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Saint Mary's announces presidential tickets

Two pairs of candidates appear on ballot; third denied under BOG constitution

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

For the second year in a row, Saint Mary's students will have multiple tickets to pick from when choosing a new student body president and vice president — but whether it should be two tickets or three has been a topic of contention.

Junior Kellye Mitros and sophomore Susan McIlduff were the earliest pair to enter the election for president and vice president, respectively. Junior presidential candidate Michelle Fitzgerald and junior running mate Lauren Siegel announced their candidacy and were listed on the ballot as the second ticket when campaigning officially started on Wednesday.

But on Thursday, the ticket of junior Katherine Kelly and freshman Lauren McCalister approached the elections committee to see if they could still sign up to run.

According to a statement released to the student body this morning by the elections committee — including Elections Commissioner Anna Bauer — members of the committee based their decision on constitutional rules.

"We unanimously voted that a ticket comprised of Katherine Kelly, a junior, and Lauren McCalister, a first-year student, will not be allowed to enter this year's election because the deadline for ticket entry has passed," members wrote. "As was stated

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Response to speech is mixed

Bush's inaugural address sparks debate

By K. AARON VAN OOSTERHOUT
News Writer

During his inaugural address Thursday, President Bush spoke of an "untamed fire of freedom" that "warms those who feel its power." While some members of the Notre Dame community found his words inspiring, others were chilled by his foreign policy rhetoric.

"I didn't think it was his best speech," said Nicola Bunick, co-president of the College Democrats of Notre Dame. "It was very philosophical in a place that wasn't very appropriate. It was pretty vague."

At noon, President Bush took the oath of office and then delivered his address to a nation that has given him the lowest approval rating of any president entering his second term in the last 50 years, according to the Gallup Poll. In such an environment, his speech would be written in a way so as not to rile the opposing viewpoint, Assistant Professor of Political Science Dan Lindley said.

"It's easy to talk about standing with the oppressed, and to stand for freedom Lindley said in an e-mail to The Observer. "Who could disagree?"

David Campbell, assistant professor of political science, could not.

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Students evaluate their leaders

ND government is often overlooked

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame students, as they have shown through allegiance to College Democrats or Republicans, protests and passionate letters to the editor, care about politics. When it comes to their classmates governing this campus, however, students are overwhelmingly uninformed and apathetic.

"I don't even know what student government does or doesn't do," said St. Edward's Hall

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In Focus

Observer File Photo

Above, Dave Baron, Karla Bell and Adam Istvan, members of the Office of the Student Body President, discuss campus issues. Saint Mary's Board of Governance meets in Haggar.

College's groups make headway

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

With a big event like the inauguration of Carol Mooney behind them, and other big events like The All School Formal and a new election looming in front of them, many students at Saint Mary's are proud of the work accomplished by the Board of Governance and other governmental boards throughout the fall and early spring semesters.

BOG has worked hard to institute new campus programs, continue favorite annual activities and make students feel welcome at all BOG-related events.

Senior Cassie Gerstner said she has attended many BOG-sponsored events

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'Flex 10' option faces obstacles to approval

Change could hurt quality in dining halls

By JENNIFER ROWLING
News Writer

While Notre Dame Food Services acknowledges and appreciates students' suggestions for creating a Flex 10 meal plan option, there remain some concerns to be addressed, food service officials said.

"Food Services and the University administration are not necessarily opposed to offering a 10-meals-per-week meal plan option for resident students," said Dave Prentkowski, director of Notre Dame Food Services. "Although, there is a definite interest in protecting the traditional culture of the dining hall experience, which encourages community gathering and interaction."

The Student Senate and Campus Life Council have recently discussed the merits of adding a Flex 10 meal plan option, which would allot each student 10 meals per week in the dining halls and increase Flex Points proportionately. While the senate pointed out that Food Services' current Flex 14 option already assumes that students eat only 10 meals a week. Food service officials said the excess dollars are used to

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Resolution-makers flood gyms

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

It is 4 p.m. at Rolf's Sports Recreation Center, and the building is buzzing with activity.

On a cold January afternoon, it seems nearly half the student body has descended upon the cardio room, filling sign-up sheets for hours in advance.

"January and February are always our busiest time of the year," said Sally Derengoski, Director of Athletics at RecSports. "Since nearly half of the people that come into the building head into the fitness room, it gets extremely crowded during peak hours."

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Students take advantage of the variety of equipment at the Rock, including stationary bikes, treadmills and elliptical machines.

Inside Column

Pleased to meet you

Jeannine Privat
News Wire Editor

I expected college senioritis to closely resemble high school senioritis. But lately I have noticed that while basically similar — both are characterized by a lack of energy for going to class, a want to go out and party all the time, and a desire to just finish — major differences exist that I had not expected coming into my senior year.

I had imagined that my four years at college would be similar to my four years of high school. Freshman year everyone is new, a little anxious, not sure what to expect. But by senior year, everything is just groovy.

Senior year — by far my best year of high school (partially because the legal age to enter Louisiana bars is a mere 18 years). My senior year, everyone was friends with everyone — social barriers practically melted away. It did not matter anymore what group one had belonged to previously, everyone became pretty much just part of one big group. Everyone was pretty relaxed.

This is what I had expected of Notre Dame. But I failed to calculate into my formula one vital factor. No one is interested in meeting anyone new by senior year. I expected senior year to be a blur of hanging out with friends, going out to the bars, meeting people, a general atmosphere of fun. And for the most part, it has been — except for the meeting people part.

Being at home made me realize the completely different social atmosphere I exist in at Notre Dame. Walking into a bar at home, I will run into at least one person I know who will be more than happy to talk to me, no matter how long it has been since we last talked. They will immediately introduce me to the people they came with, and I will become part of that group for the time being. But at Notre Dame, I see people that I once knew, people from freshman or sophomore year, people who I had class with or did a project with, and we pretend we do not know each other. Casual acquaintances seem almost nonexistent. It is so unlike being in southern Louisiana, where the most casual of acquaintances gives you a big hug upon greeting and enthusiastically asks, "How are you? How is everything?" Here, there are people you know and people you don't know.

If you are with a friend introductions will take place, but there is little chance of you ever talking to that person again in the absence of the friend who introduced you. Introductions are a casual courtesy but completely insincere. Though very polite, people who you are introduced to are rarely ever truly friendly. This is because people are so comfortable in their social groups that they have no desire to branch out and meet new people by senior year. People are tired of meeting new people, and are completely satisfied with knowing only the people in their own social groups.

I generally like meeting new people — or I used to at least, before I got here, where people are nice but not friendly. And with only a few months til graduation, I have articulated yet another reason why I cannot wait to leave the shadow of the Golden Dome, a dome that looks friendly and warm, but in reality is nice and cool to the touch.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Jeannine Privat at jprivat@nd.edu.

Corrections

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Question of the Day: *What did you think of the presidential inauguration?*

Samuel Monotlnk
freshman
Stanford

"I thought it was a good inauguration. I saw John McCain — anticipation seemed intense. Bush was very professional."

Danielle Nunez
sophomore
Cavanaugh

"It was a day of mourning — not of celebration."

Kathryn Schuessler
sophomore
Walsh

"Bush said 'freedom' and 'liberty' a whole lot."

Elizabeth Roach
senior
off-campus

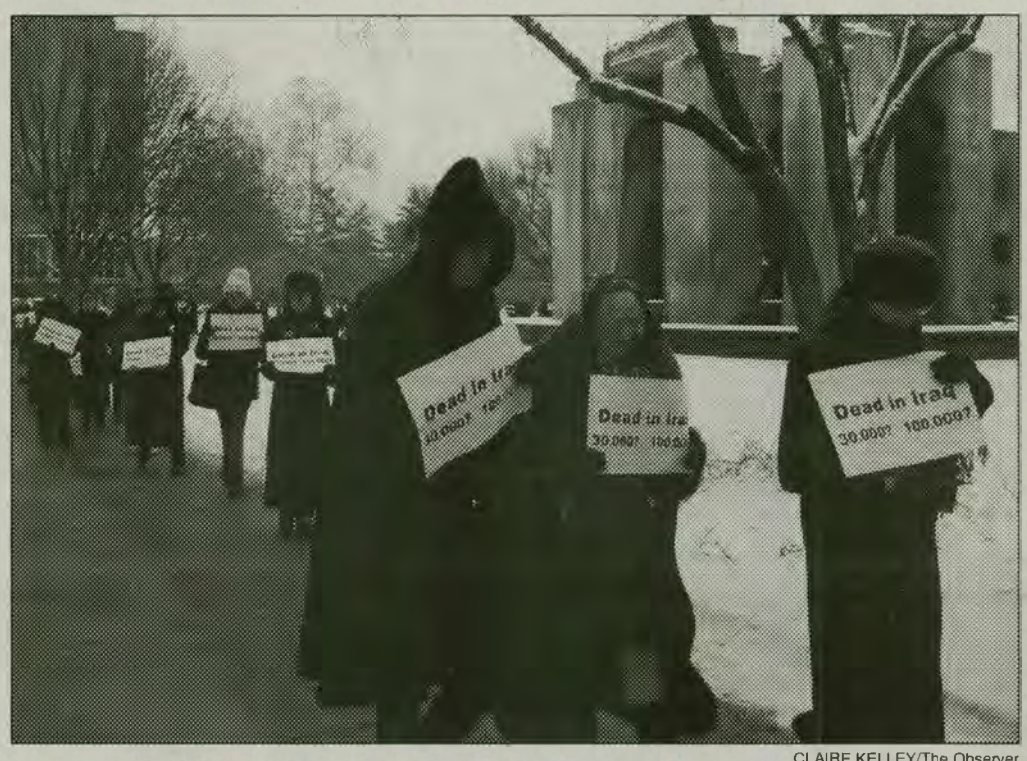
"Instead of raising my glass to the inauguration, I'll drink tonight to the hope for impeachment. Cheers!"

Jane Mitsch
senior
Lewis

"Hell has frozen over and the devil is living among us."

Tim Chlon
sophomore
Siegfried

"The President deserved his day. Luckily it wasn't ruined by any protesters."



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Notre Dame faculty and students march next to Stonehenge Thursday in protest of the Iraq War. The demonstration, held on the same day as the presidential inauguration, was sponsored by the Progressive Faculty Alliance and the Progressive Student Alliance.

Offbeat

'Furries' meet in San Jose

SAN JOSE — The city is hosting a convention this weekend of about 1,700 "furries" — people who love animals so much that they take on their identities and sometimes dress up like them.

Part costume party and part role play, Further Confusion, or FurCon, gives grown-ups a place to act out their inter-species fantasies.

The convention includes workshops on such things as puppetry, costume making, writing about mythical creatures and "furry anatomy."

Many of those attending participate in Internet chat rooms for "furries."

"But just because it's weird, it's still perfectly normal to the people involved in it," said raccoon wannabe Lee Strom, 36, of San Leandro, one of the event's founders.

Drug dealer leaves loot in shopping mall

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — A crack cocaine dealer who forgot a backpack containing $74,000 in a Winnipeg mall was arrested after he tried to reclaim the bag at the mall's lost-and-found desk.

The dealer, Shu Tshung Wong, 32, received a five-year prison sentence this week, the Winnipeg Sun reported on Wednesday. The newspaper quoted the judge in the case as saying the penalty was at the "low end of the scale," but noted Wong, who agreed to the sentence, did not have a previous criminal record.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

The Welsh Family **dance show** will take place tonight from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Washington Hall.

RecSports will spons or its 19th annual **Late Night Olympics**. The all-night fundraiser, starting Saturday at 6 p.m. and lasting until Sunday at 4 a.m., will benefit the St. Joseph County Special Olympics.

The Notre Dame Student Film Festival will take place tonight and Saturday. Each showing, one from 7 to 9 p.m. and one from 10 p.m. to midnight, includes 18 student features and takes place at the Browning Family Cinema of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The Notre Dame **men's and women's track** teams will host their home opener today from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Loftus Sports Center.

The **Harlem Globetrotters** will play at the Joyce Center Arena tonight from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Joyce Center ticket office.

Campus Ministry group Four:7 will present Christian group **Solid Underground with Joe Nava and Sean Dudley** in concert tonight from 9 to 11 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Lounge.

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

Local Weather

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HIGH	22	19	21	19	27	36
LOW	16	16	8	12	27	25

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New York 20 / 9 **Philadelphia** 22 / 10 **Phoenix** 72 / 54 **Seattle** 54 / 46 **St. Louis** 37 / 28 **Tampa** 72 / 56 **Washington** 26 / 18

Competitors anticipate Late Night Olympics

By KATHERINE O'HARA
News Writer

RecSports expects 1,200 students to give their Saturday night to a good cause at Late Night Olympics, an annual sporting event designed to raise money for St. Joseph County's Special Olympics.

"This is the first time we've had it on a Saturday," said assistant director of RecSports and director of Late Night Olympics Bill Regan said. "We thought students would be stressed out Friday night and looking for something to do on Saturday. There will be lousy weather, but it will be warm and energized in the Joyce Center."

Events start at 6 p.m. and will continue through early Sunday.

"Students like the marathon nature. They are like, 'This is nuts. I start at 6 and may not be done until 3,'" Regan said. "It is a real challenge physically."

Students agreed the competitive nature of the event attracted them.

"This campus really likes their athletics. This is obvious if [we] will give up a Saturday night to go to the JACC," said sophomore Tony Crafa, who signed up to participate.

Regan urged students who did not sign up to participate to go, observe and support their dorm and sister/brother dorm as they compete against the rest of campus.

"I couldn't do it last year, but I went and watched and had so much fun," sophomore Katy Marvin said. "Go see it. It is hysterical. People have no idea what they are doing but they get so into it. So you get into it too."

While there are familiar favorites such as volleyball and 3-on-3 basketball, some events are not as standard — such as woofleball, Nerf football and inner tube water polo.

"It is amusing competition. When you think of the Olympics, you don't think of broomball," sophomore Matt Novak said. Novak also said he plans to go and support his friends.

"It is fundamentally a good cause. And it is one of the only chances you get to compete in sports for one night [with] no commitment."

Emmie Calland
sophomore

Last year Late Night Olympics raised $8,000 for Special Olympics. This year, they plan to fundraise through entry fees, a raffle, donations at the door, a $3 open-skate charge and penny wars.

"It is fundamentally a good cause," sophomore Emmie Calland said. Calland is registered for three events including the obstacle course, which her team won last year.

"And it is one of the only chances you get to compete in sports for one night [with] no commitment," she said. "You can try hard, but there is no pressure."

Though students compete for fun, some — like sophomore Joe O'Connell — have other motivation.

"I want to win," he said.

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Group protests inauguration

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KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

A Saint Mary's professor speaks Thursday at an anti-Bush Inauguration demonstration in Dalloway's Clubhouse.

As the nation marked the beginning of its leader's second term Thursday, some Saint Mary's faculty members, staff and students used the day as an opportunity to bring political issues to light.

The Saint Mary's Peace Not War group gathered Thursday afternoon at Dalloway's Clubhouse on campus for an Anti-Bush Inauguration demonstration. The event took place at the exact time Bush was being inaugurated.

"The Peace Not War group was formed just before Christmas by SMC faculty members who were concerned about the ongoing war in Iraq," Sister Elena Maltis said. The group currently has 74 faculty, staff and student members.

"We are a single-issue group with many different values and beliefs feeding into it. We agree that we are against the war and that the troops should be sent home," said Professor Zae Munn, a Peace Not War member.

The demonstration lasted just over an hour as faculty members shared their thoughts, poems, stories and experiences with the group.

"I believe that instead of being inaugurated, Bush should go before the tribunals for the slaughter of thousands and thousands of innocent victims," philosophy professor Ann Clark said in her speech.

Psychology professor Joseph Miller talked about and blamed "highly informative" media such as Fox and Clear Channel, for falsifying and putting spins on stories.

Munn shared her experience of protesting on street corners with her 'Honk for Peace' sign around her neck. "Lots of people do honk, and it's a wonderful thing," she said.

Each individual present at the demonstration wore a white ribbon to symbolize those who have died in the war. They then performed the Din of the Dead, which consisted of everyone simultaneously reading sheets of names of those who have died. There were over 6,000 Iraqi and American names.

"It's hard to be anti-Bush and mobilize on this campus because we are the minority," said Lyndsey Bergen, Saint Mary's College Democrats acting president. "I think it was really great to have this, especially with all the faculty members."

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"Like most inaugural speeches, President Bush was very broad and general," said Campbell. "He chose to step above the policy. While I think, rhetorically, it worked, I don't think it's going to redefine the political landscape."

The President also used religious language as an appeal to the majority of U.S. citizens, said Campbell.

"The speech itself contain[ed] a lot of religious language, and he has a tendency to alienate a small percentage [of the citizenry]," he said, "but, actually, it probably works with the majority of the population."

"We go forward with complete confidence in the eventual triumph of freedom."

George W. Bush
president

Overall, however, Campbell said he had "a hard time believing that anyone who was fervently anti-Bush in the 2004 campaign would change their minds about him because of this speech."

Teresa Ghilarducci, assistant professor of economics and policy studies, agreed.

"I don't think it'll move anybody," she said, "and it's too bad."

Unlike Campbell, who thought the President will use this speech as a springboard for a new diplomatic foreign agenda, Ghilarducci felt the speech divulged nothing of his future agenda, domestic or foreign.

"Bush's speech wasn't referring to any of the issues we are facing today," she said. "[He] just fed us pablum from the fifth grade. I was ready for him to make the connection between individual liberty and privatizing Social Security or anything else that he wants to do, but all we got was a speech devoid of proper nouns."

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Also unlike Campbell, Ghilarducci felt the President's broad, non-specific oratory signaled something sinister.

"Whenever people are vague, it usually means they're hiding something," she said. "The lack of specifics makes him hard to trust."

Ian Ronderos, co-president of the College Republicans of Notre Dame, was present at the inauguration ceremonies in Washington, D.C. He claimed the reception to the speech was mostly positive, and felt it was "powerful" and "really well-written."

"I think he was quite specific in the point he wanted to get across; he gave almost ultimatums," he said. "He's telling you the focus of his next term is going to be the spreading of liberty abroad and the suppression of tyranny."

Whether or not members of the Notre Dame community felt the fire of President Bush's words, however, all agreed that his actions in the next four years will illuminate the truth of his speech.

"Probably the speech in and of itself isn't going to change anything, but if it's the beginning of a broader initiative to reach out to our allies, it could begin a thaw," Campbell said.

Some excerpts from President Bush's inaugural address, courtesy of www.whitehouse.gov:

◆"There is only one force of history that can break the reign of hatred and resentment, and expose the pretensions of tyrants, and reward the hopes of the decent and tolerant, and that is the force of human freedom."

◆"We are led, by events and common sense, to one conclusion: The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world [...] So it is the policy of the United States to seek and support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world."

◆"And all the allies of the United States can know: we honor your friendship, we rely on your counsel, and we depend on your help. Division among free nations is a primary goal of freedom's enemies. The concerted effort of free nations to promote democracy is a prelude to our enemies' defeat."

◆"By our efforts, we have lit a fire as well — a fire in the minds of men. It warms those who feel its power, it burns those who fight its progress, and one day this untamed fire of freedom will reach the darkest corners of our world."

◆"We go forward with complete confidence in the eventual triumph of freedom. Not because history runs on the wheels of inevitability; it is human choices that move events. Not because we consider ourselves a chosen nation; God moves and chooses as He wills. We have confidence because freedom is the permanent hope of mankind, the hunger in dark places, the longing of the soul."

◆"May God bless you, and may He watch over the United States of America."

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Workout

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The influx Notre Dame's workout facilities experience this time of year is typical across the entire nation. New Year's resolutions to lose weight or exercise more rank as the most popular in the country, according to a Marist College Institute for Public Opinion study.

At Rolf's Sports Recreation Center, employees have launched "Challenge U Spring Break" in which students choose a destination and attempt to reach it by logging in the amount of miles needed to get there. Once they have reached their goal, they are eligible for prizes and ready for their spring vacations.

"It's annoying when you take the time out of your day to walk all the way over to Rolf's only to spend twice as long waiting for a machine."

Cathy Steinmetz
freshman

"We are so excited about this because this is why we're here, to get people to come to the gym," Derengoski said.

And if last year's numbers are any indication, incentives like this coupled with students battling the winter bulge will bring in Rolf's highest attendance of the year.

For the 2003-04 school year, January was the busiest month at Rolf's. An average of 1,505 people came per day, despite Christmas break stretching until the 12th of the month. Compare that number with the month before, when average daily attendance was 915.

For regular gym-goers like freshman Cathy Steinmetz, the crowds have turned a brief break from homework into a multiple-hour ordeal.

"It's annoying when you take the time out of your day to walk all the way over to Rolf's only to spend twice as long waiting for a machine," Steinmetz said.

"We cannot build a facility to meet the demand at the peak hour of the most popular day. It's just not practical."

Sally Derengoski
director of athletics
RecSports

On the other side of campus, the Rockne Memorial is also experiencing larger-than-usual crowds. Still, attendance at the older gym does not match that of Rolf's.

"Rolf's gets quite a bit more activity than the Rock," Derengoski said.

But to students on South Quad who rely on it for their daily workouts, the crowds at the Rockne Memorial have been frustrating. According to sophomore Julie Libardi, some students have been breaking rules in order to avoid the long waits.

"Some girls will come in here early in the morning and sign up for a machine that night," Libardi said. "Since there isn't anyone monitoring, they get away with it."

The key to avoiding crowds is being aware of the best time to go to the gym.

"Even on our busiest days," Derengoski said, "we still have times when the cardio room is not crowded."

According to graphs released by RecSports, Monday, Wednesday and Friday are the busiest days at the gym, with attendance peaking between 3:30 and 7 p.m. Weekends also have a low number of users. Saturday between 12 and 2 p.m. records the lowest number of guests in the whole week.

To cope with the overflow, RecSports officials have been working overtime. Salt and snow brought in from the outdoors gather on the treadmills, forcing workers to spend more time than usual on housekeeping chores.

"We've been having to continuously keep scrubbing treadmills to get the salt and grime off. People don't understand all the stuff their shoes bring in here," RecSports worker Kaela Leonard said.

Considering Notre Dame's gyms are full to capacity in recent weeks, some have wondered about possibly expanding its athletic facilities.

"I really think they need more machines," said Sara Cerreta, a frequent visitor to Rolf's.

But Derengoski said even though expansion is part of the master plan, it is not feasible to build a facility that will always have enough machines for everyone.

"We cannot build a facility to meet the demand at the peak hour of the most popular day," she said. "It's just not practical."

The crowds will not last forever. After Spring Break last year daily attendance dropped dramatically. Although 1,187 people came to the gym every day in March, only 868 came each day in April.

RecSports suggests the best way to cope with the crowded gyms is to make use of workout machines located outside the workout room to avoid waiting for machines. They also encourage students to use the track instead of the treadmill and to go to the Rock rather than Rolf's, which is typically less crowded.

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Flex 10

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increase quality in the dining halls.

"We are giving you roast beef instead of hamburgers ... better meals and more variety," said Dan Patterson, operations manager of South Dining Hall. "I just don't think students understand [the value of] what they are getting now."

Prentkowski said he is not certain that the current meal plan has sufficient funds to both maintain quality dining hall operations and grant additional Flex dollars.

"Offering a 10-meals-per-week meal plan option really comes down to a matter of economics," he said.

These funding problems mirror those that arose when Flex 10 was considered in the past, Prentkowski said.

Until the fall semester of 1998, all resident students had a 21-meals-per-week meal plan. That year, the current ID card system was implemented, allowing for debit payments. Thus the Flex 14 meal plan was born, accompanied by 200 flex points. As a result, that year Notre Dame's campus welcomed a renovated South Dining Hall, Reckers and Burger King. Students then regularly used all 14 meals a week, Prentkowski said.

"The intent of the program was for the Flex dollars to complement the dining hall meal service by allowing students a limited amount of funds for the occasional meal outside the dining halls and for late night snacks," he said.

"Offering a 10-meals-per-week meal plan option really comes down to a matter of economics."

Dave Prentkowski
director
Food Services

Since 1998, dining hall patterns have changed, but students' habits have bean reasonably stable for the past three to four years. With students generally consuming only 10 meals a week, funds have been available to add value and quality to the dining program.

Flex 14 users now receive 260 Flex points. Food service hours have expanded, as well as Grab N' Go selection. Subway, Starbucks, Sbarro and Buen Provecho have opened amid the sea of excess funds.

Food Services has met with Student Government representatives and promises to work on a plan that meets students' needs.

"We will give [their ideas] thought and consideration," Prentkowski said, "and continue to work with this student representative group with the goal of providing meal plan programs and services that are best for the Notre Dame resident students."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. troops to leave tsunami relief

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — The U.S. military the largest group helping tsunami survivors — will immediately start withdrawing troops from the relief efforts to feed and house more than 1 million refugees, the U.S. Pacific commander said Thursday.

Aid organizations responded to the announcement by Adm. Thomas Fargo by pledging to shoulder a greater share of the burden to aid tsunami survivors.

U.S. warships and helicopters "played a crucial role ... they're still playing that role," said Rob Holden, who heads a health assessment team from the United Nations, the U.S. military and other groups. "What we're trying to do ... is civilianize the humanitarian operations because we're aware that we won't have military assets forever."

Six prison workers shot and killed

MATAMOROS, Mexico — Six prison workers were shot to death and left outside a lockup in this border city, officials said Thursday, following a crackdown against drug gangs at jails across the nation.

Police sealed off approaches to the prison after the grisly discovery early Thursday. It was unclear if the three guards and three administrators were killed Thursday or a day earlier or if they had been on duty.

Interior Secretary Santiago Creel suggested the killings were linked to the crackdown at La Palma prison, where the country's most dangerous criminals are held.

"These reactions we are seeing are precisely because we are cleaning up the prisons," Creel said. "It is because we are making progress that these things are happening."

NATIONAL NEWS

'Snowstorm' stops life in Raleigh

RALEIGH, N.C. — A mere inch of snow was all it took to cripple North Carolina's capital and prompt plenty of finger-pointing Thursday as the city thawed from the surprise storm that caused gridlock and left 3,000 students stranded in classrooms overnight.

While a TV weatherman hung his head in shame — telling viewers his forecast of a mere dusting was "embarrassing" — the mayor vented at meteorologists for leaving Raleigh unprepared for Wednesday's storm.

"A forecast that had given a better indication of the likely problem would have been very helpful," Mayor Charles Meeker said.

Residents — particularly those who have lived in other parts of the country — could not believe the city was brought to its knees by just an inch of snow.

LOCAL NEWS

Decision final on ND grad's award

MUNSTER, Ind. — A Marine general has told an Indiana congressman that a decision to rescind a Purple Heart after the Marine nearly died in Iraq in a Humvee crash is final.

U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-Ind., met with Marine Brig. Gen. John F. Kelly on Tuesday in an attempt to have the medal to 1st Lt. Dustin Ferrell restored. But Visclosky said he was told Wednesday by Kelly that the decision was final.

The military stripped Ferrell of the Purple Heart after it determined his injuries were not combat-related. It was ruled a traffic accident. The war in Iraq had just begun when Ferrell was badly injured in the crash.

The 2000 Notre Dame graduate was riding with two other Marines in a Humvee driven by an Army sergeant during a mission to secure a bridge to a city south of Baghdad.

Bush celebrates election at inaugural ball

But war protests indicate that opinions towards re-elected president are varied

Associated Press

AP

President Bush presents two roses to first lady Laura Bush at the Patriot Ball at the Washington Convention Center Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, in Washington.

WASHINGTON — George W. Bush embarked on his second term as president Thursday, telling a world anxious about war and terrorism that the United States would not shrink from new confrontations in pursuit of "the great objective of ending tyranny."

Four minutes before noon, Bush placed his left hand on a family Bible and recited 39 tradition-hallowed words that every president since George Washington has uttered.

With 150,000 American troops deployed in Iraq at a cost of $1 billion a week and more than 1,360 killed, Bush also beseeched Americans for patience.

"Our country has accepted obligations that are difficult to fulfill and would be dishonorable to abandon," the president declared in the first wartime inauguration in more than three decades.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, 80 years old and frail with thyroid cancer, administered the oath in his first public appearance in three months — a gesture Bush called "incredibly moving." Rehnquist's ill health may give Bush a second-term opportunity to nominate the Supreme Court's first new justice in nearly 11 years.

It was the first inauguration since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the capital was enveloped in a security blanket of thousands of police and miles of metal barricades. Snipers lined rooftops, while bomb-sniffing dogs toiled down below.

Bush spoke before a shivering throng at the West Front of the Capitol, the monuments of American government — Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln — stretched before him on a snowy landscape. Sen. John Kerry, who had battled Bush for the presidency, watched along with other lawmakers.

The nation's 55th inauguration celebration stretched from a 40-minute morning prayer service at St. John's Church to late-night revelry at nine fancy balls. The festivities were financed by $40 million in private donations and tens of millions in related costs.

Bush rode in an armored limousine, behind police on motorcycles in a V formation, to lead the inaugural parade 1.7 miles down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House. The license plate read: USA 1.

Hundreds of anti-war protesters, some carrying coffin-like cardboard boxes to signify the deaths of U.S. troops in Iraq, stood along the parade route. They jeered and shook their fists as Bush rode past. "Worst president ever, impeachbush.org" one sign said. Another read: "Guilty of war crimes."

Rows of law enforcement officers stood between the protesters and the parade, and Bush's motorcade sped up as it passed the demonstration area. The president and his wife, Laura, got out of the car to walk the last two blocks to the White House.

Democrats attended the inauguration but didn't hide their unhappiness.

"Personally, I don't feel much like celebrating," said House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California. "So I'm going to mark the occasion by pledging to do everything in my power to fight the extremist Republican's destructive agenda."

Entering his second term with one of the lowest approval ratings of any recent two-term president, Bush was unapologetic in his speech about the course he had set over four tumultuous years.

He challenged critics of his quest to spread democracy across the Middle East, saying that now "is an odd time for doubt." And he voiced eagerness to confront oppressive rule around the globe in the name of spreading freedom.

Yushchenko set to be next president

Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Viktor Yushchenko will be sworn in Sunday as president of Ukraine, completing his "Orange Revolution" after weeks of political turmoil in which he defeated the Kremlin-backed candidate at the polls and survived a mysterious poisoning plot.

Lawmakers on Thursday hurriedly scheduled the inauguration in a decision that came hours after Yushchenko cleared the last of a series of legal obstacles that had arisen since the Dec. 26 election, including an appeal filed in the Supreme Court by loser Viktor Yanukovych.

Yanukovych, the former prime minister, had been supported by the Kremlin over Yushchenko, who aims to bring Ukraine closer to the European Union and NATO. But Russian President Vladimir Putin issued quick congratulations to Yushchenko, whose team said he would make a working visit to Moscow on Monday.

On state television, Yanukovych predicted Yushchenko would be unable to maintain good relations with Russia and he declared he would stay in politics to lead the opposition.

"I'll do everything I can to restore justice," he said. "The 'orange nightmare' will not last long."

The huge pro-Yushchenko demonstrations in Kiev, with many people wearing his orange campaign colors, arose after the Nov. 21 election in which Yanukovych was declared the winner. The Supreme Court annulled that result because of widespread fraud, and Yushchenko won the Dec. 26 court-ordered rerun balloting by about 8 percentage points.

As Yanukovych's chances of overturning the results appeared to weaken in recent days, his supporters set up tent camps in several cities in eastern Ukraine, echoes of the once-enormous pro-Yushchenko camp in downtown Kiev.

Apathy

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junior Avery Mortimer — along with the vast majority of students called.

Students were randomly chosen from the phone book to gain an accurate perspective of student view of campus government. Many declined to be interviewed due to a lack of knowledge about Student Union Board, the Office of the Student Body President (run by Adam Istvan and Karla Bell) and Student Senate.

Even when presented with a list of student government's accomplishments — including Student Union Board's weekly movies, the new DVD rental in the Huddle, and the SafeBus debate — many students remained apathetic.

"I have no opinion," Mortimer said, as did many others. "I don't feel affected at all by student government."

Of the students who responded, most agreed the DVD rental was a good idea theoretically, but some kinks remain to be worked out.

"The new DVD rental is cool," junior David Ebner of Morrissey Hall said. "Unfortunately, [in order to rent a DVD] you have to register ahead of time, which I didn't know about—luckily my friend had already registered."

"Any SUB movie I've ever been to, the sound cuts out halfway through. It's pretty unprofessional."

David Ebner
junior

Sophomore Katie Podkowa of Breen-Phillips Hall seemed disappointed with the DVD rentals.

"Every time I have looked at the movies, they are out of the one I want," she said. "Also, the one-day rental is kind of short. My friend was charged a bunch of late fees."

Student government has announced the one-night rental policy will be extended to two nights for the second semester.

Students were more pleased with SUB's weekly movie showings than the new rental policy.

"I thought SUB put on a lot of cool events [this term], like the movies on the quad and the movies in DeBartolo," Howard sophomore Julie Hynes said. "'Old School' was especially fun to watch on the quad."

"I like the new SUB movie time [a Saturday matinee at 4:30 p.m.]," Breen-Phillips sophomore Joanna Mangeney said. "I think a lot more people will go to that."

Ebner commented that every SUB movie he had attended had been less than satisfying.

"Any SUB movie I've ever been to, the sound cuts out halfway through," he said. "It's pretty unprofessional."

Ebner did have some kind words for Istvan and Bell.

"SafeBus was a really nice idea," he said. "The fact that [the idea wasn't approved by the Board of Trustees] doesn't bother me too much."

"It's not likely that student government is going to be able to create monumental changes every year."

Nickie McCabe
sophomore

Senior Katie Seeberg said she wished she could have seen fewer "lofty and unrealistic promises."

"[Istvan and Bell's opponents] Craft and Lynch started small ... with the everyday things," she said. "I just don't see that from Istvan and Bell."

Sophomore Nickie McCabe of Lyons Hall offered a possible explanation for students' apathy.

"Sometimes it seems like [student government is] not doing a lot," she said. "But this is probably more of a problem of them not being able to accurately convey all that they're doing rather than them not actually accomplishing anything."

"It's not likely that student government is going to be able to create monumental changes every year," McCabe said, "but I think that student government definitely has a lot of potential to make a significant difference on campus."

"Overall," Ebner said, "I think they're doing a decent job."

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BOG

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throughout the year.

"I have been to lots of SAB events that were sponsored by BOG such as movies, tailgates and concerts," she said.

However, Gerstner said she feels her voice has not been heard in some arenas.

"I am disappointed about the closing of the tunnels," Gerstner said. "Granted, they don't play a direct role for these changes, but BOG is supposed to represent the students and I don't know if they did, if we got any say at all in it."

And while some believe BOG did not represent them regarding big campus changes, others say the members have made themselves more than accessible to the student body.

Senior Teresa Healy said she thinks this year's president and vice president especially took time to meet with people from all walks of campus life in order to serve a balanced term.

"I have been to lots of SAB events that were sponsored by BOG such as movies, tailgates and concerts."

Cassie Gerstner
senior

"Sarah Catherine [White] and Mary Pauline [Moran] were really great in making themselves available to the students," Healy said. "I think they're going to be a tough act to follow because they've been so personable."

Gerstner in particular said she was happy with the way SDB became more prominent on campus.

"I am impressed with SDB, which I feel has made themselves very present this year by sponsoring many events that promote diversity and show women in leadership roles," she said.

And while SAB faced controversy this year for problems with the Saint Mary's Pride Week shirt, Healy said she thinks they handled the situation with class.

"SAB made a point to say they were sorry, and they sponsored a series of forums for students to attend in order to discuss what being a Saint Mary's woman meant," Healy said. "They also have a lot of events coming up that I think students will look forward to going to."

Whether accepting the loss of funds due to budget cuts or trying to organize student-centered events in conjunction with the College presidential inauguration, each board strove to make students comfortable in the campus setting.

"I think they're going to be a tough act to follow because they've been so personable."

Teresa Healy
junior

Sophomore Sarah Jones said she thinks BOG has done a great job planning such events as weekend trips off campus and coordinating free movie nights, but she has a suggestion for them.

"I think the BOG has done fairly well this year, but I'd like to see something like suggestion boxes around campus that would make it easier for students to give their opinions," she said.

Junior Laura Durazzo said she was impressed with the level of commitment the leaders of boards such as Student Diversity Board and Student Activities Board have had this year.

"They were very informative [to students]," Durazzo said. "It seemed like there was something going on every week. They are very enthusiastic, and I'm glad the boards are so open to students."

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FRANCE

Holocaust memorial to honor 76,000 Jews

Associated Press

PARIS — With name after name engraved on pale stone walls, a new monument in Paris' Jewish quarter pays tribute to the 76,000 Jews rounded up in France during the Holocaust and sent to Nazi death camps.

France marks the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp in Poland with memories, a monument — and a national outcry over far-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen's remark that the Nazi occupation of France during World War II "was not particularly inhumane."

The "Wall of Names," shown to reporters Wednesday ahead of an inauguration by President Jacques Chirac next week, is part of a renovated Holocaust memorial that has been transformed from an archive center and expanded.

A simple plaque is the monument's heart-wrenching companion piece. From the sea of 76,000 names, it says, only 2,500 people survived, it says.

Ten experts spent 2 1/2 years gathering information from Gestapo documents and research from French families to come up with the list.

Under columns for each year of the deportations, the engravings list the victims alphabetically and include their dates of birth. Some unidentified victims are referred to simply as "a child."

The wall is meant to remind visitors of the millions of individual tragedies in the Holocaust, officials said.

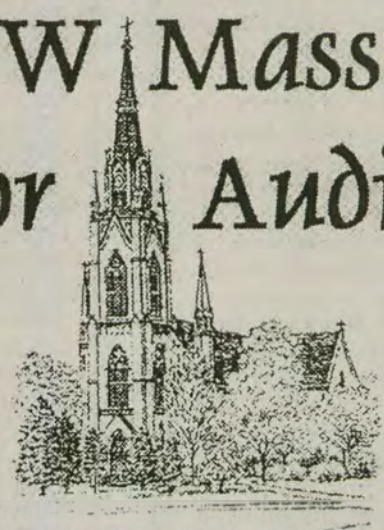
"In the list of all 76,000 names, there is also 'a name plus a name plus a name,'" director Jacques Fredj said.

The memorial also is a reminder of a dark period of French history — France's wartime collaboration with the Nazis.

In 1995, Chirac became the first president to acknowledge that France was responsible for systematically persecuting Jews during the war. In one case, 13,152 Jews were rounded up in a bicycle stadium in Paris in July 1942 and sent to death camps.

Fredj mentioned Chirac's acknowledgment — and the work of a commission to help compensate Jews for assets seized during the war — as a sign that France was coming to terms with its past. The memorial's renovation was funded partly by the government.

JPW Mass
Lector Auditions



JPW Lector auditions will take place in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on each of the following dates:

Monday, January 24th at 5:00pm
Tuesday, January 25th at 5:00pm

Please attend one of the two auditions.
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MARKET RECAP

Stocks		
Dow Jones	10,471.47	-68.50

Up: 1,044 Same: 184 Down: 2,245 Composite Volume: 1,690,241,792

AMEX	1,405.76	-9.66
NASDAQ	2,045.88	-27.71
NYSE	7,010.47	-48.80
S&P 500	1,175.41	-9.22
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,284.77	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,800.80	-17.50

COMPANY	%CHANGE	$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR SER 1 (QQQQ)	-1.92	-0.73	37.35
SIRIUS SATELLITE R (SIRI)	-4.65	-0.27	5.54
EBAY INC (EBAY)	-19.14	-19.72	83.33
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	+0.94	+0.17	18.32
INTEL CP (INTC)	-0.09	-0.02	22.58
Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.30	-0.14	46.55
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.53	-0.22	41.65
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.08	-0.40	36.77
3-MONTH BILL	-0.86	-0.20	23.07
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE ($/bbl.)		-0.55	47.31
GOLD ($/Troy oz.)		-0.70	422.60
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)		-0.22	93.73
Exchange Rates			
YEN			103.4200
EURO			0.7717
POUND			0.5344
CANADIAN $			1.2334

IN BRIEF

Parkview buys LaGrange hospital

LAGRANGE, Ind. — Parkview Health System of Fort Wayne plans to expand by buying LaGrange Community Hospital from Kindred Health Care, hospital officials said.

Parkview has signed a letter of intent for the deal. If finalized, the northeastern Indiana hospital would join hospitals in Noble, Whitley, Huntington and Allen counties within the Parkview system.

A joint statement released by the hospitals Tuesday said LaGrange hospital would remain an acute-care facility.

Hospital officials would not release terms of the deal, which was expected to be completed by the end of March, said Ann Kadish, marketing director for Kindred.

Krispy Kreme loses appeal, worth

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Roy Blount Jr. knew something was wrong at his beloved Krispy Kreme — long before the stock price began to plummet and the scent of corporate scandal filled the air.

When the North Carolina company opened its first doughnut shop in New York City, the Georgia-born humorist rushed right down to see how his favorite boyhood treat fared in that Northern clime. Bathed in the red-neon glow of the familiar "Hot Doughnuts Now" sign, he ate five of the signature glazed in one sitting and couldn't wait to tell his fellow Gothamites of their good fortune.

"When Krispy Kremes are hot," he wrote in the Sept. 8, 1996, edition of the New York Times Magazine, "they are to other doughnuts what angels are to people."

Some time later, after Krispy Kreme had become the darling of Wall Street and the fad food du jour on HBO's "Sex and the City", Blount was strolling on Manhattan's East Side when the red the sign beckoned. The guy behind the counter handed him a cold doughnut; Blount protested.

The server admitted his manager had told him to leave the sign on all the time.

"Something in my heart broke just a little bit," the 63-year-old transplant said with a sigh recently.

Airlines face extreme deficits, losses

Continental, Delta cite high fuel costs and low fares for financial predicament

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc. blamed high fuel prices, low fares and hefty charges as it reported the worst annual financial performance in the industry's history on Thursday, culminating with a $2.2 billion fourth-quarter loss.

Continental Airlines Inc. cited similar difficulties and posted a smaller-than-expected $206 million loss, bringing cumulative fourth quarter losses reported so far by five large U.S. airlines to $3.17 billion.

A year earlier the same five carriers, which include American, Northwest and Southwest, reported a combined fourth quarter profit of $33 million. The soaring cost of jet fuel was a huge drain on the industry in 2004, undermining the growth in passenger traffic as well as carriers' efforts to reduce labor expenses.

Delta shares plunged 58 cents, or 9.8 percent, to close at $5.37 in Thursday trading on the New York Stock Exchange, where Continental shares fell 8 cents to close at $9.37.

Analysts said Delta, Continental and other struggling airlines must find a way to alter the path they're on. "Losses can't be sustained forever," said Bill Warlick, an airline analyst at Fitch Ratings in Chicago.

Delta's results, which missed Wall Street's lowered expectations, pushed the Atlanta-based carrier's annual loss to $5.2 billion for all of 2004, dwarfing the previous record loss of $3.5 billion reported in 2002 by AMR Corp.

While 2005 is likely to be another tough year, Delta executives said their efforts to cut costs and attract more fliers is the right long-term strategy for the nation's third-largest carrier.

"If Delta is to survive, we must develop a fundamentally different way of doing business, which is what we're doing," chief executive Gerald Grinstein said during a Web-based conference with investors.

AP

A Continental Airlines plane passes the Capitol Oct. 3, 2001. The nation's fifth biggest carrier reported a $206 million loss for the fourth quarter Thursday.

Grinstein told analysts that the airline's results are clearly disappointing. But, he said, he believes the carrier is making progress on its transformation plan.

The plan includes job cuts, pilot wage reductions, restructured financing and a fare overhaul that has lowered Delta's most expensive fares by up to 50 percent on routes nationwide. Delta also is improving the in-flight experience for its passengers, including refurbishing its planes to make the interiors brighter, adding leather seats and revamping employee uniforms.

For the three months ending Dec. 31, Delta said its net loss was $2.21 billion, or $16.58 a share, compared with a loss of $332 million, or $2.69 a share, in the same period a year ago.

Excluding one-time items — $1.4 billion in non-cash charges — Delta said it lost $780 million, or $5.88 a share. On that basis, analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call were expecting a net loss of $5.51 a share.

Delta ended the quarter with $1.8 billion in unrestricted cash. Revenue in the October-December period was $3.64 billion, an increase of 0.9 percent from $3.61 billion a year ago.

The bulk of the charges Delta reported in the fourth quarter relate to reductions in the fair value estimates of two of its feeder carriers — Atlantic Southeast Airlines Inc. and Comair Inc. Delta said this resulted from increased fuel prices, low fares and costs associated with its turnaround plan.

On Christmas, Comair had to cancel all 1,100 of its flights because of a computer glitch and chief financial officer Michael Palumbo estimated Thursday that the incident cost the airline $20 million. in lost revenue and added operating expenses.

Delta nearly fell into bankruptcy 2 1/2 months ago before winning deep concessions from pilots and fresh financing from creditors.

eBay misses earnings, stocks fall

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nervous investors overlooked strong earnings from Citigroup Inc. and a possible merger of two department store giants, and pushed stocks substantially lower Thursday on disappointing earnings from the technology sector.

Investors were troubled as perennial market favorite eBay Inc. missed its earnings target for the fourth quarter and said its outlook for the current quarter was lower than expected. Three brokerage firms lowered their ratings on the online auctioneer. Cell phone maker Qualcomm Inc. likewise issued a disappointing profit forecast.

The pressure from tech shares siphoned momentum from Citigroup's strong earnings, and investors also shrugged off reports of merger talks between Federated Department Stores Inc. and May Department Stores Co.

In the face of other uncertainties — the upcoming Iraqi elections, OPEC's meeting on Jan. 30 and ongoing concern about inflation — the market will likely continue to give ground should earnings disappoint, analysts said.

"I think you've got all these things that have snowballed and are prompting people to pull chips off the table," said Scott Wren, equity strategist for A.G. Edwards & Sons. "We have a nice, modest, sustainable kind of economic environment that stocks perform pretty well in, but we have to get past some of these things first."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 68.50, or 0.65 percent, to 10,471.47.

Broader stock indicators also lost ground. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 9.22, or 0.78 percent, at 1,175.41, and the Nasdaq composite index dropped 27.71, or 1.34 percent, to 2,045.88.

In economic news, the Conference Board's Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose 0.2 percent in December, with November's rise revised to 0.3 percent. The index is designed to measure future economic activity.

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by Elections Commissioner Anna Bauer at the mandatory information sessions, platforms were due Tuesday, January 18, 2005. Only tickets who meet this deadline are able to participate in the election. We cannot make exceptions to the deadlines out of fairness to all candidates, and we cannot make exceptions to present constitutional policy."

McCalister's class year was also in contention. The Student Government Association constitutional policy requires that all candidates be at least second semester sophomores. However, the statement issued declared McCalister's class status was not a determining factor in last night's vote.

"The committee considered Ms. McCalister's outstanding qualifications; however, her competency is not presently in question and had no effect on our decision," the statement read.

Despite the extra meeting and final resolution, the two original tickets are ready to campaign and take on their desired roles as student body president and vice president.

Fitzgerald and Siegel are running under the campaign slogan "You have been heard."

The pair are presenting a platform they hope addresses current student concerns such as creating a permanent forum for all students to voice their opinions, making a personal, visible and always available student government, increasing support of activities on campus and helping to establish an "all inclusive" Saint Mary's identity.

Both Fitzgerald and Siegel have had a noticeable presence on campus. Fitzgerald ran for student body vice president last year with Sarah Brown as her running mate, but the pair lost in a runoff election. Fitzgerald, who was class president her sophomore year, is a member of Board of Governance and is a political science and philosophy double major. Siegel held an SAB Marketing Co-chair position with what she believes is a fresh perspective on student government She is an economics and English double major.

The pair is hoping to make a change at the College in the midst of the transitions taking place.

"We recognize this as a tremendous opportunity," Siegel said. "We have the chance to uphold the rich traditions of the College, represent the best interest of our fellow students, and to help lead the institution in its new direction would be an honor."

Fitzgerald believes she and Siegel will allow students to feel as though they have been heard.

"We take that central message of 'You have been heard' very seriously," she said. "The chance to give back to a college that has provided us with a liberal arts education, and the chance to lead this student body is something we do not want to miss."

Mitros and McIlduff are running under the campaign slogan "M & M: We're 'nuts' for you!"

The running mates are hoping their ideas of promoting a greater understanding and appreciation of Saint Mary's to show how the College became what it is today, integrating diversity awareness into student government, working on increasing enrollment and retention and providing stronger representation with administration will help them win the majority vote.

Mitros and McIlduff also have experience they believe will help them successfully accomplish these goals as student body president and vice president. Mitros is the junior class treasurer, was the sophomore class treasurer and is a humanistic studies major. McIlduff is the current chief of staff to the student body president, is on the SGA executive board and is an intended business and communications double major.

Both women believe their experience will help them perform in such coveted positions.

"We both have had a lot to do with student government, so we know the system," Mitros said. "We have seen things we've liked and things we haven't so we'd like to try to change some things while still highlighting the history of the College."

McIlduff echoed her running mate's sentiments.

"Being Sarah Catherine White's chief of staff, I know what works and what doesn't," she said. "I think we could make the transition fairly easily."

But while the two platforms gear up to campaign over the weekend, some students are still in the dark about who they are at all.

"It seems extremely early [for elections]," junior Staci Vanlue said. "I don't even know who is running. I don't even know their platforms."

Sophomore Erin Luter also felt uninformed about the upcoming election.

"I don't know about anyone campaigning, except I think I've seen a couple of posters — but not as many as last year," Luter said. "I think it is really important to know things about the person who is going to represent you."

Megan O'Neil contributed to this report.

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American Idol has strong debut

AP

'American Idol' judges, from left, Paula Abdul, Simon Cowell and Randy Jackson speak to media during the Television Critics Association winter press tour in Los Angeles Monday.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — TV viewers couldn't wait for their "American Idol" fix, turning out 33.5 million strong for its season debut.

No other show this season has attracted so large an audience, and it represented the third-highest ratings night of entertainment programming in the Fox network's history, Nielsen Media Research said Wednesday. The 33.5 million was a preliminary estimate.

"I'm as awe-struck as anybody," Fox entertainment President Gail Berman said. "We thought we would do well, but nothing like this."

Berman and the show's producers were busy earlier this week trying to dampen expectations, saying they anticipated the talent contest to lose some of its popularity in its fourth season.

Last year's season debut was seen by 29 million people, Nielsen said. The season opener even eclipsed last May's finale: 31.4 million people saw Fantasia Barrino crowned the third champion.

The two-hour debut Tuesday night featured auditions in Washington, D.C., with the heartwarming story of Regina, who sold her wedding ring for a chance to get on the show and was rewarded with a trip to Hollywood.

"In the end, this may sound a little corny, it's the people's program," Berman said. "People just love this show. They feel a part of it, because they're the folks who make the choice who wins."

Anticipation may also play a part in its appeal, she said. Fox has resisted the obvious temptation to hold more than one contest a year. That's a costly decision because this season Fox has sunk to a distant fourth in the prime-time ratings among the young audience it craves.

"It's always been hard," Berman said. "It would have been great to have it on in November. Perhaps I wouldn't have read so many nasty stories about myself."

Even one of Fox's rivals offered his admiration on Wednesday.

"It was pretty impressive," said CBS Chairman Leslie Moonves.

Gambling laws and poker craze collide

State legislators to combat competitive 'Texas Hold 'em' poker tournaments

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — David Bischoff thinks he got a raw deal last year when state gambling regulators raided his bowling alley, shut down his weekly Texas Hold 'em poker tournament and confiscated his cards and chips.

For months afterward, the threat of criminal charges hung over Bischoff — and his card tables sat vacant — until prosecutors concluded that Minnesota's laws against poker were too vague to enforce.

Minnesota is now one of several states where legislators are looking to rewrite their laws to strengthen their hand against card games at a time when poker is becoming an all-out craze.

"These are just people who have been watching poker on TV and they want to come out and play and be like the people on TV," said Bischoff, whose tournaments are up and running again. "It's not about spending money and winning money. It's just about the competition and seeing who can be the best."

"It's no different than cribbage, 500, euchre or bridge. Those are played all over the state, whether it be in nursing homes, restaurants or bars. Why don't you raid the nursing home for playing cribbage and bridge?"

Dave Kleis
Minnesota senator

The game at the center of the poker mania is Texas Hold 'em, in which players are dealt two cards each and can use five community cards flipped over in the middle of the table to make the best hand. Players can risk everything on a single turn of a card.

As the popularity of the game has grown, so have problems for gambling regulators.

In Iowa, a couple of American Legion posts heeded warnings and halted their regular tournaments rather than jeopardize their charitable gaming licenses. A similar concern led a firehouse outside of Pittsburgh to call off its games.

Police in Wyoming started breaking up Texas Hold 'em tournaments in bars, and the state's attorney general advised that the events were probably illegal. In Texas itself — where the game thrived in smoky back rooms before becoming a smash hit on cable TV — prosecutors are questioning whether bars are improperly profiting from tournaments.

"The popularity of the poker shows has created a whole new beast for us as far as regulations," said David Werning of Iowa's Department of Inspections and Appeals. Inquiries about poker became so common that the agency recently compiled a fact sheet on poker laws.

Minnesota law allows card tournaments at bars and businesses as long as the hosts do not directly profit from the play and players do not gamble with real money. Bischoff said he complied with those rules by charging no entry fees and limiting awards to hats and T-shirts.

His situation drew the attention of state Sen. Dave Kleis, who this month introduced legislation that would define Texas Hold 'em as a "social skill game" and lump it with card games like cribbage and rummy games in which players are allowed to win money in Minnesota. Kleis' bill would explicitly permit poker tournaments as long as the prizes do not exceed $200.

"It's no different than cribbage, 500, euchre or bridge. Those are played all over the state, whether it be in nursing homes, restaurants or bars," Kleis said. "Why don't you raid the nursing home for playing cribbage and bridge?"

Kurt McPhail of the Amateur Poker League, a Kansas City-based business that runs more than 400 events a week across nine states, complained that regulators are unfairly clamping down on poker tournaments.

He said regulators in some states are blurring the distinction between high-stakes games and those that do not require players to put in their own money.

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SPAIN

Church remains anti-condoms

Officials reverse bishop's advocation of contraception to fight AIDS

Associated Press

MADRID — The Catholic Church in Spain backtracked from a leading bishop's groundbreaking statement in support of condom use to fight the spread of AIDS, saying instead the church still believes artificial contraception is immoral.

A ruling Socialist politician involved in health care issues said she was mystified by the church's about-face in the space of 24 hours. Gay groups said they regretted the church's return to old policy after its "attack of lucidity." A liberal theologian said the church had quickly backpedaled after the Vatican reaffirmed its opposition to condoms.

The Vatican states that condoms, being a form of artificial birth control, cannot be used to help prevent the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

On Tuesday, Bishop Juan Antonio Martinez Camino, spokesman for the Spanish Bishops Conference, said "condoms have a place in the global prevention of AIDS." He spoke after a meeting with Health Minister Elena Salgado to discuss ways of fighting the disease.

His comments were front-page news in major Spanish papers. The United Left party called the policy shift "historic." The church had locked horns with Spain's progressive-minded Socialist government for moving to legalize gay marriage, streamline divorce proceedings and make it easier for women to have abortions.

But on Wednesday night the conference issued a statement saying the bishop's comments "must be understood in the context of Catholic doctrine, which holds that use of condoms is immoral sexual conduct."

VIETNAM

WHO warns of bird flu outbreak

Associated Press

HANOI — Health experts fear a repeat of last year's bird flu outbreak after six people died in Vietnam within three weeks and neighboring Thailand reported its first case among poultry this year.

Outbreaks among poultry have been reported nationwide in Vietnam, and health experts say the pattern looks worrying similar to last year, when the virus spread rapidly just before the Lunar New Year holiday, or Tet. It quickly appeared in nine other Asian countries, killing or forcing the slaughter of more than 100 million birds and jumping from poultry to people in Vietnam and Thailand, where 26 and 12 people died respectively.

"It has a higher fatality rate than the Ebola virus," said Hans Troedsson, WHO representative in Vietnam, where more than 70 percent of those infected have died.

"Since Tet is a time when people are traveling and more poultry is going to the market, more poultry is being slaughtered, and poultry is more consumed and transported, there is, of course, a high risk of the spread of the virus and infection," he said of the holiday that starts Feb. 9.

WHO and other health experts have expressed concern that avian influenza could evolve into the next global pandemic — killing millions worldwide — if the virus mutates and human-to-human transmission occurs. There is, however, no evidence of that having occurred yet.

The health agency has also cautioned against transporting poultry from places affected by bird flu into areas hit by last month's tsunami that killed as many as 220,000 people — although numbers have varied drastically — and left thousands homeless. It stressed that infected poultry must be "kept out of the food chain, including emergency food relief activities."

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PAKISTAN

Mining practices see little change, progress

Laborers continue toiling as their forefathers did in massive, centuries-old salt mine

Associated Press

KHEWRA — At Asia's oldest salt mine, the march of technology stopped generations ago. Bare-chested laborers use hand drills and gunpowder to blast away the pink and orange-colored rock crystal, lucky if they earn a couple of dollars a day.

The mineral wealth of Pakistan's craggy Salt Range has been exploited for centuries by rulers from Alexander the Great to the British colonialists of the last century. But as the economic importance of salt has dwindled, so has progress.

The vast and ancient Khewra mine 80 miles south of Islamabad, the capital, is a period piece: stuffy, colonial-era offices inscribed with the names of the 32 chief mining engineers since 1872, and backbreaking, manual methods of excavation.

The mine is a maze of tunnels dug on 17 levels with glistening chambers of rock salt that repeatedly shudder with the force of controlled explosions. Small groups of laborers bore 5-foot-deep holes into the rock face with hand-cranked drills, then stuff them with gunpowder as if loading muskets, and finally setting fuses and take cover. Once the dust settles they collect the chunks of salt.

"The miners are living in medieval conditions. They have no advantage from technological advancement. They just use their bodies and labor."

Farooq Tariq
secretary-general
Labor Party

The work force comprises 685 miners, all descendants of 14 local families who were granted hereditary rights to a job there by the British. The tradition was kept up by the Pakistani state enterprise that now manages the mine.

Mohammed Buksh, 56, an eighth-generation mineworker, said working practices were much the same as when he started 40 years ago.

"I want to get out of this job. It's hard work and it doesn't pay enough. Things haven't changed — we're still using our hands and manual tools," Buksh said as he took a break from stacking rocks in the oppressive heat of the mine.

He works alongside his son Shezad, 24, and three cousins, by the light of a lamp mounted on a gas cylinder. For three years they have been digging the same cavern. It is now about 30 feet high and wide, and 120 feet deep.

Buksh complained that the mine management withdrew mechanized rock-cutting and bore machines in 1998 to save money. The team gets 164 rupees ($2.75) for every ton of rock salt excavated. If they work hard, he said, he can earn about $50 a month — a poor but living wage in Pakistan.

Azmad Malik, 55, a former deputy chief of the salt workers union, said miners staged a protest over the cost-cutting measures seven years ago, when tractors replaced trains to carry excavated salt out of the mine. He claims safety was compromised. The mine's management contends the tractors make it easier to gather salt from the rock face, and are actually safer because they are easier to control.

Four protest leaders, including Malik, are facing trial, accused of attacks on government officials and setting fire to state property, which they deny. They face jail terms of between four years and life. They are free on bail, pending the verdict, due Jan 27.

A recent report by the International Labor Organization, a U.N. agency, said more than 100 people die annually in Pakistani mine accidents. Mine officials said that last year, a worker at Khewra was crushed to death by a falling chunk of rock as he prised it from the mine ceiling with an iron bar.

Yet Khewra's methodically excavated tunnels are said to be much safer than the dozens of smaller mining concessions that employ thousands of unregistered laborers across the185-mile-wide Salt Range.

Malik said scarcely a week passes without a report of a fatal accident. "Neither the government nor the private sector is paying attention to safety," he said.

"The miners are living in medieval conditions," said Farooq Tariq, secretary-general of the trade-union-affiliated Labor Party of Pakistan. "They have no advantage from technological advancement. They just use their bodies and labor."

Muhammed Saifullah Qureshi, the chief mining engineer at Khewra, concedes that little has changed since British times — and that little is likely to.

Speaking inside his colonial-vintage office, complete with a polished desk bell for summoning his secretary, Qureshi said it doesn't pay to modernize because industrial-grade salt produced worldwide is cheap and the mine has been operating in the red for the past 10 years.

During the colonial era, salt's importance as a commodity was such that the British monopolized production, and the right to gather it freely was a rallying cry of the independence movement.

Qureshi said that at the current rate of excavation — about 350,000 tons of rock salt a year — the mine would last for at least 350 more years.

He hopes to increase exports of high-grade rock salt which is appreciating in value, can be used to make ornaments and accounts for 10 to 20 percent of the mine's output.

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A progress report on Irish athletics

The Observer Editorial

There is more to Notre Dame athletics than football, and this fall it showed.

Five years ago when the University hired athletic director Kevin White, Notre Dame sat in 23rd place in what was then the Sears Cup. Today, after the fall 2004 season, the Irish are atop what is now the Directors' Cup, an award based on performance in all varsity sports.

Thanks in part to White, Notre Dame has earned its first-ever top spot in the standings, which will be finalized after winter and spring sports are completed.

When White was hired, University President Edward Malloy made it clear to the new athletic director — compete for a top-five finish in the Directors' Cup. Malloy wanted White to have success not just in football, but in Notre Dame's other 23 sports as well.

And with this fall's women's soccer national championship leading the way, White is well on his way to achieving that goal.

In fall sports, White has both hired and retained some of the most highly-regarded coaches in the country. Every fall sport with the exception of football finished the season ranked in the NCAA top 25. Women's cross country finished fourth in the nation, and the men finished 11th. At what is traditionally a football school, White and his staff made sure other sports weren't forgotten about — and the athletes took it from there.

Irish athletes have also succeeded off the field, winning numerous academic honors in addition to their on-the-field accomplishments.

However, the Notre Dame athletics program isn't there yet. The school's football expectations are alive and well. And White knows it better than anyone.

Notre Dame football has not won a national championship since the 1988 season. The team hasn't won a bowl game since the 1993 season. This year, the Irish finished 6-6, well below expectations.

This is the biggest downfall of an athletics program in which the Olympic sports are thriving.

Before Notre Dame and White get to where they ultimately need to be, football must return to national prominence. And Notre Dame must carry its Directors' Cup momentum through the spring, not just finish at the top of a preliminary set of standings.

But for now, White and Notre Dame should take pride in the most recent standings — and view them as a promising progress report on the state of Irish athletics.

Anti-Bush bracelets — so 2004

Bill Rinner

A Voice of Reason

During my time abroad in London, a recurring joke among my friends was how easily one can spot an American tourist. Primarily based on the clothing (ski jackets with bright colors) and general demeanor (smiling or drinking or both), one could inquire if they were indeed American and receive the invariable answer "Yeah, how'd you know?"

If one steps outside the boroughs of tourist trap restaurants and bars, the difference of appearance is so pronounced that an American walking into a locals' pub elicits inevitable glares, dull whispers and perhaps even a snide comment or two.

I can only imagine the week after Nov. 2, when the election results struck the old world with shock and awe. Particularly among young European students, the venomous anti-Bush stance is even more prevalent than one might find at the average Berkeley coffeehouse or sociology department lounge.

So how must one travel or study abroad when Americans can be spotted a mile away and the election results gave President George W. Bush the largest percentage of the total popular vote since 1988? Several enterprising young Americans have developed the idea of blue bracelets, Lance Armstrong "LIVESTRONG"-style, that advertise to the world that the wearer is, in fact, not some wacko resident of "Jesusland" who was inspired by Bush's glaring stupidity. But I digress; the time for pointing out the overreactions of the "Anyone But Bush '04" crowd has come and passed, and the world must focus on the next four years of Dubya leading the free world.

The bracelet inventors hope their product can insulate American tourists from foreign hostility, spitburgers and improperly poured Guinness pints, or simply help foster solidarity among Democrats at home. Their efforts deserve praise, at least from the insecure Americans who no longer have to resort to sewing the Canadian flag onto their backpacks. Media attention has made them so successful and profitable that red bracelet Republican equivalents have popped up as well.

The bracelets, rapidly approaching the "tipping point" level of popular attention and discourse, only fuel the over-hyped red-state/blue-state ideological tale both parties have grasped. Sure, America was divided in the last election, but the road to healing the rifts both at home and abroad does not lie in clothing campaigns that hearken back to the glory days of middle school conformity. I hesitate to make a "MoveOn" joke, but even the most strident liberals still reeling from the election results should brainstorm ways to avoid perpetual loss at the polling booth. Three simple steps can guide Democrats to greater political relevance when the odds are against them.

Step one: Leave the blue bracelets, blue headbands and blue Soma at home before venturing out into the American public sphere. I'll be more impressed if you engage me in civil discussion and debate than if you wear the bold statement that, yes, you did in fact vote against Bush.

Step two: Be self-constructive and acknowledge the Democrats presented a platform so unimpressive that one of the least popular incumbents in history won reelection with a larger percentage than former president Bill Clinton could ever muster. As comforting as claims about the bigotry, stupidity or inability to vote in their "best interests" may seem for explaining why Republicans win, the way forward is to alter the platform, not to mince words or hire a better cheerleader. William F. Buckley helped modern-day conservatives more than any non-elected figure of his era when he mustered forces to marginalize and eventually jettison the far-right John Birch Society from mainstream conservative ranks. Could Democrats benefit from a similar purge or at least distancing themselves from the Michael Moore wing?

Step three: Never lose your pride in being an American when traveling abroad. The perceived loss of American prestige was so prevalent that I wonder if the infamous "court of world opinion" already declared us unfit to rule until we elect a linguistically gifted Democrat as president to placate the postmodern European masses. Ironically, the greatest fuel for international condemnation of America is the lack of confidence and overstated self-flagellation displayed by its very own citizens. The more we allow dissenting world opinion as the source of policy change, the more active their voices will become in condemning American institutions until we curb them to satisfy our foreign counterparts.

Had Sen. John Kerry squeaked out a win in November, every passionate critic of Bush would have claimed victory, in some small part, due to their efforts. Thankfully, no foreign critics can convince themselves the protest marches through Trafalgar Square and fair-weather allies turning their backs were just what America needed to realize that Bush should get the boot. Bracelet symbols of solidarity only pay homage to the false deity of "world opinion" that produced more heat than light in guiding our election toward its desired end.

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OBSERVER POLL

What type of job do you feel student government has done this year?

a. Excellent	11%
b. Good	27%
c. Satisfactory	18%
d. Poor	11%
e. Very Poor	34%

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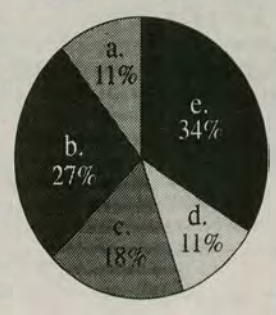

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Being president is like being a jackass in a hailstorm. There's nothing to do but stand there and take it."

Lyndon B. Johnson
former president

For a good time, call ...

John Infranca

Dissident Poetry

One can judge a city by its phonebook. Directories offer telling insights into the vibrancy and diversity of an urban landscape. In my adopted home of Portland, Ore. the phone book stretches to two volumes, surely a sign of the richness of the City of Roses. When days grow long and rain drives me indoors I pore through the phonebook in search of the essence of a city. I recently happened upon the listing for "Clowns." There I found Buttons the Clown, Giggles, Jolly Molly and Peppermint and Friends (these might include the rather hip Cool Mint). I also came across Bubbles, who advertises himself as "Portland's Happiest Clown." Bubbles' rather large advertisement dwarfs the smaller listing just inches below for "the Original Bubbles the Clown." I sensed some bitterness in this name, as if it represented a vain attempt to lash out at the apparently far more successful Bubbles who, in addition to being happier, has also usurped a cherished title.

This apparent squabble gave me cause to consider the reverence surrounding clown names. There can be only one Bubbles, Binky or Bingo. To assume the name of another clown is to initiate a turf war of sorts. You can only step on so many giant red boots before you're ripe for a pie in the face. Such names make it hard to take clowns seriously. In our day clowns have been relegated to starring roles in children's birthday parties and the circus. Centuries ago their forebears entertained royalty, often using humor to cloak stark criticism of a ruler's policies. Apparently in those days the rulers themselves were not so glaringly clownish. Nearly every culture going back over 4,000 years to the Egyptians and Chinese has had some form of jester. Throughout this history clown humor has combined smiles with an often poignant hint of sadness.

I'm not sure whether "Gentle Biff the Clown" does the same. He offers his services for "Birthdays, Picnics and Promotions." After reading this advertisement I imagined a forward-thinking young executive who "thinks outside the box" walking into his boss's office.

"David, we are very impressed with your work performance. You've been a real team player. We'd like to make you a Junior Assistant Associate Regional Vice President. To help celebrate your promotion we've brought in Gentle Biff the Clown. Perhaps you remember Biff from the company's family picnic." At this point Gentle Biff emerges from a file closet, firing confetti into the air while juggling a collection of ivory-handled letter openers.

"Of course I remember Gentle Biff, he appeared at my daughter's birthday party. I didn't know he did promotions."

Well he does. And he also boasts a "Magical Umbrella Fun Cart." What this is eludes me, but it sounds like something one might find referenced in an LSD-inspired 1960s rock song: "I want to take you on a ride through the rain / On my Magical Umbrella Fun Cart."

If Biff doesn't do the trick one might call "Eartha the Ecological Clown." Portland is perhaps the only American city that could sustain an ecological clown. I consider myself an ardent environmentalist but wonder how much fun an ecological clown could offer, "I'm sorry I can't do any balloon sculptures, kids. Couldn't find any balloons made from recycled tires. But I can make some funky designs with granola in this giant bowl of yogurt. Check it out." Long after children bore of tie-dying their old clothing and acquiring parasites from Eartha's "Magical Mound of Compost" the lessons of recycling and proper disposal of face painting products will long endure. It's simply too bad they weren't fun.

But at least Eartha, like great jesters of the past, is willing to offer social critique. Days after letting my fingers do the walking I met a band of clowns in the image and likeness of Eartha. It was past midnight, and I was sitting on a friend's front porch with a dozen other people. As we carefully selected less-than-necessary brain cells to dispense with, three people appeared out of the darkness, hopped off their bicycles, and walked up the steps. They were dressed like clowns. Some might have argued I was also dressed like a clown, but that was not intentional. It never is.

The clowns sought to entertain in exchange for beer and cigarettes. One asked to use the bathroom and in our impaired judgment we led him inside. He returned in a gorilla costume and began grooming the audience as his companions entertained with song and dance.

They sang a variety of songs, some lewd but funny, other simply lewd, and still others striking out at social inequities. I heard that oldest of diatribes: "The rich stay rich while the poor get poorer" intoned by a man in face paint with a giant red nose. The clowns had recently moved from California (no real shock) and lived communally, paying their rent by repairing bikes and working as amateur clowns. I hoped for their sake the bike business was doing well.

They also sold videos decrying the abuse of workers and the environment and left us with a self-made documentary highlighting their own experiences at various protests. As anarchists they believed in a society approximating nothingness, which is to say they protested anything that dared exist. There is something undeniably holistic about that position.

A similarly holistic approach to life marks classic clowning. It remains all too absent in our contemporary world. We seem to have lost the ability to find both humor and pathos in nearly any situation, and to see the often vital link between them even in the face of injustice. Perhaps the time has come to send in the clowns.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame students fight back against College Park owners

I was forwarded the Jan. 12 article by The Observer regarding the College Park Apartments flooding. The information that Patty Russworm, the College Park Apartment representative for the owner, Tycore Limited of Chicago, gave to The Observer is far from accurate. These Notre Dame students in the 10 or so damaged units were (and some still are) homeless purely for Paramount's poor and nearly criminal management.

I am a father of one of those students. My daughter is still without a clean and suitable apartment and without a bed. Her bed was ruined by the Paramount contractors, along with all of her other furniture. The apartments did not flood because of heat being off as Russworm told The Observer.

My daughter hired a professional inspector, a master plumber, to inspect her apartment and all the other damaged apartments before Tycore and Paramount could do anything themselves.

The inspector has provided his statement that all of the pipes which bursted were upstairs units because of contractor and owner/construction negligence, improper building materials and nothing to do with the interior heat, which was on, not off, in the downstairs units.

He also said he is aware this has happened several times in the past several years at the same apartment complex and will likely happen again at College Park.

Russworm and Tycore have been threatening all these students — who are the tenants — with lawsuits to pay for construction repairs and all other damages since the problem occurred. Russworm decided to notify the tenants, all Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, of College Park's problem many days after Russworm knew about the flooding apartments.

Elizabeth Cain, Notre Dame senior accounting major, was not notified of her possessions sitting ankle deep in water until Jan. 2, and Paramount knew of the flooding by Dec. 29 or 30.

The students were told it was holiday time, and Russworm was busy during that week, thus the tardy call about the flooding. The flood in all of the first-floor apartments occurred from the pipes freezing in the wall chase above the second-floor apartments, which was open to the attic in all cases.

The flood occurred on Dec. 29. Kristin Boyd, homeless tenant and Notre Dame senior class officer, said she had to fight hard to get Tycore to even secure a mold and bacteria test. She has now been told one test was done on her apartment, one of the 10 damaged, yet College Park Apartments will not give Boyd, or any tenant, a copy of the mold report.

All these students were told to find their own housing, and they must pay for their own housing, and damages on clothing, bedding, computers, etc., from the constant flow of running water from the second-floor apartments down to the first-floor apartments which sustained all the big damage.

This situation is far from over.

The College Park owners do not know what they are doing, have shown no regard for their tenants and possessions. Now that they have threatened these Notre Dame students, the students are unified, are together and will fight back.

Greg Boyd
Notre Dame father
Indianapolis, IN
Jan. 20

War in Iraq completely justified

I have been reading a lot of negative articles about the situation in Iraq lately. To those of you who think Iraq is the new Vietnam, who think no weapons of mass destruction negates any reason for going to Iraq, and who think the insurgency is winning and the war is unwinnable, please read Lieutenant Colonel Tim Ryan's recent letter to Americans. He is a soldier in Iraq, and his letter will open your eyes to the real situation there.

It is amazing to me how quickly people forget what has happened in the recent past. Read Prime Minister Tony Blair's and President George W. Bush's speeches asking for the authorization of force against Saddam, and you will find the full and complete case for war, of which weapons of mass destruction are an integral part but by no means the full justification.

Search for speeches by senators (especially those who now denounce this war as a disaster) in the mid-90s who were howling for Saddam's removal, even if that meant the use of force.

Read the Duelfer report in full to see the real conclusion about Saddam's intentions.

Search for news articles from the late 1940s predicting we would fail to secure Germany even after winning the war.

Oh yeah, and take a second to remember who the enemy is — brutal, inhuman terrorists who oppose any kind of democratic society in the Middle East.

If you get all of your information about the war in Iraq from reading prominent newspapers and the evening news, then quite frankly, you are being duped. The war was the right thing to do, and it is currently going very well, as far as you can say that in times of war.

Michael Jenista
senior
Knott Hall
Jan. 20

Ring in new year again

Do you ever wish you could spend New Year's Eve with your Notre Dame friends? Well, even though you probably missed your chance to ring in the traditional New Year, you're not too late to throw a Chinese New Year Party. February 9 marks the beginning of the year of the Rooster, the 4,703rd year in the Chinese calendar. This important day in Chinese culture commences with a 15-day festival ending on the full moon. While Times Square and Dick Clark may not be part of your soiree, you can incorporate Chinese traditions such as brightly colored lights, homemade paper lanterns, small gift exchanges and delicious food in your festivities. After you try making some of these traditional recipes, break out your chopsticks and pop the "Joy Luck Club" in your VCR while ringing in another new year.

Maureen Malloy
Scene Writer

Chinese Chicken Salad

3 1/2 boneless chicken breast halves, cooked and diced
1 head lettuce, torn into small pieces
4 green onions, sliced
4 stalks celery, sliced thin
1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted
6 ounces Chinese noodles, heated briefly to crisp
6 tablespoons seasoned rice vinegar
4 tablespoons white sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup peanut oil

In a large salad bowl combine the chicken, lettuce, green onion, celery, nuts, seeds and noodles. Mix all together. Set aside. To Make Dressing: Put vinegar in a small bowl. Dissolve sugar and salt in vinegar before adding oil. Shake/beat well. Add dressing to salad and toss to coat. Serve and enjoy!

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Chinese Spareribs

1/2 cup hoisin sauce
1/4 cup jellied cranberry sauce
3 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce
2 tablespoons white wine
2 tablespoons honey
1/2 teaspoon red food coloring
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
1/4 teaspoon Chinese five-spice powder
4 pounds pork spareribs, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 cups water

In a large bowl, blend hoisin sauce, cranberry sauce, soy sauce, white wine, honey and red food coloring. Mix in garlic salt and Chinese five-spice powder. Place ribs in the mixture. Cover, and marinate in the refrigerator at least 1 hour. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place water in the bottom of a large roasting pan. Arrange ribs on pan rack, and cook 30 minutes in the preheated oven. Cover with remaining sauce mixture and continue cooking 30 minutes, to an internal temperature of 160 degrees.

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Almond Tea Cakes

4 ounces granulated sugar
2 ounces blanched almonds, ground fine
3 tablespoons cake flour
1 egg white plus 3 egg whites
1 tablespoon heavy cream
Granulated sugar for dusting

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Grease mini muffin tins and set aside.

Sift 2-ounces of the sugar, ground almonds and cake flour in a bowl. Add 1 egg white to form a paste. In another bowl whip the 3 egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add the remaining sugar. Continue to whip until the meringue is strong but not dry. Fold the meringue into the almond paste mixture and add the heavy cream at the end. Mix well.

Fill the prepared muffin tins half full. Bake promptly in the pre-heated oven until golden, approximately 8 to 12 minutes, depending on the size of the molds. Cool the teacakes about 5 minutes before un-molding them on a wire rack. Dust with confection sugar before serving. Store the cakes in an airtight container.

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THEATRE REVIEW

When Catholicism is

"Late Nite Catechism" is religion wit

By CHRIS HAMMER
Scene Writer

"Late Nite Catechism 2 (Sometimes We Feel Guilty Because We Are Guilty)" transformed the Decio Mainstage Theatre into a Catholic grade school classroom and turned the clocks back for those in the audience who spent many an hour in such a classroom. From the religious and patriotic bulletin boards to the unworkable slide projector, from Sister's desk — complete with a collection bank for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith — to the slate chalkboard with "JMJ" (Jesus, Mary and Joseph) written at the top, the only things missing to complete the parochial school classroom were the rows of uncomfortable student desks.

But that omission was intentional — the classroom was the entire theatre, not just the stage, making the audience Sister's pupils. Yes, that means audience participation — and if you think you can hide from Sister's attention, you will be as successful as you were in grade school. Sister, played by Kimberly Richards, called the class to order promptly at starting time, a warning to those who may be habitually tardy, and started her catechism lesson.

Richards had spot-on mannerisms; her deadpan style was enhanced with her reactions to members of the audience at our expense, both figuratively and literally. If she noticed someone chewing gum, she would make him spit the gum out, if two members of the audience were particularly close, she implored them to "make room for the Holy Spirit."

Throughout these ad-libs, Richards gave a grade-school lesson on sin and punishment, creating her own Catholic "Chu
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The show remains at the Decio Mainsta
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Ballet Folklorico dances to "Jalisco" by 'Colas. The group also choreographed their number for the Welsh Family dance show.

By MARIA SI
Scene Editor

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Theatre through Sunday, with mati- nday at 2 p.m. and evening perform- m.

Classic 100 coming soon

PAC will begin series of top films this fall

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene Writer

These days, it seems everyone has a Top 100 list. A scan through the E! Channel or VH1 almost guarantees the discovery of a Top 100 list pertaining to celebrity culture, complete with magazine writers and second-rate comedians struggling for a decent joke. ESPN, in honor of its 25th anniversary, ran a list of the top 100 sports moments of the past 25 years throughout last summer.

And it appears Notre Dame cannot escape the ranking bonanza either. This spring, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will test its plan for the "PAC Classic 100," a series of "one hundred classic American and International films to be screened in the PAC." The actual series does not begin until next fall, but this spring semester will offer students an opportunity to view some of the films that faculty members of the film, television and theater department consider among the elite.

John Haynes, executive director of the PAC, developed the series as a way of giving students an opportunity to develop a basic history of filmmaking throughout their four years at Notre Dame. 25 films of the 100 films will be shown each year, with the cycle repeating after the fourth year.

"There's talk of having yearly memberships for the 25 films, with a discount for the entire package," said Jon Vickers, manager of the Browning Cinema at the PAC.

The program also hopes to award students who complete the entire PAC list, including plans for an annual banquet, which may feature a Hollywood VIP.

The FTT department created the "PAC Classic 100" by merging at least 10 major film lists, including the American Film Institute's Top 100, the Top 100 list for the National Society of Film Critics, the Library of Congress List and even the Vatican's Top 45 Films of all-time. All lists lead to some sort of debate, and the PAC's will be no different, leaving out several acclaimed films. For instance, "Pulp Fiction" and "Star Wars" — two films ranked within the American Film Institute's list — did not make the cut for the "PAC Classic 100."

"By combining film lists, we had to narrow down 400 films, and we want to bring in things people haven't seen," Vickers said. "This list is a good topic for debate, because how do you narrow down a list of 400 films?"

The majority of films will be screened Saturdays at 3:00 p.m., with some fall films occupying a Sunday time slot so as to avoid home football games.

The spring screenings begin Saturday at 3:00 p.m. with Fellini's "8 1/2," a film following a famous movie director's struggle to create his next masterpiece.

"[The director] just goes through this wandering process, trying to discover the film he wants," Vickers said. "It's avant-garde, and it's an insight into filmmaking through a non-American, non-formula film style."

Tickets for all screenings are $3 for students.

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d Annual Dance Show features diverse mix of acts

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k with people of a lot of differ- ounds and see it in a different Karen Weil, who will perform the show's only solo number to Frou Frou's "Let Go." "There are so many different genres, the variety is nice."

Dubon is also excited to have students from Saint Mary's College in this year's show. Dancers from the two schools often work together, since many Notre Dame dancers go to Saint Mary's to take advantage of the more extensive program. A conflicting performance at Saint Mary's on the night of the show last year kept many of the dancers from performing, but this year both campuses will be well represented.

Saint Mary's student Lauren Magnifico has performed in the Saint Mary's dance company with Dubon for two years, and was excited when asked to be on the show committee and choreograph a number for the theater jazz group.

"It turned out to be a blast," Magnifico said. "I was honestly a little nervous at the beginning, but the girls in my group are amazing and I think the show is going to be awesome."

Weil had worked with dance programs at Saint Mary's, but was thrilled to have a chance to perform at Washington Hall last year.

"The show was my first chance to dance on campus," Weil said. "When I was a freshman there wasn't really anything offered for dancers here. I think a lot has happened since then."

One of the best parts of the show this year, like last year, is the variety. The Welsh Family Hall dance recital offers dancers a little more freedom, which means a great assortment for the audience.

"There are a lot of very different opportunities, and you can always take classes," said show committee member Lindsay Fitzpatrick. "But this is a neat opportunity... to have a real hand in what you dance and pick what you want to do."

Proceeds for the dance recital will benefit Catholic Relief Services for tsunami victims.

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Karen Weil choreographed her own dance number entitled, "Beauty and the Breakdown," which she performs to "Let Go" by Frou Frou. Weil is the only solo act of the performance.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Roddick wins in four sets, advances to third round

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — It takes one to know one.

In a highly hyped showdown between the two biggest servers in tennis, Andy Roddick anticipated exactly what Greg Rusedski would offer. And Roddick pounded out a 6-0, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory Thursday to reach the third round of the Australian Open.

"I felt like I was seeing the ball from early on," Roddick said, "and I tried not to second-guess it."

The second-seeded Roddick owns the record for fastest serve, at 155 mph, and led the men's circuit in aces the last two seasons. He slammed 11 aces against Rusedski.

But the big difference in the match was Roddick's returns. He hit winners with almost as much speed as they had coming off Rusedski's racket.

So has Rusedski's serve lost its zing?

"No, not at all," said Roddick, who shared the record for the fastest serve with Rusedski until twice breaking the mark last season. "My returns normally aren't that good — I couldn't believe it.

"You always want to return like that. It was just clicking for me."

With the exception of one bad game, Roddick gave top-ranked Roger Federer something to think about with a nearly flawless performance. The 2003 U.S. Open champion, now working with new coach Dean Goldfine, committed only eight unforced errors and dropped serve just once.

No. 3 Lleyton Hewitt did more running, coming back from a set and a break down to beat James Blake 4-6, 7-6 (8), 6-0, 6-3. Blake's fortunes turned when he cut his racket hand at the end of the second set.

Venus Williams continued to play well in her bid to return to the top of the game, beating China's Peng Shuai 6-3, 6-1, while No. 1-ranked Lindsay Davenport and No. 3 Anastasia Myskina both had nervous moments before advancing.

Davenport appeared to be still overcoming bronchitis that restricted her buildup before earning a 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 victory over 99th-ranked Michaela Pastikova.

"I just wasn't ready to be at my very best at the beginning," Davenport said. "She caught me on the back foot."

Myskina had problems with her serve and trailed 3-1 in the first set, but regained control in a four-game streak and then didn't face a break point in the second set while ousting No. 114 Tzipora Obziler 6-4, 6-2.

Myskina next plays 25th-seeded Lisa Raymond, who last year upset Williams in the third round en route to the Australian Open quarterfinals.

Roddick, meanwhile, will face a third straight left-hander in Austria's Jurgen Melzer.

One poorly played game cost Roddick the second set against Rusedski, the runner-up at the 1997 U.S. Open: He started and ended the eighth game with double-faults. Before that, Roddick hadn't lost a point on serve in the second set.

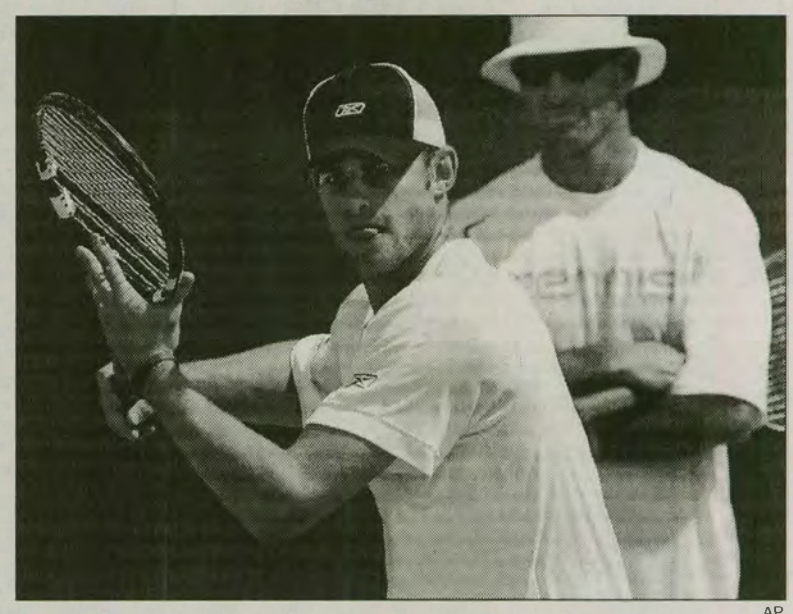
Rusedski served out at love next game, leveling at one set apiece with an ace. That was as close as he got.

Rusedski lost 10 of 11 of his first net approaches, but finished at just over 50 percent — 43 of 83 attempts. He figured he wouldn't beat the young American from the baseline.

"I tried to stick in there any which way I could," Rusedski said. "At one set all, I had a few chances, but I didn't play enough returns and didn't serve well enough. I just wasn't good enough."

Hewitt weathered Blake's opening barrage, then cranked up his own serve and groundstrokes to set up a third-round match against 25th-seeded Juan Ignacio Chela, one of the four Argentineans advancing Thursday. The others were French Open finalist Guillermo Coria, No. 9 David Nalbandian and No. 12 Guillermo Canas.

Seventh-seeded Tim Henman and former top-ranked Juan Carlos Ferrero also advanced in straight sets.



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Andy Roddick practices for the Australian Open last week in Melbourne Park. Roddick defeated Greg Rusedski on Thursday.

Blake was one point from a two-set lead over Hewitt before he unraveled.

After failing when he served for the second set at 6-5, he clubbed two service returns into the net to give Hewitt a set point at 7-6 in the tiebreaker.

Blake smacked a backhand winner with his a service return to level at 8-8, then mimicked Hewitt's trademark celebration — pointing his fingers at his face and screaming "Come on!"

Hewitt won the next two points, the second when Blake's desperate tumbling shot landed long. Blake lost his racket in the fall, cutting the webbing between two fingers on his right hand. He regained his feet as if to play the rest of the point without his racket.

Hewitt broke to open the third set, starting a six-game winning steak.

"There was a lot of momentum swings out there," Hewitt said. "Things fell my way towards the end."

NFL

Steelers confident against Belichick and Pats

Pittsburgh ready to adjust to challenge of facing New England

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Maybe his 5-9 record against them allows the Pittsburgh Steelers to talk somewhat less reverently about New England Patriots defensive mastermind Bill Belichick than many NFL teams do.

Certainly, they admired his imaginative schemes that reduced NFL MVP Peyton Manning into a frustrated, head-shaking shell of his normal touchdown-making self during New England's 20-3 divisional-round victory.

They are impressed that Belichick and defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel consistently manufacture ways to shut down teams with a secondary so injury-depleted that Troy Brown, a wide receiver and kick returner, is the nickel back.

But while Belichick is considered a great NFL coach for winning two Super Bowls in three seasons, the word "genius" isn't heard in the Steelers' locker room. In their minds, Belichick became a much better coach when he got much better players in New England than he had while going 3-8 against Pittsburgh as the Browns' coach from 1991-95.

What Belichick does is "not overrated — he's done some great things when it comes to coming up with great game plans," Steelers wide receiver Antwaan Randle El said Thursday. "I wouldn't say it's overrated; it's just a matter of adjusting to it. And we've adjusted all year."

Steelers coach Bill Cowher is flowery in praising the Patriots coach's style and system, even acknowledging that he's borrowed from it. But he seemed to dismiss talk Belichick can design a game plan so unique and daring that rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger shouldn't even bother walking onto the field for Sunday night's AFC championship game at Pittsburgh.

To Cowher, there's nothing "mystic" about Belichick at all.

"I don't think they'll show him anything that he hasn't seen at any point this year," said Cowher, who is 8-4 against Belichick. "Maybe something different than we've prepared for, but that's all part of football."

Cowher is shown consoling a dejected Roethlisberger at his locker in the Steelers Digest team publication this week, a photo taken shortly after the rookie threw two costly interceptions during Pittsburgh's 20-17 overtime victory over the Jets on Saturday.

Roethlisberger said he was down on himself at the moment but felt better within minutes and isn't worried about becoming similarly distraught or rattled by whatever Belichick throws at him.

"I know what I did wrong, the mistakes I made," he said. "You can't dwell on the past; you've got to move on. This game's too big."

No matter how exotic the Patriots become in their blitzing or pass coverage schemes to confuse the rookie QB, the Steelers still plan to pound twin power backs Jerome Bettis and Duce Staley repeatedly, just as they did in beating New England 34-20 on Oct. 31. Staley ran for 125 yards and Bettis 65, while the Patriots managed only 5 yards rushing without injured star Corey Dillon.

Jets running back Curtis Martin, a chess fan, refers to the deep-thinking Belichick as the Bobby Fischer of football, but the Steelers said no game plan can make that big a difference if a team controls the line of scrimmage.

Belichick "isn't playing," wide receiver Plaxico Burress said. "All he does is call the plays, and he puts his players in good position to make plays. That's why they've been so successful and been able to win so consistently."

Patriots tight end Christian Fauria said much the same thing Thursday, suggesting no game plan can compensate if the opponent is executing better.

The Steelers "haven't changed the way they line up," he said. "Their linebackers are still disruptive and being aggressive and knocking everybody down. The defensive line is getting up the field, disrupting things and putting people on the ground."

The Steelers are in much better shape than they were for their 24-17 upset loss to New England in the January 2002 AFC championship game, when Bettis' serious groin injury effectively left them without a running game. Bettis, severely limited by the injury, was held to 8 yards on nine carries.

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Target Golf	Team A	7:00	Innertube Water Polo	Team A	9:35
	Team B	8:00		Team B	10:25
Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	11:00	LNO Obstacle Course	Team A	9:00
	Team B	7:15		Team B	10:15
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	Team B	11:15	Dance Marathon	Team A-B	10:00

Sorin/Pangborn

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Women's Basketball		6:20	Kickball		11:10
Nerf Football	Team A	6:45	Wiffleball	Team A	6:15
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Women's Basketball	Team A	6:00	Kickball		11:30
Nerf Football	Team A	7:45	Wiffleball	Team A	7:00
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Target Golf	Team A	7:15	Monster Dodgeball		12:00
	Team B	8:15	Innertube Water Polo	Team A	7:30
Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	9:45		Team B	7:55
	Team B	8:55	LNO Obstacle Course	Team A	9:45
Kayaking	Team A	9:00		Team B	NA
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Nerf Football	Team A	8:00	Monster Dodgeball		12:00
	Team B	8:30	Innertube Water Polo		9:50
Target Golf	Team A	7:45	LNO Obstacle Course	Team A	8:45
Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	10:10		Team B	11:15
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Kayaking		9:15			

Dillon/Walsh

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Men's Basketball	Team A	6:40	Co-Rec Broomball		7:30
	Team B	6:20			
Women's Basketball	Team A	6:00	Kickball		11:50
	Team B	7:00			
Nerf Football	Team A	7:45	Wiffleball		7:30
	Team B	9:30	Monster Dodgeball		12:00
Target Golf	Team A	7:00	Innertube Water Polo		8:45
	Team B	NA			
Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	9:20	LNO Obstacle Course		11:00
	Team B	6:50			
Kayaking		10:30	Table Tennis	CALL 1-6100	

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	Team B	7:20			
Women's Basketball	Team A	6:40	Kickball		12:10
	Team B	8:00	Wiffleball		7:15
Nerf Football	Team A	7:00	Monster Dodgeball		12:00
	Team B	7:45	Innertube Water Polo		9:35
Target Golf		NA	LNO Obstacle Course	Team A	9:30
Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	10:10		Team B	10:15
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Alumni/Lewis

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Women's Basketball	Team A	8:00	Kickball		12:10
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Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	6:25		Team B	10:15
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	Team B	11:00			

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Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	10:00	Table Tennis	CALL 1-6100	
	Team B	NA			
Kayaking		9:45			

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	Team B	6:20	Kickball		11:50
Women's Basketball	Team A	8:00			
	Team B	7:00	Wiffleball		8:30
Nerf Football	Team A	9:15	Monster Dodgeball		12:00
	Team B	8:15	Innertube Water Polo	Team A	7:30
Target Golf	Team A	8:15		Team B	8:45
Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	6:00	LNO Obstacle Course	Team A	9:45
	Team B	7:20		Team B	9:15
Kayaking		10:15	Table Tennis	CALL 1-6100	
			Dance Marathon	Team A	10:00

St.Edward's/Cavanaugh

Volleyball	Team A	6:00	Men's Racquetball		NA
	Team B	7:30	Women's Racquetball	CALL 1-6100	
Men's Basketball	Team A	8:40	Co-Rec Broomball		8:00
	Team B	7:40			
Women's Basketball	Team A	6:00	Kickball		12:30
	Team B	NA	Wiffleball		7:45
Nerf Football	Team A	10:00	Monster Dodgeball		12:00
	Team B	6:30	Innertube Water Polo		NA
Target Golf	Team A	8:15	LNO Obstacle Course	Team A	8:45
Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	8:05		Team B	9:15
	Team B	11:25	Table Tennis		8:45
Kayaking		10:45	Dance Marathon	Team A-D	10:00

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Volleyball	Team A	6:30	Men's Racquetball	CALL 1-6100	
	Team B	8:00	Women's Racquetball	CALL 1-6100	
Men's Basketball	Team A	7:20	Co-Rec Broomball		7:00
	Team B	7:00			
Women's Basketball	Team A	6:40	Kickball		11:10
	Team B	8:00	Wiffleball	Team A	6:45
Nerf Football	Team A	10:00		Team B	8:15
Target Golf	Team A	7:15	Monster Dodgeball		12:00
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Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	8:30		Team B	7:55
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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NC State's Yow diets to recovery

Respected women's coach treating cancer with new food plan

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina State coach Kay Yow decided she needed a new approach to treat her recurrence of breast cancer, the latest in a variety of ailments to hit her in the past year.

The Hall of Fame women's basketball coach decided to follow a new dietary plan — no meat, no dairy products, no sugar and all organic food. So far, that's her only treatment after having the tumor removed last month.

"For a Southern gal like me, it's a complete overhaul," Yow said Thursday before returning from a two-game absence to lead the Wolfpack against Miami. "It's nothing I'm used to doing."

Her players wore pink laces in their right shoes — pink is the symbol for breast cancer awareness — for the third straight game, and Yow received a rousing ovation when she was introduced before the matchup with the Hurricanes.

While she missed those games to start her new program, State (13-4, 2-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) went 1-1 under longtime assistant Stephanie Glance, including a 76-75 overtime victory over No. 23 Virginia Tech. The loss was by two points to ninth-ranked North Carolina.

"I'm just so proud of my team and my staff," the 62-year-old Yow said. "They embodied everything I believe in and the history of my program."

Yow first was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1987, and her oncologist, Dr. Mark Graham, said it was a recurrence. Yow had treatment for skin cancer last year and also had a bout with pneumonia.

"My immune system is just not working like it ought to do, and that can be because of what you're putting in it," she said.

Having the cancer come back after 17 years is not rare, something Graham had to tell to another patient earlier Thursday. She has been healthy for the past five years after beating the identical type of cancer that Yow has.

"She wanted me to tell her that she was cured of breast cancer," Graham said. "I had to tell her she was not totally out of the woods."

But the prognosis remains positive for Yow, who's cancer-free at the moment in tests performed by Graham. If it returns, Graham said Yow probably will undergo traditional treatment such as radiation or chemotherapy.

"As she's sitting here, she is disease-free, and we'd like to keep her that way," Graham said. "All cancer is not created equal, and Coach has an excellent chance to do well with this cancer. The people that have a recurrence like this have a long life."

Yow has no plans to miss any more games, saying she hopes her new diet will give her even more energy. She has a 666-304 career record in 34 seasons, including a 609-285 mark in 30 years at State.

She was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 2002 and coached the 1988 U.S. Olympic team to a gold medal. In 1998, she led the Wolfpack to their only Final Four appearance.

NFL

Vinatieri is reliable in playoffs

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — Adam Vinatieri approached the ball, drove it toward the uprights and got mad when the field goal missed.

And that was just during a workout last spring.

"There's no one out here except for us two," said Josh Miller, who had just signed as the New England Patriots new holder and punter. "We were also at 58 yards. So I said, `OK, that's what I'm part of and it's pretty cool.' "

Vinatieri takes every kick seriously — whether it's an extra point in a regular-season blowout or a field goal that wins the Super Bowl, whether he's in a dome or driving snow.

His foot may be the difference again in the AFC championship game between two strong defenses on Sunday in Pittsburgh where snow showers are in the forecast, something he grew up with in Yankton, S.D.

"I try to take every kick exactly the same and not think about, oh, this is the playoffs," Vinatieri said. "You don't know if a kick in the first quarter or the kick at the end of the game is going to make the difference."

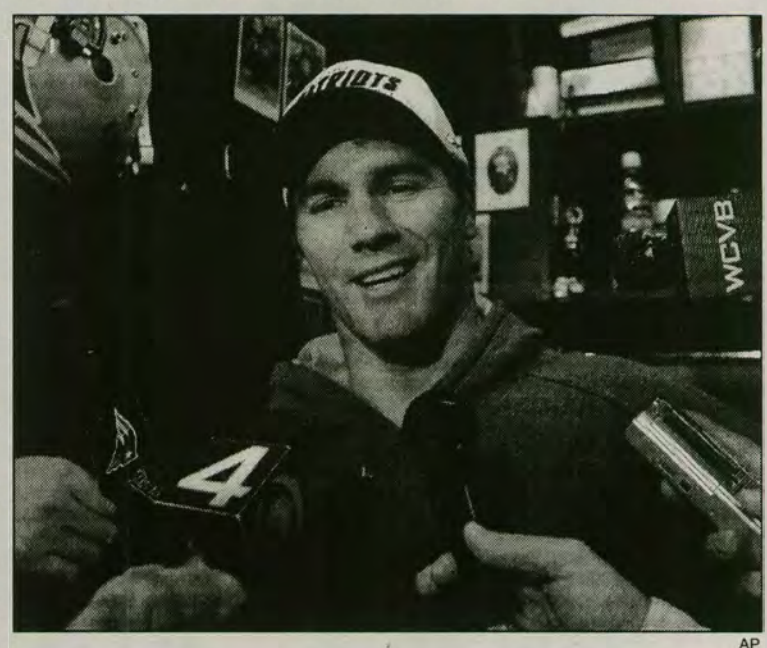
"He's as good at what he does as [Michael] Jordan at what he does"

Josh Miller
Patriots' holder/punter

Two of the biggest field goals of his career came in heavy snow on the way to the Patriots' first championship. His 45-yarder with 34 seconds left forced overtime and his 23-yarder beat Oakland 16-13 on Jan. 19, 2002.

As usual, the pressure didn't affect him.

"I was thinking more about trying to make sure I got good footing and got the ball up in the air than any of the other things that that kick meant," Vinatieri said.



AP

Adam Vinatieri has kicked two game winning field goals in the Super Bowl. The Patriots play at Pittsburgh this weekend.

Two weeks later inside the Superdome in New Orleans, his 45-yard field goal on the last play gave the Patriots their first Super Bowl win, 20-17 over St. Louis. He also won last year's Super Bowl indoors in Houston with a 41-yard kick with four seconds left in a 32-29 win over Carolina.

But he leaves those memories on the sidelines.

"You have to go out and re-establish yourself every single day," Vinatieri said Thursday. "Sure, three years ago we had a fun day in the snow and the outcome worked out well [but] something in the past isn't going to guarantee anything in the future."

Plenty has worked out well in his nine seasons since joining the Patriots as a free agent in 1996.

This season he led the NFL in scoring and made 24 of his last 25 field goal attempts. He's kicked 17 game-winning field goals in the regular season and playoffs and, from inside the 40-yard line, he's missed just 21 of 203 kicks.

"He's as good at what he does as (Michael) Jordan at what he does," Miller said. "If he's as good at his trade and used it somewhere else, he'd change the world. But he's a kicker and he has to just settle for being the best kicker."

Heinz Field in Pittsburgh is known as a tough place to kick. Last weekend, Doug Brien of the New York Jets missed two field-goal attempts late in the fourth quarter and overtime, and the Steelers won.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Six Gamecocks charged with stealing team equipment

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Six current and former South Carolina football players were charged Thursday with stealing $18,000 worth of equipment from Williams-Brice Stadium last November.

Offensive lineman Woodly Telfort is charged with grand larceny, a felony. He admitted to investigators he took a $4,000 laptop, according to an arrest warrant.

Quarterbacks Syvelle Newton and Dondrial Pinkins have been charged with a misdemeanor, petit larceny, along with defensive lineman Freddy Saint-Preux and safety Rodriques Wilson.

Arrest warrants say all four players took action photos of themselves from the South Carolina locker room area of the stadium and have confessed to the theft.

A warrant is pending for a sixth player the school did not identify.

A total of $18,000 worth of computer and video equipment and framed photographs were taken from the stadium on Nov. 22, shortly after the Gamecocks were told they would not go to a bowl as punishment for an on-field brawl with Clemson.

"Regrettably, a few of our student-athletes made a very poor decision during the course of a frustrating situation, and they must now face the consequences," athletic director Mike McGee said.

Newton is a rising junior and started several games for South Carolina last year. Saint-Preux, who was injured much of this season and Telfort, who saw extensive play as a reserve in 2004, will be seniors next year and have already been suspended for the Gamecocks opener Sept. 1 against Central Florida because of their involvement in the brawl with Clemson.

All three will now be suspended at least until the charges are resolved, McGee said.

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MLB

All-Star closer Gagne agrees to new contract

Dodgers' pitcher signs a two-year deal at $19 million

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Even Eric Gagne was worried about the Dodgers' overhaul.

Now he sounds happy with it after agreeing to a $19-million, two-year contract and seeing how the team shapes up.

"I was scared, too, like all the fans, about all the moves, like where are we going, what are we trying to do?" Gagne said Thursday. "When we signed Derek Lowe, I thought, OK, that's where we're going.

"Talk about team chemistry, talk about Derek Lowe, he's a world champion. Talk about Jeff Kent, he's an MVP; J.D. Drew, he's just getting started, and bringing back Odalis Perez."

Gagne shook his head and said, "I think it's just amazing what we did with the team."

Speaking at a Dodger Stadium news conference after signing his new contract, Gagne obviously was pleased with the deal he struck with the Dodgers. After winning the 2003 NL Cy Young Award while earning $550,000, he was not happy when he had to go to arbitration last year. He asked for $8 million, but arbitrators ruled in favor of the club's offer of $5 million.

The Dodgers' new regime of owner Frank McCourt and general manager Paul DePodesta didn't have much time to avoid sending Gagne to arbitration last February. They took control of the team less than a week before his hearing.

"Eric's contractual situation was really the first issue I dealt with as general manager," DePodesta said. "I came on board and within the first week, his arbitration case had been settled and it was something that was really the primary issue of the day.

"At that point, we made some statements and I had conversations with both Eric and Scott (agent Scott Boras) that we didn't want to go through that process again."

The Dodgers have parted company with some of the team's best — and most popular — players since McCourt took over 11 months ago, including Paul Lo Duca, Adrian Beltre, Shawn Green, Steve Finley and Jose Lima.

McCourt was determined to keep Gagne, who converted a major league-record 84 consecutive saves from Aug. 28, 2002, to July 5, 2004.

"Needless to say, we made a lot of decisions this offseason, none more important than the decision to sign Eric," the owner said. "I don't think we just signed a closer, I think we signed someone who brings the attitude that you need, in addition to the talent, to win year in and year out.

"If I were to pick one player in all of baseball that personifies the attitude of the team I own and operate, it's this gentleman."

Los Angeles has a $12 million option for 2007 with a $1 million buyout, but Gagne has the right to void the option and become a free agent.

In the meantime, the 28-year-old reliever is glad he doesn't have to be concerned with the business side of the game for a while.

"I'm just happy it worked out. Instead of talking about contracts and all that stuff, we can talk about baseball," Gagne said. "We made the playoffs last year and that was great, but this year we've got to take it to the next level and win the World Series."

Gagne had a 7-3 record with a 2.19 ERA last season. He had 45 saves in 47 chances while appearing in 70 games, striking out 114 and walking only 22. He pitched three innings in two games of the NL division series, which the Dodgers lost to St. Louis 3-1. It was the team's first postseason appearance since 1996.

Icon

Eric Gagne will be in Dodger blue for the next two seasons. The Canadian-born closer set a baseball record when he saved 84 consecutive games from Aug. 28, 2002 to July 5, 2004.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Longhorns' Tucker ruled academically ineligible

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Sophomore forward P.J. Tucker, the leading scorer and rebounder for No. 15 Texas, is academically ineligible and will miss the rest of the season, the school announced Thursday.

Tucker, averaging 13.7 points and eight rebounds a game, will stay in school and be allowed to practice but is not eligible for competition.

Texas (14-3) plays at No. 18 Oklahoma (14-2) on Saturday.

"I'm really disappointed that I'm going to have to miss the remainder of the season," Tucker said. "I feel like I've let a lot of people down, including myself. I'll spend the spring and summer focusing on my academics so that I can return to the team next fall."

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P.J. Tucker
Texas forward

A team spokesman also said starting freshman center LaMarcus Aldridge remains out indefinitely with a hip injury. He missed Texas' win over No. 5 Oklahoma State on Monday night.

"We hope he can learn a huge lesson from this and come back as a stronger and more mature person."

Rick Barnes
Texas head coach

University officials have refused to comment on details of Tucker's academic problems, citing federal privacy laws that protect student records. Tucker acknowledged that he did not earn enough credit hours to stay eligible.

"I feel for P.J. right now," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "We hope he can learn a huge lesson from this and come back as a stronger and more mature person. There's no question that his loss will affect our team.

"He feels responsible for it. A prized possession has been taken away from him," Barnes said.

Tucker's loss is a huge blow for the Longhorns. Tucker has been the team's floor leader this season, bringing an innate toughness and a desire to win to a squad infused with freshmen.

"It's hard to understand something like that," said junior forward Brad Buckman. "You don't know what goes through some people's minds. I love the guy so much, it's hard to get down on someone who I feel so strong for. People make mistakes. It's just tough when you have to deal with them. You know he never meant for that to happen."

Barnes said the Longhorns would continue to fight hard through the rest of the schedule. The absence of Tucker and Aldridge should open up more playing time for Dion Dowell and Mike Williams, two members of the Longhorns' heralded freshman class.

"Somebody will emerge," Barnes said. "We're not going to feel sorry for ourselves and nobody else is either. I'm sure there are some people who are licking their chops."

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	team	record	points
1	Colorado College (40)	20-3-1	600
2	Boston College	14-3-3	546
3	Michigan	18-5-1	507
4	Minnesota	18-7-0	493
5	Wisconsin	17-6-1	434
6	Denver	14-6-1	358
7	New Hampshire	15-5-2	353
8	Colgate	17-5-0	291
9	Cornell	11-4-2	266
10	Ohio State	15-6-3	236
11	Boston University	13-9-0	197
12	North Dakota	14-10-2	163
13	Harvard	10-5-2	122
14	Vermont	13-7-3	85
15	Mass.-Lowell	13-5-2	64

Men's College Basketball Big East Conference

team	Big East	Overall
Syracuse	5-0	18-1
Boston College	4-0	15-0
NOTRE DAME	4-1	12-3
Connecticut	3-1	11-3
Georgetown	3-2	11-5
Pittsburgh	2-2	12-3
Villanova	2-3	9-4
West Virginia	1-3	11-4
Rutgers	1-3	7-7
St. John's	1-3	7-7
Seton Hall	0-4	8-7
Providence	0-4	9-8

Women's College Basketball MIAA Standings

team	MIAA	overall
Albion	7-1	15-2
Calvin	7-1	13-2
Hope	7-1	14-2
SAINT MARY'S	3-5	8-9
Kalamazoo	3-5	8-9
Tri-State	3-5	5-11
Alma	2-6	7-7
Olivet	2-6	7-9
Adrian	2-6	5-10

Women's College Basketball Big East Conference

team	Big East	overall
Connecticut	4-0	11-4
Boston College	3-0	12-2
Rutgers	3-0	12-3
NOTRE DAME	3-2	15-3
Villanova	3-2	10-6
West Virginia	2-2	11-4
St. John's	2-3	13-3
Pittsburgh	2-3	10-6
Syracuse	2-3	10-6
Seton Hall	2-4	10-7
Georgetown	1-4	6-10
Providence	0-4	1-14

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Indiana at Miami 8 p.m., ESPN

San Antonio at Phoenix 10:30 p.m., TNT

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2005 Australian Open 2 p.m., ESPN2

NFL

AP

Colts receiver Reggie Wayne scores a touchdown against Denver during Indianapolis' first-round playoff victory in the RCA Dome. The city's proposal for a new stadium was rejected by the State House Speaker on Thursday.

Plans for a new Colts dome put on hold

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS – House Speaker Brian Bosma said Thursday there is no chance the Legislature will approve Mayor Bart Peterson's proposal to expand gambling to help finance a new Indianapolis Colts stadium.

The mayor challenged Bosma to come up with a better plan.

"If somebody has a better idea, I'm willing to listen to it," Peterson said. "What we need is $46 million a year to be able to pay the debt service on this new stadium."

Peterson last month unveiled a plan for a new 63,000-seat stadium, which would have a retractable roof and could be expanded to 70,000 seats to host a Super Bowl. The facility is projected to cost between $550 million and $700 million and is seen as the key to keeping the Colts in Indianapolis once their lease with the RCA Dome, the NFL's smallest stadium, expires after the 2013 season.

Under Peterson's plan, Colts owner Jim Irsay and the NFL would contribute $100 million in loans. The city also would ask the Legislature to approve pull-tab machines, which resemble slot machines, for horse racing tracks in Anderson and Shelbyville and an off-track betting parlor in Indianapolis. The latter was the apparent deal-killer for Bosma.

"As far as I'm concerned, that proposal's dead," said Bosma, an Indianapolis Republican. "He ought to find another (funding) mechanism."

Peterson, however, said he's convinced his proposal is still the best option.

"I've spent the last two years thinking through this very difficult issue and thinking through all the alternatives," he said. "For the speaker to suggest that I have to come up with an alternative isn't going to help get this stadium built. And if we don't get the stadium built, we're going to lose the Colts."

Peterson said his plan, developed after lengthy discussions with the Colts, would guarantee the team would remain in Indianapolis for the next 30 years. It also would allow expansion of the convention center adjoining the RCA Dome. He said the plan doesn't rely on an increase in income, property or sales taxes.

Bosma said creating what he called a "casino" downtown in one of the most family friendly cities in the Midwest would not work.

IN BRIEF

French probe Armstrong doping allegations

ANNECY, France — French authorities have opened a preliminary inquiry into doping allegations made against six-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong in a book published last summer.

Judicial officials confirmed the probe Thursday but declined to give details, describing the case as confidential.

Philippe Trouyet, commissioner of the judicial police in Annecy, said Thursday that the investigation had been compromised by revelations in the media, and added that it would likely soon be dropped.

The investigation centers on an interview with Armstrong's former British assistant, Emma O'Reilly.

Shortly before last year's Tour de France, O'Reilly made allegations in a book "LA Confidential, The Secrets of Lance Armstrong." She claimed that Armstrong sent her on long road trips to pick up pills and dispose of used syringes.

According to Thursday's edition of Le Parisien newspaper, O'Reilly flew in from Liverpool, England, in July to confirm to French magistrates what she'd told authors David Walsh and Pierre Ballester in the book.

Delgado meets with Mets for three hours

NEW YORK — Carlos Delgado met with the New York Mets in Puerto Rico for a second time Thursday, a three-hour session that included the team's ownership and the first baseman's agent.

Delgado plans to meet Friday with Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks and general manager John Hart. He also is being courted by Florida and Baltimore, although the Orioles have not been mentioned prominently in recent days by his agent, David Sloane.

Mets chief operating officer Jeff Wilpon and general manager Omar Minaya were at Thursday's session with Delgado and Sloane.

"Having Jeff Wilpon join us for this meeting made it possible to discuss the issues regarding our respective proposals that we felt needed clarification," Sloane wrote in an e-mail. He said his side had a "better understanding" of "the challenges making this deal presents."

No news is daily news in NHL labor negotiations

After two days of negotiations, the NHL and the players' association appeared no closer to a deal that could save the hockey season.

Representatives from the league and union met for 4 1/2 hours Thursday in Toronto, the second straight day the sides held discussions in an attempt to end the four-month lockout.

The sides also held a five-hour meeting in Chicago on Wednesday, but they remained divided on the idea of cost certainty, a concept the players' association says is an unacceptable salary cap.

Following the two-day session, the only thing the sides appeared to agree on was that they are still far apart.

SMC Swimming

Belles set to host lone swim meet of winter

Saint Mary's will take on Kalamazoo at the Rolfs Center

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The Belles host their only home swim meet of the season today as they take on conference opponent Kalamazoo College at the Rolfs Aquatic Center on the Notre Dame campus. The all-women's event marks the first of a pair of conference meets for Saint Mary's that will help to determine the team's standings before the MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships in mid-February.

The current MIAA standings put Kalamazoo College in third place, behind Calvin and Hope, who rank first and second, respectively. Saint Mary's currently stands in sixth place. A victory over Kalamazoo College would give the Belles as many conference wins as Albion, who now holds the fifth-place spot.

The Belles will be faced with a difficult challenge competing against a strong Kalamazoo team. In their last conference meet, the Hornets defeated Alma College by a score of 148-90. However, the Belles have a more recent victory, albeit not as large, over Alma defeating them last week. Saint Mary's has yet to compete against the Hornets this season.

Sophomore Nicole Korte as well as juniors Kelly Nelis and Sarah Nowak, all of whom have been consistent finishers for Saint Mary's in the freestyle events, will be essential to compete with a strong Hornet freestyle swimmer. Sophomore Elizabeth Garlow of Kalamazoo College holds top spots in three of the MIAA's rankings of the best swimming and diving performances of the 2004-05 season, all of which are in freestyle events.

Tonight will also mark an especially significant night for the only two fourth-year swimmers on the team. Senior night will honor seniors and co-captains Michelle Stanforth and Ashley Dyer. Dyer will graduate in the spring with a degree in Women's Studies and Biology. Hailing from Clive, Iowa, she has earned three varsity letters during her career with the team. Dyer was named the 2004-05 SAAC president, and has been honored on the All-MIAA honor roll. Stanforth, from Kokomo, Indiana has also achieved three varsity letters with the team. A mathematics major, Stanforth has been named a Notre Dame/Saint mary's Navy ROTC Battalion Commanding Officer.

The Belles will take to the water at 6:00 p.m.

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Men's College Basketball

No. 1 ranked Illinois survives in overtime

Luther Head scored 25 points in team's win over Hawkeyes

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Illinois started the game intent on giving James Augustine and Roger Powell Jr. a chance to attack Iowa inside. When the big guys couldn't put it in the basket, Luther Head took over.

Head scored 25 points and his driving layup with 40 seconds remaining in overtime sealed No. 1 Illinois' 73-68 win over Iowa on Thursday night.

"I'm really tired. I can't wait to go home," Head said. He certainly earned some rest.

Head scored 12 straight points during one stretch and had six steals and six rebounds as Illinois (19-0, 5-0 Big Ten) overcame its worst shooting night of the season and a late comeback by No. 23 Iowa.

The Hawkeyes (13-4, 1-3) battled back from a 13-point deficit early in the second half and outscored Illinois 7-1 in the final 1:06 to force the extra period. Illinois managed just six free throws and Head's layup in overtime.

"I thought our defense was outstanding, but in the overtime they made six free throws and we made one," Iowa coach Steve Alford said. "It really came down to the foul line."

Illinois was 23-of-31 from the free-throw line while Iowa was just 6-of-12, and the Illini won the battle of the boards, especially on the offensive end where they held an 18-9 advantage.

"They killed us on the boards tonight," said Pierre Pierce who played all 45 minutes and led the Hawkeyes with 22 points. "They had a lot of tip-ins at crucial points in the game and we couldn't finish at the free-throw line."

Greg Brunner's drive to the hoop tied the score at 65-65 with 3.8 seconds remaining and came after Dee Brown missed one of two free throws for the Illini. Brunner finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

With Deron Williams in foul trouble, Head also drew the defensive assignment on Pierce in the second half. Pierce scored 12 points over Head, but he missed a 3-pointer that would have tied the game with 5.6 seconds left in overtime.

AP

Illinois' Luther Head fights for a loose ball in Thursday's 73-68 win over the No. 24-ranked Iowa. The Illini were up eight points at halftime before letting the Hawkeyes back into the game.

The Hawkeyes finished the game without center Erek Hansen and guard Adam Haluska, both of whom fouled out.

"I couldn't take Pierre off the floor," Alford said. "I just didn't feel comfortable taking our best player off the floor."

The Illini hit only 33 percent from the field, going 22-for-67 and 6-of-28 from 3-point range. Only Head had anything resembling a good night from the floor, hitting 8-of-18.

"Maybe we needed a game like this to get a little jolt of energy," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said.

Illinois led 34-25 at halftime and appeared to be ready to blow the Hawkeyes out after Head's 3-pointer made the score 47-34 with 14:41 to go. Head waved to encourage the crowd after the basket, but it was Iowa that responded.

The Hawkeyes reeled off 10 straight points and went on an 18-5 run, tying the game 52-52 on Hansen's jumper with 9:16 to go.

But Head quickly dropped a 3-pointer and the Illini were ahead until Brunner's layup tied the score.

"We fought back and we had them and they came through in the end and showed why they are No. 1," Pierce said.

Brown was the only other Illini player to score in double-figures with 12. Augustine and Powell were a combined 3-for-21 from the floor, but they had more success from the free-throw line and wound up with nine points each. They also combined for 13 rebounds.

Illinois played much of the second half with either Brown or backcourt-mate Williams on the bench in foul trouble, leaving Head to carry the offense. But Brown and Williams were on the floor at the end, with Brown's two free throws providing Illinois' final points.

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FENCING

Irish ready to compete in NY Duals Sunday

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

After more than two months of individual competition, including prestigious international tournaments such as the World Cup in November and the North American Cup in both December and January, Notre Dame finally takes to the strips as a team when the Irish travel to the Big Apple to fight in the New York Duals Sunday morning at 8 a.m.

In addition to host New York University, Columbia, St. John's, Yale, Stanford and bitter rival Ohio State are all slated to attend.

"It's going to be a really good tournament," freshman epee Greg Howard said. "I think our two biggest competitors are Ohio State and St. John's, but a lot of the other teams like Columbia and Yale aren't as strong all around, but they have very good individual teams, so that's going to be tough for us — but I think we're in good shape."

The match against the Buckeyes will mark the first of three consecutive weeks the top-ranked Notre Dame and Ohio State programs lock horns—the Irish host the Buckeyes next weekend while Ohio State returns the favor a week later.

The men's squad shouldn't have too much trouble remembering what happened the last time the Irish visited New York last January.

Entering the New York Duals on an 87-match regular season winning streak dating back to 2000, then-No. 1 Notre Dame knocked off Yale (21-6), Columbia (14-13) and New York (18-9) before crossing swords with then-No. 4 St. John's.

The Red Storm proved too much for the young and inexperienced Irish, topping Notre Dame 6-3 in all three weapons for an 18-9 victory.

The loss halted the Irish winning streak at 90 regular season matches and snapped the third longest streak in the program's storied history—Notre Dame won 122 consecutive matches from 1975-80 and 98 straight from 1984-88.

The women dominated competition last January in their most recent New York Duals appearance, trouncing Yale (21-6), St. John's (18-9), New York (24-3) and Stanford (24-3) before escaping with a 14-13 nail-bitter against Columbia.

Following Sunday's team season-opening tournament, the Irish return home to host the Notre Dame Duals Jan. 29-30 at the Joyce Center before traveling south to Columbus, Ohio the following weekend to compete in the Ohio State Duals Feb. 5 to kick off a brutal schedule.

In addition to fencing the nation's top squads — many of them on multiple occasions—the Irish won't have a chance to stop and catch their breath once team competition begins Sunday — Notre Dame will take the strips every week through the beginning of March.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Young squad welcomes Big Ten power Indiana to the Eck

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

It might be muffled by the steady thwack of racquets, but the Eck Tennis Pavilion is starting to make some noise in the national tennis arena.

At 2-0, the young Irish squad is relatively untested, entering the season ranked at No. 34, and could get a test from Saturday's opponent, No. 62 Indiana who has a chance to finish at or near the top of the Big Ten Conference.

"I know we'll really be challenged because they have one of the better teams in the Big 10 this year," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "They return pretty much the whole team, and they've added a really strong freshman — I expect a very, very tough match."

Last year, the Irish opened the season with a 6-1 win at Indiana. However, the match was closer than the final score appears.

"I know that they're very strong in the doubles [this year]," Bayliss said. "We eeked out the doubles point last year—that match was really in the balance last year."

Five of the six doubles matches went into a third set, with Notre Dame taking victories in four of those.

"We won all the close matches," Bayliss said. "I'll settle for that again, but I know it'll be a very tight match."

Last weekend, the Irish improved to 2-0 with wins over Toledo and Illinois State. The Irish dominated competition in both matches as Bayliss has worked the lineup in a variety of forms.

No. 77 Stephen Bass started in the top spot for the Irish last weekend, with No. 113 Barry King second. The two sophomores are followed by co-captain Brent D'Amico at third and freshman Sheeva Parbhu at fourth.

There is less certainty in the fifth and sixth spots of the lineup, where Irackli Akhvlediani, Ryan Keckley, Patrick Buchanan and Eric Langenkamp have shown promise and the ability to win in tough competition.

With doubles, Bayliss expects to stick with Keckley and D'Amico at No. 1 and Langenkamp and Parbhu at No. 2. The No. 3 duo of Bass and King has been tweaked this week as Bayliss tries new combinations. He tried to combine King with Buchanan and Bass with his older brother Jimmy, but a dominant third has yet to emerge among the teams.

"I think it'll be a great match to see," Bayliss said.

The match will begin at 11 a.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Saturday.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles visit Tri-State for must-win contest

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

With Wednesday's 64-63 win over Kalamazoo, the Belles moved into a three-way tie with Kalamazoo and Tri-State for fourth place in the MIAA. Saint Mary's will visit Tri-State Saturday at 1 p.m., looking to further cement its place in the conference. The Belles view the contest as a must-win game.

"This game is even more important than the last one," guard Allison Kessler said. "We are currently in a three-way tie. Hopefully, a win Saturday can help us come up and be alone in fourth place."

With the regular season winding down, each successive game makes the postseason picture a little clearer. The Belles have made it a priority to finish the regular season in front of Tri-State and Kalamazoo.

"Our goal is to finish fourth because then we get to host our first-round game in the conference tournament," Kessler said.

In addition, Saint Mary's knows if it finishes fourth, the team will not have to face any of the conference's three dominant programs — Albion, Calvin, and Hope — until the second round of the MIAA tournament.

Standing in the way of the Belles' goals on Saturday will be an offensively explosive Tri-State squad. The Thunder top the conference in scoring, putting up an impressive 79.6 points per game. Senior center Nicki Bergman leads the Tri-State attack, averaging 12.9 points per contest.

"They are a very up-tempo team," Kessler said. "They like to push the ball and shoot a lot of three's."

The Thunder defense has not been quite as effective. Tri-State full court presses its opponent the entire game, but ranks last in the conference in team defense. The Thunder surrender 87.3 points per game.

"We just want to break their press and get easy shots — get some layups," Kessler said. "We want to match their tempo and try to slow them down as much as possible."

The Belles did an excellent job of this the last time these two teams clashed. On Dec. 11, Saint Mary's defeated the Thunder 95-83 at the Angela Athletic Center. Emily Creachbaum led the way for the Belles, scoring 23 points and pulling down seven rebounds. Saint Mary's hopes for a similar result Saturday. The team's final conference standing might just depend on it.

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give you a thrust, like we did in late January last year to help us get into the NCAA tournament. We didn't respond very well at all Tuesday night to that opportunity."

The Irish allowed three power play goals to the Huskies in Tuesday's game, in a performance eerily similar to several others throughout the season. Notre Dame's 80.4 percent penalty killing rate is currently the worst in the CCHA — and a far cry from last season's conference-leading 87.3 percent.

The Irish will need to fix their killing woes quickly, with the Badgers currently connecting at a 24.3 percent clip — third-best in the nation.

Wisconsin comes into this weekend's games after sweeping Alaska Anchorage in Madison, Wis., last weekend by scores of 6-1 and 3-2. The Badgers are currently in first place in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

Notre Dame and Wisconsin were both members of the WCHA from the 1971-72 season to the 1980-81 season, and Poulin was anxious to renew the series between the former conference rivals.

"There's a lot of people in this area with fond memories of the Wisconsin games," he said. "The crowds they brought in, the great teams we had, the great rivalry we had. I played for [Wisconsin coach Mike] Eaves when he was an assistant coach with the Philadelphia Flyers, and we had been talking for a while about getting the series going again.

"You can benefit a great deal from playing a good team at this point in the year."

In its games against Wisconsin last season, both at Madison, the Irish came away with a 2-2 tie and a 3-1 win over the fourth-ranked Badgers. This season, the story is much different as Wisconsin comes into the Joyce Center as one of the top teams in the country, while Notre Dame sits in last place in the CCHA.

Poulin says his team still has a chance to make some noise late in the season, however.

"You're playing one of the top teams in the country — what better way to send the message that you're still alive and kicking," he said. "That's what I told our guys, we're still going to be a force down the stretch — don't write Notre Dame out.

"There's still 10 conference games to play down the stretch, and we're going to go out and play hard in every one of them."

The Irish travel to Allstate Arena Saturday to face the Badgers, making it the second game Notre Dame has played in the home of the American Hockey League's Chicago Wolves. In its last game in Rosemont, Notre Dame dropped a 3-1 decision to Yale on Jan. 18, 2003.

Four current members of the Irish — Joe Zurenko, Michael Bartlett, Brian D'Arcy and Dan VeNard — are from the Chicagoland area. Two others, Cory McLean and Chris Trick, played junior hockey in Chicago.

"I like the regional atmosphere to these kinds of games," Poulin said. "The last time we went I think we had about 6,500 fans watching, and I think we'll get more Saturday. There's a lot of youth teams in the Chicago area where we recruit, so who knows, there might be some kids in the audience getting their first look at the jersey they might where some day."

Notre Dame faces Wisconsin at the Joyce Center tonight with opening face-off scheduled for 8:05 p.m. The two teams square off Saturday at Allstate Arena at 7:05 p.m. Central Time.

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Irish goaltender Morgan Cey pounces on a loose puck in Notre Dame's 7-2 loss to the U.S. Under 18 team Nov. 18. The Irish hope to gain some momentum against Wisconsin this weekend.

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said. "But I think if we go out and play well, it will pretty much be up in the air [against Vanderbilt]. I don't see us losing the doubles point."

Defeating Notre Dame's solid doubles teams will be a tough chore for the Buckeyes, who are also taking the courts for the first time this season.

Ohio State graduated four seniors last year, and expect to rely on the experience of senior veterans like captain Lindsey Adams and last season's MVP Emily DeCamilla. Adams and De Camilla both scored 18 wins last spring and look to break the 20-win mark this season. Last season, the Irish bested the Buckeyes 5-2 and have won eight matches in a row against Ohio State.

The last time the Buckeyes saw a win against the Irish was in 1990, when they won 7-2 in Columbus.

After facing Ohio State, the Irish will host Vanderbilt, whose team has already seen its share of success this season. At 2-0, the Commodores have posted wins against Michigan State (7-0) and Virginia (5-2).

Thompson said although the Commodores look to be tough opponents, the team feels it is more than prepared for any challenges it might face.

"I feel like our team is especially close this year and that will make us a stronger team," Thompson said. "There are times when you have to find it within yourself to come up with more to win. Knowing your team believes in you is huge, especially when you're in a tight match."

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MEN'S TRACK

Competition kicks off on Friday

By NATHAN DYER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's track and field team kicks off its home season tonight as it welcomes DePaul, Loyola, Western Michigan, Hillsdale College and Michigan State to the Loftus Sports Center. This weekend is the first of three consecutive weekends of home meets.

After last week's away meet at Central Michigan, of which only a limited contingent of runners attended, Friday's meet will be the first meet for many of the younger team members. Likewise, this will be the first meet of the season for all of the distance runners, as none participated at Central Michigan.

"This meet will be used as a measuring stick to determine our progress up to this point in the season," assistant coach Tim Connelly said. "This will be the first competition for a lot of people, [and] we have a lot of runners experimenting with running different races."

This is not to say the meet will not be competitive, as many look to run qualifying times for the Big East indoor championships. Defending Big East champion Selim Nurudeen ran like the defending champion at last week's meet, and looks to improve this week.

Running out of Friendswood, Texas, Nurudeen has won three consecutive Big East titles in the 110-meter hurdles and last year won the 60-meter hurdles. This year Nurudeen is looking to defend his Big East titles and take a shot at Nationals, where he finished in the top 10 at the 2004 NCAA Outdoor Championship.

As for the distance runners, senior Ryan Johnson looks to lead a talented group of runners into their first meet of the season. Johnson captured the Big East outdoor crown in the steeplechase in 2004, and looks to add more titles to his name as the season evolves. The meet starts at 5:30 p.m. tonight with the long jump opening the field events. Track events begin at 7 p.m. with the running of the women's 500-meter.

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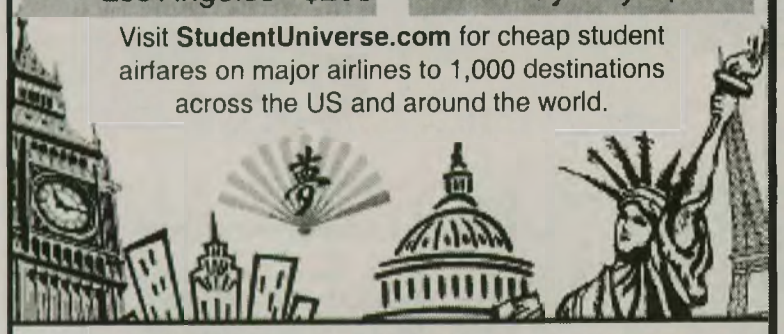

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ND WOMEN'S TRACK

Irish start indoor season

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Slowly but surely, the Notre Dame women's track team is being revealed.

Each week, coach Tim Connelly is putting forth a lineup closer and closer to the one he hopes will win the conference title later this season. That lineup will come into even greater focus tonight. After sending a partial squad to Central Michigan for last weekend's season-opening meet, the Irish will have a majority of their athletes competing in their first home meet tonight at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener.

Ranked No. 11 by Trackwire.com, the Irish are coming off a solid performance last weekend in which they captured three victories, and recorded personal best performances in the weight throw and 60-meter dash. While last weekend's meet focused on jumpers, sprinters and throwers, tonight's meet will have a broader emphasis.

"We will be well-rounded this weekend," Connelly said. "We're adding some middle distance and distance runners and we're moving some sprinters to different races. We feel we'll be a factor in all events."

An issue the Irish have faced in the early stages of the season is the question of training intensity. The Irish have decided to continue hard training in the initial stages of the season in an effort to be in peak condition for the Big East and NCAA meets. Sacrificing performance in early meets is often a result of such a training schedule. Connelly made it clear that competitiveness should be the goal at every meet.

"It's expected that the athletes compete hard in every meet. They are not totally rested for this weekend, but we feel they are in a position to give a great effort and hit some times that will qualify them for the Big East Championships," he said.

Tonight's meet will feature several Midwest schools including Western Michigan, Hillsdale, Loyola (Chicago) and DePaul. While none of these teams are ranked in Trackwire's top 25, they bring some quality athletes that will present a challenge for the Irish tonight at Loftus Center.

"There will be an increased level of competition [tonight]," Connelly said. "It will be more intense, and I think our kids are ready to take this step up."

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"I just remember that my feet were black and blue and purple after the game. I just remember I would have loved to play 20 more minutes," Thomas said. "It was a great game, full of talented players.

"We almost play better there than anywhere else. We go in there with a huge amount of confidence."

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Chris Thomas
Irish guard

Coming off two games where they have made 13 3-pointers — for the first time in school history — the Irish have used their hot shooting to move into third place in the Big East. Colin Falls is leading the Big East in 3-point shooting percentage at 46 percent and is becoming more confident every time he steps on the court. Chris Quinn is fifth in the conference in 3-point shooting, and Thomas never lacks confidence in his shot.

One of the main reasons the team has been shooting so well behind the arc is the wide-open looks all of the shooters are getting.

That's something Thomas knows must continue Sunday.

"We have to continue to do what we do well is get each other wide-opens shots," Thomas said. "Screening for each other, our bigs getting good screens."

Hot shooting early in the game against the Mountaineers on Wednesday allowed the Irish to build a double-digit first-half lead. The Mountaineers were never able to make a serious challenge as the Irish played arguably their most complete and best game of the season.

Playing a complete game has been the goal of this team since it started back in November. They finally did it Wednesday.

"The thing that excites most of the guys on this team is the ability to put it together for 40 minutes. We didn't at any time of the game lose focus," Cornette said. "There was no [point] where we appeared to be flat. When they started making a push, we maintained it, sustained it and kept going."

Sunday starts a stretch of five straight games against teams in the top 50 of the RPI — a prime opportunity for the Irish to build their NCAA tournament resume. After entering conference play with an RPI somewhere in the 200s, just five games into the Big East schedule has improved their standing to the high 50s. This is a chance for the Irish to measure up against postseason-caliber teams and to determine how anxious they will be as Selection Sunday nears.

"Going up against some of the top teams in the nation, it shows you where you're at as a basketball team," Quinn said. "We have to take it one game at a team, stay focused and go from there."

Sunday's game is set to tip-off at 12 p.m. and can be seen on ESPN Classic.

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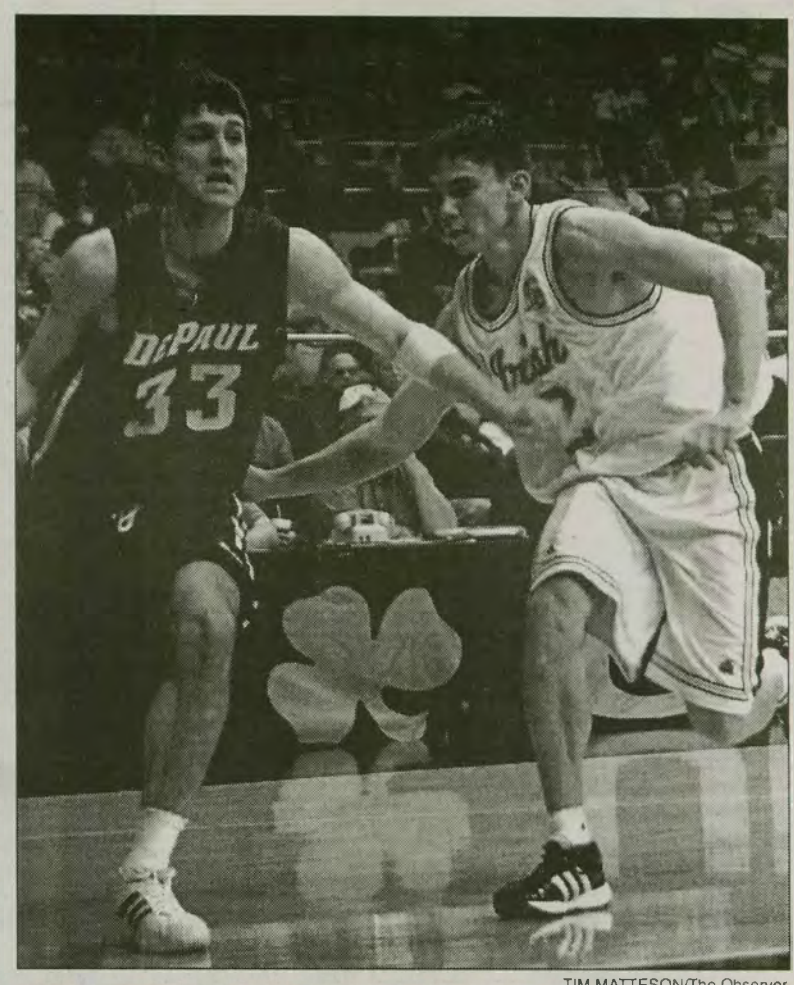

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Notre Dame guard Chris Quinn defends Depaul's Drake Deiner in a 84-73 Blue Demons victory at the Joyce Center Dec. 11.

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top-15 teams.

"I'm happy with the way things are going," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "But we're coming into another really tough stretch with a couple more ranked teams."

This stretch begins with Rutgers, who is coming off a 74-40 drubbing of Providence.

Led by freshman Matee Ajavon's 13.7 points per game, the Scarlet Knights have knocked off the likes of then-No. 1 LSU, then-No. 8 Tennessee and then-No. 4 Texas, all in just one week.

Rutgers is also undefeated in Big East play, but they have played St. John's, Pittsburgh, Georgetown and Providence, four of the weaker teams in the league.

The Scarlet Knights have benefited from the return of senior guard Cappie Pondexter, who has played in seven games after missing the first semester of play.

She was a third-team All-American as a junior, and a unanimous selection to the All-Big East first team.

However, the point guard is not the only weapon the Scarlet Knights have this season. Junior forward Michelle Campbell is averaging 13.1 points per game to go along with 6.1 rebounds.

Rutgers has historically played the Irish tough. Last season, the Scarlet Knights upset the Irish 69-55 at the Louis Brown Athletic Center, known as the RAC.

Rutgers beat Notre Dame later in the season as well, upsetting the No. 2-seeded Irish in the second round of the Big East tournament, 51-45, despite playing with just eight players.

The Irish hope to end this streak Sunday afternoon, as they try to extend their two-game winning streak.

Notre Dame was led Wednesday night by Courtney LaVere, who played for the first time without a knee brace since her arthroscopic knee surgery in December. LaVere recorded 13 points, all in the first half, and 10 rebounds, for her second double-double of the season.

All-American Jacqueline Batteast has led the Irish all season, putting up 19 points on 7-for-13 shooting Wednesday. Batteast has had scoring help from point guard Megan Duffy, who scored 17 points Wednesday night. Freshman Charel Allen added a career-high 17 points off the bench as well.

The Irish offense has been very balanced all season.

"I think we're starting to get a little more comfortable," McGraw said. "I think different people are stepping up and playing well, we're having a lot more options."

Tip-off is Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish hope to put winter practice to good use

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

After the team's competition during break in Ireland was cancelled, the No. 21 Irish admit they were a little bummed.

"It was a pretty big letdown," captain Matt Bertke said. "We're always looking forward to competition, but we understood the circumstances."

The host Ireland National Team was forced to call off the Jan. 8 competition after the facility sustained damage to its roof after a tornado.

The Irish made the best of their trip to Ireland, taking on a training-intensive mentality. Sophomore Chris Zeches said the team's training consisted of some of the toughest practices of the season.

"We sort of used the trip to prepare for our meets in the upcoming weeks," Zeches said. "But I think we're reading to get some racing in."

Notre Dame will take off its training wheels this weekend to see how far the practice and hard work will take them. The Irish are set to host No. 14 Northwestern Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Northwestern has already seen plenty of competition since coming back from winter break. Although the Wildcats fell to Arizona, they registered a win against Washington 253-79. Prior to the meet at Notre Dame, Northwestern will travel to Ann Arbor to take on No. 8 Michigan.

Zeches expects that the time the team has spent on the road will take its toll on the Wildcats.

"I think they'll be tired, but they'll also know that we're ready so they'd best be on top of their game if they want to have a chance at winning," Zeches said.

Among the standouts expected to step up are sophomore Matt Grevers, who won both the 100-meter backstroke (48.94 seconds) and the 50-meter freestyle (20.10 seconds) in last week's meet against Washington. The relay team of Kyle Bubolz, Matt Wever, David Kormushoff and Grevers also captured first place in the 400-meter freestyle relay, clocking 2:58.44.

"They have a lot of superstars on the team," Bertke said. "But we have more depth. If they take first place in an event, we can cancel out their win and go two, three, four. We expect them to swim fast, but we plan on swimming fast too."

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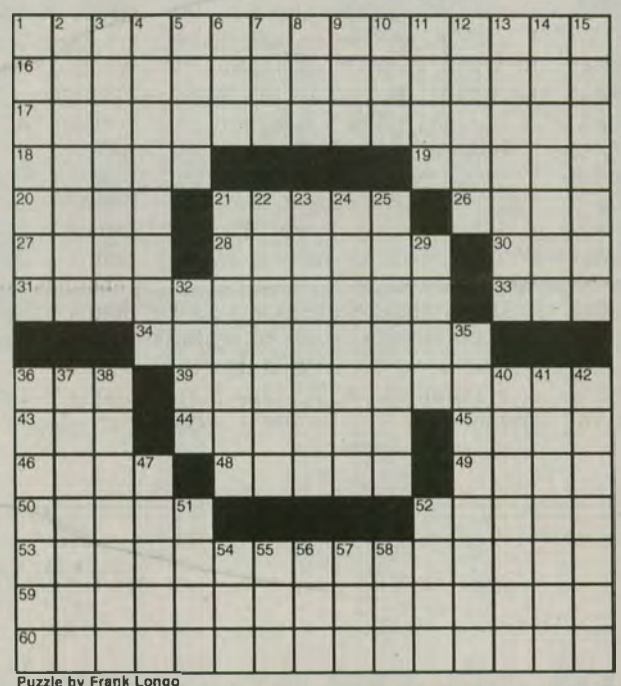

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Home away from home

Irish look to extend five-game win streak in the MCI Center

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

In the middle of their three-game road trip, the Irish get to travel to their second home.

Riding a two-game road Big East winning streak, the Irish (12-3, 4-1 Big East) face the Hoyas (11-5 3-2) in the MCI Center Sunday, a building where Notre Dame has won its last five games.

And there have been some memorable ones.

In the 2002 BB&T Classic, Notre Dame beat No. 9 Maryland and No. 2 Texas during a week where the Irish defeated three top-10 teams and jumped from unranked to No. 10 in the AP poll.

The season before, Notre Dame and Georgetown played the longest game in school history — a four-overtime classic where the Irish prevailed 116-111.

"How can you forget? It feels like we played an entire day there," Irish senior Jordan Cornette said. "Georgetown loves to give us games and we love to give them some."

Chris Thomas — then a freshman — played all 60 minutes and his feet reminded him in the locker room afterwards.

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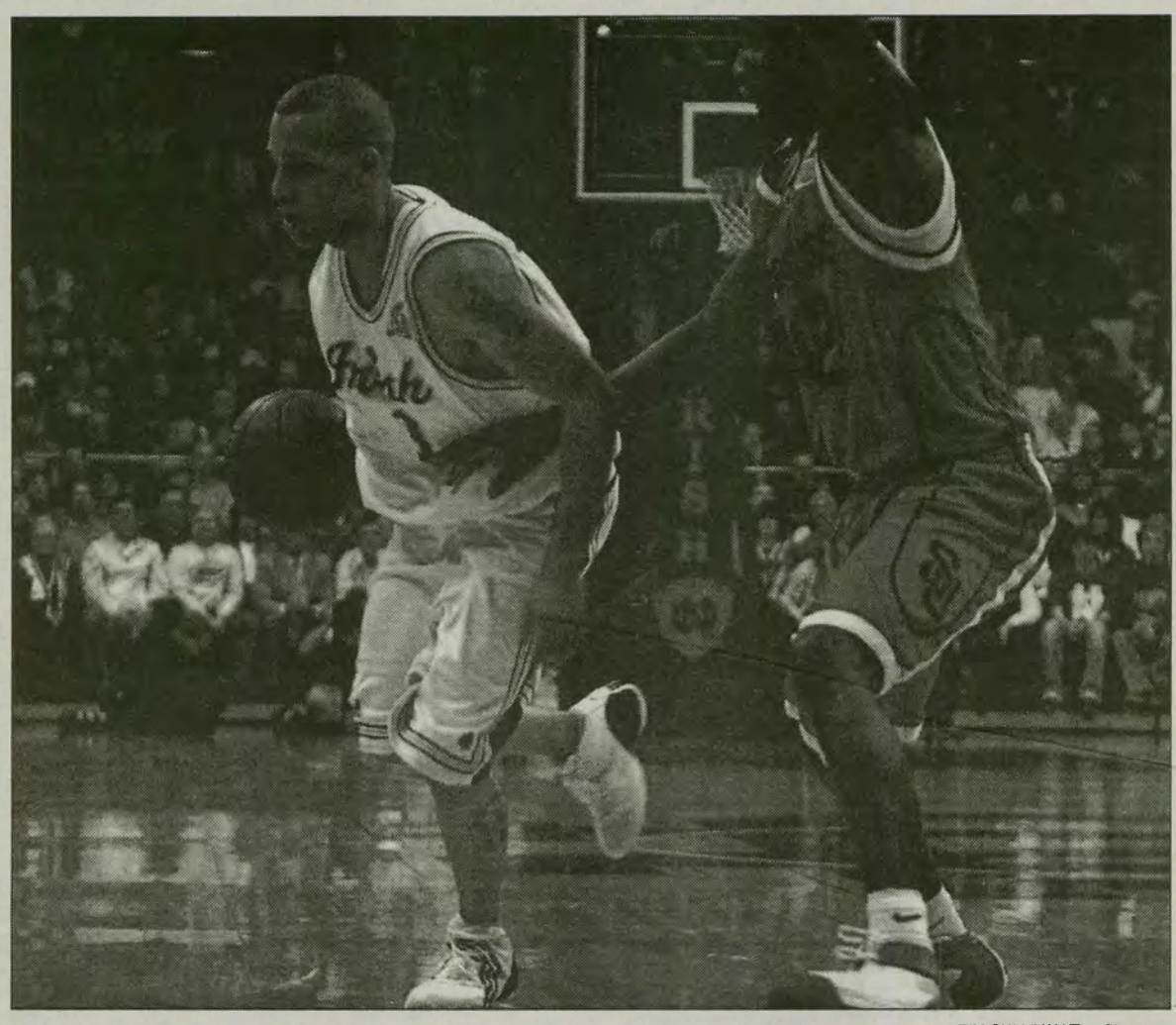

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Irish guard Chris Thomas drives to his right against Syracuse in Notre Dame's 70-61 loss to the Orange Jan. 10 at the Joyce Center. The Irish visit Georgetown Sunday.

HOCKEY

Icers set to battle Badgers

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish have one more chance to gain some positive momentum before going into the home stretch of the CCHA season.

Notre Dame (5-14-5) takes on non-conference foe No. 5 Wisconsin (17-6-1) at the Joyce Center Friday, and finishes up the weekend series with a game against the Badgers at Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

The Irish come into Friday's game having lost their most recent match, 6-2, against Michigan Tech in Green Bay, Wis., on Tuesday night. Notre Dame coach Dave Poulin said his team missed a chance to gain some positive momentum against a Michigan Tech squad that had only won two games before facing the Irish.

"We were really disappointed," Poulin said. "The reason that you schedule non-conference games is to

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Red-hot Rutgers set to visit

CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Irish guard Megan Duffy dribbles between her legs in Notre Dame's 67-50 loss to Connecticut Jan. 12 at the Joyce Center.

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Entering one of the season's toughest stretches, the Irish start with one of the hottest teams in women's basketball.

No. 6 Rutgers (13-3, 4-0 Big East) comes to town to face the No. 11 Irish (14-3, 3-2 Big East, who are fresh off a 74-61 win on the road against Syracuse.

Notre Dame faces St. John's, No. 13 Connecticut and No. 14 Boston College after they face the Scarlet Knights. That makes three of the next four games against

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish welcome No. 6 Vanderbilt to the Eck

Team also faces first test of young season against Ohio State

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Talent and confidence make for a potent combination.

Fortunately, these commodities are coming in bulk this season for the talent-laden Notre Dame team.

Although the Irish graduated Alicia Salas, ranked No. 22 nationally last season, the team has proven itself capable of great success already this year.

"Everyone has been playing so well lately in practices," sophomore Christian Thompson said. "We have so much talent on our team. I think everyone is excited to see how far we can go this season."

The No. 21 Irish will face their first test of the season at Ohio State Saturday and are set to host No. 6 Vanderbilt on Sunday at 12 p.m.

Thompson anticipates that both matches will prove to be challenging, but believes the team is more than capable of holding its own.

"I think Ohio State will be hard because it's the first match of the season, and Vanderbilt has a great team," Thompson

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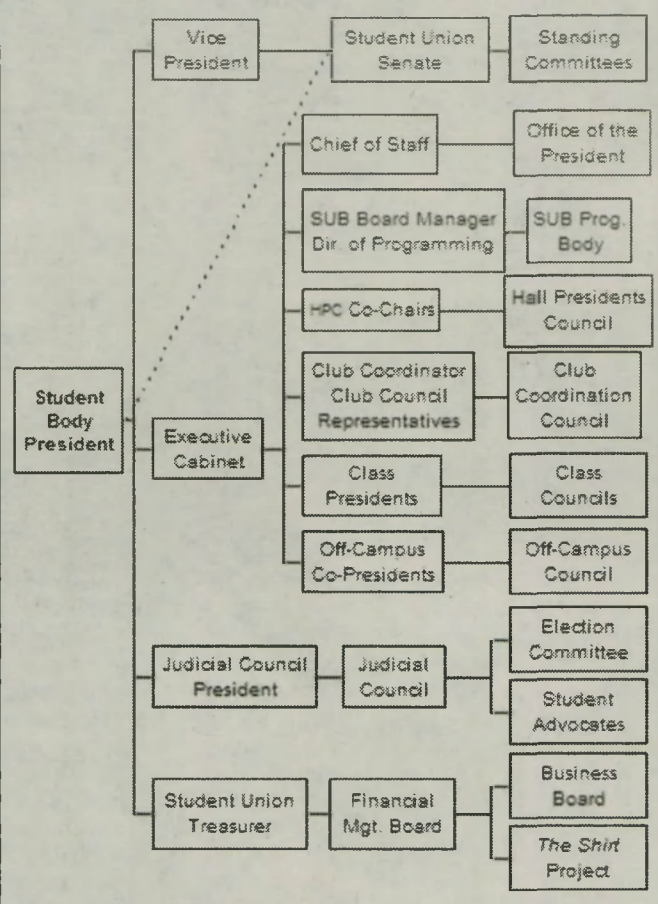

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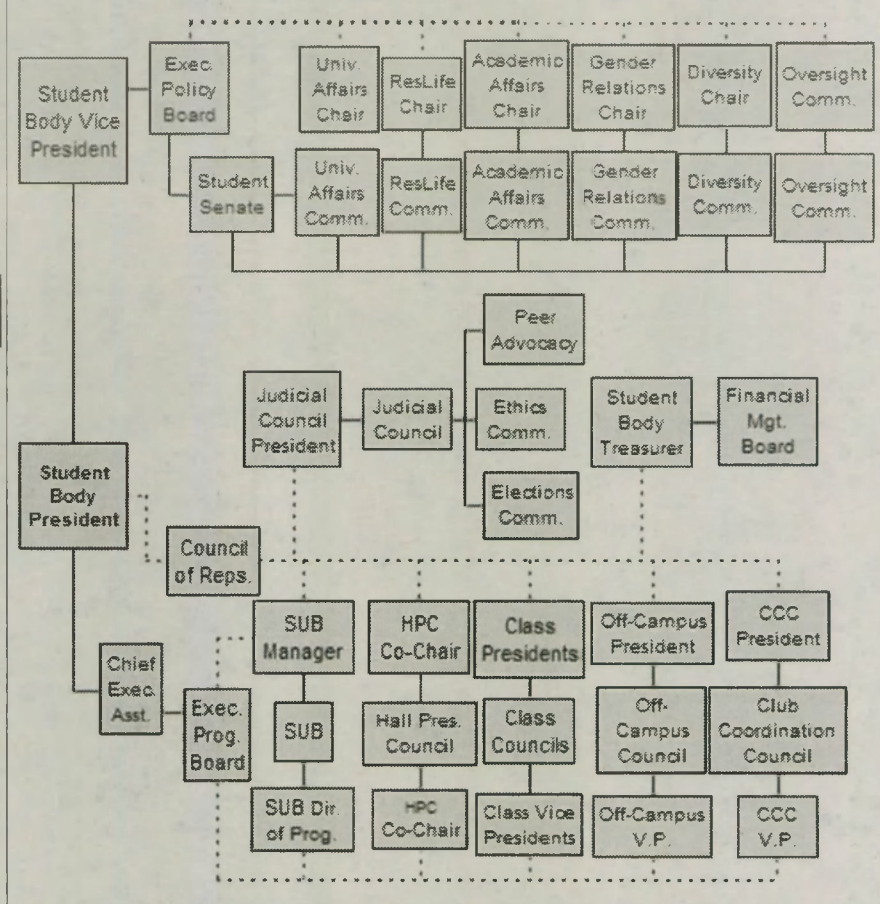

Connections between bodies or between bodies and the president

Connections with branch committees or board members

Source: University of Notre Dame Student Government

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By AMANDA MICHAELS
In Focus Writer

Only in the political arena could a duty performed in the name of efficiency turn into a drawn-out and complex process — irony at its finest, and exactly what student government leaders entered into when they took on the awesome task of restructuring the student union constitution at the beginning of the 2004-05 school year.

After months of sometimes heated, sometimes philosophical, sometimes nit-picking debate, a constitution granting a drastic reorganization to the student union was approved the night before its new leaders were to take office.

Even with flow charts to guide the way, the new system can be disorienting, including for those acquainted with the old one.

But while a confusing organization is never a plus, the restructured constitution produced a student union with more across-the-board student representation and power — an agreeable benefit to the addition of more layers of bureaucracy.

To put the new system into perspective, the old one must be clarified.

Prior to this year, the student body president was truly the head of the government. Under the president was the vice president, who chaired the Student Union Senate, which was comprised by a set of standing committees.

The president was also connected to the Executive Cabinet, made up of a representative group of government bodies including the Office of the President, the Student Union Board, the Hall Presidents' Council, the Club Coordination Council, the Class Councils and the Off-Campus Council.

The Judicial Council president was the student body president's link to the Judicial Council, as the student union treasurer was the bridge to the Financial Management Board.

In this organization, the power to legislate was largely isolated in the Senate, while the power to implement fell to the president — with the guidance of the Executive Cabinet. Then-student body president Pat Hallahan found this division to be hurting the productivity of the student union, and led the charge for a massive overhaul.

Though the revamped constitution features many sweeping changes, one of the most noticeable is the transformation of the Executive Cabinet into the Council of Representatives. Members from every governing body sit on COR, and because of this complete representation, the group was originally granted both the power to approve the budget and amend the constitution. The latter power has since been transferred back to the Senate.

COR joins the two divisions of the new system together — the policy branch and the programming branch.

The policy branch, presided over by the student body vice president, is comprised of the Executive Policy Board and the Student Senate. The presidentially-nominated chairs of the six standing committees (University Affairs, Residence Life, Academic Affairs, Diversity, Gender Relations and Oversight) sit on the Executive Policy Board, and at least one senator must sit on every committee.

This design forces the Office of the President to work more closely with the Senate's standing committees.

The programming branch is led by the chief executive assistant — formerly the chief of staff. Previously the chief of staff was solely in charge of running the Office of the President.

The rest of its members are made up primarily of the second-in-commands for the bodies most concerned with programming: CCC, SUB, HPC, Class Councils andOff-Campus Council.

As current chief executive assistant Dave Baron explained, the Executive Programming Board assigns a specific role to the student leaders who once lacked a defined function.

The fusion of legislative and executive powers into the Student Senate may create a relatively weaker student body president and less immediate results, but subsequent decisions will have been funneled through a group of men and women representing every undergraduate at Notre Dame.

Likewise, the division of the government bodies into two different branches and their reintegration in COR may create more levels of bureaucracy, and thus more debate and red tape, to drag ideas through.

Delegating specific functions to each branch, however, can lead to increased efficiency if utilized correctly, and the slower process of approval ensures that every proposal that makes it out bears the approval of the widest band of representation the student government could afford.

Though it took up the student government's time for almost a year, the effort produced an imperfect yet decidedly better and certainly laudable result.

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Editor's note: The Observer is publishing a comprehensive review of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's student governments. This issue is intended to illustrate for students what elected officials are doing in their name, so they can enter the election season fully informed. Its intent is not to praise or to criticize, but to provide unbiased assessment of the state of the student union. The letter grades are comparable to an academic scale, with a grade of "A" meaning excellent and a "C" meaning average.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Istvan, Bell gain experience but lack vision

By focusing on small successes, leaders allow larger plans to stall

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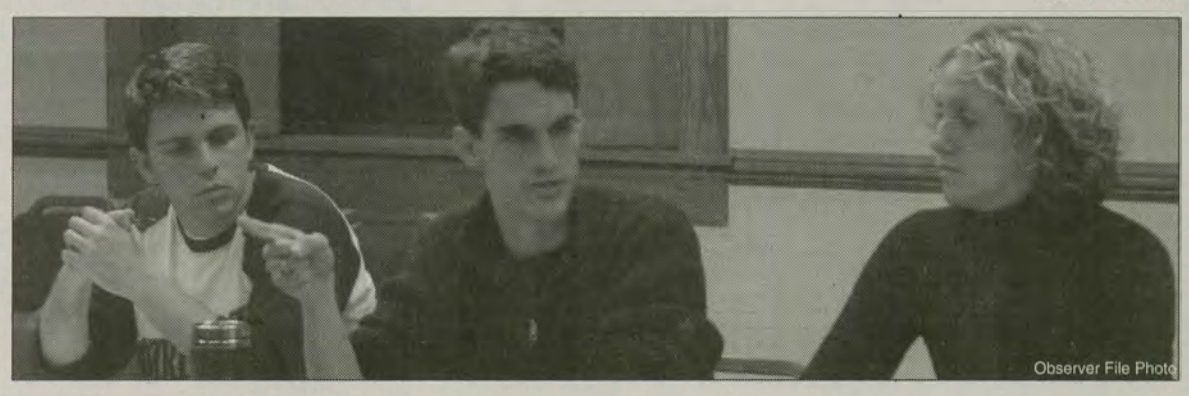

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Bottom right: chief executive assistant Dave Baron, student body president Adam Istvan and vice president Karla Bell filled the top ranks of student government this term.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
In Focus Writer

As candidates, Adam Istvan and Karla Bell had very little experience in student government, and were dogged by this fact all through March's presidential campaign. A margin of two dorms — the deciding factor in the Senate vote required to end the twice uncertain election results — gave the pair the chance to make good on Istvan's statement that "We have the experience we need."

The restructured system, approved only the eve before the start of the new term on April 1, has proven to be a difficult knot to untangle, simultaneously altering the nature the Office of the President's power and making collaboration with other governing bodies a necessity.

Choosing their chief executive assistant, the first major decision of the administration, was a step in the right direction for Istvan and Bell. By tapping now-junior Dave Baron, formerly campaign manager for the opposing Charlie Ebersol-James Leito ticket, for the job, they gained a seasoned veteran of the Notre Dame political scene who has worked well within the Office's new constraints.

Nine months later with the end of their term in sight, Istvan and Bell have struck up a strong relationship with the Student Senate and the Council of Representatives, allowing them to make good on several of their campaign promises.

Their gains have equaled their losses, however, as two of their main term goals have fallen short of success. The SYR policy and the Notre Dame SafeBus plan have been significantly altered, casting a shadow on the administration's record.

Istvan and Bell's term has been characterized by limited, "instant gratification" victories and the lack of a cohesive, long-term vision that has caused some truly laudable ideas to lose steam.

The hits

In the world of politics, quick and visible gains that deliver on specific campaign promises are key in pleasing the constituency, and Istvan and Bell have peppered their term with such successes.

Continuing the plan hatched during his days as a Huddle student manager, Istvan was a major force in bringing DVD rentals to LaFortune. While several sections within the student government system had been trying to secure some sort of on-campus movie rental, the new administration was able to get the idea up and running by the start of the new school year. According to Istvan, the service exceeded all sale expectations and is self-sufficient, and expanded its rental policy to a two-day time period for the spring semester.

The appearance of Fair Trade coffee in campus eateries, though not the sole effort of Istvan and Bell, was successful and so well publicized in part because of their involvement. The palatable and justice-conscious result came just days after the DVD rental appeared — two campaign promises fulfilled in the first weeks of the school year.

"We have the experience we need."

Istvan-Bell campaign promise

The Office of the President (including the Senate committee heads integrated by the new constitution) had its hand in other small positives, like the success of Sexual Assault Awareness week and the approval of a non-discrimination amendment to the constitution that calls for equal treatment regardless of color, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class and nationality.

Concentrating on detailed issues has helped the Office of the President garner quick approval for tangible results, but has led it into the trap of trusting in the success of narrow focus even for issues that call for a broader, more general vision.

The misses

"SYR" was the watchword of the election for the Istvan-Bell ticket. The team sold its platform on the premise that it would fight to get dances back in the dorms with the help of a new 'pledge' system where students promise not to drink alcohol during the event. But what was once referred to by Istvan as the "Holy Grail" of campus policy has warranted barely a mention since he and Bell took office in April.

When asked about the status of the SYR fight, Istvan said a talk with Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman made him realize that the only possible path to gain headway would be to make a big fuss.

"Since the campaign, though, dorms and sections are coming up with other ideas to create the kind of unity that the SYRs used to, and that I wanted to get back by bringing SYRs back to the dorms," Istvan said. "I still want SYRs in the dorms, but I don't want to risk a crackdown on these new events that are springing up by starting a fight."

Though understanding that the issue is approached better at the "grassroots level," as Istvan said, and knowing when to back off is an admirable leadership quality, the situation does beg the question of why so much weight was placed on SYRs in the first place, and what is left of his campaign platform without it?

The campaign for a Notre Dame SafeBus filled the void left by the absent SYR debate. Part of a four-pronged approach to improving off-campus security presented in Istvan, Bell and Baron's fall report to the Board of Trustees, the SafeBus proposal featured detailed routes and times, but was missing the bigger-picture elements that the Trustees look for. Though the rest of the report was applauded — including the idea of holding an off-campus safety seminar, encouraging student involvement in neighborhood groups and making off-campus security an additional priority for the Notre Dame Security/Police — the SafeBus concept was effectively sent back to the drawing board.

After it was almost settled by the promise of cheaper student rates and extended routes and hours from South Bend's Transpo bus line, SafeBus was revived by a bar owner with a refurbished bus and the need for student business. Though certainly a victory in the name of after-hours security, a bus running to and from a single bar in Granger is hardly the ambitious plan originally hatched.

These two proposals were attractive enough to gain student support while addressing the important issues of dorm cohesion and off-campus safety; so why have the initial visions become so drastically different?

The initial visions were too inflexible, leaving little wiggle room for the inevitable administrative revisions. Basing your campaign and the initial push of your term on a specific issue that the administration has soundly and repeated rejected is setting up for failure, and does nothing to remedy the situation. Had the Office of the President started with broader concepts that could be eventually refined to solid proposals, it might have made more headway toward its goals and with the Board of Trustees.

The last weeks

In his State of the Union, Istvan emphasized the importance of focus, and listed a number of things he would like to achieve before leaving office, including forming an ad-hoc committee to focus on the causes and potential remedies of eating disorders at Notre Dame, bringing a national newspaper to campus for student readership and making course packets available for purchase with a student account.

As far as visible results go, all three are entirely possible and desirable. However, Istvan and Bell should hope to leave behind a legacy of more than just myopic successes.

A renewed "focus" on the campaign ideal of reducing student apathy, or a broadening of the off-campus security lens could prove to be lasting priorities long after the next new leaders take office on April 1.

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When they took office in April, student body president Adam Istvan and vice president Karla Bell were novices to student government — which they claimed was not a flaw, but an asset. They promised to bring a fresh approach to governance that would address the average student's needs and combat the rash of apathy on campus. This was reflected in their campaign platform promises of bringing DVD rentals to LaFortune, Fair Trade coffee to the dining halls and SYRs back to the dorms.

Of these pledges, Istvan and Bell delivered two out of three. While the first two were accomplished efficiently near the start of the fall semester, the third — the keystone of their campaign platform — was soon confirmed as too ambitious and potentially damaging to campus social life to pursue. It was abandoned in silence — leaving a hole in the voters' expectations and in the term's plans.

Taking the SYR's place as a hot-button issue gone stale was the SafeBus plan, the center of Istvan, Bell and chief executive assistant Dave Baron's fall off-campus security report to the Board of Trustees. Though the Trustees embraced three lesser safety measures in the report, they criticized Istvan, Bell and Baron's decision to bring the SafeBus idea to their attention before proposing it to the Campus Life Council and the Office of Student Affairs.

Their vision for the remaining months of their term — a BOT report focusing on creating a welcoming environment for diversity at Notre Dame — seems thus far to be correcting the mistakes of their first report by focusing more on overarching concepts and student concerns than detailed plans. But without specifics, it's a bit too early to give the gold star.

Istvan, Bell and Baron earn points for cultivating strong relationships with other student government bodies, securing a visible, if minor, legacy for themselves and learning to navigate the intricacies of the new student union constitution. But because they struggled with the details of their plans, they could not deliver on their biggest promises to students.

STUDENT SENATE

Shaky start overcome by discussion and unity

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Left, Committee on Academic Affairs chair Vijay Ramanan offers input to the debate about the Student Union Board name change at a September meeting. Middle, Zahm senator Mike McGinley speaks about the ethics of election options at a December meeting. Right, the Student Senate sits in full session.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
In Focus Writer

Vested by the new constitution with the majority of the student government's policy responsibilities, the Student Senate faced the challenges of becoming accustomed to and utilizing this unexplored power to its full potential.

After a slow start, this year's senators and committee heads were largely able to shake the stigma Senate carries as a stagnant and bickering group, working cohesively to push through legislation and approve actions that both directly affect the student body and establish long-term projects for future members.

A rocky start

The beginning of Senate's term was not a very promising one, as members struggled to tie up loose ends on the new constitution left for them by their predecessors. They spent the last weeks of the 2003-04 school year in debate with departing student body president Jeremy Lao over the only section of the constitution not signed into law by April, bestowing power over the calendar to the Executive Programming Board.

Many of the incoming senators were new to their positions, and therefore relatively unfamiliar and uncomfortable with the process of restructuring that filled the previous seven months. This limited discussion to incumbent senators, and threatened to set the precedent of a group composed of a few dominant voices.

The first meeting of the 2004-05 term was less inspiring, as a communication error made it impossible for them to work with the new business on the day's agenda.

The group then fell into a divisive debate over the failure of the Student Union Board to change its name to the Campus Programming Council, as demanded by the restructured constitution, and the merits of officially restoring the group's name to SUB. The Senate was split between those frustrated with what they saw as a relatively trivial naming issue, and those convinced that their response to SUB's disregard of the new law could and would dictate how future constitutional violations would be handled.

All in all, the prospects for the rest of the term were not bright.

Pulling it together

With a weighty agenda ahead for the Senate, the missing piece finally clicked into place. Suddenly, developed and multi-faceted debate took the floor, and senators proved they could work through resolutions without falling into much needless argument.

The group passed a largely symbolic but essential non-discrimination amendment to the constitution, forbidding discrimination of any kind based on color, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class and nationality.

Leaders of the Committee on Gender Relations and the Committee on Academic Affairs brought the projects of the Gender Resource Center and Teacher Course Evaluation alternative, respectively, into fruition — both of which were started during terms long before the current one.

The most surprising and impressive action was the quick turnaround on a solution for the basketball ticket exchange problem. One week after concerns over the problems surrounding the purchase and trade of men's basketball tickets, the Committee on University Affairs came back with a well-thought but quick fix — the Ticket Share program — and suggestions of how to pursue more permanent changes as well.

In contrast was the long, philosophical debate that surrounded the issue of election reform. Members expounded on everything, from other universities' voting procedures to the fundamental ethics of democracy, as they tried to hash out the importance of an abstention option in the runoff elections, and the possibility of granting a senator the power to vote by conscience in the event of an exact vote tie in the runoff.

The final decisions — that the run-off ballot will retain the abstention choice, but abstaining votes will not be factored into total vote percentage calculations, and that senators will return to the old constitution's system of voting as their dorm voted — demonstrate compromise and respect for their constituents.

The six standing committees themselves — led by two senators and four experienced student government leaders — either investigated or are investigating several projects that directly affect students. A small sample includes the feasibility of hosting Napster on the campus network, Sexual Assault Awareness Week, the addition of a gynecologist and rape kits to Health Services and the rising cost of laundry and vending machines.

As the clock winds down

Though the progress senators have made at the tail-end of their term goes far in making up for their shaky start, it doesn't completely erase its memory. There are many great projects sitting in committee that will likely, and unfortunately, be lost in the transition between Senates.

So in their final weeks in power, senators should work toward moving things quickly to debate and resolution with the same efficiency and consideration that has possessed them at recent meetings.

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Overall: A-

Effort: A **Results: B**

The senators have had a mixed term thus far, with great results like wrapping up the long TCE battle and directly responding to the basketball ticketing problem; a number of small victories like the non-discrimination amendment; and a slew of great ideas currently stalled in committee. Hopefully the group will be able to continue their forward momentum and push many of those works-in-progress into resolutions before April 1.

Committee on Gender Relations: B

This committee ran a successful Sexual Assault Awareness Week campaign that synthesized the use of statistics and open, cross-gender discussion to address a sensitive issue. If it approaches the upcoming Eating Disorders Awareness Week in a similar fashion, it should be able to make headway with Notre Dame's silent affliction.

Committee on University Affairs: B+

This committee was a major force in securing Fair Trade coffee and the Ticket Share program. It has strong projects in the works, including drafting a resolution to put a student on the Board of Trustees, addressing concerns about the Counseling Center and seeking to reduce punishment for parietals violations instead of abolishing parietals.

Committee on Academic Affairs: A-

This committee capped off three years of work in conjunction with former president Jeremy Lao and academic delegate Jeremy Staley with the creation of the Student Course Evaluation System. It is also bringing a College Readership pilot program to campus in February, and is working to improving the way class registration times are assigned.

Committee on Diversity Affairs: C

This committee's major projects — Gay, Lesbian, Questioning Week and Diversity Awareness Week — have not yet occurred, so it currently has little to show for its work. It did, however, push through the commendable non-discrimination amendment to the constitution.

Committee on Residence Life: A-

This committee is arguably the most accomplished-of the six. It has worked to get the dorm printer pilot program off the ground, made significant headway toward reversing the laundry and vending price hike, met with the bookstore about securing a student discount and brought student concerns about ticketing and parking to the administration.

Committee on Oversight: B

This committee is the hardest to assess, because they have had the difficult and tedious task of sorting through the kinks of the new constitution without visible results. But they have passed an amended senatorial attendance policy, and will bring two resolutions to the floor next week. regarding issues of presidential attendance at policy board meetings and the schedule of meetings for the Executive Programming Board.

FACULTY SENATE

Positive attitudes help create slow, steady progress

TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Student academic delegate Jeremy Staley and Student Affairs committee chair Jay Brandenberger discuss the new TCE proposal.

By TERESA FRALISH
In Focus Writer

Halfway through its term, a positive approach and slow but steady progress have been the hallmarks of this year's Faculty Senate.

Chaired by Seth Brown, the group focused on several issues last semester, including revisions to last year's failed TCE publication proposal, changes to the assessment of teaching in tenure and promotion decisions, professor benefits, the revocation of Islamic scholar Tariq Ramadan's visa and the firing of former football coach Tyrone Willingham.

The group has yet to make substantive headway on some topics, notably the revamped TCE proposal and teaching assessment revisions, although progress appears likely in the spring.

The group shows a strong willingness to work with other campus groups, such as the provost's office and student government, by meshing differing opinions together.

The Senate created a committee to consider how academic departments might incorporate reforms to the assessment of teaching in tenure and promotion that were proposed by assistant provost Dennis Jacobs.

On the TCE issue, the Senate has made solid progress toward appointing a working group of faculty, students and other relevant members of the University's academic community to work out the details of a new mechanism for students to share their views on classes with other students. Academic Committee chair John Robinson has said a new plan could be in place by as early as next fall.

Perhaps more importantly, Faculty Senate members seem committed to remaining positive about the new student feedback initiative, a contentious issue for the faculty in its prior form.

The group quickly expressed their support for Ramadan and said the visa action seriously hurt academic freedom in United States.

On the Willingham issue, Faculty Senate praised the former coach's concern for academic standards and criticized the firing, saying it sent troubling signals and could ultimately harm the University as a whole.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members aim for balance of debate and impact

Constitutional restrictions force COR to focus on discussion in lieu of action

By MARY KATE MALONE
In Focus Writer

When student body president Adam Istvan calls the Council of Representatives meeting to order every Monday night, representatives are hushed.

Istvan exerts a quiet authority over the COR members as orders of business are discussed and debated in COR's weekly meetings.

So far this year, COR has promptly met at their scheduled time and carried out their weekly business in an orderly, timely fashion.

Yet the business side of COR's weekly meetings is not a sure sign of success.

For a student government group to be successful, its presence must be felt on campus as it pursues ways to improve student life at Notre Dame.

Communication

Integral to the success of COR is the ability of its members to effectively communicate with one another and to the rest of the student body. This year's representatives have done a fair job on both of these requirements, but are lacking a truly balanced forum for debate.

"I have found that there is a lack of upward flow of ideas at our meetings," chief executive assistant Dave Baron said. "It seems that Adam, Karla and I see an issue and ask the representatives for their feedback. But each representative should be bringing ideas to COR themselves."

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Dave Baron
chief executive assistant

Discussion at COR meetings is largely dominated by Istvan. Though the council is meant to serve as a sounding board for Istvan's ideas, if representatives do not contribute ideas from their respective constituencies, then Istvan's ability to answer to the student body's needs is hindered.

Senior class president Darrell Scott's appeal for the inclusion of a non-voting member to the council from the Diversity Council is an example of how members' ideas can be implemented if properly communicated at the meetings.

Representing student interests

The Council of Representatives, made up of the leaders of various organizations on campus, is the sole student government body in which ideas from all students can be heard.

Unlike the Senate, which is made up of representatives from each dorm on campus, COR draws its members from a cross-section of the student body.

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Adam Istvan
student body president

"In COR we have a more specified constituency. We hear the voices of each class, a financial voice, a minority voice and many others," Istvan said.

This combination allows for a wide variety of student interests to be heard and has served as a key component for the fulfillment of Istvan, Bell and Baron's goals for this year, including the push for Fair Trade coffee and the DVD rental in the Huddle.

Purpose vs. reality

When describing the powers of the Council of Representatives, Baron is quick to note that "COR is not a legislative body." Indeed COR has no power to pass legislation.

COR meetings this year have centered largely on discussion. Based on revisions in the new constitution, COR no longer has the ability to pass amendments.

And since last year's council devoted much of their time and energy into creating the new constitution, Istvan faced some apprehension with regard to just what would be done in COR's weekly meetings.

"Coming in, I wasn't sure what to expect. Honestly, I had no idea what we were going to do because the new constitution changed the focus of COR meetings," Istvan said.

Despite Istvan's uncertainty, the discussions that have taken place in COR have served as solid foundations for many of the changes that have been seen on campus.

Based on lengthy discussions during COR meetings, Istvan has been able to develop his ideas into documents that can be passed on to Senate, or presented to the Board of Trustees.

The relative success of Istvan's proposal to the BOT — calling for a required seminar for off-campus students, the participation of off-campus council representatives in South Bend council meetings, the participation of NDSP to help promote community relations and the creation of the Notre Dame SafeBus — can be attributed to the effort made in COR meetings to discuss it and perfect it to serve student interests.

In addition, COR responded swiftly to rising student frustration with the sale of basketball tickets. Following the sale of tickets, Istvan, Bell and Siegfried senator James Leito met with James Freleigh to discuss the procedure of selling tickets.

Later that week, Leito was invited to the COR meeting where discussion continued about the topic. Soon after, Michael McGinley presented representatives with clear revisions to the process that will be implemented next year.

Despite the fact that minimal voting takes place in COR's meetings, the effectiveness of its discussions can be seen in the success of the BOT report and the swift response to what students have perceived as a faulty ticket distribution procedure.

COR is able to work in conjunction with the more policy-oriented Senate, and is becoming more accustomed to its legislative handicap.

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Top, Council of Representatives members, including representatives from the class councils, discuss policy issues. Bottom, off-campus representative Dave McGowan, right, examines the wording to a resolution with Andrew Hoyt.

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Unlike the Senate, the Council of Representatives does not possess the power to pass legislation, which makes for an indefinite presence and little direct impact on students. But the council has fought its relative lack of political power by making use of its true functions — as a discussion forum and sounding board for the student body president.

In that vein, the council played a key role in the solidification of several of Adam Istvan's projects this term. Discussions from COR meetings helped Istvan refine his off-campus security proposal for the Board of Trustees and his Ticket Share solution to the shortage of men's basketball tickets. However, because the value of these objectives is debatable — for example, much COR dicussion was devoted to the SafeBus, which the Trustees were unenthusiastic about — the council must be careful not to waste its time with the unrealistic.

Furthermore, despite their help in shaping Istvan's plans, many council members did not offer significant plans of their own — hurting the president's chances to truly represent the needs of the student body. The council should take advantage of its potential to guide and mold the president as much as he guides and molds the council. In order for COR to make the most of its time and purpose, it must be proactive in engaging many members' original ideas.

STUDENT UNION BOARD

Group's organization, careful planning stand out

By TERESA FRALISH
In Focus Writer

When the Student Union Board's managers took office last spring, they promised to deliver on three key principles — consistency, accountability and enthusiasm — and for the most part, the group has achieved exactly that.

After a year in which many students expressed dissatisfaction with SUB, this year's board, led by manager Jimmy Flaherty, has focused on getting the basics right and making SUB accountable to the student body.

In that vein, good organization, attention to detail and high attendance at events stand out as positive accomplishments on the part of this year's board.

During the spring and fall of last year, Flaherty and other programmers organized a wide variety of small-scale events well-received by students, including the new Fireside Chat series, Octdomer Fest, Old School on the Quad and a Best of AcoustiCafe program.

SUB also deserves a nod for planning well-run student ticket lotteries for away football games. After last year's lottery debacle that many students termed unfair and poorly run, this year's SUB implemented lotteries with fair and easily understood procedures. Each student was limited to entering six IDs per lottery and organizers set up many scanning stations to help prevent long lines.

However, the board has yet to announce definite plans for any large-scale entertainment events, such as concerts, on campus. In its efforts to ensure that student funds are well spent and that events are carefully conceived, the board may have traded creativity and the chance to attract big names.

This semester, Flaherty and his staff hope to focus on increasing student awareness of SUB and have plans for a variety of new events, including coordination on activities with hall councils, poetry slams, a collegiate jazz festival and a "Theology Throwdown" program.

On balance, SUB should be commended for its excellent organization, focus on student interests and solid, interesting programs like the Fireside Chat series and a revamped Battle of the Bands to be held outside in spring.

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Following a year when many perceived SUB as not adequately responding to students' interests, this year's programmers refocused on the basics, most importantly SUB's accountability to the student body. They deserve credit for organizing a variety of creative, well-attended events, such as the Fireside Chats series and new Battle of the Bands. The board also ran successful, fair and user-friendly student ticket lotteries for away football games. On the everyday scale, accountability was achieved. But because SUB has not yet brought major performers or large-scale events to campus — the only factor that matters in the eyes of many students — doing well with the basics isn't doing enough.

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group fights efficiency obstacles

Members emphasize dialogue but lack productivity

JOANNA PAXTON/The Observer

David Moss, left, assistant vice president for Student Affairs and co-chair of the CLC's social concerns committee, speaks at a meeting. The council is composed of faculty, administrators and students.

By MADDIE HANNA
In Focus Writer

Given the diversity in the age, roles and interests of its members, the Campus Life Council has made admirable strides toward more productive and informed dialogue, but greater efficiency must be achieved before their ideas can be realized.

CLC, which brings together students, faculty, administration and rectors biweekly to discuss issues and propose changes to Student Affairs, often falls under fire for failing to produce visible results.

This year has been no exception, as the three committees that comprise the CLC have focused on tasks described as "attainable," but have yet to attain anything.

According to Adam Istvan, student body president and CLC chair, the composition of the organization often restricts its productivity. A two-thirds vote is required to make a recommendation to Student Affairs, but members of the administration comprise just over one third of the group, so student-backed issues are easily stalled, he said.

"It's an interesting group in that it's hard to get anything controversial through — we can't just go gung-ho and try to implement our policies as students," Istvan said.

Last semester, CLC made no recommendations to Student Affairs. Istvan did not express concern at this slow pace, emphasizing the research and dialogue components.

"The discussion is more important than actual policy recommendations," said Istvan, who admitted that CLC is "not the most effective way to recommend things to Father Poorman."

Because its term begins at the start of fall semester, CLC faces a different calendar than other student government bodies that begin their new terms in April.

"We're basically robbing ourselves of two, three months of productivity — you don't have a chance to get things rolling," Istvan said.

CLC has made successful proposals in the past. By November 2003, the group had already managed to approve a widely respected resolution to investigate resident assistant training. This measure both addressed an important campus issue — at the time, RAs were being fired because of scheduling conflicts — while earning credibility for itself as a group. So a lack of action should not be pinned solely on matters of time or group composition.

CLC is comprised of three task forces — vending, security and social concerns. These committees are all currently in the research stage and are confidently pursuing what they view as attainable goals.

The vending task force is investigating the recent increase in laundry and vending prices on campus, aiming to write a proposal regarding this issue by the beginning of spring semester.

The security task force is trying to raise awareness of crime and safety issues around campus — goals related to those outlined in Istvan's Board of Trustees report, and thus an avenue for increased productivity.

"I think the realistic goals that we're shooting for right now are finding a better way for students to regularly be aware of instances involving crime and security services, possibly through a section in The Observer or a ListServ e-mail," Alex French, O'Neill senator and committee chair, said.

The social concerns task force aims to come to a better understanding of social diversity and create a means of increasing diversity awareness on Notre Dame's campus.

Cavanaugh senator and committee chair Jordan Bongiovanni explained that although the committee was initially interested in instituting a mandatory social awareness class for all Notre Dame students, it is now realizing much more research is needed.

Bongiovanni said while the committee might not be able to take action this year, it will compile, organize and translate the information for future groups.

The nature of CLC's dialogue and the dedication of its members to researching their goals suggest that there should be more to show for their efforts. Though the group's position as an intersection of student desire and administrative action naturally makes productivity more difficult, CLC members need to reassess their approach to the problems, and find the missing link between dialogue, research and results.

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Although the Campus Life Council has little to show after a semester of meetings, most of its time has been spent building toward more concrete accomplishments that should materialize this spring, due largely to the efforts of dedicated committee chairs who handled a great deal of legwork. The council's members have done an excellent job of using their biweekly meetings as a forum. To take the next step, the council needs to instill a sense of urgency into its conversations and focus on implementing more visible changes to the Notre Dame community.

Government in brief...

Graduate Student Union looks at parking issue

Over the past semester, the Graduate Student Union has taken action on several issues important to graduate students, as well as encouraged an expansion of the GSU's main goals.

One of the first issues the GSU addressed in the year was concerns about adequate parking. The group is conducting a survey to determine student satisfaction with the parking program. The survey data will be used to help promote graduate student interests in parking lot re-organization.

GSU president John Young said the Graduate student coupon book was another positive program the GSU had sponsored.

GSU is also developing plans to assist in lobbying efforts to support House Resolution 34.12, a resolution that would modify Internal Revenue Code, and the renewal of the Higher Education Act.

The organization also gave support to AllianceND, an unrecognized student group supporting gay and lesbian diversity. The club petitioned the GSU for financial aid in October, which GSU opted to approve 17-5.

-Paul Spadafora

Financial Management Board faces changes

Adjusting to the 2004 revisions to the student union constitution, changing how The Shirt fund is distributed and completing a smooth spending review were highlights of the Financial Management Board's activities last semester.

FMB distributes funding to student organizations and clubs, controls student business operations and also oversees The Shirt project.

This year marks a change in the policy regarding The Shirt fund. Originally, all Notre Dame students were able to requisition money from The Shirt fund, but this year only undergraduates could petition for money.

The 2004 student union constitution revisions also brought changes to FMB's structure. Where there used to be only two class treasurers on FMB, all four class treasurers now sit on the board.

The semester ended as the new FMB conducted its annual spending review, which indicated that there was a surplus in funds.

-Paul Spadafora

Club Coordination Council facilitates activities

The Club Coordination Council is the organization that facilitates the various activities of all undergraduate clubs, associations and societies at Notre Dame.

"The main goal of the CCC, however, is to allocate student activity money to the clubs and organizations that will best serve the ND community," president J.R. Garcia said.

As mediator for the University's extensive collection of clubs, the CCC distributes pertinent information regarding the issues and activities of undergraduate clubs, recommends funding allotments, serves as an overseeing representative for all undergraduate clubs and promotes effective collaboration between various student groups.

Despite the inauguration of monthly spending reports by the CCC, however, clubs have not wholly complied. In fact, progress has been somewhat slow, Garcia said.

The CCC is currently in the process of creating and maintaining a Web page that would allow clubs to submit progress reports so the CCC can better assess its needs.

-Katie Perry

Hall Presidents Council encourages events

Charged with encouraging unity between dorms while also promoting their individuality, the Hall Presidents Council plays a unique role in campus life.

"The goal of the council is to be a meeting place and a sounding board for each dorm,"co-president J.T. Arseniadis said. "We act as a link between the halls and the administration, namely the Student Activities Office. ...It is a place where halls can convene to discuss collaboration and ideas of how to make dorm life better."

HPC's focus for the first semester was on hall programming, as the council worked to allocate money to individual dorms to be used to assist in signature dorm events.

The council has also focused on eliminating extreme dorm competition and uniting the dorms.

Currently, the HPC is working with the Student Athletic Advisory Council to promote sports other than men's basketball and football. They plan to have each dorm adopt a team of their choice, hoping this will increase game attendance and athlete appreciation.

-Jen Rowling

CLASS OF 2005 COUNCIL

Ambition has proved to be the senior class council's greatest asset, as it enjoys what officers perceived to be a successful fall semester.

Last spring, the council planned and carried out a class prayer service and class ring blessing ceremony. The council also planned Margaritaville, and introduced the "God-Country-Notre Dame" green rubber wristbands, donating part of the proceeds to the Red Cross.

As additional projects, the Council has sent letters from class members to troops in Iraq, held a senior Acoustic Café and helped provide extracurricular opportunities for students at Jefferson Middle School.

-Katie Perry

CLASS OF 2006 COUNCIL

Working through minor organizational problems at the beginning of the semester, the junior class council planned and held many events for the junior class.

One major event during the fall was the Junior Class Sendoff Mass and Dinner Dec. 5 for the junior students going abroad in the spring semester. A similar event, the Junior Class Welcome Back Mass and Dinner for returning abroad students, is planned for February.

The Luminaries was another successful event, where the spiritual committee set up paper bag luminaries on God Quad during finals week in an effort to provide a calming scene for students.

-Jeannine Privat

CLASS OF 2007 COUNCIL

The sophomore class council is taking advantage of the head start they lacked as freshmen

They held the first annual "Soph-O," which was a series of events planned to welcome back the sophomore class and promote class unity. At the conclusion of the welcoming activities, the group sold navy blue fleeces with the ND emblem and IRISH 07 on them.

Other plans in the works include retreats to major cities such as Chicago and Indianapolis, with different themes for each trip, like art, architecture and sports. The council will once again sponsor Battle of the Bands.

-Jen Rowling

CLASS OF 2008 COUNCIL

The members of the freshman class council lost no time in converting their enthusiasm for Notre Dame into action.

Traditionally the council's biggest event in the fall semester, the freshman T-shirt sale sparked enough demand that the group needed to re-order shirts.

Another achievement was the Christmas "light a tree" service project, benefiting charities in South Bend. For each dollar that was donated, one light was lit on a Christmas tree outside LaFortune.

On the social side of things, the council sponsored a Halloween dance and held class gamewatches at Legends once a month.

-Elizabeth Cheffers

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

White, Moran revive programs and traditions

By ANGELA SAOUD
In Focus Writer

Student body president Sarah Catherine White and vice president Mary Pauline Moran were so dedicated to fostering communication in the Board of Governance that the seniors decided to live next door to each other — because sharing a bathroom was almost the same as sharing a board.

"We are in constant communication with one another: at meals, between classes, on the computer," White said. "We decided early on that communication between the two of us, and between the two of us and the rest of our board was going to be the key to our success."

And so far, their theory seems to be working.

Since taking office on April 1, the two women have carried on with school traditions, reinstated certain discontinued Saint Mary's programs and worked together as a team to help be a voice for the community.

"The platform we ran under was 'Ringing in Change,' and I think we're doing that," White said. "We're addressing a new era at Saint Mary's with a new College president, new traditions and new buildings on campus. Things are going well for us right now."

And looking at the new and revived programs White and Moran have worked with, the campus community would have to agree.

On Nov. 18, White gave the second annual State of the School Address, following in the footsteps of last year's student body president, Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl.

BOG has also teamed with the Office of Civic and Social Concerns to bring students the option of Service Sundays — an organization where students can volunteer one day a month without making a large commitment to one community organization.

White and Moran have also reinstated the "Big Sis, Little Sis" program, which used to be a part of the Saint Mary's campus.

"We team up sophomores with freshmen in their dorm and set up a sort of mentoring situation for each freshman," White said. "Dr. Mooney had this program when she attended Saint Mary's, and she still keeps in touch with her big sis."

Besides adding new programs, White and Moran have also been working with issues of diversity, organizing forums and seeking student feedback about issues important to the College.

At this point in their term, White and Moran have also taken the time to invite staff members to their weekly BOG meetings in order to stay up-to-date with all events happening around campus.

And for anyone who thinks White and Moran haven't been working hard, it's time to think again.

In addition to sitting on various campus committees, heading committees of their own and leading the entire BOG, the two also had the added pressure of planning Mooney's inauguration.

Together with other boards, White and Moran took on the responsibility of planning an entire week of events for students, faculty and staff, dealing with everything from events to music to organizing the senior class to be decked in their graduation cap and gowns at the event.

The "Big Sis, Little Sis" program that kicked off Dec. 3 also took a lot of planning on the part of White and Moran.

As spring semester begins, White and Moran are simply hoping their last few months in office will run as smoothly as their first.

"It's been an adjustment," Moran said. "But, we're enthusiastic. We're a small school so we can't do everything, but we can try."

White said she also plans to make the best of the time she has left in office.

"We're realistic about what we can accomplish in one term, but we want to set others up to succeed when we're gone," she said. "Time is a factor. We have to be realistic and flexible when we're working with student schedules. But, we have a duty and we were elected to represent the students and get things done, and that's what we're going to do."

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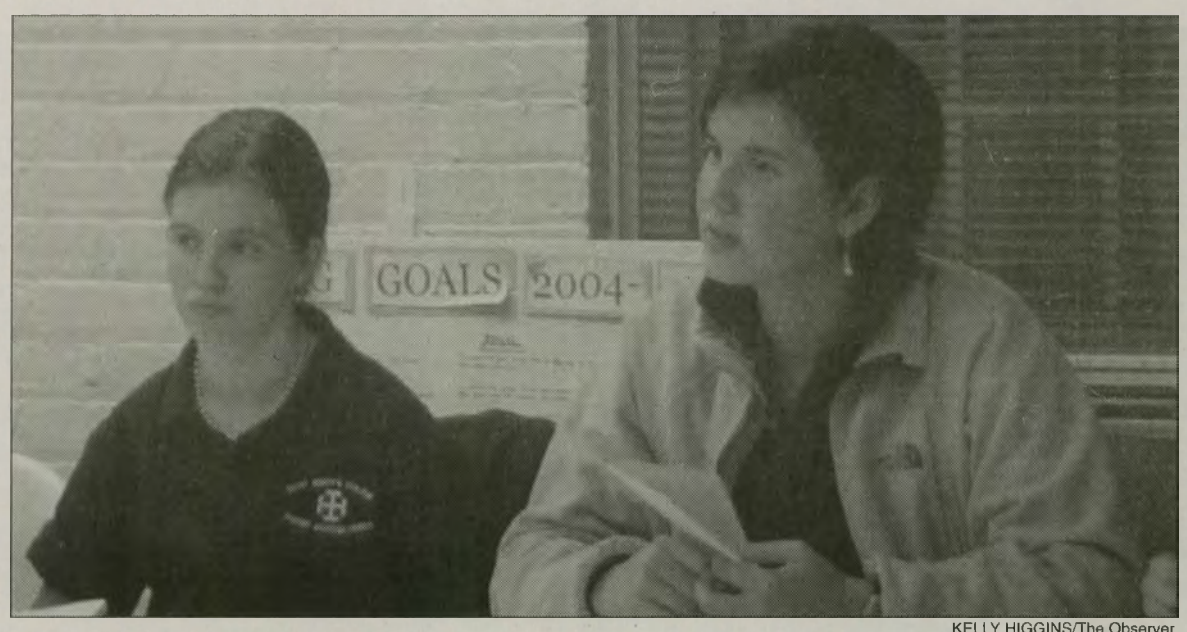

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Student body president Sarah Catherine White, right, and vice president Mary Pauline Moran listen in on a Board of Governance meeting. Meetings have been a discussion forum for many of their ideas.

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During their campaign, student body president Sarah Catherine White and vice president Mary Pauline Moran claimed they were ready to take charge and lead Saint Mary's into the future with the platform, "Ringing In Change."

But in addition to spending a good deal of time planning, working with and welcoming new Saint Mary's President Carol Mooney to campus, the women held up their other campaign promises as well. They provided an approachable and welcoming student government through a variety of activities and office hours, connecting and energizing the upperclassmen and underclassmen and putting a larger emphasis on approaching student needs and concerns realistically.

White and Moran deserve recognition for overcoming budget cuts to lead the Board of Governance without losing any Saint Mary's traditions. They also revived the Big Sis/Little Sis program that was present 30 years ago, teaming up sophomores with freshman to help ease them into the College.

However, these goals were not particularly ambitious.Meeting expectations is only commendable when those expectations are set high in the first place, and White and Moran have mostly favored steady leadership over exceeding the status quo.

With only a few months left in their term, White and Moran need to keep ringing in change with the upcoming opening of the new student center — but should not stop there if they want to leave a lasting legacy.

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Student leaders overcome budget cuts to 'ring in change'

Fund constraints force BOG to look to larger programs to achieve promised goals

KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Members of Board of Governance discuss the Saint Mary's Identity Forum at the group's Nov. 9 meeting.

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Despite a bumpy fall semester with the Student Activities Board Pride Week T-shirt debacle, the Board of Governance has continued to thrive this year under the leadership of student body president Sarah Catherine White and vice president Mary Pauline Moran. The 10 boards that comprise BOG have worked together to overcome a lower budget than was expected due to a drop in enrollment. Treasurer Molly Welton has done well putting money into big events and pinching pennies in between. As well as planning the student side of new College President Carol Mooney's inauguration, BOG has continued to increase student volunteerism, joined together upper and underclasswomen and allowed students to increase dialogue through a variety of open forums and discussions. However, the board could have done far more if it had not lost several consecutive meetings to the T-shirt issue. While it is important for BOG to listen to students' concerns, it must retain the same balance in its discussion topics as it does with its funds.

By KELLY MEEHAN
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Saint Mary's Board of Governance, led by student body president Sarah Catherine White and vice president Mary Pauline Moran, has kept its promise to "ring in change" despite the constraints of a campus-wide budget cut.

"We do not foresee the budget cut causing any difficulty in terms of student government funds," Moran said. "Our treasurer, Molly Welton, has been diligent in making sure all of the [Student Government Association's] allotted money is properly distributed to serve the entire student body."

According to Welton, the budget cut has had a positive effect on student government. It has caused BOG to be more careful with the expenditure of funds, resulting in larger events, such as the Emerson Drive and Blessid Union of Souls concerts, rather than smaller, more frequent events.

"Because student government's money comes directly from the $150 per student fee, we have refocused our goals so that we're spending our money in ways that it will reach the most students on out campus, and so far I am really pleased with the results," Welton said.

BOG is composed of 10 boards dealing with the areas of admissions, campus foods, alumnae, campus clubs, off-campus students, mission, public relations, technology, women's issues and Holy Cross College.

When White and Moran were elected last spring, they promised to properly welcome College President Carol Mooney and oversee the completion and opening of Opus Hall, the new on-campus apartment complex and the new student center. They also pledged to provide an outlet for increased student volunteerism.

"This year student leaders are continuing to lead the student body down exciting new avenues. These women are in tune with campus life and are witnessing the progress of a more active student body," White said.

Through cooperation amongst the entire Board of Governance and the student body, all three goals were successfully achieved.

Mooney was welcomed to the College through an event called "Dessert with Dr. Mooney," jointly organized by BOG and the Residence Hall Association. During the program, each residence hall was able to share an evening of desserts and discussion with their new president.

BOG has worked to give students a commitment-free opportunity to give back to the South Bend Community through the creation of "Service Sundays." BOG mission commissioner Mary Beth Swygart was the primary organizer of this monthly volunteer excursion to the Christ Child Center.

BOG has made old traditions new again through the reinstatement of the "Big Sis, Little Sis" program, which pairs each first year student with a sophomore.

As Saint Mary's students anxiously await the tentatively scheduled March opening of the new student center, BOG is making plans to utilize it, as Women's Issues commissioner Katie Kelly is co-coordinating the opening of a Women's Center in the building.

BOG has worked diligently through Kelly and the Student Diversity Board to promote discussion about the definition of a Saint Mary's woman by holding Identity Forums open to the entire student body to increase open and honest discussion.

Based on its success thus far, the BOG should continue to achieve its goals for the rest of its term.

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

Group makes progress in face of T-shirt debate

KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Students stage a silent protest against the board's T-shirt.

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In Focus Writers

Despite recent controversy with the Pride Week T-shirts, the Student Activities Board has continued to provide students with a variety of activities and lead the student body with two recent awards.

The group faced criticism in September after the board sold a shirt depicting a brown-haired Caucasian woman. Some members of the Saint Mary's community felt the image did not represent all Saint Mary's women. After these concerns were brought to SAB's attention, the board held a series of identity forums and discussions about what it means to be a Saint Mary's woman.

While listening to student feedback, SAB decided to issue a school-wide apology. However, some students felt as though SAB had tried to gloss over the controversy and held a silent protest and petition signing.

Another apology was issued to students shortly thereafter, specifically geared toward the T-shirt debacle.

But with the controversy dying down, SAB has been able to pave the way for more positive progress.

The group was named an "All-Star Delegation" this semester at the National Association for Campus Activities Mid-America Conference — an award based on attendance and participation in specific conference events.

Individually, representative Donna Lubbers received the region's "Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award" for her leadership and involvement at Saint Mary's.

In addition to being leaders in the campus community, SAB is also responsible for bringing quality entertainment to the college.

This semester, SAB organized Write the Troops, SMC Singled Out, comedian Kyle Cease's visit and free movies like "50 First Dates" and "13 Going on 30," as well as planning the annual Jamaica Shaka and Twilight Tailgate.

But the group's goal was providing big names, such as Blessid Union of Souls at the Tailgate.

In October, SAB also arranged a small-scale concert with the well-known country group, Emerson Drive.

SAB is continually planning events aimed at improving the quality of campus life for Saint Mary's students.

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Government in brief...

Residence Hall Association plans campus events

For the Saint Mary's Residence Hall Association, the phrase "your home away from home" is more than just a familiar saying — it is a motto to work by.

RHA oversees the five residence halls on campus, including Le Mans, Holy Cross, Regina, McCandless and Annunciata. This year, with the inaugural opening of Opus Hall, it was also responsible for the first on-campus apartments.

One of the association's biggest undertakings of the year was introducing its residents to the College's new president, Carol Mooney. Each residence hall hosted a "Dessert with Dr. Mooney" evening where students met and quizzed the president in an intimate setting.

And, as in past years, RHA is in charge of organizing and putting on school-wide events such as the All-School Formal and Little Sibs Weekend.

The All-School Formal is called "A Night in New Orleans" and will be held at the Palais Royale on Feb. 5.

Despite Little Sibs weekend being just a month away — it is scheduled for Feb. 18-20 — RHA has not publicized the details of the event.

-Megan O'Neil

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Government-sponsored "Identity Forums" helped explore issues.

Student Diversity Board promotes discussion

Striving to promote diversity in a largely homogenous environment is a difficult task, but the Saint Mary's College Student Diversity Board has taken several positive steps forward by initiating critical dialogue on campus.

Focusing on raising its profile on campus and working for policy changes for disabled students, SDB hosted several events promoting community and discussion of diversity issues.

One such event was the second annual SDB bonfire that brought together students from the Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross campuses and included cultural dancing.

SDB also worked with the Board of Governance to organize Identity Forums to help discover students' definition of the 'Saint Mary's woman'.

Further, the board initiated the biweekly SDB Stall News, which are fliers placed in bathroom stalls around campus to highlight specific topics or events.

Already looking forward to next semester, the board created a student survey asking for responses to past events and suggestions for the future.

-Megan O'Neil

Student Academic Council introduces majors

The Saint Mary's Student Academic Council is made up of student representatives from each major and minor, whose primary goal is to further unite professors and students.

The council functions primarily on an individual basis, with each major or minor's representative working within her academic department.

SAC is responsible for planning the "Major of the Week" events. Each week throughout the year is dedicated to one particular major, and during that week that major's representative plans events to familiarize the Saint Mary's community with the goals and ideas of their major.

The Council worked to create the College's reading day, and continues to work for the utilization of this day by the student body. SAC is also in the process of initiating a syllabus posting area prior to registration.

In March, the SAC puts on its annual "Women Honoring Women" event, which honors a woman from the faculty or administration who has proven a vital and noble member of the Saint Mary's community. Students are invited to nominate a woman for this award in January.

-Kelly Meehan

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The Student Activities Board helped students write to troops.

Student Trustee Brown works with Board

Saint Mary's Student Trustee Sarah Brown has had an eventful year in which to serve on the Board of Trustees.

The senior has played a role in the hiring of new president Carol Mooney and was a major contributor to the changes made in Board of Governance Constitution, which was overhauled this summer and approved this fall. Brown also oversaw elections for the first-year class board.

The Board of Trustees met over fall break, when Brown attended several days of events including orientation for new trustees, various small meetings and a full board meeting on Friday. The Board discussed the financial status of the College, the roles of Resident Advisors and Health and Wellness on campus and energy conservation on campus in the upcoming semester. Brown's suggestion of a task force on campus to aid the effort was well-received by the Board.

Brown attended Mooney's recent inauguration as a member of both the Board and the Class of 2005. She will also attend the next Board of Trustees meeting when they convene Feb. 24, and will continue to give feedback to the student body on what the Trustees accomplish for Saint Mary's.

-Nicole Zook

FIRST YEAR BOARD

This year's first year board quickly jumped into planning events for its classmates. The board has divided into committees and discusses what each of the committees has done to further their plans for particular events and fundraisers.

So far, they have hosted "The Bachelor Night" and a "Dynamic Duos Dance" on Dec. 3. Members also organized "Lessons and Carols" in the Church of the Loretto Dec. 12.

They are also currently working on a canned food drive and will give the donations to a local food pantry.

The group has also started work on fundraisers, class gear and social activities for next semester. *-Erica Rangel*

SOPHOMORE BOARD

The sophomore board has hosted only one event this year — performer Jesse Young at Dalloway's — though many more are being organized.

Preparations for the Saint Mary's tradition, Sophomore Parents Weekend, are underway. Set for Feb. 25-27, this year's theme is "How Sweet It Is to Be Loved By You." SPW will be followed by the April 9 class formal.

Other projects throughout the year will include continuing relations with the Notre Dame sophomore class. Both boards discussed a possible Valentine's Day date auction with the proceeds going to chariry, and powder-puff football between each school's women. *-Michelle Eggers*

JUNIOR BOARD

This semester the junior class board, led by president Danielle Lerner, hosted a post-football game study break and held the class dance, "Viva Las Vegas." It designed sweatpants for the Class of 2006 and co-sponsored Project Warmth.

Junior Board is responsible for the annual Junior Mom's Weekend in February, and has started planning the event's wine and cheese reception and a formal dinner at the Century Center.

During the spring semester, the board will sell class apparel, sponsor an Adopt-a-Soldier program, have forums on internships and graduate school and sponsor an athletic event to support the junior athletes. *-Erica Rangel*

SENIOR BOARD

Class president Jacqueline Cuisiner and vice president Abby Ragan have led a unified board through activities such as the Senior Kickoff at the new Opus Hall apartments, a senior tailgate before the USC game and Senior Dad's weekend.

The weekend was the board's biggest success, including father-daughter bowling, a football tailgate at the College Football Hall of Fame with free admission to the museum, a mass at the Church of Loretto and a Casino Night at Heartland with a live auction that raised $7,383.

Ragan said she feels the pair's main goal of teamwork is what has helped the senior board be successful in the first semester. *-Nicole Zook*