Irish 

football coach Tyrone 

Willingham, who worked side by 

side with Rice at Stanford 

University when he coached and 

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Kmart-Sears deal raises doubts

Market soars as investors welcome $1 billion merger of U.S. retailers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks surged Wednesday as investors shrugged off a fresh indicator of rising inflation, welcoming a $1 billion deal that combines retail giants Kmart Holding Corp. and Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Despite the largest such transaction involving U.S. retailers, and strong data on inflation, the rise appeared to overshadow a worrisome reading of the Consumer Price Index, the government's most closely watched inflation barometer.

"It's quite obvious that the merger itself is good news, and of course the fact that we had industrial production taking off has helped strengthen the market," said Peter Cardillo, chief strategist with Spectrum Group. "But, on the inflation front, that's not such good news, but the effects of $50-plus oil prices are beginning to show up in the numbers, and going forward, that could make the Fed (Federal Reserve) more aggressive in raising interest rates," he said.

In afternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 133.07, or 0.52 percent, at 10,548.02.

The broader gauges were also higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 19.89, or 1.56 percent, to 1,182.32. The Nasdaq composite index was up 17.60, or 0.85 percent, to 2,096.22.

Discount chain operator Kmart soared $13.65, or 15 percent, to $116.85, on its plan to merge with Sears, a deal that will create the nation's third-largest retailer and is expected to have $55 billion in annual revenues, including medium fries and a drink.

Merrell Group Inc., known for its brands such as Merrell, degree of consumer prices among 18 European countries found Wednesday. While the findings for Norway and neighboring Sweden and Denmark weren't surprising — the Scandinavian countries are considered some of the cheapest places to live in the world — other Europeans are getting good bargains on everything from plasma screen TVs to movie tickets.

The survey, conducted in October by Pricerunner AB, a Stockholm-based consumer price comparison Web site owned by ValueClick Inc., looked at prices paid by consumers in 18 European countries for goods as varied as a McDonald's Big Mac meal to ticket prices for an evening showing of "The Bourne Supremacy."

"Particularly with new countries joining the EU, this year's survey has revealed even greater gaps, but it has also highlighted some interesting facts," said Pricerunner spokesman Patrik Blid.

Britons, for example, pay the most to see a movie at a cinema, on average about $18.55. Lithuanians pay an average of $5 for a ticket.

Those who prefer to see their films on DVD would do well to buy them in France, where a Sony region-free player can be had for $121.81. The same player goes for $160.69 in Sweden. 

The line, corporate earnings may not get squeezed as much by rising inflation. "Obviously higher prices are a concern, but the fact that they're able to pass a lot of these costs along makes it less of a concern, and not as big a negative as investors feared yesterday when they saw that WPP number," said Jack A. Ahlin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank. Separately, industrial production shot up 0.7 percent, a reading that suggests the sector is gaining momentum. Home buildings showed strength after the Commerce Department reported a 6.4 percent jump in housing construction last month.
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The survey online. Questions for the survey would be drafted by a committee composed of students, faculty representatives and a staff member from Institutional Research. Directions would note the purpose of the questionnaire, and unlike the 1CEs, results could not be used in faculty reappointment, tenure, promotion or salary decisions. "We need collaborative support with the faculty ... and we want everyone to be a part of this process," former student body president Jeremy Lao said.

Committee for Academic Affairs chair Vijay Ramanan said they will be meeting with representatives from the Faculty Senate today to gauge response. There were no objections to approval of the resolution. Sarah Bates, chair of the committee for Resident Life, presented a resolution recommending that the bookstore implement a student discount on merchandise. "This is a step we have taken based on unresponsive- ness from the bookstore in my previous attempts to contact them," Bates said. "We're hoping to pass this resolution and be able to take it to the bookstore and show them exactly what we want." The resolution reasons that faculty and staff currently receive a 20 percent discount on everything except class textbooks — for which they receive a 10 percent discount — and that students should be given the same consideration. "If you give us a discount, more students will shop there and offset any loss in profit from the discount," Siegfried sena- tor James Lao said.

Again, the resolution passed without objection. Finally, in a continuation of discussion from last week's meeting, senators debated amendments to the section in the constitution regarding undergraduate student body elections. The two points of con- tention were the articles granting senators the power to vote against the will of their dorms in the event a tie, and removing the option for abstention on the run-off election ballots. Ramanan spoke out against allowing senators to "vote by their conscience," even if odds are against an exact vote tie putting the election in Senate's hands. "I know we're trying to remove the wheeling and dealing that happens when the vote comes to Senate, but this isn't going to help," Ramanan said. "I trust 95.5 percent of the senators elected, but it's that .5 percent that scares me." Cavanaugh sena- tor Jordan Rongtivavani said the decision to give senators the power was based on the idea their dorm puts faith in a senator's deci- sion-making abili­ ties when they elect them. Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin issued a word of warning. "Senate should be careful what they wish for when granting this power," Coughlin said. "In the event that an election comes down between a presidential candi­ date that's not, and Senate votes in favor of the senator, you could have a pretty good size uprising on campus." Zahm senator Mike McInlsey brought up prob- lems with the removal of the option to abstain on run-off election ballots (abstention would still be available in the primary). "Abstention makes discon- tent public," McInlsey said. "Even if it doesn't make a dif­ ferent in who is elected, it's a matter of political expres­ sion." Fisher senator Suja Pandya said, "We use elections to elect a leader, not to gauge the popu­ larity of student government," he said.

Senate came to no definite conclusions, but the amend­ ment must pass on the Dec. 1 meeting if changes are to be implemented for this year's election.

In other Senate news:

- Meghan Hanzlick spoke to the Senate regarding a letter-writing campaign to U2 front­ man Bono, asking him to return to campus for a con­ ference to raise awareness of AIDS in Africa. She encouraged senators to get students from their dorm to sign and mail a form letter she provided to Bono to try to convince him to come back to campus.

- "We don't want him just for the concert, but for aware­ ness of AIDS and other African issues, which is what Bono and his involvement in DATA stands for," Hanzlick said.

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LOS ANGELES — The fast-food documentary "Super Size Me" is among 12 films competing for best documentary at the Sundance Film Festival; and "Born into Brothels," a look at the harsh lives of children of Calcutta prostitutes, which won Sundance's audience award for favorite documentary last January.

"Super Size Me" hilariously traces director Morgan Spurlock's physical and emotional deterioration during a month he spent on an all-McDonald's diet.

The film is one of the highest-grossing documentaries ever with $31.5 million at the domestic box office. "Super Size Me" ranked behind " Fahrenheit 9/11," which grossed $120 million, as the No. 2 documentary of 2004.

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safe space for people who live alternative lifestyles," Anna Gomberg, graduate stu­ dent and co-coordinator of the unrecognized student group AllianceND, said.

She said this is the second year the orange T-shirt demonstration has occurred. Sponsored by the Notre Dame department of sociology, the Graduate Student Union and other student groups, yesterday's events had no official connection to AllianceND.

Although Gomberg said there had been some negative feedback to the events, overall she was very pleased with the reaction and the "positive energy" she had witnessed.

"I think Notre Dame has a long way to go in terms of becoming a comfortable place for people of all sexual orientations, but I think that it has come very far," she said.

Gomberg also said that around 500 shirts had been sold already this year.

Students choose the date for the demonstrations and events to coincide with the opening of the play "Angels in America" in Washington Hall.

Freshman Scott Ditts expressed the ambivalence that these events were even necessary.

"It seems that we need to have a day like this. There shouldn't be any question that homophobia exists on this campus, or that any other group of people does," Ditts said.

However, Ditts also said he didn't think the shirts would be effective in changing people's opinions.

"You wear it if you support gays and don't wear it if you don't. It's just a declaration of the position you already hold," he said.

Eugene Walls, graduate student, fully supported yesterday's events, saying, "It's a good way to keep the dialogue going. We feel that on campus, it's really a monologue," he said.

According to Walls, the campus culture is ready to change, "Straight Alliance.

"Six hundred plus people wearing this shirt is probably the largest show of solidarity on this campus. The administration, that's the only culture that's not ready," Walls said.

Sophomore Monica Nanda also considered the day's events as very effective.

"I think this is awesome. It's something that has to last a year, which is saying a lot," she said.

However, some students commented negatively on the shirts going up instead of wearing the orange shirts.

"This does not insult. But, it gives us the opportunity to explain what we really think about the gay and lesbian issue — that we don't have any problems, but we simply disagree with their choices and see those choices, not the individuals themselves as objectively immoral, like we see stealing or lying," Christensen said.

He said that dressing up could even show respect for gay students.

"At the prompting of a friend, I think it's a very good idea for us to dress up as a show of respect and even honor for those who struggle with homosexual tendencies," he said.

Senior Monica Koll also dressed up for the occasion.

"It's not that we're focusing on homosexuality, but on marriage," she said.

Even with the presence of these negative opinions, some thought the Princeton Review's ranking of Notre Dame as number one for "Alternative Lifestyles not an 'Alternative'" was largely inaccurate.

"I don't think we deserve the number one ranking on Princeton Review at all. I think students in general are pretty accepting — it's more of the administration not accepting AllianceND," Stagl said.

Mary Louise Gade, advisor to the Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, said that she did not consider the student's opinion against the Princeton Review to be valid.

"I don't think it's the case, and I don't think the gay and lesbian students would say that either. If you're out on this campus, you're well treated — that's the gay and lesbian students would say," she said.

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"I think Jesus probably existed," said the man in the pub, before proceeding to explain that his message had been corrupted by the Church. Having only met the man that evening it felt a bit early to get into a debate about Jesus, but in hindsight I brought it on myself by making it clear that I had no interest in soccer. Upon meeting a countryman who doesn’t follow soccer, an Englishman is liable to go through a process somewhat akin to grief, quickly cycling through stages of denial, confusion, anger and negotiation, before finally reaching a resigned acceptance. Then he is likely to panic and start talking about something that matters.

Jesus’ true message, the man opined with some conviction, had been about love. Jesus was for it and tolerance (he was in favor of that too). But the Church had twisted that message and made it about rules and, while we were on the subject, Christians are hypocrites too. Although the man clearly took some pride in his insight, there was nothing particularly original about his idea; it was the view of John Lennon, and it could fairly be described as orthodoxy among those who are always explaining that while they have no time for organized religion, they are nevertheless very spiritual people.

Jesus has a strong claim to be the most influential person ever lived: Napoleon, Lincoln and Mao are footnotes by comparison. Students of history, believers and nonbelievers alike, know us is altogether more frightening than are dreamt of in your philosophy. We are hypocrites too. The Jesus of William Blake is rather like an image of Jesus that we know is a comfortable figure; the Jesus who knows us is altogether more frightening. As far as we know, Jesus never explicitly condemned same-sex intercourse, although that seems like silk evidence for the conclusion that he was the only rabbi in the first century who saw nothing wrong with it. But he was not silent about heterosexual lust or the love of wealth, and taught that both were serious spiritual dangers. We should not be surprised if those who disagree with the Catholic position on homosexuality have little patience with those who quote scripture only when it forbids that for which they have never felt desire.

In preparation for writing this article I resolvered to read the gospels, but the conclusion proved harder than I expected. W.H. Auden once said that a real book is not one that we read, but one that reads us. The Jesus of the gospels is rather like that. Whereas the Jesus we know is a comfortable figure; the Jesus who knows us is altogether more frightening. But if that wasn’t the case, what could his forgiveness mean?
In response to all the writers who have contributed their valuable opinions of the Notre Dame football program, I would like to pose a simple question: Why?

This is a real (read: fake) conversation I had with an alumnus:

Alumnus: The world is going to end if we lose to Tennessee, Oklahoma and whomever.

Me: No, it won't.

Alumnus: Huh, I never thought of it like that.

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Eminem coasts in cruise control

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Simply put, "Encore" is hands down the worst album of Eminem's career. He showed signs of a slight decline on his last release, "The Eminem Show," since it lacked the originality of his previous efforts, but it was still a solid rap album and better than most of its competition. Unfortunately, if his latest album is the long anticipated "Encore" to that show, then fans might be better off hiding to their ears early to beat the traffic.

Listen to either "The Slim Shady LP" or "The Marshall Mathers LP" and you will hear an eerily distinct different from the one on "Encore." Love him or hate him, the old Eminem was funny and clever, and would spout creative rhymes and images that other rappers would never even think of. He was a brilliant storyteller, and never afraid to speak his mind no matter how many people he offended. Even if you could not stand him, you had to respect his talents.

But that Eminem left the building a long time ago, and left a cardboard cutout of his former self to do the duties for "Encore." Yes, this new Eminem still says whatever he wants, jokes fun at celebrities, makes the usual references to his daughter, ex-wife and Dr. Dre, and makes obscene, juvenile jokes — but that is exactly the problem. Eminem uses the same old tricks, but like an aging basketball player, he fails to execute them with the same grace and finesse as he once did.

One cannot help but get the impression that Eminem did not put a whole lot of thought into "Encore." Most of choruses are too silly to be funny, with lines like "You're really just a big wooster, big wooster" or "you make my pee go / do doing doing." Even worse, Eminem sings on a number of the choruses, which is about as pleasant as listening to the various farting, burping and puking sound clips littered throughout the album. Furthermore, even the targets of Eminem's jokes are questionable. The album's first single, "Just Lose It," is deditated to puking fun at Michael Jackson, which is rather cliché considering that Jackson has been the brunt of jokes for years. He also devotes "A--Like That" to insulting Triumph the Insult Comic Dog (from "Late Nite with Conan O'Brien"). Not only is this song not particularly witty or funny, but one has to wonder what was going through Eminem's mind when he decided to spend an entire song insulting a puppet.

Despite these problems, Eminem is too talented to let the entire album drag. He still has his hands on making more like the track "Rain Man," where he admits at the end, "I just did a whole song and I didn't say freepilot." But most of his best moments actually come when he is serious and honest. For instance, although "Mosh" has a dull beat and repetitive rhyme patterns, Eminem spouts some clever rhymes attacking President Bush: "Strip (Bush) with an AK-47 / Let him go / fight his own war let him impress daddy that way." Eminem also speaks from the heart on "Like Toy Soldiers," expressing his regrets over the Ja Rule / 50 Cent feud: "I'm just willing to be the bigger man if y'all can quit poppin' I / I'm not gonna let someone else's coffin rest on my conscience."

Like on his other albums, Eminem shows more light on his relationship with his ex-wife on "Crazy for Love," but he gives a fresh, honest perspective on it, admitting he needs her: "But your essential to me, you're the air I breathe, I believe if you ever leave me I'd probably have no reason to be."

Eminem and Dr. Dre split production duties on the album. Although the beats have their moments, they are not up the level of Eminem's previous works. Dr. Dre is particularly disappointing because he is often looked upon as one of the best in the business. In fact, the best beat on the album turns out to be Eminem's simple piano and snare beat of "Like Toy Soldiers."

It is difficult to ask any artist with the fame and track record of Eminem to maintain the same high level of quality with every release. However, he falters much more than he should on "Encore."

This album is simply not in the same league as his previous full-length releases, and shows an Eminem who is just going through the motions, rather than trying to change the game. Fans can only hope he gets the fire back that he once had, or else Eminem will disappear into obscurity like many popular rappers before him.

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Second Sanctus Real album a success

by BECCA SAUNDERS
Associate Scene Editor

When most people hear anything about Christian music they immediately think of the commercials advertising praise and worship songs being sung to a crowd with their arms raised in praise. Is this an entirely accurate assumption? Not really, since there is much more to Christian music than praise and worship bands. This is shown in bands such as Sanctus Real that fall into the "Christian Rock" genre.

"Fight the Tide," Sanctus Real's second album released on a label is a perfect example of an album composed of consistently solid rock songs. The only major difference is found in the lyrics, which are generally provocative and challenging throughout "Fight the Tide."

Sanctus Real first came onto the Christian rock scene with "Say It Loud" in 2002. Since then the four piece rock band has come far in terms of the substance of its songs, both musically and lyrically. With catchy beats and lyrics, "Fight the Tide" showcases Sanctus Real as a serious band with a strong message. The message is no coincidence.

"Fight the Tide" is about maintaining spiritual integrity, lead singer Matt Hammit said, "It's about what we do in the face of struggles, fears and temptations. We have a choice to whether we will throw in or bow and accept defeat, or accept God's strength and do the right thing."

The message is one that comes through clearly on "Fight the Tide," but does not overtake the album, which conveys solid messages without being overly overt in doing so. The single of the Tide, "Everything About You," is a rock song with a hint of praise, making it a generally memorable song. The "Christian-ness" of the song is a bit heavy-handed, with a chorus centered around singing "Hallelujah." Even so, the melody of the song is fascinating and promises to be one of the album's best. Sanctus Real shows its potential on the album and listeners' heads for days.

The strongest songs of the album are a bit softer in their lyrics, and in such convey more complicated messages like the track "Alone" is one such song. Seemingly more about a girl than God, the song works to either end as Hammit sings, "Two hearts entwined, yes, you are mine / And you will be yours forever / I've done the math, I'm less than half / we're better off together."

It is a catchy song with endearing and memorable lyrics that does not leave much to ask for. "The Fight Song" and "The Show" are another couple of great rock songs on "Fight the Tide."

Sanctus Real shows a slower and more reflective side on "Fight the Tide" and releases an album that "Changes Me." Still maintaining heavy guitar and drums, the song is slower and a bit more reflective than most of the other tracks asking, "Would you single of the Tide on "Everything About You,"" and "What's the best way to do this lately? / Cause I know I'm nothing without you." With a bit more of a ballad feel to it "Changes Me" is one of the few slow songs on the album.

Overall, Sanctus Real shows "Fight the Tide" more than people give it credit for in "Fight the Tide." Instead of releasing a great album with terrific and memorable songs, "Fight the Tide" deserves the chance to be in any rock fan's music collection.

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John Mayer hits his stride

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

The best version of John Mayer is him in concert. Live, Mayer often extends his songs by upwards of 10 minutes, feeling every chord he plays as he grooves across the stage. Mayer's talent exceeds what any listener can grasp from his studio albums, and as such the "As/Is" album is a little piece of soulful heaven for any Mayer fan, and is at least an interesting album for others. For anyone who wants to belt along to many of Mayer's hits over the entire span of his career, "As/Is" is a good albums. But for anyone who wants to hear a spectacular interesting album for others. For any­

As/Is
John Mayer
Aware/Columbia

As/Is is a must have for any John Mayer fan who has never seen him in concert.

As/Is is the album. The "As/Is" collection has only recent­ly been released by Mayer on iTunes.

As/Is
John Mayer
Aware/Columbia

Brooks and Dunn do it again

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Music Critic

Picking up where they left off in 1998, Brooks and Dunn's "The Greatest Hits Collection, Vol. 2" goes chart-topping hits. With many records under its cowboy hats, this dynamic duo has created a style of music now red on the second, it is obvious the songs are extended in length quite a bit. Generally the songs are all between five and 10 minutes, often doubling, and sometimes almost tripling, the time of the studio recorded versions. This gives Mayer time to play music related to the song, and at times seemingly completely unrelated to the song, but even the improvisation is better than what many people release after months in the studio.

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Brooks and Dunn's "The Greatest Hits Collection, Vol. 2" will be hanging out at the top of the Billboard charts for a long time to come.

The Greatest Hits Collection, Vol. 2
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Brooks and Dunn fans, since it includes all of the duo's most recent radio front runners. The reminiscent and romantic songs, "Red Dirt Road," and "My Heart is Lost to you," are two of the more mellow ballads the duo have chosen to present. Also brought in are foot tapping songs "You Can't Take the Honky-Tonk," and "Ain't Nothing 'Bout You." Naturally the hit "Only in America" is included, with lyrics that shout, "Only in America / Dreaming in red, white and blue / Only in America / Where we dream as big as we want to / We all get a chance / Everyone gets to dance." It was an idea that followed the September 11 terror­

Altogether two albums of 15 songs.

The majority of the songs are ones nearly anyone remotely familiar with Mayer will recognize. The hits are there, "No Such Thing," "Your Body is a Wonderland," "Come Back to Bed," along with others. However, there are also a couple of tracks that are a bit harder to find, such as the most suc­

For the most part the songs sound similar to their studio recordings. They are just extended and expanded upon by Mayer musically and vocally. With only seven tracks on the first album and eight on the second, it is obvious the songs are extended in length quite a bit. Generally the songs are all between five and 10 minutes, often doubling, and sometimes almost tripling, the time of the studio recorded versions. This gives Mayer time to play music related to the song, and at times seemingly completely unrelated to the song, but even the improvisation is better than what many people release after months in the studio.

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To the Hill 3) Cake - Pressure Chief 4) Rilo Kiley - More Adventurous 5) VHS or BETA - Night on Fire
Hornets only attempt two foul shots in a loss to Suns

Grant Hill scored most points in 4-and-a-half years as the Orlando Magic cruise to victory over the Utah Jazz.
what's happening

Thursday 11.18
Prayer from Around the World Series
Muslim Prayer
7:00pm
Coleman-Morse 330

Friday 11.19
Freshman Retreat #55
Friday-Saturday
Sacred Heart Parish Center
Notre Dame Encounter #83
Friday-Sunday
Fatima Retreat Center
Sign Up for Retreats!
Freshman Retreat #56
(Dec. 3-4)
Applications are available in 114 CoMo or online at campusministry.nd.edu!

Saturday 11.20
Solemn Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Every Saturday - 9:00am
Alumni Hall Chapel
Asian Allure
7:00pm
Washington Hall

considerations...

The Reason(s) Why We Sing
by Karen Schneider-Kirner
Director, Handbell and Celebration Choirs
Assistant Director, Folk Choir
Assistant Organist, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

This coming Monday, November 22, we mark the feast day of Saint Cecilia, patroness of church music, virgin and martyr. This is an important feast day for the hundreds of students who serve weekly in hall chapels and in the Basilica as ministers of music. Members of Campus Ministry choirs will gather at the 5:15pm Basilica Mass tomorrow to celebrate the saint's upcoming feast and gather in fellowship.

Saint Cecilia, Pray for Us!

Who exactly was St. Cecilia? Many details of her life will forever remain unknown, but appearing around the middle of the fifth century was a document entitled "Acts of the Martyrdom of St. Cecilia," which related the story of her life. A Christian by birth to an upper class family, Cecilia was given in marriage to her family to a noble pagan youth, Valerianus. She, however, was determined to uphold her virginity, having dedicated herself to God. On her wedding day, while musical instruments were playing, she appeared to be "singing in her heart alone to God." She was said to have professed, "Make my heart and body pure that I may not be confounded."

At a time when Christianity was illegal in Rome, she ended up converting her husband and his brother to the faith. Not long after, they were beheaded for this. Cecilia was discovered not long after and was ordered to meet a similar fate. The first attempts at execution were miraculously unsuccessful, and during this time of suffering she saw it that her assets were given to the poor and that her house would be used as a church.

There are many medieval portraits of the saint from the 14th and 15th centuries where Cecilia is represented playing the organ. When the Academy of Music was founded in Rome in 1584, she was named patroness of this institution, at which time her veneration as the patroness of church music became more universal.

Musicians have a very important role in the Church, and we musicians on the staff of Campus Ministry are very indebted to the generosity and talents that our students share willingly week after week. As the U.S. Catholic bishops' document "Music in Catholic Worship" states, "Among the many symbols and symbols used by the Church to celebrate its faith, music is of preeminent importance." Why might this be true?

As the document continues, "Music should assist the assembled believers to express and share the gift of faith that is within them and to nourish and strengthen their interior commitment of faith. It should heighten the texts so that they speak more fully and more effectively. The quality of joy and enthusiasm which music adds to community worship cannot be gained in any other way." This is a huge responsibility, and this is why musicians train so long and hard to perfect their craft.

Music is unquestionably a great gift from God. Music lifts us up when we feel downtrodden, helps us express what is in the depths of our hearts, deepens our prayer when words can go no further, and unifies many disparate voices into one great voice of praise. While styles of music and choices of instruments may vary from Mass to Mass, when all strive to make Mass a prayer, the end result is that men and women of faith are proclaiming and sharing their faith in prayer, so that Christ may grow among us all. We are so blessed to be at Notre Dame, which celebrates the intertwining of faith and intellect, with so many opportunities for spiritual development. Soli Deo Gloria!

words of wisdom...

God grades on the cross, not the curve...

But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

- Galatians 6:14

mass schedule

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Saturday, November 20
5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Rev. Edward A. Malloy, csc

Sunday, November 21
10:00 am Sunday Mass
Rev. Edward A. Malloy, csc
11:45 am Sunday Mass
Rev. Paul F. Doyle, csc

Solemnity of Christ the King
Around Campus (every Sunday)
1:30 pm
Spanish Mass
St. Edward's Hall Chapel

5:00 pm
Law School Mass
Law School Chapel

7:00 pm
MBA Mass
Mendoza COB Faculty Lounge

Sunday's Scripture Readings
1st: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
2nd: Colossians 1:12-20
NFL

Dolphins looking for motivation with 7 games left

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt resigned last week, and there’s the rest of the Miami Dolphins would probably prefer to call it quits on a season gone sour.

Seven games remain, however. So even though the Dolphins have a losing record and no shot at the play-offs, they dutifully practiced Wednesday, with interim coach Jim Bates seeking to motivate his team.

"Most of the time when you make a mistake in practice you just go back to the huddle," tight end Randy McMichael said. "Now he’s making you sit out a play and run to the fence and think about what you did. It’s funny."

The Dolphins certainly need a few laughs — and all the motivation they can muster. They share the NFL’s worst record at 1-8, and a defeat Sunday at Seattle would ensure their first losing season since 1998.

Wannstedt’s resignation likely was just the start of an organizational housecleaning. Fan and media focus over the next couple of months will be on changes to come, rendering the remaining games a footnote.

"They may be meaningless to people who aren’t playing," defensive end David Bowens said. "To us — the people playing and the coaches — the games matter."

Although little has gone right since the ill-timed departure of Wannstedt — in a lopsided Monday night loss to the New York Jets on Nov. 1. They staged a late rally in their most recent game, only to blow the lead and lose to Arizona.

Both defeats were embarrassing in different ways, and there’s a desire to avoid further humiliation.

"We don’t want to be the laughingstock of the league," Bowens said. "We want to finish with a better record than people predict."

There are individual incentives, too. For A.J. Feeley, the remaining schedule offers a chance to prove he’s Miami’s quarterback of the future.

Bates decided to bench fifth-year starter Jay Fiedler in favor of Feeley, who said the coaching change provides "a breath of fresh air" for the Dolphins.

"Our motivation is to forget about what happened the past 10 weeks and make this a new season for ourselves," Feeley said. "We want to come out of this thing strong so that going into next year, we’re feeling pretty good about ourselves and have an idea as to what the identity of our team is going to be."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Thomas rushing past football greats

Associated Press

DENTON, Texas — North Texas tailback Jamario Thomas has already matched Barry Sanders and Marshall Faulk in his sights.

The nation’s leading rusher at 189.9 yards per game, Thomas needs 155 yards to surpass Faulk’s NCAA Division I-A record for most yards rushing as a freshman.

With four games remaining, he’ll tie Faulk’s mark for most TMs by a freshman. Faulk’s freshman record of 138.8 yards per game is designated to fall to Thomas, too.

And if Super Jamario can reach his season high of 291 yards Thursday night against Arkansas State, he’d do something that no freshman has ever done in Division I — run for 2,000 yards in the regular season.

It’s obvious to a lot of the things around him," North Texas coach Darrell Dickey said. "He knows about the records, but he’s not obsessed with them. It just hasn’t sunk in yet for him.

In fact, the shy and unassuming Thomas disliked football while growing up in Longview.

"I really don’t think about it," he said. "I guess when I get really old I can tell my grandchildren about it."

Thomas has an NCAA-record six 200-yard games this year, including five straight to tie another mark held by Allen and Sanders.

The only thing that might be able to slow him down is a hamstring injury he suffered while leading North Texas to its fourth consecutive Sun Belt Conference championship in a win over Idaho.

The win was the Mean Green’s 24th straight in conference play.

If he doesn’t get to Dayne’s mark against Arkansas State, he’ll get another chance Dec. 14 in North Texas’ fourth straight New Orleans Bowl.

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**Associated Press Top 25**

College Football

1. USC (55) - 10-0 - 1,504
2. Auburn (6) - 10-0 - 1,536
3. Oklahoma (4) - 10-0 - 1,536
4. California - 8-2 - 1,499
5. Utah - 10-0 - 1,316
6. Texas - 9-1 - 1,301
7. Michigan - 8-1 - 1,279
8. Louisville - 7-2 - 1,279
9. Wisconsin - 8-1 - 1,612
10. Florida State - 8-2 - 1,604
11. Georgia - 8-2 - 979
12. Miami - 7-2 - 834
13. Boise State - 8-2 - 797
14. LSU - 7-2 - 786
15. Tennessee - 7-2 - 733
16. Virginia Tech - 7-2 - 722
17. Iowa - 8-2 - 626
18. Virginia - 7-2 - 541
19. Boston College - 7-2 - 496
20. Arizona State - 8-2 - 442
21. West Virginia - 8-2 - 330
22. Texas A&M - 7-3 - 274
23. Oklahoma State - 7-3 - 223
24. UTEP - 7-2 - 152
25. Bowling Green - 8-2 - 42

**ESPN/USA Today poll**

College Football

1. USC (55) - 10-0 - 1,514
2. Oklahoma (6) - 10-0 - 1,425
3. Auburn (4) - 10-0 - 1,423
4. California - 8-1 - 1,311
5. Texas - 9-2 - 1,222
6. Utah - 10-0 - 1,260
7. Texas - 8-2 - 1,161
8. Florida State - 8-2 - 999
9. Wisconsin - 8-1 - 948
10. Georgia - 8-2 - 947
11. Louisville - 7-1 - 800
12. Rice - 7-2 - 727
13. Miami - 7-2 - 714
14. LSU - 7-2 - 771
15. Virginia Tech - 7-2 - 688
16. Tennessee - 7-2 - 500
17. Iowa - 8-2 - 519
18. Virginia - 7-2 - 501
19. Boston College - 7-2 - 443
20. West Virginia - 8-2 - 419
21. Arizona State - 8-2 - 411
22. Kansas - 7-3 - 370
23. Oklahoma State - 7-3 - 279
24. Bowling Green - 8-2 - 227
25. UTEP - 7-2 - 87

**Women's Volleyball Top 20**

College Volleyball

1. Washington - 22-0
2. Hawaii - 23-0
3. Nebraska - 23-1
4. Penn State - 23-2
5. Minnesota - 24-4
6. Southern Cal - 16-4
7. Ohio State - 26-2
8. Colorado State - 22-3
10. Florida - 23-3
11. Texas - 21-3
12. Tennessee - 16-2
13. Texas A&M - 16-6
14. California - 14-9
15. San Diego - 19-4
16. Santa Maria's (CA) - 20-3
17. UCLA - 15-9
18. UC Santa Barbara - 21-3
19. Utah - 21-4
20. Kansas State - 17-4

**NBA**

Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony, left, goes up for a shot against Utah Jazz forward Jarron Collins. Anthony had charges of marijuana possession against him dropped on Wednesday.

Marijuana charges dropped against Anthony

**IN BRIEF**

Colts could be missing both starting guards

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts could be playing the Chicago Bears Sunday without their starting guards.

Tupe Peke didn't practice Wednesday because he hurt his right foot in last week's 49-14 victory over Houston.

Guard Rick DeMulling has been limited in practice because of a bruised chest. He was replaced in the starting lineup last week by rookie Jake Scott.

But the Colts were dealt another blow Wednesday when backup guard Makoa Freitas could not practice because he hurt his back lifting weights Monday. If Freitas can't play, coach Tony Dungy said rookie Ryan Lilja would likely make his first NFL start.

The Colts also put offensive lineman Trevor Scott on the active roster, signed offensive lineman Joe Lutin to the practice squad and released tight end Bryan Fletcher.

Thompson to step down at end of season

RALIEIGH, N.C. — East Carolina football coach John Thompson will step down at the end of the season, a school source told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Thompson, 3-15 in two seasons, was to announce his resignation Wednesday at an afternoon news conference on the school's campus in Greenville, according to the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Thompson would coach the Pirates in their last two games, the source said.

The Pirates' 1-27, 2-5 Conference USA play in Memphis on Saturday, then finish their season Nov. 27 against North Carolina State.

The move comes after two months after Tony Holland was hired as an athletic director at East Carolina.

The move comes after two months after Terry Holland was hired as a basketball, the job was his head coaching assignment after 29 years as an assistant coach at the school.

Perceval agrees to two-year deal with Tigers

DETROIT — Free agent Troy Percival and Detroit agreed Wednesday on a $12 million, two-year contract, giving the Tigers two closers for their bullpen.

Percival, 35, was 2-3 with a 2.90 ERA and 33 saves last season with the Anaheim Angels, who made no attempt to re-sign him. He was fourth in the AL in saves, reaching 30 after the seventh straight season, the longest streak by an active pitcher.

"We're extremely pleased to have a person of his makeup and his ability to bolster the bullpen," Tigers president Dave Dombrowski said.

On Nov. 5, Detroit exercised a $4 million option on Ugueth Urbina, who was 4-6 with a 4.50 ERA and 21 saves in his first season with Detroit. He left the team after his mother was kidnapped Sept. 1 in Venezuela.
Hockey

Irish sign 7 players to national letters of intent

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Assistant Sports Editor

Irish coach Dave Poulin recently announced the signing of seven players to national letters of intent to play for Notre Dame. Four of the seven players will join the team in the 2005-06 season, while the remaining three will defer for until the 2006-07 season.

Poulin announced the signing of seven players to national letters of intent on Wednesday. forwards Eric Condra (Livonia, Mich.) and Christian Hanson (Anchorage, Alaska) and defenseman Jamie Silverson (Thunder Bay, Ont.) are the four who signed to play next season immediately. Defensemen Kyle Lawson (New Hudson, Mich.) and forwards Kevin Deeth (Gig Harbor, Wash.) and Ryan Thang (Edina, Minn.) will defer and play one more year of junior hockey before coming to the Irish.

Condra, Hanson, Pearce and Silverson will step in next season to help fill the void left by the graduating class of 2005 that will include current senior forward Cory McLean, goalie Morgan Cey and defenseman Joe Zurekko. Pearce will especially be a big part of the future of the Irish, and should continue the line of impressive Notre Dame goaltenders, joining current sophomore Daniil Brown and junior Rory Walsh in the mix for goaltending next season.

The 6-foot-1, 195-pound goalie is currently one of the best goal-tenders in the United States Hockey League, playing for the Lincoln Stars. Pearce is already familiar with the Joyce Center ice, after playing with the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 hockey team in an exhibition last year.

Pearce started the game against the Irish, making 25 saves in Notre Dame’s 4-0 victory over the Under-18 team. "This might be the best goalie recruit in the country," Poulin said. "You’re looking at a kid who is excelling in Lincoln and who combines the tradition we’re making of being a program for outstanding goalies." Silverson could be another player in the mold of current sophomore goalie Wes O’Neill—a big tall defenseman with skills. The 6-foot-4, 225-pound defenseman is currently a member of the British Columbia Hockey League’s Salmon Arm Silverbacks.

He was a teammate of O’Neill and current Irish freshman forward Victor Oreskovich on Ontario’s Under-17 team at the 2002 Canadian Championships in Nova Scotia. "Silverson is probably even bigger than Wes," Poulin said. "He’s a partner on that U-17 team and they complimented each other well." Contact Justin Schuver at jschuver@nd.edu

World Cup Qualifying

Jamaica plays United States to a 1-1 draw

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jamaica failed to advance in World Cup qualifying, tying the United States 1-1 Wednesday in a game the Reggae Boyz needed to win.

For the Americans, the match was merely a tuneup and a chance to give several young players World Cup qualifying experience. The Americans, who got a goal from Eddie Johnson, won a spot in next year’s six-team regional finals with a 6-0 win over Panama last month.

Panama advanced to the regional finals with a 3-0 win over El Salvador on Wednesday.

Johnson scored in the 15th minute for the Americans on a lofting pass from Pablo Mastroeni. Andy Williams tied the score in the 27th minute on a penalty kick.

The Jamaicans played with the ferocity of a team that had everything to lose, winning the ball in the air and challenging the U.S. defense in the second half by pulling all of their players up the field. Wet grass — there had been heavy rain all day — contributed to the physical play that dominated throughout. There were 38 fouls — 13 for the Americans and 26 for Jamaica.

Jamaica would have advanced with a win, or a tie coupled with a Panama tie or loss. The Reggae Boyz were seeking to return to the World Cup after qualifying in 1998 and falling short in 2002.

Johnson scored for the fifth time in three games. Mastroeni lobbed a pass over the Jamaican defense line, and Johnson gave the ball a quick tap with his right foot then knocked it past diving goalkeeper Donovan Ricketts with his left.

Johnson, 29, a forward on the MLS’ Dallas Burn, has scored five goals in only 61 minutes of play on the U.S. team.

The Jamaicans evened the score after a defensive miscue by an American player making his first World Cup qualifying appearance.

Hamiro Corrales threw himself in front of Ricardo Fuller to break up a run to the goal. Williams’ penalty kick sailed low, past a diving Kasey Keller.

The Americans went a man down in the 73rd minute when defender Oguchi Onyewu collected his second yellow card for a hand ball and was ejected.

The Reggae Boyz were unable to capitalize. Their best scoring chance in the second half came in the 84th minute when substitute Marton Koglic broke free near the goal. He could only manage a weak shot that went directly into the hands of Keller.

The Americans began the game conservatively, focusing on short passes in the midfield. In the fourth minute, Johnson collected the ball in front of the goal after Onyewu tried to clear but only got a piece of it. Instead of taking the shot himself, Johnson passed it back.

The Americans came back in the second half with two forwards instead of three, and tankered one of the goals to prevent a loss.

The U.S. extended its unbeaten streak to 13 games, the longest in team history. Their only loss in 2004 was to the Netherlands in February.
**FOOTBALL**

Irish believe they can take down the top-ranked Trojans

By JUSTIN SCHUYER
Associate Sports Editor

Despite their role as huge underdogs against Southern California in Notre Dame's last game of the season, the Irish still believe they can hang with the Trojans.

"They really don't have a choice," Irish senior linebacker Mike Goosby said. "You can't go into an atmosphere like that and be successful if you don't totally believe you have a shot to win."

For the Irish to pick up that upset victory, Goosby says it all comes down to one simple goal — stop the run.

"First step for any defense at any level of football is to stop the run," he said. "Work on that, and then you can focus in on quarterback Matt Leinart and their receivers."

Notre Dame's defense has been rather inconsistent this season — six times the Irish have allowed 20 points or more to an opponent. But the one aspect of defense that has been consistent this year is the team's ability to stop an opponent's running game.

The Irish are averaging allowing just 95.3 yards rushing to their opponents during the 2004 season, and have only allowed five rushing touchdowns. Goosby and his two fellow senior linebackers, Brandon Hoyte and Derek Curry, have been the cornerstone of that impressive run-stopping defense.

"One of the biggest things we pride ourselves on going into every game is to stop the run," Goosby said. "Even against a Purdue team that's going to throw the ball a lot, your first goal and mindset is to stop the run.

"I think with our front seven we have the ability to do that, we've got a lot of old guys up front and really have the ability to do that."

Yet even with their success against the run, the Irish have not been able to perform consistently in the secondary, and the results show in the final scores.

Against Brigham Young, Notre Dame allowed just 22 yards rushing, but lost 20-17. The Irish allowed 99 yards against Purdue, but were blown out by the Boilermakers 41-16. And in its most recent game against Pittsburgh, Notre Dame held the Panthers to 98 yards rushing but still allowed the Panthers to score 41 points.

So why does the team think stopping USC's run will make a large difference?

"Look at LenDale White," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said of USC's number-one running back. "When he touches that ball, somebody is going to pay. It's that attitude, not the play of the quarterback, but it's his play that gives that team spirit, gives them heart, and makes them the good team that they are.

"If you can take that aspect of the offense away from them, you can really take the heart of that team."

The Trojans have a varied offense that makes use of both their running backs' unique abilities. White is a bruising power back, while sophomore phenom Reggie Bush is a quick shifty back who is also a threat out of the backfield catching the ball.

"That will be a major job of ours to see if we can contain White," Willingham said. "But you also have to factor in Bush. He's going to have six to 10 plays and on any one of those he can go the distance. So we've got to do a great job of team defense against the run and team defense about just doing the things in the right position to make a play."

There's little doubt that USC has some talented and athletic players, and the Irish coaching staff acknowledges that discipline will be one of the biggest keys to stopping the potent Trojan offense.

"If one guy makes a mistake - and when you have great players on the other side they're going to make you miss sometimes - then backs when their linebackers need to be there to make the next tackle," Willingham said.

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**WATER POLO**

No. 9 Irish host, open national championships Friday

By PAT LEONARD
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Finishing second in the Great Lakes Conference but penciled in during the preseason as the host of this year's championships, the No. 9 nationally ranked Notre Dame men's water polo team received an automatic bid into the CWPA national championship tournament and will play No. 3 Michigan at 5 p.m. Friday to begin the weekend.

The No. 16-seed Irish will look to hatred the one-seed Wolverines revenge for an 11-9 defeat in a tournament at Miami (Ohio), Toledo, Michigan State, Western Michigan and Northwestern already this season.

Fifteen conferences make the trip to nationals, with the host team getting the final bid. Teams are seeded by where their respective conference finished at nationals in the previous season.

Friday losses is a hefty amount for a team in the tournament, and the Irish only qualified because they are this year's host. But halftime Matt McNicholas, who plays a position comparable to center midfielder in soccer, said the team's record is deceiving.

"Don't be fooled by our record," McNicholas said. "We're 13-8, but five of those losses were by two goals or less. Four of them were by one goal against teams ranked in the top five nationally."

Meanwhile, Notre Dame has outscored opponents 238-134. And the Irish were close to a conference championship before Grand Valley State scored a last second goal to win.

"We feel like we can play with anybody," McNicholas said. The CWPA National Championships is a single-elimination tournament, but losing teams still play throughout the weekend to fill out the schedule and compete for consolation. If Notre Dame wins Friday morning, the Irish play next march Saturday.

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while Stires does the play-by-play.

"I'm just trying it out," Riley said.

"I'm just excited I got to catch the first two games, and broadcasting is something I'm interested in. So when I am in town, Sean lets me do his sidekick. He does his job and lets me talk a little bit. And I'm calling Notre Dame games, so it makes it a little bit easier for me."

Riley, a member of the 2001 Notre Dame national championship team, transferred to Notre Dame with yet another award, as she was part of the U.S. women's basketball team that won the gold medal in Athens. However, she was not originally selected to the team. But when Delisha Milton-Jones went down with an injury, Riley was asked to join the team. And as a result, she won gold.

The women defeated Australia for the gold medal by the first two games, and broadened it's easier for her.

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Ruth Riley
former Irish center

"It was amazing to be in Athens for the Olympics!"

Ruth Riley
former Irish center

leaf off. With Notre Dame grad Bill Laimbeer as her coach, she led the Shock to its first-ever WNBA title in 2002. In 2003, she was named the Most Valuable Player of the Finals. She remains the only athlete in Notre Dame history to be named the MVP of both the NCAA tournament and a professional championship.

In the WNBA, she has been outstanding, much like her tenure at Notre Dame. Riley averaged 9.5 points and 5.9 rebounds per game in 2003 including her inspirational 27-point performance in last year's title game.

Riley said that all three of her championship teams are equally special to her.

"It's kind of hard to compare the three because they're so different," Riley said. "All are just awesome experiences for me."

But regardless of what she has accomplished, Riley maintains the humble attitude that she had in 2001, when Notre Dame won the national championship.

"I'm just blessed," she said of her success. "I've put in a lot of hard work, and there were a lot of great coaches along the way, good teammates who've helped me and sometimes made me look like a better player then I probably wasn't at that moment. But it's just amazing. And I'm just excited about what I've been able to accomplish and hoping to do more in the future."

With a NCAA Championship, WNBA Championship and a gold medal under her belt, who knows what Riley will find to win next.

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Boxing
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Bouts tonight at 7 p.m. in auxiliary gym 1 of the Joyce Center.

Modeled after the Bengal Bouts, the Baraka Bouts will raise money for Holy Cross mission schools in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Admission is $2 and T-shirts featuring the Baraka Bouts logo and a quote from Muhammad Ali will be sold for $15.

"This is the year that we're actually having a tournament," club president Amanda Borovy said. "So we're really excited about it."

There isn't a specific dollar amount the club wants to raise but Borovy believes a figure around $10,000 would satisfy her.

"It would be a nice, round number to shoot for," Borovy said. "I think it can be done but it's going to take a lot of hard work and a lot of people coming."

The club has been around for nine years. However, the women were not allowed to fight in public until spring 2003 when a number of club members fought on the under card to the Bengal Bouts. Last fall the club held its first independent event, featuring 15 exhibitions.

Tonight there will be 11 brackets with boxers seeded according to experience and ability. Champions will be crowned in each four-person bracket.

"The more experienced boxers are obviously seeded higher than some of the less experienced boxers," Kwiat said. "But pretty much everyone is around the same area of skill level so we should see some good, clean fights."

The club has been practicing since the first week of school under the assistance of first-year coach Stefan Borovina, a 2004 Notre Dame graduate and two-time Bengal Bout heavyweight champion. Since most of the girls have no boxing experience prior to college, they must rely on Borovina's knowledge and their own skills acquired playing other sports.

Borovy played basketball, volleyball and soccer in high school and likes the competitive atmosphere the boxing club provides for her at Notre Dame.

"I think that in the club there's people that want to do it for fun, people that want to learn how to box and then there's people that have that really competitive, killer instinct," she said. "I might be one of those people."

The competitive nature of the sport was one of the draws for Kwiat, but there were also other aspects that drew her to the club.

"Probably the best part of boxing is really getting to know a great bunch of girls who are out to challenge themselves mentally, emotionally and physically," she said. "But, at the same time, doing it all for a good cause."

Senior Melanie Irvine joined the women's boxing club three years ago when a friend of hers got her interested. Irvine was involved in boxing (in boxing) and was really interested because it seemed like a unique thing to be doing," she said. "So I went out the next year and loved it so much I never turned back."

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**Duke**

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But for the Irish, it wasn't just Butteast. She was joined by three other Irish players in double-digit scores. Freshman Chaskey Allen played the best game of her young career, finishing with 16 points, three assists, three steals, two blocks and three rebounds. She was a spark for the Irish off the bench, playing 32 minutes. Allen also played solid defense on Duke's star, Monique Currie, limiting her to 14 points on 6-for-19 shooting. "I thought the story of the game was Chaskey Allen," McGraw said. "To have to guard Monique Currie, who's one of the best players in the country, and she did an excellent job on her."

The game started with the Irish being down most of the first half. Duke dominated the offensive boards, pulling down 14 in just the first half. But even without Butteast, the Irish hung in there, with the help of a solid defensive effort that limited the Blue Devils to 25 first-half points, while countering with 26 of their own.

To start the second half, the Irish found themselves down 32-16 with 16 minutes to play, the biggest lead for either team at that point. Butteast was on the bench with three fouls, and McGraw decided to bring her back in, despite the fouls. "I thought if the game is going to get out of hand, we need to get her back in there," McGraw said.

Butteast responded with a steal, a 3-pointer and two assists, and the lead was cut to 44-41 with 11:48 to play.

Then with eight minutes to play, the senior took over, scoring 10 straight to put the Irish up 65-58, and Notre Dame never looked back.

"I thought down the stretch, we got great shots from Jackie and big rebounds from everyone," McGraw said. "Notre Dame switched to play a 2-3 zone, and the Duke offense was shut down. The Blue Devils were outrebounded by the Irish 42-39, despite playing no player shorter than 5-foot-10."

"I was really pleased with our defensive effort overall," McGraw said. "I thought we did a really good job of playing the zone. I think that changed the game. We switched from man to zone, and that broke the game open for us."

Megan Duffy hit 9-for-10 from the free throw line, all in the second half, to ice the game, and the Irish defense held strong. "I was really pleased with the way we handled ourselves with pause down the stretch," McGraw said. Duffy finished with 15 points and seven assists. Also in double-figures was Courtney LaVere, who scored 13 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

For the Blue Devils, Currie was joined in double-figures by Mistie Williams (10 points, eight rebounds) and Alison Ruses (11 points, seven blocks). With the win, Notre Dame advances to the finals of the preseason WNIT, where it will face No. 10 Ohio State at home Saturday at 7 p.m.

Notes:
- Irish guard Taryn Gaines was not dressed for Wednesday's game. She suffered a neck injury Friday night against Illinois State. McGraw said she does not expect Gaines back until next week.

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**Allen**

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With the Blue Devils desperate trying to stop hot-handed Jacqueline Batteast in the second half, Allen stepped into crevices of Duke's zone defense. Twice Allen knocked down critical 3-pointers that brought the Irish within three points at the 13:43 mark of the second half, and tied the game at 95-97. Allen finished with 16 points, three assists, three rebounds and three steals in 32 minutes. When Notre Dame needed a turnover, a basket or anything to believe, Allen seemed to be there. "She killed us," Duke head coach Carolyn Kieger said.

Aside from Allen's outstanding play, Notre Dame won because it learned quickly that letting the physical Blue Devils do as they pleased wasn't going to work.

Erwin decided to do something about it. Down three points with about 14 minutes left, McGraw put in Erwin to give the team a lift. The 6-foot-1 sophomore enthralled herself with the aggravating Williams on several possessions before finally getting into the Blue Devil forward's face. Even though Erwin picked up a questionable technical foul for the confrontation, she did much more for the Irish by sparking a 13-4 run and a 2-3 zone defense.

After Duke star Monique Currie missed one of two free throws, Notre Dame took over the game. Tailoring it back to the way the Irish played last year, the Irish forced a 32-20 run.

"I really think Crystal Erwin helped us the aggressive," McGraw said. "She gave us energy and changed the whole tone and gave us a positive, upbeat attitude coming into the game. That was really big."

Notre Dame was a good team last season, but it took them 13 games and a mediocre 7-6 start, to realize just how good. This season's squad has shown the ability to not only establish itself as a contender, but as a team to be feared. The Irish have the talent — that's not a surprise to anyone. But what else they learned Wednesday is how to play with a swagger. They weren't intimidated by the No. 6 team in the nation coming to South Bend for an early-season matchup.

When the Blue Devils throw a punch, the Irish came back with a combination. When Duke tried to get physical under the glass, Notre Dame didn't shy away. And when one of the nation's best teams — a team with a legitimate shot at national title — wanted to rumble, it was McGraw's squad who said "bring it on."

The 2004-05 Irish have proved in the beginning stages of the game they will be in the national spotlight for the long haul. This is a team that has all the parts to advance much further than last season's sweet 16 group did.

McGraw put it best in the post-game press conference: "We're fighting years away from last year in this game," she said. "That's scary for anyone in Notre Dame's way this season. Just ask No. 6 Duke."

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**ND Women's Basketball**

**Big game, big performances**

Batteast scores 10 straight to put away No. 6 Duke 76-65

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Notre Dame kept itself in the game just long enough for Jacqueline Batteast to come back in the game after two early fouls. Then she took over, as No. 11 Notre Dame knocked off No. 6 Duke 76-65 Wednesday night at the Joyce Center in the semifinals of the preseason Women’s National Invitation Tournament.

Batteast scored 10 straight points to give the Irish a 65-58 lead with 4:50 remaining. Batteast had only played 10 minutes in the first half due to foul trouble, and she picked up her third foul just over two minutes into the second half. However, she came back strong on offense, despite the fact that two of her fouls were offensive fouls.

"I just tried to be aggressive," Batteast said, who finished with 17 points, seven assists and five rebounds. "I know that I had a couple of charges before, but the coaches told me to keep taking it. And once a couple started falling, I thought it was better if I shot." It was the most physical game the Irish have played this season, as pressure defense was played from start to finish. But Notre Dame’s 6-foot-2 point second half was too much for Duke.

"I thought it was a very hard fought game, and I thought they played an exceptional second half," hit some big shots, some big 3s and just really wore us down," Duke coach Gail Goewenrinksaid.

Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast shoots over Duke’s Wynter Wittley in Notre Dame’s 76-65 win. Batteast finished with 17 points.

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**Women’s Boxing**

Women to hold first tournament

Alleen Wu boxes during a Baraka Bouts practice in preparation for the first tournament ever held by the club.

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Anne Kwiatz shrugged at the thought of getting punched in the face.

"It doesn’t hurt as much as it looks," the former high school golfer and current member of the Notre Dame women’s boxing club said. "It’s really more of a shock.

Whether it hurts or not, Kwiatz and 40 other women will participate in the first-ever Baraka

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**Football**

Irish focus on USC rushing game in preparation for Saturday’s game.

**Men’s Water Polo**

No. 9 men’s water polo team will play No. 3 Michigan in the first round of the CWPA tournament.

**Hockey**

Irish coach Dave Poulin recently announced the signing of seven players to letters of intent.

**World Cup Soccer**

United States tied Jamaica 1-1 in a World Cup qualifying match.

**Basketball**

Riley continues basketball success

Former Irish center won gold in Athens

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Sunday afternoon at the Joyce Center, she took off her headband and was swarmed by 10 people. They just kept coming.

"I’hsh, will you sign my shirt."

"It’s like you take a picture with me."

Balth Riley returned to Notre Dame as even more of a celebrity than she was to begin with after winning a gold medal in Athens, Greece.

"I got a great reception when I come back," Riley said. "Not only am I an obvious figure walking across campus, but so many people support and love and still support me, whether I’m at Detroit, or at the Olympics. It’s nice to know that when you came back here, people have appreciation for what you do."

The 6-foot-5 center was broadcasting with ESPN Radio’s Sean Stone during the Irish’s basketball games Friday and Sunday when she was mobbed by fans of all shapes and sizes for autographs and pictures. Riley is just enjoying the experience of being on the sidelines, doing the color commentary.

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**NBA**

Denver’s Carmelo Anthony had charges dropped against him for possession of marijuana on Oct. 15.

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