

## **St. ANA Dedication and NSL Open House**

At the beginning of November, members of the Nuclear Science Laboratory and the Notre Dame community attended the dedication of the new Stable beam Accelerator for Nuclear Astrophysics (St. ANA). The event included an introduction from the director, Michael Wiescher, and a blessing and prayer from Father Jenkins. Attendees were able to tour the laboratory and new accelerator tower during the reception that followed.

The following Saturday, the NSL held an open house from 10-1 prior to the home football game at ND. Perhaps inspired by the football team's success, many visitors were on campus that day, and the open house tours had to be extended almost 2 hours due to overwhelming demand by the public. Over 550 people toured the NSL facilities. Each tour began with a 10 minute introduction to the history and purpose of the lab, followed by a 30 minute walking tour. At peak times, visitors were waiting in a line that stretched out into the hallway.



*Above: Prof. Wiescher delivers the opening address at the dedication.*

*Below: The conference room filling as people wait for an introduction to the lab.*



*Multiple tours occurred simultaneously during the open house.*



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