Queer Film Festival is examined

University committee, FITT department discuss possible changes to controversial event

By MADIE HANNA
Associated News Editor

After hosting the Queer Film Festival for the past two years—prompting campus debate over academic freedom and the Catholic Church's stance on homosexuality—Notre Dame is now holding discussions with the Film, Television and Theatre Department about potential changes to the event's third installment, officials said.

The February festival, which features films by gay and lesbian artists intended to stimulate dialogue, has in recent years been the subject of talks between members of the FITT Department and the administration on academic freedom created by University President John Jenkins, University spokesman Matt Storin said Monday.

While Storin said discussions are occurring with the presumption the event will go on—"it's not my impression there is any discussion of canceling," he said—one issue he said administrators have addressed directly is the event's title.

"I think [the committee believes] the title is in use, particularly in part 'festival,' may lead to confusion over the difference between academic examination of gay and lesbian films as opposed to taking a position on what is a controversial issue on campus... or within the Catholic Church," Storin said. "I think there's a feeling...

During the 2005 Queer Film Festival, audience members watched a film at Browning Cinema in Notre Dame's DPAC.

ND students allotted 2,500 bowl tickets

100 tickets available for SMC seniors

By HEATHER VAN HOGARDEN
News Writer

Of the 15,000 Fiesta Bowl tickets allotted to Notre Dame, 2,500 of those will be made available to Notre Dame students and 100 to Saint Mary's seniors, the ticket offer announced Monday.

According to Director of Ticket Operations Josh Berio and an e-mail to all students, the ticket offer is holding a lottery to give students the opportunity to buy tickets for the Jan. 2 BCS bowl game against Ohio State. Notre Dame's first BCS game in five years. Students are allowed to bring one ID to Gate 10 of the Joyce Center on Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. to get a raffle ticket. If their number is in the range of numbers chosen, they have the opportunity to buy two tickets on Thursday.

Saint Mary's seniors will have the opportunity to purchase tickets from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Office. Seniors may bring one other senior ID with her to buy the tickets. Any leftover tickets will be available to the rest of the Saint Mary's student body on Dec. 12.

Students lined up in August to receive numbers for the 2005 football season lottery, which determined ticket location.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Budget reallocations questioned

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

Controversy marked the Council of Representatives (COR) meeting Monday night, as representatives voiced their disenchantment with the procedures taken by the Financial Management Board (FMB) to arrive at its new budget allocation, which affected the Judicial Council, Class of 2006, Senior Week, Hall Presidents Council, Class of 2008 and the Student Union Board (SUB).

Representatives of Hall Presidents Council (HPC) said that FMB did not follow proper procedures in its reallocation meetings.

"The process that went on during the reallocation meetings was...

The Campus Life Council passed two key resolutions Monday—one targeting non-Catholic student initiatives and the other addressing the role of diversity in Notre Dame's classrooms.

Chair of the Student Senate management committee Black Boyd presented a resolution calling for the formation of a committee under the Office of the Provost that would investigate how to incorporate "cultural competencies" into the Notre Dame Curricula. The committee would clarify the scope and purpose of the resolution before members weighed in on its importance.

The committee's members will be drawn from various groups on campus and will include students, faculty and administrative representatives.

"We want to form a committee to investigate how to incorporate cultural competencies into the classroom," Boyd said. "One issue that has come up is the need for a diversity requirement, but this does not suggest a diversity requirement as the best way to do this, it just asks, what is best way to incorporate diversity? It could take a number of different forms."

The measure passed in the Student Senate Wednesday, Nov. 30. Senate members had asked for clarification on the resolution before members weighed in on its importance.

SMC security bumps up 24-hour parking

always full during the week.

Students are now allowed to park in the last three rows of the Regina lot 24-hours per day and do not need to move their vehicles during the typically restricted hours in other lots on campus.

"In the rest of the Regina lot, students must move their vehicles out between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday," Chapman said.

But there were some stipulations with the new policy. There are times during special events on campus in...
INSIDE COLUMN

Finals week: Christmas has arrived

The definition of the “holiday season” seems to get progressively hazier with each year that passes. I realized this when I saw my first Christmas-themed commercial this year before Halloween. Since that awful commercial, I have done two things. Firstly, I have suffered from what I call “Christmas rage” because of the winter holidays being forcefully pushed on me pre-Halloween. And secondly, partially in response to the passive aggressive Christmas anger, I have thought long and hard about when the holidays should actually start and when they officially start for me.

It seems that retailers would essentially like people to think of the holiday season as, well, basically the whole year. They restrain themselves and usually wait until after Halloween in order to put out the Christmas decorations. Television stations start pushing holiday commercials before decorations. Television stations start pushing holiday commercials before blow-up decorations. Television stations start pushing holiday commercials before Thanksgiving.

Basically, I only have one rule for when the holiday season should ideally begin. I believe that the holiday season should not start before any other holiday, specifically Halloween and Thanksgiving. Inkings of the holidays can begin to creep in around Thanksgiving, but should be limited to the last two weeks of November. Christmas decorations should not supplant Halloween costumes or Pilgrim hats in stores. No exceptions.

With that, I also feel that even during the technical “holiday season,” you can feel less than spirited. When Christmas music creeps up on you in October, you start to either get tired of it or get so used to it that it seems like a normal part of your life instead of a few special weeks.

I firmly believe that each person has a few rituals that make them feel like the holiday season has finally started. In high school, it didn’t feel like Christmas until my family and I braved the wilds outside of Reno, NV to see the Christmas lights. I can’t imagine it being different. The first night of homecoming纳木托 and watching wild things makes me start thinking about the holidays. The first ugly Christmas sweater party makes me feel a little more festive.

But it’s really finals week that puts me in the holiday mood. It makes you appreciate your friends, because they are the ones who help you procrastinate as much as it allows you to enjoy good food, like Huddle candy for breakfast, pizza for no specific reason or coffee all day. It also helps you appreciate the real reason for the season, religion, because who doesn’t pray during finals week?

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: Do you think the Queer Film Festival belongs at Notre Dame?

Mary Beugelstijik

sophomore

Cavanaugh

Dan McKerman

freshman

Zahn

Adams Burns

junior

Zahn

Will Marra

sophomore

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OFFBEAT

Cable bites off finger in dispute about crowding

COPENHAGEN, Denmark

A taxi driver in Denmark bit off the tip of a 48-year-old man’s finger in a brawl over how many people could fit in the cab, police said Monday. The dispute started early Sunday morning, when a group of five men hailed a taxi in downtown Odense, a city in central Denmark. Police said things got out of hand when the 37-year-old driver insisted he could only take four passengers. It was not clear who started the fight, but the 48-year-old man claimed he grabbed the driver by the collar after the driver acted aggressively and spat at him, police said. The driver, who was bruised but not seriously injured, said the man grabbed him by the jaw with his left hand and punched him with other hand. The driver claims he accidentally bit off the tip of the man’s ring finger in the commotion, police said.

Ohioan gets serious about Christmas lights

MASON, Ohio

Some people at Christmas time are content to deck their homes with evergreen wreaths and holly, and maybe a few strings of lights made to look like glistening icicles. Not Carson Williams. He spends nearly two months hooking up 25,000 lights, then programs them to dance to Christmas music. Hundreds of cars drive by his house north of Cincinnati every night to see the display, which also is posted on several Interest sites.

“So far, everyone’s been really courteous,” Williams said on NBC’s “Today” show Monday. “I told the neighbors, I told the sheriff, if they get any complaints, I’ll shut it down, because the neighbors are more important to me than the Christmas music.”

In BRIEF

The ND Breastfeeding Encouragement Support Team (BEST) will meet from 12 p.m. to 1 today in the Notre Dame Room of the LaFortune Student Center. BEST supports nursing and pregnant moms at Notre Dame and babies are welcome to meetings. E-mail Tracey Weber at tw28@nd.edu to be added to the BEST listserv and get more information.

The Institute for Latino Studies is sponsoring an exhibit of vintage posters created by Latino artists in the Galeria America in McKenna Hall today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A seminar titled “Surfactant Facilitated Spreading of Aqueous Drops on Model Hydrophobic Surfaces” will be given today by Alexander Couzi, professor of chemical engineering at the City College of New York. It will begin at 3:30 p.m. in room 140 DeBartolo Hall.

A “Christmas at the CoMo” benefit concert will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7 in the Hammermann Lounge of the Coleman Morse Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. ND Celebration and instrumentalists will perform, and the public is invited to attend.

In anticipation of the film premier of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," Fr. Charles Gordon will give a talk entitled "Anticipating Narnia" Thursday at 8 p.m. in room 102 DeBartolo Hall.

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

POSTERS FOR A CHRISTMAS BREAK SEMINAR HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT CAMPUS ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO APPLY FOR PROGRAMS IN CITIES LIKE Chicago, New York City, El Paso, TX, AND Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

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Group approves co-sponsorship of 12-hour dance marathon

Despite some misgivings, $2,500 allocated for fundraiser, to benefit patients at Riley’s Children’s Hospitals

By KELLY MEEHAN
New Writer

Many schools are getting on board with the idea of a 12-hour dance marathon set to take place in April that will benefit Riley’s Children’s Hospitals.

The Riley Dance Marathon is a volunteer event that takes place at colleges and universities throughout Indiana. Residence Hall Association service chair Amy Dardinger and First-Year Class President Francesca Johnson hope to bring the event to the College.

“Many schools are getting on board with this service project, so why aren’t we?”

Amy Dardinger
Residence Hall Association

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Dardinger said. “So many schools are getting on board with this service project, so why aren’t we?”

Their goal for the dance marathon event is to gather at least 100 participants who would dance from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility to raise funds for Riley’s Children’s Hospital. The money gathered from the event would help the hospital maintain its mission to never turn a child away regardless of their family’s financial status, Dardinger said.

Together, Dardinger and Johnson have organized a dance marathon committee of approximately 30 students who will work to raise necessary funds for the event. Dardinger said the event is not just for the marathon dancers, but would be an overnight event of food and music for all students and faculty, along with children from the hospital.

To participate, marathon dancers must write letters to family and friends to request donations that will be sent directly to the hospital.

Johnson explained to the board that the most difficult aspect of the marathon is to find volunteers. The event requires catering, hiring a D.J. and security guards, along with other miscellaneous expenses. It would prove difficult for the College to regain the money they put into the event because all incoming donators go entirely to the hospital, she said.

She also said that when Purdue began the event, they did not break even, however in the long run, it paid off.

“We would have to start small and grow as years passed,” she said. “Through advertising and cooperation, we would eventually be able to find a balance of giving and saving funds.”

Due to their already strained budget, the board had a mixed reaction to the idea of co-sponsoring the event.

“I feel that their plans for this event are not concrete,” Student Activities Board president Megan Cahill said. “I just don’t think that they should ask for all this money from us.”

Junior Class president Heidi Goepfinger agreed. She said Student Government had already planned volunteer events with Habitat for Humanity and the dance marathon committee should seek funds from other places.

Missions commissioner Jenny Robbins, however, felt that the event would benefit the College community.

“Events like this are what co-sponsorships were started for, but lately it seems we have only been sponsoring students participating in one-time events,” she said. “Sponsorships were originally for things that would have a long term benefit for the College and create a legacy.”

Women Issues Commissioner
Katie Kelly

“I think that it would be so cool to start this event here with our own funding. When we ask Notre Dame for money, ND is branded all over the event.”

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“I feel that the event could be so much more successful if it took place in the fall,” Senior Class president Lauren Condon said. “It could be more beneficial, and it could become a huge event with more time to plan and fundraise.”

Student Body President Kellye Mirros said she would pass along Condon’s suggestion to the committee.

In other BOG news:

♦ Various student government clubs will be selling coffee and snacks in Trumper during final week as part of “Treats in Trumper” fundraiser.

♦ Lessons and Carols will take place this Sunday in Loreto at 7:30 p.m.

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"They were not really eager to let
us know what's going on ... [I'm]
not sure what's true anymore." and said a lot of faculty don't know what's going on.

The University and the FIT
Department are compro-

posing with each other.
The Queer Film Festival began three years ago in what co-

founder Liam Dacey, a Notre Dame gradua-

tion and then- 

senior FIT Majaw said it was an effort to raise awareness of gay, Lesbian,

Transgender, Bisexual and Queer [GLTBQ] issues and cur-

bat stereotypes perpetuated by Notre Dame's then-No. 1

rank in the Princeton Review's
"Alternative Lifestyles Not an

Alternative" category.

"We want to create an awareness that the gay mem-

bers of the Notre Dame commu-

nity are members like any-

one else," Dacey told The Observer in February 2004. "We also wanted to exhibit a lot of different films by artists

that you wouldn't normally see."

While it was a first for the University, Storin compared the Queer Film Festival to a [range of] classes, seminars

and conferences" and said the event was an issue of academic

freedom. "The film festival is being co-
sponsored by many academic

departments," he told The Observer in February 2004, "I think the fact that fac-
yulty and students at the University expressed interest [in this] is not exactly 'stop the

presses' news. It doesn't carry

any message of endorsement or disparagement ... by the University."

But one year later, the Festival attracted more press and sparked heated debate.

Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop John D'Arcy sent a let-
ter to Notre Dame students on Feb. 10 calling Notre Dame's decision to host the event "an abuse of academic freedom.

The administration has coun-
tered this argument by explain-

ing that the event is not University-sponsored but housed under specific academ-

ic departments. Last year, the Festival was sponsored by the FIT and the University's Lesbian Alumnae of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (GALA NDMSC), the English Department, the Anthropology Department, the History Department, the Counseling Center and the Queer Film Festival. Films were shown in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

"There are people who object to the film itself and those objections, Storin told The Observer last February. "But if we attempted to stop the culture of the United States of America in the classroom, Fair is not an issue of academic freedom," Bederman said.

"It very certainly is an issue of academic freedom," Bederman said.

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which all students must move their vehicles out of the Regina Lot.

Chapman said this was part of the agreement with the administration. "If students do not comply, they will again have to move their cars out of the entire lot at the designated times," Chapman said.

Chapman said this past week alone, there were several special events held on campus. Chapman said students were informed via e-mail and posted notices in the residence halls of such events and their repercus-

sions on parking.

Police officers were instructed to ticket vehicles that did not comply with the special events policy of park-

ing restrictions.

Chapman said only six tick-

ets were written. "I would like to commend and congratulate the Saint Mary's for complying with the instructions," Chapman said. "I believe that if they continue to cooperate, they will be able to park in the lot permanently."

The amount of ticketing, even with the new policy, is average in comparison with other years, Chapman said.

Students who have cars on campus enjoy having the option to park in Regina, especially with the harsh weather.

"I'm happy that insecurity's opened up the Regina Lot," said freshman Brooke Postregna. "It is closer than the main [Angela] lot and a lot safer. I'm content now that it's getting a lot colder.

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Students Open Skate
Saturday December 9, 2005
7:00-9:00 pm
Joyce Center Ice Rink
Using your ID for Free
Admission and Skate Rental
Open to Notre Dame, St. Mary's and Holy Cross students.

DeBartolo Hall:
Open Study Hours:
December 8 7am to 3:00am Midnight Snacks!
December 9 7am to 3:00am Midnight Snacks!
December 10 7am to 3:00am Midnight Snacks!
December 11 7am to 3:00am Midnight Snacks!
Finals Week Dec. 12-16 Open: 7am to 3:00am
*DeBartolo closes 30 minutes after last scheduled exam through the Registrar's Office.
Free Midnight Snacks on study days only!

24 Non-technology rooms, first come/first serve
See Building Support Person if you have specific needs: Room 103, 1st floor

Coleman-Morse: 1st Floor Lounge 7am-4am daily. Same dates as listed above.

Free Snacks

O'Shaughnessy: Rooms available for open study
See schedule at front desk of O'S. in the year's office.
December 8 8:00am to 3:00am
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December 11 8:00am to 3:00am
Finals Week: December 12-16 8am to 3:00am
Sunday 1:00pm to 3:00pm.
Rooms: 204, 206, 207, 208, 209.

Snacks during Study Days courtesy of:
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***Good Luck with Finals***
Islamic suicide bomber kills five

NEW YORK, New York — A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up among shoppers outside a supermarket in Tel Aviv late Tuesday, killing at least five people and wounding many more. The blast occurred at the entrance of a supermarket in the Gannot region, near Tel Aviv. The police said the bomber was a Palestinian suicide bomber.

NATIONAL NEWS

Sept. 11 panel warns of problems
WASHINGTON — The panelist discussion centered around the issue of homeland security and the threats posed by terrorist attacks.

Iraq
First witnesses testify at Hussein trial
Accounts offer gruesome details; defense walks out on judge's refusal

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The first witnesses in the Saddam Hussein trial offered disturbing accounts Monday of killings and torture using electric shocks and a grinder during a 1982 crackdown against Shiites, as the defiant ex-president threatened the judge and tried to intimidate a survivor.

One witness said he saw a machine that looked like a grinder with hair and blood on it in a secret police center in Baghdad where he and others were tortured for 70 days. He said detainees were kept in a "Hall 63." Defense lawyers questioned the reliability of witnesses who were only 15 and 16 at the time and walked out of the tumultuous session in anger.

Saddam Hussein trial

President Bush acknowledged the need for a strong response to the terrorist attacks, saying, "I am not afraid of execution."

Ex-Iraqi president Saddam Hussein, above, threatened a judge and tried to intimidate a torture survivor in his trial Monday.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Time, money and ever-present terror threats have done little to close gaping holes in the nation's security system, the Sept. 11 commission said Monday in accusing the administration and Congress had not moved quickly enough to enact the majority of its recommendations.

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In Washington, FEMA officials, provided by a special House committee investigating the government's response to the storm, followed the release of more than 100,000 documents released Monday.

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FEMA admits poor Katrina response

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Iraq's former defense minister, Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, also testified Monday.

Judge will not toss serious DeLay charges

AUSTIN, Texas — A judge dismissed a conspiracy charge Monday against Tom DeLay but refused to throw out the far more serious allegations of money-laundering, dismissing the congressman's hopes for now of reclaiming his post as House majority leader.

Texas Judge Pat Priest, who is presiding over the case against DeLay, ruled after a hearing late last month that DeLay's attorney argued that the indictment was fatally flawed.

The trial ended in September, and DeLay was required under House rules to relinquish the leadership post he had held since 2003. While DeLay's ruling was a partial victory for DeLay, he cannot reclaim his post because he remains under indictment.

The ruling means the case will move toward a trial next year, though other defense objections to the indictments remain to be heard by the judge.

"The court's decision to dismiss Mr. DeLay's campaign financial charges against Mr. DeLay underscores just how baseless and politically motivated the charges were," DeLay spokesman Kevin Madden said, referring to the Democratic district attorney who brought the case.

"Mr. DeLay is very encouraged by the swift progress of the legal proceedings and looks forward to his eventual and absolute exoneration based on the facts and the law," DeLay declined to speak with reporters shortly after the judge's decision as he entered a Houston hotel for a campaign fundraiser.

In a written statement, Earle's office said prosecutors were studying the ruling and had made no decision about whether to appeal. Earle has 15 days to appeal the decision.

DeLay, 58, and two GOP fundraisers, John Colyandro and Jim Ellis, are accused of illegally funneling $190,000 in corporate donations to 2002 Republican candidates for the Texas Legislature. Under Texas law, corporate money cannot be directly used for political campaigns, but it can be used for administrative purposes.

In asking that the case be thrown out, DeLay lawyer Dick DeGuerin argued that one of the charges — conspiracy to violate the Texas election code — did not even take effect until September 2003, a year after the alleged offenses occurred.

Local News
IU offers gender studies doctoral program
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana University faculty would like to offer the nation's first doctoral degree in gender studies.

The university's trustees endorsed the degree program last month and it is awaiting approval from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to start next fall. Ten universities across the country offer doctorates in the related field of women's studies, but IU officials say theirs will be the first with a stand-alone doctorate in gender studies.

Associated Press

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Lottery
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according to an e-mail sent to Saint Mary's students.
Berlo said the student's ticket allotment is more than that of the Gator Bowl in 2003 and more than the Fiesta Bowl in 2000, as the ticket office is expecting higher student demand for tickets. The same number, Berlo said his office cannot predict what exactly the demand will be and if the 2,500 tickets available to students will be enough or not.

"It's tough to say [what the demand will be]" Berlo said. "All of our indicators of demand — student and non-student groups — are very high at this point. With higher demand, we increased the number of tickets available to students."

Berlo said the rest of the 15,000 tickets allotted to Notre Dame, a number he said was a standard bowl allotment, goes to alumni, the athletic department, the team, University administrators, parents of students, Monogram Club members and benefactors. He also said the University is trying to get more tickets for students. If this endeavor is suc­cessful, students could hear from parents of students, Monogram Club members and benefactors as early as Dec. 14, according to the e-mail.

"We're attempting to procure additional tickets for the bowl from various sources," Berlo said. "If we're able to do that, we would go ahead and put those additional winning lottery numbers.

Should students win the lottery, they are able to purchase tickets at a discounted price of $45 per ticket in cash or check only. Students are allowed to bring four different winning IDs on Thursday of people with whom they met their tickets. Berlo said the lottery system was implemented to make things easier for students.

"In order to minimize the amount of time students are wait­ing in line, we elected to use a lottery system," he said.

According to Ohio State's Web site, their ticket allotment will be distributed through a lottery, but students and faculty will not obtain their tickets until they arrive at the Fiesta Bowl. There, they present a claim voucher that states they have a ticket and their student or faculty ID, according to the release. Should they win the lottery, Ohio State students have the opportunity to purchase one ticket.

The Fiesta Bowl will be played in Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz., capacity of 73,379, according to Arizona State University's Web site, the home of the NFL's Arizona Cardinals and the Arizona State football team.

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meaning of "cultural competencies," and CLC members expressed the same concerns — knowing that if the resolution passed, it would be sent to the Faculty Senate. Dillon Hall rector Paul Doyle pre­dicted those faculty members would probably not be satisfied with such a vague term.

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Satisfied with Boyd's answer, the members passed the reso­lution with few changes. It will be discussed and voted on in the Faculty Senate tomorrow.

Members of the social con­cerns task force still faced criti­cism when they presented a revised version of a resolution that they felt more specific to training for hall staff involving non-Catholic ministries. The resolution stems out of a perceived lack of attention paid to non-Catholic student faith options during this year's hall staff training. The resolution was met with opposition when it faced the Council on November 21. Welsh Family Hall rector Candace Carson, who is also a campus ministry commissioner, had insisted that the issue was already addressed in a variety of medi­ums, including pamphlets inside hall chapels. She prom­ised to bring up the resolution at the next campus ministry committee meeting.

"We had a meeting on the Monday Nov. 28 and the concerns from the Council were pre­sented, and they put the inform­ation out through campus ministry," Boyd said. "But each has a different view."

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Boston Scientific offers $25 billion to Guidant

Amount tops previous Johnson & Johnson bid by more than $3 million

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Troubled Guidant Corp. drew a $25 billion offer Monday from a drug rival as the Wall Street device rival Boston Scientific Corp., topping Johnson & Johnson’s watered-down bid by more than $3 billion.

Guidant’s once flagging stock rose $6.16, or nearly 10 percent, to close at $67.94 amid Wall Street’s speculation of a bidding war.

But market analysts said that J&J, which did not return repeated phone calls for comment, may not want Guidant badly enough to spend billions more for the Indianapolis-based maker of pacemakers, defibrillators and other devices which has been plagued by a series of recalls and by related regulatory investigations.

It was just three weeks ago that Guidant accepted a revised $21.5 billion proposal from J&J and stopped using the health care products company to close on a year-old acquisition offer of $25.4 billion.

Boston Scientific, whose products include the top-selling cardiac stent Taxus, offered Guidant a combination of cash and stock worth about $72 per Guidant share — a 16 percent premium over Friday’s close. The prospect of entering the lucrative $10 billion international market for implantable medical devices and defibrillators outweighed Guidant’s recent legal and regulatory troubles.

The primary driver of our proposal is to increase Boston Scientific’s diversification and grow our cardiac rhythm management business,” Boston Scientific’s chief operating officer, Paul LaViolette, said in a telephone interview.

Guidant’s original deal with J&I jogged down amid a series of recalls and warnings affecting nearly 200,000 pacemakers and about 8,000 defibrillators since June. Dozens of shareholder and product liability lawsuits have ensued, costing Guidant more than a quarter of its value. Its stock plummeted to a low of $55.26 last month.

“We understand there have been some recent issues, but we believe they are manageable,” LaViolette said. “We are experienced with these issues.”

Guidant’s strengths outweigh its problems for Boston Scientific, which has seen its profits dwindle recently, Jefferies & Co. analyst Ryan Rauch said.

“Guidant would shore up Boston Scientific’s 2008 pipeline, if they’re willing to take significant dilution to their shares in the short term,” Rauch said.

Rauf said he did not expect Guidant’s shareholders would embrace J&I’s offer over Boston Scientific’s, given the premium and the frayed relations between Guidant and J&I. Rauch said J&I was not likely to sweeten its offer.

“There’s no love lost between Guidant and J&I,” Rauch said. “I believe J&I will not come back into the dance at a higher price.”

The Boston Scientific offer consists of $34 in cash and $36 worth of its shares for each share of Guidant stock. J&I is offering $32.25 in cash and 0.493 share of Johnson & Johnson common stock for each Guidant share.

In Brief

Cardiologist criticizes Merck & Co. Houston — A prominent cardiologist testifying against Merck & Co. accused the drug-maker Saturday of engaging in scientific misconduct, suppressing clinical evidence and stifling medical discourse as it promoted the painkiller Vioxx.

Dr. Eric Topol, chairman of the cardiovascular medicine department of the Cleveland Clinic, called certain aspects of Merck’s behavior “expulsive” and “appalling” during his three-hour-long deposition.

Topol said Vioxx can cause heart attacks any time after a patient begins taking it, and that its risks were apparent as early as 1999, when the drug was approved.

Vioxx was removed from the market last year after a series of other “expulsive” drugs were tied to heart attacks and strokes after 18 months of use.


Inflation again concerns Wall Street NEW YORK — Higher oil prices and news of slowing growth in the service sector pulled stocks lower Monday despite some optimism over a $25 billion bid for Guidant Corp.

Inflation worries again plagued Wall Street as crude futures priced $6 per barrel higher, nudging concerns that the Federal Reserve might continue lifting interest rates to stem inflation from increased energy costs.

Last week, the market broke a five-week rally after a string of government reports painted a rosier picture of the economy than many had been predicting. That economic strength could justify more interest rate hikes and bulk Wall Street’s year-end advance, said Bill Groenveld, head trader at Fiume Investments.

"Whether the market flattens out for the next couple of weeks, there’s always going to be uncertainty about the future," Groenveld said. "It’s going to be a real news-sensitive market over the next quarter.”

LOS ANGELES — The largest union representing actors has promised a new, tougher stance to fight back against studio tactics with powerful media complements.

But the Screen Actors Guild may self-destruct before it ever gets the chance.

The labor union’s long-running infighting has escalated into what could become a multi-year strike after the election in September of President Alan Rosenberg.

Rosenberg and his allies gained a majority on the national board by pledging to squeeze more money from the studios through recalls and new technologies, including downloading of films and TV shows. He also pledged to unite SAC’s founding factions.

Instead, Rosenberg, 55, divided the union even more by almost immediately firing popular SAC national executive director Greg Hessinger. He had been hired by the previous leadership, which Rosenberg accused of surrendering too easily on key economic issues in contract talks last year.

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Rosenberg’s agenda mirrors that of the newly elected president of the Writers Guild of America, west, Patrick Verrone also ran on a promise to get tougher with studios and also fired his executive director soon after taking office.

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When society owns your body

It is often typical of the Left to extol the virtues of a great society: a great society takes care of the elderly and the poor; it educates its children and pays for medical treatment. These sentiments are well and good until one attempts to ascertain from a Left-winger how exactly society accomplishes such epeonm onary goals. because (as I am often quick to point out) left-wingers hardly mean "society" when they speak the word.

When the Left speaks of society "taking care of" the people, it does not imply society itself; it refers instead to the welfare state and its many tenets; Social Security, public schooling, universal healthcare—social programs that are funded via compulsory taxation by the government.

Government is not society. In fact, Thomas Paine agreed with me when he said: "Society in every state is a blessing, but government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil." Society is the voluntary cooperation and coexistence of individuals; government is the involuntary subjugation of some individuals to the will of others. Now, I am not necessarily claiming that every government is inherently oppressive, but merely that any government without a pan is just another interest group.

This distinction is important because everything social and enumerated by the Left must be accomplished by governmental coercion. Indeed, both the Left and Right embrace a certain paternalism when it comes to the actions of "society": whether it be gratis medical treatment, smoking bans, the War on Drugs or the persecution of "obscene" materials, the nanny-state is a necessary component.

Scott Wagner
Live and Let Live or Die

Let us therefore address the former: government-subsidized health care. I will me even attempt to delve deeply into the details of this complicated issue, but will instead focus my energies on the elementary paternalism that is inherent in it.

In the United States, we have (as of yet) avoided the catastrophe that is "socialized health care." What we have instead are Medicare and Medicaid—complex bureaucratic institutions that, in effect, reimburse elderly, disabled and poor people for many medical services (including treatments for, among other dubious things, erectile dysfunction).

According to the director of health policy studies at the Cato Institute, Michael F. Cannon, "Medicare spending is increasing at twice the rate of the gross domestic product" and the new Medicare prescription drug plan is slated to "cost more than $700 billion over the next 10 years." As mismanaged as any government program can be, Medicare faces a budget shortfall of as much as $62 trillion—that is, the government promises $62 trillion more than it can deliver to beneficiaries. Today, the government collects slightly more than $2 trillion in total taxes. That is quite the shortfall.

But suppose people are abusing alcohol or tobacco, or eating so unhealthily that America continues her reign as one of the most obese nations in the world. Americans suffer from heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes and myriad other ailments that stem from our obsession with eating poorly.

At this point, the government still has some options: it can cut Medicare benefits (and sacrifice the political future of Republican politicians) or raise taxes by about, say, 1,500 percent. But the real, philosophically central question is: if the government is already paying too much for the care of Americans, does it have the right to force its citizens to be healthier in order to reduce their medical expenditures?

So to avoid the impending Medicare crisis that is at hand, should acting unhealthily be made illegal?

I have heard it argued before, believe it or not. Originally I believed it to be a joke, but upon further reflection, it seems perfectly reasonable. I have a vested interest in keeping you healthy, since I am forced by my government at some point or another—to pay for your medical bills.

Such is the paternalism implicit in the government business of health care. Socializing health effectively destroys the lines that delineate what is your personal choice and what affects me. Subsidies give society a controlling stake in what you do with your own body, where your health is no longer merely your concern.

In 1971, the U.S. Supreme Court matter-of-factly stated that subsidized programs "have almost always been accompanied by varying measures of control and surveillance." It is not beyond reasonable doubt, therefore, that government control and surveillance of health in America will soon become even more omnipresent— even more so than it is today.

No, I do not believe McDonald's should be illegal. However, when "society" owns your body, there are few—if any—realistic options left. Like I said: $62 trillion is quite the shortfall.

Scott Wagner is president of the College Libertarians and writes politically incorrect satire for the Web site The Endurance Vision. You would probably be too offended by it, so never mind. He can be contacted at swagner1@nd.edu

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I'm not leaving

Tell me one opportunity you're going to have after graduation to party it up 'til 3 a.m., be in class by 11 a.m., lie on the couch watching a "Southpark" rerun by 1 p.m., and at various points in all of that, you get to see thousands of similar members of the opposite sex. Not to mention all the "flamé Noodles" you can eat.

I'm going to be honest here and admit that I'm scared of that real world. The fear is a little of it every month when my rent payment comes in, and I don't like what I've seen so far. I've heard they make you get married, become a parent, pay bills and forbid playing beer pong. Quite frankly, I don't want to be a part of something that makes you get older once a week.

That's not the only thing that scares me, though. I can't just sit on the sidelines and watch like I used to. That's not the life I was used to living. I don't want to have to worry about being called to get a loan that nobody is going to help you with. I'm going to be honest here and admit that I'm scared of the real world.

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Will Dowdy
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Office Dec. 5

Comhion: not a time for politics

In the Dec. 5 issue of The Observer, Matthew Hamilton rigorously defended his choice to wear the orange "Gay? Fine by Me" shirt to Mass on Sunday. He defends himself by arguing the illegitimacy and destructive nature of the Vatican's much-publicized statement. He continues by saying that far from being inappropriate at Mass, this shirt is effective in bringing attention to the issues of gay rights and sexual orientation from the Church. However, I disagree with his primary method of making a point. This has nothing to do with the issue of homosexuality, either general, or in sight of the Vatican's statement. Any similar action featuring a shirt that loudly condemns the Church's document should also receive disapproval. What is at issue here is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, not rules and regulations.

Second, it is inappropriate and disrespectful to protest such a thing during worship. I recognize that Hamilton believes the Vatican to have already crossed both of those lines, but that does not legitimize this act. Let us rather take inspiration from the Church and the Vatican authorities. I applaud Hamilton for writing a letter, that's what it's for. But please, do not cross the line between what is appropriate and what is not. Church services are a time for communion, after all, we call the Sacrifice of the Mass "Communion," but worship services are also a time for an individual to engage in one of the most personal acts imaginable, the dialogue of one's innermost self with his or her God. Out of respect for this, there are many customary decencies that are observed. Many churches have instituted crying rooms for infants. This is not because infants are not appreciated, nor considered outside of the community. However, since they can be distracting to others, many parishes make them available. Another courtesy is refraining from excessive affection. Again, it is a matter of decency for couples to abstain from displays of their love. Even though sex is praised by the Church for its holiness, it could become slightly distracting during even the best hurry. Clearly, if Hamilton's statement at Mass was to be effective, it must be noticed by other people and their dialogue must be constructive and respectful.

I don't mean to be trite about this matter. Clearly such a controversial statement by the Vatican will produce divisions, but we must remember why we are there. The dialogue is required. Throughout the history, activists and reformers have kept the Church true to the teachings of Christ, and there is no less need in the modern world. Finally, prayer and personal holiness is necessary that we may be as effective as possible in bringing the Word of God to all people. However, in all of this, we must recognize the proper respect that is due to the worship of God, and the respect we owe others who are participating in their own acts of worship. What happened on Sunday took into account neither, and thus was a profanation and an action of disrespect to all those who were trying to worship. I recognize that Hamilton believes the Vatican has to already cross both of those lines, but that does not legitimize this act. Let us strive to reach greater understanding and communion with one another and with God, and let us be aware of both the intended and unintended results of our actions.

Alison Frilhart
sophomore
Office Dec. 5

Publicity stunts not appropriate for Mass

On Dec. 4, I attended the 10 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, as I do almost every Sunday. Upon entering the Basilica, a group of about a dozen people caught my eye. All of them were sitting together, wearing the "Gay? Fine by Me" shirts.

As I looked at them and thought about why they might be there, I was offended, not because I have anything against homosexuals, but because I feel that the church is not an appropriate place for such a demonstration. I have many friends who are gay, but I do not support their decision to support this act. However, I previously have nothing against homosexuals, but the Church believes homosexuality is wrong. I, therefore, do not support this act. However, I previously have nothing against homosexuals, but the Church believes homosexuality is wrong. I, therefore, do not support this act.

What is at issue here is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, not rules and regulations. The Church most often deals with these issues outside of the Mass, so why should these students bring them into the Mass? This demonstration was disrespectful to the sanctity of the Mass, and to those parishioners who attended.

I wish to state a third time that I have nothing against homosexuals, and I am no place to make moral judgments. That is not what I am attempting to do with this letter. I only request that those students that were "Gay? Fine by Me" shirts to Mass on Sunday, and any other student groups for that matter, will take more care when choosing a venue for such a protest. Please have some respect for the Church, and for the sanctity of the Mass.

Alison Frilhart
sophomore
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Dec. 5
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Excited gamers wait outside a Best Buy in New York City for the midnight release of the X-Box 360. Anticipation was high for the latest generation console.

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During a Madrigal Dinner at the Andrews University Early Music Ensemble, one of the standout performances of the night was the a c c o m p a n y in g instruments provided a backdrop of smooth, lilting string harmonies and the strings echoed the movement of the violin’s solo moments with a subtle urgency and a sensation of rising joy in its opening. The piece was performed in a manner that would have continued easily until morning. The general mood of anticpation was only heightened by noting the selection of pieces that could have continued easily until morning. The piece was performed in a manner that would have continued easily until morning. The general mood of anticipation was only heightened by noting the selection of pieces that could have continued easily until morning.

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The evening was a night of music, with performances of Richard Strauss’ “Don Juan,” Rachmaninoff’s “Symphony No. 2 in E minor,” and other works. The audience was treated to a variety of styles and eras, with performances ranging from Baroque to classical to contemporary.

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Medieval servers bring out the food for the Saint Mary's sponsored Madrigal Dinners. The Madrigal Singers serenaded the attendees as they ate.

The hall itself was a bit too small - especially for the food servers, who had to edge their way between the 12 tables — the music filled the space. The music combined with the decor added to the holiday atmosphere, a fact not lost on guests or even the performers, who seemed to enjoy the dinner as much as the ticketholders.

Senior singer Kate Keating said the event — especially with the snow covering the ground as everyone joined in "Silent Night" — was a special holiday experience.

"I love the way we end it," Keating said. "Especially at night - you come out and it's just gorgeous. It really feels like Christmas Eve."

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**DPAC REVIEW**

**'Innocent Voices' an emotional experience**

By GRACE MYERS

Scene Writer

An 11-year-old boy, Chava, must fight for his home, family and childhood in war-torn El Salvador.

"Innocent Voices," a movie based on the true story of screenwriter Oscar Torres, compellingly addresses the El Salvadoran Civil War and child recruitment during the 1980s. The film shows the vast and prolonged suffering caused by daily violence. The film's screening at the Browning Theater was put together by a Notre Dame student who, after spending time in El Salvador and experiencing the effects of the war firsthand, wanted to raise awareness of the civil war and the issue of child recruitment.

She also brought Torres, to speak and answer questions after the screenings. Seeing Torres, the now 33-year-old creator of this film based on his embattled childhood, made viewing the film an incredibly powerful experience.

The film is highly acclaimed all over the world, receiving awards from many film festivals, including Best Feature Film Award at the San Diego International Film Festival and Best Picture at the Berlin International Film Festival. "Innocent Voices" has earned high praise in the United States, despite its initial difficulty in finding an American distribution company.

"Innocent Voices" shows history's evils, raising awareness of the devastation inflicted on children, but also showing the strength of the human spirit in the midst of these evils.

The boy, Chava, struggles to maintain a degree of normalcy within his home. In the midst of frequent shootings in his village, he constantly fears turning 12, the age when the government can recruit him to fight against his nation's peasant rebels. Meanwhile, he cares for his younger brother and sister, trying to preserve their innocence and sheltering them from the chaos that surrounds them. During the frequent shootings, Chava draws on his face and does magic tricks to create a "circus" underneath the bed frame where the children hide.

Chava gets his first job to help his single mom pay the bills, survives a shooting within in his school and sees his friends be recruited to the army and change forever. His life becomes a bitter struggle for survival, as he is forced to choose between being recruited and joining the rebels, while experiencing the dispiriting effects of constant fear.

The brilliance of this movie lies in the balance of the devastation and specific cruelties of this civil war with the funny and charming displays of Chava's childhood and family.

The young Chava's point of view sets this film apart from other Latin American war films: he has no political opinions, does not understand the purpose of the violence and seeks to return to his normal life. Unlike the adults around him, he does not choose his future. His fear of being recruited by the army dictates his decision to finally join the peasant rebels.

"Ask any 12 year-old if he wants to join a war, and he will say no," Torres said in a recent interview with National Geographic. "The problem is that many children do not have a choice."

Torres was also quick to point out, in both the film and in the post-screening discussion, that child recruitment is found in other places besides El Salvador. In fact, more than 300,000 children presently serve in armies in over 40 countries throughout the world, most frequently in Africa. Various organizations, such as Amnesty International and UNICEF, work diligently to solve the problem. A major difficulty, however, is the unawareness of the majority of the world. With his powerful "Innocent Voices," Torres directly educates and inspires the world of this ongoing crisis.

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The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra performed at the Debertolino Center for the Performing Arts last Thursday night. Hans Graf was the guest conductor for the evening.
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when the offense takes the
"I have nothing to say about it," receivers Kerry
about the situation. "No matter
"That's a tough one," left
left tackle Barry Sims said
"I don't think Kerry's played in a
at the same time, but at the same
tul's been here a long time,
and hardly played at all. It would be interesting to see
how he handles it. I don't think
is the quarterback, and it's his job. I think you can't pin
the whole loss on him.
Collins has completed 245 of
114 passes and 16 touchdowns, but he has
thrown 10 interceptions and been sacked 32 times for
lost yards.
His recent struggles have been surprising after
his strong start in his first full seas­
on as starter. Collins didn't
throw an interception until his
141st pass in Week 5 against
San Diego, then didn't give up another pick for
more attempts. Seven of his 10 inter­
cations have come in the past
four games, including three in
a 31-17 home loss to Denver
on Nov. 13.
"We want to play," Turner said. "He's a competi­
He's a strong guy. He gives
everything he's got.

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — This year's bowl­
 bowl-­football teams and how
the NCAA's new academic stan­
dards, with 41 percent falling
below minimum requirements.
and almost half lacking a
50 percent graduation rate,
according to a study released
Monday.
The 56 Division I-A football
teams headed to bowl games
have a lingering problem of
taking the time to complete their studies, said
R. Larry Lampich, the
University of Central Florida
professor who authored the annual report.
"The key is admitting
students who are
qualified to be in
that school," said
Lampich, who heads the
Sport Business
Management program at UCF.
This is the first
year the NCAA has used the
NCAA's Academic Progress
Rate, known as APR, to measure
the bowl-­football schools' academic progress.
in past years, the study has relied sole­
ly on graduation rates.
Developed last year, the
NCAA's academic standards
award APR points based on
how many scholarship student­
team performances meet or exceed
academic standards. A cutoff score of
925 means an estimated 50
percent of those student­ath­
esters are on track.

On paper, the APR figures
suggest bowl schools are doing the best job of graduating football players. Both teams graduated above 50 percent of their
bowl-­football students and at
least 74 percent of African­American football student-ath­
esters.
Two conferences, the Atlantic
Coast Conference and the Big
East, both with conference APR figures below
925, and all the teams within those
conferences were in the top 25 of APR rankings for
bowl-bound teams.
The Pacific 10's five schools for
bowl games lost less than 925.

Tuiasosopo play Sunday

Oakland Raiders quarterback Kerry Collins is sacked by Miami
Dolphins defensive end and Venennie Holloway Nov. 27. Collins
has been sacked 32 times this season for 154 lost yards.

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Seattle Seahawks linebacker Lofa Tatupu celebrates after intercepting a Mike McMahon pass for a touchdown. The Seahawks had six turnovers and three defensive touchdowns in the 42-0 rout of the Eagles.

**Seahawks dominate depleted Eagles**

Associated Press

**PHILADELPHIA —** A cross-country trip to Philadelphia for a Monday night game in the snow hasn't exactly been a formula for success. Then again, these are not the same old Seattle Seahawks.

Using big plays on defense, including interception returns for touchdowns by Andre Dyson and rookie Lofa Tatupu, and smaller ones from their top-ranked offense, the Seahawks routed the Eagles 42-0.

Neither are these the same Eagles who made the championship games. Philadelphia (5-7) has been torn apart by injuries and the Terrell Owens affair and played its worst game since becoming an NFC force in 2001. Certainly a better fight was expected. Yet the Seahawks (10-2) dominated from the outset, winning their eighth straight game, using a team record set in 1984. They gained only 194 yards overall — the Seahawks were averaging 336 — but didn't need to do much after taking a 35-0 halftime lead.

Seattle, which got two short touchdowns runs from NFL rushing leader Shaun Alexander, sort of snooked its way to the top of the conference and barely survived the New York Giants last week. In the Monday night spotlight, though, it played up to the NFC West champions filled the scoreboard.

The only negative came when Dyson, after he returned Ryan Moats' fumble 25 yards for another touchdown on the first play of the second half, sprained his left ankle. Dyson was carried off the field by several teammates.

It was Philadelphia's worst loss since a 38-0 flop against Seattle to open the 1998 season. Indeed, as Dyson scored on his fumble return, the Linc pretty much emptied out. The majority of fans stayed that long only because the Eagles retired Reggie White's No. 92 at halftime.

The Eagles, who had six turnovers, were shut out for the first time since 2003 when Tampa Bay beat them 17-0 in the first game in the new stadium. It was the Eagles' worst home loss since they were beaten 49-0 by Green Bay in 1962.

And, they lost running back Brian Westbrook with a sprained foot. It didn't take along for Seattle's powerful offense to begin the scoring. Well, it actually took more than eight minutes on the opening drive, a relentless march featuring four third-down conversions and 16 plays.

**IN BRIEF**

Clemens unsure if he will continue to play next year

**DALLAS —** Roger Clemens hasn't decided if he will pitch next season, again leaving the Houston Astros in a bind as they plan for 2006.

"Today, he would retire if he had to make the decision," Clemens' agent, Randy Hendricks, said Monday at baseball's winter meetings.

Hendricks added that the seven-time Cy Young Award winner, who hobbled off the mound after only two innings in Game 2 of the World Series against the Chicago White Sox because of a strained left hamstring, probably won't make a decision until late January or early February.

The Astros have until Wednesday night to sign Clemens or offer him salary arbitration. Otherwise, he would not be able to re-sign with them before May 1.

"It's the same situation we were in last year where we were uncertain as to when we would get an answer," Houston general manager Tim Purpura said. "It puts us at somewhat of a disadvantage to build our club."

La Salle basketball player avoids sexual assault charges

**PHILADELPHIA —** Sexual assault charges against former La Salle basketball player Drujo Larkai were dismissed Monday because his attorney, a former member of the women's team, decided not to proceed with the case on the day the trial was to begin.

Larkai, 23, was accused of raping the 19-year-old woman in April 2003. She told authorities she didn't make a report right away because coaches discouraged her from coming forward.

Assistant District Attorney James Carpenter declined to say why the woman decided against taking the matter to trial.

Larkai, a forward who attended school in England before enrolling at La Salle, declined to comment as he left the courthouse after the brief hearing. He had been charged with rape, sexual assault and other related offenses.

29 players earn PGA tour card for 2006 season

**WINTER GARDEN, Fla. —** John Holmes played the best golf, while Bill Haas and Danny Ellis delivered the drama Monday to join 29 others who survived the most grueling week on the PGA Tour to earn their cards for next year.

Holmes became the first player in 22 years to leave college and win the PGA Tour qualifying tournament, closing with a 3-under 69 to win by three shots over Alex Cejka of Germany. It was a magnificent week at Orange County National for Holmes, the former Kentucky star who helped the United States win the Walker Cup this summer. He was the only player to shoot in the 60s all six rounds.

"I'm just glad it's over," said Holmes, who finished at 24-under 408. "I made it pretty easy on myself this week. I just went out there and tried to play 18 holes every day and act like I was playing with my buddies."
Jeff Jackson appears to have settled on Brown. The junior has played in each of the last seven contests, starting six of them. He recorded his fifth career shutout Saturday against the Broncos.

"That's what we need from Browny," O'Neill said. "He's a great goalie."

The Irish fell behind Western 4-1 midway through the second period of Friday's 4-3 loss in Kalamazoo, Mich. Conversely, when Notre Dame was able to get and hold a lead in the second period of Saturday's contest, the Irish went on to win.

"We're not a team that needs to be trying to come back night after night," Jackson said. After going four games without a point, O'Neill burst back on to the scene again against Western Michigan with a goal and an assist. Jackson said he hopes the talented junior can continue his improvement against Minnesota State. The Mavericks, whose school was formerly known as Mankato State, started this season with six straight losses but have since recovered to go 3-3-3 in their last nine contests. They went to overtime in two games against Minnesota.

Deluth this past weekend, losing 4-3 on Friday and earning a 2-2 tie Saturday.

The Irish and Mavericks will also square off Saturday at the Joyce Center. That game begins at 7:05 p.m.

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Paterno and Bowden face off in Orange Bowl

Coaches meet for the first time since 1990 Blockbuster Bowl

Associated Press

MIA M — When their teams last met, Bobby Bowden asked Joe Paterno how much longer he planned to stay in coaching. Sixteen years later, the legends may have that conversation again.

Florida State (8-4) and Penn State (10-1) will meet in the FedEx Orange Bowl at Miami Oct. 3, a game that'll mark a showdown between major college football's two winningest coaches. It's the sixth Bowl Championship Series appearance in eight years for the Seminoles, the first-ever for Paterno's third-ranked Nittany Lions.

And another septuagenarian — Paterno turns 79 later this month, Bowden is 76 — wishes to play a starring role in the Seminoles, the first-ever for Paterno in the BCS, finishing this regular season with a perfect record.

Joe Paterno has won national championships, but the city's mayor warned that the home-and-home series.

Dallas Mayor Laura Miller said she expected an announcement in January. "We won't lose it. We're not going to lose it," Miller said. Since 1979, the rivalry has been played in Dallas, halfway between the campuses in Norman, Okla., and Austin. The stadium is equally divided between burnt orange-clad Texas fans and crimson Sooners and anchors the surrounding State Fair of Texas.

Florida State's reward turned out to be a matchup with another highly touted opponent, a Penn State team that nearly went unbeaten.

"I feel very fortunate for us," said Bowden, whose team fell from the national rankings after losing three straight. "I feel very lucky about it and sometimes I can't hardly believe it."

As it is, three of the biggest names in college football — Paterno; he lost all six meetings with the Nittany Lions, ranked team in the BCS, finishing of Turtle Creek Apartments, Texas State to a 24-17 victory over Penn State in the 1990 Blockbuster Bowl, also at Miami.

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Dallas but was not optimistic. He said he would find it difficult for the city to commit so much money to a stadium that hosts only a handful of games each year.

But Miller told the newspaper that negotiations were "going very well" between Texas and Oklahoma and that she expected an announcement in January. "We won't lose it. We're not going to lose it," Miller said. Since 1979, the rivalry has been played in Dallas, halfway between the campuses in Norman, Okla., and Austin. The stadium is equally divided between burnt orange-clad Texas fans and crimson Sooners and anchors the surrounding State Fair of Texas.

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Cotton Bowl would add more than 16,000 seats and undergo extensive remodeling under a plan unveiled Monday, but the city's mayor warned that the home of the Texas-Oklahoma game must receive new commitments before renovations are approved.

The nearly $50 million proposal would upgrade seats, concession stands, scoreboards and restrooms to the decaying 75-year-old stadium. Seating capacity would increase to 92,100 under the 34-proposal that was to be submitted to the City Council.

Frustrated with the deteriorating facility, athletic directors from Texas and Oklahoma have threatened to exercise an opt-out after 2007 and switch the Red River Rivalry to a future stadium.

Bowie View-Grambling and the AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic are the only other football games the stadium hosts. The city has been trying to lure Texas A&M and Texas Tech to play its annual game at Fair Park.

Before this year's game, Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said he wanted to keep the Texas-Oklahoma game in the early 1970s, and guided Florida State to a 24-17 victory over Penn State in the 1990 Blockbuster Bowl, also at Miami.

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Reuland took an official visit to Notre Dame for the Navy game on Nov. 12. The tight end came away impressed with the game day atmosphere and the passion of the Notre Dame students and fans. The Irish were consistently rated as one of the country’s top players. Rivius.com gives him five stars and ranks him as the top tight end and the No. 42 player overall in the nation. The tight end also receives five stars from Scout.com, who rates Reuland as the No. 2 tight end nationally.

Weiss has secured 22 known verbal commitments, with Reuland, who redshirted this season, likely the biggest addition to an already highly thought of Notre Dame’s competition does have one obvious advantage in the recruitment of an excellent job putting Reuland, though — location. Southern California and UCLA are both a short drive from the tight end’s home in Mission Viejo. Byu Reuland insists he is not afraid to leave the warm weather of Southern California — great weather all the time. But it’s not going to sway my decision either way.”

Reuland is attracted to different aspects of each of his final three schools. The tight end said he knows he would enjoy playing under head coach Pete Carroll at Southern California.

“Reuland was just a great guy to play for.”

UCLA coach Karl Dorrell and his coaching staff have caught Reuland’s attention with the use of their tight ends, particularly senior Marcedes Lewis. Lewis — along with Notre Dame tight end Anthony Fasano — is one of three finalists for the John Mackey Award, which is given to the top tight end in the nation each season. “They’ll definitely have it going from a tight end standpoint,” Reuland said of the Bruins.

one specific aspect of Notre Dame’s program has stood out for Reuland — the head coach himself. The tight end cited Weiss as the main draw to South Bend.

“They’ve shown me a lot of commitment,” Reuland said of the Notre Dame staff. “[Weiss] is doing a really good job recruiting me.”

Like most recruits, Reuland dreams of playing in the NFL after college. Reuland said he is confident Weiss would do an excellent job putting him for the next level.

“That’s something I want to do in the NFL. And Coach Weiss is a great link to the NFL. Reuland said. “He knows how many people. I really feel he could do a real good job of putting me up in the NFL.”

Fasano hosted Reuland on the second night of his official visit to Notre Dame. Reuland said Fasano is exactly the type of tight end he would like to be in college — one who excels in both the passing and running game and definitely like to be a balanced tight end.

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center spotlight as a freshman in 2007 if heavily scouted junior catcher Sean Gaston signs with a Major League team after the current season.

"If (Gaston) signs professionally, then we're talking about having a situation where Ryan Smith will be coming in as a freshman and competing for the starting job with Eddy Mendiola, who we recruited as an infielder and we're converting to the catching position this fall," Mainieri said.

Mainieri said there are serious down sides in having a young team but noted past Irish success in situations like Notre Dame will have in 2007.

"In '99, we started four or five freshmen every day, and that team ended up hosting an NCAA Regional for the first time ever in Notre Dame history," Mainieri said. "In '03, the year after we went to the [College] World Series, we had a lot of turnover again, and we had a lot of young players again that contributed. And we had a tremendous year and went to the Regional at Fullerton.

"We are going to be awfully young, but I still feel confident that we'll be able to maintain playing at a high level."

Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

Mainieri said he expects the 2007 Irish team to utilize heavily the three right-handed pitchers in this year's recruiting class to step up at a nationally competitive level.

Billy Bookford, Steven Mazur and Andrew Scheid all join the Irish as highly touted prospects. Scheid, a 6-foot-7, 200-lb. starting pitcher for Regis Jesuit High School outside of Denver, Colo., enters Notre Dame as one of the nation's top pitching recruits after averaging almost 12 strikeouts per nine innings in his junior campaign at Regis Jesuit.

"Andrew really could have gone to just about any school he wanted to in the country," Mainieri said. "For us to land him was a real major coup.

Mainieri compared Scheid to former Irish star Brad Lidge, another tall right-hander from Denver. He saved a more recent comparison for Bookford, a Glen Ellyn, Ill. native.

"Billy really reminds me a lot of Jeff Samardzija on the mound," Mainieri said. "He's just a real confident, competitive kid that is fearless. I just think he's going to contribute a big way to our program and be a real natural leader to our team.

Mainieri said while Bookford and Scheid bring confidence, Mazur brings fire to the Irish.

"Mazur throws a little bit harder than Scheid," Mainieri said.

"Steven is, I think the best way to describe him is he's a bulldog on the mound. When I watched him pitch, I just saw a guy who attacked the hitters."

Notre Dame feels confident its recruiting class will fill the positions in the daily lineups.

"It was really critical for us to replace position players because on our team in 2006 we could have as many as six seniors in our everyday starting lineup," he said.

"So it was really important for us to bring in some quality position players, particularly in the outfield.

The Irish signed four outfielders in the class, including two speedy lefthies.

David Mills, a versatile 5-foot-10 player from Battle Creek, Mich., and 5-foot-7 Michael Wright of Lockhart, Texas give Notre Dame a dimension of basepath speed it has been lacking in previous years.

"We brought in two little speed guys, which I felt that we were in badly need of some speed into our program," Mainieri said. "Both (Mills and Wright) are the prototypical left-handed spray hitter that can really run.

The power hitter of the outfielders is Austin Pearce of Lake Oswego, Ore. The 6-foot-2, 210-lb. switch hitter has the most explosive bat of the 10 Irish signees, Mainieri said.

"He's another kid that's just full of a lot of enthusiasm, and he can really hit," Mainieri said.

Other Irish signees were heavy-hitting outfielder Brayden Ellyn, 111., native.

Mainieri said while his contingent is a "little bit more unpolished", the Irish are "rebuilding" and will see next August.

Mainieri compared this year's signing class to future Irish World Series teams of Jeff Samardzija and Scott Podsednik.

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"This class may rank as high as any in the overall enthusiasm in the players," Mainieri said.

"All of the kids are very outgoing personalities that are tremendously thrilled about being at Notre Dame. ... We couldn't be more pleased with the group that we finally signed and will see next August."

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**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Dealing with situations will be different and best left until a later data. If possible, you won't get the satisfaction you are looking for through work or business communications. Focus on the lifestyle the best you can.

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FOOTBALL RECruITING

Notre Dame hot on tight end Reuland’s recruiting trail

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis has made national waves while leading Notre Dame to a BCS bowl bid. And Mission Viejo, Calif. tight end Konrad Reuland, one of the nation’s top recruits, has taken notice.

"(Weis) has turned a program around in a year from an average team to a powerhouse team," Reuland said in a phone interview with The Observer Monday night. "With just the way he carries himself, his self-confidence, it just seems like you know and he knows that he’s going to get it done."

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Reuland said he has developed a close relationship with Weis and special teams coach Brian Polian, the Notre Dame assistant in charge of recruiting Reuland. The two Irish coaches visited Reuland at his home on Nov. 27.

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HOCKEY

Changing the pace

Irish travel to Minnesota State tonight for pivotal road contest after streak-snapping win over Western Michigan

By CHRIS KHOREY
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Notre Dame’s routine is to practice all week and play Friday and Saturday games. But the Irish will be jolted from their routine by today’s trip to Mankato, Minn., for a game against Minnesota State.

The Irish last played Saturday in a 3-0 win over Western Michigan at the Joyce Center. The three-day turnaround between contests is the fastest of the season.

Notre Dame heads into its game against the Mavericks riding a 17-game road winless streak that dates back to last season.

Irish defenseman Wes O’Neill said he is actually excited to play a midweek game as a change of pace.

"It’s back to the junior [level] days where you played every other day," he said. "It’s a little tough during exams, but we prepare all year for weeks like this."

Every player on the Irish roster played junior-level hockey before coming to South Bend. Most competed in the United States Hockey League, while three player — right wing Michael Barielietz, left wing Josh Seiba and left wing Tim Wallace — played for the U.S. Under-18 National Team.

Minnesota State, which plays in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA), will be the first non-conference game for the Irish since Princeton on Oct. 29. Notre Dame is 4-9-1 this season and 3-6-1 in the CCHA.

After rotating goalies junior Dave Brown and freshman Jordan Pearce early in the season, Irish head coach Randy 'Moose' St. Croix is planning to stick with his starter, junior Tim Wallace.

"Tim’s got a lot of experience and he’s been the best one," St. Croix said.

The Irish, who were 0-5-1 in their previous six games, swept a pair of games against Western Michigan last weekend.

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BASEBALL RECruITING

Irish ink ten recruits during signing period

By KEN FOWLER
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Paul Mainieri know he needed a top-flight recruiting class.

With eight seniors on the 2005-06 squad and the possibility of multiple juniors being drafted after this season, the 11th-year Irish head coach had to retool Notre Dame’s position and pitching with a strong incoming class.

"It’s a tremendous challenge for us this year because we have such an inordinately large senior class," Mainieri said. "We feel that there’s a chance that we could lose two to three of our junior class also, so that’s a big group to replace in one year."

His coaching staff delivered, nabbing top prospects from California to Connecticut and Michigan to Maryland.

"We feel like we have a great recruiting class," Mainieri said. "Our coaching staff, [especially] Terry Rooney, the recruiting coordinator, and Cliff Godwin, our new assistant coach, ... the effort that they put in is where the credit is due for the success of this recruiting class."

The Irish signed ten players to scholarships during the signing period, and Mainieri said Notre Dame’s most important pickup was Wikey Ryan Smith, Smith, a 6-foot-2 catcher from Waldorf, Md., who will be thrust into the

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Irish distance runner Stephanie Madiia, right, strides alongside competitors during the Meyo Invitational on Feb. 4, 2005.