**Dorm residents confused over reasons for AR's removal**

By HELENA PAYNE

The six resident assistants of Pasquerilla West say they feel that their jobs are on the line after the dorm's rector asked former assistant rector Cynthia Phillips to leave the residence hall. Since several dorm residents have been outspoken on Phillips' behalf claiming there was no valid reason for PW rector Sister Sue Bruno's decision, RAs are questioning whether their support of the former AR would result in the termination of their hall staff positions.

"We are dedicated to our residents and we love our jobs as RAs," said senior RA Gretchen Cairoll.

She and fellow RAs Beth Fruzenski, Elizabeth Kuek, Arianna Obering, Kristy Robinson and Lisa Tzareff said they are trying to promote unity among the residents in their sections during this time of frustration.

"Absolutely, unequivocally, I do not want to lose any one of them," Bruno said.

Most dorm residents rallied together to support Phillips, a second-year law student, after formally learning last Thursday in a voice mail by Bruno that Phillips would not continue as a PW assistant rector.

In the voice mail, dorm residents said Bruno did not give any explanation. During the weekend, some dorm residents protested the decision by hanging signs around the dorm. One read, "PW deserves the truth."

Dorm residents received a voice mail from the hall staff Wednesday saying they had to take down the signs, but Phillips said the RAs were pressured to send the message from Student Affairs.

The voice mail also said a high-ranking official in Student Affairs warned at least one member of the hall staff that she could lose her job if she commented on Phillips' removal.

Bill Kirk, the assistant vice president for Student Affairs, is overseeing the situation, said he could not elaborate on personnel matters but added he did not put pressure on the RAs.

"I'm not in the habit of threatening people in that way and that's not something I would do," he said.

**City sues Lafayette landlords**

By LAUREN BECK

A lawsuit between the City of South Bend and Taripp Development Corp. may prove costly for students living in Lafayette Square Apartments.

Following repeated complaints of intoxication, consumption of alcohol by minors, loud noise, indecent exposure and trash from the property, the city filed a lawsuit against Taripp Development Corp., which serves as the landlord for Lafayette. Specific concerns regarding a party on Sept. 6 were cited in the lawsuit, which was filed on Oct. 11.

The lawsuit stated Lafayette posed a risk to the health and safety of the community, and held Taripp Development Corp. responsible for permitting illegal activities on their property.

Recent letters informed Lafayette residents that they could be evicted or forced to pay a share of the attorney fees if they could not control their gatherings.

As of Oct. 30, 2002 letter from Thomas Dixon, attorney for Taripp Development Corp., explained the lawsuit and its consequences to residents.

"The lawsuit is the result of your 109 keg party at Lafayette Square Apartments the weekend of Sept. 6, 2002," the letter read. "In a nutshell, your parties have caused great concern from the leaders of this community. Quite simply, if you cannot control this problem, you will face eviction proceedings."

Tracy Clark, vice president

**Faculty considers reading day proposal**

By SARAH NESTOR

In a push for campus approval for the reading day proposal, Student Government President Kim Jensen and Vice President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl gave a presentation to Saint Mary's faculty assembly yesterday.

The reading day proposal, recently passed as the study day proposal, has been a concern to student government since 1992. The purpose of the reading day proposal is to leave the Friday before exams week open, so students could study, work on projects or meet individually with professors.

According to Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl, there have been several different proposals written, including last year's study day proposal, but none have been as comprehensive as the current reading day proposal.

"Kim and I can be really happy with what we have accomplished," Jablonski-Diehl said. "They [the faculty] had a lot of questions, but a big concern is in dropping Friday they lose a class day."

Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl presented each faculty member with a binder, which included their formal proposal, comparisons between Saint Mary's and other institutions, a sample class schedule with the reading day included and data from last year's study day survey. Students will also have access to the binders, which will be placed at the front desk of every residence hall. In addition to being available in the library and the student government office.

"What's really important now is that faculty hear the student proposal," Jensen said.

**SafeWalk promotes campus safety and security**

By JOE TROMBELLO

SafeWalk, Notre Dame's student-employed nighttime escort service, remains a visible presence on campus, according to SafeWalk supervisor and Notre Dame security officer Cappy Gagnon. Although Gagnon stated that students perceive the Notre Dame campus to be safe, the SafeWalk service still receives calls from Notre Dame students and employees to escort them across campus.

"We have a widespread feeling among students that this campus is 'safe.' Because of that, we get few calls for our assistance," Gagnon said.

In addition to offering confidential walks to students and employees, the SafeWalk teams also patrol the campus and report any suspicious behavior to the Notre Dame Security/Police Department via radio. Over its history, SafeWalk has caught at least two burglaries and has requested medical attention for numerous ill students.

Notre Dame Security/Police Department Assistant Director Charles Hurley said that the SafeWalk service allows security officers the freedom to concentrate on other tasks while SafeWalk members are on patrol.

"SafeWalk frees our officers up to patrol the campus more — one of the benefits of SafeWalk to our department is keeping our officers free to perform other tasks," he said.

As students employed by the Security/Police Department, the members of SafeWalk often work about nine hours per week. Each team of two to four people responds to calls, patrols the campus, speaks with hall rectors and assistant rectors and walks through popular student hangouts like Keener.

SafeWalk teams often perform recruit walks, approaching groups of one or two females and offering to walk them back to their destination even though they have not formally requested an escort. In this way, SafeWalk both advertises its services and promotes a more secure campus, Gagnon said.

"The best advertising that we can do is walking around the campus," Gagnon said. "I think that people know that we are willing to do things at NDSP to help students. I can't believe there is a person on campus who is fearful and doesn't think that we would help," he said.

Students working with SafeWalk
Inside Column

Where the ugly things are

We're all familiar with the disturbing turns that staves at pedestrians as they walk around campus. You'll often see huge, towering chairs, which look like they're made of metal, stretching to the ground. These are the creations of the student art collective, who have been quietly watching over South Quad's mischievous sprite for many years. I'm sure you've noticed these two "works of art" have not yet been publicly declared by an angry mob. All in all, this collection of metallic contraptions is confined to the lawn in front of the art building. A giant toothbrush stands as a sentry keeping watch over South Quad's misfits. But, the chairs and toothbrush have been using scissors to unwind the campus with their hideous minions. They have finally struck. While the birdhouse office was distracted exhibiting its sleek living conditions to a prospective winged tenant, the two mischievous sprites have sprung out onto the campus. The invasion has begun.

Just in time for Halloween, three other ghostly sculptures have struck onto the campus with their hideous minions. They have finally struck. While the birdhouse office was distracted exhibiting its sleek living conditions to a prospective winged tenant, the two mischievous sprites have sprung out onto the campus. The invasion has begun.

To counteract the repulsive look of their ghosts, one group of Howard residents has already taken the initiative to create their own office and shroud it from the public view. With the help of a white bed sheet, a black marker and duct tape, they turned the ground into a ghostly gable. Judging from the reactions of pedestrians passing by the new art work I can tell they aren't being well received. Freshman Jerry Jones commented that the cement edifice was distracted exhibiting its sleek living conditions to a prospective winged tenant, the two mischievous sprites have sprung out onto the campus. The invasion has begun.

Modern Art, as it's termed, does not belong in the quadrangle of Notre Dame. It should be in the shadows of ultramodern buildings. The Gothic buildings on Notre Dame's campus lack the ability to present art in the Gothic style. It's like the art and building style clash strongly in comparison with each other. Perhaps if they were all huddled around the art building, I would never have written this column.

Only under the watchful eye of the only master art on campus that looks decent, the "Birdhouse Mosaic" as I've named it, can they be kept at bay. Yet, because the beauty of our campus is expanding their territory, I felt it was my duty as a Notre Dame student to decry the flaws of this new project that may mar the beauty of our campus. These wild things if not watched closely will multiply and may very well choke the life out of our Gothic architecture and traditional grounds that have become a staple of this University.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Justin Krivickas at jkrivickas@nd.edu.

Corrects

The Observer regrets the following mistakes:

- Midday Lecture: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Welsh Parlor of the Haggerty Center
- Self-Discovery Series: "Camping in the Wilderness" 9 p.m. Regina Hall-North Lounge

What's Happening @ ND

• Live shots: Offered to ND students, retirees and their spouses, faculty and staff, valid ND ID and short sleeves required. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Located at the Hesburgh Library Consorium and the Dooley Room in the LaFortune Student Center.

• Lecture: "Suffer the Little Children? The Psychological Impact of Political Violence" with Ed Calmus 7 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Hesburgh Center.

What's Happening @ SMC

• Young Executives Club 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the North Wedge Room of the Dining Hall

• Pre-Law Lecture: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Welsh Parlor of the Haggerty Center

• Self-Discovery Series: "Camping in the Wilderness" 9 p.m. Regina Hall-North Lounge

What's Cooking

North Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Spaghettini, spinach tortellini, tri-color rotini, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, vegatable pizza, pretzel sticks, chicken in the pot, Texas chili, tomato soup, broccoli potato leak soup, meatballs, scalloped corn casse­role and fried potato triangles.

Today Dinner: Spaghettini, spinach tortellini, tri-color rotini, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, vegatable pizza, pretzel sticks, chicken in the pot, Texas chili, tomato soup, broccoli potato leak soup, sauerbraten, zum potato salad, curry vegetables, baked sweet potatoes, teriyaki chicken, curley se­asoned fries and Chinese noodles.

What's Going Down

Hit and run reported
NDSP responded to a hit and run accident in the C01 parking lot Monday. There were no injuries reported.

Car vandalism occurs in lot
A student reported vandalism to her vehicle while parked in the D6 lot between 10 p.m. on October 31 and 9 p.m. on November 2. There are no suspects.

Lost wallet returned to owner
A wallet belonging to a student was found at an off-campus location on Tuesday and turned in to NDSP for safekeeping. The wallet has been released to the owner.

Vandalism reported by employee
A University employee reported vandalism to her vehicle while parked outside the Hesburgh Center on Tuesday. There are no suspects.

Theft at South Dining Hall

A student reported the theft of his jacket and keys from the dining hall on Tuesday between 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. There are no suspects.

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Cheese pizza, pepper­oni pizza, salad, deli bar, french fries, biscuits, mashed potatoes, hamburg­ers, chicken, grilled cheese, vegetable soup and cream of tomato soup.

Today Dinner: Cheese pizza, pepper­oni pizza, salad, deli bar, french fries, biscuits, mashed potatoes, hamburg­ers, chicken, grilled cheese, vegetable soup and cream of tomato soup.

Local Weather

What's What's

Today: Spaghetti put­tanesca, southwestern pasta sauce, bal­garlic linguine, Hawaiian pizza, pretzel sticks, cheese & vegetable pin, winter-blend vegetables, beef chop suey, cajun-baked pollack, roast tur­key round and baked sweet potatoes.

Today Dinner: Spaghetti put­tanesca, southwestern pasta sauce, bal­garlic linguine, Hawaiian pizza, potato pancakes, Hot Bunsky, Applesauce, Stuffed Green Peppers, Tusoun Casserole, Roast Turkey breast, Bread Stuffing, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Sautéed Chicken Breast, Steakhouse and Fries.

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Notre Dame researcher solves hardest mathematical problem

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS
Assistant News Editor

Christopher Monico, a post-doctoral researcher, has solved arguably the hardest math problem in history. The computation involved the most difficult elliptic curve discrete logarithm (ECDLP) ever solved. Monico had the help of 10,308 computers to acquire the right answer.

The Toronto security firm Certicom presented the math problem. Called the "ECCp-109 Challenge," the company encouraged researchers to test the security of ECDLP by offering a $10,000 prize for the solution.

To tackle this problem, Monico wrote a computer program to perform the complex calculations. Being a computer science minor as an undergraduate, he was familiar with computer programming and devised an application that could do the advanced calculations. It took Monico a few weeks to write the program and changes to it developed over a four month period.

Anyone with access to the Internet could visit Monico's Web site dedicated to the ECPP-109 problem and help him with the work. By downloading and running the program he developed, a user's idle computing power could be used by his program to help perform the mathematizations and transmit this information back to Monico's server.

"This is the only feasible way to solve this problem," said Monico.

Recently, this type of approach has used the computers of hundreds of thousands of volunteers all over the world with the Internet to look for extra-terrestrial radio signals and to find more effective drugs to fight the AIDS virus. These projects are so large, and require so much computing power to solve, that they would be impossible for any one computer or person to solve in a reasonable amount of time.

Monico highlighted the complexity of the project by stating on his website, "We computed about 36,507,222,000,000,000 points total. If I tried this myself, I would have needed about 4,000 to 5,000 PCs working 24-7 on this project alone, for one year."

The only major problems that plagued Monico's efforts included hardware outages that shut down his server.

The solution took 549 days to compute and involved 247 teams from around the world. By the time the project was completed, Monico had replied to over 1,500 e-mails concerning his work and computer program. The project's Web site can be accessed at http://www.nd.edu/~cmonic/eccp109. It has been viewed more than 235,000 times since the project's inception.

Monica has already spearheaded the next effort to solve another complex problem by writing the code for the next endeavor. Others involved in Monico's first project are heading a new campaign that involves a somewhat simpler problem than the one they just solved.

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Intercultural Studies offers new perspectives

By EMILY FORD
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The Intercultural Studies program at Saint Mary's has been offering new cultural perspectives to students, and the College has approved a general education course called an introduction to Intercultural Studies.

According to Vincente Berdayes, Intercultural Studies' coordinator and associate professor of communication at Saint Mary's, the introduction to course offers students valuable information that is often not found in their majors.

"The proposal was forwarded by the C S Intercultural Studied steering committee and the Curriculum Committee of the College felt the course merits being included in the general education requirements in terms of enabling students to develop a breadth of knowledge beyond exposure to the content areas of their majors," Berdayes said.

Saint Mary's currently offers a student-designed major and minor in Intercultural Studies. The 15-hour minor, which was founded in 1999, explores the "theme of intercultural contact and inter-group dynamics," according to the program's Web site. It exposes students to how different social and cultural groups come into contact, historically and contemporarily and the results of that contact. Students enrolled in the minor must select courses that examine the intercultural dynamics in the United States and in global contexts.

The courses in the Intercultural Studies program incorporate a myriad of disciplines, including English literature, sociology and business. Since the offering is so diverse, the program's mission statement ensures that the minor is compatible with many majors.

Berdayes said, "Because this program encourages analysis and reflection upon the dynamics of intercultural interaction in many contexts, students will find that Intercultural Studies complements work within their major area of study and is relevant to their professional interests."

Although there has been an increased demand for Intercultural Studies courses, according to Berdayes, there are no formal plans to expand the program into a major.

"So far, there have only been informal discussions about this possibility," said Berdayes.

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Happy 21st Birthday Courtney... Finally!

Love,
Your 317 Roommates
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said they like the interaction with their students and enjoy helping to make people feel more secure.

"I have a chance to go out and meet people and do a good serv-

ice," said Josh Towen, an Alumni Hall resident. "It is a good feeling that we have that [those who request escort walks] are really appreciative of the walks."

According to Student Coordinator Jon Pioneczi, applications for SafeWalk employees have grown this year. Pioneczi also said that the extra benefit to security is an essen-
tial component of SafeWalk.

"(SafeWalk) is a safety measure, it can't hurt to have an extra set of eyes. It is great knowing that we are an addition to the NDP," he said.

Although she does not know what any of her residents have used the SafeWalk service this year, Lyonn Hall Resident Sister Susan Dunn said that many of the Lyons mem-
bers have called SafeWalk in the past to receive walks after late classes, appointments or on-cam-
pus events. She said that the SafeWalk service helps to promote a sense of safety and security for students and faculty who face long walks at late hours.

"Although the University is a hospita-

table and safe environment, I think in this day and age you can never be too cautious, so a service like SafeWalk is a wonderful addi-
tion to security," she said. "Anyone can feel free to call, particularly if there is a late night class or appointment."

SafeWalk was formed over 10 years ago in response to increasing safety concerns. While earning three degrees at Notre Dame, Dennis Lynch worked in the SafeWalk program for 10 years. Former employee R.G. Starman now works as a Secret Service Agent for President Bush. According to Hurley, this year is no different with regard to the quality of its employees.

"We are blessed to have some outstanding people as student employees," he said.

SafeWalk currently employees about 25 students and offers its ser-

vices daily from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Students and faculty request-
ing a SafeWalk can call the Notre Dame Security/Police Department at 631-5555. Security officers will provide escorts outside this time.

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support and convincing faculty that a reading day is an impor-
tant as a class day," Jablonski-

Diehl said.

The study data view conduct-
ed last year found that 89 per-
cent of students, out of 573 surveyed, were in favor of a reading day at the end of the semes-
ter. Although Jensen esti-

mated that 95 percent of the student body supports the reading day pro-
able results from the survey found that 1,071 assign-
ments were given to students prior to finals [Fall 2001] to the 763 students surveyed, which ranges from zero to six assign-
ments per student.

"A strength of the proposal is that it does not go into effect until the 2003-2004 school year, as a pilot program," Jensen said. "Then it will be evaluated

at the end of the year." Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl were invited back to the Dec. 4 faculty assembly meeting, to address faculty concerns and present more information on the 130 institutions used for compari-
on. Until then Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl ask that professors and students express their con-
cerns and together dis-

continue the proposal.

"I think when we shocked a lot of peo-
ple today with how prepared we were," Jensen said. "We feel really good about it."

The reading proposal was previously unanimously approved by the Student Academic Council and the Board of Goven-

orship, and will be pre-

sented to the Academic Standards Committee this month.

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of Real Estate Management, the property's agent for the Lafayette complex, was out of town this week and unava-

lable for comment.

Dixon's letter said the party violated the residents' lease because students attending the party broke the City's noise, trash and public indecency laws. The party exposed resi-

dents to potential eviction and dis-

fines from the City ranging from $50 to $2,500.

Clark and Captain Wanda Shock of the South Bend Police Depart-

ment met with Lafayette residents two days before their party at the begin-

ning of the school year to advise them of policies regard-
sing gatherings. They said they were worried about a pending lawsuit with the City as a result of the previous year and wanted to make clear that they would not tolerate similar problem among current residents.

But after the party, Platt said Real Estate Management told Paris and police had been mistaken and parties were not permitted in any out-

door areas, including back-

yards.

"They didn't know what was going on initially, and they are get-

ting mad at us for breaking the rules, but they should have known what to tell us to do in the first place," said Platt. Real Estate Management and the police held another meet-

ing with residents after the City announced they were fill-

ing suit. Senior Albert Gembara said Clark estab-

lished new rules for residents at the meeting.

"They were random rules, such as we are not allowed over 15 people in apartment at one time because that constit-
utes a party. Backyard parties no longer allowed either," Gembara said.

The Oct. 30 letter from Dixon issued an ultimatum to residents that they and police had been mistaken and parties were not permitted in any out-

door areas, including back-

yards.

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Sniper suspects charged with murder of FBI analyst

FAIRFAX, Va. — Sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad and 17-year-old John Lee Malvo were in custody yesterday on murder charges stemming from an asbestos lawsuit.

The two men have been accused of shooting 17 people, killing 12 and wounding 54 in the Washington, D.C., area. Muhammad and Malvo are charged with killing a construction worker, a security guard and a police officer. They are also charged with attempted murder.

The announcement leaves Washington, D.C., as the only jurisdiction with a confirmed sniper shooting that has not filed for the death penalty.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said the decision on which jurisdiction will conduct the first trial will be made after a "sufficient analysis" of the evidence and the best law to permit the death penalty to apply if the suspects are convicted.

I think it's well-understood on my part that I believe appropriate penalties for the kinds of atrocities that have been committed to include the ultimate sanction of the death penalty," Ashcroft told reporters yesterday.

Fairfax County prosecutor Robert F. Horan Jr. wouldn't discuss specific evidence in the case. He rejected the idea that prosecutors have been bickering over who will try the snipers first. He called it "an absolute nonsense." "It's the duty of each of us to pursue homicide charges," Horan said.

He said he will respect Ashcroft's decision about who prosecutes first, but if the government decides to file homicide charges in Virginia, he will meet with the prosecutors in Prince William and Spotsylvania counties, where fatal sniper shootings also took place, to decide who will prosecute first based on the best evidence.

Investigations are pending into several other shootings, including one in Arizona. Federal prosecutors earlier filed charges against Muhammad under weapons and extortion laws that could bring the death penalty. Federal charges have also apparently been brought against Malvo, but authorities will not say so because he is a juvenile.

McCook County, Minn., State's Attorney Douglas Gaasler, who filed six murder charges against the two suspects, said the ultimate decision rests with the federal government, which has the mens rea.

U.S. prática revisão de ladrão de FBI em U.N.: The United Nations took a final decision of its Iraq resolution on the Security Council on Wednesday in hopes of winning approval after eight weeks of contentious negotiations with wary allies. The draft could trigger a new war against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. The draft has changed significantly since it was presented to the Security Council on Oct. 14 by a majority of U.S. officials said the bottom line remains the same: tough new weapons inspections coupled with a threat of "strong death penalty" in Iraq. If Iraq refuses to comply.

While the revised draft offers major concessions to critics, it still frees the Bush administration to take military action against Iraq without UN authorization. It attempts to meet French and Russian concerns, the new U.S. draft gives Saddam "a final opportunity" to comply with U.N. inspectors, holds out the possibility of lifting sanctions against Iraq, and adds a reaffirmation of Iraq's sovereignty.

National News Briefs

Mentally ill man ready for execution: James Colburn believed his execution was God's will, despite pleas from capital punishment opponents that he be spared because of his mental illness. "This is what the Lord wanted," Colburn said last week from death row, where he was sent for the 1994 slaying of a woman he tried to rape at his home. "I never thought I would live, they would have given me a life sentence," Colburn said. "But to be put to death Wednesday night, one day after the Supreme Court refused to halt his execution. His lawyers had argued that Colburn, a paranoid schizophrenic, was unable to assist in his own defense.

Yale announces end to early decision: Yale University is taking some of the stress out of elite college admissions by ending its binding early decision admission program. Instead, students will be able to apply early but won't be made to attend if they get in.

Gephardt passes on House leader post: Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt intends to announce Thursday that he is stepping down as House Democratic leader after eight years, senior aides said, one day after his party suffered historic losses in midterm elections. The expected announcement would clear the way for a succession struggle between Reps. Nancy Pelosi of California and Martin Frost of Texas, who rank second and third in the party leadership.

Supreme Court hears asbestos claims: The Supreme Court was asked Wednesday to limit asbestos lawsuits in a case that will determine if the kinds of atrocity that have been committed to include the ultimate sanction of the death penalty," Ashcroft told reporters yesterday.

Supreme Court hearings were made.

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Both Kirk and Bruno refused to comment on the reason behind Phillips' removal, saying the situation was a "personal matter" and the University does not typically comment on such matters. Yet Phillips said the fact that Bruno and Student Affairs are referring to the issue as a private personal matter is what is most disturbing. Phillips, who said she did not plan to file a lawsuit contesting the decision, claimed her removal resulted from a personal vendetta.

"Calling it a 'privacy issue' is a misleading attempt to make it look like there is a legitimate reason that I am being forced to leave," Phillips said.

She added, "It makes it look I did something embarrassing or immoral.

Under the terms of her agreement with the University, Phillips will still receive her AR benefits of free room and board and reduced tuition for the rest of the academic year.

The confusion surrounding Phillips' circumstance has left many dorm residents questioning the motivation behind Bruno's action.

"I feel like we have the right to know what's been going on," said senior Jenny Thys.

Phillips' removal also alarmed several ARs in other dorms. Roughly 20 ARs sent a letter to representatives of Student Affairs on Oct. 14 supporting Phillips and questioning the reasons behind her removal. The ARs said she had not received a letter in response.

"I think that we all deserve to have the support of each other," said Lisa Jarmick, a third-year law student at Walsh Hall and one of the ARs who signed a letter to Student Affairs. "I feel like as an AR my job could be in jeopardy and I don't know how.

"Although I have no doubt that would not happen to me because of my relationship with my rector, as a general policy, I think it is a matter of concern," added Stanford AR Kyle Forsyth.

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Universities to end binding early decision

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. Two collegiate powerhouse programs, Yale and Stanford, have decided to take some of the stress out of the admissions process by ending their binding early decision programs.

Starting next fall, students will be able to apply early but will not be forced to attend if they get in.

The presidents of both universities hope their switch in nonbinding "early action" policies will prompt other top colleges to end their binding early decision programs, which have been criticized for putting too much pressure on high school students.

"This new policy offers those who have set their hearts on attending Stanford the opportunity to apply early in their senior year, without the additional pressure of having to commit before they are ready," President John Hennessy said in a statement Wednesday.

Binding early decision policies are especially difficult for students who need financial aid, because they cannot withdraw offers from competing schools.

Yale and Stanford's new policies, however, won't allow early applicants to apply for other nonbinding programs — unlike Harvard, which does.

Harvard also does not require students who apply early to attend if they are accepted.

Yale President Richard Levin acknowledged that the change may cost the Ivy League school up to 20 percent of its top applicants.

"Our final thinking was that it would be unnecessary, but the value of making the change outweighs the concern," Levin said. "Early decision programs help colleges do more than applicants.

Early decision started at most elite colleges in the late 1990s to allow top students to win admission to their first choice without having to go through the longer admissions process. Students apply in the fall, instead of in the spring.

It's not clear what effect the changes at Yale and Stanford will have on other top colleges.

Brown, which reluctantly started offering early decision last year, is considering whether to alter its policy, university admissions officials have said.

Princeton has no plans to attend if they accept early admissions program, spokesman Lauren Robinson-Brown said.

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Harry Potter' author threatens lawsuit

Associated Press

MOSCOW

From the jagged, jumbled lettering of the title to the picture of a young wizard flying through the air framed by pillars, the book looks fantastically familiar. But the figure on the front isn't Harry Potter — it's Tanya Grotter, heroine of a Russian series that has the boy wizard's backers crying plagiarism.

While Tanya Grotter is an 11-year-old girl and rides a magical double bass instead of a broomstick, she shares several attributes with her near-namesake: Like Potter, she is an orphan, wears glasses and has an unusual mark on her face — a mole on her nose. And like the Potter books, the Grotter series is full of fanciful magic words that set spells in motion.

The author of both Grotter books, Dmitry Yemets, said his work was "entirely independent." However, he also said it was meant in part as a parody of the Harry Potter series, but with roots in Russian culture and folklore.

"It's a sort of Russian answer to Harry Potter," said Yemets, a philologist by training and a specialist in Russian folklore. He said the resemblance goes far deeper than the cover, lawyers for Potter author J.K. Rowling, her Russian publisher and Warner Brothers have threatened to sue Eksmo, the publisher of "Tanya Grotter and the Magical Double Bass," unless it withdraws the book and promises not to print any more. Eksmo's reaction: Go fly a Nimbus-2000.

"This baseless accusation of plagiarism is no reason for us to carry out their wishes," Eksmo spokesman Alexei Shekhov said. He said a letter from the Moscow office of the law firm Lamb, Green and MacRae demanding the withdrawal of the books was "emotional and impudent" and decried the threat as a result of "fear and panic."

"It's a fear of competition," said Shekhov, who said the first Grotter book has sold about 100,000 copies. The second, "Tanya Grotter and the Disappearing Floor," hit bookstores last week.

Legal threats aside, Shekhov said the company plans to publish two more Grotter books this year.

Rowling herself was cleared of charges of plagiarism earlier this year after American author Nancy Stouffer claimed Rowling had stolen ideas from her own children's books, including stories about a boy named Larry Potter.

Neil Blair, a lawyer and business manager at Rowling's literary agency in Britain, Christopher Little, confirmed in an e-mail that "a cease and desist letter alleging violation of intellectual property rights" was sent to Eksmo.

"I would suggest that anyone who compares the books (content, covers etc.) will agree that the facts of the case speak for themselves," he said.

Rowling is at work on the real fifth installment, which is not expected to be finished this year.
Sales of Subway sandwiches, especially on football weekends, have made Notre Dame's Subway one of the nation's busiest and most profitable. The eatery, located in the LaFortune Student Center, handles approximately 1,000 orders each day.

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**Ex-Enron CFO enters not guilty plea**

Former Enron Corp. chief financial officer Andrew Fastow pleaded not guilty Wednesday to 78-count federal indictment charging him with market manipulation and securities fraud.

The White House, relieved to see Pitt go, already eroded by corporate and accounting crises, now turn a round," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

**Fed announces interest rate cut**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Federal Reserve on Wednesday reduced a key interest rate by one-half of a percentage point to 1.75 percent as the central bank tries to keep America's stop-and-go recovery from stalling amid rising worries about a war in Iraq.

Commercial banks were expected to respond by moving a benchmark consumer rate to its lowest point since 1961. The move comes at policymakers' meeting this year. Other economists said they were not altogether out of the woods. But Pitt's mistake despite his numerous missteps, Fastow and the U.S. Justice Department have more worried about investor confidence than about the impact at all on the same number of people as used to be, he contends.

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Subway's popularity has some students annoyed with long lines for food. During peak lunch and dinner hours, Subway's queue often extends to the main east-west aisle through LaFortune. "When I saw the line for Subway, I turned around," said Annamarie Bindeneragel, a senior from Howard, about a recent trip to LaFortune. Subway's long lines provoke students to seek out other lunch and dinner options.

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AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan's government will form national army

Associated Press

KABUL

Afghanistan's government plans to speed up the formation of a new national army under President Hamid Karzai's command — a move that would severely erode the power of regional warlords, a senior U.S. official said.

Authorities so far have been slugging in building up the U.S.- and French-trained force, which currently totals about 1,000 men — a size now dwarfed by the huge militias of warlords who command private armies each numbering in the tens of thousands.

The U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity on Wednesday, said an Afghan government defense commission met for seven hours Tuesday with regional commanders and warlords before reaching an agreement he called "historic" and "a major step forward."

Karzai and a host of senior commanders, Cabinet ministers and powerful warlords — including Ismail Khan and Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum — agreed the new army will number 70,000 men, would join existing militia forces currently spread across the country. But disarming fighters who've wielded weapons for decades won't be an easy task.

"If this plan is implemented, there will be no regional independent forces after two years," the official said. "It's a tough, tough decision for them to enforce and implement. ... It will not be easy."

The new army has already experienced problems acquiring arms because the defense ministry has been reluctant to hand them out.

Many key defense posts, including that of Defense Minister Mohammed Fahim, are controlled by ethnic Tajiks, who swept into the capital, Kabul, last year and ousted the Taliban with the help of U.S. air power.

The U.S. official said Fahim may have been reluctant in the past but was now "enthusiastic." Most warlords saw the need to bring an end to the decades of war that have destroyed Afghanistan, the official said.

The warlords themselves will likely retain highly influential positions in government, the official said.

The new army will be under civilian command and Karzai will act as its commander and chief, the official said.

Regional commanders and warlords attending Tuesday's meeting pushed for a larger army and said two-thirds of its strength should be drawn from their fighters. But they backed down after it was agreed the government could only afford to pay a smaller force.

A special sub-commission will work out the details of demobilization, a vital part of the plan, the U.S. official said.

Soldiers who do not become a part of the new army will be given other jobs in local police forces, anti-narcotics squads or as border guards. Some would be retired, while others would be trained in new vocations.

The plan aims to dismantle and disarm the private armies of each warlord. Weapons for the new army would be contributed from existing militia forces currently spread across the country.

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7 charged in drugs-weapons plot

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

U.S. officials announced charges Wednesday involving alleged plots to sell drugs to finance weapons purchases for Osama bin Laden’s Al-Qaida organization and the Colombian paramilitary group.

The separate cases show the threat to national security from the “toxic combination of drugs and terrorism,” Attorney General John Ashcroft said.

One set of charges involves a plot by four people, two of them Houston-based, to trade $25 million in cocaine and related paraphernalia for 8,000 shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles for the al-Qaida terrorist network and to train in the same desert,” Drug Enforcement Agency.

The second involved two other cases.

In the second case, three people charged in Houston were trying to sell heroin and hashish to four shouldered SLINGER anti-aircraft missile manufacturers for the al-Qaida terror network.

An indictment says the al-Qaida link was provided by the suspects themselves.

According to a complaint, undercover officers taped an April 28, 2002, meeting at a warehouse in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, in which one of the suspects and a self-described AUC weapons expert called “Raquel” allegedly inspected a cache of Russian-made weapons.

Authorities also seized numerous e-mails involving the negotiations, including one from a top AUC commander saying his associates must have “a visual inspection of the whole farm” — believed to refer to the weapons — before terms could be settled.

The four were charged in Houston with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and conspiracy to provide material support and resources to a foreign terrorist organization. The charges could carry up to life in prison, Ashcroft said.

Two suspects were identified as Uwe Jensen, 66, and Carlos Ali Romero Varela, 43, both of Houston. There was less detail on two others: Carlos Lopez and an individual identified only as “Commandant Emilio.”

Jenson was arrested Tuesday in Houston. In a federal court appearance Wednesday, he described himself as Danish but a U.S. citizen and was told he would be held until at least Friday hearing. The three others were arrested Tuesday in San Jose, Costa Rica, after traveling there to finalize the deal with U.S. undercover agents.

They face extradition to the United States.

In the San Diego case, Ashcroft released an indictment against two Pakistanis and one U.S. citizen originally from India who have been held since Sept. 20 in Hong Kong. They allegedly sought to sell 600 kilograms of heroin and five metric tons of hashish in the San Diego area and use the money to buy Singer missiles.

The three suspects in custody in Hong Kong were identified as Syed Mustajab Shah and Mohammed Abid Afroz, both of Pakistan, and Ilyas Ali of Minneapolis.

They appeared in a Hong Kong court on Tuesday to fight extradition to the United States. Hong Kong a former British colony now under Chinese rule, has an extradition treaty with the United States.

During a visit to Asia last month, Ashcroft praised Hong Kong for helping cut off terrorist financing and met with local officials about finding new ways to cooperate in the anti-terror war. He repeated that praise for China on Wednesday.

“They did cooperate with us at a very effective level, and for which we are grateful,” Ashcroft said.

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Jewish League calls for probe

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Relatives and legal representatives of Jewish Defense League leader Irv Rubin called for a full investigation of how he was injured in federal custody on bomb plot charges. Authorities say he hurt himself in a suicide attempt.

“We want to see the videotapes from inside the jail,” Rubin’s wife, Shelley, said in a statement Wednesday. Rubin, 57, was in critical condition at County-USC Medical Center after undergoing a second surgery Tuesday, according to his family. The operation included wiring shut his broken jaw.

Rubin’s attorneys said Monday that their client was brain-dead after surgery, but Shelley Rubin said later that brain activity was detected.

Rubin was injured Monday morning hours before he was to appear in U.S. District Court on charges that he and co-conspirator Earl Krugel plotted to bomb a mosque and the office of an Arab American congressman.

Federal officials said Rubin slashed his neck with a prison-issued razor blade and tumbled 18-feet over a railing at the federal Metropolitan Detention Center.

The trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 21. U.S. Marshall’s spokesman Bill Woolsley said it remained to be seen if Rubin would be mentally fit to stand trial.

“I can’t comment on that. I think it’s up to God,” Woolsley said.

FBI spokeswoman Laura Boles said interview with witnesses — including officers and inmates — left no doubt about the cause of Rubin’s injuries.

“Without specifying too much, it is still a pending matter, there is nothing to indicate that Mr. Rubin suffered from anything other than self-inflicted wounds,” Boles said.

Shelley Rubin and lawyers representing her husband plan a press conference Thursday to issue their appeal for a full investigation.

“My Irv is a fighter and he will survive this,” Shelley Rubin said in the statement.

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FRANCE

Fire on train in France leaves five Americans dead

Associated Press

NANCY

A fire on an overnight train in eastern France filled a sleeping car with deadly smoke Wednesday, killing 12 people — including five Americans from the same family — and driving panicked passengers to smash windows and jump to safety.

The train, like others in Europe, had no smoke detectors even though cigarette smoking is allowed in designated cars. Fatal rail accidents are rare in France, where trains are known for speed, safety and efficiency. Accidents, however, are not unknown in Europe: A high-speed train derailed in Germany in 1998, killing 101 people. Wednesday’s blaze, which also injured nine people, was initially blamed on an electrical short-circuit. But the French rail authority SNCF said that was premature and the cause was under investigation.

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The owner of the sleeping car, German national railroad Deutsche Bahn, said the fire apparently started in the compartment of a train attendant. Smoke was blamed for the deaths.

The fire began shortly after 2 a.m. as the train with 150 passengers passed through the city of Nancy on its way to Munich, Germany, according to SNCF. The train had left Paris three hours earlier.

An accountant from North Branford, Conn., and four members of his family were killed: Salvatore Michael Amore, 43, and his family were returning from a one-day visit to Paris when they were killed, said Anna Maria Amore, his sister-in-law. Also killed were Amore’s wife, Jeanne, 43; daughter Emily Jeanne, 12; son Michael Bernhardt, 8; and mother, Susanne, 72.

Three German men, a Russian man and woman, a Hungarian man and a Greek woman were also killed.

Authorities in Meurthe-et-Moselle prefecture said one American was among the nine people injured. All but one was treated at a hospital and released.

A train worker alerted authorities at about 2:15 a.m. when he spotted smoke pouring from a car as the train passed the Nancy station. Flames shot 9 feet into the air, and thick black smoke billowed out of the car’s windows.

Survivors told of panic inside the train as screaming passengers escaped by breaking through the car’s windows and climbing out once the train had stopped.

French survivor Marc Giraud said smoke filled his compartment after the door was opened. He grabbed an emergency ladder, smashed the window of the compartment and those inside crawled out.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 10 - 15, 2002

Are you or someone you know a victim/survivor of sexual assault or rape?

Do you wonder how rape is perceived in our culture?

Are you curious about rules, policies, and procedures dealing with sexual assault at Notre Dame?

Are you concerned about rape and how men and women can stop it?

If so, please join the Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE) in observing Sexual Assault Awareness Week, November 10-15.

The events for the week include:

Sunday evening: pick up a Teal ribbon and a schedule/resource card at your residence hall mass to commemorate those who have been affected by sexual assault

Monday: Movie "The Accused" with Jodie Foster at 7pm in the CSC Classroom

Tuesday: Panel Discussion focusing on why rape occurs and the policies surrounding sexual assault on Notre Dame’s campus at 7:30pm in DBRT 131

Wednesday: GTC Dramatic Dialogues presentation of "What’s Goin’ On?" by Joel Gori at 7:30pm in Haggar 117

Thursday: Presentation by Patrick Drury focused on how men can help victims of sexual assault at 7:30pm in the Siegfried Hall Chapel. A survivor will also tell her story.

Friday: Mass to commemorate those people affected by sexual assault at 5pm in the Dillon Hall Chapel.

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The rules and regulations set up by the administration can be changed. As members of the Notre Dame family, students, alumni and faculty can impact policies and procedures of the University’s administration. If organized, the power and influence that we possess has the potential to be massive. Students at Notre Dame are able to support campus labor by organizing and demanding that the University respect workers’ rights and make a statement of neutrality and a statement of voluntary recognition.

Students have always played a vital role in struggles for workers’ rights. Labor history is covered with instances where struggles were successful because of the action of youth and students.

In 2001, Harvard students played a crucial role in the “Living Wage” campaign, which had hundreds of Harvard students in support of the campaign and almost 50 students occupying the main building — all for a living wage for workers. Their struggle would not have been successful if were not for the students and their active participation.

Also, student activists and organizers helped pressure New Era Cap to recognize a union for workers in a department on campus. N.Y., which covered 330 workers, and developed the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC) — a statement of neutrality and a statement of voluntary recognition. Workers would be able to bypass lengthy and expensive procedures. These statements will only come from intense pressure from the student body, faculty and alumni.

Students can create change on the Notre Dame campus, but it will happen only if students work together to put pressure on the Administration to respect workers on this campus.

Students need to show solidarity with the workers on campus. We need to talk to the workers, listen to their stories and hear about their families and their troubles. We need to prove to the employees of this University that students will always stand with them. It is our responsibility as members of this community to work with the staff of the school, discover their needs and help them accomplish what they may not be able to accomplish otherwise. Workers on this campus have tried to organize many times in the past, but each time their jobs were threatened or they were fired.

Therefore, students need to help get the workers to the bargaining table and start working for a statement of neutrality and a statement of voluntary recognition.

At universities across the country, it is the students who are leading the way for social justice in anti-sweatshop campaigns, campus worker campaigns, global justice campaigns and others that transform how campuses are organized and operated. Students here have the power to influence the Administration. We need to organize our power and work in coalition with others to demand from the administration a promise that they will recognize workers’ rights at this Catholic university.

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Quote of the Day

“Poor but happy” is not a phrase invented by a poor person.”

Mason Cooley

U.S. aphorist
Work for and with the poor to improve their lives

As students at an institution that is committed to promoting social justice, many of us are involved in programs and service projects designed to help the poor and homeless. Notre Dame students are encouraged to work for poor people, but rarely do we have the opportunity to work with poor people. However, the Progressive Students Alliance (PSA) invites students, faculty and members of the community to hear a speaker who is paving the way for poor people in America to secure their basic economic human rights. Cheri Honkala, the spokesperson for the Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign, will be speaking about this growing national movement by poor people at 6 p.m. today in 155 Pasquerilla West.

Honkala, who was once homeless herself, is an activist for equal economic human rights at the Kensington Welfare Rights Union in Philadelphia. This group is one of the many emerging poor people’s groups working for social change in the United States to better ensure rights guaranteed by the U.N.’s Universal Declaration of Human Rights. These rights include: the right to jobs at a living wage and just conditions of work; the right to well-being of a person and his or her family, including food, clothing, housing, medical care and necessary social services; and the right to education.

Here in the United States, the richest country in the world, we would expect to find that these rights of our citizens are being fulfilled. However, the fact is that there are close to 65 million Americans living in poverty. These people in many cases are denied access to resources that are clearly available in our wealthy nation. For example, there are more abandoned houses in this country than there are homeless people, and the number of surplus luxury housing units in the United States is equal to the entire housing stock in Canada. Not only this, but the state of California produces enough food to feed everyone in the world, yet Americans still go hungry. And in a country that values free enterprise, it is almost a crime that many people who have been brought up to understand the importance of working hard are only rewarded for their work by being exploited in the workplace.

These facts are evidence that changes are needed to help poor people — changes that we, as students and more over as Americans, should be working to achieve. The Kensington Welfare Rights Union teamed up with other groups led by the ranks of the poor in 1977 to form The Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign. The campaign has planned a bus tour called the New Freedom Bus Tour: Economic Human Rights for All, which will stop in 25 poor communities across the nation to document the face of poverty in each area.

The month-long tour, which begins Sunday, will conclude with a presenta-

tion of its findings to the United Nations on Human Rights Day, Dec. 10, and with a call to the United States to end human rights violations in this country. Members of the tour hope to engage poor people, students and others in their effort to learn about and fight against injustices to poor people.

In addition to hearing Honkala speak on Thursday, I also invite you to Chicago, the closest stop of the New Freedom Bus Tour, next Tuesday to learn about the campaign. I truly feel that, as students of this University that focuses on social issues, we are obligated to show our support of this movement to end poverty. I strongly encourage all students to come hear Honkala speak and to learn how you can take an active role in the campaign to end poverty in America.
“Sweet Home Alabama”

Director: Andy Tennant
Writer: Douglas J. E sho
Starring: Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas, Patrick Dempsey

Melanie Carmichael (Reese Witherspoon) gets home to divorce her husband Jake (Josh Lucas), and the rest of her childhood cronies who don’t take so kindly to Melanie’s big city ways. Hilarity ensues.

“Sweet Home Alabama” suffers from a severe case of lack-of-plot-itis. At first, the audience thinks that the movie will be about Melanie torturing her ex into signing the divorce papers, but he succumbs to her dirty tactics in the first 10 minutes. Then, it seems that the movie will be about Melanie hiding her white trash roots from the mayor’s wily sprees. But that too is cleared up rather quickly. And then, it seems that the movie will be about Melanie making nice with her husband Jake and getting a divorce. The film just keeps on switching plotlines.

This film is a run-of-the-mill “girl rediscovers her roots” film. And by the umpteenth reprise of Skyard’s famous song that lends this movie a credible title, the audience should be more than a bit chagrined that they paid $8 for a ticket to a romantic comedy that’s not nearly as engaging a “Sex in the City” or as heartfelt as “Steel Magnolias.”

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And the very fact that Mr. Perfect (Patrick Dempsey) gets walked all over in this film sends a disturbing message to the masculine half of those watching this film as date: Men who treat women with respect are chumps.

In the end, “Sweet Home Alabama” is just another cookie cutter romantic comedy that will be coming to a Cinemax channel near you soon. Very soon.

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Stay home rather than go to ‘Alabama’

By SHAWN NEWBURG
Scene Movie Critic

After sitting through “Sweet Home Alabama,” audiences will probably remember the words to Lynard Skynard’s famous rock anthem of the same name better than the plot of this film.

Melanie Carmichael (Reese Witherspoon) has it all: she’s got great friends, she’s the coolest new fashion designer in New York and her JFK Jr.-esque Mr. Right/son of the mayor has just proposed to her. Then, one snafu before she gets married, she has to get her estranged husband in her small Alabama hometown to agree to a divorce.

So, Melanie makes a clandestine trip back home and back down memory lane to the life she left behind eight years ago. Enter Melanie’s Mr. Not-So-Right-Hand Man, J. M. Soong (Patrick Dempsey) and the rest of her childhood cronies who don’t take so kindly to Melanie’s big city ways.

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‘Jackass’ cuts the plot, goes for stunts

By SHAWN NEWBURG
Scene Movie Critic

Abbot and Costello, The Three Stooges and Buster Keaton are all rolling over in their graves after the recent release of “Jackass: The Movie.” The men of the crew of Jackass, led by Johnny Knoxville, bril- liant as they are with their comedy, finally cut away all that unnecessary extra stuff and get right to the heart of what every young male want to see — toilet humor and guys getting hit in the balls.

The pranksters were ever allowed to get away with doing on television. From eating yellow snow comes to getting beaten mercilessly by Butterbean, the heavyweight boxer, the stunts are a little more dangerous than ones from the television show. Each stunt seems even funnier than the one preceding it. The next part of the movie is the sus- pense of waiting for what insane thing the guys will do next.

In comparison to the television show, the level of ingenuity and creativity of their stunts decreased. Rather than really doing any clever pranks, which were hysterical in the television show, the Jackass crew pretty much sticks to a slapstick, kick-in-the-groin type of humor. Although they do come up with some realistic and funny ways of hurting themselves in order to make the audience laugh, they fail to pull any pranks more cre- active than butchering unsuspecting people’s hair with hair clippers. The best pranks are, unfortunately, missing in this movie.

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Audiences either love the humor of “Jackass: The Movie” or hate it. Audiences who like circus clowns hitting each other with bats, love watch- ing any sort of wrestling entertainment or just can’t get enough of home videos of dads getting kicked in the junk by llamas, will love “Jackass: The Movie.” Audiences that do not find slapstick humor funny should probably go watch “Punch-Drunk Love.”

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"Punch-Drunk Love" is an offbeat, unlikely knockout that sneaks up on you from behind and keeps you reeling for more.

Barry Egan (Adam Sandler) has seven very loud and very unruly sisters, who have undoubtedly kept him unable to relate well to women. He is the owner of a small business, which produces unusual washroom appliances. Lena, Leonard, (Emily Watson, "Red Dragon"), is the radiant woman who has an unabashed desire to be a part of his life after only seeing his picture and taking him on a romantic adventure toward self-definition. Their first days spent together are what make up the basis of "Punch-Drunk Love," and an interesting few days they turn out to be.

The film is based on a true story about a University of California civil engineer who stumbled upon a lucrative frequent-flyer promotion. By purchasing 12,150 cups of Healthy Choice pudding for just $3,000, he accumulated millions of air miles. It begins with Barry dialing the 800 number on the back of Healthy Choice dinner package in the early hours of the morning to inquire about one of their promotional deals, only to be followed by the next scene wherein an unknown van drops off a small piano on the side of the road for no explained reason.

The rest should be left to be discovered in theaters. What makes this film great is that it manages to be unusual while still being engaging. Writer and director Paul Thomas Anderson ("Magnolia," "Boogie Nights") is up to his old, and some of his new tricks in his latest film. The story is quirky and seemingly without punch line or moral. It flows from scene to scene without giving its audience much rhyme or reason for why it moves the way it does, until finally something in the viewer clicks.

This is not a typical film, but it reveals truth about people and life that is much needed and is, in a word, honest. Almost half the running time of the three-hour "Magnolia," "Love" exchanges falling frozen frogs from the sky for randomly placed harmoniums, and promotional deals involving large amounts of pudding. The script involves mostly situational absurdity, which has the capacity to leave audiences either gasping in disbelief or giggling in their seats.

The directing is outstanding and Anderson captures his characters in a winning combination of clichés and intimate portraits. The film's scope takes some of the footage to Hawaii and there is a beautifully constructed scene composed entirely of silhouettes when Barry and Lena meet each other from across a hotel lobby. A great deal of the action takes place at night, and Anderson capitalizes on this through is use of interesting angles and muted lighting. Anderson's strongest point in this film, however, is his ability to tolerate long stretches of silence without dialogue or score. "Punch-Drunk Love" is a rare film in that it does not bombard its audience with sound and picture in an effort to be entertaining. The acting is equally subtle. Sandler plays a character similar but not identical to those in previous films. Neither crazy nor snarly, Barry Egan is a frustrated and at times comic character in a very serious world. He is obviously a misunderstood loner, and Sandler's experience with this type of character in other roles shines through. Barry is, however, prone to outbreaks of crying or destruction, (he tears apart a restaurant's bathroom on his first date with Lena), and Sandler carries out this apparent absurdity with a high degree of grace. Barry's crazy outbursts of anger or grief indicate an imbalance; however, as the story developed, I began to wonder whether his "imbalance" was not due simply to his having an over-sharpened sense of what is going on around him.

As he wanders through the wonderland of "Punch-Drunk Love" he meets the larger-than-life character, Lena. She is perhaps the most engaging and attractive character I have encountered in film a very long time. I don't know whether to attribute her success to Watson's ability or the writer's genius. I suppose it would have to be a marriage of both. Lena is wearing red, and this could symbolize the life she brings to Barry's frustrating existence. (It is also a strong contrast to the royal blue suit that Barry wears throughout the film as a symbol of his downtrodden state.)

The characters' honesty about themselves and their motivations are a refreshing delight, as Barry's coworkers randomly fall off chairs, crash machines into walls, and make other very human failings. One clear message of this film is centered in its message of this film is centered in its logic that, for its completeness, this film really should not have. "Punch-Drunk Love" is an edgy romantic comedy that doesn't stumble over sentiment or slapstick, and should be on everyone's list of films to see this year.

He orchestrates a medley of bright colors again in "Love," and he and Anderson add interesting synesthetic "scenes" of music behind moving watercolor "paintings," which appear alone on the screen between scenes.

The original score, composed by Jon Brion, is also outstanding. It integrates music by The Beatles and a wonderfully desperate rendition of Shelly Duvall's "He Really Needs Me," which add to the playful mood of the film.

The sum total of "Punch-Drunk Love" is that is overall a great film, not for any one of its qualities, but because it is consistent in what it tries to accomplish by its humble plot and unusual characters. Not fitting into any one genre of film, "Love," like its name suggests, is a film a little bit on the edge. It is on the edge of being defined as a comedy, a romance, a mystery or any kind of usual film. It defies the normal sentiments, which would demand from it a logic that, for its completeness, this film really should not have. "Punch-Drunk Love" is an edgy romantic comedy that doesn't stumble over sentiment or slapstick, and should be on everyone's list of films to see this year.
**NBA**

Iverson scores 34 points in 76ers’ 101-99 win over the Clippers

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia 76ers had a pair of starters foul out in overtime, but they still had Allen Iverson.

Iverson scored six of his 34 points in the extra session as the 76ers held on for a 103-99 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Iverson missed a shot at the end of regulation that would have given Philadelphia the win and watched as Eric Snow and Keith Van Horn fouled out 16 seconds apart in the overtime. But Iverson made 1-of-2 from the line to forge a 97-97 tie with 1:41 left. Toddy MacCulloch added a free throw to break the deadlock 23 seconds later.

Los Angeles failed to score on its next possession and the Sixers looked stagnant when they got the ball, but Iverson bailed them out with a long jumper with 44 seconds to go. Andre Miller sank two foul shots to cut the deficit to one 10 seconds later and Los Angeles’ full-court pressure resulted in a turnover by Philadelphia. The Clippers isolated Elton Brand, who missed a short jumper in the lane, and Michael Olowokandi failed on a follow attempt.

Iverson added a free throw for the final margin. He made 12-of-15 at the line as Philadelphia converted 86 percent (30-of-35) of its foul shots.

New York 95, Sacramento 88

The fourth quarter belonged to the New York Knicks for the first time this season.

Lee Nailon scored 10 of his 20 points in the opening 5:12 minutes of the final period as the Knicks pulled away for their first victory of the season over the struggling Sacramento Kings.

New York squandered fourth-quarter leads in each of its first three games, losing to Detroit, Philadelphia and Boston. But Nailon, who signed as a free agent on Oct. 30, reversed the trend. He helped the Knicks extend a two-point lead to 86-77 with 6:37 to play. Allan Houston added two baskets and a free throw and New York was able to hold on for its fifth win in the last 17 meetings with Sacramento at Madison Square Garden.

The Kings made just one basket in a 10-minute stretch of the fourth quarter and were just 3-of-15 from the field in the period.

Chris Webber led all scorers with 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds while Peja Stojakovic added 19 and five for Sacramento, which concluded a four-game road trip with three straight losses.

Houston finished with 21 points and Charlie Ward and Shandon Anderson had 15 apiece for the Knicks.

Washington 107, Cleveland 100

After a one-year absence, Jerry Stackhouse is back as a primary scoring option.

Stackhouse scored a season-high 35 points to lead the Washington Wizards to a victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

A year ago, Stackhouse averaged 21.4 points for the Cavaliers. He helped his new team in scoring in every game. Against Cleveland Stackhouse had three fewer points than Washington’s other four starters combined.

In 2000-01, Stackhouse averaged a career-best 29.8 points as the Pistons’ go-to guy and showed an ability to carry an offensive load for long stretches.

Acquired in September for Richard Hamilton as part of a six-player deal, he has led his new team in scoring in every game. Against Cleveland Stackhouse had three fewer points than Washington’s other four starters combined.

Stackhouse scored 14 points in the first quarter, helping Washington to a 28-13 lead. He added eight in the second period, when the margin was trimmed to 46-43, then totaled 13 in the third quarter and five in the fourth for a 97-75 advantage with 4:58 remaining.

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Dallas 106, Toronto 92

Dirk Nowitzki and Michael Finley combined for 50 points as the Dallas Mavericks defeated the Toronto Raptors for their best start since the 1995-96 season.

Nowitzki scored 28 points on 10-of-15 shooting and pulled down 13 rebounds while Finley was 3-of-3 from the arc and added 22 points.

The Mavericks improved 4-0 for the first time in seven years. In 1995-96, they followed the 4-0 start by losing 22 of the next 26 games. Toronto took its first lead, 86-82, with 9:12 left.

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Dallas traded Iverson to Philadelphia on Thursday.

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Texas placed on two-year probation for NCAA violation

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas

College World Series champion Texas was put on two years' probation by the NCAA on Wednesday for illegal job benefits given to a former volunteer assistant coach.

The NCAA determined that assistant Richard Couch took a $40,000-a-year marketing job at a beer distributorship owned by former university regent Lowell Lebermann but never did any work. Instead, Couch spent all his time working on activities related to the baseball team, especially recruiting.

NCAA rules prohibit volunteer coaches from being on an athletic department's payroll or receiving preferential treatment in an outside job arranged by the department. They are allowed to have jobs but must do the work they're paid for. By not working, Couch violated NCAA standards of honesty.

Although the NCAA's report attributed only one recruit who signed with Couch, it concluded that he gave Texas a competitive advantage by spending all of his time on baseball and dozens of recruiting trips.

It also said Texas failed to monitor whether Couch was going to his job, which was arranged with help from head coach Augie Garrido.

The Longhorns won their fifth national title and first in 13 years by beating South Carolina 12-6 at the College World Series in June. Couch left the team in October 2001 and was not with the Longhorns last season.

Tom Yeager, chairman of the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions and chairman of the Colonial Athletic Association, said the violation was considered "major."

The NCAA accepted Texas' self-imposed penalty to prohibit Garrido from recruiting off campus until August 2003.

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Frustrated Stewart talks about demotion

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Kordell Stewart played the role of Michael Vick as the Pittsburgh Steelers began preparing for the Atlanta Falcons. He would much rather go back to being Kordell Stewart.

Relegated to the insignificant duties as scout team quarterback only a season after leading the Steelers to a 13-3 record and making the Pro Bowl, Stewart is clearly hurt and frustrated with his latest benching.

Speaking out for the first time since coach Bill Cowher yanked him for Tommy Maddox six weeks ago, Stewart said Wednesday he will be a starter again in the NFL, not just a guy who imitates another team’s starter in practice.

But he wouldn’t criticize Cowher’s abrupt decision, saying doing so would only distract from how well Maddox and the division-leading Steelers are playing.

“I can’t control what other people do,” Stewart said. “I’ve proven myself time and time again, so to express myself and explain myself again, what would that benefit? … If this is the direction they want to go, fine, so be it, but everybody else knows, and this organization knows, what I can do.”

Stewart hasn’t written off this season or his seven-year career with the Steelers, but realizes they won’t keep him and his $6.3 million salary after this season to be a backup.

So, even if they cut him or trade him, he said, “It’s no sweat off my back, I’ll be ready to move on.”

Stewart also was benched in 1999 and 2000, but this demotion was the least expected because it came so early, and after so successful a season. Maddox replaced Stewart in the fourth quarter Sept. 29 against Cleveland and rallied the Steelers to a 16-13 overtime victory, preventing an 0-3 start. With Maddox throwing at least two touchdown passes in all but one game since, the Steelers (5-3) have won five of six to open a comfortable lead in the AFC North.

With Maddox playing so well, Stewart knows he would be out of line to lobby to play again.
**Womens Basketball Polls**

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Irish finish off season with Eck Classic this weekend

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame's women's tennis team will play host to the 15th-annual Eck Classic this weekend in the Eck Tennis Pavilion in the final event on the Irish fall schedule. The event will feature matches on Saturday and Sunday, with the tournament scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. each day. The Irish won both events this fall, defeating top-seeded Duke 4-0 on Sunday, getting underway at 9 a.m. each day. The Irish won two 16-player singles flights, as well as a 16-team doubles tournament.

Notre Dame, which has finished within the national top 25 in each of the last seven seasons, competed in three other tournaments this fall in preparation for the 2003 dual-match schedule, which gets underway Jan. 22 with a home match against Western Michigan.

Junior Alicia Salas has had a successful fall season in both singles and doubles. In singles action, the 18th-ranked player in the nation has posted a 7-4 mark, highlighted by a pair of victories over ranked players. Salas won four matches to advance to the final of the OSU/Prince Cup before falling to the top seed, No. 23 Marine Pirou of Northwestern. Salas reached the round of 16 before falling to the top seed, No. 23 Marine Pirou of Northwestern.

Salas paired with freshman Kristina Statz in the first two events of the fall, reaching the quarterfinals in the OSU/Prince Cup before losing to eventual champions, D'Amello and Rebecca Hawkins. The following weekend, the Irish pair won four straight matches to win the B flight doubles championship in the prestigious adidas Invitational, defeating doubles teams from Duke, Tennessee and two from Northwestern. Statz, who reached the round of 16 with senior captain Katie Cunha in the Midwest Championships, leads the Irish with a 7-2 doubles mark this season.

Freshman Lauren Connelly played with Salas in the Midwest Championships and the pair lost a tough 9-7 decision to the top-seeded team, 13th-ranked Karie Schlukebir and Linda Tran of Indiana, which will be in action this weekend. In the Prince Cup, Connelly and junior Emily Neighbours fell in the first round, but rebounded with three straight wins to capture the consolation title.

Connelly has had a strong first collegiate fall in singles, as well, defeating a pair of top-70 players. Connelly topped No. 52 Jessica Rush of Ohio State before losing to the top seed, third-ranked Kellie Friedel of Northwestern, in the second round. In the prestigous adidas Invitational, defeating doubles team of Delia and Cathy Wolf of Duke, 6-2, 6-3. Connelly and Sadas reached the round of 16 before falling to the top seed, No. 23 Marine Pirou of Northwestern.

Senior Katie Cunha hits a ball in last year's Big East Tournament. The Irish will end their fall season this weekend at home in the Eck Classic.
Florida State and could not return to the field. Pauly stepped in. “He played well,” defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. “For the first time out of the box, he played good. He got his feet wet.”

Pauly didn’t just step in because Hilliard was down. The Irish defense doesn’t work that way. Pauly stepped in because he had earned the right to rotate. He had proven himself as a player that could step up.

“You don’t just get thrown in there because somebody goes down,” Mattison said. “You have to earn the right. That’s why it’s so important that each kid know his role. The second unit guy has to get himself ready so he’s earned the right. When his time comes, he’s ready to play.”

When it became clear that Hilliard would not be able to play against Boston College, Pauly’s name started coming up more and more often. The junior was going to have to step up one more time. It was an honor.

“It’s definitely rewarding to get a start with that defense,” Pauly said. “We have a tremendous defense, and to get the start is really something special.”

Pauly turned in a solid performance for the Irish, but he and the coaches recognize that reps in practice aren’t quite the same thing as reps on the field.

“It was his first start, his first time playing for a length of time,” Mattison said. “But Pauly is a good football player and like Cedric, like Darrell, like Kyle (Budinscak), the more they play the better they get, and that’s exactly what we expect to happen with Greg.”

On Saturday, Pauly will be in the starting lineup again. Hilliard is still out with no chance of playing against Navy. The Midshipmen will be playing an option, and the Irish might miss Hilliard with that kind of an offensive attack. Hilliard recorded seven tackles against a similar offense when playing Air Force. But Pauly feels he is ready to step up and try to fill those empty shoes.

“Ced always had a good performance,” Pauly said. “I’m just trying to follow in his footsteps the best I can. follow his example.”

Pauly earned the right to rotate and found himself on the field. When Saturday comes, he’ll have to show why he earned that right one more time.

“He’s always ready when his time comes, and that’s what I respect most about him,” Mattison said.

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    A weak schedule equals strong wins. Will Keith Jackson, in Gamewriter's booth, call them "rumbling" or "bumping"?

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14. **MARYLAND**

    Several players converted to defense. Too bad they're in the country's toughest conference.

15. **LOUISVILLE**

    Gamebreakers on both sides of the ball. Look for the Cardinals to go to their Wing-T offense for big points. Look for them to top Conference USA.

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Brey's mentor Wootten retires

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

When Mike Brey received a phone call from legendary DeMatha High coach Morgan Wootten Tuesday night, the Irish head coach wasn't surprised to hear his longtime mentor say he was hanging up his whistle.

"I spoke to him a lot over the past two weeks, and I think he feels good about it," Brey said. "I think he was 90 percent of the way there this summer, and he finally made his decision in the past couple of weeks."

The 71-year-old Wootten, who announced his retirement from coaching after a 46-season career Wednesday, coached Brey in high school and gave him his first coaching job as an assistant at DeMatha in 1982.

When Brey left DeMatha in 1987 to work at Duke, he kept in constant contact with Wootten.

"Certainly, he has meant a lot to me," Brey said. "If it wasn’t for his impact on my life at a very young age, and back through my early years of coaching, I was spoiled, having my first coaching job with him."

Wootten is only one of three prep coaches to be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. He never had a losing season, compiled a 1,274-192 record and coached seven teams that were voted national champions.

Wootten turned down numerous college coaching jobs, choosing instead to stay at the high school level. Among the NBA players he coached in high school included Adrian Danley, Kenny Carr, Danny Ferry, Sidney Lowe and Adrian Branch.

Since 1977, the coach also served as chairman of the McDonald's All-American Game selection committee, which features the top high school talent in the nation. Brey and Wootten have kept in contact throughout the years.

Wootten and his wife visited Brey in South Bend last summer and Wootten watched Notre Dame's quadruple-overtime victory over Georgetown last winter.

"He's a legend, a Hall of Famer," Brey said. "When you think about him, you think about Coach Wooden and Dean Smith. That's his company."

Injured Irish

A day after injuring his ankle early in a scrimmage, Jordan Corbett hobbed around the hallways of the Joyce Center Wednesday afternoon on crutches.

Brey remained optimistic that Corbett would be able to play in Notre Dame's exhibition Monday.

"If he's not ready Monday, I know what Jordan can do," Brey said. "He's a veteran, he'll do fine."

While Corbett sat out most of Tuesday's scrimmage, the Irish welcomed Jere Macura back to the practice court.

Macura missed Notre Dame's exhibition last Friday after Cornette fell on his knee, prompting Brey to compare the injury to one suffered last year when Harold Swanagan fell on Tom Timmermans.

Then, Timmermans had to miss two months. Brey was glad Macura is already back in the lineup.

"I don't think he's 100 percent yet, he's not quite jumping, but he's moving," Brey said. "Having him back is always a good thing."

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Walton selected as semifinalists

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame senior corner-back Shane Walton has been named one of 14 semifinalists for the Jim Thorpe Award presented annually to the nation's best college defensive back.

Three finalists will be selected on Nov. 25. The winner will be announced on ESPN's College Football Awards Show, broadcast live from DisneyWorld on Dec. 12. Formal presentation of the award will be in Oklahoma City, Okla., at the annual Jim Thorpe Awards ceremonies on Feb. 11, 2003.

The Thorpe Award has been presented since 1986 based on the winner's performance on the field, athleticism and character.

Voted the 20th century's greatest athlete in a poll by ABC's Wide World of Sports, Jim Thorpe was a two-time Olympic gold medalist in both American running back and defensive, the winner of decathlon and pentathlon gold medals in the 1912 Olympics, and a standout in both professional football and baseball.

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Jones insists he did nothing special, just worked hard in the off-season.

But when Brey looks at Jones, he sees a player that has finally developed basketball skills to compliment his raw athletic ability. In the absence of an established big man, the Irish have Jones, who can slash to the basket or hit a short range jumper, pulling pressure away from Notre Dame's young big guys.

"We certainly don't want to take away from what his strengths are, guarding people and being an athletic presence," Brey said. "But now, for him to look for it a little more opportunistically, that's something he should do."

Jones' unselfishness and acceptance of his supporting-role player is what makes him so well liked by Irish coaches. Brey in particular praised the guard for his work with Quinn, a guy who could potentially take minutes away from Jones.

"When you have that guy who can get everybody motivated, I know it's very important. And I value that role," Brey said.

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No. 2 player in the country commits to Duke basketball

By PAUL DORAN
The Duke Chronicle

DURHAM, N.C.

After one of the biggest recruiting battles in the Class of 2007, the No. 2 player in the country, Luol Deng, officially announced his verbal commitment to the Duke men's basketball team at a press conference Tuesday at his high school, Blair Academy (N.J.).

The 6-foot-8, 217-pound small forward chose the Blue Devils over Indiana, Virginia and Missouri. Deng is the second and final member of the Class of 2007, joining Minn., native power forward Kris Humphries on the team next season.

Deng was not the only Blair standout announcing his decision Wednesday. Teammate Charlie Villanueva, also a consensus top-five recruit, announced he would spend his collegiate days at Illinois. The only school both were considering was Indiana.

"It was a very difficult decision," Deng said. "The schools we considered all treated us wonderfully. Charlie and I shared our experiences and ultimately needed to make the decisions we felt were best for each of us."

Deng said that he talked with his family and made the decision over the weekend before informing the coaching staff Sunday night.

The announcement came on the heels of Deng's official visit to Duke — the Sudan native visited Durham Oct. 25 to 27, a weekend that gave him the chance to see the Blue-White Scrimmage in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

With Sports Illustrated cover boy LeBron James almost certainly making the jump from high school to the NBA, Deng, who has been placed in the second slot in his class by virtually every recruiting guru, is considered by many to be the best high school player available.

"After visiting Duke I got the idea of what I wanted to do," Deng said. "My dad came over and my brother came down and I sat down with them and made the decision this weekend."

The Blue Devils hope that Deng, who is known for his stingy defense, will be able to fill in the small forward role that will be vacated by senior Dahntay Jones at the end of the season. Last year at Blair, Deng averaged 22 points and 12 boards while leading his team to the state finals for his high school's class.

A world traveler, Deng's trek to Durham has taken him through three continents. He was born in Sudan before moving to Egypt and finally England. He then came to the United States to board at Blair despite the fact his parents stayed in London.

Head men's basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski made the announcement confirmed The Chronicle's report Tuesday that Deng would attend Duke.

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Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski received verbal commitment from Luol Deng, the No. 2 player in the country.

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Psalm 149:1-3

Ministry with a Song

by Trevor Cickovski
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The power of music to reach the inner depths of a person’s soul and bring such joy truly cannot be underestimated. As humans, it has been a part of our lives for thousands of years. Many would agree that there is something inexplicable about how having it as an outlet to all of the hustle and bustle of the modern world can simply wash away our cares away and put us in a state of mind where we are temporarily taken out of our busy lifestyle and into a state of relaxation and peace.

Some of us have been given the wonderful gift of musical ability and the desire to share it with others. Personally that desire has been something I have possessed for as long as I can remember. When I first came to Notre Dame, I wanted badly to have music as a part of my life and to be able to bring people joy with any abilities that have graciously been bestowed upon me. However, I like most college students had a fear of committing to music groups on campus because of time constraints. I wanted to make sure to not forget the main reason that I was at college and paying such a high price to go, which was to achieve my engineering degree. What I was looking for was a group to whom music was not simply a weekly obligation, but something that was regarded as fun and joyful. A group that was not only taken out of our busy lifestyle and into a state of relaxation and peace.

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What I found interesting was that the thing I noticed at the audition was that Karen was determining my vocal range, but was doing it as if I had already made it into the group. This confused me at first, but when the audition was finally over I asked Karen when I would know if I made it. She told me that I already had. In fact, with this group once you audition you are automatically considered a part of the ministry. This fact is such a wonderful quality, and one of the best I believe, that the Celebration Choir has to offer. While attending the first practice, I could just feel the common ground and sense of togetherness among the group members – though I had never met any of them it was like we were instantly friends. This common desire that we all possessed about bringing people joy through music, and our common love for the song and the instrument, was all the connection that we needed.

Over four years later as a computer science graduate student and still a member, I cannot express how much of a blessing in this group has been. Although there is no pressure to attend every single rehearsal, I find myself even on busy Wednesday nights wanting to go to rehearsal and actually feeling something missing from weeks in which I do not attend. The many privileges that I have had while being in the group include singing at Interfaith Christian Night Prayer every week, dorm masses, Stepan mass after the football games, and various Basilica events. And off-campus, singing at places like Hope for Rescue Mission, Center for the Homeless, and the Juvenile Detention Center.

This year our choir is planning two very special events for the second semester - one on campus and one off. Our big on-campus event will be a joint concert with the Notre Dame Handbell Choir entitled “When In Our Music God Is Glorified” in the Basilica. The off-campus event will be “Reaching Out 03” - a tour to the eastern Michigan area around Detroit.

As a message to students, I would like to invite any of you music lovers out there who are reluctant to participate in campus music groups because of time constraints, to consider being a part of the ministry that the Celebration Choir or other choirs on campus have to offer. It is a wonderful way to help others and to do something that you sincerely enjoy at the same time. Singers and instrumentalists are always welcome. If you have any questions regarding our group, please contact our director, Karen Schneider-Kirner at 1-9326. I hope to see some of you reading this at our rehearsals, that you may have some of the great pleasures that I have had throughout my five years in the group.
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FOOTBALL

Pauly steps into spotlight

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

There is a right that you have to earn on the Notre Dame defense. When you take the field, you don't do it before you've earned that right. It starts with the right to rotate. Irish defensive tackle Greg Pauly earned that right early in the season and proved it to the world last Saturday. "We always talk about you having to earn the right to rotate," defensive line coach Greg McElwain said. "Greg earned the right to rotate very early by his effort, his work ethic, by his technique, and so from day one Greg has really rotated." By the time summer camp was over, Pauly had begun to rotate in and out of plays with the starting nose guards. He and starters Darrell Campbell and Cedric Hilliard took the same number of reps in practice. But when game time came, Pauly generally found himself on the sidelines. That could be frustrating. "I always want to get in the game, and you always want to be out there and help out as much as you can," Pauly said. The coaches never saw Pauly complain. He came to practice every day, took every rep that was offered him and then stood quietly on the sidelines while Campbell and Hilliard took the field. "The thing that I really, really respect in Greg Pauly is he's a guy who comes out every day and works as hard as he can to earn on the Notre Dame field. When you take the field, you don't do it before you've earned that right. It starts with the right to rotate. Irish defensive tackle Greg Pauly earned that right early in the season and proved it to the world last Saturday. "We always talk about you having to earn the right to rotate," defensive line coach Greg McElwain said. "Greg earned the right to rotate very early by his effort, his work ethic, by his technique, and so from day one Greg has really rotated." By the time summer camp was over, Pauly had begun to rotate in and out of plays with the starting nose guards. He and starters Darrell Campbell and Cedric Hilliard took the same number of reps in practice. But when game time came, Pauly generally found himself on the sidelines. That could be frustrating. "I always want to get in the game, and you always want to be out there and help out as much as you can," Pauly said. The coaches never saw Pauly complain. He came to practice every day, took every rep that was offered him and then stood quietly on the sidelines while Campbell and Hilliard took the field. "The thing that I really, really respect in Greg Pauly is he's a guy who comes out every day and works as hard as he can to earn on the Notre Dame field.

Irish nose tackle Greg Pauly tries to sack Florida State's quarterback Chris Rix during Notre Dame's win over the Seminoles. Pauly stepped up following Cedric Hillard's injury in the Florida State game.

MENS BASKETBALL

Vocal Jones thrives in supporting role

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

At times in practice, Irish guard Mike Brey stops play to teach his protégé a lesson. But while the average coach might repeat his words to reinforce his point, Brey simply stops talking and walks away. "That's because before Brey turns his back, he often hears Torrian Jones repeating his words. "I think our guys are looking at him a lot just because he's our most vocal guy," Brey said of the junior guard. "Even though he's not a captain in title, I want him to act like a captain." Strong words for a player who only averaged 15.5 minutes and 3.9 points a game last season and isn't expected to see those numbers rise dramatically this season. Yet at the beginning of the season, when Brey mentioned team leaders, he threw Jones' name into the mix along with Matt Carroll, Dan Miller and Chris Thomas. It's a role Jones both acknowledges and accepts. He's content with providing a spark off the bench during games and a spark on the court in practices. "I see it as keeping guys' spirits up when they aren't having a good practice," Jones said. "The main thing for me is to be vocal. We lost three big leaders last year, and just being able to step in and be a vocal leader is a big thing." Jones' role on the court last season was clearly defined. He came off the bench to provide a boost of energy, and his defensive abilities were often counted on in late-game situations. When the Irish struggled during the middle of the season, Brey moved Jones into the starting lineup to provide a boost of athleticism. The result - the Irish won six in a row. Jones' role this year is a little less clear, as is the number of minutes he might play. Notre Dame added depth around the perimeter by substituting Dan Miller for David Graves at small forward and adding a guard in Chris Quinn. Yet he, and Brey, don't expect his minutes to get cut. In fact, Brey said Jones might even be called on to start a game or a half. But it doesn't matter to Jones when he enters the game - he knows he's going to have an impact regardless. "I like coming off the bench a lot," Jones said. "I know I'm just as influential in the game as any other guy, and sometimes you need to have a guy who can spark you again." For the second straight summer, Jones' teammates called him the most improved player.