Speaker:  Quinn Culver  
        University of Notre Dame  

        Monday, October 22, 2012  
        4:15 PM  
        231 Hayes-Healy Hall  

Title:  The Recursion Theorem  

Abstract:  

Behold ye! I am the self-referentialator,  
Empowering would-be quine creators.  
Proof simplificator, mystificator.  
I am the virus propagator.  

The vanguard of the supreme trick logical,  
The point-fixer of all functions computable.  
Lean upon me for intelligence artificial,  
And as a bulwark against escapes diagonal.  

I, too, charge you that you make preparation  
To be worthy to meet me, by your demonstration  
(In any language) of a computation  
That begets its own configuration.  

Though a fine messenger Q. might be,  
This lecture stems from me, is of me.  
Nay! I'm not Gödel, Turing nor Kleene,  
Though each I love, *patres mihi*.  