Right to Life crosses reappear

Group repeats demonstration due to vandalism

By TERESA FRALISH
News Writer

In response to vandalism earlier this month, the Right to Life Club decided to repeat the cross demonstration to bring attention to the issue of abortion. The club had originally organized the first demonstration in early October, about 900 of 1,200 crosses were knocked down during the night.

Right to Life co-president Janel Daufenbach said the club decided to repeat the demonstration in October, after about 900 of 1,200 crosses were knocked down during the night.

Members of the Right to Life club decided to re-paint the crosses on campus.

Previously, Right to Life set up its display only once during a school year.

"We put them up to remind people of the truth of abortion," said Daufenbach. "The truth grew to turn down, and we don't think people can hide from the truth."

When the club organized the first demonstration in early October, more than 900 of 1,200 crosses were knocked down during the night.

This display marks the first year the cross demonstration has taken place more than once during a school year.

Previously, Right to Life set up the crosses for one day during the month.

Rows of white crosses line South Quad Wednesday night. Right to Life put up the display again as a reminder of abortion.

ROTC commemorates Veterans Day

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

As Notre Dame students walk on North Quad this Veterans Day, the presence of four ROTC members standing silently at Clarke Memorial Fountain will remind them of the men and women who have risked their lives in battle.

Members of the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC units began their annual Veterans Day vigil at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. For the following 24 hours, four ROTC members will stand guard at Clarke Memorial Fountain to commemorate fallen soldiers.

An Army ROTC cadet stands guard at Stonehenge Wednesday night. The Veterans Day vigil began at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and will continue at 4:30 p.m. today.

Food services survey for changes

Dining halls look for student opinions

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

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

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

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

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

"We take the surveys and send them out to be tabulated. We want the results for about two weeks," he said.

"I already know not everybody is happy with what we do, and that's why I don't look at the surveys before we send them in," Bowles said. "We have the results for about two weeks," he said.

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

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

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

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

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

"As we get tickets into the hands of students and those students fill up empty seats at games, the better," McGinley said.

The Ticket Share Program works with residence halls to provide a central location for students to exchange extra tickets. If hall governments decide to take advantage of the optional program, student government will provide a banner that has a "give" and "take" section for each game, with space for the exchange program instituted for a men's basketball ticket exchange program and discussed an amendment to the student union constitution that changes election rules at Student Senate Wednesday.

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Junior Tristan Butterfield peruses the selection in South Dining Hall Wednesday. Surveys may allow for expansion of menu items.
Home
sweet home

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

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

The prospect of relocating in itself is a big deal, but then they added, “To the Marshall Islands.” So began one of the strangest and most interesting years of my life.

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

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

While my family was living the island life, I thought that it was the worst thing that could have ever happened to me. Looking back at it now, I have a different perspective.

There are a lot of things worse than your parents moving to an island that I have had the experience to write about if I apply to grad school. Most importantly, I realized that my family could survive anything, whether it be moving, sand crabs or an entire year of “Gilligan’s Island” jokes.

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

Corrections

In the Nov. 10 edition of The Observer in the essay about "Mons' Travels," the book was incorrectly described as a novel. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: Who would you nominate to be Mr. ND?

Brian Hedges
sophomore
siegfried

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

Bob Murphy
senior
siegfried

"Father Hesburgh, just because."

Michelle Holtinger
sophomore
Breen-Phillips

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

Tara Johnson
sophomore
Breen-Phillips

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

Kate Runde
sophomore
Walsh

"Tim Caperchic a.k.a. Scooby, because he's in the band, writes his own music, is smart and super sexy."

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

IN BRIEF

Visiting scholar Jennifer Guidi will speak about "Peace is Beautiful: Defusing Ethnic and Religious Violence in East Kalimantan, Indonesia" today from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in 4-103 Hesburgh Center.

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

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

The Student Union Board will sponsor a showing of “The Manchurian Candidate” today from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. in 101 DeBartolo Hall.

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

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

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

OFFBEAT

Man allegedly tries to swap pot for tires

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

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

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

The suspects grabbed two tires and drove off, Gunther said.

The duo returned to the store about an hour later looking for the worker who broke their window, said Tim Thompson, assistant manager of the tire shop.

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

Russia parliament rejects beer measure

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

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

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

The local weather

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

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

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

Auctioning off the contestants after the pageant as dates for Walsh Hall's dorm dinner, the organization raised $65.

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

The round consisted of questions concerning the contestants' favorite meal at the dining hall, their feelings on being a campus event but it didn't turn out to be a lot of fun.

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

Forces storm Dutch house, end standoff with terror suspects

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Special forces killed two suspected Islamic extremists Wednesday after a daylong armed standoff, adding to Dutch concerns that global terrorism has spread into their corner of Europe.
Preliminary details were scarce as five more suspects were detained in two other cities on a day that possible links emerged between the Muslim militants and Israel, charged with murdering a Dutch filmmaker a week ago and terrorists allegedly involved in attacks and plots in Morocco and Spain.

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

Ivy Coast foreigners evacuated

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — France, the United States and other nations launched one of the largest evacuations in the post-independence era Wednesday, requisitioning commercial jets to fly out thousands of foreigners following attacks on civilians and peacekeepers.

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French soldiers in boats plucked some of their trapped citizens from the banks of Abidjan’s lagoons.

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French President Jacques Chirac sternly demanded that President Laurent Gbagbo rein in thousands of hard-line supporters.

Ivory Coast’s top U.S. official in West Africa was quoted as saying that Marines consider the city a “no-go zone” and destroy them.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — President Bush nominated White House counsel Alberto Gonzales for the post of attorney general, the administration’s controversial legal strategy in the war on terror, to be attorney general Wednesday. He would be the first Hispanic ever to serve as the nation’s top law enforcement official.

The White House described the nomination of Gonzales, 52, as “a hardy educated attorney whose parents were migrant workers, the soft-spoken Gonzales would succeed Attorney General John Ashcroft, one of the most powerful and polarizing members of Bush’s Cabinet.

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

Some of Ashcroft’s harshest critics welcomed his selection, while others voiced doubts. “It’s encouraging that the president has chosen someone less polarizing, said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. “We will have to review his record very carefully, but I can tell you already he’s a better candidate than John Ashcroft.”

The Senate generally allows the president to choose from several candidates for each position, and Bush's decision is final. Senators can only block his picks with a veto, and Bush has said he will use the veto to prevent some candidates from being confirmed.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The American Civil Liberties Union and a dozen nonprofit groups are urging federal courts to strike down new rules requiring organizations that receive money from a federal employees' charitable drive to check their staffs against terrorist watch lists.

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

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

Amarine of the 1st Division uses a bolt cutter to take of the handcuffs of an Iraqi at a makeshift military hospital in Fallujah, Iraq on Wednesday.

Coalition forces face resistance

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

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

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A wooden comment box sits near the entrance of South Dining Hall. Comments are reviewed by staff and posted for students.

**Surveys**

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The changes mainly concern written-in candidates and run-off elections. Under current rules, write-in candidates — those who missed the deadline to appear on the ballot or switched tickets — need only 150 signatures on a petition to be approved.

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

A second change removes the option for abstention from the runoff ballot. "Given what happened last year, when abstention received 8 percent in the runoff, giving neither candidate a majority, it would be better if abstention was not an option," Siegfried said.

"When a runoff ballot is taken, every vote is for or against a candidate," he said. "It's a direct vote, as opposed to the absence of a majority for either candidate — removes the obligation of senators to vote according to the breakdown of their respective dorms in that event."

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

"The goal here is to make it so the person with the most votes always wins," student body president Adam Istvan said of the amendment.

Debate on the amendment will continue next Wednesday.

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MGM Mirage intends to build a new 4,000-room megaresort and sprawling urban development in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip, a three, 400-room boutique hotels, a corresponding amount of retail shopping for many short-term consumer and business loans to 5 percent from 4.75 percent. Other commercial banks were expected to follow suit Wednesday.

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Associated Press

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The rate increases are part of a credit-fueled campaign to bring rates back up to more normal levels now that the economy’s recovery from the 2001 recession is more deeply rooted.

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

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

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

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Calif. settles lawsuit with Diebold

Wall Street floor traders make their final trades of the day shortly before the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange in New York on Wednesday.
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Diers. The vigil will conclude at 4:30 p.m. today with a speech by University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lamplota, who has attended the concluding ceremony for the last two years, was pleasantly surprised to be drinking her coffee on Notre Quad when the vigil began. "It strikes me because many of the students standing guard are seniors who will be serving our country in a very important way next year," she said.

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

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

Indeed, the separation among the three branches was apparent as cadets and midshipmen prepared for their shifts. Many were meeting the first time. After shaking hands and introducing themselves, Cadet Captain John Trischeller and Midshipman 3rd Class Emmanuel Zerovudakis recited the "In Remembrance" of bringing the crosses again.

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

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

"I think it's terrific the way the ROTC programs commemorate the day. They absolutely do an adequate job of showing appreciation for veterans."

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Supplement linked to disease

The company said Wednesday.

because they contain a carcinogen linked to kidney disease, the company said Wednesday.

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Drug exposed as risk, Pfizer stock plunges

Painkiller dangerous for heart disease patients

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NEW ORLEANS — A scient-

ist’s claim of evidence that

Pfizer Inc.’s Bextra might be even riskier for people with

heart disease than rival arbi-

trary drugs, Vioxx, sparked con-

trovery Wednesday at a medical

meeting and sent the company’s

stock lower.

Dr. Garrett Fitzgerald, a

University of Pennsylvania car-

diologist who helped test these
types of drugs years ago, told a

medical conference that he had

reanalyzed some previously

published studies on Bextra

and concluded that it roughly
doubled the risk of heart attack

and strokes

the reason

Merck & Co. pulled

Vioxx off the mar-

ket in October.

But Fitzgerald’s numbers haven’t

been published or

independently reviewed, and he

presented only par-

tial information in a speech

rather than a scientific session

at the American Heart Association

meeting where oth-

ers could evaluate and critique

it.

Pfizer, which besides Bextra also

sells a similar painkiller, Celebrex,

complained

Fitzgerald had selectively cho-

sen data that made results

appear worse than they were from

larger studies of Bextra’s

safety.

“Pfizer has shared Bextra

clinical results in a timely man-

ner with regulatory authorities

both in the United States and

worldwide,” said Dr. Joseph

Feizko, Pfizer’s president of

worldwide development.

Fitzgerald said Pfizer and the

Food and Drug Administration

should move more forcefully to
determine whether the label of

the whole class of drugs — calledcox-2

inhibitors — need to carry a

warning of risks in heart dis-

ease patients, and to do larger

studies to define their safety for

people with arthritis but not

heart risks.

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The same mechanism that

inhibits inflammation and makes the drugs

easier on the stomach than traditional

painkillers also blocks a sub-

stance that prevents

heart problems,

Fitzgerald believes.

“We have a clear mecha-

nism that applies to this

class of drugs,” he says

explains not only

what happened but how it hap-

pened,” he said.

In light of the Vioxx with-

drawal and his alleged new

analysis showing risks of

Bextra, “This has shifted the burden of proof onto those who

would have to establish that

this is not a class effect,” he

said.

The Food and Drug

Administration plans to con-

vene an advisory committee in

February to review the safety of

all cox-2 inhibitors.

“We look forward to a scien-

tific and reasoned evaluation in

this appropriate setting,”

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The hours of Nov. 3 found me shocked and disappoointed as my boss for a new president steadily slipped away. John Kerry might not have been a perfect candidate, but I believe that he would have been a capable leader who would have made great strides in uniting a divided nation.

After getting over the initial surprise that the American people had really opted for four more years of "Bushy," I realized that plenty of good changes could result from this election.

First and foremost, last Tuesday saw the highest percentage of voter turnout since the 1968 election. Of particular interest was the fact that some 20.9 million Americans aged 18 and older voted. This marks an increase of 4.6 million from the 2000 election — I’m sure this can be largely attributed to P. Diddy’s inspiring "Vote or Die" campaign. In short, Democrats and Republicans alike emphasized the importance of getting out and voting, and the message was heard.

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

If you are anything like me, you are not thrilled with the idea of Bush in the White House for four more years. Still it is time to take the wind out of the sails. Defeating historically dominant programs like Texas A&M (no. 22), Florida’s football program is accustomed to receiving. He’d imagine him taking the Florida head coaching job, with a hot shot to a top 25 program level. Be careful what you wish for, alumni.

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To the current students of the University, I feel the need to explain why you may be confused regarding the leadership of our football team. This past Saturday, Notre Dame students stared at their television sets in a fixed glaze of disbelief, excitement and, for some, relief. Eyes were glued to the sets until the very last second of play to ensure the Irish victory.

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"The Year of the Eucharist"

Are you sick of politics? Consider the derivation of the word. Some say that "pol" means many and "tics" are little blood-sucking creatures. The profession of politics is, thus, honorable. But, whatever side we were on in the recent election, we are all Americans, and we all have the answers, neither for what ails the country nor for the issues in our own lives. Maybe it is time to look elsewhere.

When John Paul II instituted Eucharistic adoration at St. Peter's basilica in 1981, he said: "The best...way of establishing everlasting peace on the face of the earth is through...Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament." For many years, Notre Dame has had the Eucharist exposed from the Basilica and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Since 1997, on student initiative and with the aid of Campus Ministry, we have adoration also on Monday through Thursday in the Coleman-Morse chapel.

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Fans get a dose of Lennon unplugged

By JULIE BENDER
Senior Music Critic

Pulling things apart to see what is on the inside often fascinates little kids. They want to know what makes a clock tick, or how a gum ball pops out when you put a penny in the machine. It happens that music fans as well take innocent delight in hearing songs stripped to their bare bones, outtake versions. At times fans have taken this delight to extremes, like the rumored circulation of tapes containing nothing more than Bob Dylan's heavy breathing. Most fans, however, prize the musical side of their favorite artist's "unplugging." John Lennon fans are the latest to meet the needs. It's illegal to have more than 100 fans get a dose of Lennon unplugged

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Jin’s debut hits and misses

By KENYATTA STORIN
Assistant Sports Editor

Jin is not your average, run-of-the-nail rapper. After all, he’s Chinese-American. Jin first appeared on the hip-hop scene when he was starting unusual rap competitions on BET’s “106 and Park’s Freestyle Fridays.” As a result, he gained a great deal of respect in the New York underground rap scene, and was eventually offered a contract by Ruff Ryders. The New York-based Ruff Ryders, home to rappers like DMX, Eve and Jadakiss, was decided to take a chance and sign Jin to his label. Jin, who has been described over the years, and only a few of its selections on BFT’s “106 and Park’s Freestyle Fridays.” John Lennon fans are the latest to meet the needs. It's illegal to have more than 100 fans get a dose of Lennon unplugged

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The album’s highpoint is a tough version of "Watching the Wheels." Originally released on the “Double Fantasy” album, this song is a poignant defense of Lennon’s withdrawal from the rock ‘n’ roll scene in the late 70s. Happily married and tending to his newborn son during this time, Lennon was criticized by fans for abandoning his music. With "Watching the Wheels," Lennon defends himself singing, “I'm just sitting here watching the wheels go round and round / I really love to watch them roll / No longer riding on the merry-go-round / I just had to let it go.”

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

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**Rascal Flatts still on fire**

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With the release of “Feels like Today,” Rascal Flatts naturally maintains its standing as one of the hottest groups in country music today. Five years into its recording career and these multi-platinum songwriters have already achieved numerous billboard hits and music awards. Voiced by both the CMA and ACM as a top vocal group, it has produced three soulful and highly acclaimed records. With their stellar good looks, and ever so charming vocals, the members of Rascal Flatts have come to represent a new wave of refreshing pop-country.

After its release five weeks ago, “Feels like Today” had rapidly climbed its way to the number one spot on the Country Music Billboard Chart and has since maintained a top position on the countdown. This week the group comes in at no. 24, dropping two spots from last week. For Rascal Flatts fans, this should come as no surprise. The guys have developed an identifiable sound, well liked for its animated harmonies and communicative lyrics. Like most country artists, the group’s songs are characteristically about life and love. Distinctively, however, the members of Rascal Flatts reflect positively on the past, live in the moment, and convey confidence toward the future.

The female audience is sure to respond to this album in that, the majority of the songs portray men in the not so common role of starry-eyed romantics. “Bless the Broken Road,” tells of the narrator’s journey to finding his soul mate. It is easily the best song on the entire CD. The chorus is a touching reaction, which repeats “Every long lost dream, lead me to where you are, others who broke my heart they were like the Northern Star, pointing me on my way into your loving arms. This much I know is true, that God blessed the broken road that led me straight to you.”

Traditionally, the Rascal Flatts audience has been made up of predomi­nately young females. With each album, this being the third, the group has proven by its frequent appearances in music, and additionally broadened its fan base. Previously released hits such as “I’m Movin’ On,” and “These Days,” were clearly geared to a more adult audience. The majority of its songs, however, and especially those on “Feels Like Today,” are interpretive and can be widely appreciated by most age groups.

Rascal Flatts’ devotees will enjoy “Here’s to You,” a fun song dedicated to every type of fan, calling them, “You’re the heart and the soul, and the reason we do what we do.”

**Straylight Run debut an instant classic**

By MICHELLE JEFFERS
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John Nolan and Shaun Cooper took a big chance with their careers when they left Taking Back Sunday at the height of their success. Five years later, Nolan and Cooper’s Taking Back Sunday album “The Tension and the Terror” was a critical success and is still considered one of the best albums of the ‘00s. With Who I Am, the two brothers have come together to form Straylight Run.

On Oct. 12, however, the band finally released its highly anticipated debut album on Victory Records. With mostly piano and guitar-driven tracks, Straylight Run’s self-titled album progresses in a very different direction from Taking Back Sunday. John was previously known for his intense screaming in back up for TBS, he maintains more composition on lead vocals, while still earnestly delivering moving inflections throughout the album. Simplicity and sincerity prevail over ostentatious outbursts in Straylight Run’s music, yet manages to afford you just as strongly.

Ironically, the first song on the album is called “The Perfect Ending.” Ac companied by the piano and understated glockenspiel, a swiftly subtle John reflects upon the differences that led to the division in Taking Back Sunday. Rather than pointing blame, John reveals the band’s acceptance with the past and moves on. “If it’s over/Just remember what I told you/It’s bound to happen so just keep moving on/There’s no perfect endings.” Despite the title, this song is the perfect beginning for the album by creating a sense of closure with the past and by affirming an identity independent of Taking Back Sunday.

Straylight Run picks up the pace on the second track, “The Tension and the Terror.” The energy of this flowing melody is continually driven up as John passionately delivers lyrics capturing one’s inability to move beyond the fear and anxiety that gets in one’s way of following his heart.

The very title of the next track, however, necessitates moving past the tension and the terror because we are the one’s who control our lives and destinies. “Existentialism on Prom Night” begins softly with the piano on solo, but it is immediately intensified with the abrupt entrance of John’s voice, which is propelled by the percussion. “Exist­entialism” is an absolutely beautiful song that manages to convey the ineffable feeling that everything in the world is perfectly in balance. Both Michelle and John bring you into an entrancing rapture as they repeat, “Sing me something soft/Sad and deliberate/and loud and out of key/sing me anything we’re glad for what we’ve got done with what we’ve lost/Our whole lives laid out right in a bright future.”

Michelle shows that talent definitely runs in the family as she steps up to lead vocals on two tracks. After the dreamy little number, “Your Name Here (Sunrise Highway),” Straylight Run shakes things up when Michelle takes lead vocal in “Tool Sheds and Hot Tubs,” which resembles a dance song by Kylie Minogue. However, Michelle best demonstrates her capability as a lead vocalist through her haunting delivery of “Now It’s Done,” in which she laments over the “memories of what didn’t last.”

In short, this CD is absolutely incredible and should be at the very top of your Christmas lists this year. Straylight Run is the result of the members’ commitment to fulfilling their vision, which has materialized into something that is definitely worth the long wait for its realization. The album evades predictability and keeps you pulled in until the very end. It gets five shamscocks not only because of its amazing music, but also because of Straylight Run’s enormous potential. As long as the members of Straylight Run maintain the sincerity and vision that has brought them to where they are today, there is no doubt that these existentialists will carve out a bright future.

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NFL

New Dolphins coach Bates gets troubled team

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DAVE, Fla. — The last time Jim Bates was head coach of a football team, it was with the University of Evansville G Evansville of the USFL in 1985. The Miami Dolphins' new interim head coach expects some things have changed.

"I know I'm going to get paid this time," Bates said before Wednesday's practice.

Bates is sure to get his money, but what sort of production he gets from the Dolphins (1-8) is another matter after Bob Davie, Wannstedt resigned Tuesday in the middle of his fifth season. The team has a bye this week before playing Seattle on Nov. 21.

Bates inherits problems at quarterback and on the offensive and defensive lines, and must deal with the ill-tempered penalty prone team. The team has struggled that have afflicted the Dolphins all season.

He said he had heard trouble sleeping because he was going to wake up Wednesday as the Dolphins interim head coach in their 38-year history, following George Wilson, Don Shula, Jimmy Johnson and Wannstedt.

"I woke up thinking about all we had talked about ... at 4:30, bright-eyed. I set it for 5," he said.

A long-time defensive assistant who has worked with such accomplished coaches as Bill Belichick, Frank Kush and Johnny Majors, Bates has only one other head coaching job besides the Gators on his resume — at Svisco County High School in Tennessee.

He's also been defensive coordinator for the Atlanta Falcons and a position coach with the Cleveland Browns and Dallas Cowboys.

Known for a fiery, enthusiastic coaching style, Bates has built a defense that finished sixth, fifth, third and sixth in the league since he took over in 2000. Currently, the Dolphins rank seventh.

But his eyes lit up when talk­ turned to the early career of his son on his first offensive meeting in 20 years and being able to interact with the complete 53-man roster.

"I told the guys, 'Man, this is easy over on this side of the field.'" Bates said.

"It's exciting for me to be able to move around and motivate all the players."

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

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

Bates said any personnel decisions, such as whether Jay Fiedler or A.J. Feeley will start at quarterback against Seattle, would be made next week.

MBL

Baseball might be ready to take a look at instant replay

Idea will be brought up at GM meetings

Associated Press

They got it completely right," Jeffrey Maier reached over the wall and grabbed the ball. That is what underscores this thought process," Red's GM Dan O'Brien said.

"I don't think any of us have any idea of a timetable," said Brad Kullman, the Reds' director of major league operations.

"It's not something you might have a million fans out there watching on TV and knowing what happened while the umpires huddle with the manager or with the home plate umpire," he said.

That said, there's no guarantee if it comes up for a formal vote — it did not go very far last year when GMs debated whether Jay Fiedler or A.J. Feeley will start at quarterback against Seattle, would be made next week.

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

The topic is on the agenda for Thursday at the GM meetings. And there seems to be growing support among teams to join the NFL, NBA and NHR in using instant replay on calls such as balls and strikes, fair and foul and home runs, but definitely not balls and strikes.

"I think its time has come," Milwaukee assistant Gosh Ash said. "The technology has improved and I think there's a place for it."

"Looking at how things go today," said the coach before the Fridays workout was set to a quicker tempo than under Wannstedt and praised Bates for his demeanor during morning meetings and practice.

"I don't see it," Bob Watson, vice president of on-field operations, said Wednesday. "And I don't think the commissioner is in favor of it, either."

"Because of the opposition of the umpires, baseball will get anoth­er chance to see who else wants to give replay a look."

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

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

Hurst was inducted into the Red Sox Hall of Fame on Wednesday night, an opportunity to get together with former teammates such as Wade Boggs and wallow in the team's recent success.

But even as they celebrated the end of one of sports' most ignominious streaks, the ex-Red Sox knew the business of the offseason was in full swing.

Boston has 16 free agents, and there is virtually no way the team will keep all of them.

Hurst knows all about leaving Boston. After the Red Sox came within one strike of ending their championship drought in 1986, he returned to the playoffs with them in '88 but opted to sign with San Diego that offseason.

At the time, the Padres had an up-and-coming team. But Hurst soon realized the passion and intensity there didn't match what he'd experienced in Boston.

"We had a million come out [for a parade] and we lost," he said. "I always said I couldn't imagine what it would be if we won.

Hurst doesn't have to imagine anymore, with many more than that turning out for the victory parade last month after the Red Sox swept the St. Louis Cardinals for their first World Series title since 1918.

"We don't have to wait until next year," said Boggs, another indomitable and another player who left Boston as a free agent.

"Hopefully, I won't have to look at [video of] myself crying on the bench again," he said, referring to the '86 loss to the New York Mets. "Now when you talk about the Red Sox World Series, the main focus will be from 2004.

"They won't have to bring up all the bad things."

Hall of Fame pitcher Dennis Eckersley, a 20-game winner with the Red Sox in 1978, said all the bad things help make this year's win so special.

"If we had won in '78, I probably wouldn't have understood all the agony they go through up here," he said. "I think you have to spend some time here. You can't just come in and out. You get it pretty quick, though."

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

"I would stay here and take less money, or take what I need," he said. "You'll never find a better organization, a better town, a better ballpark."

"My advice would be to stay here, continue to win, continue to be a family."

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

Inducted with Boggs, Eckersley and Hurst during the dinner at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center were:

Bill Carrigan, who won three World Series as a catcher from 1906-16. He was the player-manager from 1913-16 and manager from 1927-29.

Billy Goodman, a lifetime .300 hitter who won the AL batting title in 1950 with a .354 average and finished second in MVP voting that year.

Pawtucket Red Sox owner Ben Mondor, who turned the Triple A team into one of the minor leagues' most successful franchises.
The Observer

CAMPUS MINISTRY

what's happening

Thursday, November 11
Right to Life
Cemetery of the Innocents
Through Friday Evening
South Quad

Friday, November 12
Sign-Ups for Retreats:
Freshman Retreat #55
(NoV. 19-20)
Freshman Retreat #56
(Dec. 3-4)
Applications are available
in 114 CM or online at
www.campusministry.nd.edu

Saturday, November 13
Handbell Choir Concert
10:00 am
Eck Alumni Welcome Center

Folk Choir
Concert for the Missions
8:30 pm
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Sunday, November 14
Eucharistic Adoration
12:00 noon - 7:00 pm
Eck Alumni Welcome Center

Handbell Choir Concert
11:00 am
Eck Alumni Welcome Center

Thursday, November 11
Advent Bible Study
Tuesdays thru Dec 7
7:00 - 8:00 pm
Drop-Ins Welcome!
Coleman-Morse 114

Wednesday, November 11
"Crossing Over"
American & African Students
Share Reflections on their
Cross-Cultural Experiences
6:00 pm with Dinner Provided
Coleman-Morse Lounge

Thursday, November 11
Prayer from
Around the World Series
Muslim Prayer
7:00 pm
Coleman-Morse 330

Considering...

Calling All Men
by Greg Ruehlmann
Intern, Campus Ministry

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thag and Ook made a cavepainting about elephant dung and laughed at it for an hour. When they were finished, Ook grunted, then said to the cavewomen, "Sorry, we've got heads to crush."

As you can see, there are some things never change. Here we are in the year A.D. 2004 and many men still hesitate to go on retreat.

"Wrong, we've ever regretted going on a Campus Ministry retreat. Whether it's Freshman Retreat, Sophomore Road Trip, Senior Retreat, or Man's Weekend, there's something for everyone and they're all guaranteed good time and much-needed break from our crazy schedules. The beauty of a retreat is that it's whatever you want to make of it. If you need reflection time, make it happen. If you need a community to support you and help you talk some things out, it's right there.

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

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

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

Associated Press

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

Now if only his chest would stop hurting whenever he gets out of bed or throws a pass. The NFL's co-MVP of 2003 has played through pain from a list of injuries, but he said Wednesday he still can't take a direct hit 2 1/2 weeks after being checked out of the Titans' 20-3 loss at Minnesota on Oct. 25.

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

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

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

"The issue is not throwing the football or running around with the ball, doing those kinds of things. The concern is just a hit," Fisher said. "We want to make sure it's not going to set him back, and any kind of contact is going to set him back."

McNair is frustrated by this latest injury because he came back two weeks after he threw in the dirt and made some friends when he first bruised his sternum in 2000 in a victory over Kansas City.

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

Henson still waiting for chance to take charge in Dallas

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Drew Henson knows the drill: pay attention, work hard, say all the right things.

As the quarterback of the future for the Dallas Cowboys, Henson is playing his role to perfection. Then again, he's had plenty of experience doing the star-in-waiting thing, first in college at Michigan, then as a top prospect for the New York Yankees.

The biggest lesson he learned from those other gigs? "Have a little patience and know things are going to work out the way they're supposed to," he said.

Henson has been reminding himself of that a lot lately. Three years after playing his last football game, Henson was supposed to spend this season riding back into the spotlight. But he's knocked the rust off so quickly that two weeks ago he was promoted from emergency quarterback to backup and is now the focus of heated debate among Cowboys fans because he will make his NFL debut.

Cowboys owner Bill Parcells would have preferred to avoid the discussion because that would've meant the Cowboys were doing just fine without him. Instead, Dallas (3-5) and has lost four of its last five games, with starter Vinny Testaverde throwing more interceptions (10) than touchdowns (nine). Henson talk moved to the forefront Sunday following a 26-3 loss at Cincinnati. It started with Testaverde getting picked off three times and losing a fumble, then gained momentum when owner Jerry Jones said the team would have to evaluate "where we are at quarterback." Parcells, though, is in no hurry to make a change, adamantly saying Monday he's "certainly not doing it now or in the foreseeable future."

His reasons start with the fact Testaverde reached the mid-point of the season more than halfway to the club's single-season passing record. There's also loyalty to Testaverde and the logic in putting an 18-year veteran in charge of an offense with a young, rapidly improving group of mostly unproven receivers.

Add a schedule featuring the next two games against two of the NFL's most ferocious defenses — Philadelphia and Baltimore, and over-so-so playoff hopes, and you understand why Parcells says "only foolish people would ask the question right now."

OK, so it's not a quarterback controversy. It's more like a waiting game.

Experience is helping Henson handle it. Such as when he was asked about doing for Dallas what Ben Riehlisberger is doing for Pittsburgh, all Henson has to do is think back to what happened with the Yankees.

"There's a fine line between wanting to go and play and believing that it's your opportunity and forcing the issue, that if it doesn't happen right now you're going to get dis­ appointed," he said. "I wanted to get to New York so badly in baseball that I probably didn't enjoy the process and didn't relax and just play. That's the one thing that coming here I'm making sure I do."

Henson said he does that by focusing on the things he can control, like studying the playbook and making the most of his few opportunities in practice. What he's not doing is thinking about when he's going to take over.

Yet Jones' comments Sunday got everyone talking about it Monday. When Henson arrived at his locker, he quickly discovered questions about when he was going to take over weren't just waiting for Testaverde.

"I wanted to get to New York so badly that I probably didn't enjoy the process."

Drew Henson
Cowboys quarterback


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**USADA bans Jerome Young for life after second violation**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — One more year, Mel Stottlemyre says. After that, he absolutely, positively will retire as pitching coach of the New York Yankees. Stottlemyre agreed Wednesday to return for his 10th season and it's probably time.""I was a little upset about that for a while,"" Stottlemyre said during a conference call. ""Maybe someone within the Yankees' organization would be happy if I did step down this year.""Following the departures of Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte and David Wells, New York's first round of the playoffs. Last month, the U.S. Olympic Committee challenged the recommendation in a petition lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland. Young, who has denied ever using a prohibited substance, was not covered by the appeal. ""As a matter of course, we don't comment on specific individual drug cases,"" said Bill Geer, spokeswoman for USA Track & Field. ""It's certainly tragic if Jerome or any other athlete made the decision to cheat.""Darryl Seibel, a spokesman for the USOC in nearby Colorado Springs, said Young's suspension should not affect the case pending before the Court of Arbitration for Sport. ""We have complete confidence in the fairness of CAS proceedings and do not believe that the decision announced today will have any bearing on that proceeding.""The CAS has not set a date for a hearing, he said.

**MLB**

**Stottlemyre set to return for 2005, then retire**

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

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

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

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

It certainly surprised Carlisle, who said Tuesday that he did not expect Artest to return to the NBA as much as a month off.

"They're not expecting me to play every game. Everybody's different. It's early in the season, so I feel like I could take some time off early and be ready for the long stretch," Carlisle said.

So Carlisle benched Artest for Tuesday night's win over Minnesota and Wednesday night's game against the Clippers, as he was a suspension.

Artest will not lose any salary. He will return Friday.

The 24-year-old is scheduled to release his debut rap album later this month and has been spending a lot of time making promotional appearances.

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

It's the latest in a long line of controversial situations for Artest, ranging from destroying television monitors at Madison Square Garden two years ago to missing the team flight to Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals at Boston last season.

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

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

The message appears to have landed with Artest.

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

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

"I was doing a lot. I was running around a lot and doing a whole bunch of stuff and I've also been working out, so I think I wore myself down physically, I wore myself down mentally. I was ready to take some time off, at least like a month off, but two games is enough."

Carlisle said the Pacers needed Artest to take some time off, at least like a month off.

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Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest goes up for a shot in a preseason game against Memphis Oct. 26.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Done with NFL, Spurrier looks for another college try

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Steve Spurrier wants to return to college coaching.

Spurrier told several newspapers he has no intentions returning to the NFL, where he spent two losing seasons with the Washington Redskins.

Spurrier left Florida in 2002 after 12 losing seasons, six Southeastern Conference championships and a national title. He went 12-20 with the Redskins and resigned after last season.

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

Miami Dolphins coach Dave Wanstedt resigned Tuesday, prompting speculation that Spurrier would bring his famed playbook to Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals at Boston last season.

Spurrier said, "It seems like I'm better suited for that. I know I probably had a lot more success in the college game than in the NFL. So if I return to coaching, I think that would probably be the best idea."

Spurrier even took a shot at his NFL record.

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

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

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

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

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

He declined to say whether he has spoken to any schools. "I can't answer all that, I can't answer all your questions. In the next two or three weeks, once the season is over, we'll see what happens," he said.

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

Cox, Showalter voted managers of the year

Associated Press

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

Cox was voted NL Manager of the Year on Wednesday for leading the Atlanta Braves to an unexpected 12th straight division title, and Showalter won the AL honor for turning the last-place Rangers into a contender after Texas traded MVP Alex Rodriguez to the New York Yankees.

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

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

"I would have picked us the same place everybody did, too," said Showalter, "I'm as thrilled this year as I've ever been with any team." His team was expected to finish fifth.

IN BRIEF

McGrady likely to miss game with hip, groin injury

HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady missed most of the Houston Rockets' practice Wednesday because of nagging hip and groin injuries, though the two-time NBA scoring champ could still play Thursday against Minnesota.

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

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

McGrady said his hip and groin started bothering him during Friday's game at Memphis. Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy didn't seem too concerned about the possibility of playing without McGrady for a game or two.

Two Michigan State receivers arrested

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

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

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

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

Texas hosts Barbor on injured reserve

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

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

Derrick Blaylock, out last week with a deep thigh bruise, practiced full speed for the first time Wednesday and would start for the Chiefs (3-5) in Holmes' absence.

Blaylock, a fifth-round draft choice out of Stephen F. Austin in 2001, has carried 32 times for 150 yards, a 4.7 average.

around the dial

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Florida State at North Carolina State
7:30 p.m., ESPN 2
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said. "We've just got to make
sure we know what our shot is.
I think we are still learning that,
but that's a fine line. I love when
guys are confident and
aggressive.

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

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

After a slow start, the Irish
picked up their energy level and
started getting in the face of
their opponents and jumping
the passing lanes.

They outrebounded the
Hawks 37-33 — including 17
offensive rebounds — and
forced 22 turnovers while get­
ing 15 steals.

"I thought we wore a lot bet­
ter on defense challenging
shots, getting hands on balls,"
Irish guard Chris Thomas said.
"We had a lot of guys going
after the ball on rebounds. We
tried to make a conscious effort
of doing it on the defensive end
in the backcourt.

The Irish will practice today
and take Friday off as they get
ready for the regular season
to start to get an
accurate assessment of his

That is the first time we can
ever say in my memory as a head
coach that we got a lot out of
both exhibitions games."

Note:
• Irish forward Rick Cornett
dressed for the game but did
not play. Brey said he fully
expects Cornett to play in the
Harvard game.

NOTRE DAME 80,
QUINCY 61
at the JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME

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Senior Irish guard Chris Thomas looks for space during Notre Dame's victory over Quincy Wednesday

at the Joyce Center. Thomas finished with 16 points and tied for the team lead with six rebounds.

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Ashley Tarutis
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Henican demonstrated this
she can really frustrate
hitters because she's consistent
and keeps getting
digs. "That's something that
will never show up in the box
scores, but it's a huge part of
our success."

Last year, Henican played a
prominent role on the defense
as well, becoming the third
player in Irish history to
record 400 digs in a season.
In addition, Henican's efforts
were part of the reason Notre
Dame limited Big East oppo­
nents to a .134 hitting per­
centage and set a school
record for fewest service aces
allowed per game with .94.
"She's always been a figh­
ter," Brown said.
"We cannot afford to not
have her on the court. When
we're not doing well, she
helps to refocus the group."

Although the Irish are still
focusing on one match at a
time, a Big East championship
and a long run in the NCAA
tournament are still in the
back of their minds.

Henican said she believes
the team is capable of fulfilling
this season-long wish list,
as long as they remain
focused and play consistently.
"We're extremely talented," Henican said. "We can accomplish
great things. We just have
to trust that we can and
will win."

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looking at, we needed to get at least four of them. But there wasn’t pressure to sign seven guys and do total rebuilding. You could coach the guys that were here and just methodically work on the next group.

Notre Dame started on four quality players that can improve the team at most any position on the court.

The 6-foot-7, 200-pound Ayers averaged 16.4 points, 8.0 rebounds and 4.0 assists as a junior, shooting 48 percent from the field and losing its only defensive presence and a win in that game pretty well,” Irish defensive backs coach Steven Wilks said. “One of the things that we’ve talked about all week is not giving the big play. They’re going to try play-action and guard him and we’ve got to be smart and patient and play the pass first.”

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Syracuse’s Ryan LaCasse, left, sacks Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko during the Orange’s 28-21 overtime win last week.

The St. John’s Jesuit star Ryan Ayers has a great feel for the game already and is very skilled,” Brey said. “I loved Kyle’s quote,” Brey said. “He said, ‘Yeah, that’s great. I’ve got no problem playing him for Notre Dame.’ ”

The 6-foot-11, 240-pound Zeller is the most nationally recognized Irish recruit. He was a preseason candidate for the 2005 Mr. Indiana Basketball honor after earning All-American honors from Street and Smith’s magazine for his senior season. Zeller averaged 19.8 points and 9.4 rebounds.

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“The Irish, this will be a different look than at Tennessee where Erik Ainge was more of a drop-back, prototype passer.”

“It’s been an exciting process,” Wilks said. “I think we’re ready smart and patience. You can’t give up the big play.”

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Present and future
Irish knock off Quincy to finish up preseason, ink four recruits

By MATT LOZAR
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The other "Chris" in the Notre Dame backcourt showed he’s got some game Wednesday night.

Chris Quinn’s game-high 25 points paced the Irish as they cruised to an 80-61 victory over Division II Quincy at the Joyce Center.

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

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

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

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

“I tried to work on that,” Latimore said. “It’s a big difference coming from a practice situation to a game situation. Game speed is so much quicker, and it took me the whole first thought of Pittsburgh, they thought of Larry Fitzgerald. This year, however, is different.

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Irish prepare for talented receivers

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Henican emerges as the go-to girl

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Calling Meg Henican captain is insufficient.

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

“Tennant adds a lot of confidence to the team,” freshman Ashley Tarras said. “We know we can always count on Meg for a

Libero Meg Henican passes the ball in Notre Dame’s 3-2 victory over Illinois State Oct. 13.

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

One threat catching the ball is 5-foot-8 Joe DelSardo. The former walk-on burned Rutgers Oct. 23 for 105 yards on eight catches. DelSardo is one of five Panthers who has recorded 100-yard receiving games this season. Greg Lee is also one of those. In his first full season as a starter, he is atop the Big East in receiving yards and eighth in the country, averaging 104 yards per game. Last week against

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Irish guard Chris Quinn attempts to drive past a Quincy defender in Notre Dame’s 80-61 victory Wednesday night.

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