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Candidates introduce themselves in serious debates

By JASON McFARLEY
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With the exception of a few periods of laughter, a 90-minute student body president candidates' debate Wednesday night was marked by serious discussion of issues and goals.

The format of the annual event allowed each ticket about 12 total minutes for introducing itself and its platform, answering panel questions and presenting closing statements. The debate was students' first chance to formally meet the candidates before the primary election Monday.

In general, five tickets' remarks were met with polite applause from the audience of about 50 inside the Hesburgh Library auditorium. Running mates Chris Zimmerman and Andy Nelson, however, drew the biggest reactions from the crowd.

Several times a sarcastic audience laughed openly at the sophomore Fisher Hall residents, whose platform calls for dissolving the Student Senate and Campus Life Council (CLC). The men said they plan to

assign Senate and CLC duties to the Hall Presidents Council.

Asked about the feasibility of the Senate voting to dissolve itself, Zimmerman said, "Senators will do what's best for the student body. It's not like they're voting themselves off the island and can't come back." The reference to the popular television show "Survivor" attracted laughter and applause.

At another point, Nelson, encouraging renovations to the LaFortune Student Center, called the center's current conditions "pretty piss-poor," a comment also met with audience chuckles.

The five other tickets, Maureen Gottlieb and Victoria Fetterman, Demetra Smith and Yogeld Andre, Brooke Norton and Brian Moscona, Holt Zeidler and Allison Henisey and Ryan Becker and Nikki McCord, triggered less of a reaction from the audience.

After discussing their platforms, these five campaigns received respectful applause from an otherwise indifferent audience.

But some tickets drew attention to themselves based on their issues.

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Yogeld Andre
vice presidential candidate



MOLLY WALSH/The Observer

Vice presidential candidate Brian Moscona addressed students gathered for Wednesday night's Meet the Candidates debate at Library Auditorium as his presidential running mate, Brooke Norton, looks on.

The Smith-Andre ticket, for example, focused on social justice issues in addition to more common campaign promises, such as cable in residence halls, that characterized other candidates' platforms.

"We need to expand our

vision beyond issues that affect students immediately," Andre said.

During the panel portion of the debate — which allowed campus media representatives to ask candidates a series of three questions over a three-

minute period — Observer reporter Laura Rompf targeted the section of the Norton-Moscona platform that proposes bringing hip-hop and rap artists to the University to

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African-American candidates embrace role model status

Editor's Note: This is the fourth of a five-part series examining different issues in this year's student body election.

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

In March 1970, when Dave Krashna won the Notre Dame student body presidential election, he set a precedent in two ways.

Krashna won a majority of votes in every hall and shattered all previous records — capturing 63.6 percent of the vote, with the next ticket winning only 28 percent.

Perhaps more importantly, Krashna was the first African-American to be elected student body president. Krashna paved the way for minorities in Notre Dame student government, and this year, two tickets include African-American vice presidential candidates.

Vice presidential candidate Yogeld Andre, who is running with Demetra Smith, said it is important for everyone, not just minorities, to get involved in student government. When he decided to run for office, he did not think about the fact he was a minority, but simply wanted to serve the community.

However, Andre said he does understand that he will be a role model for current minority students on campus, as well as incoming freshman.

"I think it will be important to show incoming minority students that a minority is student body vice president," Andre said. "A lot think it is all Irish and Catholic here, and I would be able to show them that you can get more involved and make this more of your home if you choose to."

Vice presidential candidate Nikki McCord, who is running with Ryan Becker, said she knows the office holds a lot of responsibility. "I would feel honored [to be vice president]," McCord said. "I know that there are issues that separate us, but I want to look beyond those ... I hope I can serve as a visible symbol that Notre Dame is an accepting community that is open to new ideas and experiences."

McCord said relationships she has developed with Multicultural Student Programs and Services director Iris Outlaw and assistant director Kevin Huie, and also the bond she has with Father Malloy's assistant Chandra Johnson, will be beneficial in fulfilling the Becker/McCord campaign promises.

"From being in a close relationship with

these individuals, I will be more aware of what students want from the University on the student government/administration level," McCord said. "I would work with them to implement those ideas."

Andre, who is from New York but was born in Haiti, said his diverse background will be beneficial when serving as student body president.

"I've always been able to experience different cultures, and I try to embrace everyone," he said. "I thinking coming from a different background will help bring new issues forward."

Despite the fact that Andre has not been in Notre Dame student government, he sees being vice president as an extension of activities in which he has already participated.

"For someone who's always been involved in student government, you see it as a natural progression [to run for student body president]," Andre said. "But both Demetra and I, who have always been active in our communities, we see this as a way to get involved ... I thought this was a

good way to serve the student body in a way I haven't before."

McCord said she is not running simply because she is a black female, rather she also wants to serve the Notre Dame community. However, McCord does have a pride for her ethnicity.

"I've always identified myself first as a black female. I think it is important to have your identity and know who you are," she said. "After I figured out who I was, I knew I could do anything at this University I wanted to. I have the same opportunities as any student here."

McCord said she learned Notre Dame is an accepting community when dealing with racial issues when she ran for freshman class council.

"When I won, I knew I was part of the Notre Dame community, and that people looked at me as Nikki McCord, and not a black female," McCord said. "There has never been a day when I didn't want to be a black female — that's who I am, and who I want to be."

"After I figured out who I was, I knew I could do anything at this University I wanted to."

Nikki McCord
vice presidential candidate

INSIDE COLUMN

Go, theo, go.

I change majors more than I change my away message. But now, I have to pick one and stick to one — and pray that I can survive one.

I entered college thinking that I was going to be some masterful Biology major. A true pre-med all the way. Then, about halfway into my freshman year it occurred to me. I hate plants. Not just hate, I detest them. In one semester, I had already reached my chloroplast tolerance. I could take no more.

I began to dread everything that had pistils and I yearned to be filament free. I was overcome with the fear of becoming a labrat, and that fear became a reality when a dining hall experience left me with fully dissected piece of celery.

How could I be a bio major if I didn't enjoy plants? I looked at the requirements. I couldn't. Would I ever really need to know all those basic microscopic plant parts? As a doctor I wouldn't be performing surgery on Elodea leaves — unless some kid ingested them.

So, I changed majors. On my way to bio I noticed all the little white lab coats hanging in a row. How fun to wear one of those everyday! Maybe chemistry was for me. That lasted about three weeks. No way, no how. Not only did it involve more time in a lab, but also time spent with chemicals that had the ability to burn my hand off. I know people are probably saying, "Man, what type of a doctor will this kid be?" But, I assure you, I deal a lot better with people than petrol. It's just not my bag, baby. I can wait four more years to wear the white lab coat.

I skipped math and engineering all together. Like many other students, the reputation alone scared me. I had enough physics, graphing and compasses to last me a lifetime just by looking at the artwork on the lawn in front of the building.

Finally, after reading a book on medical school admissions, I realized that I didn't need to have some grand technical undergraduate major to be a doctor. I could major in whatever my little heart desired. It became an issue of what I enjoy, and what I would enjoy learning more about. That made it easy: Theology. Two more years of theology classes sounded really appealing to me, more so than political science, even more than music!

This change doesn't mean that I won't be taking premed courses. But there will be no more plants for this chickadee, I hope. And the more I think about it, the more I believe that theology is the perfect major for me entering the medical profession. We need religion in medicine. I will need religion in my practice. Jesus is the ultimate partner.

I can picture my office now. I see the big desk, I see my lab coat with my own name on it. My medical school diploma will be on the wall, but more prominently displayed will be the crucifix. The diploma will be there to show people where I got my medical education, but the crucifix will be there to show why.

Now, I love talking about my major. But even more, I love seeing people's reaction when I answer the question, "What are you going to do with a religious studies major?"

"Easy," I answer. "I'm going to medical school."

And with my partner in my heart, anything is possible.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Lecture: Antonia Castaneda: "Lullabies, History, and Memory," 4 p.m., McKenna Hall	◆ Performance: "Guys and Dolls," tickets available at LaFortune, 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall	◆ Film: "Dancer in the Dark," 9:45 p.m., The Snite	◆ Misa en Espanol: 1:30 p.m., Zahm Hall
◆ Movie: "Autumn in New York," 10:30 p.m., DeBartolo 155	◆ Event: "Sophomore Literary Festival - C.K. Williams," 8 to 10 p.m., LaFortune Ballroom	◆ Concert: "Matthew West in Concert," 10 p.m., Recker's	◆ Workshop: Poetry Workshop, 2 p.m., Notre Dame Room, LaFortune
		◆ Event: Sophomore Parent's Weekend, Saint Mary's	◆ Event: Sophomore Parent's Weekend, Saint Mary's

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Study paints picture of today's college student

Compiled from U-Wire reports

PROVIDENCE
Students are more liberal yet more politically disinterested, care more about affluence and less about status, have made modest strides toward closing the technological gender gap and are less likely to smoke or drink, according to the findings of the 2000 CIRP Freshman Survey, conducted by University of California-Los Angeles' Higher Education Research Institute.

These trends were based on the responses of 269,413 students at 434 institutions of higher learning.

The survey found that more entering freshmen than ever — 78 percent, compared with 68 percent last year — reported using a computer frequently in the past year.

Meanwhile, students are more politically disinterested than ever before.

UCLA

Only 28.1 percent of entering college students said they keep up to date with political happenings, compared with over 60 percent in the late 1960s.

"Students feel political issues are not relative to their own lives," said Linda Sax, director of the survey. "They feel politics is too cynical and there's not much they can do about it."

At the same time, more students identified themselves as being "far left" or "liberal," with 27.7 percent doing so as compared to 26 percent in 1999. This translated into greater support for socially liberal ideas such as marijuana legalization and opposition to the death penalty, where support was sharply up to 31.2 percent, compared with less than 25 percent two years ago.

"It's one of those issues students may have picked up on," Sax said.

Another ideological trend was the growing acceptance and support of gay rights, with a record-high 56 percent of incoming students supporting same-sex marriages. Sax said this number was higher than national results, though the trend is present in adult surveys also.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Four students die in 8-day span

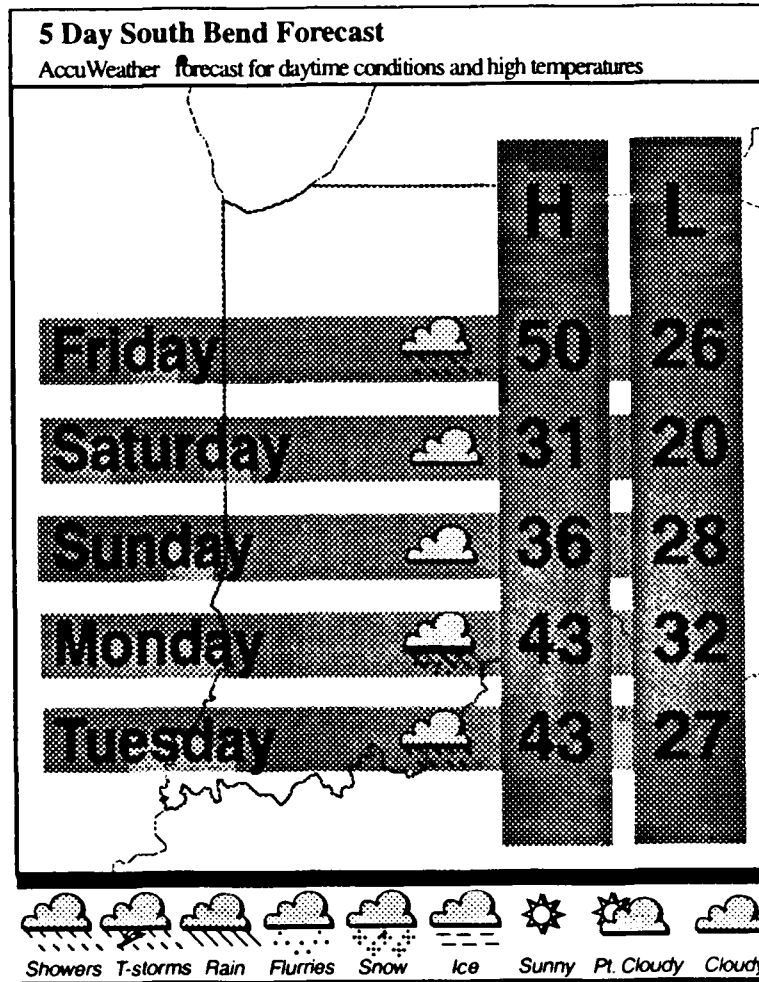
Purdue University sophomore Travis Simpson was found dead Saturday in his off-campus apartment. The cause of his death is not clear, but police said they do not suspect foul play. Simpson's is the latest in a string of unrelated student deaths. During the an eight day span, four Purdue students have died. Matt Cahill and Jacob Cushman were killed Jan. 26 in a car crash in Grant County. Less than a week earlier, Laura Williams was found dead in her apartment in a case that remains under investigation. Police said the deaths are not related to each other, but also noted that it's strangeness to have that many deaths in that short a time. Lt. Jason Dombkowski of the West Lafayette Police Department said he couldn't remember the last time several University students died at nearly the same time. "It's very rare," he said. "I've never seen that many deaths in such a short time in the campus area. I have seen some concern from Purdue students and certainly some shock."

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

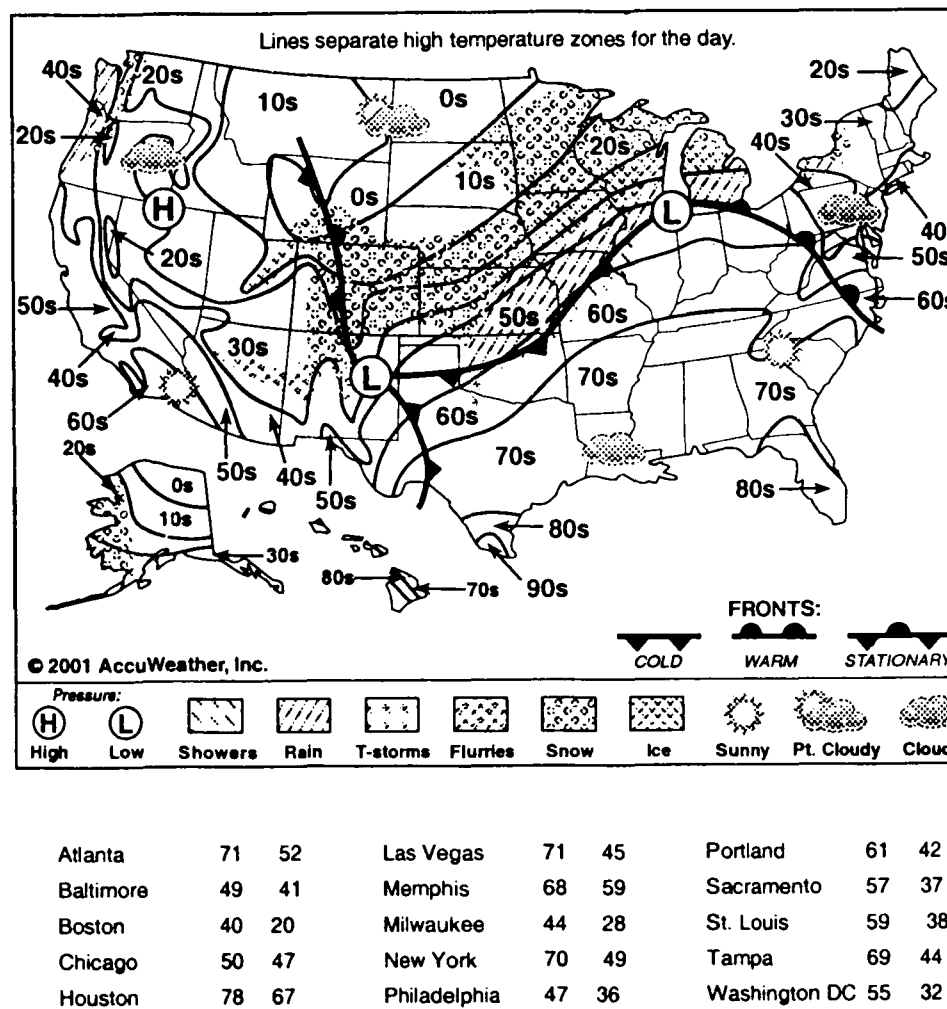
Professor Gore gives first lecture

Dressed as a professor in khakis and a sweater, former Vice President Al Gore strode past dozens of members of the local and national media Tuesday and into the Journalism building to teach his first class as a visiting professor at Columbia University's School of Journalism. "I'm excited about it," a smiling Gore told the throng of onlookers who had gathered to see him on campus for the first time since he campaigned here last October. Gore accepted a position in late January as a visiting professor, agreeing to teach between six and eight lectures as part of a class on national news reporting. Gore's class consists of about 60 students from the School of Journalism, the School of International and Public Affairs, and Columbia College. "I had a great time," Gore said afterwards. "The students are terrific and the questions were fantastic, and I really enjoyed it. I thought it was a very interesting time. I hope they had a good time; I certainly did." While on campus, Gore also attended a meeting with members of the Institute for Child and Family Policy, where he will act as a visiting scholar.

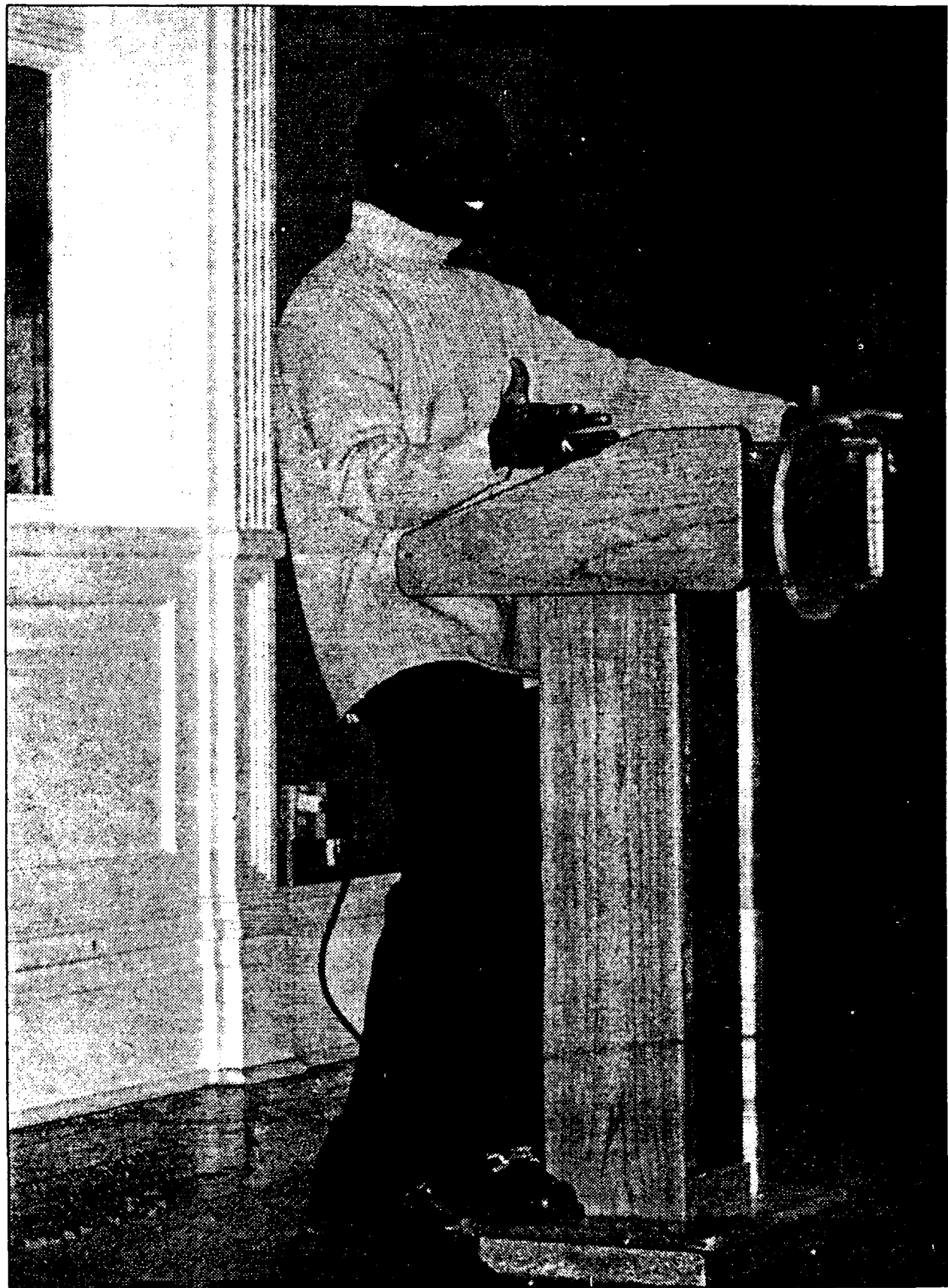
LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Amistad actor speaks about social pressures on children



Derrick Ashong addressed students about his experience living in a variety of places while he grew up, including New York and Saudi Arabia. These different homes showed him the inconsistency of peer pressures and the importance of remaining true to yourself.

MOLLY WALSH/The Observer

By COURTNEY BOYLE
News Writer

Derrick Ashong, an African American who starred in *Amistad*, spoke to students about the social pressures kids face in a Black History Month lecture Wednesday.

Moving from place to place while growing up, Ashong discovered what was cool in New York was not cool in Saudi Arabia. Moving in and out of the United States, Ashong had to learn to adapt to what was termed as cool in the society where he was living.

"I was always the outsider," Ashong said. "As soon as we went to a certain place and I figured out what was to be cool we picked it up and moved to another place. Different societies have different views."

What it means to "be cool" is an issue kids have to face in today's society.

"While kids will say that being cool means being yourself, people will just say it because it has a nice ring to it," Ashong said.

He believes, however, being cool usually has a lot less to do with people as individuals, but more to do with a certain society and what its expectations are.

During Ashong's high school days he realized he did not fit into any of the defined groups of Americans, British or the Arabians.

It was at this time that he realized he needed to be who he was.

"I don't fit into any of the groups solely — let me not worry about fitting into these groups, let me just be who I am," said Ashong.

"The idea that I would be my own person had a profound impact on my life."

When Ashong returned to the United States to finish high school, he realized that he would not fit in because he had a different background than the closely-knit group of students at his high school.

As he perused college opportunities Ashong decided to apply to Harvard.

"I applied to prove to everyone. I couldn't understand why anyone would look at me and decide I was less qualified. Brown was my safety school," Ashong said.

Ashong again faced the challenge of fitting in when no one in his high school thought he could get in to schools such as Harvard and Brown.

"I put on the face of confidence to the world," Ashong said. "I was completely thrown in a loop because the people in my high school didn't think I was smart enough to get into Harvard. The fact that anyone in my high school told me I wasn't smart enough was mind boggling."

In December of his senior year, Ashong received an early action letter from Harvard welcoming him to the campus.

It was at this time that he really wasn't sure if he would make it to being a student at Harvard.

"I went to freshman weekend to see what it was all about," he said.

The fall of 1993 was a trying time for him, once again struggling to fit into a new society and to "be cool." The reactions from students were baffling to him.

Because he was too short for basketball and too skinny for football, other students reasoned he must be on campus because of affirmative action.

"I remember feeling so bad because I thought I'd proven myself and that I deserved to be there," Ashong said.

Ashong did prove himself by receiving the Harvard Foundation Award for outstanding contributions to intercultural and race relations and the Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Award for Outstanding undergraduate work, the highest award for undergraduate thesis.

"I'm not going to worry about what people think of me, I'm going to do what I think is right," Ashong said. "At every juncture of me growing up, had I done what society had expected of me I would not have gone very far. It is not just about how you walk, talk, and dress."

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Success Conference opens campus to 8th grade leaders

By LAUREN BECK
News Writer

In an effort to strengthen ties between the Notre Dame and South Bend community, student government hosted 170 local eighth graders on Wednesday.

Students from five area schools participated in Notre Dame's First Annual Keys to Success Conference, a workshop designed to offer younger students an opportunity to interact with college students.

"Students here expressed an interest in reaching out to the community and making younger students feel more a part of Notre Dame," said student body vice president Brooke Norton. "Our goal is to welcome them into our community and to share our knowledge with them but also to learn from them."

The program focused on developing academic and leadership skills by allowing eighth graders to vocalize their opinions and to reflect on the college students' experiences.

The day began with small groups of eighth graders discussing academic success, leadership, communication and peer pressure.

Notre Dame students learned as much from the eighth graders as the eighth graders learned from the Notre Dame students, according to Group Leader Carolina Reams.

"I found it interesting to hear the kids' perspectives," she said. "I feel nervous for them because high school and the issues it presents can be tough to deal with — they seemed very intelligent and knew what they wanted to do with their lives."

Following a panel of college and local high

school students, the eighth graders wrote letters summarizing the program's values and how they planned to apply them later in life.

The letters were collected and will be returned to eighth graders at the end of the school year.

"The workshop taught me ways to avoid drugs and alcohol. We discussed choosing positive role models and planning for college and careers," said Zach Marks, an eighth grader at Clay Middle School. "These are not big issues for me now, but they will be in the future."

Sophomore Son Nguyen who coordinated Keys to Success hopes the lessons the students learned Wednesday will not be quickly forgotten.

He plans to implement more interaction between Notre Dame and the middle schoolers in the future to reinforce the values of the conference.

"It's hard to reach kids in just one day," Nguyen said. "We're trying to institute an after-school program in which we visit with the students or tutor them."

Lanina Cobb-Thompson, a counselor at Dickinson Middle School, said the workshop and further interaction will benefit the students greatly.

"I believe the students will return to the classroom with knowledge of how to interact with people with whom they're not familiar and discuss your differences," she said.

Most participants from Notre Dame and the middle schools found the Keys to Success Program worthwhile.

"I learned to set my goals high," Edison student James Douglas said. "And to never stop trying to achieve them."



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Notre Dame student government hosted 170 eighth graders from five area schools for a workshop to promote interaction with college students and leadership skills.

Debate

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speak about diversity issues.

Rompf asked if the so-called "hip-hop conference" was potentially offensive to African-American students and if University administrators would allow controversial rap figures to speak or perform on campus.

Norton said the idea springs from an idea begun at Harvard University, but she ran out of time before clearly addressing the potential controversy.

Later, Norton and Moscona responded to concerns that they were neglecting their current responsibilities while running the presidential campaign. Norton is student body vice president, and Moscona is sophomore class president.

"It's been very tiring, but we're not neglecting any of our duties," Moscona said.

The Gottlieb-Fetterman and Zeidler-Henisey tickets also faced scrutiny.

Gottlieb and Fetterman, both sophomores, dodged allegations that their platform revolves around women's issues, calling the attention given to their gender "misplaced focus."

"Our ideas aren't benefiting one gender over the other," Fetterman said.

Zeidler and Henisey were questioned about the feasibility of their proposed addition of a bowling alley to the Alumni-Senior Club.

Henisey said talks with Notre Dame administrators have yielded positive feedback about the idea.

"I think everyone would agree there's a need for more social space," Henisey said. "Revamping Senior Bar brings one component of off-campus life to campus."

The Judicial Council sponsored the Wednesday debate. If Monday's primary election results in the need for a run-

off election, a debate between the two leading tickets is scheduled for Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. The run-off election would follow on Thursday.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Aristide set for inauguration:

Stringing plastic Haitian flags above the shacks for the inauguration on Wednesday, Feb. 7, Jean-Jaques Nardy says he believes Aristide will fulfill the promise to better people's lives. "Everybody here is for Aristide," said Nardy of this shantytown, dubbed Village of Peace because criminals are driven out. "He didn't have enough time in office before to do anything. This time will be different."

Risk of disease minimal: Canadian authorities said chances of a disease outbreak were minimal after a Congolese woman arrived in Canada and fell ill with symptoms seen in hemorrhagic viruses, including Ebola. The 32-year-old woman, who has not been identified, was admitted to a Hamilton hospital on Sunday.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Mayor arrested for assault: Miami Mayor Joe Carollo was arrested Wednesday and accused of hitting his wife in the head with a teapot. Maria Ledon Carollo suffered a golf ball-size lump and bruise on the side of her head, according to police. Carollo was charged with battery.

Crash caused by misread signal:

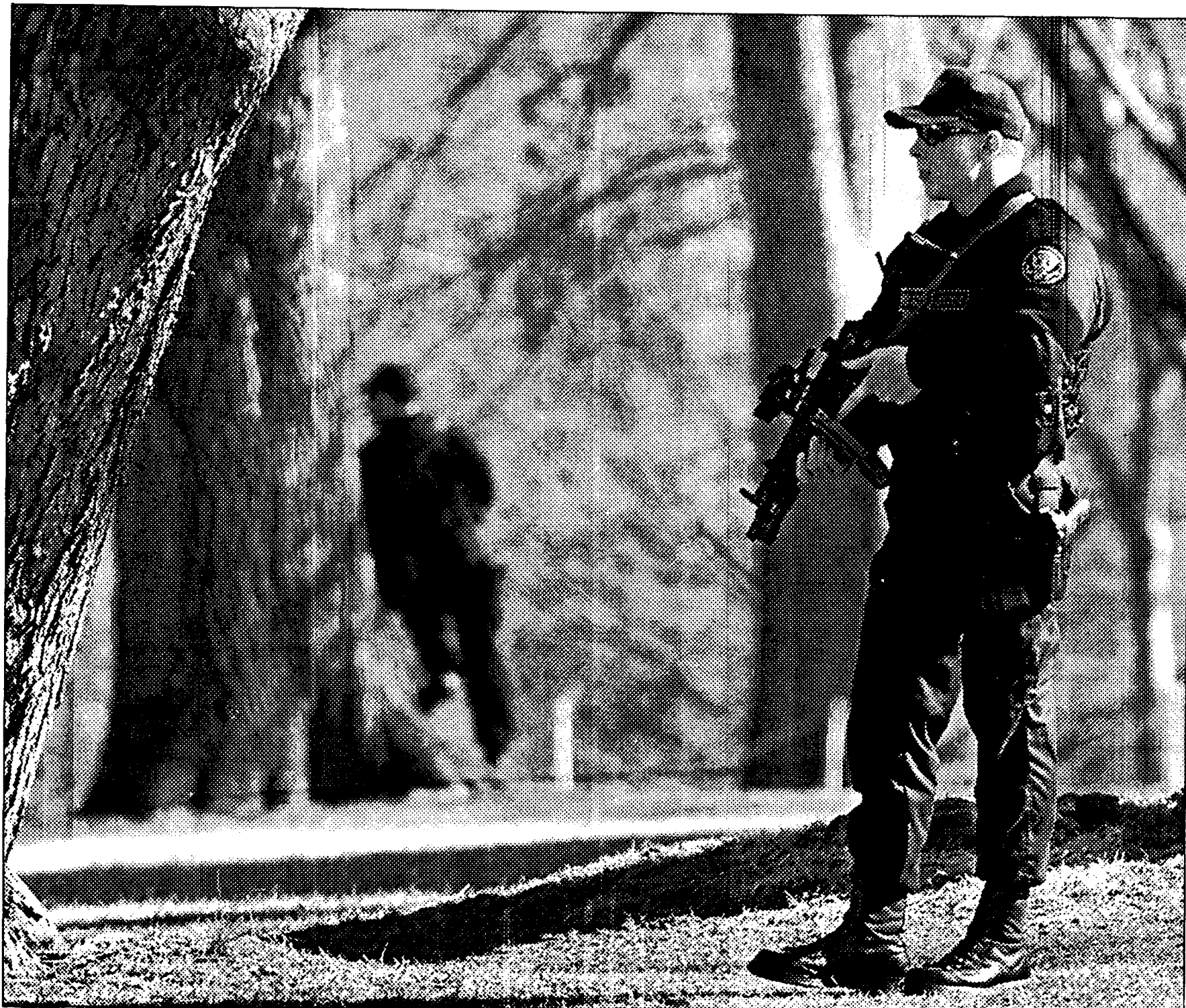
The engineer of an Amtrak train that overtook and ran into a freight train on the same track apparently misread a signal that warned of an obstacle ahead, a safety official said. That was just one of several factors that appeared to have contributed to the collision Monday that injured 61 people, said Russ Quimby of the National Transportation Safety Board.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Miss USA to be crowned in mall:

When Miss USA 2001 is crowned next month, she will hold court over her coronation ball in an unlikely venue: A shopping mall. Miss USA officials announced Tuesday that they have chosen Hobart's Southlake Mall to host the March 2 post-pageant bash, just hours after stores have closed for the day.

Two dead in fire: A woman and her 3-year-old daughter were missing and presumed dead Tuesday after a fire destroyed a Noble County house that officials said was a hangout for a motorcycle gang.



AFP Photo

White House security combs the property after an Indiana man fired shots at the Pennsylvania Avenue residence Wednesday.

Gunman prompts security concerns

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The White House is, at once, the symbol of an open, unafraid nation and a wary fortress separated by iron bars and concrete slabs from the bustle of everyday America.

When he was outside campaigning to get in, President Bush spoke of how dispiriting it was that episodes of violence should have restricted people's access to the people's house. He promised to look into it if elected.

He was inside Wednesday when a gunman reminded everyone why concrete barriers with tired plants on top were set up in the first place.

Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House has been closed to traffic since the aftermath of the 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

That was the last straw for security officials who had dealt with a variety of lesser dangers outside the Executive Mansion.

The planters, along with panels that swing up from the pavement, seal off what had been a six-lane thoroughfare. Guardhouses monitor pedestrian traffic, which is still allowed.

The wounding of a gunman Wednesday by the Secret Service happened out back, on a sidewalk bordering the great fenced expanse of the South Lawn.

The incident could play a role in what happens, if anything, with security around the White House.

Bush, pushed by his Republican Party, which put a call for reopening Pennsylvania Avenue in its platform, said during his presidential campaign he would discuss it with the Secret Service.

The service, sworn to protect the president, likes concrete.

"The Secret Service wants zero risk in an open society," said Eleanor Holmes Norton, the District of Columbia's congressional delegate. "They can't get it. And if they do get it, this is no longer an open society."

A senior Bush aide, speaking on condition of

anonymity, said advisers who reviewed the Secret Service's case were inclined even before Wednesday to recommend that the president keep the street closed to cars and trucks.

The latest episode "elevates the concern that always exists in a free culture, free society that someone will go in the wrong direction," said Attorney General John Ashcroft Wednesday night.

A few hours after crouching behind his car around the corner from the gunman, Jim McDaniel, the National Park Service's liaison to the White House, reflected on how the place has become a nexus for the nation's best and worst dreams.

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ZIMBABWE

Kabila promises peace to nation

Associated Press

KINSHASA

In a sprawling mansion protected by North Korean tanks and heavily armed Zimbabwean soldiers, with a waiting room full of sleepy guards, President Joseph Kabila said Wednesday he was ready for peace.

The new leader has promised to work closely with the United Nations to implement an often-violated 1999 cease-fire agreement. However, he

said Congo would not be "held hostage" by the deal.

In tone, he was smoother and more diplomatic than his father, slain President Laurent Kabila, but his arguments were largely the same. The former president regularly pledged to bring peace to Congo — as long as his enemies withdrew first.

Already head of the army, Joseph Kabila was quickly chosen as president after his father was gunned down Jan. 16 by one of his bodyguards. The rea-

son for the killing has not been explained.

Little is known about the new leader — but many here and abroad have expressed hope that the sudden power shift represents a new opportunity for peace in the Central African nation.

Kabila said in Wednesday's interview that he wanted U.N. peacekeepers to deploy in Congo soon, but insisted there could be no peace without the withdrawal of "occupying" forces from African countries.

ND Faculty earn noteworthy awards, scholarships

Special to The Observer

♦ Fabian Udoh, assistant professor in the Program of Liberal Studies, has received a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship from the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem.

Udoh will receive a \$30,000 award for a project entitled, "To Caesar What is Caesar's: Tribute and Taxes in Early Roman Palestine," a comprehensive and detailed study of taxation in Jewish Palestine from 63 B.C. to 70 C.E.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1998, Udoh holds a philosophy degree from the Institut de Philosophie in Kinshasa, Zaire, and a theology degree from Pontificia Universitas Gregoriana in Rome. He earned his master of philosophy degree in New Testament and Jewish history in 1989 from Oxford University and earned his doctorate in 1996 from Duke University.

♦ Michael Pressley, professor of psychology and the Notre Dame Chair in Catholic Education, has received the 2000 Oscar Causey Award from the National Reading Conference. The Causey Award is the highest honor presented to reading researchers in the United States.

An internationally recognized expert on educational and developmental psychologies, Pressley is particularly interested in issues pertaining to learning and

instruction. His recent research includes studies of the characteristics of effective reading instruction and of how high school and college students confront and accomplish the academic demands placed on them.

In addition to this teaching and research in the Department of Psychology, Pressley is director of the Master of Arts in Teaching Program of Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives and editor of the Journal of Educational Psychology. He is the author of "Reading Instruction that Works: The Case for Balanced Teaching" and the coauthor of "The Good First Grade."

Pressley joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1997 after previously teaching at the University of Western Ontario, the University of Maryland and the State University of New York at Albany. He earned his bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and his doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

♦ The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has selected Donald Crafton, chair and professor of film, television and theatre at Notre Dame, as one of its two inaugural Academy Film Scholars.

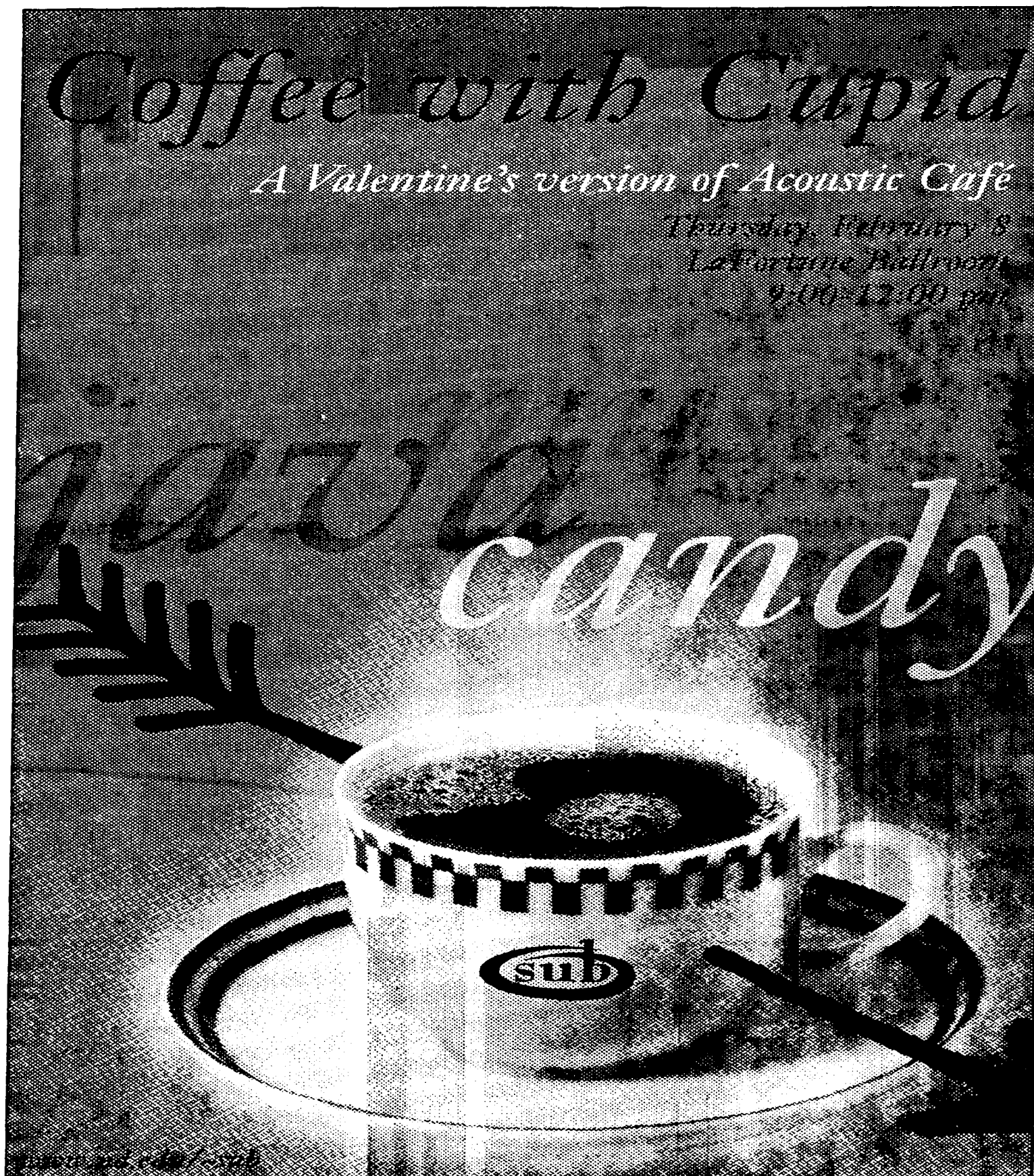
Crafton and Tino Balio from the University of Wisconsin each will receive a \$25,000 grant from the academy based upon their proposals for new scholarly works. Only established scholars, writers, historians and researchers with a sig-

nificant record of achievement were considered for the grants.

Crafton's grant will support his work on an analysis of animated

cartoon shorts from about 1928-39 in order to "reveal the important social relevance underlying these superficially insignificant

productions," he said. The study is titled "Shadow of a Mouse: Animation and American Culture in the 1930s."



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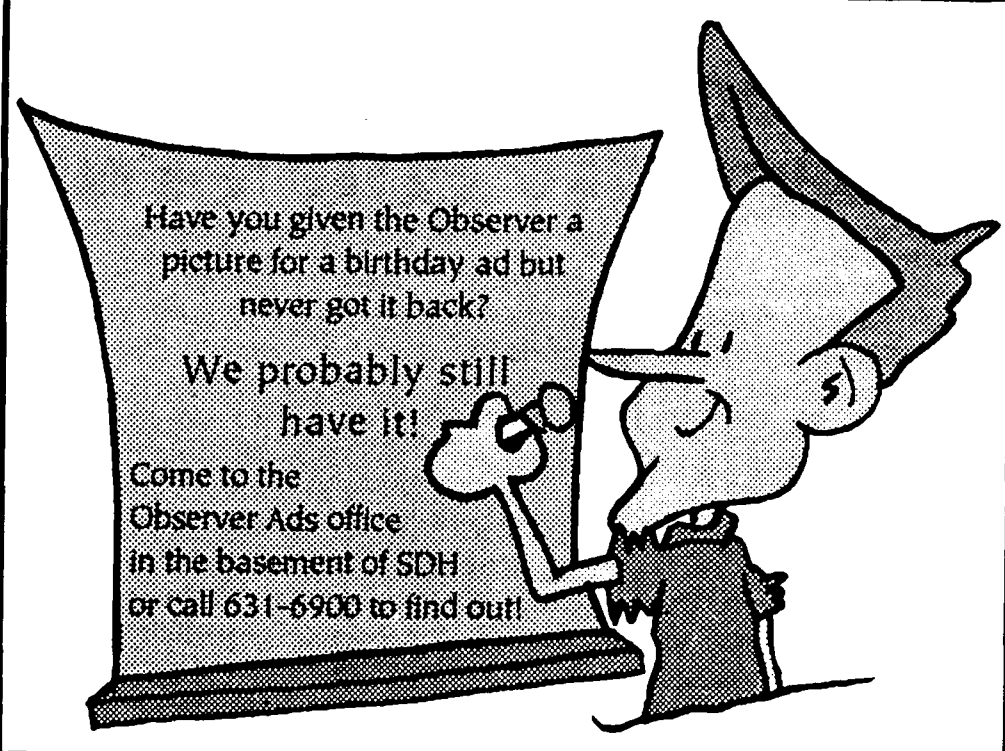
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STUDENT SENATE

Return of lost study day hopeless, calendar blamed

By FINN PRESSLY
Senior Staff Writer

Citing time constraints and lack of flexibility in the academic council, the Academic Council has refused to give

further consideration to a Student Senate proposal to add the customary fourth study day to the Fall 2001 exam schedule.

O'Neill senator Bill Ferreira reported to the senate that upon meeting with the under-

graduate subcommittee of the Academic Council, efforts to add an additional study day to this fall's calendar would have to be abandoned.

"It's not Notre Dame's fault. It's just the way the calendar falls," he said. "While they did

not feel we had bad ideas ... they felt we didn't have enough time to change the final exam schedule."

Starting the year a week earlier would mean bringing resident assistants, professor, and other campus personnel back to campus abnormally early, he said.

Adding extra days at the end of break, meanwhile, would flirt dangerously close to the Christmas travel season, resulting in possible headaches for students and professors flying home.

The Senate approved a letter to the Academic Council stressing the need for consistency in the number of study days from year to year.

"They felt we didn't have enough time to change the final exam schedule."

**Bill Ferreira
O'Neill senator**

"There was mixed reviews on the Domer Fest," she said. "A lot of students think it was a good idea, and a lot offered suggestions of how to improve it."

◆ Pasquerilla West senator Audra Hagan reminded senators of official protocol regarding the election of senators who plan on going abroad. Senators who plan on going abroad must run individually – that is, students going abroad for different semesters may not run as one ticket.

"If you know you're going abroad, that's fine, but then your dorm will just have to have a new election when you leave

[campus]," she said.

◆ Alumni senator Jeff Stuffings announced his resignation from the senate, due to a time conflict.

"Going into this, I heard some good things and bad things about the Senate," he said, "and leaving, I only have good things to say."

Stuffings will be replaced by sophomore Matt LaFratta.

Wednesday's meeting was also the last for Fisher senator Dan Barrabas.

Elections for a new Fisher Hall senator will be held in the near future.

In other Senate News:

◆ Lewis senator Luciana Reali presented information gathered by the Gender Relations regarding Freshman Orientation activities. She said future input might come in the form of small, student-led groups, rather than information reported directly from the students to the administration.

Reali highlighted student reaction to Domer Fest, the successor to the now defunct Graffiti Dance.

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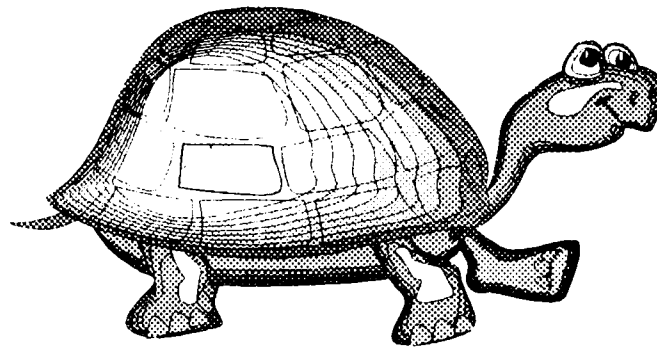
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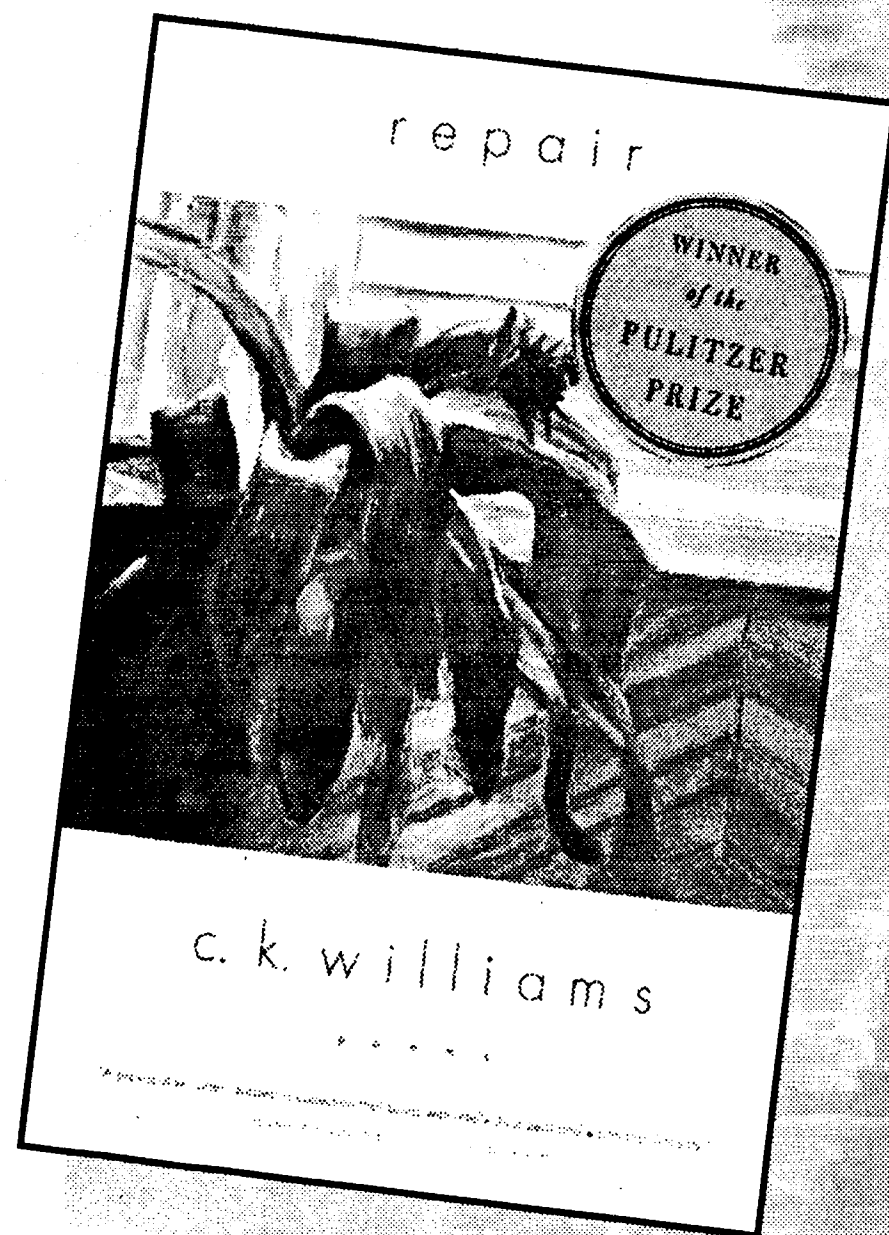
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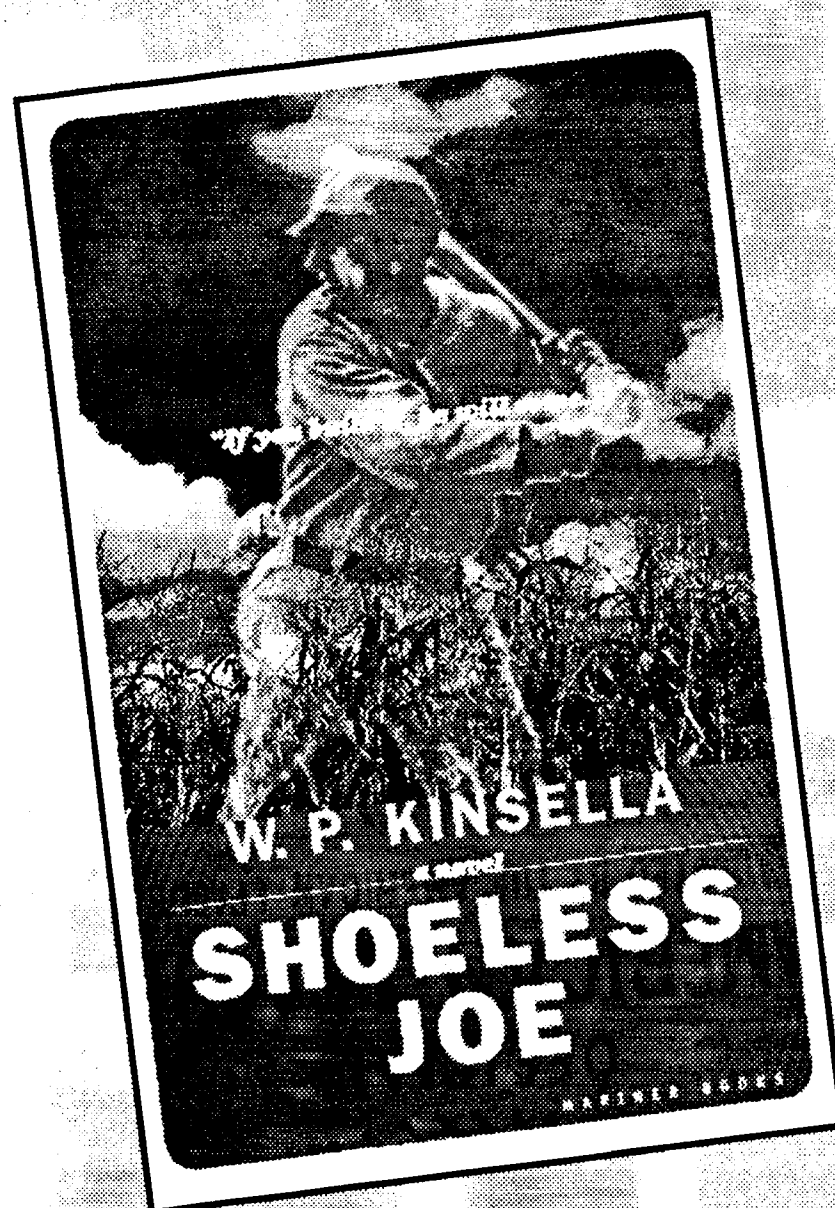
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'Blessing Unto Others' hosts speakers from orphanage

By EMILY ORR
News Writer

Kaleen Sanner and Mark Farrell spoke about their experiences in the Hogar San Jose in Talagante, Chile on the third night of the "Blessing Unto Others" program. Sanner, a senior at Notre Dame, and Farrell, a second year law student, recounted their time at the orphanage with a mixture of emotions.

Sanner and Farrell began their presentation with a short video clip and passed out prayer cards. They asked the community to pray for the children in the orphanage.

"There are many things you can do, even here on campus," said Farrell. "Just say a prayer

for this child."

Farrell and Sanner both stressed the culture of violence that pervaded the early lives of the orphans.

Farrell recounted a story in which three brothers were brought to the orphanage after witnessing their mother murder their father.

Farrell emphasized that "despite the challenges, these kids live such a blessed life." Sanner added, "despite their violent pasts and even their current lives in the orphanages,

these are genuinely happy children."

Farrell and Sanner also each spoke about many of their personal experiences in the Hogar.

"Working in Chile was the most difficult month of my

life," said Farrell. "Those kids are just starved for attention."

He went on to describe the state of the orphanage, telling of rampant cases of head lice, fleas in the beds and no running water. He also spoke of the "Domingo Primero," or First Sunday, when relatives come to visit.

Farrell told a story of how a mother of one of the children lived in the area, yet never once stopped in to see her child.

However, he went on to say that, "despite the emotional garbage, they are the happiest kids. You will feel blessed by your experience with them."

The lack of private and personal space and the few items of personal property surprised Sanner.

Upon meeting these disadvantaged children she "immediately felt enveloped by love."

She continued the sentiment by commenting that the



MOLLY WARD/The Observer

Notre Dame students Mark Farrell and Kaleen Sanner discussed Hogar San Jose, an orphanage, in Talagante, Chile during the third night of the "Blessing Unto Others" series.

kids she lived and worked with "live every moment."

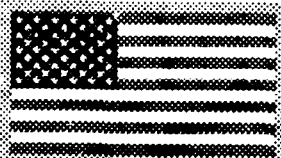
"They have nothing and give everything," she said.

Farrell emphasized that although you don't have to go to Chile to do good work, "it's

our call to be blessings unto others."

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at weekend Masses.

The target for this year's inaugural campaign is a pair of Holy Cross orphanages in Chile --
the Hogar Santa Cruz and the Hogar San Jose.

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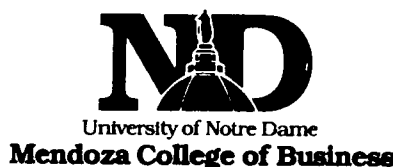
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UCLA feminist scholar to visit Saint Mary's

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Associate News Editor

Renowned feminist scholar and philosopher of science Sandra Harding will be welcomed by the Saint Mary's community as its visiting scholar in residence beginning today.

Sponsored by the women's studies, philosophy, chemistry, physics and biology departments as well as the Center for Academic Innovation, students and faculty from all disciplines have been looking forward to Harding's visit, said Phyllis Kaminski, associate professor of religious studies and coordinator of the Women's Studies department.

"One of the really exciting things about Sandra Harding's visit is to see the broad range of faculty and students who have expressed interest in her visit," said Kaminski.

Currently, Harding is a professor of education and women's studies in the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA. She is also a faculty affiliate of the UCLA Center for the Study of Women.

Besides visiting women's studies, philosophy and biology classes to interact with students, Harding will give a lecture tonight entitled "How

Women in Science Benefit Science" at 7:30 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

She will also speak at a women's studies colloquium entitled "Does Science foster Democracy? Gender and Global Issues" at noon on Friday in Haggar Parlor. In addition, Harding will meet with chemistry majors on Friday.

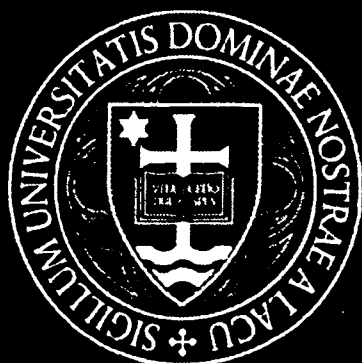
Much of Harding's work has examined how science benefits from women in the field and how it helps to advance the cause of women. Kaminski said Harding's visit will help further the cooperation between various disciplines at Saint Mary's.

"Her [Harding's] visit is part of an effort to broaden the understanding of women's studies among the College community, especially to strengthen the links between science and women's studies," said Kaminski. "We're very excited to have someone of her stature here."

Among Harding's books are "Decentering the Center: Philosophy for a Multicultural, Postcolonial and Feminist World", "Is Science Multicultural? Post-colonialisms, Feminisms and Epistemologies" and "The 'Racial' Economy of Science: Toward a Democratic Future (Race, Gender, and Science)."

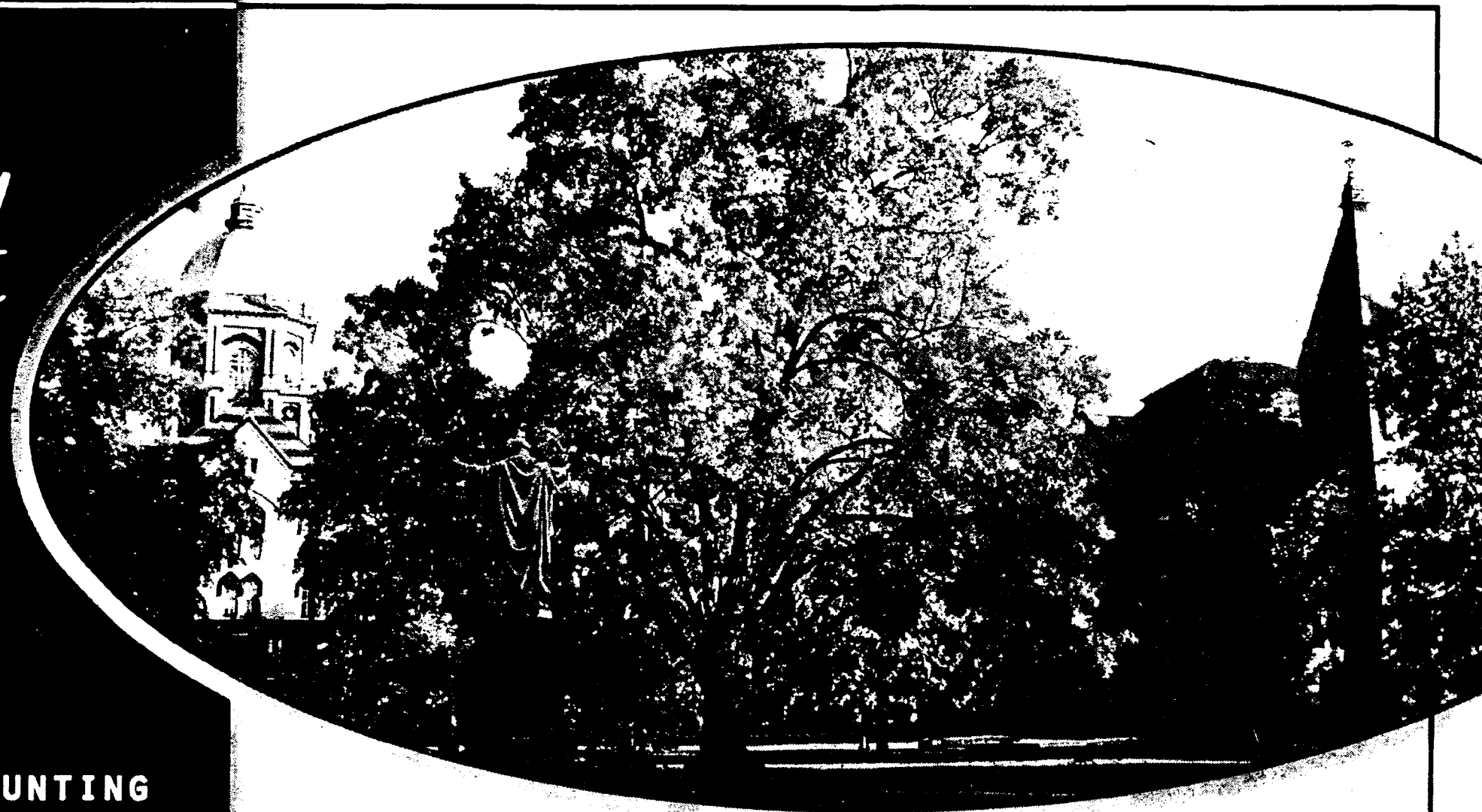
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Observer endorses Becker/McCord

The most effective student body president and vice president should attack both broad issues of student life and address the everyday concerns of students on campus. The ticket of Ryan Becker and Nikki McCord combines these two aspects most effectively and should be elected as the 2001-2002 student body president and vice president.

The bottom line is that Becker/McCord make sense. Through broad but ambitious plans, Becker/McCord are ready to tackle the issues that will affect the student body directly. More importantly, the ticket understands the role, capabilities and limitations of student government. You won't find unrealistic plans like Grab 'n' Go in DeBartolo or an all-campus formal on this platform — instead, you'll find plans that work.

Becker/McCord make sense throughout their student government careers. Becker is the senator who brought a mailbox to LaFortune and cereal to Grab 'n' Go. Despite being student government "insiders," they have fresh ideas and an enthusiasm that moves beyond the tired and redundant platform ideas of competing "insider" tickets.

Proposing "The Shirt" for basketball, a shuttle to Movies 14 and lowering bookstore prices, Becker/McCord are in tune with the little differences that student government can make to change student life. And they're not afraid to do it. "No one has ever tried," Becker said. "Everyone has complained about it, everyone has moaned about it but no one has ever tried anything."

But the little differences are just the springboard for the Becker/McCord campaign — they're ready to attack the bigger issues as well. As experienced student senators, they have

already built relationships with administrators and understand how to get things done. And their ideas are truly innovative.

Becker/McCord hit both sides of the coin on the alcohol issue, offering more programming options for non-drinkers while revamping the SafeRide program. The plan for SafeRide is so practical and easy to implement it's amazing that it has never been tried before. Planning to drive to social hotspots like Turtle Creek, Lafayette and other off-campus party scenes, the proposed SafeRide program won't just sit around and wait for calls — it will go to the intoxicated students and give them a ride home. This simple yet effective plan will finally make SafeRide an effective, viable option for students.

Becker/McCord also bring a new perspective to diversity at Notre Dame. Rather than focusing

on more multicultural programs at Notre Dame, Becker/McCord want to find out why majority student attendance at the current programs is so low and work to increase attendance at these events. Becker/McCord aren't naive enough to think they can solve the problem overnight — but they show the courage to find new solutions to old problems.

The only weakness of the Becker/McCord ticket could be their ambition. Their 22-page platform addresses programs ranging from an intramural, on-campus baseball field to encouraging more free speech on campus. The greatest challenge they will face in their administration is prioritizing this daunting platform.

But with their experience, enthusiasm and new practical solutions to everyday problems, Becker/McCord are clearly the choice for Notre Dame on Monday.

The Observer Editorial

You too can be a rock star

We all have different academic interests, but whether we study Arabic or Anthropology, English or Engineering, follow our intellectual calling or prostitute ourselves to the College of Business (you know who you are), when it comes right down to it, we all want to be rock stars. Well, maybe not rock stars, but music stars.

We want to perform at the Super Bowl, trash hotel rooms, fade into obscurity and die alone. Why? Because everyone likes music and music stars feed our hunger for melody and rhythm, actually get paid for doing it and get a little sumpin' sumpin' on the side, you-know-what-I'm-sayin'? Well, now all our dreams can come true. I've come across some want ads for the music industry, covering almost all genres. Keep reading to find the perfect job for your musical interest.

Career track #1: Rap

Position: Auxiliary rapper for major rap star. Behind every Snoop Dogg or Jay Z, there are several guys who went to high school with him and now live in his guest house. Now you can be one of those guys, Shorty.

Qualifications: Must be able to simultaneously wave hand in the air and shout "wah, wah, yeeah."

May also on occasion need to repeat

the last word of any phrase the rapper may speak. Should be able to lift heavy objects, such as the rapper's belongings and ego. Must be generally able to 'represent.' Inferiority complex a plus. Women are encouraged to apply; every posse needs a ho or two.

Career track #2: Pop

Position: Singer/dancer for new boy band. Think the pop world is saturated with effeminate performers? So do we, but luckily adolescent girls aren't very bright.

Qualifications: Must be willing to stand in the background while one or two other members do the actual singing. Must have enough self-esteem to appear to be an actual musician when you know you are little more than a childhood Star Search reject. Talent optional. Those who can sing in more than one key need not apply.

Position: Teenage female pop star

Qualifications: Good enough looks to distract fans from your inability to perform live. No shame necessary. Training and breast implants provided.

Career track #3: Latin

Position: Latino 'supastar.' The Latin heat may have been cooling off, but a fresh face like you could be the next hot

tamale! Qualifications: Must be able to exploit cultural heritage for a buck and reduce the entire Spanish language to the word corazón. Ambiguous sexual orientation a plus; tight bon bon a must.

Career track #4: Rock

Position: Rock star. Looking for young musicians for a band that will be idolized for its artistic integrity and political relevance, then eventually sell out and produce countless disappointing albums. Must be able to play instrument and/or sing while high on four out of the top five leading recreational drugs. Pretension helpful. Leather jackets, sunglasses and complete separation from reality provided.

And it goes on from there. Other jobs included the ritalin-deprived punk drummer, the shameless Eddie Vedder imitator and Lionel Ritchie. So if you're ready to rock, if you think you have what it takes to either burnout by 20 or perform until no one cares, e-mail your resume to soon2B@hasbeen.com. As for me, I think I'll just become a supermodel.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I have a sweet tooth for song and music. This is my Polish sin."

Pope John Paul II

Instant aggravation over messaging

BOSTON, Mass.

We need to have a serious discussion about Instant Messenger. The other day somebody named Cooliodog881 started talking to me while I was online. This was a problem because, first, as a general rule I don't talk to people who refer to themselves as "dog;" and second, because he was using phrases like "brb," "lol," "ttyl" and "jk." In my opinion, if one-syllable words are too complicated for you to type, then you need to stop IMing and concentrate on more important skills — like shoe tying and swallowing. And if you are one of the few people who IMs more than you talk to people, then you need to stop and examine your life, and question whether or not you have a problem (hint: if you IM your roommate across the room, then you need to buy a Rubik's cube and lock yourself in a bathroom stall).

Grant Myers

*The Daily Free
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People who use IM are separated into three primary groups:

- 1) People with too many friends
- 2) People with no friends
- 3) Big fat hairy guys over 50 who claim to be cute little girls named Suzy.

Actually, the people with too many friends don't have nearly as many friends as they think. As a matter of fact, they don't have any friends. There's a simple equation that demonstrates this principle: Number of people in your buddy list equals the number of friends you don't have. The thing is, they don't realize that when they IM somebody and that person writes back and says, "I'm sorry, I can't talk now, the cat is on fire," what that person is really trying to say is "Leave me alone, because I hate you." However, nobody ever catches on to those subtle hints (trust me, this one guy reported me to the ASPCA because my cat was so prone to spontaneous combustion when he IM'd me).

Of course, people with no friends are even worse, because they are even more desperate to talk to somebody. I'm sure this has happened to you: you're online watching a hilarious video of a wombat mauling a tourist, when all of a sudden you get an IM from somebody saying, "I read your profile and I also live in Boston." Of course, in reality this person lives nowhere near Boston, let alone North America (and in all honesty, you'd be lucky if the person isn't presently residing in an institution with the words "correctional facility" in the title). I got so sick of random people trying to talk to me that I changed my profile information to stuff I thought nobody would ever be interested in.

For example:

Name: maybe

Age: donkey
Location: shaft
Interests: drinking ketchup, looking at a wall, alphabet

Sadly, even more random people began IMing me, which is really scary because I never want to meet someone who is interested in drinking ketchup (And if I really wanted to, I'd just go hang out at Emerson).

However, if IM is a disease, then those little smiley faces made out of colons are horrible-monkey-spread-ear-bleeding epidemics. Nobody really talks to me online; they just send me a stream of faces that are supposed to represent their response.

Somebody had to come up with these things, which makes me think to myself, "I sure would like to meet that person; then shove his beloved colon key right up his cyber geek nose." But don't take my word for it — look at this conversation that I had with my idiot friend:

ME: How are you?

IDIOT FRIEND: :)

ME: How's school?

IDIOT: :(

ME: How's your love life?

IDIOT: ;)

ME: Wow, you are an idiot.

IDIOT: :P

ME: I can't believe society has given you the tools of mass communication and all you can do is hit the colon key.

IDIOT: :0

ME: People like you shouldn't be allowed to breed.

I've been laboring intensively for months now trying to develop a little face that is giving the finger, but sadly my efforts to date have been in vain. My attempts at a little barfing face have also come up short.

Then again, there are more important things to worry about when IMing. Has this happened to you: It's vacation and you are IMing with a buddy from school, and you say something like, "wow, that drunken orgy last semester sure was great, wasn't it?" Then it turns out that he was on a computer at his church and the priest was there and all of a sudden he's going to hell, when in reality that jerk who started making the smiley faces ought to be going there. If that hasn't happened to you yet, then watch out. Also, watch out for people named "dog."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take a stand and sit in

We are writing to inform all interested persons that there will be a silent sit-in in Le Mans Hall beginning at noon this Friday, Feb. 9, to protest the censorship of the Vagina Monologues on Saint Mary's campus. We believe our silence will be a testament to the way in which certain students at Saint Mary's were and are being silenced.

We in no way are supporting or denouncing the Monologues, but instead are concerned only with the fact that a dramatic production has been censored. Opinions vary on the relevance of the production, however a unifying theme emerges — our freedom of speech is being threatened. By refusing to allow the "Vagina Monologues" on our campus this year, the Administration has censored a dramatic production. When one form of artistic expression is muted, the path for further censorship is made smooth. All interested students, faculty and staff are invited.

Cara Frank

Le Mans Hall

Jenn Wagner

Regina Hall

February 7, 2001

Academic freedom of students impaired

My disappointment with the response of Provost Nathan Hatch to the Faculty Senate's questions about the academic freedom of students has a very simple basis. Both the "Mission Statement of the University of Notre Dame," and Article III, section 2 of the Academic Articles of this University (see "Faculty Handbook," 2000-01) guarantee the academic freedom of the University's students.

Such guarantees appear nowhere in du Lac, and the University's current practices in hearing complaints that student organizations have "contravened the moral teaching of the Catholic Church" afford no consideration to the principle that students come to Notre Dame to engage in Socratic questioning of the foundations of their religious belief. To suggest that such learning can go on only within the classroom is to suggest that such questioning is nothing but a sterile academic exercise.

The Provost reminded the Faculty Senate that opinion research indicates Notre Dame students value their residence life experiences at Notre Dame more highly than they value their academic experience. Rectors remind faculty that Residence Halls provide a haven in the heartless world of academic challenges. Undergraduate education at Notre Dame takes place in a house divided against itself. That's enough disappointment for one night.

Edward Manier

philosophy professor

February 7, 2001

All the best to you, Conor

Conor, since the day we, your fellow students, friends and participants of the Washington, D.C. Spring Semester Studies Program, met you we knew you were full of promise, compassion, knowledge and strength, someone that everyone in the program wanted to know and share time with. We quickly found out that you were as optimistic, idealistic and passionate as your hero and idol Robert Kennedy. In fact, it was apparent very early in our relationship that just like Bobby preached, you did not see things as they are and say "why?" You dreamed things that never were and said "why not?"

Who else would on the first day of class make such an impression on his peers that they would sincerely believe he could be president of the United States some day, as you professed was your aspiration? Who else has the ability to raise the level of discussion in and outside of the classroom in such a way that others felt inspired to literally take notes of what that person is saying? Who else has the ability to provoke feelings of pride and passion in his fellow students, just as you did when you played the part of a Civil War general attempting to rally his troops?

The answer is simple: Only you, Conor. Only you could have had such a profound and deep impact on fellow students and friends. And because of this, just as we felt when you were first taken away from us, there is a deep sense of void upon your departure. We are writing to tell you that we miss you.

Your smile, your wit and your thoughts were precious gifts. If only we could be playing a game of Hearts together this semester, too. How we would delight to see you literally eat the scorecard of your opponent when you were defeated! If only we could hear you defend the right to life of the unborn like you did one day after class? What joy it would give us to see the passion in your eyes and to hear the distraught tone of your

voice. If only we could share a drink with you at Nanny O'Briens or Murphy's, two of our favorite Irish pubs in Washington, D.C. How happy we would be to share another with you when we arrived back to the apartment. If only we had these things and more, we could tell you how your intellect, ambition and strong will affected us all.

Your time on earth was too short, but just as the Biblical passage at your funeral said: The age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Instead, it is measured by one's understanding and faith. Thus, the value of your life was immeasurable and in a short time you reached the fullness of a long career.

In the depth of your own despair, you were our rock in a sea full of crashing waves, as you were for so many others. In our teleconferences with you it was difficult for us to communicate to you just how much we were pulling for you and praying that your condition improved. However, our own efforts were futile. When you said you and God were going to beat your cancer, we believed you. And beat it you did. Never did your faith waver. Never did you forget who you were and where you came from. Never did you forget your friends from the Washington, D.C. program. For this, we thank you.

God bless you, Conor. You will live in us always. Heaven certainly is a better place because you are there, as we are better people for knowing you.

Kevin Dunn

Members of the '00 Washington, D.C. Spring Program

February 7, 2001

Movies 2000: the

With the Oscar nominations just around the corner, Scene's movie

Scene Staff Report

Julia Roberts wore a push-up bra, Adam Sandler's "Little Nicky" bombed, and Wolverine gave Cyclops the finger. So who wants to argue that it's been a bad year for movies? From the personal and reflective "Almost Famous" to the mythic and imaginative "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," 2000 brought audiences a spectrum of cinematic delight. In the following feature, Movie Scene critics Matt Nania, Casey K. McCluskey, Matt Caccamo, Jude Seymour, Chris Sikorski, Liam Dacey, John Donnelly, Jeff Irish and Bill Fusz give their nominations for the year's best and brightest.

Best Picture

Ah, the most sought-after trophy in all of Hollywood. Come Feb. 13, Oscar will have narrowed down the competition to a group of five lucky films. While heavyweights such as "Gladiator" and "Traffic" are expected to receive nominations, the three remaining slots are up for grabs. Who deserves it most? According to Sikorski, Fusz and Nania, it's the martial arts epic "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." With its incredible and joyous fight sequences, emotional storyline and vast scope, "Tiger" transcended its genre at every turn. The film's raw energy resulted in an emotional impact unlike any film offered all year.

Standing in striking contrast is Cameron Crowe's autobiographical, rock 'n roll coming-of-age story "Almost Famous," a film more worthy of the crown, say critics McCluskey and Donnelly. An excellent film about growing up in the world of '70s rock journalism, "Famous" was an absolute pleasure. It can be watched endlessly, which is perhaps a tribute to Crowe's interesting adolescent journey.

"Wonder Boys," the Michael Douglas-starring comic drama about a one-hit wonder author struggling to complete his second novel, is Dacey's choice for Best Picture. Although it came out last winter, the scene critic still remembers laughing and feeling the effects of the film's oddly poignant proceedings. Along with a great soundtrack, "Boys" was both captivating and compelling.

Caccamo and Irish agree with the majority of the nation's critics in choosing "Traffic" as the year's most relevant and controversial picture. Delving into the complex issue of drugs in America and its relation to the growing international drug trade, the film effectively questioned the nation's "war on drugs" using a style and approach unique to Hollywood filmmaking.

ing.

But perhaps these guys have got it all wrong. Forget "Crouching Tiger's" fight sequences and disregard the sentimentality of "Almost Famous." The summer's biggest surprise, the claymation comedy "Chicken Run," is the real winner, says Seymour. It took two years to complete. Each team worked a day to create 2.5 seconds of film. The teams were not only responsible for each object in the scene but also each character's mouth movements. All the attention to detail and the great patience needed to complete such a project finally paid off in an engaging and charming story the whole family could enjoy.

Best Actor

Hotly contested year after year, the Best Actor category produced diverse nominations from Scene's critics (with the exception of McCluskey, who felt no performance deserved the title). While Caccamo and Irish praise Tom Hanks' strong performance in the stranded-on-a-deserted-island-drama "Cast Away," Sikorski claims Geoffrey Rush's portrayal of sexual predator Marquis de Sade was the main success of "Quills."

While Hanks single-handedly made his film moving and important, Ralph Fiennes had to play three roles in the historical and epic "Sunshine." Fiennes played each generation with a fascinating sense of originality, putting forth the best effort of the year, says Seymour.

Michael Douglas' performance in "Wonder Boys," though, is Dacey's choice. Douglas' portrayal of a struggling professor in the midst of a dark personal reflection was striking. Also, his interaction with co-star Tobey Maguire captured an interesting parallel between young and old.

Not only was "Crouching Tiger" Fusz's pick for Best Picture, but he also feels it contained the year's best performance. Chow Yun Fat's superb martial arts talents combined with his restrained take on a legendary warrior contributed significantly to the film's success.

Perhaps the most underrated actor working today, John Cusack gave audiences a comedic and romantic tour-de-force in the music-infused "High Fidelity." Donnelly says, because Cusack acts like an everyman in each role he plays, it was easy to empathize with his character's heart-broken reflections on life and love.

Cusack's underrated-ness can be matched by Billy Crudup's namelessness. Appearing in three films in 2000, Crudup managed to catch critical attention in

Crowe's "Famous," but, claims Nania, his brilliant performance in "Waking the Dead" was largely overlooked. In an emotional ghost story about one man's obsession with his long-dead girlfriend, Crudup expertly conveyed the dynamic feelings of fear, pain and longing.

Best Actress

This category is infamous for consisting of at least three actresses from foreign efforts, a fact that Hollywood should consider when it chooses which scripts to greenlight. Last year, though, offered audiences many excellent female performances (although Dacey felt no actress was impressive, thus not giving a nomination). Chief among them, Caccamo and Seymour feel, is Joan Allen. Perhaps overlooked during awards season because of the critically divergent views on her film, "The Contender," Allen powerfully portrayed a senator's struggle against a politically motivated smear campaign. Allen has been a great supporting actress for years and was finally given a shot at leading a movie towards success (or failure, as some conservatives felt the film lapsed into political bias).

Another performance was also given props by more than one of Scene's critics: Zhang Ziyi, for her portrayal of the headstrong adolescent princess torn between love, duty and wanderlust in "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." Sikorski, Donnelly and Irish admire Ziyi's mind-blowing combat abilities as well as her skilled dramatic range, which was essential to the film's success. Similarly, Michelle Yeoh's depiction of an older female warrior in "Tiger" won over Fusz to receive his nomination.

Lending credit to the theory that 2000 offered actresses many powerful roles, McCluskey is torn between Juliette Binoche's lovely performance in the pleasing "Chocolat" and Ellen Burstyn's forceful turn as a drug-addicted mother in "Requiem for a Dream." Whereas Binoche added charm to the tale of a traditional town changed by a store's sultry chocolate candies, Burstyn compelled audiences to confront the tragic effects of drug-hysteria.

Nania's choice for Best Actress goes to Laura Linney for her understated, affecting role as a mother and sister in the touching and authentic "You Can Count On Me." Unlike a lot of this year's great female performances, Linney had to stay subtle yet still make us believe in her character, however flawed she may be.

Note that none of Scene's critics gave a nod to Julia Roberts for her supposedly great performance in "Erin Brockovich." While many critic groups and awards shows have named hers the best female performance of the year, Scene's critics were smart enough to know better.

Best Supporting Actor

Leading the pack in this category is Benicio Del Toro. Best known for his incoherent role in "The Usual Suspects," Del Toro burst onto the screen in "Traffic," playing a Mexican drug enforcement officer torn between his duty and his morality. He has received numerous accolades from critics groups and snagged the Golden Globe away from some tough competition. Four of Scene's critics agree with the outcome. Fusz, McCluskey, Donnelly and Caccamo singled out Del Toro because, in a film with at least two other great male performances (Don Cheadle and Michael Douglas, who Irish feels deserves the



"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" received several language film is expected to garner numerous

honor), he stood out. Indeed, Del Toro showed off his bilingual skills in a truly bilingual film, showing that he is an up-and-coming star in Hollywood and beyond.

Joaquin Phoenix, perhaps 2000's hardest working actor, appeared in three impressive films: the box-office giant "Gladiator," "Quills" and the family crime drama "The Yards." It was his turn as a ruthless, neurotic Caesar in the sword and sandals epic that won over both Sikorski and Dacey. Instead of one-dimensional vil-



Benicio Del Toro has been leading the supporting actor race for his role in "Traffic."



Photo courtesy of Touchstone Pictures

In "High Fidelity," John Cusack gives an award-worthy performance as Rob Gordon, a record store owner contemplating his past relationships.

best of the best

critics offer their choices for Best Picture, Best Director and more



Photo courtesy of Sony Pictures Classics

11 nominations from Scene's critics. The four accolades at this year's Oscar ceremony.

cranking out performances like this with each successive performance, he's due to win big someday.

As captivating as Del Toro was in "Traffic," and while Phoenix's extensive range was startling, it is Mark Ruffalo's touching and heartfelt performance as Laura Linney's brother in "You Can Count On Me" that ultimately deserves the prize. Says Nania, not only does Ruffalo bear a striking resemblance to a young Marlon Brando, but he also displays that great actor's brooding intensity and methodic determination.

Best Supporting Actress

Zhang Ziyi received two nominations from Scene's critics in the Best Actress category. But Fusz and Seymour argue that her role was slightly less substantial, and thus consider it a supporting part. They feel she added tension to "Crouching Tiger" by being, all at once, ignorant of tradition and ungrateful of those who try to help her reach her potential.

Irish and Sikorski, however, deem Catherine Zeta-Jones (aka Mrs. Douglas) the winner. As the wife of an incarcerated drug lord in "Traffic," she undergoes a drastic transformation from a dependent upper-class suburban housewife to a woman ferociously determined to get her husband back and protect her family.

Kate Hudson was also chosen by two of Scene's critics for her portrayal of "band aide" Penny Lane in "Almost Famous." Donnelly and McCluskey feel she created a full-bodied character out of what could have been a cookie-cutter role.

Sweet and sexy, Tea Leoni made the love relationship between herself and Nicolas Cage in "The Family Man" as believably special as it appears. According to Nania, she consistently held her own and even stole the spotlight from time to time. Her performance was charming and exciting, and she added marital friction and frustration to the film's central relationship.

In another overlooked performance, the 18-year-old Erika Christensen convincingly played a U.S. drug czar's daughter addicted to crack and heroin. Says Caccamo, her descent into the world of drugs and sex was horrifying and, at the same time, wonderfully brought to the screen by a young, relatively inexperienced actress.

Dacey's choice for best supporting actress has been perhaps even more overlooked by critics groups. Portraying one of five sisters in a dysfunctional family, Kirsten Dunst (who's set to play Mary Jane in the big screen version of "Spider-Man") expertly captured the perils of loneliness and isolation through her longings for affection in Sofia Coppola's debut effort "The Virgin Suicides."

Best Director

When the Oscar nominations are announced for Best Director, there's a good chance only four names will be heard. That's thanks to Steven Soderbergh, who gave audiences not one but two impressive films in 2000 ("Erin Brockovich" and "Traffic"). Soderbergh has been nominated for both in many instances (he probably cancelled himself out at the Golden Globes) and three of Scene's critics agree. Caccamo, Sikorski and Irish all feel the two-timer did an excellent job in putting together "Traffic's" ensemble cast and script, aiming it in the right direction. Soderbergh weaved several storylines without making the final prod-

uct convoluted or preachy. Caccamo feels that both of the man's efforts are worthy of praise. Not only did he direct two successful films, he gave the year cinematic bookends ("Erin" came out way back in February and "Traffic" arrived in theaters shortly after Christmas) that were widely divergent in topic and style without missing a beat or showing any real flaws.

Although Donnelly hates to not give Soderbergh his due, Ang Lee deserves the award. In a year of little creativity, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" was full of it. Seymour, Fusz and McCluskey agree. Lee was the field general in making the best looking movie of the year. Acknowledge his cinematographer for much of the look, but credit Lee for putting it all together into an enjoyable whole.

Nania and McCluskey (who double-nominated once again) think the Academy should take the road less-traveled and nominate Darren Aronofsky for his powerful and devastating two-hour "say-no-to-drugs" campaign entitled "Requiem for a Dream." In an era when too many movies try to be "cool" with the camera, Aronofsky finally put all the tricks to good use. Practically all of film's power came from the striking camerawork and editing. What resulted was the most intense and shocking film going experience of the year.

There were plenty of well-crafted and artistic films in 2000, but due to the fact that it was her directing debut, Dacey gives his nomination to Sofia Coppola for "The Virgin Suicides." It was a bold project that dared to go beyond the Hollywood norm and, while not perfect, it was the year's most intriguing film.

Favorite Movie Moments

Although not an Oscar category, we thought it would be a good idea to emphasize just how enjoyable movies can be by sharing our favorite scenes from 2000's crop of cinematic efforts.

McCluskey and Donnelly: Stillwater singing Elton John's "Tiny Dancer" while on the tour bus in "Almost Famous." Cameron Crowe captured the whole spirit of touring and being in a band in this one

short scene. Donnelly, in particular, found true value in this soon-to-classic sequence: "I am sick and tired of sarcasm and cynicism. This movie, and this scene, was honest. I can ask for nothing more."

Nania and Irish: Chow Yun Fat and Zhang Ziyi flying and jousting through the treetops in the extraordinary "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." Ang Lee displayed his true gifts in this scene, showing just how imaginative and beautiful filmmaking can be.

Dacey: A small scene in "The Big Kahuna," starring Kevin Spacey and Danny DeVito as salesmen who have a tendency to discuss deep, philosophical questions. They sit and talk to each other late at night in an empty conference room at a hotel, reflecting on their lives. There is a great sense of friendship shared by the two that is both realistic and powerful.

Caccamo: Tom Hanks swimming after his friend Wilson, a volleyball, as it floats away, far from his reach. It is a tribute to the film's impact and Hanks performance that such a seemingly silly prop became the essence of a remarkably touching scene towards the end of Hanks' journey off the island.

Fusz: The final scene in "Unbreakable," when the horrific truth is revealed about our hero (Bruce Willis), his origins and the unspeakable evil that spawned him.

Seymour: Watching the song "I am a Man of Constant Sorrow" leap out of The Soggy Bottom Boys in "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Nothing turned a boring movie into a powder keg of fun for two minutes more than that song.

Sikorski: Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) using his adamantium claws during a bar fight in "X-Men." Cheesy? Maybe. But at that moment a cultural icon came to life.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will reveal its nominations for 2000's best this Tuesday.



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Kirsten Dunst has been largely overlooked by critics for her supporting role in "The Virgin Suicides."



Photo courtesy of DreamWorks SKG

Directed by Cameron Crowe and starring Kate Hudson (third from left) and Billy Crudup (fourth from left), "Almost Famous" contained some unforgettable moments.

FOOTBALL

Recruits still attracted to Irish for prestige, academics, athletics

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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Notre Dame may have missed out on top recruit Shaun Cody, but for many high school seniors, nothing could be better than the chance to come to Notre Dame.

Cody, considered the nation's top defensive player, chose to stay near home by picking Southern California over Notre Dame yesterday. But a slew of solid commitments by other highly touted recruits has Irish eyes smiling with their decisions to wear the blue and gold.

Offensive lineman Mark LeVoi, a 6-foot-7, 305-pounder from Eden Prairie, Minn., never really considered going anywhere else. The first-team USA Today All-American considered playing for the blue and gold a dream, one that he committed to last year following the annual Blue-Gold scrimmage.

"It wasn't really [a tough decision] at all," said LeVoi, the first verbal commitment of the Class of 2005. "Basically everything about it, from the academics to the football tradition. It was a Catholic school and a smaller school. I always knew I wanted to go there."

LeVoi ignored the swarms of recruiters knocking on his door from powerhouses like Florida, Florida State, Miami, Nebraska, Penn State and Texas. He wanted to play for his favorite team.

Considered the top signee in this year's class, LeVoi will have that chance come August.

Defensive lineman Brian Beidatsch backed out of a verbal commitment to Illinois when Notre Dame dangled a scholarship offer in front of him.

"I thought the mix of education and the football program was a better fit for myself," Beidatsch said. "The scholarship presented itself a little bit later."

The Milwaukee native didn't even make his official visit to Notre Dame until a week ago, but he was already bleeding blue and gold.

Tradition, family and academics. Common choruses for why recruits were sold on Notre Dame.

Offensive lineman Dan Stevenson said, "The education I'm going to get is going to be outstanding. I like how the coaches make you graduate in four years."

Stevenson, who weighs in at 275 pounds and measures 6-5, had originally committed to Nebraska but the visit to Notre Dame for the Barrington, Ill., native quickly changed his mind.

"I took my visit there, and knew it was the place for me," said Stevenson, a Parade All-American whose father played for the Detroit Lions.

Nothing could deter running back/linebacker Rashon Powers-Neal from inking with the Irish. Not even visiting during the Notre Dame-Nebraska game. Although Nebraska was one of the five schools Powers-Neal made an official

visit to, seeing the 'Huskies defeat the Irish in overtime wasn't enough to get him wearing red.

"The coaches [at Notre Dame] were great. The players were great," Powers-Neal said, who also visited in early December for the football banquet. "It was probably my top school."

The 6-1, 210-pounder may follow in the footsteps of current players Tony Driver and David Givens by moving around the field. Playing for St. Paul, Minnesota's Cretin-Derham Hall, Powers-Neal spent time at running back, linebacker, cornerback and safety, even playing a bit of wide receiver.

"Whatever gets me on the field the fastest," said Powers-Neal, who also advanced to the state finals in track in the 400-meter dash a year ago.

The academics-minded player hopes to major in chemical engineering. On the field, Powers-Neal's high school team won the Class 5A state championship as a junior before losing to future Irish teammate Mark LeVoi's school in the state title game as a senior.

For other players, the choice wasn't quite so glow-in-the-dark.

Corey Mays, a linebacker at Chicago's Morgan Park High School, followed Notre Dame as a youngster. But as he grew up, he turned away from the Irish. Now, the USA Today second-team All-American has come full circle.

"I liked Notre Dame when I was a kid, but I kind of got away from them," Mays said. "In the recruiting process, I got back with them. It was just a gut feeling."

While some critics say tough admissions standards shred Notre Dame's prospects, the commitment to academics helped bring Mays into the fold.

"First and foremost, I want to graduate with a degree," Mays said. "I want to make a name for myself on the field and off."

With a 4.4 high school GPA on a 4.0 scale thanks to advanced courses in the classroom, and on the gridiron, Mays has the tools to get it done. The sprint star, who ran a 23 second flat 200-meter dash as a junior, also has the work ethic.

"I'm basically killing myself every day," Mays said of his offseason workouts. "I can't list any great accomplishments because I'm not to a point where I'm satisfied. Each time I do better, I just want to get something more and something more and something more."

Florida cornerback Dwight Ellick, was a late pick-me-up for Notre Dame.

A speed demon who won the New York state championship in the 100-meter dash in 10.6 seconds before moving to Tampa last summer, Ellick's interest in Notre Dame was piqued this fall.

"I became interested in Notre Dame about the middle of the season," Ellick said. "It has great academics, a family atmosphere and I liked my visit a lot."

He didn't settle on Notre Dame until

Tom Lemming's Top 25 National Recruits

1. QB Joe Mauer 6-4/205 Florida State
2. QB Brodie Coyle 6-4/200 Alabama
3. RB Kevin Jones 6-1/215 Virginia Tech
4. WR Reggie Williams 6-4/215 Washington
5. DL Shaun Cody 6-5/240 USC
6. RB Eric Shelton 6-2/230 Florida State
7. QB D.J. Shockley 6-2/190 Georgia
8. WR Roscoe Crosby 6-3/197 Clemson
9. DL Anttaj Hawthorne 6-4/308 Wisconsin
10. RB Jabari Davis 6-0/230 Tennessee
11. LB Leon Williams 6-3/230 Miami
12. DB Marquise Hill 6-7/290 LSU
13. QB Cecil Howard 6-3/190 Syracuse
14. RB Carnell Williams 6-0/190 Auburn
15. QB Adrian McPherson 6-4/180 Florida State
16. RB Kelly Baraka 6-0/186 Michigan
17. DL George Gause 6-5/235 South Carolina
18. DL Pat Massey 6-8/240 Michigan
19. RB De'Arrius Howard 6-0/220 Arkansas
20. DB Marlin Jackson 6-1/185 Michigan
21. OL Ben Wilkerson 6-4/265 LSU
22. QB Derek Anderson 6-6/225 Oregon State
23. RB Damien Nash 5-11/180 Missouri
24. OL Chris Spencer 6-4/305 Mississippi
25. RB Cedric Houston 6-0/206 Tennessee

Source:ESPN.com

last week, but he set his heart on playing football long before that. Ellick, at 5-11 and 170 pounds, began playing football when he was eight or nine years old.

"It took me so long to play because my mom thought I was going to get hurt," Ellick said.

Ever since that "late" start, Ellick has ranked football his favorite sport, though he's already discussed doubling up by running track with Irish football coaches.

"All my life, that's my goal to go to the pros and be the best," Ellick said. "I want to be the best corner to ever play at Notre Dame. I felt I had a good chance of contributing at Notre Dame. Now that Brock Williams is gone, I think I'm going to come in right away and compete for a starting spot."

The last ace-in-the-bag for Notre Dame is likely to be Texas' Aldo De La Garza. The 6-4, 295-pound offensive lineman

failed to sign a letter of commitment Wednesday, but said he hasn't backed off of Notre Dame at all.

"I'm still committed to Notre Dame," De La Garza said. "There are some things I have to take care of, but I will sign with Notre Dame."

A first-team all-state player in the state where football is king, De La Garza said he has wanted to play for Notre Dame since eighth grade. Although all the major schools in his native Texas were after him (Texas, Texas Tech and Texas A&M), as well as Nebraska, he already had made up his mind to play for the Irish.

"I want to get a degree at Notre Dame and be an All-American," De La Garza said.

National championship contenders or not, the name "Notre Dame" has more pull than gravity.

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Cassie, thank you. I don't think I'm gonna pass, but having the book does help.

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C. Scott!
-Theo

Hello libby scribbly, my love!

Yay to my roommates, Kate and Lauren who are going all over the world and a special hello to the one staying in South Bend, luv ya Kris!

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's unable to hold on to first-half lead for win

By KATIE MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

They came for the shirts, but stayed for the game. A BOG promotion offering free T-shirts to fans attending Wednesday night's Saint Mary's basketball game brought fans to Angela Athletic Facility, but it was phenomenal first-half play during a 62-46 loss to Hope that kept fans at the game.

The Belles, who have been without a complete team since early January, returned all of their players to the court. They led halfway through the first half by as much as six, and only trailed Hope by six at the half.

"We looked like a team," head coach Suzanne Smith said of first half play. "We really played together."

Hope head coach Brian Morehouse mixed it up on the court, bringing in players off the bench almost as soon as the game started.

Smith used her bench as well.

Sophomore post player Kristen Matha, still recovering from a concussion she received during Saturday's game, freshman guard Katie Miller, junior Jaime Dineen and freshman Leigh Ann Matesich all made an appear-

ance early in the first half.

"We were trying to match up with them," Smith said. "It gave us some different opportunities to play people."

As a team, the Belles have had some recent trouble getting inside on offense. Wednesday that was not the case.

Roberts led the Belles scoring drive with a short 2-point jumper. Matha joined in and worked the ball inside as well, totaling eight points for the team.

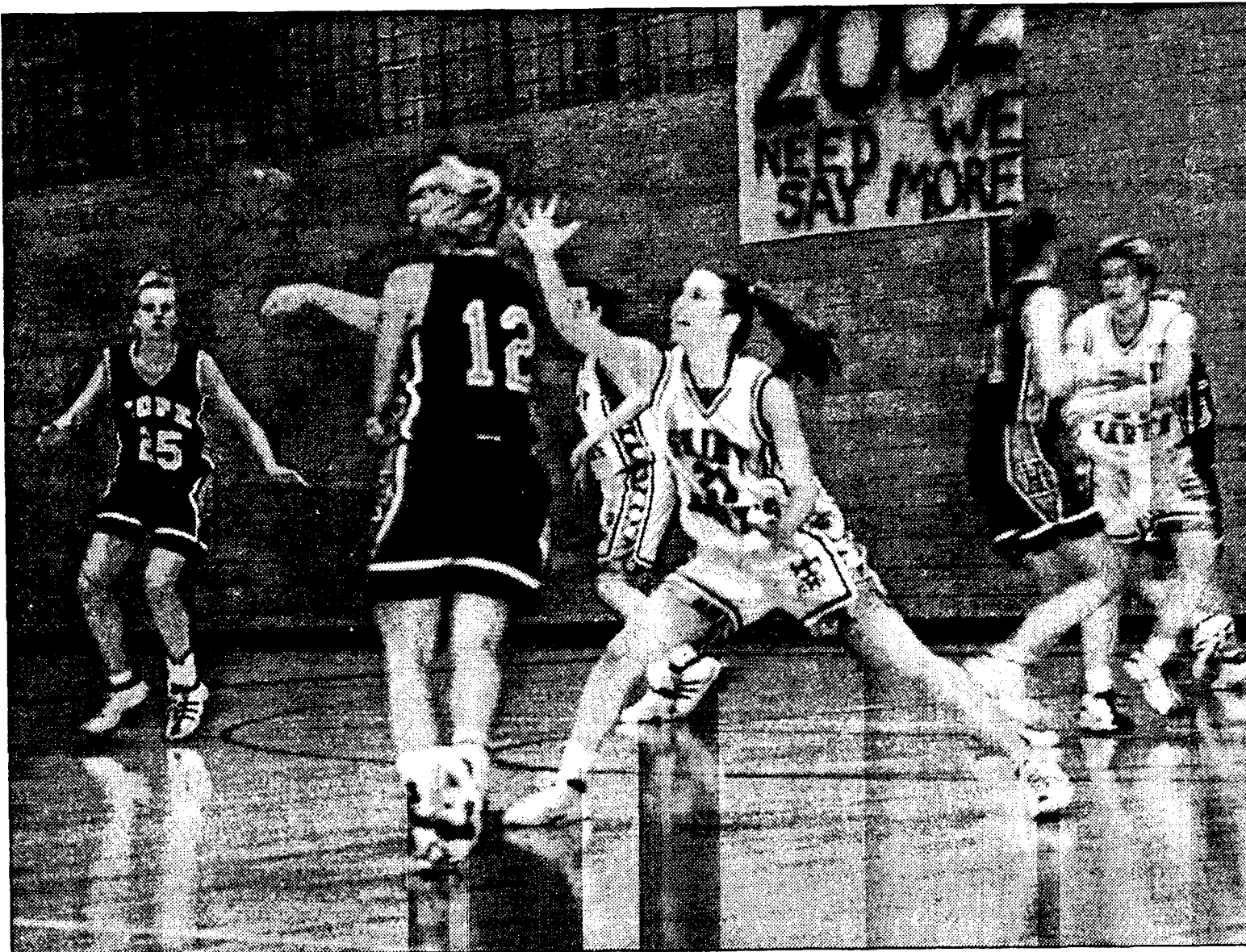
"We had made it clear that we had to play aggressive tonight," Smith said.

At halftime, Saint Mary's trailed 35-29. Strong offensive and defensive play kept the Belles with the Flying Dutch, but they just couldn't keep up the intensity during the second half.

"We haven't had a full practice in a long time because players have been out with injuries and illness," Smith said. "That probably accounts for why some of the women looked winded during the game."

To start off the second half, the Flying Dutch went on an 11-point scoring streak that the Belles only answered with two points.

Hope scored 10 points from the foul line in the second half while Saint Mary's scored only



CHRISTINE KAAI/The Observer

Shaun Russell, shown above, attempts to block a pass during the Belles' loss to Hope. Saint Mary's put in a stellar first-half performance before falling 62-46.

two.

Hope picked up its game, and made sure it would bring home itself one game closer to a 20-win season.

"They picked up their

defense," Smith said. "Their zone really left us standing there."

Even though the Belles lost, Smith is hoping the first half play will encourage her team.

"This is definitely a boost," she said. "We're really excited for who's left on our schedule."

Saint Mary's will take on Olivet on Saturday at home.



GEORGE WEIGEL

Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center and author of *Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II*

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Fr. Richard McBrien

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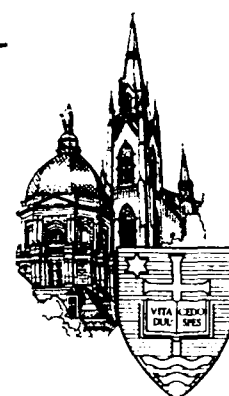
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Both speakers will be signing books at the reception.



student union HAPPENINGS

02.08.01-02.11.01

Talk: PE Music Co. Play - Guys and Dolls	2/08-2/10.	Thurs.-Sat.	Washington Hall	730PM.
Acousticafe	2/08.	Thursday.	LaFortune	0900PM&1200AM.
Autumn in New York and The Legend of Baggar Vance	2/08-2/10.	Thurs.-Sat.	DeBartolo 101/155	1030PM/0800PM&1030PM
Talk: How the priest became a political scientist in Chile? Fr. Tim Scully	2/08.	Thursday.	Montgomery Theater	0800PM.
Benefit Music Festival: Intuitive Rain and the Dunn Brothers	2/09.	Friday.	Library Auditorium	0800PM.
Men's Hockey vs. BG	2/09.	Friday.	JACC	0700PM.
Dancer in the Dark	2/09-2/10.	Fri.-Sat.	Snite	0730PM&0945PM.
Sophomore Literary Festival	2/09-2/11.	Fri.-Sun.	LaFortune Ballroom	0800PM-1000PM.
Women's Tennis vs. Virginia Tech	2/09.	Friday.	Eck Tennis Pavilion	0400PM.
Men's Tennis vs. Duke	2/10.	Saturday.	Eck Tennis Pavilion	1100AM.
Benefit Music Festival: Danielle rose and the Dunn Brothers	2/10.	Saturday.	Library Auditorium	0700PM.
Flipside Playground Night	2/10.	Saturday.	Rolfs Sports Center	0100PM.
Men's Hockey vs. BG	2/10.	Saturday.	JACC	0700PM.
Matthew West in Concert-Free \$2.00 coupons to first 100 students	2/10	Saturday.	Reckers	0100PM.
Campuswide Collection	2/10-2/11.	Saturday.	Basilica/Hall Masses	
Free mock MCAT and LSAT tests-Kaplan 219-272-4135 or 1-800-Kaptests to sign up.	2/10.	Saturday.	Debartolo 101 &103	0900AM.
NAACP Formal	2/10.	Saturday.	LaFortune Ballroom	0900PM-0130AM.
Pangborn Formal; Keough White Wedding; Carroll Dance; Siegfried Formal	2/10.	Saturday.		
Dillon Iron Classic	2/11.	Sunday.	JACC	1200PM-0600PM.
Spanish Mass	2/11.	Sunday.	Zahm Hall Chapel	0130PM.
Maria Sablem, piano	2/11.	Sunday.	Annenburgh Aud.	0400PM.
ND Men's Tennis vs. Iowa	2/11.	Sunday.	Eck Tennis Pavilion	1000AM.
ND Women's Tennis vs. North Carolina	2/11.	Sunday.	Eck Tennis Pavilion	1200PM.
French Film Festival: La Parinoire	2/11.	Sunday.	Annenburgh Aud.	0200PM.
Goshen College Chamber Choir & Orchestra concert	2/11.	Sunday.	Basilica	0800PM-1000PM.

also in FEBRUARY

Romance Language Department's	Decio 131
Italian coffee Hour	0500PM
Antonia Castenada Lecture:	McKenna 112/114
"Lullabies, History, and Memory"	0415PM
Lecture by Prof. Michael Fihsbane of U of Chicago	
"Suffering and Salvation of God in Jewish Theology"	McKenna Hall
	0800PM

02.12.01-02.19.01

Student Body President/Vice-President Election (primary)	2/12.	Monday.		
Gilda	2/12.	Monday.	Snite	0700PM
Sophomore Literary Festival	2/12-2/14.	Mon.-Wed.	LaFortune Ballroom	0800PM-1000AM.
The Ginkgo Tree Bed-International Film Festival (Korea)	2/13.	Tuesday.	Montgomery Theater	0700PM&0900PM.
Sophomore Literary Festival	2/13.	Tuesday.	LaFortune Ballroom	0800PM-1000AM.
Campus Interfaith Bible Study	2/13.	Tuesday.	Badin Chapel	0700PM.
Sophomore Literary Festival	2/14.	Wednesday.	LaFortune Ballroom	0800PM-1000PM.
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer	2/14.	Wednesday.	Walsh Hall Chapel	1000PM-1100PM.
Student Body President/Vice-President Election (run-offs)	2/15.	Thursday.		
JPW	2/15-2/18.	Thur.-Sun.		
Acousticafe	2/15.	Thursday.	LaFortune Huddle	0900PM-1200AM.
Swedish Radio Orchestra: Verdi's Requiem	2/15.	Thursday.	O'Laughlin Aud.	0800PM.
Girlfight and The Sixth Day	2/15-2/17.	Thurs.- Saturday.	Debartolo 101/155	1030PM/
Blak Koffee House	2/16.	Friday.	LaFortune Ballroom	0800PM&1030PM
The Eyes of Tammy Faye Baker	2/16-2/17.	Fri.-Sat.	Snite	0730PM&0945PM.
SMC Presents: Dancers' Palette	2/16-2/17.	Fri. & Sat.	Little Theater	0800PM.
Notre Dame Jazz Bands	2/17.	Saturday.	Washington Hall	0230PM.
JPW Mass	2/17.	Saturday.	JACC	0530PM.
Spanish Mass	2/18.	Sunday.	Zahm Hall Chapel	0130PM.
Raging Bull	2/19.	Monday.	Snite.	0700PM.
Open Swing Dance			LaFortune Ballroom	2/19. Monday.

upcoming EVENTS

Feb. 25-Mar 2	Bengal Bouts
Feb 23	Sorin Formal; Badin Dance;
	Howard Dance
Feb 24	Dillon Dance
Mar. 2	Knott Hall Dance
Mar. 3	Stanford, Lewis Dances
Mar. 24	Morrissey Dance
Mar. 31	Sophomore Class Ball
April 7	Alumni Wake, Lewis Crush
April 20	Sorin Dance
April 21	Walsh Formal

spring semester EVENTS

Mar. 30	McGlinn Casino Night
April 1	St. Edward's Hall Spring Fling
April 6	Alumni Processional
	0400PM-0700PM
April 7	Lewis Chicken run
	0400PM-0700PM
April 20	Badin Block Party
	0400PM-0700PM
April 21	Carroll Hall Fusic Festival
	1200PM-0700PM
April 27	Howard Concert, South Quad
	0400PM-0700PM
April 28	Fisher Regatta
	0200PM-0500PM



Sophomore Alicia Ratay, shown above, looks past a Pittsburgh player as the Irish push past the Panther defense in their 72-58 win.

ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Women

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Kelley Siemon.

"I don't think any of us can pinpoint right now what's wrong, or what we haven't been doing recently," Siemon said. "We're not shutting down teams with defense like we have been. I think we should have the kind of pride where teams should come in here and not even be able to score 50."

Laine Selwyn led the Panther charge with 23 points including 4 of 6 from behind the arc.

"Defensively we had a lot of breakdowns," said McGraw. "We couldn't find their shooters. We went zone, they had one shooter in the game, and we couldn't find that one shooter. [Selwyn] was driving left every doggone time and nobody stepped over to help."

McGraw was also quick to recognize the effort of the Panthers. "They played hard, they didn't quit," she said. "We get up big, we just expect that teams are going to quit this season. They're still fighting out there trying to make it close."

One bright spot for the Irish was the play of Ruth Riley. The national player of the year candidate recorded a double-double finishing with 29 points and 12 rebounds.

Towards the end of the first half Notre Dame steadied enough to take a 10 point advantage into the locker room. More importantly, the Irish did it with center Ruth Riley on the bench saddled with two fouls.

The Pittsburgh defense held Riley in check for most of the first half, but could not stop her in the second.

"I think the only place Notre Dame hurt us in my opinion is on the boards," said Panthers' coach Traci Waites. "I thought we played pretty tough defense and we got great shots. They didn't go in."

As for Riley, Waites said, "We tried to

3/4 [pressure] and break somebody over. We did a better job in the first half."

Early in the second half, when Riley was starting to heat up, she was charged with her third foul. McGraw chose to leave her star center in the game.

"I wasn't going to take her out. She was really the only one playing well at that time offensively," McGraw said. "She was our offense. She was the only one that shot the ball well today."

The Panther inside defense was unable to sustain its defense on Riley for 40 minutes.

"I thought we contained her pretty well in the first half. The help wasn't there in the second half," Selwyn said. "We had some breakdowns. We almost got her in foul trouble early and we're going to try to do that again."

Although she played well individually, Riley was not at all satisfied with the team's performance. "Anytime we don't play as well as we're capable of playing, you don't want to play like that — especially not at the end of the season," Riley said.

Riley knows that the end of the season is fast approaching, as is the end of her collegiate career. "I don't think we're thinking about the win streak. I think we're thinking about how we want to finish the season," said Riley. "For us three up here [Riley, Siemon, Ivey], it's just the last seven or eight games that we're going to play."

Ivey reiterated those thoughts. "It's frustrating to see how much talent we have and not show it. Every game's important for us," she said. "We just don't want to look back and regret anything that we did."

The Irish held a 42-33 advantage on the boards, but the Panthers outscored the Irish on second chance points 20-17.

Although the Irish have a week off until their next game, the team is ready to play and show their potential. "I think if we played tomorrow, we'd kill a team by 70. That's how mad I feel," Siemon said.

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Sign-up for Senior Retreat #5
(March 2-3, 2001)
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Thursday, February 8, 6:00 p.m.
Foster Room, LaFortune
Campus Ministry Intern Information Night

Thursday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.
201 DeBartolo
RCIA Study Session

Friday-Saturday, February 9-10
Sacred Heart Parish Center
Senior Transition Retreat
Co-sponsored with the Center for Social Concerns

Friday-Saturday, February 9-10
Lindenwood Retreat Center
Learning to Talk About Race Retreat

Friday-Sunday, February 9-11
Fatima Retreat Center
Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #64

Friday-Sunday, February 9-11
Wisconsin, Minnesota
Notre Dame Women's Liturgical Choir Tour

Saturday-Sunday, February 10-11
Pilsen, Chicago, IL
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Sunday, February 11, 1:30 p.m.
Zahm Hall Chapel
Spanish Mass
Presider: Fr. Pat Neary, c.s.c.

Sunday, February 11, 8:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Goshen College Chamber Choir & Orchestra Concert

Monday-Tuesday, February 12-13, 11:30 pm-10:00pm
St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall
Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.
Badin Hall Chapel
Campus Bible Study

Wednesday, February 14, 10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Hall Chapel
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Presiders

• Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, February 10 Mass
5:00 p.m. Rev. Gary S. Chamberland, c.s.c.

Sunday, February 11 Mass
10:00 a.m. Rev. Tom E. Gaughan, c.s.c.
11:45 a.m. Rev. Timothy R. Scully, c.s.c.

Scripture Readings for this Coming Sunday

1st Reading	Jer 17: 5 - 8
2nd Reading	1Cor 15: 12,16 - 20
Gospel	Lk 6: 17, 20 - 26

Hassle-free campus driving and other little-known perks of the Campus Ministry internship

Not just a "fifth year" at ND

By Amy Seamon

When I began the Campus Ministry Internship last August I kept thinking of this chance as my "fifth year." I still have friends who are Seniors, I have my connection at my favorite local pub having been the manager last year, and the fact that this isn't a 9-5 job sounded great to someone who hasn't been a morning person all of her life. When in reality, a couple of months after having been in the position, I realized very quickly how different this year was going to be for me. A number of my best friends are not here with me, I don't always feel like it is appropriate as a member of the staff to visit my favorite local establishments, and this isn't a 9-5 job, it's a lifestyle I have chosen.

The University of Notre Dame has given me so much in the past four and a half years of my

life. I am blessed with friends who will indeed last a lifetime, knowledge that will hopefully benefit me as a teacher in the classroom someday, but most importantly, this University provides me with a faith that is so strong, yet challenged every-day.

I have the unique opportunity to work in Campus Ministry for a year and hopefully give back to this community at least some of the love, generosity, and powerful witness of Christian living it has shown to me. I received my teaching certification the day I graduated. How easy it could have been for me to dig right into the responsibilities of an English teacher. I wasn't ready for those responsibilities. I wanted this year to help me realize that it's not simply a post-graduate year of service I want to accomplish, but rather, a *life* of service. This year is helping me to challenge, grow,

and learn from my faith. I know I will teach someday, but I will be a better teacher, woman, friend, and Christian because of this year of service and the lifestyle it is helping me to live.

No Regrets

By Justin Dunn

It was around this time last year, seeking direction on a senior retreat, that I was introduced to the internship with Campus Ministry. I was looking at several different service programs, trying to find one that I would both enjoy and benefit from. Knowing I would eventually go on to medical school, I wanted to find a program that was both challenging and interesting, but at the same time allowed a change of pace from the stress of academic life. This internship with Campus Ministry sounded interesting, and I figured there was no harm in applying.

As the application process proceeded, I began spending more time at Campus Ministry, meeting the people who worked there. The more I looked into the internship program, the more interested I became. I saw all the good works the people of Campus Ministry were doing on a daily basis, dedicating their lives to the moral and faith development of others. I realized that even though the internship isn't an established service program, it afforded me the chance to give something back to the Notre Dame community while furthering my own faith and moral integrity. So when I was offered the position, I accepted, and I haven't once regretted it.

This year gives me the opportunity to help and encourage others to grow in their faith, develop a better understanding of what that means to them on a personal level, and learn more about what it is to be Catholic. I have a chance to play a direct role in bringing people into the Catholic faith through RCIA. I work directly with Emmaus to encourage students to share their faith with one another. Some of the greatest experiences of my undergrad years were on retreats such as NDE and Senior Retreat, and now I get to work directly with them from the other side, hopefully making those experiences as enriching for others as they were for me. Everyday my faith is strengthened and grows because of the work I do and the people I meet through Campus Ministry.

TOP TEN REASONS to be a Campus Ministry Intern

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3. Educate and guide peers in Catholic faith formation
2. You get to hang out with Tami Schmitz all of the time
1. You'll go to heaven.

CONSIDERATIONS...



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without two injured starters — stay in the game with the most heralded team in women's basketball in recent weeks.

"I think the only place Notre Dame hurt us in my opinion is on the boards," Waites said. "I thought we played pretty tough defense and we got great shots."

With all the attention the Irish have been getting as the No. 1 team as of late, it is becoming increasingly difficult to avoid overconfidence. Rather than displaying the anxiousness to go out on the court and dominate for 40 minutes as they did in early-season games against the likes of Arizona, North Carolina and Fordham, the Irish appear to be wading through the remaining games before hitting the postseason tournaments.

"We get up big, we just expect that teams are going to quit this

season," McGraw said, observing how Pittsburgh never slacked off. "They're still fighting out there trying to make it close."

Following the press conference, parents and children seeking autographs and offering congratulatory words swarmed McGraw and the Irish players. While such behavior is to be appreciated, it lessens the impact of a game in which the Irish played like anything but a No. 1 team.

With a week off before playing two East Coast in four days at

Syracuse and Rutgers, the Irish must realize that this is the pivotal point in their season. They can put together the strong defense displayed a week ago against Providence and the nearly flawless offense shown at Boston College. Or they can drift further down

the river of underachievement displayed Wednesday night. "It's frustrating to see how much talent we have and not show it. Every game's important for us," Ivey said. "We just don't want to look back and regret anything that we did. We just need to go out and

play hard every game."

With five games left until the postseason, now there's no looking back.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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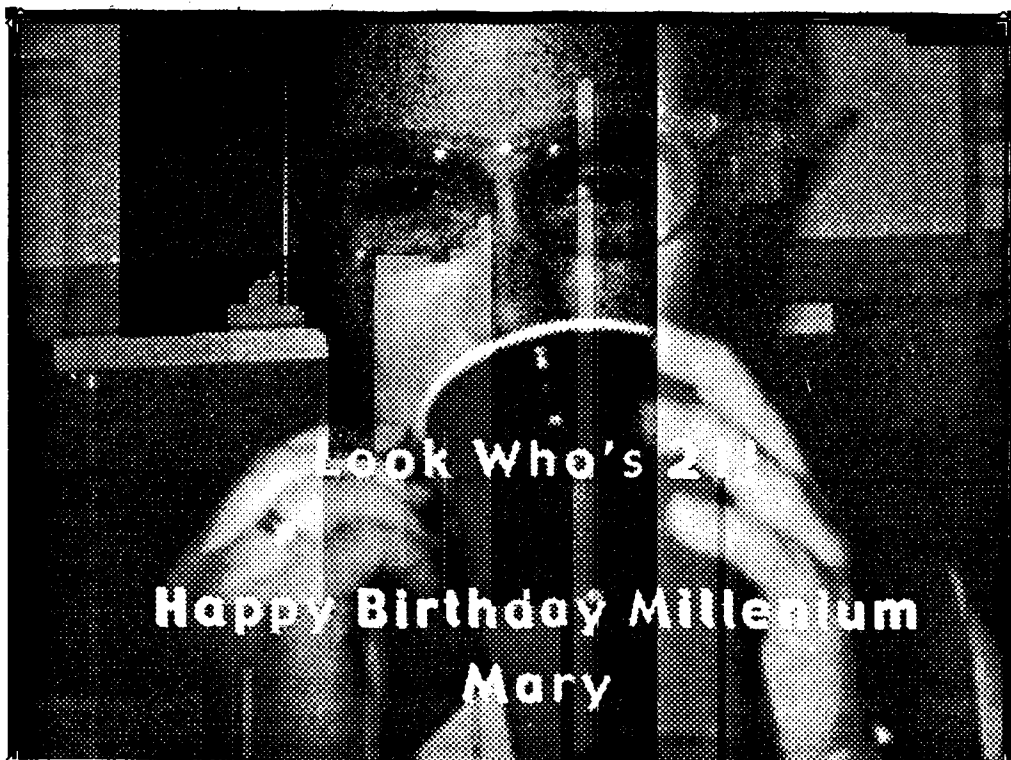
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Nanovic Institute for European Studies

The Nanovic Institute for European Studies has announced its 2001-2002 grant program for faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students.

Faculty Grants: The Institute will award three faculty grants of up to \$4,000 each for projects that deal with European issues. Preference will be given to those proposals that require travel to Europe. These grants can be used for summer research or for research during the 2001-02 academic year.

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*Note: the East-Central Europe and Russia grants may be used by students who wish to fill an internship or attend a conference in the region. These grants may be used at any time during the year.

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Application deadline: March 23rd, 2001

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Recruits

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most criticized member of the Irish team.

Linebacker Carlos Pierre-Antoine, a second-team USA TODAY selection, recorded only two tackles in two games played during the 2000 season. Another highly touted recruit, Mike McNair, has battled injuries and has had trouble

changing positions from tailback in high school to fullback at Notre Dame.

Meanwhile, three other current players have exceeded the pre-college expectations of the recruiting analysts. Last year, Carlyle Holiday and Jared

Clark were both ranked above Matt LoVecchio in Lemming's list. But while Holiday and Clark did not play in 2000, LoVecchio went 7-1 as a first-year starter. Current junior Anthony Weaver, a three-year starter on the defensive line, was a relative unknown when he came out of Saratoga Springs, New York in 1998. And starting running back Julius Jones garnered only honorable mention high school All-American honors.

"I think sometimes we get ahead of ourselves, everyone

wants to rank the recruiting classes," Davie said. "That's impossible to do. Getting them to sign is just a small part of it. What comes next is important."

So if rankings are meaningless and "what comes next is important", then coaching the talent must be crucial for on-field success, right?

The names may change in the future but one thing will remain the same.

The Great Debate will continue for several more years.

The Faces Of Holy Cross



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Awarded Congressional Gold Medal July 13, 2000

"I want nothing else, have never wanted anything else,
have never been anything else but a priest."



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SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES at a WORLD-CLASS/GOVERNMENT RESEARCH FACILITY

The Environmental Research Institute, a joint activity of Notre Dame and Argonne National Laboratory, in collaboration with the Center for Environmental Science and Technology (CEST), will award up to 2 summer internships at Argonne National Laboratory for 2001 with a follow-up research appointment on campus in the Fall.

Stipend, room and board are provided for the 10-week program at Argonne.

Student applicants should have research interests in an environmentally-related discipline (any field of study) concerned with or likely to contribute to the understanding, assessment, or improvement of the environment.

Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents, enrolled at Notre Dame, have completed their Junior Year by May 2001, and be registered to return in the Fall of 2001.

For more details, contact Donna Fecher in the Center for Environmental Science and Technology: 152A Fitzpatrick

Hall, 631-8376.

Applicants will be required to complete an application.

Deadline is February 23, 2001.

GREG NORMAN HOLDEN INTERNATIONAL

Garcia takes lead mid-way in competition

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia

Sergio Garcia shot a 9-under-par 64 on Thursday to take the lead midway through the first round of the Greg Norman Holden International.

The 21-year-old Spanish star, winless since the 1999 German Masters, had nine birdies in the bogey-free round on The Lakes course. He shot a 5-under 32 on the back nine, his first nine holes, and closed with a 4-under 32 on the front nine.

"It was a great round. I felt great," Garcia said. "I started

hitting the ball really good and started making some nice birdies at the beginning and it just kept on going for the whole round."

He holed 15-foot birdie putts on Nos. 12 and 15, added a 20-footer on No. 5 and made a 25-footer on No. 8 to reach 9 under.

"It's important to start with a round like this, to be up there," Garcia said. "Hopefully, I'll have a couple more good rounds and I'll be on the top on Sunday."

Sweden's Pierre Fulke, the runner-up in the Match Play Championship last month in Melbourne, opened with a 65.



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Recruiting the

CLASS OF 2005

Thursday, February 8, 2001

The Observer ♦ SPORTS

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Carlos Campbell

Wide Receiver
6-1, 190
Hampton, Va.

"He's a four-star player and probably should see some playing time as a freshman."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Two-way starter who earned all-state honors in Va. as defensive back in 2000 and as receiver in 1999... played quarterback as senior in 2000

OFFENSIVE PLAYER TO WATCH

Mark LeVoi

Tight End
6-7, 310

Eden Prairie, Minnesota



"The best player they signed. He could be an All-American tackle in college. He has some of the quickest feet I've seen for a 300-pounder this year."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Parade prep All-American... first-team pick on USA Today prep All-American team... rated sixth on CBS SportsLine.com Midwest Region Super 30 team... caught 21 passes for 350 yards and 11 TDs as junior in 1999... played at tight end, fullback, tailback, wideout and as punter as senior... track standout who recorded bests of 53 feet in shot put and 155 feet in discus in 2000



Zachary Giles

Offensive Line
6-4, 285
Marshfield, Mass.

"He'll wind up probably playing offensive guard in college."

The No. 1 player in Massachusetts."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Parade prep All-American... had 73 tackles, nine sacks, six tackles for loss, two caused fumbles and a fumble recovery as junior defensive lineman in 1999



Ryan Grant

Running Back
6-1, 198
Nyack, N.Y.

"Another great athlete. I think he'd be an All-American at free safety but he wants to get a shot at running back."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting analyst

Notes: New Jersey state player of the year for 2000, according to USA Today... rushed for 1,963 yards and 26 touchdowns as senior tailback at Don Bosco Prep H.S. in Ramsay, N.J.



Cory Jones

Running Back
6-2, 215
Seattle, Wash.

"He'll probably wind up playing linebacker in college. He's very quick to the ball and is physical."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Rushed 183 times for 1,441 yards and 25 touchdowns as a senior... also caught 20 passes for 454 yards and six touchdowns... returned two interceptions for scores as senior... led team to unbeaten regular season



Darin Mitchell

Offensive Line
6-4, 285
Jonesboro, Ga.

"Not recruited by a lot of the major schools around the Atlanta area but Notre Dame sees a lot of potential."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting analyst

Notes: First-team selection on Atlanta Journal-Constitution Georgia Class AAAAA all-state team... also played line-backer on defense... plays basketball as well



Matt Root

Tight End
6-6, 225
Tallahassee, Fla.

"A four-star tight end before he had a real serious knee injury. When he's healthy he has great size, and terrific hands."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Caught 17 passes for 271 yards and two TDs as senior in 2000... also played defensive end... father Jack Root was second-team Academic All-American at Stanford



Matt Shelton

Wide Receiver
6-1, 170
Collierville, Tenn.

"He wasn't a real productive high school ballplayer but they love his speed and potential. He looked great at the Notre Dame summer camp"

Tom Lemming
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Rushed 39 times 258 yards and three touchdowns as senior despite knee injury... also made 17 tackles and recovered two fumbles in 2000

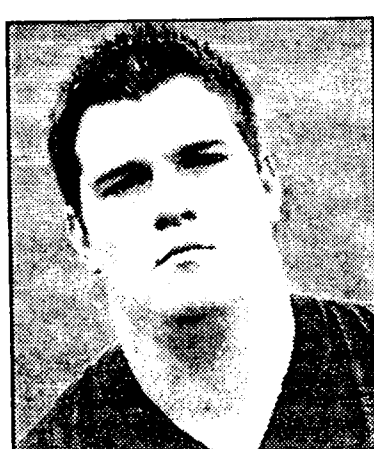
OFFENSIVE POSITION LOSSES

Offensive line: Jim Jones
Mike Gandy

Wide receiver: Joey Getherall
Jay Johnson

Fullback: Jason Murray

Tight end: Jabari Holloway
Dan O'Leary



Dan Stevenson

Offensive Line
6-5, 300
Barrington, Ill.

"He was heavily recruited and was offered (a scholarship) by just about every school in the nation. He'll wind up playing tackle or guard in college..."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Parade prep All-American... rated 95th on Chicago Sun-Times list of top 100 prospects nationally... father Mark played for Detroit Lions as center/guard in 1985.



Marcus Wilson

Running Back
5-11, 180
Staten Island, N.Y.

"His competition level (in high school) was good but not great. But he's another fast corner back who had a real good senior year at running back."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Rushed for 1,712 yards and 25 touchdowns as senior in 2000... from same high school as current Irish center JW Jordan... attended Notre Dame football camp in 2000

**Brian Beidatsch**

Defensive Line
6-4, 265
Milwaukee, Wisc.

"He played defensive end but they're probably looking at him as a defensive tackle. He's got good quickness."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting Analyst

Notes: Made more than 100 tackles and 15 sacks as a senior... Wisconsin all-state pick who was a two-year, two-way starter at defensive end and offensive guard.

"One of the top inside linebackers in the country. He's physical and quick to the ball."

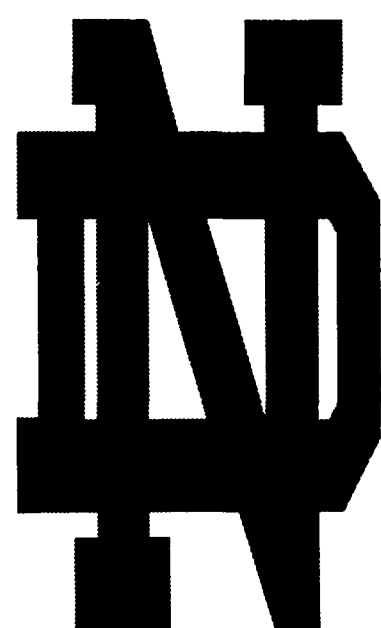
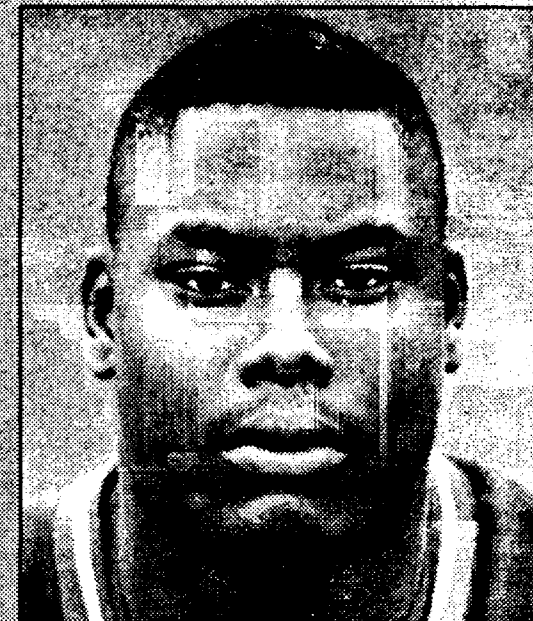
Tom Lemming
Recruiting Analyst

Notes: A second-team USA TODAY high school All-American selection. The first Chicago Public League player to play for Notre Dame since Chris Zorich. Recorded 144 tackles and five sacks and rushed for 179 yards as a senior. Had a 4.2 grade-point average in high school. Ranked 54th on the Chicago Sun-Times list of national prospects. Went to Notre Dame's football camp last summer.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER TO WATCH

Corey Mays

Linebacker
6-1, 234
Chicago, Illinois

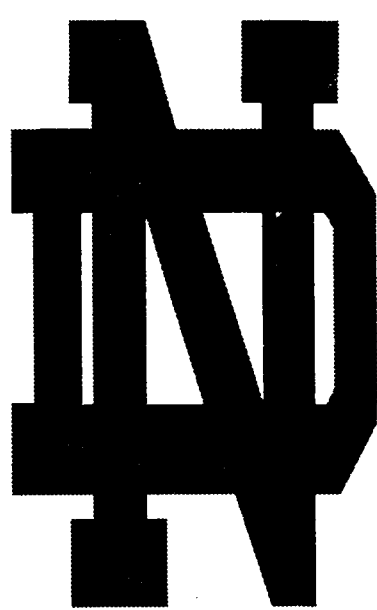
**Lionel Bolen**

Cornerback
6-1, 185
Westhampton, N.J.

"Explosive speed, great reaction, real good range. He could end up playing either cornerback or free safety in college."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting Analyst

Notes: Two-way starter at cornerback and as option quarterback as senior... made 50 tackles and intercepted four passes on defense

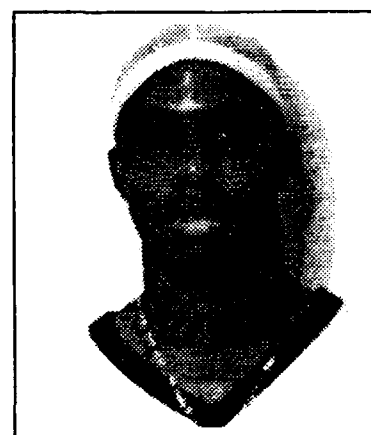
**Quentin Burrell**

Safety
6-1, 185
Decatur, Ga.

"He has good instincts, a steady ballplayer. He's not particularly big or fast but a very good, steady ballplayer."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting Analyst

Notes: Made 90 tackles to go with seven interceptions as senior... had nine interceptions as a junior free safety... great-grandson of former Grambling coach Eddie Robinson

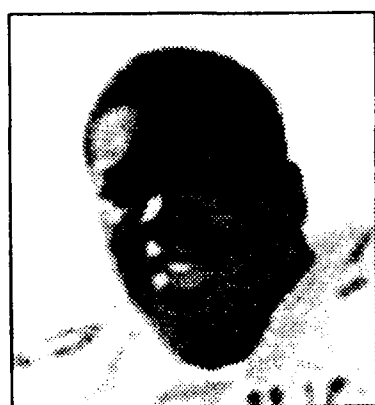
**Dwight Ellick**

Cornerback
5-11, 170
Tampa, Fla.

"Probably the fastest guy in the group. He has a great future as a cover corner."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting Analyst

Notes: Made 70 tackles, intercepted four passes and broke up 16 others as senior in 2000 for 2-8 Wharton High School in Tampa, Fla.

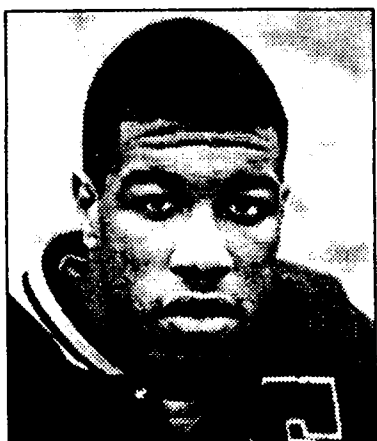
**Brandon Hoyte**

Linebacker
6-0, 219
Parlin, N. J.

"He's built just like Corey Mays, quick to the ball and very physical, also. He likes playing running back and could be a good fullback."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting Analyst

Notes: Recorded 90 tackles as a senior linebacker, including 25 for losses... won High School Heisman award for New Jersey... moved with his family from Trinidad when he was three years old

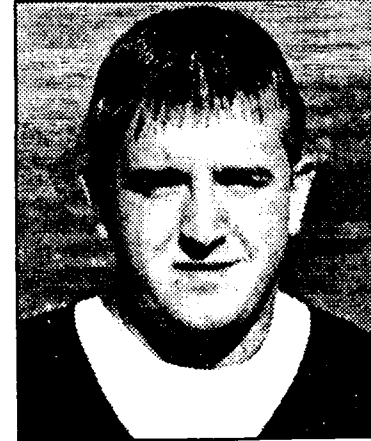
**Rashon Powers-Neal**

Linebacker
6-3, 215
St. Paul, Minn.

"He's a very determined ballplayer. Once he puts on more weight he could be a real good defensive player."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting Analyst

Notes: Rushed for nearly 2000 yards as senior... brother Leon Neal played two years as tailback with Indianapolis Colts in 1996-1997

**Jeff Thompson**

Defensive Line
6-5, 265
Granger, Ind.

"Could play defensive tackle or offensive guard in college. Notre Dame, Michigan and a lot of the major schools really liked his athletic ability."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting Analyst

Notes: Helped Penn yo Indiana class 5-A state title in 2000... South Bend Tribune all-area pick... attended Notre Dame football camp in summer of 2000

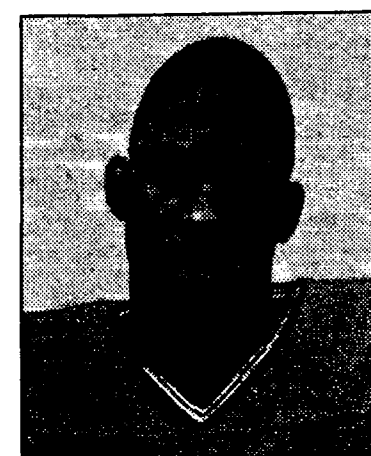
DEFENSIVE POSITION LOSSES

Defensive back:
Tony Driver
Brock Williams

Linebacker:
Anthony Denman
Anthony Brannan

Defensive line:
Lance Legree
B.J. Scott

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**Justin Tuck**

Linebacker
6-5, 215
Kellyton, Ala.

"He's probably the least known of all the recruits. He's not a great player yet but he has a chance to be really good."

Tom Lemming
Recruiting Analyst

Notes: Named Alabama Class 4A player of the year as senior in 2000... first-team Alabama all-state as tight end in 1999... averaged 18 points and 11 rebounds as senior in basketball

FOOTBALL

Notre Dame adds speed with Class of 2005 recruits

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

After glancing over the 19 players who signed national letters of intent to play football for Notre Dame next year, one thing is clear.

The Irish just got a lot faster.

Last year, the Irish landed four quarterbacks and numerous physical wide receivers. They recruited 10 position players on offense and exactly zero offensive linemen. Defensively, Notre Dame was very big and very physical, but nobody in the Class of 2004 was particularly fast.

Davie was looking to recruit a core group of offensive linemen and several speedy defensive backs and wide receivers, and that's exactly what he ended up doing.

"I don't think you look at just one recruiting class. It kind of goes in pairs," Davie said. "The exciting thing is that you look at the combination of the recruiting class this year with the class last year and I think we have some good balance. When you look at the totality of the last two years, I think it meshes well together."

At a press conference Wednesday afternoon, Davie formally announced the 19 players who signed national letters of intent. The Irish landed a combination of speed in the secondary and a talent-loaded

group of offensive linemen.

After not signing a single offensive lineman last year, the Irish pulled in five linemen, three of whom are ranked among the top 25 in the nation according to ESPN.com's Tom Lemming.

"All our offensive linemen are very athletic," Davie said.

Mark LeVoi heads the list of the talented linemen.

"He is a giant," Davie said of the 310-pound Minnesota native. "But he has some unique skills as well."

LeVoi is a first team USA Today All-American selection and is ranked No. 46 on the CNN.com list of national prospects. The Irish coaching staff is looking at playing LeVoi at either tight end or on the offensive line.

Massachusetts native Zachary Giles is just as good as LeVoi. Giles was named to the USA Today All-American second team and joined LeVoi on the Parade All-American team. The offensive lineman was also named the player of the year in Massachusetts.

In addition to LeVoi and Giles, Notre Dame also signed highly recruited linemen Darin Mitchell, Matt Root and Dan Stevenson.

Aldo De La Garza, who had verbally committed to the Irish in August, did not sign with the Irish on Wednesday as expected.

"He is still going to sign with Notre Dame, but he did not sign

Wednesday," De La Garza's high school head coach Dick Rhoades told Rivals.com. "There are some academic things he still needs to get before he can sign. Getting into Notre Dame isn't easy, but when he meets the criteria, he will sign."

Despite pulling in talented offensive line recruits, the Irish coaching staff's focus was clearly on getting faster, and this is reflected in the quick players Notre Dame landed.

"I think the thing that jumps out at you is the speed," Davie said. "After the Fiesta Bowl, the big question was 'Do we have enough speed?' It's clear that the strength of this class is the linebackers."

Brandon Hoyte, Corey Mays, Rashon Powers-Neal and Justin Tuck all committed to Notre Dame on Wednesday.

"I doubt that we've had a better group of linebackers than we got in this class," Davie said.

In particular, Davie spoke highly of linebacker Corey Mays. The Chicago native, who has a 4.3 grade point average, clearly drew the attention of the Irish coaches early.

"He has great explosiveness and great quickness," Davie said. "I really like him."

Mays was a USA Today second team All-American and was ranked No. 54 among all prep players by the Chicago Sun Times.

The biggest addition to the Irish roster are the three defen-

sive backs, headed by Lionel Bolen. Recruiting analysts across the nation expected Bolen to commit to Virginia Tech, but the cornerback chose Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Bolen is from the same New Jersey high school as current tailback Terrance Howard.

Cornerback Dwight Ellick, who is predicted to win the 100-meter title in Florida this spring, ran a 4.3 40-yard dash. Ellick is not one of the highest rated cornerbacks in the nation partly because he moved from New York to Florida the summer of his senior year and slipped under the noses of many football programs.

Safety Quentin Burrell, ranked No. 19 nationally by Rivals.com, rounds out the Irish defensive backfield. Burrell committed verbally to the Irish only a week ago, but said he chose the school because of its strong academic reputation.

The Georgia native had nine interceptions his senior year of high school and runs a 4.5 40-yard dash.

Although Davie wanted to sign many defensive linemen, he was satisfied with Jeff Thompson and Brian Beidatsch. Thompson, a Granger, Ind. native, was the second player to verbally commit to Notre Dame in June. Beidatsch actually committed to Illinois, but the Irish coaches were so impressed by his performance at the summer camp that they managed to woo him to

South Bend.

Offensively, Notre Dame gained a pair of exceptionally talented skill players. Wide receiver Matt Shelton attended Notre Dame's summer camp, where he wowed coaches with his blazing speed.

As a wide receiver, Shelton rushed for 258 yards his senior year, despite a knee injury that cut his season in half. Shelton ran a 4.2 40-yard dash, the fastest of all the Irish recruits.

Running back Ryan Grant fills a hole in the Irish backfield. Normally, coaches take talented offensive players and shift them over to the defensive side of the field, but Davie is so excited by Grant's potential that he insists that the New Jersey player of the year will remain at tailback.

"He has a chance to be a big-time player," Davie said.

The other players who signed letters of intent are wide receiver Carlos Campbell and running backs Cory Jones and Marcus Wilson.

Although the possibility exists that a few more players could sign letters of intent, Davie isn't optimistic that more players will commit to the Irish. Instead, he said, it is time to turn the focus to getting the Class of 2005 ready for the future.

"Today is an important day, but not nearly as important as in a year when we see how productive these players are," he said. "Only time will tell how good this class is."

ND AFTER FIVE

Thursday, February 8

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Romance Language Department's Italian Coffee Hour, Decio 131
7:00 p.m. Dr. Cornel West - "It Takes A Village to Plant The Future" - Encore Video Presentation, 129 DeBartolo
7:30 p.m. Lecture by Alan Rabinowitz: "Saving the World's Great Cats: Jaguars in the Millennium", DeBartolo Hall 101
7:30 p.m. "Guys & Dolls" - Musical, Washington Hall*
7:30 p.m. "The Achievement of Pope John Paul II", lecture by George Weigel - Hesburgh Library Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Blessing Unto Others Talk: "How the Priest Became a Political Scientist in Chili" - Reverend Tim Scully, LaFortune Montgomery Theater
8:00 p.m. Liss Lecture: "The Suffering and Salvation of God in Classical Judaism", lecture by Michael Fishbane, McKenna Hall Auditorium
8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Open Rec Lacrosse, Court 1, RSRC
8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
9:00 p.m. Valentine's Day Acoustic Café, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom
10:00 p.m. - Midnight Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball
10:30 p.m. Movie, "The Legend of Bagger Vance", DeBartolo 101* and "Autumn in New York", DeBartolo 155*

Friday, February 9

5:00 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. West Virginia, Eck Tennis Pavilion (matches begin at 4:00 p.m.)
6:00 p.m. - Midnight Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball
7:00 p.m. ND Hockey vs Bowling Green, Joyce Center
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Open Rec Badminton, Court 2, RSRC
7:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Dancer In The Dark", Snite Museum*
7:30 p.m. "Guys & Dolls" - Musical, Washington Hall*
8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Sophomore Literary Festival: C. K. Williams, reading - LaFortune Student Center Ballroom
8:00 p.m. Movie, "The Legend of Bagger Vance", DeBartolo 101* & "Autumn in New York", DeBartolo 155*
8:00 p.m. Blessing Unto Others Festival: "Intuitive Rain" & "The Dunn Brothers", Hesburgh Library Audit.*
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Saturday, February 10

5:00 p.m. - Midnight Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball
7:00 p.m. "Danielle Rose" & "The Dunn Brothers", Blessing Unto Others Festival - Hesburgh Library Audit.*
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9:00 p.m. NAACP Formal: The Fire & Ice Ball - "This Is Your Day", LaFortune Student Center Ballroom*
9:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Dancer In The Dark", Snite Museum*
10:00 p.m. Matthew West, in Concert - Reckers. Free \$2.00 food coupons to the first 100 students
10:00 p.m. Flipside Playground Night, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
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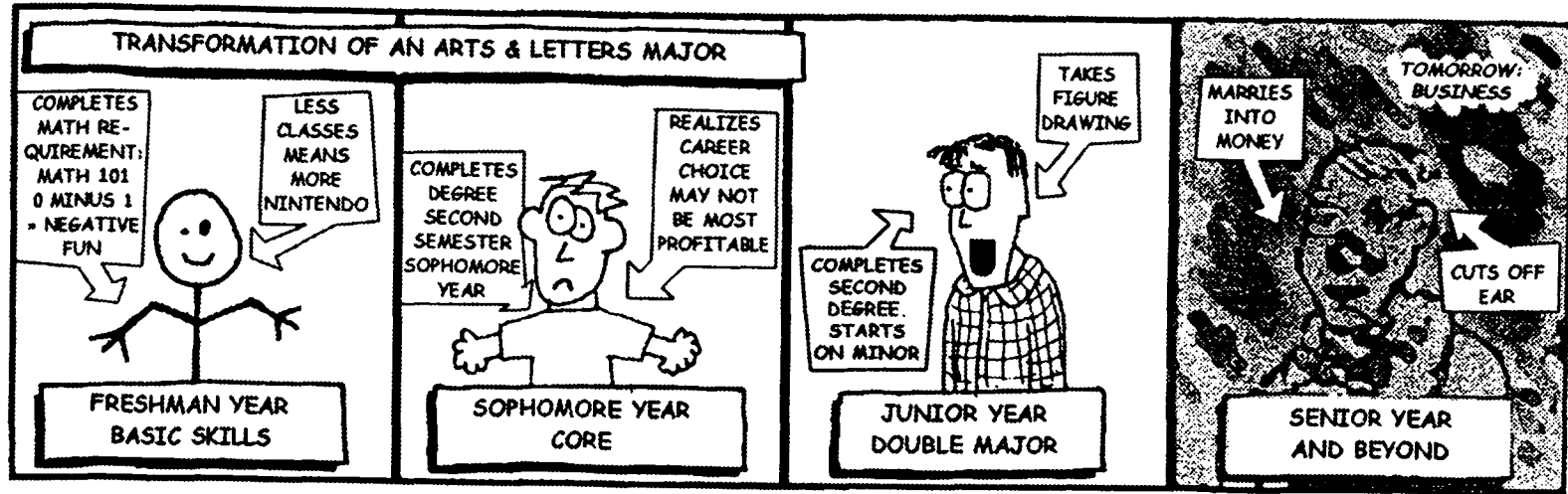
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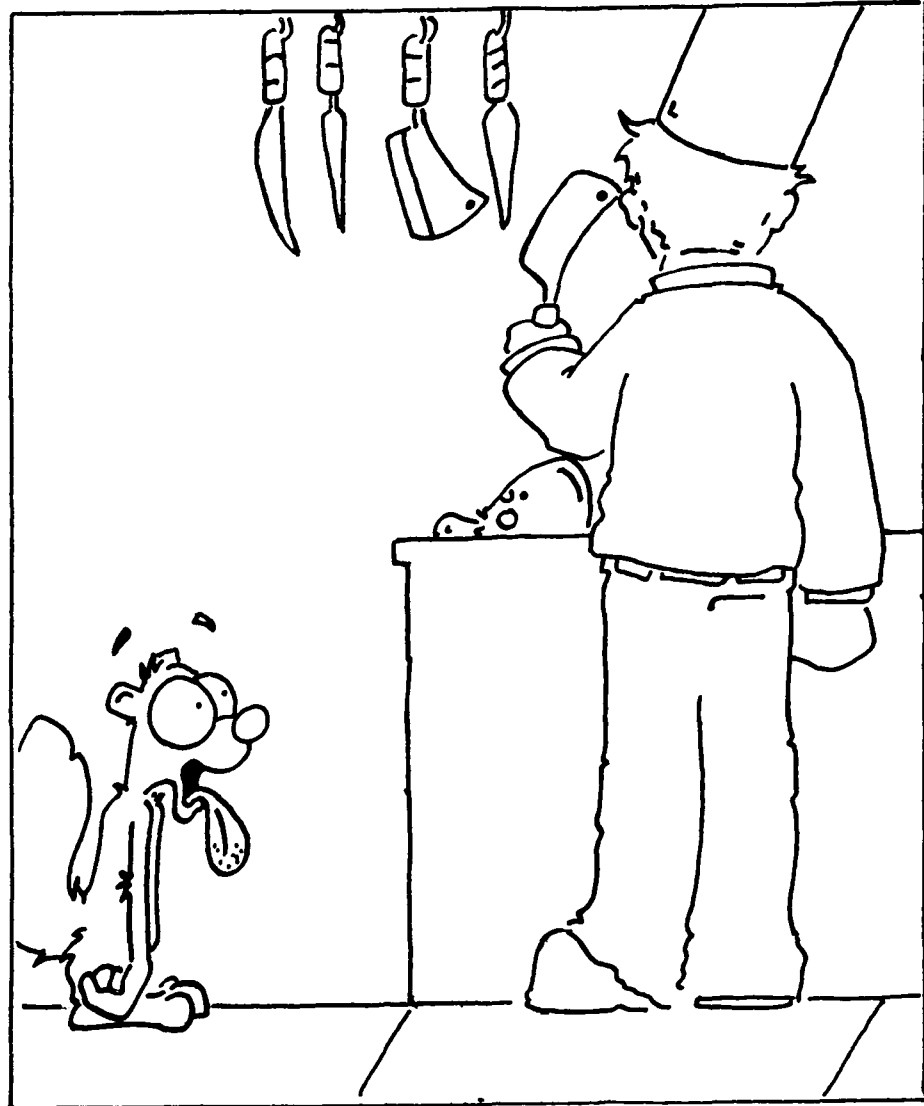
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TOM KEELEY



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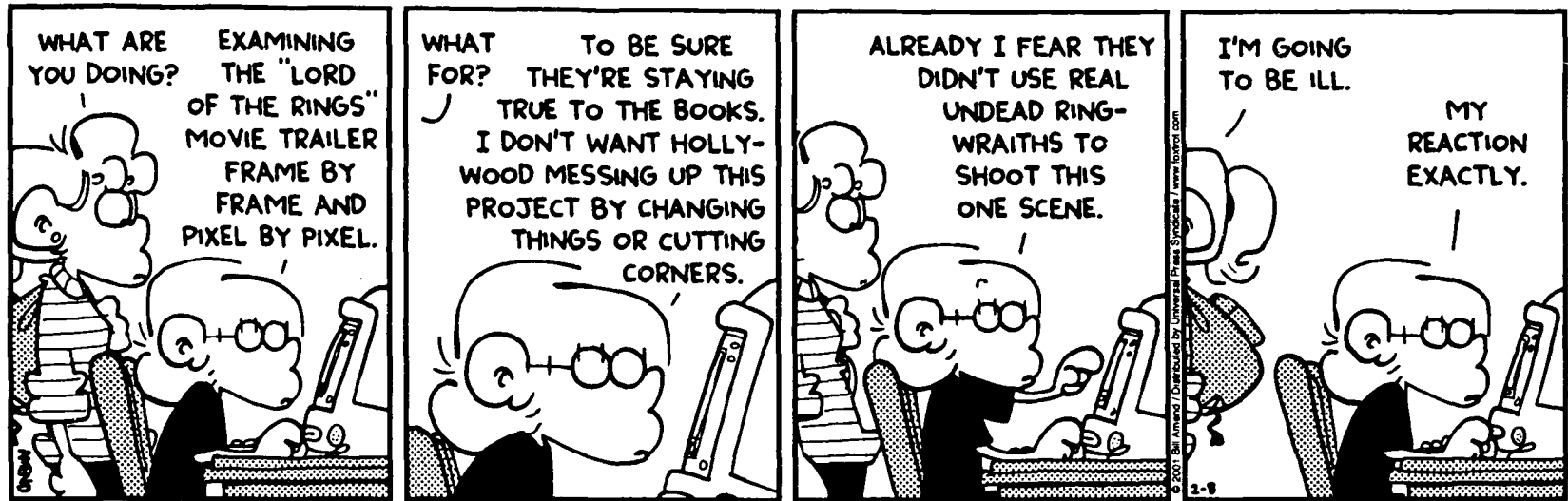
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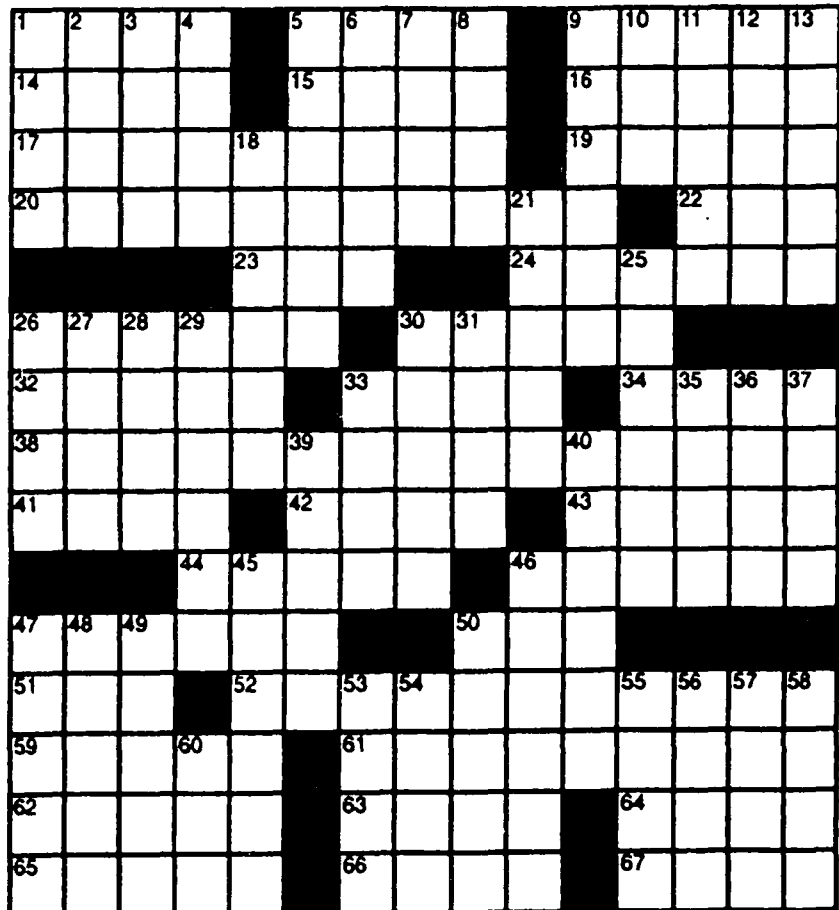
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BILL AMEND



CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Poker variety
 - 5 Shape of the president's office
 - 9 It might have a Phillips head
 - 14 Meddlesome
 - 15 ___ Scotia
 - 16 Animal in Qantas ads
 - 17 Disturbs
 - 19 Tray containing work to do
 - 20 One who looks up when someone yells "duck!"?
 - 22 Gibbon, e.g.
 - 23 Photo ___ (media events)
 - 24 Cites
 - 26 Wine order
 - 30 Mock
- DOWN**
- 32 Tequila source
 - 33 Spanish "ayes"
 - 34 Move like goo
 - 38 Famous
 - 41 Santa's team, e.g.
 - 42 Horse color
 - 43 Group of ships
 - 44 Fish with a net
 - 46 "I beg of you"
 - 47 Frequent fliers
 - 50 "I get it!"
 - 51 D.C.'s Pennsylvania
 - 52 20-Across, to 38-Across
 - 59 Mazda model
 - 61 "Fame" singer
 - 62 More dishonorable
- DOWN**
- 1 Rudely overlook
 - 2 "Beloved" author Morrison
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 - 8 Mascara site
 - 9 Vail trail
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 - 18 Half-price ticket
 - 21 Provide with gear
 - 25 "My Favorite Year" star
 - 26 Jack or ten
 - 27 Writer James
 - 28 Great review
 - 29 Turns aside
 - 30 Kind of wave
 - 31 Org.



Puzzle by Peter Gordon

- ACROSS**
- 33 Falling flakes
 - 35 Draftable
 - 36 Marks of Zorro
 - 37 Art Deco artist
 - 39 Love poet's Muse
 - 40 Recently
 - 45 Wanted poster word
 - 46 Calls
 - 47 Door parts
 - 48 Brand of water
 - 49 Make fun of
 - 50 Helps with the getaway car, perhaps
 - 53 Coin of Iran
 - 54 The first James Bond film
 - 55 3-Down, in 3-Down
 - 56 Demean, as pledges
 - 57 Part of Q.E.D.
 - 58 Steak order
 - 60 Drink "for two"
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2001

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jack Lemmon, James Dean, Lana Turner, Mary Steen-burgen, Ted Koppel, Alonzo Mourning, Nick Nolte, John Grisham, Seth Green

Happy Birthday: This is a year of change. The more laid-back and easygoing you are, the better the results. Adaptability will be the secret to your success. This is a year not to worry but to take a chance and follow your instincts. It's up to you to be open and receptive to every opportunity that comes your way. If you waver, you'll be left behind. Your numbers: 13, 17, 29, 33, 42, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be emotional if you have been extravagant or let children or friends take advantage of you financially. You should channel your efforts into getting rid of bad habits. ○○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Refrain from putting demands on your partner. You should look over the home-improvement plans that your family would like to make. A female member of your family will be difficult to get along with. ○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You need to spend time with close friends. Office politics will be too much to handle. Don't become involved if you wish to spare your reputation. ○○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make headway at work. Present your ideas and don't back down if you get some opposition. Entertain potential clients, but don't overspend. ○○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotional stress will take over if you allow others to aggravate you. Do your own thing and refuse to get involved in any

debates that could lead to emotional turmoil. ○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Property investments will finally pay off. Don't hesitate to look into interesting business opportunities. You can make changes to your living arrangements that will benefit the whole family. A change will lift the spirits of those you live with. ○○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't hang out with eccentric or unpredictable people. Over-indulgence will be your downfall. Do not get involved in joint financial ventures. ○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A jealous rage may result if your mate is trying to back away from you. Stay calm; you can't force anyone to love you. Look ahead and let go of the past. ○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You need to do something adventurous. Boredom is the enemy. New surroundings or interesting people will help make your day stimulating and informative. ○○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can sign contracts today. Don't be too eager to let others in on your financial status. It is wise to keep your thoughts to yourself. Don't spend unnecessarily. ○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have a change of heart regarding your partner. Don't take too long to reveal how you feel and what your future plans are. It's time to get on with your life. ○○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Tend to your work and stay away from idle chatter and gossip. You will have to be careful while operating equipment. Chances are good that you'll reveal secret information if you aren't careful. Don't allow others to take you for granted. ○○

Birthday Baby: You possess plenty of creative talent that will lead you down interesting pathways throughout life. You have the ability to set your own stage and act in a role that becomes you. You are gifted and gracious.

(Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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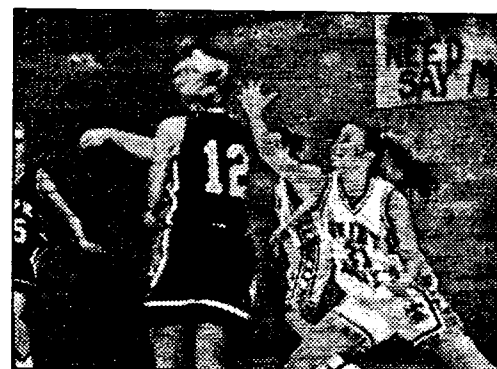
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FOOTBALL

Irish rank among top 15 in recruiting, not during season

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Great Debate continues. In the past few years, conversation on signing day has centered on why the Irish always rank among the top 15 schools in recruiting but then rarely crack the same ranking in the Associated Press and USA TODAY/ESPN polls. There are three basic schools of thought: either Notre Dame's coaches have



Davie

struggled in maximizing their talent, the supposedly top talent is overrated or a combination of the aforementioned reasons.

The argument arose once again after the Fiesta Bowl, when Oregon State, a team that has never ranked high in the recruiting rankings, dominated Notre Dame.

"You tell me how Oregon State can beat you (Notre Dame) by 40 (actually 31) points in a bowl game?," recruiting analyst Max Emfinger said on Tuesday. "I can't understand it. They

(Oregon State) don't have anybody that I've ever heard of. Oregon State has nobody. And Notre Dame has All-Americans at every position. It's hard to understand."

Although he did not intend it, Emfinger's statement proves the unreliability of the "experts" rankings. Obviously, the Beavers had some talent. But because their roster was not full of high school All-Americans, many believed they overachieved.

On the other hand, Notre Dame's coaching staff has been constantly criticized for not correctly utilizing and developing their superior recruiting classes.

The Irish signed 19 high school seniors on Wednesday, all of whom have impressive

résumés and good reputations. Four of the players (tight end Mark LeVoi, offensive lineman Zach Giles, offensive lineman Dan Stevenson, and linebacker Corey Mays) were named to either the Parade or USA TODAY All-American squads. And LeVoi, Mays, Giles and receiver Carlos Campbell ranked among recruiting analyst Tom Lemming's top 100 national prospects.

But even Irish coach Bob Davie admitted that the current predictions have little significance.

"We've all been through this before," Davie said. "None of us know exactly what we have, if we're honest. I always refer to it like having that Christmas present. You've got that thing wrapped and you think it's

pretty good. But we won't know until August and it'll probably be a long time after that until we know for sure. There's just so many things that have to happen for a player to be productive."

During his four years as head coach, Davie has seen certain players surpass their high school reputations while observing others who have struggled adjusting to the faster, more physical college game.

The 1998 recruiting class included a trio of disappointments. Clifford Jefferson was considered one of the nation's best cornerbacks and was named first-team USA TODAY All-American. Three years later, Jefferson is arguably the

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fired up Panthers hang with Irish

◆ Riley's 29 leads Irish past young Panther squad

By LIA GARCIA MILHOAN
Sports Writer

The Pittsburgh Panthers lived up to their motto "40 minutes of fire" on Wednesday night, refusing to give up as the No. 1 Irish prevailed 72-58.

When Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw was asked how her team was handling their top ranking, she responded, "Obviously not very well."

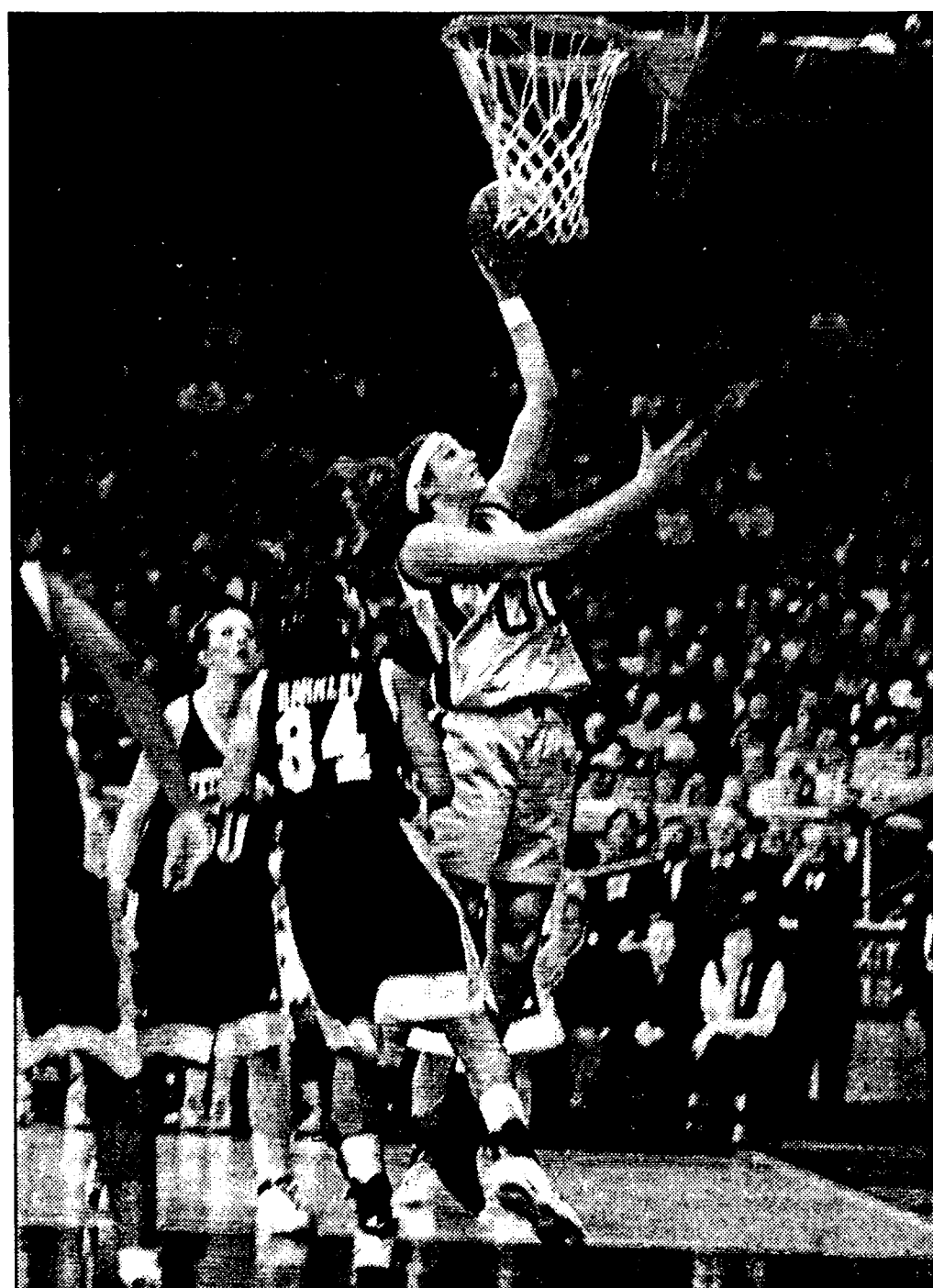
That was the story Wednesday night. The Panthers played with fire and the Irish fought to stay unbeaten.

The first half was marred by turnovers and sloppy passing. The nine first-half Irish turnovers matched their game total from the Boston College game.

"We just made so many mistakes, we played like freshmen out there," said McGraw.

Pittsburgh came out in the second half and continued to penetrate the Notre Dame defense. The lack of a defensive presence by the Irish was especially upsetting to forward

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Ruth Riley goes up for an Irish shot in Notre Dame's 72-58 win over Pittsburgh.

◆ Better effort needed from top-ranked team

For the third game in a row, the Irish were unable to build an early lead. The nation's No. 1 team allowed the 9-13 Panthers to remain in the game late into the second half. With 9:26 remaining, the ninth-place team in the Big East closed to within 47-41.

"Overall I'm just really disappointed — we have to fix it," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw, showing obvious disappointment. "We're just waiting for somebody to come beat us, the way that we're playing right now."

The Catholic middle school cheerleaders that helped out on Tuesday showed more interest in the game than the players wearing the gold uniforms.

"I think that we played with a little bit of a lack of interest at times — especially defensively," said McGraw. Time and time again Pittsburgh point guard

Laine Selwyn ran circles around the Irish defense, finishing with 23 points, 13 points above her season average.

Offensively, the Irish struggled to find a rhythm the entire night. After setting a school record for fewest turnovers in a game at Boston College on Saturday with nine, the Irish handed Pittsburgh the ball 18 times.

Point guard Niele Ivey suffered a floor burn early in the game, and sustained a deep thigh bruise in the second half.

"I thought that mentally she had a lot of breakdowns out there," McGraw said.

The couple that successfully ran across the court held together only by the apple that was in each of their mouths proved to have a better grasp than the Irish offense.

After turning the ball over an all-time low nine times against Boston College on Saturday, the Irish matched that total in the first half. Power forward Kelley Siemon committed three of those first-half miscues.

Siemon expects more of a home court advantage than the Irish have displayed since upsetting No. 1 Connecticut.

"I think we should have the kind of pride where teams should come in here and not even be able to score 50," Siemon said. "I think if we played tomorrow, we'd kill a team by 70. That's how mad I feel."

Pitt coach Traci Waites observed her team — playing

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ELECTION 2001

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A look inside the issues and candidates in this year's campaign

Observer Endorsement

Look in Viewpoint to see why The Observer's Editorial Board believes Ryan Becker and Nikki McCord are the best choice to head up ND's 2001-2002 student government.



This year's tickets advocate everything from increasing staff salaries to building a campus bowling alley to abolishing the Student Senate. But in an election with so many options, the choice will ultimately come down to

WHAT VOTERS WANT

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Wednesday afternoon, four junior girls sat in LaFortune at a table near Burger King. They had pens in hand; notebooks and papers scattered all around, and were working on a group project for their Air Force ROTC class.

Just upstairs, on the second floor, the student government office was also busy. The secretary was on the phone, judicial council officials dealt with election matters, and several students filtered in and out.

Despite the student government office being physically close, the four girls, Julie Skluzacek, Andrea Renaud, Erica Walter and Vivian Ryan, said they felt removed from student government.

"I don't really know what student government does throughout the year," Skluzacek said. "So I voted for you, but what did you do?"

Because student body elections are right around the corner, questions arise about what students are looking for in a

president and vice president. Are issues or personality traits more important? Does campaigning, having a male/female balanced ticket, or race effect how a student will vote?

What are students looking for?

From increasing diversity to improving gender relations, this year's candidates have attempted to address issues that effect the Notre Dame community.

"I like the idea of bringing the prices in the bookstore down," said freshman Marcos Sosa.

"On some posters, I've seen the idea to extend weekday parietals to 1 a.m.," said freshman Alex Roodhouse. "I think that's a good idea."

Other students asked for more phones around campus for security, a third food service plan, Flex 10, cable TV and a monorail system.

Some students felt many campaign promises were used simply to get votes, but in actuality would never be accomplished.

"A lot of the goals seem unrealistic," said Ryan. "They are promising to do a

lot that they have no control over."

Walter agreed, saying a promise to open the stadium for concerts was deceptive. "I've heard these before. They are things that just won't happen."

Junior Marc Nuno said he isn't concentrating on issues such as parietals, food or football tickets, but the dedication of the candidates.

"I don't want some who will start strong and end up squeaking through at the end," Nuno said. "I'd rather have someone with a few good ideas who will do everything in their power to get those things done."

Who are students looking for?

When asked what personality traits are most important in a student body president, students quickly answered everything from being approachable, to relaxed, to sincere to having integrity.

"I want someone who is willing to represent the student body, not focus on their own ideas," Skluzacek said.

"It shouldn't be someone who is stuck on their own ideas," Renaud added.

"They have to be open to what students want."

Senior Emmett Malloy said despite the personality traits of a student body president or vice president, student government is often ineffective because of the University's administration.

"Their personality doesn't seem to matter because they can't do much," Malloy said. "They have to follow what the administration is telling them to do. Their jobs seems to have minimal impact, they could be chimp and it wouldn't matter."

Nuno said a student body president has to be a good leader. He said if the president is too head strong, he will try to handle every issue himself, and thus be ineffective.

"A good leader delegates," Nuno said. "If you have too many things on your shoulders, you won't do a good job."

Nearly every student interviewed said they want a student body president who is easily approachable and will listen to concerns.

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Candidates on the
Issues: Cheers, Jeers,
and Polite Applause

Demetra Smith President



Yogeld Andre
Vice President

In Their Words

- ◆ **Top Priority:** Calling for a new and increased financial aid plan, the ticket's "Investing in Minds" program aims to offer scholarships to students based on demonstrated leadership and service activity. By granting funds to these students, the ticket hopes to allow them to focus on social action and leadership development.
- ◆ **What They Can Accomplish First:** Smith and Andre are confident that they can turn the pilot "Dinner With Seven Strangers" program into a popular campus-wide event quickly after taking office. The MSPS-sponsored program brings seven diverse people together to cook dinner and discuss issues. The ticket plans to promote the event and convince students it is a worthwhile experience.

In Our Words

- ◆ **Best Idea:** To ensure a living wage for University employees. An ambitious goal, the ticket plans to work with the CLC, administration and outside social groups to determine what a living wage is for South Bend and how the University can meet that wage for all employees.
- ◆ **Worst Idea:** The ticket has no bad ideas, as all plans aim to improve social justice causes in and around campus. Lack of feasibility and idealism will prove to make many ideas unsuccessful in the time period provided.
- ◆ **Most Feasible Idea:** Monthly Community Hot Topics Forums designed to create organized dialogues about current campus issues should be fairly easy to get up and running.
- ◆ **Least Feasible Idea:** It is unlikely that efforts to reduce text book prices and revise the current book buy back policy by negotiating with multi-million-dollar Follett will be successful.
- ◆ **Fun Fact:** Both juniors, Smith and Andre met last year while studying abroad in Angers, France.
- ◆ **Notable Quote:** "If we tell the administration we're only capable of handling a certain type of issue, that's all we're going to get," said Smith.

The Bottom Line

The Smith/Andre ticket should be commended for tackling many lofty social justice issues, but its limited time in office might preclude them from accomplishing many goals on their platform. The ticket has failed to demonstrate a focus on issues of broader appeal to students, such as football ticket distribution.

In Their Words

- ◆ **Top priority:** Based upon door-to-door surveys, Norton and Moscona set cable in dorm rooms as their primary long-term initiative. They say cable would provide students with a plethora of entertainment options and eventually educational opportunities through student produced television shows.
- ◆ **What they can accomplish first:** The ticket believes their first initiative will be the creation of a Student Services Center on campus to organize life skills seminars, which they term Life 101: Seminars for the Real World. The seminars would address topics like self defense, car maintenance, communication in relationships and cooking.

In Our Words

- ◆ **Best Idea:** Taking baby steps toward most students' dream come true, the Norton/Moscona ticket offers further research into 1 a.m. parietals. Although alterations of du Lac seem unlikely, the effort is worthwhile.
- ◆ **Worst Idea:** Attempts to add an all-school dance to the Founder's Day celebration would most likely encounter significant student apathy and major logistical problems.
- ◆ **Most Feasible Idea:** The pair's "Clean Up Your Own Backyard" idea, designed as a beautification project surrounding the campus lakes, would be simple to implement and could yield immediate results.
- ◆ **Least Feasible Idea:** Norton and Moscona's plan to host a hip-hop concert to encourage attendance at diversity events has good intentions, but finding a qualified artist, the necessary funds and University approval for the controversial concert could prove too difficult a task.
- ◆ **Fun Fact:** The two met when Norton served as freshman class council liason, a position Moscona now holds.
- ◆ **Notable Quote:** "My personality is strong behind the scenes," said Norton. "I've been a grounding force in the current administration and ... I'm ready for the challenge."

The Bottom Line

Norton and Moscona have an ambitious agenda, but seem unable to prioritize their initiatives. While Norton has the experience and skills for the Office of the President, both Norton and Moscona have difficulty articulating their goals.

Brooke Norton President



Brian Moscona
Vice President

Chris Zimmerman President



Andy Nelson
Vice President

In Their Words

- ◆ **Top priority:** With a concern about the bureaucratic nature of the current configuration of student government, Zimmerman/Nelson want to eliminate the Student Senate and make Hall Presidents' Council the central governing body on campus.
- ◆ **What they can accomplish first:** By increasing the number of all-campus Masses from one to four during the academic year, the ticket aims to "foster a spirit of religion at Notre Dame."

In Our Words

- ◆ **Best Idea:** Increasing the number of all-campus Masses from one to four, including one at the beginning and end of each semester, is a politically popular and attainable goal.
- ◆ **Worst Idea:** The Campus Life Council is at a critical juncture in its existence, and a responsible administration should be able to effectively tap the power that this body wields. Instead, Zimmerman/Nelson want to scrap the current configuration of student government all together. Streamlining the government is a great idea, but any such efforts should seek to streamline to where the greatest power lies.
- ◆ **Most Feasible Idea:** Increasing all-campus Masses might not be ambitious, but it's a nice community-building exercise. Because Notre Dame prides itself on its faith community, this idea should meet with little opposition from administrators or students.
- ◆ **Least Feasible Idea:** Lobbying for the same average GPA among all colleges is not only implausible, but ill-informed. Asking colleges to adjust academic requirements and standards to level GPAs compromises the academic integrity of the University and students' degrees.
- ◆ **Fun Fact:** The two are roommates in Fisher Hall, where Zimmerman serves as a section representative.
- ◆ **Notable Quote:** "They basically have to vote to eliminate themselves," said Nelson about the Senate's role in the ticket's restructuring plan.

The Bottom Line

The pair says they have spoken to five or six senators regarding their plans to restructure student government and reports that senators are open to discussion. Let's get real — few people are going to vote to put themselves out of a job. These guys need to learn to work within the system.

In Their Words

♦ **Top Priority:** The ticket wants to enhance the overall student experience at Notre Dame by bringing an off-campus atmosphere to campus. They propose to do this by adding an eight lane bowling alley and sports bar to the Alumni-Senior Club.

♦ **What They Can Accomplish First:** Zeidler and Henisey said installing telephones in campus parking lots could be done relatively quickly and would address safety concerns.

In Our Words

♦ **Best Idea:** Phones in campus parking lots will increase the safety of both students and faculty, and can likely be installed with minimal time and expense. This will increase communication between students and campus security.

♦ **Worst Idea:** While social space is a valid concern at the University, many students would rather be knocking down drinks than pins. Bowling facilities may diminish the Alumni-Senior Club's appeal as a bar, and problems with state liquor laws may make implementation tricky.

♦ **Most Feasible Idea:** Notre Dame alumni are well known for their commitment of time and resources to their alma mater. This generosity makes the ticket's plan to work with the Career Center to establish and alumni mentoring program a realistic goal.

♦ **Least Feasible Idea:** Supposing that even half of the University's 8,000 undergraduates turn out, Zeidler and Henisey will have trouble finding a place to put them all. No on-campus venue can accommodate such a large dance, and South Bend offers few options.

♦ **Fun Fact:** In addition to being friends, Zeidler and Henisey are both engineering majors.

♦ **Notable Quote:** Zeidler says being student body president is nothing he can't handle. According to the Keough Hall president, "It's like being the head of one big dorm."

The Bottom Line

While this ticket has good intentions, the platform's feasibility is questionable at best. When it comes to being insistent with administrators about platform goals, Henisey claims the ticket is willing to be the squeaky wheel, but don't expect them to get the ball rolling until they've done their homework on the issues.

**Holt Zeidler
President****Allison Henisey
Vice President****Ryan Becker
President****Nikki McCord
Vice President****In Their Words**

♦ **Top Priority:** Becker and McCord have done research on cutting bookstore prices, making this impossible goal look plausible. Their ideas include a 3 to 5 percent student discount on text books, talking to Faculty Senate to encourage communication and, if those fail, working with NDToday.com to expand the online book swap.

♦ **What They Can Accomplish First:** The ticket will implement a department to plan non-alcoholic events the first day they take office. Combining several campus groups, they hope to plan events students will enjoy and to provide different options for entertainment on and off campus.

In Our Words

♦ **Best Idea:** SafeRide has failed for the past two years, but the Becker/McCord ticket has a fresh idea: send vans to popular student hang-outs to pick up students instead of waiting for calls. It makes you wonder, "Why hasn't anyone thought of this before?"

♦ **Worst Idea:** Of course students, especially those on North Quad, would love for Reckers to deliver. But if Reckers can't get a pizza to someone in the restaurant in a short time, how will it send a golf cart across campus to deliver the pizza while it's still edible?

♦ **Most Feasible Idea:** Becker and McCord want the Campus Life Council to be more in touch with students. They will add more students by dividing the campus into equal sections and electing representatives from each.

♦ **Least Feasible Idea:** It seems like a reasonable idea to give students more football tickets for away games, but the administration is determined to give them to alumni.

♦ **Fun Fact:** Becker was the co-chair of the Senate Residence Life committee that brought cereal to Grab 'n' Go and a mailbox to LaFortune.

♦ **Notable Quote:** "We're here now. Let's take advantage of it," said Becker.

The Bottom Line

The Becker/McCord platform addresses issues that concern students and plans to solve them in a realistic manner. The ticket is experienced, enthusiastic and determined, but they may be overly ambitious and unable to complete their goals.

In Their Words

♦ **Top Priority:** Gottlieb and Fetterman are intent on making Notre Dame a more welcoming campus by providing universal access to residence halls. Their plan would allow any student with a valid University identification card to access all dorms.

♦ **What They Can Accomplish First:** The ticket expresses a concern for on-campus safety and says they can address this issue quickly by installing better lighting and more call boxes around campus.

In Our Words

♦ **Best Idea:** The proposed lighting and call boxes highlight a real concern at Notre Dame. While some may label this attention to safety as a women's issue, this idea goes a long way in improving on-campus life for all University students and guests, male or female.

♦ **Worst Idea:** Someone should have yelled "Fore!" at Gottlieb and Fetterman before they came up with this idea. Golf cart shuttles from the parking lots to campus? Students are going to class, not downtown South Bend.

♦ **Most Feasible Idea:** In addition to universal access to dorms, the ticket is also pushing its idea of consistent security rules among dorms. This especially applies to 24-hour space discrepancies in male and female dorms. Achieving parity is feasible, especially since the Student Senate has already targeted this concern.

♦ **Least Feasible Idea:** Grab 'N' Go in DeBartolo looks good on a poster, especially to students with a full day of classes and little time for lunch. But can students expect Gottlieb and Fetterman to deliver? Administrators don't want anyone bringing food into DeBartolo, much less serving it there.















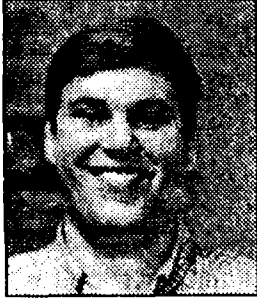



























♦ **Fun Fact:** The sophomores are not only friends, but have been debate partners for over a year.

♦ **Notable Quote:** Although Gottlieb and Fetterman make up the only all-female ticket, they are shying away from a campaign that focuses on their gender and women's issues. "[Our] gender is not the issue. We would much rather have our qualifications acknowledged," Gottlieb said.

The Bottom Line

Gottlieb and Fetterman don't have the experience necessary to lead student government. While they have made a point not to campaign on their gender, the two have impressive ideas that may fall under the purview of women's issues. They would do well to acknowledge that and to work with whomever is elected to these concerns.

**Maureen Gottlieb
President****Victoria Fetterman
Vice President**

Candidates on the Issues: Cheers, Jeers and Polite Applause	On the Campus Life Council	On Founder's Day	On football ticket distribution	On ND/SMC student relations	On social and 24-hour space
 Smith  Andre	 Plans to use CLC to implement their social action platform	 Aim to increase student participation, but lack specific plans for doing so	 They must be ready to attack this issue April 1 but did not yet have a plan	 Suggest increased communication, but fail to offer a specific plan of action	 Did not have immediate plan but promised to look into the issue
 Norton  Moscona	 Would maintain the status quo in terms of structure, but work to reduce redundancy	 Move Founder's Day to a non-football weekend so JACC can be used in case of rain	 Propose to create task forces and committees to examine options	 Suggest increased communication, but fail to offer a specific plan of action	 Renovate LaFortune to include specialty food restaurants and an SYR gift shop
 Zimmerman  Nelson	 Propose to eliminate CLC and transfer its functions to more powerful HPC	 Instead of having three carnivals per year, combine funds for one big bash	 Joke about a football IQ test to give best fans the best seats, but no genuine plan	 Suggest increased communication, but fail to offer a specific plan of action	 Renovate LaFortune; send student government and club offices to Bronson Hall
 Zeidler  Henisey	 Would maintain the status quo in terms of structure, but work to reduce redundancy	 Aim to increase student participation, but lack specific plans for doing so	 They must be ready to attack this issue April 1 but they did not yet have a plan	 Suggest increased communication, but fail to offer a specific plan of action	 Convert senior bar into an eight-lane bowling alley and restaurant
 Becker  McCord	 Suggests elected representatives from sections of campus sit on Council	 Aim to increase student participation, but lack specific plans for doing so	 Propose to create task forces and committees to examine options	 Initiate an ND/SMC retreat; ask SMC input on women's issues	 Standardize dorm 24-hour spaces; start student businesses in LaFortune basement
 Gottlieb  Fetterman	 Would maintain the status quo in terms of structure, but work to reduce redundancy	 Aim to increase student participation, but lack specific plans for doing so	 Obtain tickets through a mail order system that allows friends to sit together	 Suggest increased communication, but fail to offer a specific plan of action	 Create equal access to dorms and uniform 24-hour space rules

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"I want to see a leader with energy," said freshman Mike Bott.

"I need someone who's articulate and can speak well in public," added Roodhouse.

Who will get the vote?

Every student interviewed said the candidates' race and gender would not determine how they cast their ballot.

"If the two girls have what I'm looking for, I'd vote for them," said Skluzacek. "Gender and race are definitely not issues."

However, all agreed campaigning is important.

"I don't have time to go to

the debates," said Renaud. "I do read the posters, and think the taller, more professional ones are effective."

Nuno said having a broad platform that addresses several issues will be the determining factor on where he places his vote.

"I don't want the platform designed simply to get votes. I want a candidate that listens to what people say and represent the student body," Nuno said.

Sosa, Bott and Roodhouse said because they are freshmen, they aren't sure about all the issues, but look to the posters to see the different ideas.

"I will base my vote on their ideas and platforms," said Bott.

Ryan agreed, saying the posters are helpful, but added the Web sites are also a good

place to find information.

"The emails can be annoying, but at least you can go back and read them later," Ryan said.

Malloy said having a balanced ticket is important to represent the needs of the entire student body.

"I think you should have one guy and one girl, because then you have the two sides of the coin," Malloy said.

The Bottom Line

By Wednesday night, the four guys had left the table by Burger King and were busy in other activities. Simultaneously, all of the candidates for student body president and vice president were explaining their platform and ideas during a debate in the Library Auditorium.

Each ticket said they want to represent the student body and address the students' concerns. Each said they would listen to what the students want and need. And each said they would work with the administration to make their promises a reality instead of far-fetched vows.

Nuno said he hopes the new administration will follow through with their commitment to the student body once elected.

"The president and vice president are there to represent the student body," he said. "We can't go and argue for what we want, but if they are approachable and listen to our ideas, they can tell the administration and supervisors what we are looking for, and hopefully do something for the students."

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