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Student Govt. gets a grade In Focus

Shipwrecked: Boat Club busted

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

South Bend police raided The Boat Club early Friday morning, apparently issuing dozens of underage drinking citations to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

The bar at 106 N. Hill St. had long been a weekend beacon for freshmen and sophomores and other students under 21 years old. The popular campus belief was that the club would never be busted.

Police wouldn't comment on the raid, but students said it happened at about 12:30 a.m. with hundreds of students inside the bar.

"The lights came on, the music stopped and the police told everyone to get in two lines," said a 19-year-old Notre Dame freshman who received an Indiana minor in a tavern citation. "There were two or three cops at every exit."

More than a half-dozen squad cars surrounded the bar, and police led some patrons into a van for prisoner transport. In below freezing temperatures outside, police administered Breathalyzer tests and arrested at least one student.

For more than an 90 minutes, dozens of people, most carrying blue, minor in a tavern citations, emerged from the bar. Many cried as they walked out, and some called friends on cell phones.

The bar closed following the raid, but at 2 a.m., many



Above: South Bend Police raided The Boat Club Friday morning with a van for prisoner transport.

Right: Officers discuss student citations outside the bar.

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Druker drops complaint

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

WNDU reporter Bonnie Druker has dropped her complaint against Father Tim Scully, Notre Dame executive vice president. Druker filed a report with Notre Dame Security Police yesterday afternoon indicating that she did not want the case sent to the county prosecutor's office for review, said Matt Storin, a spokesperson for the University.

Druker could not be reached for comment on Thursday.

Druker filed an initial report with NDSP around 1 a.m. on Dec. 17 after the Fisher Hall mass held Dec. 16 for missing Notre Dame freshman Chad Sharon.

Druker and WNDU cameraman Patrick Hartney alleged that Scully grabbed them by the arms and forcibly escorted them outside Fisher Hall. Hartney said he smelled alcohol on Scully's breath and felt that Scully overreacted to the situation. Scully was apparently upset about the location of WNDU vehicles parked in reserved spaces behind

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Senator to speak on foreign policy

By TERESA FRALISH
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Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel will speak on campus today about U.S. foreign policy issues that the United States will face in the coming years. Hagel's talk, titled "U.S. Foreign Policy: Meeting the Challenges of Change," will take place at the Library Auditorium today at 11 a.m.

Hagel was invited to speak on campus because he is one of the leading voices in the U.S. Congress on major foreign policy issues, organizers said.

"Wartime Washington is



Hagel

filled with 'hawks and doves,'" said Steven Brady, a diplomatic history professor and one of the talk's organizers. "[Today], we have a chance to hear one of the 'owls,'" he said.

Planners of the event said they expect the Senator to speak about global terrorism and tensions in North Korea and Iraq. Joe Heieck, a sophomore who helped organize Hagel's visit to campus, said he believes Hagel may focus on the importance of multilateralism and the need to present international problems to the United Nations and the UN Security Council.

Senator Hagel, one of just three Vietnam veterans currently in the U.S. Senate, has had much experience in international affairs and foreign policy, serving on the Senate Foreign Relation Committee and previously as deputy

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Alcohol changes affect dorm life

By KEVIN ALLEN
News Writer

Last spring, when University administrators revealed proposed changes to Notre Dame's alcohol policy, students immediately protested.

One of the main concerns emphasized by students was that the new policy — which banned hard alcohol on campus, restricted tailgating and eliminated in-hall dances (SYRs) — would be detrimental to the social life and sense of community in Notre Dame's residence halls.

Now after a full semester under the new policy, students, administrators and local police are seeing both the positive and negative consequences.

Empty on the weekends

According to Scott Kachmarik, associate director of Residence Life and Housing, the new alcohol policy does not seem to have pushed students to move to

off-campus residences. About 80 percent of undergraduates currently live in residence halls — a figure unchanged in several years. But many students acknowledge a changed atmosphere in dorm life this year, resulting from the weekend exodus to off-campus bars and parties.

"I've noticed that there have been a lot more people going off-campus, especially underclassmen. The dorms are pretty much empty on the weekends," said Erin Fisher, assistant rector of McGlenn Hall.

Despite noticing a small increase in students going off-campus, Alumni Hall resident assistant Ken Allinson insists that a strong sense of dorm community remains.

"We haven't lost anything by [banning hard alcohol]. We lost a bit of our character by losing SYRs," he said.

Many freshmen, like Jamie Peters of McGlenn, are still finding ways to entertain themselves on campus.

"A lot of people go off-cam-

pus, but dorm parties are fun, too," she said.

Other freshmen have been disappointed with the social life on campus.

"For a true social life, you have to go off-campus," said freshman Andrew Vihtelik of Alumni Hall.

Recalling his visit to campus last year as a high school senior, Vihtelik said this year he has found the campus scene at Notre Dame less vibrant on the weekends.

Dangers of the exodus

Rather than reducing binge drinking, students like Vihtelik argue that the new policy pushes parties off-campus.

But recently, this has raised questions as to whether the off-campus party scene leaves students vulnerable to new dangers.

Such dangers have been highlighted by recent events involving freshmen, like the mugging of a Notre Dame stu-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Less hype, more football

If you've been a part of a top-secret mission to Mars with your best friend Mono the chimp for the past week, no doubt it'll come as a surprise to you that Oakland and Tampa Bay are playing in the Super Bowl on Sunday. That seems to be about the only way anything from Earth could have avoided hearing about this apparently cataclysmic event, the likes of which have never been seen before and never will be again. At least, according to ESPN, the great and wise Magic 8-ball of the sports world.



Will Puckett

News Production

Before you regurgitate your heaping plate of Blazing Sea Nuggets, I'd just like to ask one question: Could the Super Bowl maybe, possibly, be a little overblown? The Fox network has to be salivating madly at all this promotion. Knowing Fox, the halftime show will no doubt include Simon Cowell in the locker rooms, telling both teams that if they don't play better, they'll be stoned. While this might be a bit of a stretch, even for Fox, it probably isn't too far from reality for Tampa Bay and Oakland. If so, no doubt 20 TV cameras will be there.

What's that?
Oh, yeah, you can run to the trashcan now.

If Fox is going bonkers over this Super Bowl, you can bet just about everyone else is too. There were so many stories about the "Media Day" on Tuesday, all talking about the Don King impersonator, that I'm surprised none of the SportsCenter anchors donned a wig of whatever dead animal Don King has on his head these days. Or maybe they did, and I didn't see it, since I'm only watching Balkan ice hockey at the moment. This is because I have to resort to ESPN35 nowadays to avoid hearing at every turn how Johnson and Johnson will rip the Raiders, or how Gannon will make the Bucs look like they're wearing skirts. It all sounds like a lot of baby powder and powder-puff to me.

Don't get your diapers all in a bunch, though - I do know how good these teams are. I watched entirely too many NFL games this season, and even thought some were good. My problem isn't with the football - it's with the coverage. It just takes something out of it for me when MTV sends Mandy Moore while Nickelodeon sends kids (with slime in hand, no doubt) to "cover" Media Day. Then ESPN.com has so much Super Bowl stuff that it must be impossible to read it all without sitting in front of a computer from now until kickoff.

While that may work for some of us, like the squirrels on top of the library, for most of us that isn't going to happen. Sure, I'll watch the Super Bowl; although as a Browns fan I don't really care who wins. But just a little bit less hype, and a lot more football would go a long way. Who knows, if it's another breathless classic like the last couple, Mono might even clap!

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Will Puckett at wpuckett@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, Thursday's article about Chad DeBolt incorrectly quoted from the police report. The quotation should have had DeBolt telling police, "I had too much to drink and shouldn't have acted that way."

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Jill Long Thompson speaks at Saint Mary's

2002 Indiana 2nd District Democratic nominee Jill Long Thompson opened the Play of the Mind Conference at Saint Mary's.

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Earthquake in Mexico is devastating

Mexican earthquake leaves 28 people dead, 300 injured and 10,000 homeless. The earthquake registered at 7.8 magnitude.

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American Airlines reports a loss of \$3.5 billion

The parent company of American Airlines reports another profit loss due to the decrease in travel demand.

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Examining SUVs link to terrorism

Letter examines recent debates about SUV owners and alleged links to terrorism.

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Experience the French theatre

The Notre Dame French Theatre class presents 17th century playwright Moliere's "Tartuffe."

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Spartans invade the JACC

Streaking Michigan State brings a four-game winning streak to this weekend's games against the struggling Irish.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Lecture with Dr. Tariq Ramadan "Oh Diversity: The Necessary Dimension of Peace Building" 5 p.m. at Hesburgh Library Auditorium
- ◆ Student Film Festival 2003 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 at Hesburgh Library Auditorium
- ◆ SUB Movie "Jackass" 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. at DeBartolo 101

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Play of the Mind Conference All day at Haggard College Center and Regina Hall
- ◆ Conservatory of Dance Performance 7 p.m. at Moreau in O'Laughlin Auditorium
- ◆ Faces of America Performance 7:30 p.m. at Moreau in the Little Theater

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

- Student loses wallet**
On Wednesday a student reported losing her wallet in North Dining Hall.
- Property lost on campus**
On Wednesday a University employee reported losing her ring at Grace Hall.

Stolen wallet
A student reported that on Wednesday his wallet was taken from his unlocked locker in Rolfs Sports Center. There are no suspects.

Employee loses property
On Wednesday a University employee reported that his Kontrol Kard was missing. The employee reported that he lost the Kontrol Kard at an off campus location.

Compiled from the NDSP crime blotter.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Boiled fettuccine, boiled tri-color shells, pasta sauce, Alf redo sauce, Chicago pizza sauce, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, whipped potatoes, pork gravy, green beans, tuna casserole, baked potato, corn, hamburgers, chicken patty, stir fry bar

Today's Dinner: Roast, sautéed herb mushrooms, green bean casserole, brown sauce, spinach quiche, Italian blend potatoes, cut corn, cauliflower, kung pao chicken, plain rice, vegetable egg rolls, chicken taco, taco, meat, refried beans, nature's burger, chicken breast, seasoned fries, hamburgers, grilled hotdog, pretzel sticks

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Beef ravioli, spinach fettuccine, pesto sauce, tomato pizza, apple turnover, BBQ beef sandwich, shrimp spaghetti, rotisserie chicken, oriental vegetables, roasted rosemary potatoes, red beans and rice, corn dogs, fishwich, crinkle fries, soft pretzels, stir-fry beef and peppers

Today's Dinner: Buffalo chicken lasagna, spinach fettuccine, pesto sauce, tomato pizza, apple turnover, vegetables marinara, Capri-blend vegetables, baked turbot jardinière, beef bourguignon, kluski noodles, bourbon-baked ham, baked sweet potatoes, pancakes, scrambled eggs.

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Tofu teriyaki, brown rice pilaf, mushroom ceviche, garbanzo bean patty, grilled chicken breast, wholly ravioli, potato and pretzel bar, southern chicken, macaroni and cheese, green bean casserole, pepperoni stromboli, cheese pizza, bread sticks, beef stroganoff, casserole

Today's Dinner: Red skin potato, fresh mozzarella on focaccia, feta, green onion frittata, pasta, plum tomato sauce, Szechwan chicken, grilled hamburger, grilled three cheese, turkey melt, wedge cut potatoes, beef kabobs, meat lovers pizza, cheese pizza, bread sticks, ham salad, soup

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LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 16 LOW 9	HIGH 14 LOW 12	HIGH 28 LOW 14	HIGH 20 LOW 8	HIGH 28 LOW 22	HIGH 38 LOW 27

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Two alumni to be honored

By CAITLIN EARLY
News Writer

The Alumni Association of Notre Dame will be honoring two graduates for their contributions to society. The two graduates are to receive special recognition at awards ceremonies today sponsored by the Association.

James O'Connell, a 1970 graduate, will be presented with the Dr. A. Dooley Award. The award, established in 1984, is given to a graduate who has performed extraordinary service to mankind.

O'Connell is the president and founder of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. The program, which began in 1985, currently staffs 250 employees, including 15 physicians, and is credited with providing medical care to the homeless and families in shelters at 72 sites in the greater Boston area.

According to the mission statement of the Boston

Health Care for the Homeless, the program aims "to assure access to quality health care for all homeless individuals and families in the greater Boston area."

In 2001, Boston Health Care for the Homeless provided health care to 8,015 homeless individuals in 50,000 patient visits. The program is based out of Massachusetts General Hospital and the Boston Medical Center.

Apart from the Alumni Association's formal award reception, O'Connell will also be speaking at 3 p.m. in Room 124 of the Center for Social Concerns about his experiences with the Boston Health Care for the Homeless.

John J. Simmerling, a 1957 graduate, will be presented with the Rev. Anthony J. Lauck, C.S.C., Award. The Lauck award was established in 2000 to recognize achievements of graduates in fine arts, including film, photography, and music.

Simmerling holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree

from Notre Dame. While at Notre Dame, Simmerling received the Emil Jacques medal in recognition of his excellence in the arts. In 1958, Simmerling opened his own gallery in Chicago, known as the Heritage Gallery.

Over the years, Simmerling's watercolors and ink and pen works have been commissioned by a variety of organizations, including the City of Chicago, the University of Notre Dame, and the Chicago City Symphony Orchestra.

Simmerling has also actively worked towards the preservation of various historic buildings throughout Chicago.

In Simmerling's book, *Chicago's Old Homes: Legends and Lore*, he chronicles over 50 years of his efforts to preserve buildings and homes throughout Chicago.

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Long Thompson reflects on career

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

Jill Long Thompson, 2002 Democratic House of Representatives nominee for Indiana's 2nd District, opened this year's Play of the Mind conference. Long Thompson shared her campaign experiences and related her life experiences to the conference's theme, *The Citizen's Journey*.

Long Thompson shared her journey through life and the political arena with students from Butler University, College of Saint Elizabeth's, Georgian Court College, Holy Cross College, Marian College, Midway College and Saint Mary's. Long Thompson began her political career as a six year-old registering voters door to door in rural Indiana. She went from a working class farm family to politics with little experience branching her from one field to the other.

"As a college student I would have never believed that I had what it took to make a difference," Long Thompson said. "This is especially a belief among women."

Long Thompson's first political campaign was for city council in Valparaiso, Ind. She personally visited over 80 percent of the homes and won her victory in a republican dominated area.

Several victories along with several defeats characterize her political career thus far. Despite all of the criticism and mudslinging, her longing to improve the United States drives her on in the political arena.

"I am willing to take the mudslinging if I think I can make a difference for this country," she said. "Is it worth it? If you asked me Nov. 6, I probably would have said no. If you ask me today I would say, absolutely. Serving for the best

country in the world and making a difference is definitely worth it."

Long Thompson, who dealt with a large amount of mudslinging last election, stated that it is the citizen's responsibility to inform themselves of the candidates by going to debates and doing research to understand the issues as well as the candidates, instead of relying solely upon the media and advertisements.

She emphasized the need for leaders with integrity and character.

"The decisions made by the U.S. Congress and Senate affect taxes, war and many important issues," she said. "That is why we need people of the greatest integrity to run for office. Unfortunately, because of the lack of integrity associated with political office many people shy away from running."

The importance of encouraging young people to take an active role in politics spurred Long Thompson's visit to the College.

"To whom much is given, much is expected. All of us have the opportunity to be highly involved," she said. "Those of us who have had the opportunity for higher education especially."

Long Thompson's life has been enriched through her service to citizens of the United States.

"I hope that the next 25 years for you are as exciting and challenging as my last 25 years have been," Long Thompson said.

The Play of the Mind will continue through Sunday with group discussions and speakers exploring what it means to be on a citizen's journey, both globally and locally.

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administrator for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. "[Hagel's] views on foreign affairs are frequently sought by the national and international media," said Brady. "When he speaks about questions of war and peace, he can speak with the wisdom drawn from firsthand experience."

Organizers said Hagel was invited to campus because of the intellectual debate his speech

could help foster. "[People] always talk about the Notre Dame bubble," said Heieck. "I thought [this] would be a good way to get past that."

Both Brady and Heieck said the senator's lecture would contribute to academic life at the University for both students and faculty. "This is a fantastic opportunity for the Notre Dame community — and especially our students — to hear a major policy maker speak on the current international crises," said Brady. "Senator Hagel is one of the most influential voices on foreign policy in Congress."

Heieck, who was a student in Brady's class, "U.S. Foreign Policy since 1945," knew Hagel's family and worked on bringing the senator to speak at Notre Dame. "This was a student-led initiative all the way," Brady said.

Hagel, a Republican, is currently serving his second term in the U.S. Senate. The senator serves on five Senate standing and subcommittees: Foreign Relations; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Energy and Natural Resources; Budget; and Aging.

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Upcoming Events for PreHealth Students

FRIDAY, January 24, 2003

Dr. James O'Connell, MD (Winner of the Thomas Dooley Award and the Founder of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program) will speak about his experience providing health care for the homeless of Boston.
3pm in the CSC, Room 124

MONDAY, January 27, 2003

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TUESDAY, January 28, 2003

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4pm in 141 DeBartolo

TUESDAY, January 28, 2003

Winter Career and Internship Fair

Over 131 employers will be present including 20 companies with opportunities for premed or science students. Summer internships and jobs for seniors.
4-8pm in the Joyce Center North Dome

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Fisher Hall.

Had the case been pursued, the incident would have been forwarded to the county prosecutor's office after being investigated by NDSP.

"There's an investigation and cases are then presented to the prosecutor," said Phil Johnson, assistant director of NDSP. Johnson refused to comment on any other matter related to the incident.

Storin declined to comment on whether Scully would face an internal investigation through the University. "If there is one it will be kept confidential," said Storin. "This is standard practice at any university."

WNDU is owned by the University and Scully serves as chairman of television station's board of directors. Scully has been Notre Dame's executive vice president since 2000.

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Alcohol

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dent who was while walking back to campus early Jan. 17 and the disappearance of Chad Sharon after attending a house party on Corby Street on Dec. 12.

"One of my major concerns from the very beginning of the year was someone going off-campus and not coming back to the dorm at the end of the night," said Fisher, adding that this is more of a worry for freshmen than upperclassmen.

Nevertheless, most students have not been deterred from going off-campus, whether it is to party or to live in a house or apartment. A recent Observer poll administered by NDToday.com asked students, "Has Chad Sharon's disappearance made you re-think going off-campus?" Nearly two-thirds of the respondents answered that it has not.

However, the results of the poll do not necessarily mean that students are denying the importance of safety issues off-campus. Many students feel that avoiding problems are easy as long as they take proper safety measures.

"I feel safe off-campus most of the time, but I wouldn't go back to Corby Street," said Peters. "I'll be more choosy about which house parties I go to."

Junior Kieuhoa Vo of Welsh Hall said, "I don't think I'm

discouraged from going off-campus, but it makes me more wary about where I'm going and who I'm with. I'm not just going to go wandering off by myself."

Even in light of possible dangers for students, many still say the allure of the freedom of living and partying off-campus has not waned. Jay Veraldi, a junior who moved into a house on Corby Street last semester, said he has no regrets.

"The overall campus life was becoming too controlled. I was sick of being told how to live," he said, adding that he feels safe, but realizes that burglaries are common in off-campus student residences.

Safety matters

The South Bend Police Department does not keep specific statistics on off-campus crime involving students, but Capt. Wanda Shock of the South Bend Police Department said she has seen a general increase in burglary over the last few years at off-campus student residences, especially while students are away for breaks. According to Shock,

violent crimes against students are rare.

Kachmarik says crime involving Notre Dame students going off-campus has been occurring since the early years of the University.

"It goes in cycles and some [incidents] are more public than others," he said, pointing out that off-campus crime affects students at colleges around the nation.

While ResLife does not have the capacity to control off-campus crime, the Office does work to educate students about safety and citizenship.

Even with the University and local efforts to promote safety, city police say Notre Dame students should not expect to be treated differently than other South Bend residents.

"We patrol [student neighborhoods] on an everyday basis, like we do for anybody. It's not our job to show preferential treatment to Notre Dame students," said Capt. John Williams, public information officer for the South Bend police. "That would not be fair to the other people in the community."

Both Williams and Shock said that students should not feel threatened by the possible dangers off-campus, but they strongly encourage students to take their own precautions to ensure their safety.

"Most students are not thinking about becoming crime victims and many times warnings get lost in their 'I am invincible' mind set," Shock said. "The truth is that the more you prepare yourself by thinking about the what-ifs, the more invincible you become."

Simple measures like staying in groups and taking cabs home, rather than walking, will make criminals much less likely to strike, she said. Both Sharon and the student mugged Jan. 17 were walking alone.

"Always swim in pairs," said Williams. "I'd encourage any other citizen to do the same thing. A criminal is much less likely to approach a group."

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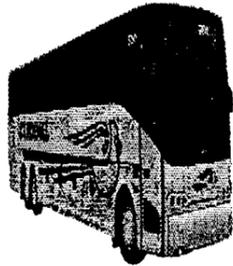
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Sunday, January 26, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
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Pizza will be served.

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Schwarz, Morton Grove, IL
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Senate approves \$390B spending bill after delays

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Senate approved a massive \$390 billion measure Thursday financing most federal agencies, blessing the long-delayed last chunk of this year's budget that stalled last fall in an election-season standoff with President Bush over spending.

The bill's 69-29 passage ended the first prolonged battle this year in the new Senate. The winners were the chamber's majority Republicans, who battled — and sometimes used budget sleight of hand — to keep the price tag within limits Bush demanded.

Passage set the stage for what could be prolonged negotiations with the House before a final measure can be sent to Bush for his signature.

White House budget chief Mitchell Daniels, a frequent sparring partner with Congress in disputes over spending, lauded the Senate for moving closer to finishing this year's budget in what he said was a fiscally prudent way.

"They have successfully joined with the president in saving taxpayers billions in unnecessary spending," Daniels said in a written statement.

Bush and Republicans said the bill reflects diminished resources caused by revived deficits and

the need to focus on fighting terrorism and restoring the economy. But Democrats said the wide-ranging bill shortchanges everything from hiring food inspectors to helping low-income school districts.

"They once again have failed to address some really critical areas: hospitals, education, homeland security," Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., said of Republicans.

The measure is a collection of 11 bills financing every agency except the Pentagon for the federal budget year that started Oct. 1 and is now nearly one-third over. Last year, Bush demanded lower spending than Democrats and some Republicans wanted, and House GOP leaders chose to avoid a potentially embarrassing campaign-season defeat for the president by shelving work on the legislation.

The Defense Department's budget was enacted last fall.

The sixth day of debate saw Democrats once again try and fail to boost spending for several programs, proposals that even in defeat would draw political distinctions between them and the GOP.

One amendment by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., to add \$548 million to the \$430 million already in the bill for five minority health programs, was



ROLL CALL

Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., speaks Thursday at a press conference. Santorum accused Democrats of inflating government spending, as the Senate passed a \$390 billion spending bill.

rejected by 51-47. Another by Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., to provide \$4 billion to ease scheduled cuts in reimbursements for Medicare providers lost by 56-41.

"We don't have unlimited

money and we can't solve every problem in the world and not every problem can be solved by spending more money," Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., told reporters.

In the kind of day that inspired

the classic comparison of legislating with sausage making, senators and aides huddling in the back of the Senate chamber argued, lobbied and cut deals on scores of last-minute additions to the package.

MEXICO

Residents fearful after 7.8-magnitude quake kills 28

Associated Press

TECOMAN

Ignoring police blockades, residents filtered into the ghostly center of this city Thursday to see what was left of their homes and businesses after a 7.8-magnitude earthquake devastated the area.

The quake Tuesday killed 28 people, injured 300 and left 10,000 homeless. Though only four were killed in Tecoman, a third of the city's buildings were destroyed.

"Everything has changed. Everything is destroyed," Alma Montes de Oca, 25, said when she saw the collapsed real estate

office where she works as a secretary.

Across the street, Mexican sailors worked to clear chunks of concrete that had toppled into the street from a bank.

Of the 28 deaths, 25 were in the state of Colima, and the majority of those died in the state capital, also called Colima. The region is about 300 miles west of Mexico City.

Rescue efforts were called off Thursday. Officials said they had retrieved all the bodies and survivors from the rubble.

"The worst of the emergency is over, the part about getting to people who could be trapped," said Javier Velasco,

secretary of Colima state civil defense council. "We don't have any people reported missing and we're pretty sure that there are no more people under the rubble."

At a disaster shelter improvised in a gymnasium in Tecoman, 20-year-old Erica Nunez spent the night on a thin foam pad with her two toddlers and her husband, Jose Antonio Guzman. Nunez recalled how they escaped their home as it collapsed in the quake.

"Some of the walls began to fall in, but we weren't hurt and we managed to get out," Nunez said as one of her boys slept on the mat at her feet. "It scared me a lot

and I got very nervous, so we came here to wait until the danger had passed."

Aftershocks continued to rattle the region. A 5.8-magnitude aftershock sent people rushing into the streets Wednesday, one of at least 12 tremors ranging in magnitude from 3.9 to 5.3 that have shaken the area since Tuesday.

About 20 neighbors in Tecoman, 25 miles south of Colima, slept in tents pitched on a soccer field, because they were afraid to return to their homes after large cracks appeared in the structures during the quake.

"We feel safer this way," said Lilia Murgia, 45, outside her tent.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Mideast urges Iraq compliance: Fearing war could trigger a crisis in the region, Iraq's neighbors urged Saddam Hussein on Thursday to cooperate fully with U.N. arms inspectors. They avoided any public call for the Iraqi leader to step down. Foreign ministers of six countries urged Iraq in a joint communique to "confirm its commitment under relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions" to disarm and "embark on the policy that will unambiguously inspire confidence to Iraq's neighbors."

Dutch parliament assembles: Dutch politicians on Thursday began what could be months of bargaining to form a coalition after elections that put centrist parties back in control and relegated an anti-immigration party to the far-right fringe. The Christian Democrats edged out a resurgent Labor Party by a 44-42 margin in the 150-seat parliament in Wednesday's vote, ensuring that Jan Peter Balkenende will remain prime minister for a second term.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Winter blast hits South: The arctic air that has had the East and Plains shivering for days spilled into the South on Thursday, bringing freak snowdrifts to North Carolina's Outer Banks and sending Florida citrus growers scrambling to save their freezing crops. "It's snowing its absolute fanny off," said Bob Eakes, a tackle shop owner in Buxton, N.C., where 40-mph winds created a beachfront blizzard that obliterated views of the nearby Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.

Four Marines killed in crash: Two military helicopters taking part in a nighttime anti-drug patrol crashed and burned in the dusty Texas scrubland near the Mexican border, killing all four Marine reservists on board. The AH1W Super Cobra helicopters went down Wednesday night amid the brush and cactus of Falcon State Park, about 110 miles northwest of Brownsville. Marine Corps spokesman Capt. Joe Kloppel said he had no immediate information on the cause of the crash.

Slain American mourned: Colleagues of an American software executive killed in Kuwait while working on a military contract remembered him as hardworking and caring. Michael Pouliot "was devoted to his work, but first and foremost he was devoted to his wife and children," said Riny Schoenmakers, who founded Tapestry Solutions Corp. with Pouliot and other partners in 1993. Pouliot and a colleague, David Caraway, were midway through a two-week job in Kuwait installing software for the U.S. military when they were ambused Thursday as they drove near a base.

NASA plays with fire: Space shuttle Columbia's astronauts created tiny, weak balls of flame Thursday in an experiment that could lead to better car engines. They ignited hydrogen and methane fuel inside a sealed chamber, and set records for the weakest flame and leanest mixture ever burned in space or on Earth, said the lead scientist, Paul Ronney of the University of Southern California at Los Angeles.

SMC adopts new e-mail server, printer policy

By MELANIE BECKER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Information Technology Department (IT) has experienced several problems in the last few months. Slow Internet service and Internet outages have caused frustration throughout campus. Another problem is the increase in student printing and paper use from the campus printer clusters.

But after having several troublesome problems with the server, Diamond and e-mail access, Keith Fowlkes, director of Information Technology, decided it was time to change the Internet provider.

An e-mail was sent out in December informing students, faculty and staff of the server changes. The e-mail said that the change would be completed during semester break and access to e-mail and other links through the college Web site would be unavailable for a short period of time.

All information was available to the student body during the break but as of yet, the changes have not been finished. Complications in the transition to Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) have delayed completion.

"We've been working on a framework for several months, making sure that we have attended to every detail in the development of this system. It is very complex and will need to be the framework that we use for the next five years or more and we ran into problems with building it," Fowlkes said.

Fowlkes expects to have the system running within a few weeks. IT will then phase out the older IMP system and move users to the new SunONE computer server. The

Saint Mary's community can expect a more user-friendly service, faster connections and greater reliability after the transition to the new server is finished.

"It will be nice when the new system is up and running. Now, the way the system is, it crashes once every week not allowing us to get e-mail," freshman Stephanie Lutz said. "I'm involved with ROTC and crucial information does not get through to me and I have to call around to get it. It would be more convenient if the network was more consistent."

No decision has been made about the increased use of paper on campus. Paper use from the printer clusters on campus has risen dramatically in the past two years, concerning the IT department that provides the supplies to the printer clusters.

"Our counts have shown that we go through 10,000 copies from our laser printer [in Trumper Computer Center] per week," Fowlkes said. "I believe the one thing that triggered the most concern was this year when we started receiving reports that students were coming in and taking reams of paper from the laser printer trays in the clusters."

Currently, students have unrestricted use of the printers but are expected to print only one copy of a document and photocopy additional copies. The faculty use of Blackboard has increased in the last year, forcing students to print more documents for their classes. Additionally, printing information is being sent from the computers to the wrong printer clusters in separate buildings.

The IT staff is looking into

redesigning the system in which the printing job is sent from the computer to the printer to cut down on wasted printing and paper; however, no formal solution has been

found. There are no current plans to begin charging students for printing, but students are asked to use more discretion in what they print and to print multiple

PowerPoint slides to a page.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL 2003

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Bust

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patrons were still inside talking to police.

A Notre Dame Security/Police official entered the bar carrying campus directories. Students said police used the directories to determine which patrons were students and to address the citations to their homes.

Word of the bust spread quickly. Many students flocked to the scene just to witness the action outside the club. Some honked their car horns and cheered as they drove by.

"It was unbelievable," said Dan Good, a senior and a regu-

lar Boat Club patron. "I never thought the day would happen, but with 20/20 hindsight, [missing student] Chad Sharon and the mugging [last week of a Notre Dame student walking home from Boat Club], we should have known."

Boat Club joins Bridget McGuire's, Irish Connection, Finnigan's and Benchwarmers on the list of popular student taverns to be raided by police in the past five years.

Kate Nagengast contributed to this report.

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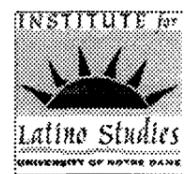
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NORTEL NETWORKS (NT)	+2.13	+0.05	2.40

IN BRIEF

UN group: 180M jobless worldwide

Unemployment around the world is likely to continue rising after reaching an estimated record 180 million in 2002, up more than 10 percent in two years, the International Labor Organization (ILO) warned on Friday. Women in export sectors such as textiles, and youth trying to get a first job, have been particularly hard hit by the worsening economic situation, the United Nations agency said. Another 550 million "working poor" live on \$1 or less a day, a return to heights last seen in 1998, according to the ILO report "Global Employment Trends."

Identity theft incidents up in 2002

The government received twice as many complaints about identity theft last year over 2001, with victims reporting hijacked credit cards, drained bank accounts and tarnished reputations. "This is a crime that is almost solely on the shoulders of the victim to resolve," said Beth Givens, director of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, a San Diego-based consumer group. "They're beleaguered, they're tired, they're angry and it takes them a good deal of time to recover."

Half of Americans in stock market

Slightly more than half of U.S. households owned stock in 2001, compared with about a third only a decade earlier, as the Wall Street boom of the 1990s pushed stock ownership to record levels. The big rise in stock prices, plus the longest economic expansion ever, helped to boost family balance sheets, the Federal Reserve reported Wednesday in the government's most extensive look at wealth in the country. The typical family's net worth — the difference between household assets and liabilities — rose to \$86,100 in 2001, a gain of 10.3 percent from 1998, after removing the effects of inflation. Family incomes were up in 2001, with the median, the midpoint for all families, at \$39,900, a gain of 9.6 percent from the last Fed survey in 1998.

AMR lost \$3.5 billion in 2002

◆ Execs deny Ch. 11 rumors, Southwest soars

Associated Press

DALLAS

The parent of American Airlines, the world's largest carrier, said Wednesday it lost \$529 million in the fourth quarter, bringing its annual loss to more than \$3.5 billion, an industry record.

Airline officials said travel demand has been hurt by fear of terrorism, a possible war with Iraq and a lackluster economy. They predicted an even larger after-tax loss in the current quarter.

The stock of parent AMR Corp. fell by nearly one-fourth.

Low-fare carrier Southwest Airlines bucked the industry trend by remaining profitable. However, its \$42.4 million fourth quarter profit was down 33 percent from a year ago.

American Airlines' parent AMR said it lost \$3.39 per share for the three months ended Dec. 31 compared with a net loss of \$798 million, or \$5.17 per share, a year earlier.

Revenue rose to \$4.19 billion from \$3.80 billion a year earlier.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call expected AMR would lose \$3.73 a share for the quarter.

For 2002, the company lost \$3.5 billion, or \$22.57 per share, compared with a 2001 net loss of \$1.8 billion, or \$11.43 per share. The annual loss dwarfed the previous record held by United Airlines, a \$2.1 billion loss in 2001. United is scheduled to release its quarterly earnings on Jan. 31.

AMR's revenue fell to \$17.3 billion from \$19 billion in 2001.

Officials said Fort Worth-based American is burning about \$5 million in cash a day and must borrow to meet payroll.

Chief financial officer



REUTERS

An American Airlines jet pulls into the gate at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport. American's parent, AMR Corp., posted aviation's largest yearly loss Thursday.

Jeffrey Campbell said AMR's first-quarter loss will be similar to the company's pre-tax loss of \$828 million in the fourth quarter. AMR has exhausted a tax benefit from prior losses that reduced its net loss by \$299 million in the just-concluded quarter and won't get that break next time, he said.

Chairman and chief executive Donald J. Carty said the fourth-quarter results were "unsustainable" and the company must rein in costs to meet the drop in revenue.

Carty repeated that the airline must cut \$4 billion in annual costs and has identified about half of that from measures such as layoffs, reduced flights and mothballing planes. He has said contracts with labor unions

must be restructured to return to profitability.

American has asked some union employees to give up promised pay raises. Union leaders haven't agreed yet, and they regard a pay freeze as the first step toward deeper concessions.

Carty has said that American does not plan to follow United Airlines and US Airways by filing for bankruptcy protection.

AMR has \$2.8 billion in cash and liquid assets, according to Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Campbell said AMR may be forced to renegotiate an \$834 million line of credit this June because it will probably fail to meet financial covenants on the loan.

The company's net debt to shareholder equity was

95.8 percent at year end, an all-time high, Campbell said.

AMR shares closed down \$1.13, or 23 percent, to \$3.77 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Dallas-based carrier earned 5 cents per share for the quarter ended Dec. 31, down from \$63.5 million, or 8 cents per share, for the same period in 2001.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call expected fourth-quarter earnings of 3 cents per share.

Revenue was \$1.4 billion, a 13 percent increase over \$1.24 billion in the year-ago period. For all of 2002, Southwest earned \$241 million or 30 cents per share, down 53 percent from \$511.1 million or 63 cents per share in 2001.

McDonald's posts first-ever loss

Associated Press

OAK BROOK, Ill.

McDonald's Corp. served up its first-ever quarterly loss Thursday, a larger-than-expected \$344 million, paying a price for a fast-expansion strategy gone awry.

Its results from the last three months of 2002 included \$810 million in charges for restaurant closings and other write-offs, as a new management team moves to erase past problems following an unprecedented decline.

The world's leading hamburger chain announced plans to close 719 of its 31,000 restaurants worldwide, and

chief executive Jim Cantalupo pledged to be "very selective" about adding new restaurants as he slows the expansion pace.

But the magnitude of the loss, plus the company's commitment to keep opening more restaurants than it closes, sent its stock — which traded above \$30 a share as recently as last summer — down to \$15 for the first time since 1995.

"We know we need to make changes," Cantalupo said on a conference call, pledging to reveal more comprehensive turnaround plans by the end of March. "I think you're going to see a lot of changes at McDonald's in the weeks and months ahead."

Industry analysts who think McDonald's has overdone its expansion in a saturated restaurant market want more — they want the company to stop growing and cut back.

"This is a company that's been a victim of its own success," said Howard Penney of SunTrust Robinson Humphrey. "The focus on operations is absolutely the right thing to do. But ... the road they are going down is one that will take years to fix."

The burger giant said it is closing 719 under-performing restaurants — including 240 in the United States and 175 in Japan — and that 202 of them already were shuttered in the fourth quarter.

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Scully's behavior deserves reprimand

Last Thursday's Mass for missing Notre Dame student Chad Sharon was an emotional event for the Sharon family, the men of Fisher Hall and the entire University community. But Father Timothy Scully, Notre Dame executive vice president, behaved with excessive emotion when he reportedly confronted a WNDU reporter and her cameraman for parking illegally behind Fisher Hall. His irresponsible behavior at such a significant University event merits a reprimand.

As both a University official and a resident of Fisher Hall, Scully's primary concern that night should have been comforting Sharon's family and friends — not bullying local media out of limited parking spaces behind the dorm. During the six weeks since Sharon's Dec. 12 disappearance, local media have been essential to the effective distribution of information to help the University and local police find Sharon.

Although the Mass in Sharon's honor was a sacred affair, the University established guidelines for media coverage in advance to ensure privacy. Scully confronted the crew from the University-owned NBC affiliate WNDU about a parking issue before the Mass began, but even after the incident, they moved

their vehicles and abided by the previously established rules. Local CBS affiliate WSBT probably also would have respected the University's wishes regarding the Mass, but its reporter left without the footage for which she came after Scully confronted her as well. WNDU's cameraman called the incident "disturbing" and claimed that Scully's breath smelled of alcohol.

While it would never be acceptable for the University's third ranking officer to confront the local media in such a way, it is especially embarrassing for Scully to have acted so rudely at such a meaningful event — especially toward those who have been so instrumental in the search for Sharon.

Scully reportedly apologized for both incidents and has contributed a great deal to the Notre Dame community since he became a Holy Cross priest in 1981, including founding the Alliance for Catholic Education and Holy Cross Associates and serves as the chairman of WNDU's board of directors. However, neither his achievements nor his rank excuse his behavior. Scully's actions last Thursday were inappropriate and irresponsible, and the University should acknowledge this by reprimanding him.

The Observer Editorial

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Examining SUVs' link to terrorism

In regards to the recent debate over a possible link between sport utility vehicle owners and terrorists, I'll proceed with the assumption that the link is specious at best. Terrorism seems to be the operative motivator of late.

However, I think you can take that same argument of SUVs equating terrorism and examine it in a different light.

A terrorist could be defined as someone who, through particular actions, forcibly exerts their will upon the populace. An SUV owner, in a sense, does that exact same thing.

Ecologists recognize this as a modified "tragedy of the commons," in which an individual takes a commodity common to all while it is plentiful in order to maximize their personal gains. In this case the commons happen to be clean air, clean water and a sufficient supply of petroleum. Most of us have probably never had it any other way, and yet clearly these are finite resources, as evidenced by increases both in atmospheric levels of greenhouse gases and dependence on foreign oil.

So, while I'll reiterate that no SUV owner intends for their use of that par-

ticular vehicle to be construed as unpatriotic, you have to ask what their actions are ultimately dictating for the rest of us.

The government has been diligent in enforcing corporate compliance with clean air legislation, and yet no fuel efficiency standards on SUVs exist. Perhaps that is the place to start.

Andrew Chaffee
senior
Morissey Manor
Jan. 21

War on Iraq will confirm America's imperial designs

It is a tragedy that America will be going to war with Iraq without any evidence that Saddam Hussein is amassing nuclear weapons for future use against us.

Since thousands of Iraqis will die as a result, I don't believe this victory is worthy of celebration as our victory in the Persian Gulf was in 1990.

Nevertheless, this senseless war is but a distraction from a far greater historical development than America's crushing of a smaller and weaker nation. Instead, this war hails America as the new "imperator" of the world.

Several years after the collapse of the Soviet Union left America as the world's sole superpower, somebody asked historian Paul Kennedy if England was the last nation to hold such a preeminent status militarily and economically. Kennedy corrected the questioner and said, "Try Rome."

Kennedy was only partially correct. Unlike the Roman Empire, America always sought the cooperation of other nations in dictating the affairs of this world — until now.

For the first time, like ancient Rome, America will be dictating the affairs of this world regardless of virtually every other nation, including, among others, France, Germany, Russia and China.

Thus, America finally stands astride the world as a mighty colossus with arms confidently folded across its breast — capable of not just influencing but also controlling the destinies of every other nation, even their ability to buy and sell on the world market. If you don't believe me, just ask the Iraqis who survive the coming war.

As a citizen and self-considered patriot of the America and the ideals she claims to stand for, it is both a proud and awful feeling.

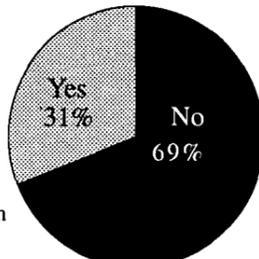
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Should colleges be allowed to use race as a factor in admissions decisions?



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"America is addicted to wars of distraction."

Barbara Ehrenreich
U.S. author, columnist

VIEWPOINT

Friday, January 24, 2003

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It's not that I hate the OIT

It's just that someone needs to be honest. So I'm sitting here waiting for a page to load on my Internet browser. And waiting. And waiting. I figured, heck, I'll start writing my column while this page — from foxnews.com no less — continues to load. Then the thought hit me: Why do I pay Notre Dame for a modern, speedy Internet connection when, fresh in my mind, I can remember my modem loading pages faster at home?

John Little

Frankly
Obnoxious

Now, I have to be honest, at the current time I'm employed by the OIT and have been for years.

This experience has given me a window into the inner workings of the OIT at its outermost level. Even without this information, anyone with any technology knowledge can tell you there is no acceptable reason why we should have to endure a minute(s) long wait for a page from a large national website.

There is an unacceptable reason, of course, that we do have to wait: Campus students in their dorms connect to the Internet on a totally different connection than administrators and the people working in the OIT itself. Without getting technical, imagine that our Internet connection is a roadway. All 7,000 students on campus share one road of a certain size, compared to the much lesser number of administrators and OIT workers who share a completely separate road that is 1.4 times larger. Oh yeah, and add in that they drive in a car 10 times faster than ours. We get a Dodge Neon, they get a Dodge Viper.

So while we languish in wait trying to do the most menial research, administrators and the techs who are (believe it or not) supposed to be working for us students are enjoying super-fast uninterrupted Internet. They are content to sit idly by while we experience sub-56k Internet speeds and enjoy the fast internet connection that we students are paying for, and they do this all with one flimsy excuse: MP3s.

Apparently Notre Dame is incapable of supporting a network that can transfer small three-megabyte files amongst users and the outside world. Instead of actually operating as they should — as a simple Internet service provider — the OIT has grasped onto

the term "MP3" and decided to use it as a crutch and an excuse for their poor job performance.

"The campus backbone is completely maxed out, and page loading times are up to two minutes," a student complains.

"It's students and their darn MP3s," responds the OIT.

"Everyone on campus has been infected by the same destructive virus, and a hacker stole everyone's social security numbers and passwords (for the second time in two weeks)," gripes a student.

"It's all those file trading programs again, you know they spread viruses. Viruses don't use e-mail anymore," postulates an astute employee.

It's ridiculous, and I'm not buying it. You shouldn't either. The first point at issue is that it really doesn't matter what students are downloading from the Internet, barring that they're starting their own corporate websites and such. It's the OIT's job, as an Internet service provider, to provide a fast, reliable Internet connection. Let's face it; if they were AT&T, we'd have switched to Comcast long ago. Digging up excuses for why the network and Internet are slow is useless; it's their job to fix it no matter what the issue is.

Yes, and fix it for real, not fix it by breaking it. Packeteer: that's what they think will solve our networking woes. Think of it as an Internet traffic cop. It slows down information on the Internet that the OIT deems less important. This way theoretically Web pages load faster but downloads take longer. If you've ever tried to use a file-sharing program on

campus, you've noted that you can download at home on a modem faster than you can here. That's because the OIT in its infinite wisdom has decided for you that those files aren't important. Of course, Packeteer does not run on the Administration/OIT connection. Again, if they were AT&T Internet,

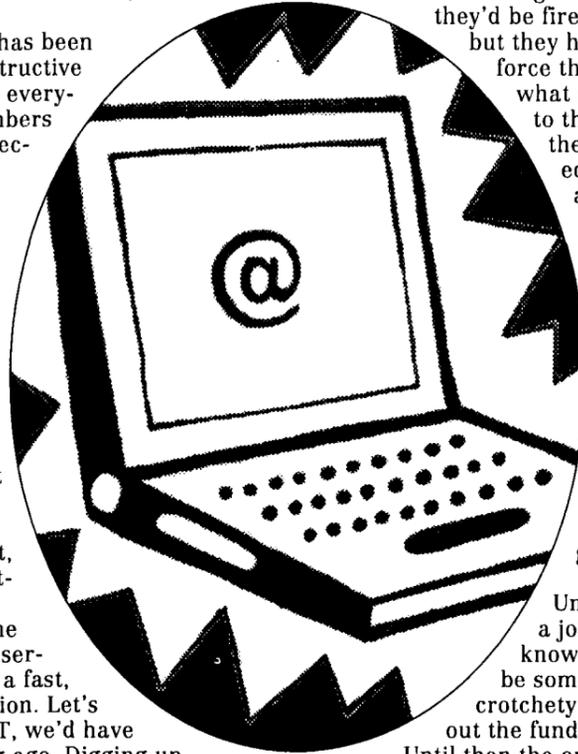
they'd be fired and we'd find something else, but they have no competition, so they just force this down our throats. I mean, what are we going to do? Complain to the administration? Yeah right, they've already been indoctrinated with the MP3 blame game, and what do priests know about the Internet anyway?

Well here's my proposition, and of course it will never happen, but I think that workers in the administration should be given access speeds to the Internet equal to the slowest speeds anyone is offered on campus. This way, day in and day out, they can see and feel the enraging slowness we experience during peak hours and perhaps gain the motivation to fix it. Perhaps when everyone at the University comes to realize what a joke our Internet service is (you know, the one we pay for) there can be some change — say for instance the crotchety old administration squeezing out the funds needed to solve the problem.

Until then the only thing we're going to get from the OIT will be blame, excuses and misguided workarounds.

John Little is a senior MIS major and campus RCA (at least for now). Contact him at jlittle@nd.edu. He'll be interested in finding out if the OIT can respond professionally to a complaint from a customer. His column runs every other Friday.

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



GUEST COLUMN

U.N. leaps into Libya's lap

TUCSON, Ariz.

The United Nations revealed the extent of its moral bankruptcy Monday when all but three member nations voted Libya — a repressive regime still under U.N. sanctions for financing the 1988 Lockerbie bombing — to chair its top council on human rights.

Eric Flesch

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The United States demanded the vote after African countries granted their turn by a half-century of U.N. tradition, nominated the North African country to chair the 53-member U.N. Commission on Human Rights. But along with the United States, only Canada and Guatemala voted no, despite the fact that human rights groups consider Libya one of the world's worst abusers — one that has not had a free election since Colonel Moammar Gadhafi seized power in 1969.

European Union diplomats claimed to be dismayed at the nomination, yet seven abstained from voting — saying Europe didn't want to alienate Africa and other developing countries. Ten other countries also abstained. In other words, 50 member countries decided it is more important to uphold tradition — not rock the boat, protect people's

feelings, take the middle path, live and let live, celebrate diversity, exalt consensus, respect the sovereignty of each and every regime blindly — than to defend the integrity of the international watchdog group's mission.

What is the mission of the Human Rights Commission? To promote and protect human rights. Rights define freedoms of action that may never be morally compromised by any person or group — not even a government. States that exalt rights are "good guys," and those that treat the lives, property and happiness of its citizens as sacrificial fodder are "bad guys."

And yet, Najat al-Hajjaji, the Libyan representative to the United Nations, said the U.S. denunciation of Libya's nomination set "a bad precedent" because it worsens divisions in the world by labeling countries as "bad guys or good guys." The Associated Press reported, "I don't think there is any country free of human rights violations," she added.

What kind of country is so quick to defend the honor of human rights abusers? One that conducts arbitrary arrests to suppress domestic opposition, tortures and detains prisoners for years without trial and orders extrajudicial killings. One that openly supports violent organizations like the Irish Republican Army and is held responsi-

ble for the 1988 bombing of a Pan-Am jet over Lockerbie, Scotland, which killed 270 people. Joanna Weschler of Human Rights Watch said simply, "Over the past three decades, Libya's human rights record has been appalling."

Why should the United Nations vote so overwhelmingly to make Libya its poster child for human rights? For the same reason it voted in 2001 not to reappoint the United States to its seat on the commission — giving a seat instead to Sudan, a country that tolerates the practice of slavery. Member nations abhor the principle that just laws are objective and absolute. They believe morality is subjective and a matter of nationality or race. How should the United Nations judge what kind of behavior is appropriate? Majority vote, they say.

Peer pressure is denounced as a negative standard of value for preteens in America, yet the United Nations holds it sacred. Al-Hajjaji said in a speech after her election that she would rely on the body's collective wisdom and that she would avoid "as far as possible" making decisions on a personal basis. What about making decisions according to the principle of championing human rights?

Abandoning principles for consensus, the United Nations has lost sight of any

possible value it may have offered to world security, and the United States must recognize it for what it is. As Reuters reported back in 1991, "the 53-member commission [is] turning into an 'abuser solidarity' group with more and more countries with questionable human rights records gaining election and then voting as a bloc against singling out individual nations for human rights abuses." Writer-philosopher Ayn Rand put it another way: The United Nations is like "a crime-fighting committee whose board of directors includes the leading gangsters of the community."

While cooperating with other countries is an appropriate way for the United States to promote international peace and create wealth, supporting an organization that serves the interests of human rights abusers is outrageous — especially at a time when the world is looking to the United Nations as the final arbiter on any possible war against dictator Saddam Hussein.

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SCENE *campus*



Above, Rose Lindgren plays Madame Pernelle accompanied by Dorine played by Mary Anne Lewis, and Elmire played by Maribel Morey engage in conversation with Un Exempt. To the left, Mary Anne Lewis. Below, Valere comforts Orgon as the rest of the cast looks on.

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Tart

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Everyone is familiar with William Shakespeare, the greatest playwright of the English language. His plays have helped define literature and culture since his own time.

Not so many people are familiar with the works of Jean Baptiste de Poquelin, famously known as Molière. The great French playwright wrote comedies and farces in the 17th century that continue to influence drama today. Molière's insightful portrayals of human vanity, hypocrisy and greed made him a controversial but timeless playwright.

Molière's portrayal of a scheming religious hypocrite in "Tartuffe" was particularly unpopular with the Catholic Church, and was banned twice after its publication. Tartuffe, the hypocrite, ingratiates himself with a wealthy gentleman named Orgon, who tries to convince his daughter Mariane to marry Tartuffe even as the hypocrite tries to seduce Orgon's wife Elmire. When Orgon refuses to believe the allegations that Tartuffe is a schemer and a liar, Elmire must devise a plot to reveal Tartuffe's true character.

Professor Paul McDowell, whose French Theatre class is presenting the play this weekend, feels the play was banned because it was particularly insightful. "There was so much outrage because he hit the nail on the head," said McDowell. "It's a perfect depiction."

In McDowell's presentation of "Tartuffe", the actors and director attempt to present Molière's classic play as it might be seen in France — down to performing it in the original French.

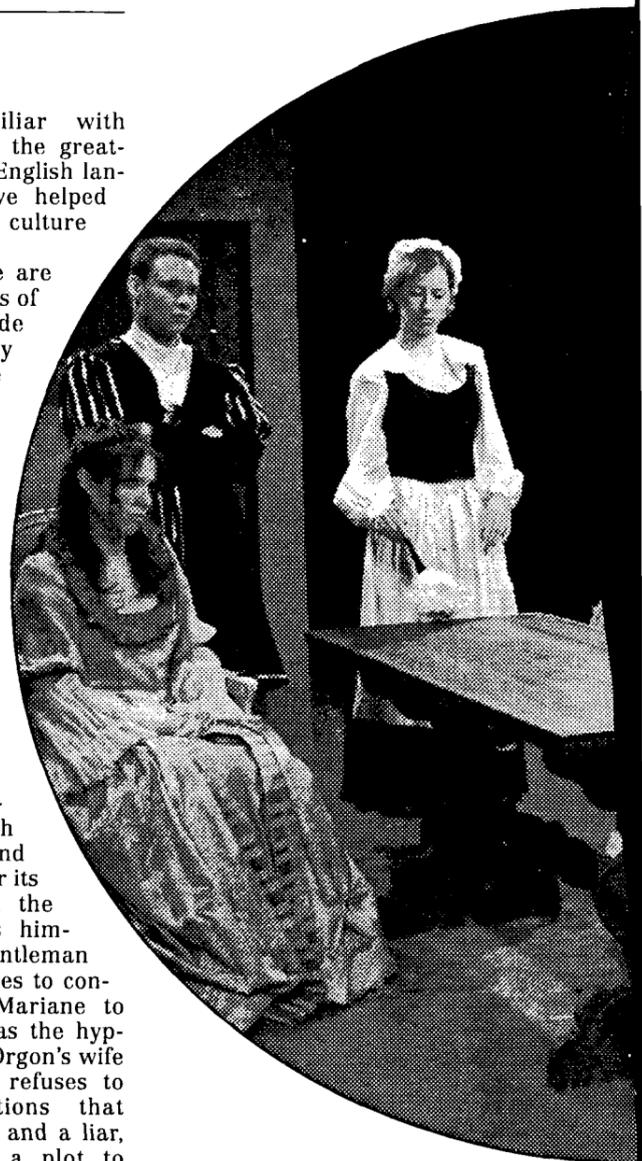
McDowell's class has presented a play in French every fall for the past 10 years. Many advanced French students audition for spots.

"These plays are not usually done as classes with undergraduate students anywhere else," said McDowell. "It's a unique thing."

While most of the students have studied in France, few have much experience with drama. The class is an exciting experience for many of the actors.

"At first it was scary," said Mary Anne Lewis. "Now it's awesome."

"It's really cool to read it, and then watch the characters pop out of the page," said Maribel Morey.

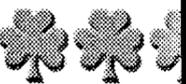


Although few students speak enough French to follow the dialogue of a play in French, McDowell's show have sold out for the past nine years.

McDowell prepares a detailed summary to help audience members follow the action. The actors also make the play more comprehensible by using physical humor and exaggerated characters.

"Two things never fail to amaze me," said McDowell. "First, the number of students who participate in the class, and second, how many spectators show up."

"Tart



Presented by the
Theatre

Director: Paul McDowell
Playwright: Moliere
Actors: Rose Lindgren, Joe Hor
Vargas, Kelly Faehnle, John Do
Anne Lewis, Sarah Goodman, C
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"Tartuffe" opened Thursday in
Hall. General Admisison is \$5.
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student government

INSIDE

What does student government do? While many students are either indifferent or think that it accomplishes nothing, Libby Bishop, student body president, said the real work occurs behind the scenes.

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Unlike many previous student body vice presidents, Trip Foley is a senior. Over the past year he has expanded the role of this position, while still balancing authority with Libby Bishop.

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What does Saint Mary's Board of Governance do with its money? With approximately \$200,000 in funds to allocate, BOG can be likened to the Saint Mary's student activities bank.

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Many factors limit student government

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Associate News Editor

Students on campus know student government exists but many are unaware of what officials do and accomplish.

Libby Bishop, student body president, said she entered office hoping to increase publicity of what student government accomplishes. She soon became frustrated because she realized students still question what student government does.

"It's a lot to take on faith. It's frustrating because the most important work you do is work that students can't know about because it's confidential opinions on future plans," she said.

Bishop said she and Trip Foley, student body vice president, entered office with many goals and quickly learned that many of these goals would be difficult to accomplish.

"You can't know until you are actually in the job how difficult and multifaceted the job is," said Bishop.

Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities, said the effectiveness of a government depends on the committees, students and thoroughness of the transition. He said it is sometimes difficult for students to see the accomplishments of student government and the interaction between students and administrators because they are on different time schedules.

"For students one year here is 25 percent of their lives, while for the University one year is 1/160 of its existence. For administrators who have careers here, pushing through a project in two or three years seems reasonable," he said.

Coughlin said students think student government does not make any strides because they rarely see immediate results.

Often times it is difficult for not just the Office of the Student Body President but the Student Senate as well to produce visible results for students due to the structure of student government and communication with administrators.

Structure

Though some students may move within the student government structure during their Notre Dame career,

the typical Notre Dame student government official holds his post for one year.

The limited time frame can create a problem for leaders because they experience a transition period, then spend time establishing contacts and developing projects, and by the time they are ready to produce or have produced results the election season begins for the next government.

Bishop said it was helpful to spend the summer reading the reports of previous administrations and learning

what ideas worked and which did not. She said most administrations will pick up where the previous administrations left off when dealing with the University. Her administration kept or modified some of the projects that Brooke Norton's, last year's student union president, administration had such as the Last Lecture Series and the informational posters.

Bishop said she recently realized how short her term was while working on a project and a Student Activities official reminded her that the next administration may not necessarily wish to continue the project.

This is a reality that occurs in student government with an annual

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overturn because each administration implements its own projects and begins anew every April. Bishop said the one-year term was beneficial because it requires leaders to give 110 percent. She said each leader brings a new perspective to the office and though this may make the transition longer, it does provide variety.

Along with a new administration entering the Office of the President in April, 27 senators are installed as well. Although senators may serve for two terms, it is unusual for senators to do so. Blake Haan, Keenan Hall senator, is the only returning senator from last year's Senate.

Haan said the transition reports

from last year along with last year's senators attending meetings aided this year's Senate.

"The reports were beneficial because the ideas are still relevant and it would be a shame to take work from last year and throw it out," said Haan.

He said this year's Senate is younger and more focused on longer term projects and their results may not be as apparent.

Communication

At the Jan. 15 Senate meeting, Trip Foley said communication between students and administrators is strained due to a lack of respect for students.

"I have also seen a lack of respect in my own dealings with administrators who fail to recognize the intelligence, thoughtfulness, and maturity of Notre Dame students," said Foley. "Instead, they erroneously believe that we cannot make meaningful contributions and that our opinions on a wide range of issues, including those related to the policies and governance of the University, should not be considered."

Foley said senators told him they frequently experienced difficulties when trying to meet with certain administrators and obtaining pertinent information. He said he thought most if not all of the senators' projects could be accomplished, but that resistance makes it difficult to generate changes.

Bishop said she was disappointed to

hear of the senators' experiences and said she did not encounter similar situations with University officials.

Bishop said she deals directly with high-ranking officials and

attributes the professionalism of previous student body presidents for establishing the respect that comes with her title. She said administrators can depend on the opinions, dedication and responsibility of student body presidents because they are accountable to the student body and have earned respect.

She said senators meet with several departments inconsistently ranging from simple questions to larger pro-

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Do you think student government is meeting student needs?



Rachel Ramos
sophomore

"Not enough because I don't know anything about it."



John Dugan
senior

"Sure, I haven't really had any interactions with student government but I haven't had any complaints either."



Stephen Heiny
freshman

"As far as I can tell. I'm not really aware of all they're doing."



Gina Martell
senior

"Yeah, so far. They provide a lot of services . . . They represent students to administration on all issues."



Liz Tran
sophomore

"I don't think student government meets my need but I don't have time to participate. But they attempt to cater to as many people's needs as possible."



Prince Lowe
freshman

"In many ways it does provide opportunity for students to broaden their horizons . . . [but] it fails to take into account the needs of the entire populace."



Kevin Bott
sophomore

"I would say yes, for the most part. I have no idea what they do but I don't have any major problems or complaints."



Kelly Kerney
graduate student

"I had to pay \$55 and I don't see what I am paying for."

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Bishop, Foley shine in and out of public light

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

Libby Bishop and Trip Foley sparked in a glaring spotlight last spring, essentially entering office more publicly and sooner than any of their student government predecessors.

When the light retreated, so did they — to the drawing board to begin work on the campaign platform that had won them election in the first place.

A semester later, the strategy, while not totally of their own design, has proved savvy.

For Bishop, the student body president, and Foley, her vice president, the past 10 months in office have brought small but important successes dwarfed in the shadow of one crowning defeat that still leaves a bad taste.

The 2002-03 Office of the President is marked by an evident duality. There is the rebellious, outspoken Bishop-Foley administration that shone in the public eye for six weeks last spring, staging protests and serving as soundboard for a booming student outcry. And there is the administration as of late that has toiled behind the scenes — and often behind closed doors — building rapport with the University officials with whom even other school leaders get scant face-time.

The schizophrenic roles are the product of a single issue that splits their term neatly in half: controversy over changes to the alcohol policy. Notre Dame administrators announced changes to the policy in March, and fierce student opposition immediately ensued. Bishop and Foley were elected in February and didn't enter office until April 1.

But immediately after word of the changes filtered across campus, the then-student body president- and vice president-elect became de facto student leaders.

The weeks leading up to and following the official start of their term was a baptism by

fire.

"I don't know of anyone else since we've been here who's had to step into such a major situation," said Foley, a senior. "We essentially had to take over earlier than normal and didn't have that full transition period that you want."

The vice president assured, "It was an issue that we wanted to fight. And we did."

Vehemently.

Bishop and Foley challenged that administrators were making unilateral policy decisions with little student input. In particular, they took issue with the in-hall dance ban, saying it dealt a sucker-punch to campus tradition.

As the new student government officers led the way last spring, their constituents followed.

Hundreds of undergraduates, in part at Bishop and Foley's behest, flocked to a March rally that ended in a sign-waving, student handbook-burning march to Main Building. Students showed up in scores, too, to a contentious Campus Life Council meeting where the Student Affairs vice president formally presented alcohol policy changes. And in April, Bishop and Foley began a petition that collected more than 4,000 signatures — almost half the undergraduate population — and forwarded the appeal to administrators' desks.

Until the Board of Trustees approved the policy revisions last spring, "we were holding out hope that things could change," Foley said.

Giving up stung, but a defiant Foley didn't count it as a loss.

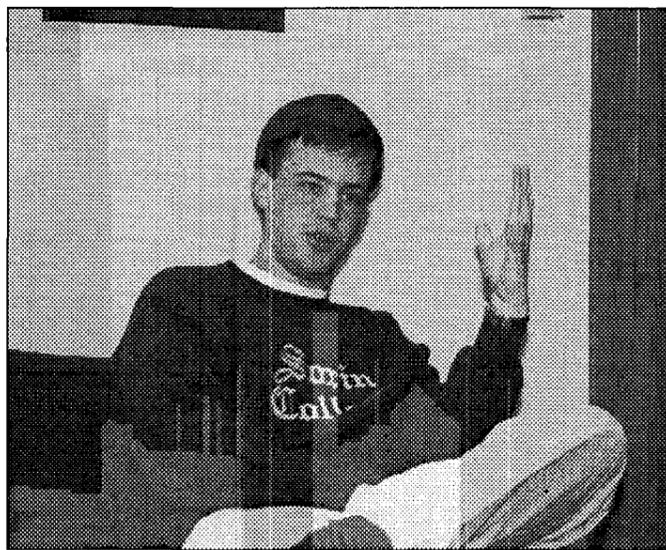
"We didn't lose," he said. "By the time we got involved, they'd been working on these changes for two years without significant student input. There was really nothing more we could have done."

But both the president and vice president are confident that they fought harder for student interests than others in their position would have.

Indeed, that's the type of attitude that carried them to victory in last February's election.

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Bishop is the first to admit that her campaign platform was idealistic. Still, she and Foley accomplished — or at least began work on — many of the goals. At the same time, some projects fell by the wayside, although some rightfully so. Bishop and Foley have been effective student leaders, whether waging a public fight against the alcohol policy or reporting privately to the Board of Trustees. But events such as last fall's coed week, Bishop's pet project, flopped and were out of touch with student interests. This administration would do well to get back to the basics of the "more student, less government" agenda that swung last year's election.



Observer file photos

Far right, Trip Foley, student body vice president, discusses strategies for student government during a staff meeting. Above, Libby Bishop, student body president, delivers her State of the Student Union address earlier in the year.

They campaigned on the platform of "more student, less government," promising to get tough on red tape and bureaucracy and to better facilitate the programs and activities of other groups instead of sponsoring countless ones of their own. What policy or programming ideas they did have, they promised, would take a phone call — not a committee — to execute.

Once summer arrived and continuing the alcohol fight became fruitless, Bishop and Foley could finally turn their

attention to their platform goals. Up to that point, they had relied on their appointed division heads to take charge of projects in such areas as cultural diversity, athletics and service and spirituality.

Enter Phase Two of the Bishop-Foley administration.

For a brilliant month and a half, the pair had been very public officials. Bishop had become the University's second female student body president, and more significantly, they both had led an organized student movement against

changes to the alcohol policy.

Then, last summer, with Foley at an internship in New York, Bishop and her chief of staff, Pat Hallahan, remained on campus and kept a resolute eye on administrators as they prepared to implement the alcohol changes. Bishop and Hallahan were in frequent contact with student-life officials and were given a voice in drafting the actual policy revisions.

It signaled the origin of an administration whose priorities

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Campaign Checklist



VISITING DORM MASSES

Bishop and Foley split up the 27 dorms and have visited all but two of the halls to get student feedback on campus issues.



DOMER DOLLARS EXPANSION

They wanted to expand the Dollars' use to Senior Bar. Unfortunately, it closed.



PEP RALLY IMPROVEMENT

The rallies improved, but not necessarily because of Bishop and Foley. A winning season and a new coach get credit for that.



PRINT ALLOTMENT SHARING

This goal hasn't even been on Bishop and Foley's radar screen — or students'.



CAMPUS BOOK SWAP

Somehow a bookswap each semester in LaFortune doesn't seem as convenient as new on-line venues for selling textbooks. Thank goodness they dropped this idea.



UNIVERSAL DORM ACCESS

Student leaders stayed on top of this issue and now students have access to nearly all dorms during visiting hours.



COED WEEK

This was certainly a worthwhile project, but the events weren't stellar. Kickball on the quad? A showing of "The Godfather"? Bishop and Foley could have done better.



TAILGATING POLICY

Bishop and her chief of staff, Pat Hallahan, played a significant role in seeing that administrators devised a fair, convenient tailgating policy last fall. They even worked over the summer with officials.



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY LECTURE SERIES

Bishop and Foley delivered on few of their diversity initiatives. The campus-wide fair was good, but this lecture series would have been better.



FROSH 0 CAMPING ACTIVITY

Bishop and Foley stayed away from this idea. And rightfully so. Camping during Freshman Orientation? Like that would ever fly.



ENHANCED BUS SHUTTLE

The pair made great headway with its plans to improve shuttle service. There's now an express route from Notre Dame to Saint Mary's, and Bishop and Foley organized shuttle service to the airport before fall, Thanksgiving and winter breaks.

Foley takes on shared role in Office of the President

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

Libby Bishop and Trip Foley attend separate meetings, chair separate committees and have separate ideas on running the Notre Dame Student Union effectively.

They even have separate offices in their student government headquarters on the second floor of LaFortune Student Center.

At the end of the day, though, they find common ground in the Office of the Student Body President. Technically, it's her office. In practice, it's hers and his.

Bishop doesn't mind sharing.

"We ran as a team, and that's how we work in this office," Bishop said.

"When we plan things, we plan together. That's how we knew it would be from the start."

The influential role Foley plays in shaping the office's policy makes him a rarity among Notre Dame student body vice presidents. In the past, the Office of the President has been a one-man show (a one-woman show after Brooke Norton's election in 2001). The president tended to the administration of the office, and the vice president was able to concentrate on his or her role as

chair of Student Senate.

But Foley hasn't shrunk in Bishop's shadow. And she doesn't want him to.

"It's not the kind of situation where I'm his boss or where he works for me," she said. "Having him so involved here lets us collaborate on all the issues and ideas that were a part of our campaign platform last year."

Foley can afford to hang around the office.

Unlike many of his predecessors, he has been vice president as a senior. Most vice presidents are juniors.

More significantly, Foley served as student union secretary two years ago. In that job, he recorded minutes and was a non-voting member of Senate and the Campus Life Council. He also sat on the Executive Cabinet of

then-Student Body President Brian O'Donoghue.

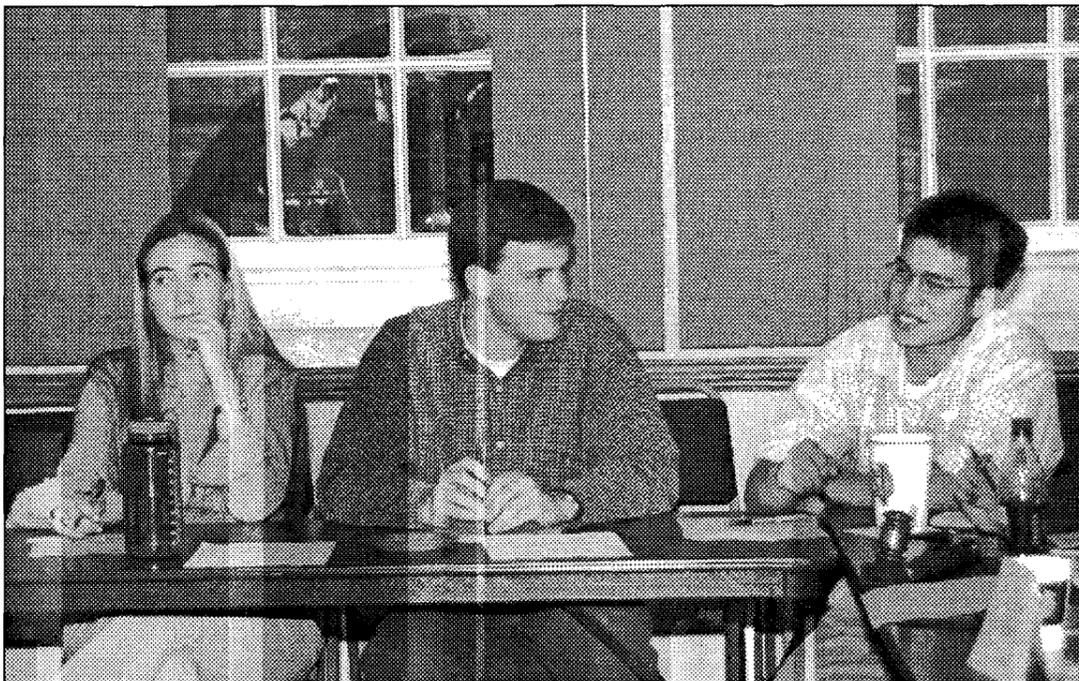
"Being secretary definitely helped make the learning curve not too steep," Foley said. "I knew how Senate worked and could spend more time in the Office of the President."

Foley estimated that he divides his work evenly between Senate and the president's office.

Often, the work overlaps. Senate committee chairs and Office of the President division

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Libby Bishop
student body president



Trip Foley, student body vice president, converses with members of Executive Cabinet and provides his insight on the issue.

heads alike use Foley as a sounding board for ideas. The resolutions his senators pass on Wednesday will be up for discussion at Bishop's Executive Cabinet meetings the following Monday. And what begins as a Senate report may find its way into one of the three presentations that the Office of the President makes to the University's Board of Trustees.

But Bishop and Foley don't do everything together.

Bishop, by virtue of her position as president, is asked to sit on various University committees that Foley is excluded

from. She gets regular face-time with administrators, while Foley and senators say they're happy to get a phone call returned.

In an unconnected occurrence, Bishop next month is going solo to the trustees meeting in Naples, Fla., while Foley takes the LSATs.

Ideologically, they're not always headed in the same direction either.

Foley, for instance, said he often felt disrespected and that Senate wasn't taken seriously by University officials. Bishop, on the other hand, praised the relationships she has built with

administrators and said they "have always been supportive" of her office's initiatives.

They agree to disagree. "Do we have differences of opinions?" Foley said. "All the time."

"But we know how to sit down and work them out and compromise to do what's ultimately best for the student body," Bishop said.

And that's made for a shared new Office of the President this year, with room for her opinion — and his.

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"I am among you as one who serves."

-Luke 22:27

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STUDENT SENATE

Senate redeems itself in recent weeks

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While it may not be immediately apparent, Student Senate is beginning to make strides and see results for its work.

Senators were forced to adjust to their new roles as student leaders as the alcohol policy debate unraveled on campus. The Residence Life committee picked up where its predecessors left off and within a month worked with members of the Campus Life Council, researched dances and drafted a resolution asking that in-hall dances continue for a probationary year. Although the resolution failed to pass in CLC, it did show promise that this Senate was capable and prepared to tackle important issues.

Senate returned in August, but it was not until November that actual results of their work were evident in the form of resolutions or letters. For the two and half months in between, senate meetings mostly consisted of committee reports, a resolution concerning attendance policies and guest speakers, who informed senators of campus issues and allowed senators to express their concerns and ask questions.

Trip Foley, student body vice president and Senate chair, said results are not always in the form of resolutions or open letters and senators accomplished much behind the scenes through research and communicating with administrators in order to be fully prepared when they make a proposal.

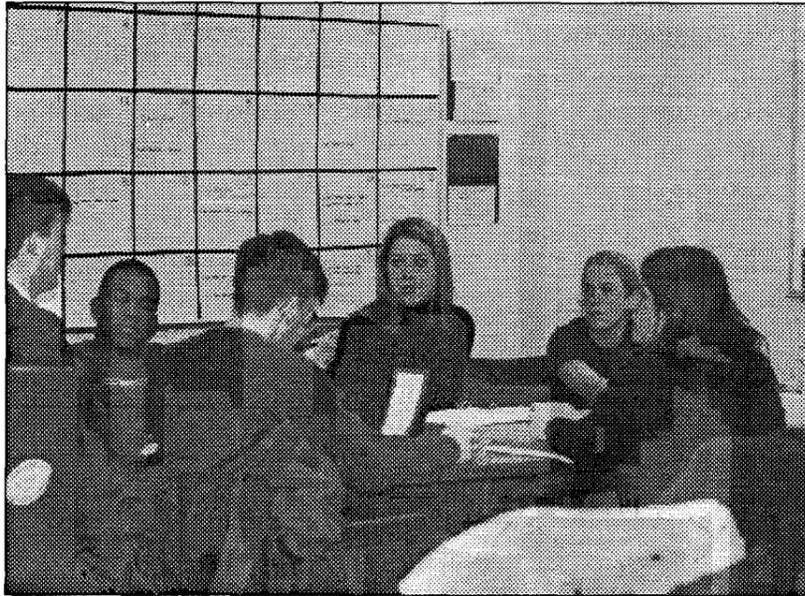
"Senators met in their committees, talked with whomever they needed to. A lot of the time they got quick feedback on their projects and there was not a reason for a letter or resolution, while others ran into a wall," said Foley.

Foley said sometimes results are often seen through communication. He said open letters were effective because they spur discussion and show that the committee thoroughly researched the subject.

Foley said research for many projects is moving into the resolution or open-letter phase and that more tangible results should be seen in the spring semester.

Academic Affairs

Under the leadership of Kate Schlosser, Pangborn Hall senator, and Jeremy Staley, Sorin Hall senator, this committee returned in the fall with every intention of not just setting goals for itself but accomplishing them. The committee wrote a mission statement



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Trip Foley, student body vice president, far left, leads senators in discussion at a Student Senate Steering Committee meeting.

and outlined goals in September, which included researching First Year of Studies, distance learning and placement credit.

Academic Affairs can cross all three of these goals off its list.

In December, Senate unanimously passed a detailed a strongly worded resolution asking First Year of Studies to evaluate itself and address student's needs. As a result, lines of communication between the committee and FYS increased.

The committee drafted a letter asking the University to provide more opportunities for distance learning and Staley said a resolution should be expected in a couple of weeks. Last week, Senate approved a letter asking FYS to expand the amount of International Baccalaureate credits it accepts.

Staley said Academic Affairs hopes to continue its progress this spring by reestablishing a Bookstore committee that will look into the feasibility of ROTC being recognized as a minor, passing a joint resolution with Faculty Senate to expand Teacher Course Evaluations and make them accessible to students and establishing certificate courses through the Office of Information Technologies.

Cultural

Though this committee's work may not always be apparent in Senate through resolutions or letters, members deal more with communicating with University officials and spreading the word about multicultural events,

said Courtney Kohout, the committee's chair.

Early in its term, the committee established communication with Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services; Connie Peterson-Miller, assistant director of International Student Services and Activities; and OutreachND.

The committee promoted the fall multicultural fair, trained dorm multicultural commissioners and planned the Celebration Diversity Workshop, which is mandatory for all senators. A second workshop is planned for the spring semester for other student government officers.

Ethics

The Ethics committee heeded the advice of the previous Senate and drafted a resolution regarding Senate attendance policies, which was unanimously approved. Ethics chair Joanna Cornwell said her committee worked extensively on the wording of the resolution to make it clear and flexible so that excused and unexcused absences could be determined by either the Student Union Secretary or the committee chair.

Gender Issues

The work of this committee can be seen hanging in dorm bathrooms and outside resident assistants' doors. After several meetings with University officials, Gender Issues completed and distributed the Sexual Assault Awareness Poster, a project began by the previous Senate.

Courtney Badgley, Gender Issues chair, said other projects such as the Frosh-O and parietsals survey were stalled because they are awaiting approval from the psychology department and committee members encountered difficulties tracking down the correct sources.

Badgley emphasized the amount of research her committee completed and said it was difficult to form project ideas due to a lack of interest from administrators and members.

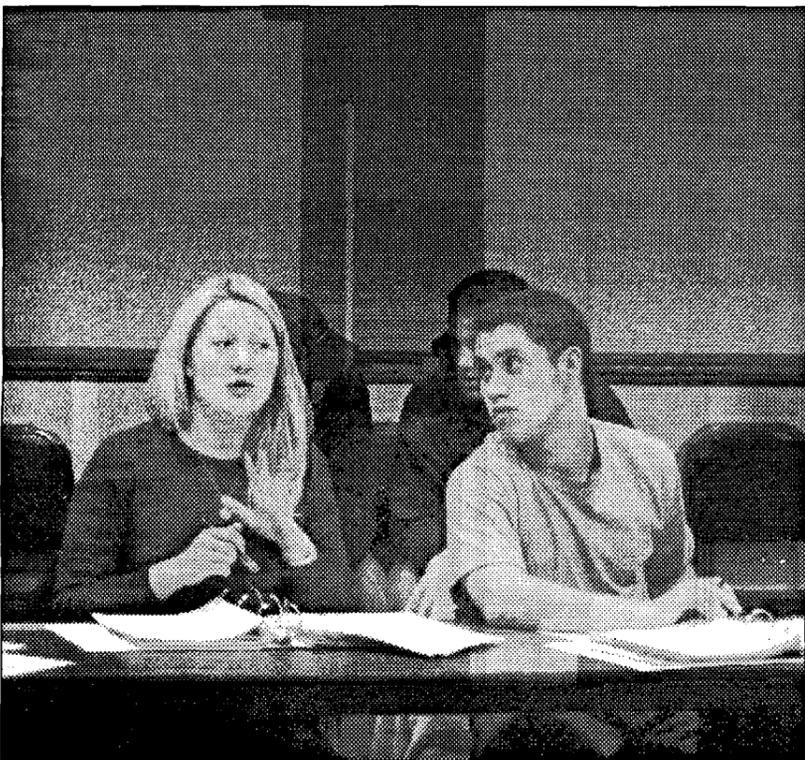
Oversight

The Oversight Committee met with different members of student government last semester and intends to actively pursue reworking the Student Union Constitution to streamline it and reduce overlap in student government, said Oversight chair Elliot Poindexter.

Questions regarding the constitution, such as the selling of the rights of The Shirt, The Shirt Fund allocations and Judicial Council's initiative to change election voting stalled work on the constitution.

Residence Life

Although this committee encountered roadblocks with unresponsive University officials and the defeat of its



Observer file photo

Neil Vargas, Fisher Hall senator, listens to Courtney Kohout, Badin Hall senator, as she provides her viewpoint on a Senate resolution.

SENATE REPORT CARD

Academic Affairs

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This group had a priority: it was to accomplish results. Guided by their mission statement and dedicated leaders, Jeremy Staley and Kate Schlosser, this group actively tackled its goals and opened the lines of communication with open letters and meetings.

Cultural

B+

While this group's results may not be the discussion of a Senate docket, this group's accomplishments should not go unnoticed. Kohout established the necessary contacts, actively promotes events about diversity and tries to secure positions for cultural groups on panels so their voices may be heard.

Ethics

A-

Congrats to Ethics for resolving the chronic absences issue that plagued last year's Senate and creating an open ended absence policy. Though absences seem to remain a problem for some members, Ethics cannot be held responsible.

Gender Issues

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After several refinements, Sexual Assault Awareness posters now hang throughout dorms, but the committee's other projects are being stalled. Though this is not their fault, it would have been nice to see more direction and topics tackled by this committee that deals with the ever important and debated topic of strained gender relations.

Oversight

B+

This committee accurately interprets the Constitution and made important decisions regarding The Shirt Fund this year, which aided students. The committee is working on streamlining the Constitution and this is the committee's goal for this semester. The grade would have been higher, but nothing tangible relating to Constitutional revision was seen last semester.

Residence Life

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As one of the largest committees, this group produces results. The committee successfully joined with the sophomore class council for the community bikes program and recently took on Food Services with a Flex 10 proposal. This committee is organized and constantly pursuing student needs.

University Affairs

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Besides creating an ad-hoc committee and providing a memo on water in dorms, what has this committee done? Gail Thompson maintained communication with Notre Dame Security and Police which is definitely helpful, but what are other members doing? Thompson said her committee had difficulties choosing projects due to a lack of interest in ideas.

Final Grade

B+

Though it was difficult at first to see what this body was accomplishing, it has produced results in recent weeks and demonstrated that most committees are actively working in the best interest of students. The grade definitely improved as a result of the initiatives Senate took in recent weeks.

by the numbers

2 Number of resolutions bestowing Emeritus titles on former leaders.

Total number of resolutions passed this year. 9

3 Number of open letters sent from Senate.

Number of dockets that did not pass unanimously. 1

Goals

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jects and cannot establish relationships. Also, Senate committee chairs throughout the years do not always meet a set standard and administrators will remember that a certain committee was not prepared for a meeting.

"I never realized the importance of the role because they expect you to be a voice for the students," said Bishop. "Sometimes you accomplish a lot more through private meetings rather than through a resolution that Senate may pass."

Bishop said many of her administration's accomplishments have come through communicating with administrators about student opinion by serving on panels or in private meetings about longer term projects.

Bishop said accomplishments may be difficult to obtain but they are definitely attainable.

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Senate

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resolution concerning in-hall dances in CLC, members accomplished much that benefits student life.

Chair Kevin Conley attributed his committee's success to the enthusiasm of its members and its vice chair, Sarah Bates, and because he expects progress from his members every week.

Senate approved the committee's resolutions regarding support of the student petition against changes to the alcohol policy, in-hall dances, the South Bend Old Boys Rugby Team and the Community Bikes program. The committee is currently researching football ticket distribution and seating, away-game ticket distribution, charging football tickets and course packets to student accounts and extending North Dining Hall hours.

Despite several resolutions originating from this committee, Conley said much of his committee's work occurs behind the scenes and does not come in the form of a resolution or letter; however, there will be greater tangible output this semester.

University Affairs
The results of this committee

are difficult to see. University Affairs has little to show for a semester's worth of work outside of the increased and productive communication with Notre Dame Security/Police.

Foley said this committee deals with longer term projects and would be comparable to Academic Affairs and Residence Life, which deal with administrators and who produce results, as opposed to Gender, Cultural, and Oversight, which communicate and establish contacts with University officials, work on non-resolution or letter projects and tackle issues as they arise.

Gail Thompson, chair of University Affairs, said her committee worked diligently on the projects they did tackle but there was a general lack of interest in pursuing other projects by her committee members.

University Affairs distributed a memo to senators regarding the problems with water in residence halls, helped create the ad-hoc committee on faculty-student interaction and worked with NDSP to address student concerns about parking and access to campus.

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Bishop

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and tactics had changed, an administration that would learn to conduct its business in the conference room rather than on North Quad.

For her part, Bishop sits on several University committees where she is the only student member. She's established a strong rapport with Father Mark Poorman, Student Affairs vice president and the architect of the alcohol policy changes.

Bishop wished all the work she did received as much attention as the alcohol fight, but said it's hard balancing public relations interests with the need to build good business relationships.

"Some of the most important things I do as president are the things I can't share ... like the confidential meetings. That's the nature of the job," said

"Our mission has been to improve student life. We were genuine about this. It was our vision."

Libby Bishop
student body president

Bishop, a senior. She added, "But I want to make sure that students know we're still working hard."

In fact, her office has worked hard and slowly accepted, if begrudgingly, last spring's battle scars.

The office last fall organized a week-long series of campus events to celebrate Notre Dame's 30th anniversary of coeducation, a pet project of Bishop's. Bishop and Foley collaborated with numerous organizations to coordinate a Sept. 11 anniversary Mass and a campus-wide multicultural fair in

October. Later in October, the pair wowed administrators and the Board of Trustees with a comprehensive report on residential life. The report recommended creation of new residence halls and called for improvements to existing ones. Those suggestions were mirrored in a Student Affairs 10-year plan produced later last fall.

"Our mission has been to improve student life," Bishop said. "We were genuine about this. It was our vision."

To date, the vision has been keen.

Sure, there have been blind spots. Last fall, controversy erupted when Bishop and Foley fired sophomore Erik Smith as student union secretary and replaced him with freshman Emily Chin. While Smith was perplexed by the dismissal, Bishop insisted that the matter was "nothing personal and a necessary change."

But there have been days, too, when this administration has seen clearly into the future.

Bishop noted the fall report to the trustees.

"It was something that was so well-received and comprehensive," she said. "And it's something that's going to have effects on campus for the next 50 or 60 years."

In the meantime, Bishop and Foley are revisiting their platform, looking at what's left to cross off on a checklist of ambitious goals before their term ends April 1. They know better than to think they can wrap up — or even start — all the projects, and they admit that the platform may have been idealistic.

But that's just the schism between the promises that candidates run on and the actual experiences that elected leaders face when they take office. Bishop and Foley recognized that last year, when they were thrown into a fight that they hadn't chosen and cast into a white-hot spotlight.

The light doesn't shine so brightly these days, and it doesn't take a student rally to get a foot in the Main Building door anymore. As Bishop and Foley see it, that's the way it should be.

"In some people's minds, the first and last thing we tackled was the alcohol policy. And we didn't choose that fight," Foley said. "Everything else we've done doesn't get as much news, which is fine. We feel good in the knowledge that there's a lot of other stuff we've done and continue to do."

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EXECUTIVE CABINET

Exec Cab emphasizes long-term plans

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Let's review student government's Executive Cabinet. OK, but what is it?

"Exec Cab," as it is known, "coordinates the daily operations, priorities and programming of the Student Union," according to a press release. Essentially, the cabinet is an advisory and consultative body led by Student Body President Libby Bishop. The group is made up of about 19 students, representing various student constituencies, including the class councils, the Hall Presidents' Council and the Student Union Board. The cabinet brings together voices from across student government for discussion and planning. The group also tackles individual issues presented by its member constituencies.

The broad range of government organizations represented means that more experienced members can offer their help on problems that may arise. Throughout the semester Executive Cabinet tackled a number of issues as a group.

Ten-year initiative

This concept aims to parallel the University's "Notre Dame 2010: A Quest For Leadership" campaign. The project sets long-term goals and ideals for student groups.

"The plans are not set in stone," Bishop said, "they're a general framework to think by." The

strategic plans, created by each of the Cabinet's member constituencies, should help ease the transition of new student leaders and lead to more productivity in future administrations.

Emphasizing communication

Cabinet members are aware that the average student knows little about student government, and they're working to change that fact. The focus on Web sites for student groups has helped facilitate more accessible information on student government activities, but there's still a lot of work to do. Many of the sites are poorly maintained and outdated. A strategy of consistent and interconnected communication, by the Internet and otherwise, would better serve students and keep them involved. The new "Everything Under the Dome" posters attempt to bring together all student activities into one calendar. It's a great idea, if people use it. Make it accessible online, spread the word, and the results will materialize.

The Shirt discussion

The enormously popular kelly green T-shirts, all 100,000-plus of them, represent a potential cash cow for student activities funding. The unprecedented success of the Return to Glory line took many by surprise.

While student body vice president Trip Foley stated "there was no downside for us," the financial arrangement was not as beneficial

Ten Year Initiative A ♦ Communication A
The Shirt Discussion B
Alternative Living C+ ♦ Laptop Plan D+

Nevertheless, Executive Cabinet's strong suit — bringing together and discussing the best ideas of student government — was readily apparent this year. The strategic plans begun early last semester will likely impact the cabinet's effectiveness for years to come. Incoming members will be rapidly brought up to speed, so that they can focus on their real mission: improving the quality of student life for their constituents.

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for students as it could have been. Continued discussion by Executive Cabinet members has brought the money issue into the forefront of their minds, and they appear determined to have another successful Shirt, one that will fulfill a key mission: helping student groups that aren't exactly awash in a "sea of green."

Alternative living survey

Students were asked what they thought about current campus living arrangements and possible alternatives. No big surprises here. Students want apartments, coed dorms, private bathrooms and cable television. Rectors think things are just fine the way they are.

Student leaders presented the results to the Board of Trustees in October. The survey was quantified and condensed students' dis-

satisfaction with some aspects of residence hall life, but whether it gives students what they want remains to be seen. Don't expect to see a margarita machine in your dorm kitchen anytime soon.

Support of the laptop plan

The provost's office is considering making laptops mandatory for students at Notre Dame, a plan that would cost millions at a time when tuition costs are rising and the University has had to stop construction of buildings because of a lack of funding.

Though a few thought the plan was too expensive and logistically difficult, most cabinet members liked the idea. They might want to consider the consequences of the idea a little more.

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CLUB COORDINATION COUNCIL

CCC goes beyond the call of duty

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The Club Coordination Council's responsibility is to interface between Student Government and the 230 clubs at Notre Dame, in addition to allocating annually to clubs about \$240,000 obtained from student activity fees.

Clubs are divided into five groups — academic, athletic, cultural, service and special interest — and allocated funds according to needs, so that an athletic club whose members must pay for equipment and facility use will probably receive more than a service club. In order to be eligible to receive funds from the CCC, clubs must conduct at least one fund-raiser a year and must charge dues, unless the club is a service organization.

In addition to the routine responsibilities of allocating funds, hearing appeals of the allocations, and facilitating communication and education with the clubs, Coordinator Amy O'Connor said the Council spent this year looking for ways to improve.

These changes include proposing a new performing arts division for the council, creating a vice chair on the council to oversee large efforts, creating more training for club officers and investigating the relationship of athletic clubs between the CCC and RecSports. During the Notre Dame-Stanford football game, the CCC also helped sponsor The Tent, which was an alternative to tailgating where students purchased discounted food and nine student groups performed.

Additionally, the CCC has begun reviewing club receipts as a tool to compare clubs' budgets to their actual spending habits, and document that clubs are spending the money from the increase in the student activity fee wisely.

Because a wide variety of factors are considered in determining the amount of money a club is allocated and how it will be spent, spending information is not released to the public and only used internally.

O'Connor said this has been the busiest year for the CCC during her four years on the council.

"Usually we just hear appeals from clubs and while we have had a significant number of those, it is the first time in a long time that the CCC has taken initiative to make some changes," said O'Connor.

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GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

Organization works like well-oiled machine

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This year's Graduate Student Union (GSU) under President Tim Dale and co-vice presidents Misty Schieberle and Ravi Subramanian follows a tough act.

Last year's GSU was named the Graduate and Professional Organization of the Year by the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) as a result of work done by last year's officers, including Gabriella Burgos and Kishori Deshpande.

This year's GSU, however, seems up to the challenge. Under Dale, GSU has worked to continue the momentum started by Burgos

and her team and to increase the efficiency of an organization with a past reputation for being ineffective and prone to complaining.

This year's GSU works like a well-oiled machine: meetings start on time and are capped at one hour, two vice presidents divide the role of overseeing the committees and officers save time by communicating via an e-mail listserv.

"They are very organized, very focused on particular goals and objectives and very good about achieving what they want to achieve," said James Powell, associate dean of the Graduate School. "Tim Dale is a particularly effective president of GSU."

Dale's pet project and one of the organization's main accomplish-

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GSU continues to be an effective, well-run organization. The advocacy group made advances in quality of life and academic needs and is working to overcome setbacks in health insurance subsidization.

ments of the year is establishing the basis for graduate student organizations within each academic department.

"There were people coming to me for departmental needs," Dale said. "This not only speaks to quality of life but academics."

GSU recently approved a measure providing \$200 to any graduate student organization within a department that creates a constitution and elects officers. The Graduate School will match GSU's contribution. The idea initially faced opposition within GSU, according to Dale, due to misunderstanding of the program and antagonism toward the departments.

"I don't see us set against departments," he said. "I see us cooperating with them."

This year, GSU has increased their list of social activities and there has been greater participation in these activities.

"In this respect, we have improved over last year in getting more people out of their houses," Dale said.

GSU has also tried to be more involved on national issues and service to the community.

Schieberle is leading a campaign to encourage Notre Dame graduate students to write to their legislators to reinstate the tax-exempt status for graduate student stipends. The stipends had been tax exempt until 1986. GSU

also wants students who are able to attend a rally in Washington D.C. on the issue next month.

Closer to home, the organization is considering hosting an end of the year gala which could raise money for a local charity, like the homeless shelter or the Women's Crisis Center. The issue will be discussed at GSU's February meeting.

"I think because we are an organization with money we could also do things for the community," Dale said.

The biggest letdown for GSU involved an issue that is out of their control. Budgetary constraints forced the University to hold off on subsidization of healthcare for the upcoming academic year, although both GSU and University administrators are committed to making subsidization a reality in the near future.

While GSU will continue to advocate for healthcare funding, the organization is also working on a temporary solution of bargaining for increased benefits within the current policy while maintaining approximately the same cost. GSU healthcare committee chairperson Heather Edwards is working to add benefits like allergy medication, an eye exam and a yearly physical to the existing plan.

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Tim Dale runs the Graduate Student Union like a well oiled machine with his effective leadership and organized meetings.

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Members show some promise but prove unproductive

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The final Campus Life Council meeting of the fall semester was a fruitless talk as the council's biggest accomplishment. Council members planned to pass two resolutions during the Dec. 3 meeting; however, an insufficient number of council members showed up, and Student Body President Libby Bishop was forced to postpone the meeting until this month.

Instead of being able to take action on behalf of the Notre Dame community, the council had to sit on its heels, discussing future plans and waiting until the next meeting to make improvements.

The CLC meets every other week with the purpose of improving campus life and includes representatives from student government, administrators and hall rectors. Early in the semester the group decided to divide into three task forces focusing on specific issues. One task force was designated for the improvement of communication, one for leadership and the third for investigation of a peer-mentoring program at Duke

University known as BASES.

During meetings the council hears updates from the task forces and discusses any other topics that fall under its scope of interest. While these discussions may be pertinent to campus life, they are time-consuming and frequently without any apparent purpose except the personal education of the council members on campus affairs.

One such discussion centered on the impressions of council members of the new SYR after the last weekend in September when 13 dances were held. The results of the discussion were inconclusive. Many council members agreed that an unusually small percentage of first-year students attended the dances, and that there was noticeably less excitement among freshmen about the dances than in years past, but at the same time, several rectors had very positive comments about the dances and excitement levels. The result was a purposeless discussion that failed to lead to any future action on the part of the council.

A large portion of another CLC meeting was spent talking to two leaders of The Parietals Question, a student-organized movement for a coed living option on campus. Council members listened to and

advised the two representatives, but the discussion had no impact on CLC activity.

The work of the three task forces was less than stellar as well.

The communication task force achieved its goal of putting together a Web site. The calendar-formatted Web site will be accessible to students and contain information about campus events and meetings.

The communications task force created the site in order to boost event attendance, increase overall communication and reduce overcrowding on building walls from fliers.

The other two task forces have little to show for an entire semester's work. Aside from formulating a mission statement, it is unclear what the BASES task force accomplished. Even the mission statements of the task forces were not unveiled until the Nov. 5 meeting, more than halfway into the semester.

Prior to the ill-fated Dec. 3 meeting, the leadership task force maintained its intention to develop a Web site to communicate leadership opportunities to interested students. At the very end of the semester, having produced very little, the leadership task force announced

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Promising work on a student activities Web site does not make up for lack of overall productivity.

that it would not create a Web site, but instead spend the next semester on instituting an extracurricular leadership program.

The leadership program would probably be modeled after the Anne Tyler Waite leadership program at Creighton University. Over the course of four years, participants would be immersed in a series of extracurricular experiences dealing with the study and practice of leadership.

The Student Activities Office currently coordinates the Leadership Institute, half-day or full-day seminars which seem to serve the same purpose as the proposed program. While participation in the Leadership Institute promises many of the same results as the Creighton program, it poses a far less daunting time commitment, and appears more manageable for busy Notre Dame students. It is unclear if there would be any overlap between the two programs.

A shining moment in the council's work took place during the meeting

where the communications task force presented a rough draft of its Web site. The entire council spent time together in a useful fashion, making suggestions for improvement of the site.

Becca Davidson, rector of Breen-Phillips Hall, suggested placing a giant screen in the LaFortune Center where the new Web site could be displayed. Davidson was the source of many interesting ideas over the course of the semester.

Despite any flashes of brilliance from individual council members, the output of the council as a whole was subpar in both quantity and quality, for the most part owing to too wide a scattering of objectives and ineffective use of meeting time.

Perhaps more clearly defined goals and the success of the communications Web site will spur the council on to produce more and talk less in the spring semester.

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JUDICIAL BOARD COUNCIL

Judicial council runs smoothly, efficiently

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Making sure that "elections flow smoothly" is goal No. 1 for senior Matt Corgan, vice president of elections for the judicial council.

One proposed way is online voting and judicial council president Danielle Ledesma and Corgan have been talking with the Office of Web Development for months about this prospect.

The two argue that online voting could give a boost to last year's roughly 40 percent voter turnout.

"We think online elections, where you could use any computer connected to the Internet, would increase that to maybe 80 percent or higher," Corgan said.

Web Development, which has already created an application for online voting, plans to test it several times before the actual elections in February.

Currently, dorm commissioners are responsible for running the elections of hall representatives including the hall presidents and senators, as well as freshmen representatives. This involves making ballots, scheduling voting times and overseeing the voting on Election Day.

With online voting, students would no longer be limited to a two-hour voting period in the dorms. Instead, the judicial council plans to keep the Internet polls open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Separate from the elections branch of the judicial council is the peer advocacy group of about 10 headed by junior vice presidents Matt Kohley and Ricky Sadowski.

The vice presidents select peer advocates to support students who have hearings with the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

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The judicial council receives high marks for its apparent efficiency and organization. On the election side, the true test will be to see if the council can succeed in offering online elections. As for peer advocacy, the council seems to have made great strides to protect the integrity and effectiveness of the peer advocate's role in the ResLife process, a tremendous improvement from the previous year.

"Most students, if they don't contact a peer advocate, aren't really ready for the questions that come up in their hearings," Sadowski said, adding that the nature of ResLife hearings can scare students. Sadowski said he receives messages about every other day regarding hearings, and usually attends them once a week.

Hearings, which often involve assaults and parietals violations, as well as fake identification, drugs and theft, are different from conferences, which are for lesser offenses.

In the past, some peer advocates said they were uncertain about the peer advocate's role. However, Ledesma said efforts have been made to clarify the expectations of a peer advocate through more training. In addition, she stressed that they are not lawyers but students who aid in the preparation of hearings.

"We just want to make their time with ResLife as easy as possible," Ledesma said.

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HALL PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

HPC works with new dance policy

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Despite the restrictions on hall dances and alcohol put into place last fall, members of the Hall Presidents' Council have continued to plan successful dances for their fellow residents.

There have been difficulties, however. HPC co-chair Pam Ronson said dance planning has frequently become a logistical nightmare since the new policies went into effect.

"It's become increasingly difficult for the smaller dorms to book a venue," Ronson said. Pasquerilla West co-president Laly Molina agrees, but said the problem is even more widespread. "We had a huge problem getting a venue. The bigger dorms have a harder time finding a nice place," Molina said.

Ronson blames the site problems on uncoordinated activity among hall presidents, the Student Activities Office and individual location managers.

"There has been a lack of communication among the parties, and I've seen double-, even triple-booking," she said.

Chris Martin, Ronson's fellow HPC co-chair, said venue problems stem from the popularity of certain locations.

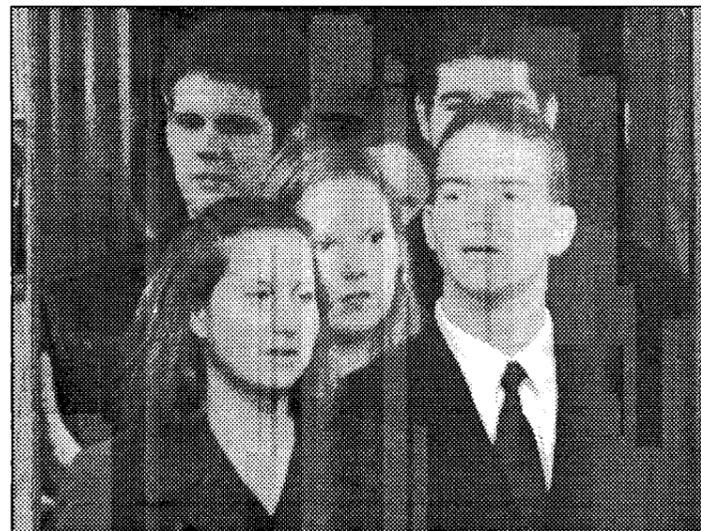
"The new hot spot has become the Main Building rotunda," Martin said, "but it won't accommodate everyone."

On the topic of the level of participation in hall dances, opinions differed.

"Our result was about the same as with past years' dances," Molina said, while Ronson has noticed "less participation at dances."

Most members agreed, however, that the revised alcohol policy has led to fewer incidents of abusive drinking at dances, and on campus in general.

"I've seen fewer students getting sick," Ronson said. Martin agreed, but was more



Observer file photo

Students enter the Main Building doors with looks of amazement as they head to their formal. The Main Building was one of the new venues for hall dances.

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Venues C
Double-booking has been a problem. HPC members should maintain a schedule so that conflicts can be minimized. The variety of venues should be more widely known, so that larger and smaller dorms can find quality locations. Nobody wants every dance in the South Dining Hall.

Communication B
Overall, presidents are on the same wavelength regarding the new policies. Presidents could work on conveying information among Student Activities, residents and dance commissioners.

Participation A-
There have been cancelled dances here and there, but presidents and commissioners have worked to keep interest up. Participation should improve as HPC members become familiar planning dances around the new policies.

Safety B+
Binge drinking at dances has dropped, due to the new alcohol policy. HPC members need to continue to work to provide attractive dances on campus, or abusive drinking will simply shift off-campus.

skeptical about the policy's overall effect on underclassmen. "The comfort level on campus has definitely gone down," Martin said. "There's definitely a trend of freshmen and sopho-

mores hitting the off-campus scene."

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STUDENT UNION BOARD

SUB provides entertainment, programming for students

By CHRISTINA CEPERO
News Writer

SUB, the programming branch of student government, seeks to organize social, cultural, and intellectual events for undergraduate students.

SUB kicked off its programming in April with a performance by singer Pat McGee in the Stepan Center. At the beginning of the school year, SUB brought in a hypnotist. And later last fall, the monthly comedy series invited a couple of comedians, including Eric O'Sheen.

"We try to do new, creative things that a lot of students will like," said chief controller Andrew Lam said.

Some of the popular innovative programs SUB brought to campus last semester were the Notre Dame-Maryland game watch on North Quad, watching the movie Rudy on the quad, ticket giveaways for the Michigan State and Florida State games and Harry Potter night at the Book Store, where local celebrities read passages

from the series and gave away memorabilia, including a book autographed by author J.K. Rowling.

Lam said attendance at SUB events has gone up since last year.

The most successful SUB movies last semester were Signs, which SUB showed for Halloween along with guest speaker Robert Hastings, and My Big Fat Greek Wedding in November, preceded by a Greek festival. Because SUB was losing money by showing two movies at a time last year, it decided to show only one a week this year to allocate more funds to other activities.

SUB also held the annual NAZZ Battle of the Bands at the Alumni-Senior Club in November in addition to loft shows.

The Multicultural Arts committee organized many events last semester, including the Indian Festival of Lights at the Alumni-Senior Club, henna festivals and a performance by Ballet Folklorico Mexico.

This semester it is planning a Brazilian Carnival, a perfor-

mance by an African dance troupe and the International Student Festival.

Last week, SUB held Winter Fest that included handing out bagels, a video game competition PlayStation 2 and X-Box giveaways, showing The Creature from the Blue Lagoon in 3-D, holding "The Best of Acousticafe," hosting a performance by the new band Millimeters Mercury as part of a new Underground and taking students to Chicago for a Notre Dame hockey game on Saturday.

Upcoming SUB events include the Sophomore Literary Festival in mid-February, the Collegiate Jazz Festival in late February and the annual spring festival AnTostal in April. Lads of Comedy will come to campus Feb. 21.

Although SUB succeeded at programming, it needs to update its Web site so that students can use it as a resource for looking up SUB events.

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Observer file photo

Steven Christ, Student Union Board manager, promotes SUB issues at an Executive Cabinet meeting.

A-

Since last year the Student Union Board has done a good job of entertaining the student body at Notre Dame by offering a wide variety of programming.

Class councils work to plan events, service opportunities

Freshman Class Council

After completing a first semester that included activities like a Halloween dance and sales of class shirts and luminaries, the freshman class council has an array of ideas for the second semester that will bolster class unity, increase communication and provide opportunities to relax.

"We have a lot of good ideas and hopefully most of them will be successful for this semester," said Anna Skoien, class secretary.

The Spiritual Committee completed the class prayer which will be

printed on magnets and distributed in-dorm this week. The class prayer will add a verse each year and will be used at class Masses.

"We are making sure that we are providing activities to get our entire class involved," said Catherine Distler, the vice president.

A class Web site, designed by a freshman unlike other councils who use a service, will allow freshmen to sign up to assist the council is expected to be completed this week, Skoien said. When the council needs help planning an activity, finding focus groups or raising funds, repre-

sentatives can consult freshman volunteers.

The Web site along with the weekly e-mail distributed by President Dave Barron, will also inform the class of upcoming activities.

The council is also planning service opportunities such as babysitting at University Park Village for graduate students and fun activities open to all classes. On Feb. 13, the council will sponsor a Valentine-making night in LaFortune Student Center and will plan a massage class and a cookout for March and April.

Joe Trombello

Senior Class Council

Matthew Smith, Karen Lysaght, Nick Mastronardi and Josh Gentine of the Senior Class Council are in no way unfamiliar with what it takes to get their initiatives up and running.

All four members were the class officers for the Junior Class Council in 2001-02. And Lysaght believes that because of this, the council was able to make its mark by utilizing its experience in gaining approval for events.

Without a doubt, the relationships already established between the council members and the administration were instrumental in making headway on potentially contentious, yet popular events such as Margaritaville 2002 and the Senior Bar Luncheon.

"We had the trust of the administrators and the trust of Student Activities that kind of gave us more lenience for doing events such as Margaritaville and the luncheon at Senior Bar — those probably wouldn't have been approved had it not been that we had already had a year's experience," said Lysaght.

For Lysaght, keeping the student opinion in the forefront is always a major consideration when planning and organizing events.

"We always ask for all of our events that people to talk to their friends," said Lysaght. She also notes the practice of testing ideas by questioning themselves on the prospect of actually attending an event if they weren't class officers. This method, she claims, helps to filter out bad event ideas.

Lysaght also attributes the ability to assess ideas from classmates who e-mail suggestions through a more improved, interactive class Web site.

Last semester the council planned a class dinner at BW3's, co-coordinated the Toys for Tots drive and organized a remake of the Freshman Orientation Graffiti Dance at Senior Bar.

Projects for this semester include a senior class retreat, Class of 2003 license plate holders and Senior Week, which includes Stadium tours, a class formal and another Margaritaville event.

Kiflin Turner

Off-campus Council

Though many students part from dorms expecting to leave student government events behind, the off-campus presidents are determined to bring Notre Dame to them.

From their Turtle Creek apartment, which co-president Dan Barabas jokingly calls the "Off-Campus White House," co-president Ravi Soni and council member Ben Kleinhenz have aimed to entertain and inform off-campus students through light-hearted e-mails.

"We don't want to get deleted," Barabas said. "I basically feed the material and [Kleinhenz] tries to make it remotely funny. His best line of the year was probably 'bargain basement poultry' [to

advertise for] a BW3 dinner."

The council also planned a barbecue on Washington Street with the local police and the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

He attributed the low turnout to poor publicity, but some off-campus students say they are unimpressed by the council's activities.

"You're just kidding yourself if you're moving off and thinking it's going to be like moving into the dorm," said off-campus sophomore James Coss.

Barabas said that he welcomes the participation of all off-campus students.

"Just because we have the titles doesn't mean that we don't want everyone's ideas," he said.

Helena Payne

Sophomore Class Council

After working with Notre Dame Security Police and Student Senate, the sophomore class council was able to create a campus bike rental program, one of the group's biggest achievements during their term in office, said Jeremy Lao, president of the sophomore class. "The bike program was implemented through creating a dialogue with NDSP," said Lao.

By taking advantage of the fact that NDSP collects many stolen and unclaimed bikes each year, the council was able to create a rental system where students will pay \$25 per semes-

ter to use a bike.

The program, scheduled to debut next fall, offers students a bike lock and a bike fully serviced by NDSP at no additional charge, said Lao. At the end of the semester, students will receive \$15 back with the remaining \$10 being used for maintenance costs. "If you don't want to buy a bike to own ... you can rent this bike," said Lao.

The sophomore class council also sponsored a Kick, Pass, and Punt contest where students could pay \$3 to kick a football for the chance to win a football signed by Coach Tyrone Willingham.

In addition to the kick contest, the sophomore group sponsored several service weekends with local charity organizations such as the South Bend Center for the Homeless. "We've held numerous service weekends [and] we hope to continue these in the next semester," said Lao.

For this semester, Lao said he hopes to see the sophomore council focus on developing events that are interesting to students and that will draw a large audience. "Basically we just want to plan activities that the students would go to," he said.

Teresa Fralish

Student Union needs collaboration

Just when we were ready to write off Notre Dame student government last spring, along came a late-March announcement from Father Mark Poorman: no in-hall dances, no under-21 tailgating and no hard alcohol in the dorms.

The leaders of the Student Union responded before 8,000 undergraduates got a chance to cry foul. Within hours of the landmark announcement from the vice president of Student Affairs, student government officials were organizing protests and maneuvering behind the scenes to draft resolutions opposing the changes.

It was student government at its best because branches of the Student Union that had acted independently of each other for so long were now uniting around a single cause.

The Office of the Student Body President, Student Senate and Campus Life Council and other government groups worked together with a focus we hadn't seen before to rally student support and voice stern resistance to changes they had little hope of stalling,

let alone reversing.

Their efforts, in fact, fell short of convincing University administrators and trustees to rethink the changes. But they left an indelible impression on the minds of students who wondered who and what student government was for.

As they staged protests and organized petitions, and again when they collaborated to observe Sept. 11 last fall, we knew who and what student government was for: everybody.

It shouldn't take a campus controversy or a national tragedy to remind us of

that. Then again, it shouldn't take such major events to remind student government leaders of that fact either.

If Notre Dame student leaders used the same spirit of cooperation to plan low-key activities, such as pep rallies and campus fairs, as they do to plan high-profile ones, we'd all be better served. And there'd be little question as to who or what student government is for.

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- ◆ To Senate tackling long-term projects
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- ◆ To Judicial Council working to strengthen its peer advocate program that helps students facing disciplinary action
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- ◆ To CLC for having to postpone the final meeting of last semester because not enough members showed up to reach quorum
- ◆ To SUB and CCC bickering last spring about which group should reap the benefits of the student activities fee increase
- ◆ To showing "The Godfather," a testosterone-driven film with scenes portraying wife-beating, during coed week.
- ◆ To kickball on the quad during coed week, too.
- ◆ To HPC members for not working together better to avoid conflicts over dance venues
- ◆ To a still incomplete student government Web site
- ◆ To not bringing back the SYR

What do I know? Libby is cute

There are only a few facts that I know about Notre Dame's student government.

I know Libby Bishop and Trip Foley are student body president and vice-president.

I also know Libby's pretty cute.

And that about sums up my knowledge of student government.

I first attributed this ignorance to the fact that I usually only read the sports stories in The Observer.

I'd rather read about Notre Dame basketball's next opponent than what clubs asked for more funding during a council meeting.

I simply don't care too much about what's going on in Student Senate or Executive Cabinet meetings either. That stuff just seems too boring for me, so I don't waste my time with it.

Then my roommates decided to run for class president and vice president. They started going to meetings. They started talking about

issues. And they started thinking about what they could do to further our student government here at Notre Dame.

All that talk got me thinking about what exactly student government does for the student body and what role we, as Notre Dame students, play in this process. Most of my friends didn't seem to know much about student government either. So from this, I came to a couple of simple conclusions.

One, student government can't be fully performing its duties to students if many of them don't know what services the government is actually carrying out. Student government should communicate well enough with those it serves, so that most, if not all students have somewhat of an understanding of what the government hopes to accomplish while in office.

Second, students should show more interest in what the government is doing, how its using its resources, such as money, and what it has done to improve the overall state of Notre Dame. I'll admit I'm as guilty as anyone for failing to meet this task. But just because I'm not particularly interested in student government, doesn't excuse me from

taking time to see what purpose it serves me and my fellow students.

Both student government officials and the student body need to realize the improvements that are needed.

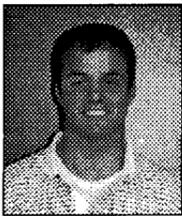
Student government needs to find ways to increase student body participation and get more people interested in the issues at hand, whatever those may be. In turn, students must try to become involved with the student government, even if that means just reading up on what's happening during meetings or even attending one every so often.

Until both sides can do this, neither the student government or the student body will fully benefit.

But by working together more, the government could make significant changes for Notre Dame students and the students could give helpful feedback that could improve student government.

And then, not only would both sides win, we'd all know a lot more about our president, besides her good looks.

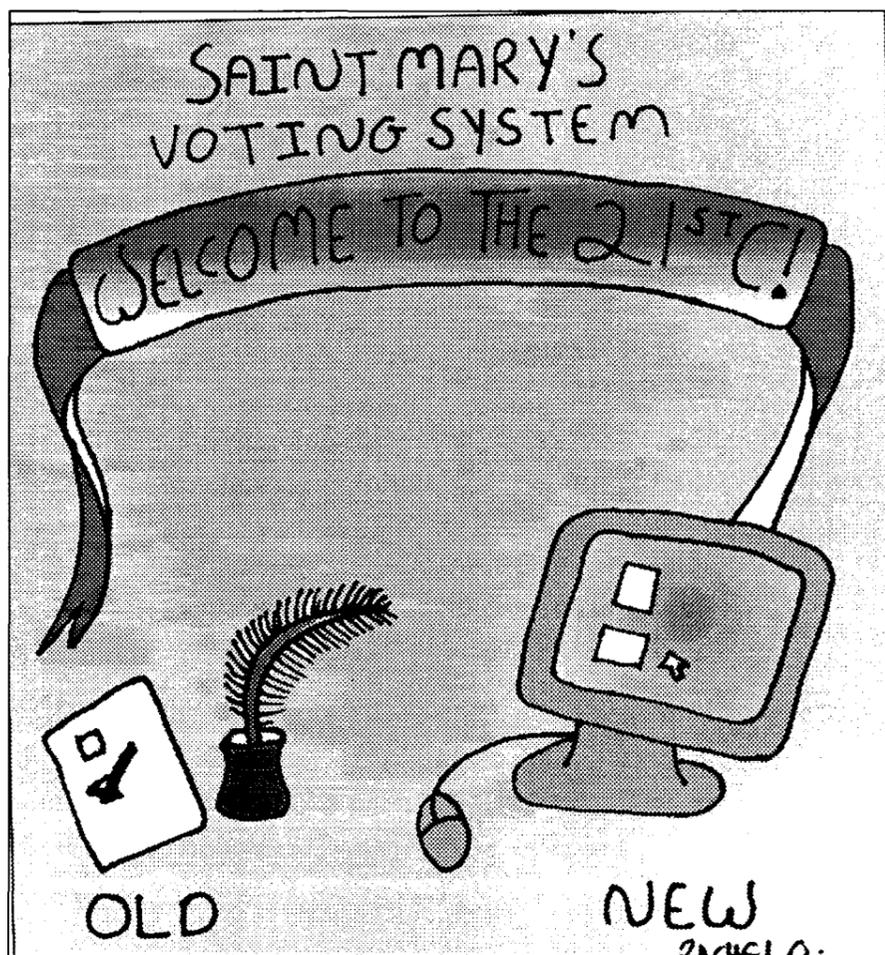
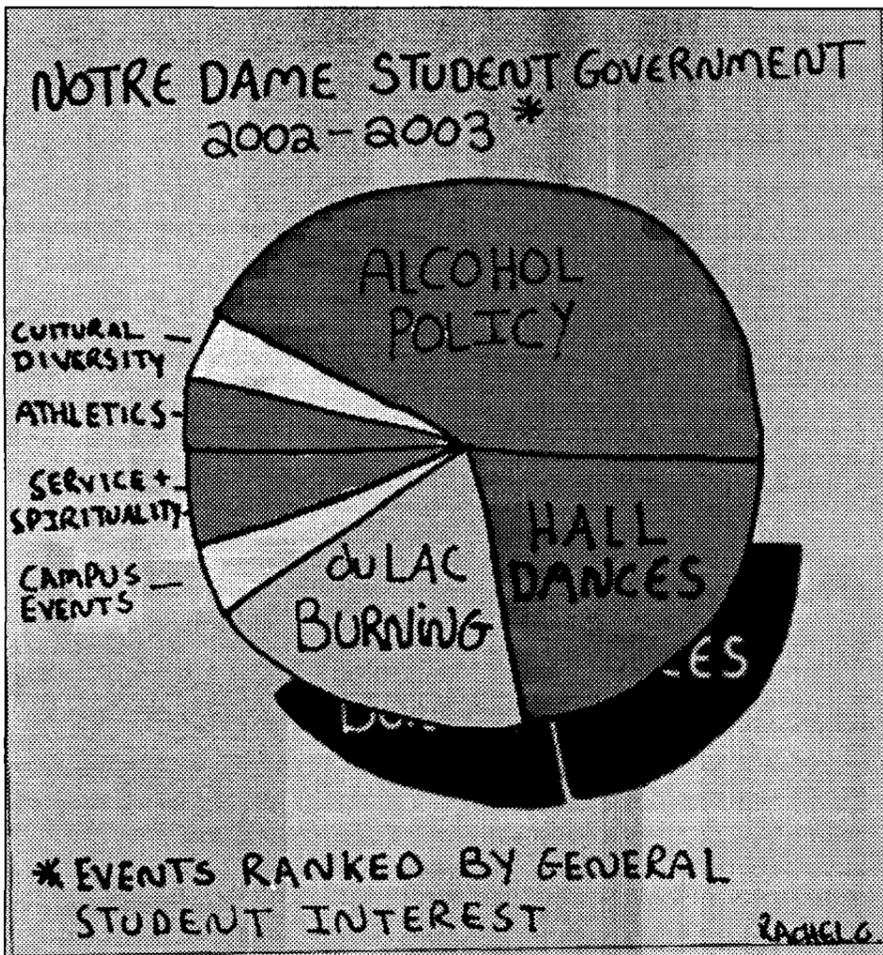
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Joe Hettler

Columnist

TOON TIME



Students need proactive leaders

Having re-organized their offices, setting up a phone line and computer, the Saint Mary's student government offices should be ready for business. But the phone doesn't ring much and students rarely stop by the office during open hours.

Instead student government representatives quietly take care of business without having much interaction with students.

It was a quiet year for student government. The student leaders of Saint Mary's have taken this time to re-organize and improve student government. Renovating the office, improving the government Web sites and rewriting the constitution are worthwhile accomplishments, but all fall under the category of housekeeping.

These are not issues that directly affect students or work that students ever see.

Emphasis on internal improvements has bonded student government together so that there is a united front but a front that often ostracizes and cuts off students. Improvements within student government have

yet to trickle down to the student body, leaving many students believing their representatives are inaccessible.

While this may not necessarily be true because student representatives are available to speak with — there are weekly office hours and e-mail is always an option — student government never directly affects students' lives, so what is the purpose of coming to these representatives?

But the issues student government chooses to tackle are issues of campus comfort and not issues that challenge each other or the administration.

If Saint Mary's student government wants to work for the students, then leaders need to speak to the students. Having office hours and a phone line is not enough to bring students to the government, so the government needs to go to the students.

It is time for the silence to end and for student government to truly represent the needs and concerns of the student body.

The Observer Editorial

Take a chance, take a stand

If you are like many college students, you tend not to be interested in politics. You probably don't listen to Sean Hannity's talk radio show when you get back from class or get up early Sunday morning to watch "Meet the Press."



Shannon Nelligan

Columnist

So, why would you be expected to be interested in your own student government at Saint Mary's? It hardly covers strong and emotional issues like the war on terrorism or even how your first paycheck will be taxed under President Bush's new tax plan. Instead, student government deals with something entirely different: issues that directly affect every student living and studying on this campus.

Student government officials want to implement policies that will make your four years at college a little easier. This is why the current administration is adamant on making themselves more available to the student body; through office hours and making voting in college elections available online.

These students ran for class offices to make a difference and to pad their resumes.

Why not give these students some extra credit and the opportunities they wanted by voicing what issues that are important to you. They would love to try their hand at presenting and driving policy initiatives that are important to the student body.

Instead of complaining about the abominable meal plan or the all too often appearance of the fried food bar, drop an e-mail to Student Body President Kim Jensen or even go to a Board of Governance meeting on Monday afternoon.

Imagine if the lengthy struggle for a study day were shortened by seven or more years. This could happen if students demonstrate a strong personal interest. A healthy interest will persuade faculty and administration to take students more seriously if they have a firm stand on a policy like the study day. Along with the aid of student government, this initiative will have a momentum not yet seen.

Don't be brushed aside. Remember that many of the current administration and faculty came of age during a time of strong youth opinion and political voice. It will make an impression if you have a backbone when it

comes to issues that are important to your student life.

Just a little effort by every student will make a huge difference. I promise it won't take too much time away from your studies or social life. You won't even have to trade watching "Friends" or "ER" to get a study day. Plus, you have the student government that you elected to represent your wants and needs working for you. Don't be afraid to utilize it as a tool to change the policies that are valuable to your status as a student of this college.

"Just a little effort by every student will make a huge difference. I promise it won't take too much time away from your studies or social life."

Please don't spend your college years indifferent to what is going on around you. Let this time prepare you to be a full and active citizen when it comes time for you to have a mortgage and economic inter-

ests beside how to spend your money on the weekends. And just maybe you too will catch the political bug and find yourself writing to a member of Congress or listening to talk radio.

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◆ Monthly meetings between the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame presidents and vice-presidents allowed for greater communication between the two institution's student government.

◆ The updated Board of Governance Website allows students to have quick link to student government.

◆ The Board of Governance re-worked Saint Mary's constitution, changing the voting period to a 24-hour allotment of time and allowing even abroad students to vote online.

◆ Student body president Kim Jensen and vice president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl have put a concerted effort into the writing the reading day proposal and making it accessible to students and faculty. The 10-year student government initiative has been given serious consideration, but the 2003-2004 pilot program has yet to be approved.

◆ Student government-sponsored events did not receive as much publicity as in past years. Although the Board of Governance sends out a monthly newsletter, they generally end up in the recycle bin, part of an endless paper trail that means nothing.

◆ Student government has not initiated new programming. Instead of expecting the students to come to student government with ideas, student government should go to the students for ideas.

◆ Past governments have been more committed to community service and charity.

◆ Go along to get along policy: Members of Board of Governance readily agree with each other and approve the agenda. In order to have a balanced representation members should express their differing opinions and challenge each other.

Do you think it is important to vote in elections?



Cheryl Barker
freshman

"We have this opportunity to make student government better, so it is very important to vote."



Allison Gavin
junior

"I don't think enough people feel it [elections] is important and that is why most students don't vote."



Dawn Tuel
junior

"If you want to see change you must vote."



Nikki Ornelas
sophomore

"I think it's really important to vote because it allows you to have a voice in student government."



Jennie Bueler
senior

"People don't vote because they don't think student government does anything for them."



Jessica Needles
senior

"I think it's very important [to vote] because you can't be accurately represented."



Michelle Gary
sophomore

"I don't participate in voting very much but I think it's important to get your views across to student government."



Sara Tallman
sophomore

"I don't vote but maybe I would if government was more accessible to me."

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"Dear Children, as a mother invites her children, I invited you and you responded to me. Allow me to fill your heart with love, so that it becomes a heart of love that you will be giving to others without reserve. In that way, you will best help me in my mission of converting those of my children who have not yet experienced the love of God and the love of my Son. Thank you!"



ANNOUNCEMENT

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OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Jensen, Jablonski-Diehl finding routes to makes changes

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Student body president Kim Jensen and vice president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl do not like to hear the word "no." That has been the guiding force behind accomplishing their goals. If one path does not seem to be possible than Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl find another route to take.

"One thing I feel we've been very successful at in our administration is that we haven't tried to start over as a some administrations have tried to do in the past. We've really encapsulated not even last year's administration but the past ten year's administration, like we've found all this paperwork and we've

found what has worked and what hasn't and we've found works for now," Jensen said.

This has been their mindset as they have pursued the ten-year student government goal of implementing a study day in the academic calendar, and taking what they have made known as the reading day proposal farther than it as ever gone before. Presenting the reading day proposal to the faculty assembly, making the proposal seem more of a possibility.

"This is one project [reading day] that Elizabeth and I can say we put our heart and soul into, we put so much time and energy into. This is one thing we can go to sleep at night and say we did all we could do," Jensen said.

Campaigning on a need for better communication between

students and administrators, advancing Saint Mary's pride and what they perceived as a need to reconnect students with the Student Academic Council, Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl's platform promised to continue to work on the study day proposal, make the student government offices accessible, improve dining hall food quality, increase detex capabilities and develop relationships with Notre Dame and Holy Cross College.

With the exception of improving dining hall food, these promises were delivered. Student government renovated their offices making it a useable space. Work on the study day proposal has gone farther than any other administration has taken it. Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl met monthly with Notre

B+
Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl have worked on completing all of their platform promises and have implemented other ideas that have come out of their administration, such as online voting.

Dame student body president and vice president. They created a new Web site and the Detex committee which made Detex use for laundry service possible.

"We get a project and we do it. Like on-line voting we were like this is great, that wasn't even on our platform but we saw it in the horizon, we jumped on it and we did it," Jensen said.

This has been an administration that worked on many projects but a lot of the work that was done occurred behind the scenes. Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl began work on revising

the constitution, organizing and filing information in the office and working to change the judiciary process.

Projects that Jablonski-Diehl looks to carry on as she seeks the student body president office in the upcoming elections, and that Jensen wants to see remembered as she prepares to graduate in May.

"We have always tried to give more, we try to give as much as possible," Jensen said.

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five new faces to the sophomore council.

"I am really excited about the potential these new leaders bring. I feel that their fresh ideas combined with the experience of the remaining original board members will work to create an incredible semester for our board and therefore for the class," class president Sarah Brown said.

The council's main goal has been to increase communication between government and the sophomores.

The main events planned for this semester are Sophomore Parents Weekend and Irish Belles Night Out, which is an event with the first-year and sophomore councils of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

First Year Class Council

The goal of the first year's council is to get to know one another, both as a council and a class. The council started its year by handing out surveys to find out what the class as a whole wanted.

The survey results allowed the council to plan study breaks, a class service project and class apparel.

"I have loved getting to know

the students," class president Anna Bauer said.

One of the unique aspects of the first year's council is the exchange they have with Notre Dame's freshman council.

One event that Notre Dame and Saint Mary's first-year councils help to plan is the Irish Belles Night Out. Currently the freshman class council is also preparing for its first class dance.

"I think we all had a great first semester and we hope to continue to," Bauer said.

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has changed the grant guidelines is that student can no longer apply for a grant to cover senior comprehensive expenses. The Board of Governance changed this policy because it did not feel that granting a student funds for her senior comprehensive benefited the community.

"We found that we only have so much money for the full community, and we feel that it is the department's responsibility [to fund senior comprehensives]," Dunlap said.

Although certain exceptions have been made. Earlier this year, a student received funds so that she could bus in children from the South Bend school district to see the play she directed for her senior directing comprehensive.

Board of Governance generally approves grant requests, although this is not always the case.

"We had one case where we didn't grant them any money because we didn't feel that it would be beneficial to the whole campus, but just to those select people," Dunlap said.

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

'Fun board' appeals to students

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Known as the "fun board" by its commissioners and throughout student government, the Student Activities Board works to plan campus events and programs. Their goal is to provide events students will enjoy and to involve as many students as possible.

"We want to reach out to every part of campus that we can, keeping in mind the different personalities of campus," board coordinator Adrienne Dorbish said.

SAB serves as the main campus programming board, and commissioners plan traditional events, such as Saint Mary's Tostal, movie nights, Twilight Tailgate, Pride Week and Say What? Karaoke. The board has also incorporated new programs, holding a student talent

show and bringing in different performers.

The Board holds weekly meetings where members talk about the different projects each has worked on.

"This has been the best and most efficient board I have seen in the past three years. The 12 girls on Board have put in 100 percent effort," Dorbish said.

In November, the board attended the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) connection where members participated in competitions and talks with campus activities representatives from colleges across the nation. Also at the convention were different performers who presented their acts and who afterwards could be booked for campus performances.

At the convention held in Grand Rapids, Mich., Saint Mary's representatives won the best networking award.

B+
An active board, they have stuck with the traditional events but have also brought new performers and activities to campus.

On campus, the board has worked on having better publicity, creating a newsletter and working for higher attendance. The monthly newsletter is posted in campus restrooms and has also served as a contest for students to earn money by answering questions.

"As a board we continue to have higher attendance because of our unique and unusual events," said Erica Barker, the board's administrative coordinator.

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STUDENT TRUSTEE

SMC student trustee paves her own path

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Student trustee Kristen Matha has worked not only with the trustees but has been an integral member of the Board of Governance this past year. While not required to sit on BOG, Matha chose to attend meetings and work with student commissioners.

"Having served as student body vice president, I know it is a great way to find out about student needs," Matha said.

The student trustee is not an elected member of student government, but through an application process is chosen by the Board of Trustees. Once a student is chosen as a trustee, it is then up to her to create her own agenda.

"As student trustee we are

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Matha has worked not only on her own agenda but has helped other members of student government, attending BOG meetings and helping others. Although more communication with the whole student body could have been helpful, overall Matha has done a good job.

given a clean slate to choose what we want to work with," Matha said.

Matha's main goal this year has been to re-institute a health and physical wellness program. Matha chose this project because as a student-athlete she sees the number of Saint Mary's students interested in their physical health but also knows the importance of academic well-being.

Currently students can take classes, such as spinning and aerobics, but Matha wants to broaden the physical program to include health classes. Matha sees the introductory course as including a series of lectures given by different faculty and departments, a workout class and health wellness class. Matha sees the wellness class as offering such topics as nutrition and women's health.

Although a women's health course currently exists through the nursing department, it is very difficult to get into because of the great demand.

"The wellness course will be more opportunities for women to learn about themselves," Matha said. "My role is to get an incremental step done."

Matha is also working on a recycling program proposal that was brought to her by students. Matha plans to take the proposal to the April board meeting.

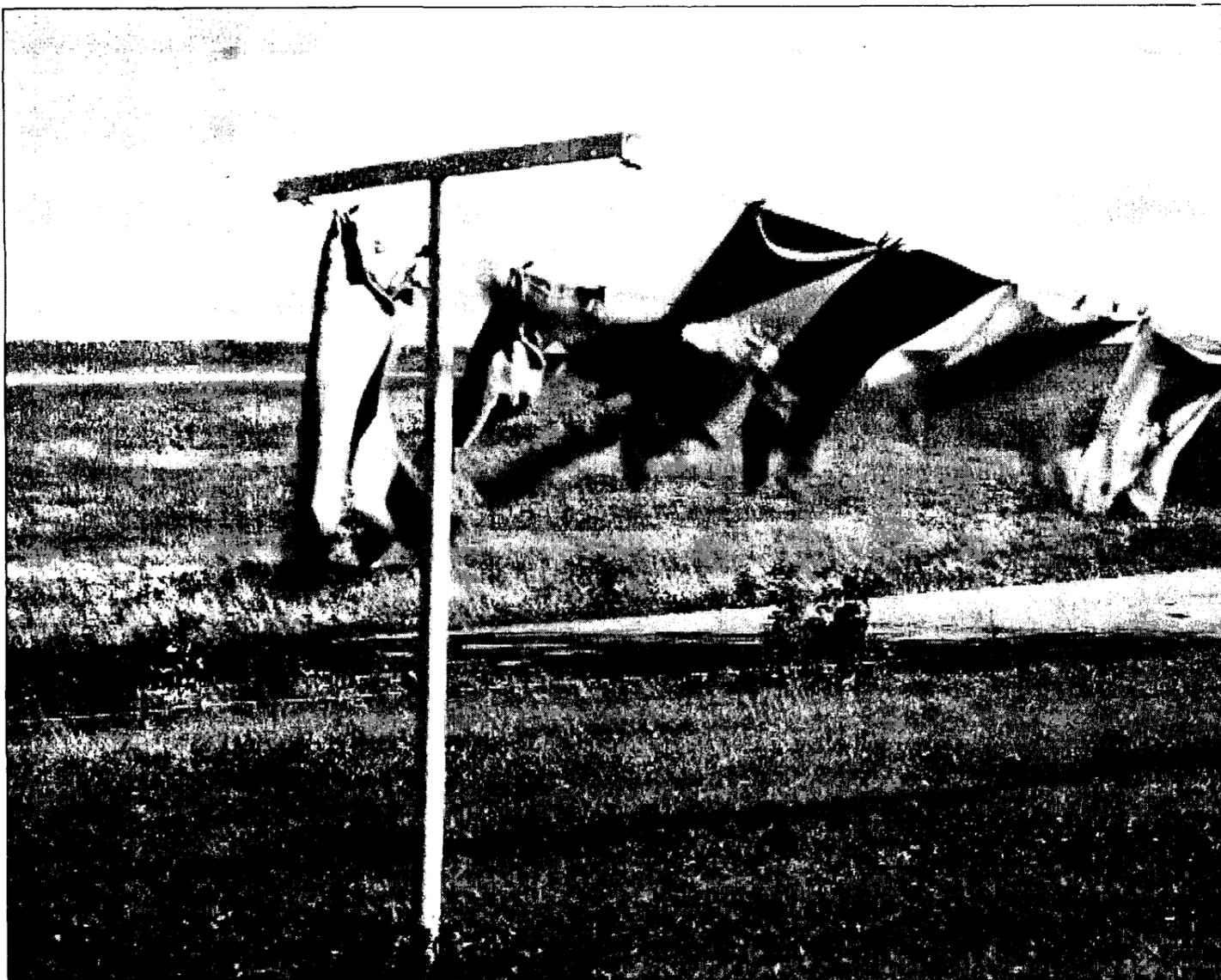
Matha is also working with BOG commissioner Lindsay Evans on setting up a fund for students who wish to participate in campus events but do not have the funds to do so.

Matha has also been instrumental in helping students make presentations to the board. At the October board meeting, Student Body Vice President Elizabeth Jablonski-Deihl presented the reading day proposal to the board and at the February meeting, Student Diversity Board President Sara Mahoney and student with disabilities representative Frances Bruder will be making a presentation to the board concerning what campus life is like at Saint Mary's for students with disabilities.

As student trustee Matha's greatest role is to provide interaction between the board and students. She has done this through mass e-mails, including updates in the BOG newsletter and lunches.

Most importantly, Matha has continued her role as a student leader, remaining open to student concerns.

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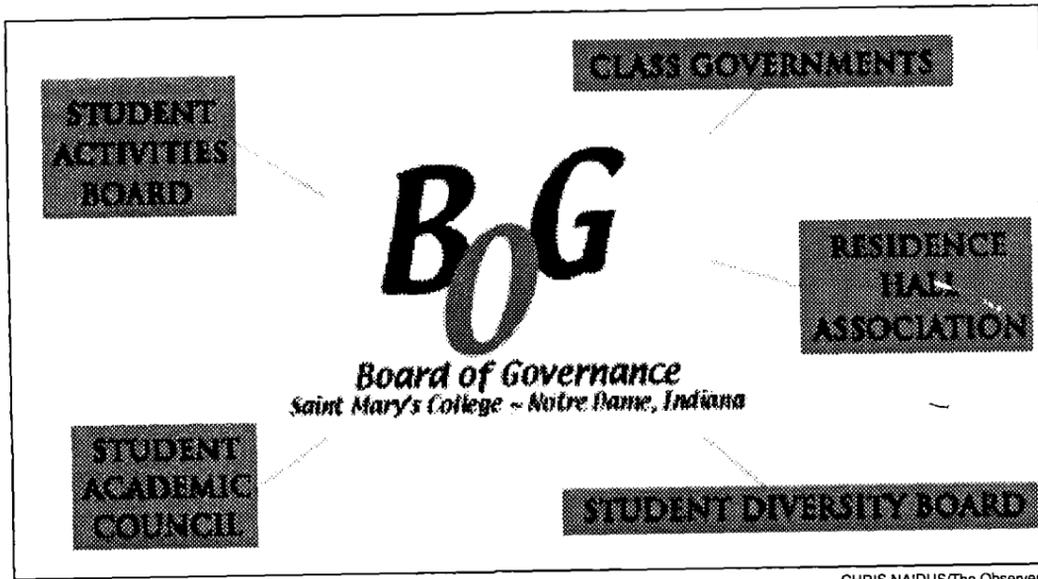
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"We didn't feel that RHA was very recognizable on campus when we took office, but we have looked into making the group better known by heading activities such as Hall of the Month," said Annie Furman, RHA vice president. "We have also participated in office hours." RHA has also worked hard

"Students have called and stopped up [to the BOG office] during office hours to bring up issues, but this interaction could always be more effective and we are always looking to improve."

Linda Janke
communication coordinator

beyond Saint Mary's campus to promote the community. A delegation that was sent to present the College in the regional school of the year contest took second place. The conference was sponsored by the National Association of College and University Residence Housing Nov. 15-17 at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

"Everything that Saint Mary's does is what made this delegation," said RHA member Whitney Ross.

This type of representation for Saint Mary's allowed the smaller school to stand among much larger institutions such as the University of Wisconsin, Lacrosse.

B The board showed a great drive to improve its availability to the student body by using the Internet as a tool. But, its insistence on sticking with stale methods of promoting issues and ideas on campus with newsletters that immediately end up in the trash and foru12ms that hardly no one attends need to be combined with direct contact with the students.

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Class councils strive to represent students

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Representing the wants and needs of each individual class to the Board of Governance are the class councils. The class councils are composed of the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Each class council is also composed of different committee commissioners. These range from commissioners in charge of class dances to publicity. The goal of every class council is to improve class interaction and unity.

Senior Class Council

When the current senior class representatives took office their first objective was to survey the class to see what they wanted done. From these responses the Senior Class Council made its agenda.

The council was active in talking to the administration about a senior parking lot, which opened last September. The council has also continued traditional events, such as Senior Dads Weekend and planning for the senior formal.

The senior class is also trying new things, such as creating a memory book and CD-rom. Another event that the council has planned is a senior retreat, which was resurrected by last year's Senior Class Council and continued by this year's council.

"This year has given us a chance to get to know the people we already knew better and to get to know the people we didn't know at all," class president Rachel Finely said.

Junior Class Council

Throughout the year the Junior Class Council has tried to plan events on and off campus, and that offer a little bit of everything for everyone to enjoy.

"My goal is for the Junior Board to create environments where all members of the class feel welcome and connected to one another. Whether this is through events on campus, Junior Nights Out or new traditions," class president Nicole Haeberle said.

The two biggest events the class board plans are Junior Moms Weekend and the junior dance.

"The most valuable accomplishments of my presidency have been selecting a diverse group of individuals to represent the class, the identification of activities that allow juniors to socialize both on and off campus [Must-see TV nights and Junior Nights Out] and our attention to the opinion of our class in choosing the atmosphere of events," Haeberle said.

The upcoming formal is planned for Feb. 1. The theme is a Black and White Gala. Junior Moms weekend, themed "A Belle At Heart," is planned for April 4-6.

"Feedback from the class has been fantastic. I think we identified a need with Junior Nights Out in selecting off-campus activities that juniors would be interested in anyway and transforming them into opportunities to become more familiar with our classmates," Haeberle said.

Sophomore Class Council

The new semester has brought

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Keeping an eye on student government

◆ BOG makes great technological strides but stumbles on old habits once again

By SHANNON NELLIGAN
News Writer

Every Monday afternoon 20 women gather around a conference table in Haggar College Center to discuss and vote on issues that affect the student body. The initiatives passed are intended to further and protect the rights, opinions and interests of students in campus affairs.

Internal review and revamping of current policies was the foundation for many of the new initiatives pursued by the current student government. Guided by Student Body President Kim Jensen and Student Body Vice President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl nearly each member of the Board of Governance researched and presented needed internal reforms.

"I feel like there are a lot of internal issues that student government has implemented," said student trustee Kristen Matha.

BOG this year was successful in revamping the internal structure of student government by demonstrating an interest in making itself more accessible to students needs.

Student Government going into the 21st Century

To best meet the needs of the students, BOG found it necessary to go digital. In the next election cycle students both on- and off-campus and abroad students will be voting via PRISM, the same online system used for student registration.

"One of the major initiatives this year was to put up a student government Web site and voting online," said Mary Pauline Moran, technology commissioner. "When I applied for the position last year, the members of the committee informed me that they were interested in promoting online voting and I have been involved in the research and setup of the program."

The primary concern of student government with the current voting procedure was to allow students to become more involved in their own government and increase voter turnout.

"By sitting on the constitutional oversight committee on online voting, we were most interested in seeing if it is something for students," election commissioner Alison Joseph said.

According to Jablonski-Diehl during a Dec. 10 BOG meeting, online voting is a good system for the school to implement because it will allow for better access to the ballot for all students and hopefully it will increase voter turnout.

It is hoped that this three-year trial run for online voting will increase participation and interest in student government by off-campus students, student nurses and teachers. It is these students who have most actively called for a new voting procedure that would be more accommodating to their schedule.

By providing alternate and timely options for student involvement on campus, BOG proved itself to be interested in the needs of the student body.

Office Hours and Communication

BOG has continued its effort to reach out to the student body through traditional means.

According to communication coordinator Linda Janke she continues to produce and advertise cam-



Above, admissions commissioner, Stephanie Pace voices her opinion on internal reforms as Student Body Vice President, Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, right, listens.



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pus events through newsletters and e-mails but saw only a slight increase of communication via nontraditional means such as office hours held by each representative on the board.

"Students have called and stopped up [to the BOG office] during office hours to bring up issues, but this interaction could always be more effective and we are always looking to improve," Janke said.

Residence Hall Association

Often overlooked is the important roll that the Residence Hall Association plays within student government. This component of BOG is designed to promote the living needs of students on campus.

◆ Student government allots more than \$100,000 to plan Saint Mary's events

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Anyone who has attended a meeting of the Board of Governance would know about the many groups and individuals who come requesting funds.

This is not as unusual as it sounds because the student government fund comes from students. Each student pays \$150 to student government, whether they know it or not. The fee is included in each student's tuition and goes into the student government bank account, monitored by the executive treasurer.

This year student government had more than \$200,000 to work with. The executive treasurer created a budget breaking down the amount of money each student government entity receives.

The Board of Governance itself received \$3,000, the Student Academic Council received \$6,000, the Student Activities Board received \$60,000, the Student Diversity Board received \$15,000 and the Residence Hall Association received \$15,000.

The class government fund totaled \$6,000 and is broken down by how many students are in each class, but each class receives the same amount of money per student. For example, if the sophomore class has 200 students and the executive treasurer decides that each class receives \$2 per student, then the class receives \$400.

Board commissioner Lindsay Evans and student trustee Kristen Matha have begun to look at the possibility of creating a fund that students could apply to receive money from. These funds would be available to students who want to attend campus events but are not able to because of financial problems.

"We would not want any student to not be able to attend an event because they do not have the money," Matha said.

But there are also chances for students to receive money from student government through the co-sponsorship fund. This year the Board of Governance allotted \$20,000 for the co-sponsorship grant program. Any student is eligible to receive a Board of Governance co-sponsorship grant, and any student or group can apply for a grant as many times as they want.

Students interested in applying for a grant can get an application either from the Student Activities office or download it from the Board of Governance Web site. Once the student has the form, she then can choose to apply for one of four different grants. Whichever grant the student or group of students applies for, their likelihood of receiving the grant depends on what they can bring back to the Saint Mary's community.

The four different grants available are the service grant, charity grant, academic/educational grant and the campus-programming grant. Each grant has different monetary limits and guidelines, but the goal of giving any grant is that by providing these funds, the Saint Mary's community benefits.

"This is the student's money, and this is why the whole purpose is to benefit the entire Saint Mary's community," Dunlap said.

One way in which the current Board of Governance

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STUDENT DIVERSITY BOARD

Board tackles harassment policy, promotes awareness

By SHANNON NELLIGAN
News Writer

Three short years ago, Student Diversity Board emerged on Saint Mary's campus to increase diversity and promote awareness of all cultures. This young member of student government matured to tackle the tough issues of diversity.

The primary issue on SDB's agenda for this year's administration was to examine the current harassment clause and provide suggestions to update the policy. The suggestions came as a result of research by Nila Ahmad, SDB vice president, based on a number of other college and university harassment clauses.

Under the new clause, a definition of harassment will be explained and a procedure to follow in the event that one is harassed will be outlined. The definition of harassment will include physical threats and comments.

"The current policy does not include procedures for reporting harassment or conditions for being harassed," SDB president Sara Mohoney said.

At the moment, the new version of the harassment clause does not have an outline for the correct judicial procedure to take in the event of harassment.

Ahmad brought the policy to Board of Governance to request suggestions on wording, reporting and documentation. She also asked for endorsement of the policy.

BOG did not fully endorse the wording of the new policy, but it encourages and promotes the need to update the present harassment policy.

The revised version of the policy has been given to Linda Timm, vice president of student affairs. SDB hopes that the policy will receive a positive review from the administration and will be able to present to the Board of Trustees shortly.

"We hope that looking at diversity and the harassment clause will relay that everyone

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Student Diversity Board deserves high marks for its efforts in promoting diversity on campus. This young member of student government has made great strides at making their group visible on campus through their various activities and forums. The only improvement that must be made is to make their proposed changes to the harassment clause available to the entire student body at every stage of its development.

is diverse in their own right. Because you are white does not mean you are not diverse," said Mahoney. "You should be able to value your own diversity and embrace others, too."

One of the first initiatives of SDB is still continuing strongly. The board insists that the campus must become more accessible for people with disabilities.

"Accessibility for those who have disabilities is not where it should be," said Mahoney.

To combat this problem, the board is com-

pling a presentation for the trustees that will outline the capabilities and difficulties on campus for those who are disabled.

"We will be completing the presentation with the aid of the Director of Disabilities Services at Ball State University, Dr. Richard Harris," said Mahoney. "He has done talks in the past at the College about disabilities."

In the coming month, SDB will be sponsoring a disability awareness event that will fea-

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Tartuffe



considering the difficulty of the task, many of the performers do an admirable job in their roles. Dorine, played by Mary Anne Lewis, Tartuffe, played by Karl Reifsteck, and Madame Pernelle, played by Rose Lindgren, are particularly convincing characters.

The play is performed in the lab theater on the third floor of Washington Hall. The theater holds a relatively small audience of 110. The small venue gives the play a more personal feel than those performed in larger theaters.

The location also creates problems with staging, as audience members sit on three sides of the stage. At some point, every audience member will be presented with the backsides of the performers. To compensate for the difficulty of presenting to different angles, the performers keep the action moving, making sure to present to all sides of the stage. No one is left out of the performance.

Instead of reinterpreting the play, McDowell opted for a traditional 17th century setting, including impressive costumes.

"We really try to give an interpretation that Molière himself might recognize," said McDowell. "We use period costumes and the same language as Molière."

The actors use little in the way of props and backdrops, but the play does not require detailed stage sets.

In attempting to enjoy the literature of another language and culture, audiences will always be stuck between a rock and a hard place — translating a work drains the beauty of the language and changes its meaning, but the original is usually inaccessible to those unable to understand the language. McDowell's presentation of "Tartuffe" creates a compromise. The language is the same, but the play can still be understood. Following the plot of the play is an enjoyable challenge, and not by any means impossible. This is a rare chance to experience one of the great plays of French culture presented both by and for students.

Some of the actors struggle with portraying their characters clearly and



Above, Mary Anne talks with Orgon, played by Joe Horton. To the right, Dorine shouts in disapproval, as she rises out of her seat. Below, Dorine, Mary Anne, and Valere, played by John Dougan, converse.

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"An entire play in French is a daunting prospect," he added.

Much of the literary subtlety of Molière's work is lost on those

who do not speak French, but the play is still enjoyable. Tartuffe's scheme to get into the good graces of Orgon while seducing his wife remains insightful and entertaining even without the finer turns of phrase.

The Lab Theatre at Washington Hall shows the play tonight and tickets are available at 343-4444. Tickets will be sold at the

still including realism and subtlety in the performance. However,

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Notre Dame French Class

on, Maribel Morey, Juan Diego Dougan, Karl Reifsteck, Mary Claudia Ramirez, Stephanie

FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Commitments roll in as signing day nears

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

After two weeks without any verbal commitments, Notre Dame's 2007 recruiting class added several new members in the last two weeks, all of which could make significant contributions to future Irish squads.

Highly-touted tight end Greg Olsen and safety Tom Zbikowski both orally committed to the Irish Jan. 16. Less than a week later, two more prospects, John Sullivan and Dwight Stephenson, gave Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham their oral commitment.

Per NCAA regulations, Notre Dame officials are prohibited from publicly commenting on verbal commitments until Signing Day Feb. 5.

Sullivan, a 6-foot-4, 280-pound center from Greenwich, Conn. narrowed his choices to Notre Dame and Boston College, before choosing the Irish.

Sullivan brings a list of credentials with him to Notre Dame. SuperPrep rated Sullivan as a top 50 player at any position in the country and the best prospect out of the New England area.

"He gets after it, he's very aggressive and he stays on his blocks very well," SuperPrep's

Allen Wallace said.

ESPN's Tom Lemming also called Sullivan the best center in the nation.

Sullivan will compete against rising sophomore Bob Morton and rising junior Zach Giles for the starting position next season.

The other commitment came from Hall of Fame center Dwight Stephenson's son. The younger Stephenson had already committed to the University of Florida before changing his mind and choosing Notre Dame.

Stephenson played strongside linebacker in high school, but could play either at linebacker or defensive end at Notre Dame. He had 27 sacks as a senior last season and also brings the Irish outstanding speed, running the 40-yard dash in only 4.4 seconds.

"He's very quick, reacts well and plays hard," Wallace said. "He's somebody who you definitely would want to have on your team."

Despite now having 17 recruits orally committed, Notre Dame isn't done. The Irish have several players they hope to land before the Feb. 5 Signing Day.

One such player is defensive end Victor Abiamiri who is sought by Miami (Fla.), Maryland, North Carolina and Stanford. Abiamiri could be a difference maker for the college he chooses.

Irish Verbal Commitments

Nick Borseti	LB	Danvers, Mass.	6-foot-4, 218-pounds
Joe Brockington	LB	Palmyra, Pa.	6-foot-2, 215-pounds
John Carlson	TE	Litchfield, Minn.	6-foot-6, 230-pounds
Isaiah Gardner	RB	Virginia Beach, Vir.	5-foot-11, 185-pounds
Ryan Harris	OL	St. Paul, Minn.	6-foot-5, 270-pounds
Trevor Laws	DL	Apple Valley, Minn.	6-foot-3, 285-pounds
David Marrero	RB	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	5-foot-11, 185-pounds
Ashley McConnell	FB	Adairsville, Ga.	5-foot-11, 230-pounds
Chinedum Ndukwe	WR	Dublin, Ohio	6-foot-3, 195-pounds
Greg Olsen	TE	Wayne Hills, N.J.	6-foot-6, 235-pounds
Freddie Parrish	DB	Long Beach, Calif.	6-foot-1, 195-pounds
Brady Quinn	QB	Dublin, Ohio	6-foot-4, 215-pounds
Jeff Samardzija	WR	Valparaiso, Ind.	6-foot-4, 190-pounds
Dwight Stephenson	LB	Boca Raton, Fla.	6-foot-3, 220-pounds
John Sullivan	C	Greenwich, Conn.	6-foot-4, 280-pounds
Travis Thomas	RB	Washington, Pa.	6-foot-1, 190-pounds
Tommy Zbikowski	DB	Buffalo Grove, Ill.	6-foot, 190-pounds

"He's truly elite," Wallace said. "He's smart, big, fast, athletic, quick and pretty explosive. Because of his raw talent, he should go in and make an impact at someplace playing as a freshman."

Abiamiri has narrowed his choices down to Notre Dame and Maryland, according to Lemming.

The Irish also hope to grab Abiamiri's teammate, quarter-

back/cornerback Ambrose Wooden. Wallace said Wooden is a little different from most recruits because he will have to switch to a somewhat unfamiliar position if he decides on Notre Dame. However, Wallace said that inexperience shouldn't scare off the Irish.

"He's definitely worth the risk," Wallace said.

Offensive lineman Mike Jones also has expressed interest in

playing at Notre Dame. Jones has reportedly narrowed his choices down to the Irish, Penn State, Tennessee and Iowa. Jones is listed as 6-foot-5, 307-pounds and could be another big commitment for Notre Dame.

"He has always had Notre Dame high on his list," Wallace said.

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FENCING

Sabre squads to be tested at No. 4 Ohio State

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

Gabor Szelle, welcome back to collegiate fencing.

At Saturday's Ohio State duals, Szelle — who wasn't on the team last year — Matt Fabricant and the other Notre Dame sabre fencers will face one of the most talented sabre squads in the country.

"Their fencers are excellent competing all year on their national teams," Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski said. "We are a little behind them as a team, but I am sure Gabor will fence well and try to get better."

Jason Rogers, Colin Parker

and Adam Crompton comprise Ohio State's sabre team and will give the Irish all they can handle this weekend.

Rogers finished third at last year's NCAA Championships and is currently ranked second in the junior division and ninth in the senior division of the United States Fencing Association rankings. Parker is a two-time All-American and ended up in eighth at last year's national championships.

Brother of former Notre Dame sabre fencer Andre Crompton, Adam Crompton gives the Buckeyes impressive depth at this weapon. Adam Crompton stands seventh on the junior level and eleventh

on the senior level in the U.S. Fencing Association rankings.

Rogers and Crompton tied for third at the North American Cup event in December.

Ohio State opened its season at the Northwestern duals two weeks ago and dominated the weak field. The Buckeyes beat all nine of their opponents. Bednarski is a little concerned about his team in its opening competition.

"This is the first team tournament so it is really unpredictable. I hope they really fence well and will face some top opponents, like Ohio State," Bednarski said. "We face them first in their home gym, in front of their home

audience and support. They are a really good team and this will be a very important match for us."

Notre Dame's womens sabre team will be challenged this weekend as well. Sophomore Louise Bond-Williams finished second for the Buckeyes at the 2002 NCAA Championships. Bond-Williams defeated Notre Dame junior Destanie Milo 5-2. Notre Dame senior Natalia Mazur will be participating in her first collegiate competition since after missing the 2002 season with an illness.

Last year, Notre Dame opened the season at the New York University duals and split with top-ranked St. John's. The 14-13 victory by the mens

team, with then-freshman epeeist Michal Sobieraj winning the decisive bout, gave them the top ranking in the country on the next poll.

Adding to the pressure on this weekend will be the mens team looking to continue its 59-match winning streak. Notre Dame's last loss came on Jan. 23, 2000. The 59-match streak is third longest in school history and isn't even halfway to the record of 122 matches set from 1975-1980.

In addition to No. 4 Ohio State, No. 2 Notre Dame will fence Northwestern and Wayne State.

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Speaking of cold...what is going on?

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Going down with the ship!

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	28-13	.683	6-4	-
Boston	24-18	.571	5-5	4.5
Philadelphia	22-20	.524	3-7	6.5
Orlando	23-21	.523	5-5	6.5
Washington	21-21	.500	6-4	7.5
New York	17-23	.425	5-5	10.5
Miami	15-27	.357	3-7	13.5

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	30-12	.714	7-3	-
Detroit	27-14	.659	6-4	2.5
New Orleans	23-20	.536	5-5	7.5
Milwaukee	20-21	.488	7-3	9.5
Chicago	16-27	.367	4-6	15
Atlanta	14-28	.333	2-8	18
Toronto	10-33	.233	2-8	20.5
Cleveland	8-35	.186	2-8	22.5

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Dallas	32-8	.800	7-3	-
San Antonio	26-15	.634	7-3	6.5
Utah	25-16	.610	7-3	7.5
Houston	23-17	.575	6-4	8
Minnesota	24-18	.571	7-3	9
Memphis	13-28	.317	4-6	19.5
Denver	10-31	.244	3-7	22.5

Western Conference, Pacific Division

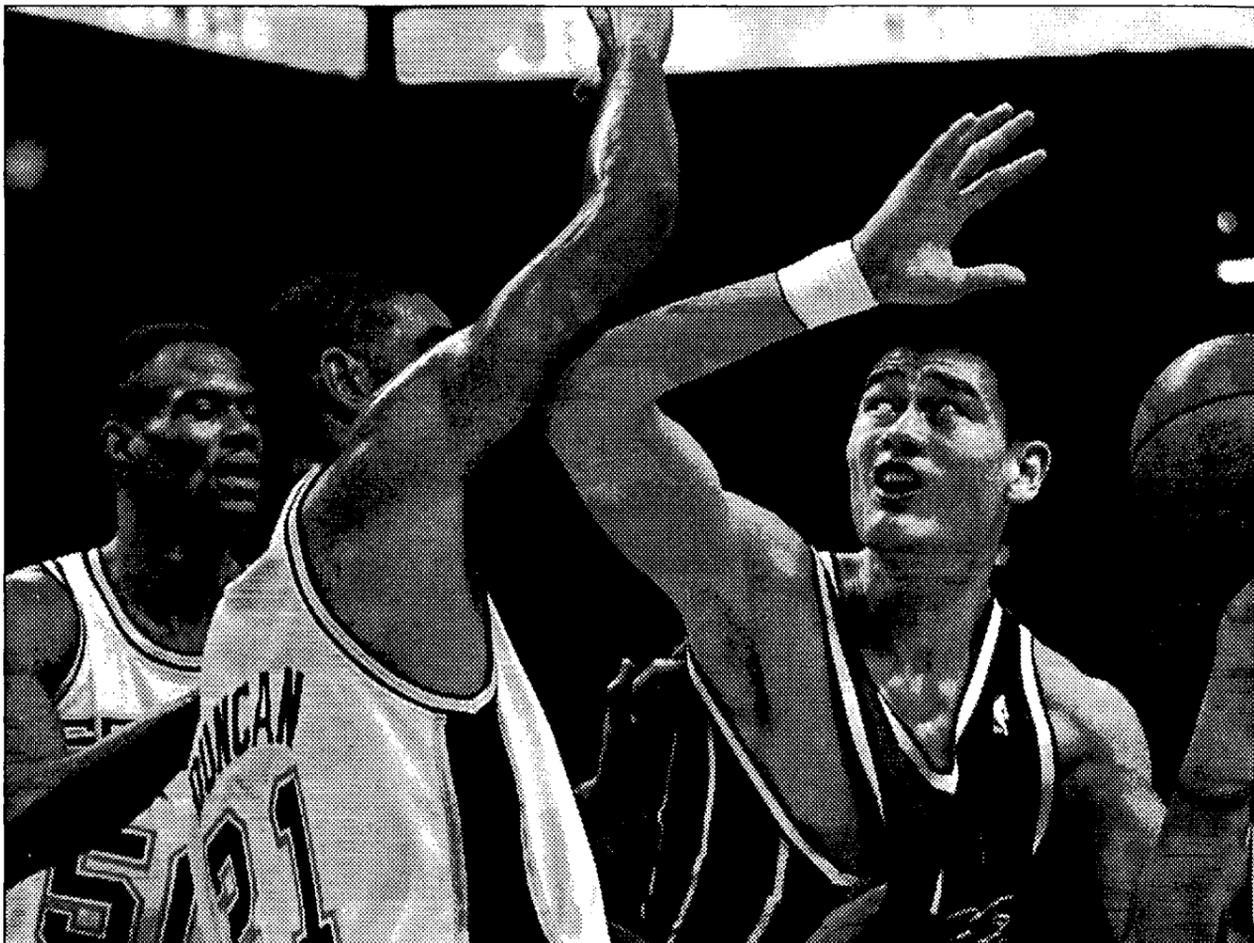
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Sacramento	31-11	.738	8-2	-
Portland	25-15	.625	7-3	5
Phoenix	25-18	.581	4-6	6.5
LA Lakers	19-22	.463	7-3	11.5
Seattle	18-22	.450	3-7	12
Golden State	18-23	.439	6-4	12.5
LA Clippers	16-25	.390	4-6	14.5

Mens College Basketball Big East Conference

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team	W-L	Pct.	Overall
Pittsburgh	4-0	1.000	14-1
Syracuse	3-1	.750	12-2
NOTRE DAME	3-1	.750	15-3
Georgetown	2-2	.500	10-4
Seton Hall	2-4	.333	7-6
West Virginia	1-3	.250	10-6
Rutgers	0-4	.000	8-8

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Houston Rockets 7-foot-6 center Yao Ming will join Kevin Garnett, Tim Duncan, Kobe Bryant and teammate Steve Francis in starting for the Western Conference in the 2003 NBA All-Star Game

Ming to start for West in All-Star game

Associated Press

NEW YORK
When the ball goes up for the opening tip at the NBA All-Star Game Feb. 9 in Atlanta, Yao Ming will be the center trying to win the jump ball for the West.

The 7-foot-6 Houston Rockets rookie from China will be starting for the Western Conference after defeating Shaquille O'Neal by almost a quarter-million votes in final fan balloting totals released Thursday.

In the closest race, Kevin Garnett of Minnesota edged Dirk Nowitzki of Dallas for the last starting spot among Western

Conference forwards. Garnett received 1,086,780 votes — 7,355 more than Nowitzki.

In the Eastern Conference, Allen Iverson of Philadelphia drew almost 73,000 more votes than Michael Jordan to earn the second guard spot.

Yao will become the first rookie to start in the All-Star Game since Grant Hill in 1995. He is the 16th rookie in NBA history to be named an All-Star starter and the fourth center, joining O'Neal in 1993, Wilt Chamberlain in 1960 and Ray Felix in 1954.

"I am honored. I hope to play well in the game. I

think I might have to take a sleeping pill before I can go to sleep tonight," Yao said. "To have this rare opportunity is a rare opportunity."

The rest of the West's starters are Iverson, Tim Duncan of San Antonio, Steve Francis of Houston and Kobe Bryant of the Lakers.

Bryant was the leading overall vote-getter with 1,474,386 out of more than 4.5 million ballots.

The Eastern Conference starters are Iverson and Orlando's Tracy McGrady, Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal and Toronto's Vince Carter at forward, and Ben Wallace of Detroit at cen-

ter. McGrady was the leading vote-getter in the East with 1,316,297.

The fans' selection of Carter, who has missed 33 games because of knee injuries, was the most debatable.

"I'm thrilled. I just have to say thank you to the fans," Carter said. "It's been a rough season. A lot of people have been taking shots at me once again. It makes me feel better to know the fans believe in me. They know what I'm capable of regardless of what the other side thinks."

Isiah Thomas of Indiana and Rick Adelman of Sacramento will coach.

IN BRIEF

Carter may return to Raptors lineup Sunday

Vince Carter could return to the struggling Toronto Raptors as early as Sunday after missing 23 games with a strained right knee.

Carter received a good report from Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., this week and will meet with team doctors on Friday. He must be cleared by them before playing.

"I'm just ready to get out there and play," Carter said. "I feel great. Every week that goes by I get better and better."

Carter missed 10 games earlier this season with a chronically injured left knee. He has played in just 10 games but has been practicing with the team the last week.

"I want to get back out there and play for my teammates first and foremost, and for the fans," Carter said. "Even the people who have doubts, the people who have written me off, I want to go out there and play for them too."

The Raptors are 10-33 and have lost five straight and 21 of 24. Only Cleveland is worse.

"If we are going to lose I would like to be a part of it," Carter said.

The Raptors host the Sacramento Kings on Sunday.

McLaren dealt to Sharks in three-way trade

Holdout Boston Bruins defenseman Kyle McLaren was traded to the San Jose Sharks on Thursday in a three-team deal that sent forward Niklas Sundstrom to the Montreal Canadiens.

The Bruins acquired veteran goalie Jeff Hackett from the Canadiens and young defenseman Jeff Jillson from the Sharks. Montreal got the Sharks' third-round selection in the 2004 draft, while Boston sent a fourth-round pick in the 2004 draft to San Jose.

McLaren, 25, had 124 points in 417 career games with the Bruins, but he hasn't played this season

because of a contract dispute.

The Sharks, who have been desperate for consistent defensive play during their disappointing season, gave up on young prospect Jillson to acquire a more mature defenseman.

The Sharks didn't immediately announce the details of their contract agreement with McLaren.

"Kyle McLaren is a young, physical defenseman who brings elements which will fit with our stable of defensemen for years to come," Sharks general manager Dean Lombardi said.

San Jose is 16-20-6-5, with just one victory in 10 games. The Sharks have been dismal all season, and replacing coach Darryl Sutter with Ron Wilson in early December has done nothing to change it.

Like several San Jose forwards, Sundstrom has been in a slump all season — and now he's the second Swedish Olympian to be traded in what could be a series of shakeups for the Sharks.

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Arizona at Kansas 1 p.m., CBS
Louisville at Tennessee 1 p.m., ESPN2

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MENS TENNIS

Battle for bragging rights in Indiana

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The battle for the state of Indiana will take place today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion as the No. 27 Irish hope to welcome the Hoosiers by handing them their first loss of the season.

Last year, Notre Dame won 6-1 at Indiana. Despite the score, the Hoosiers played tough and came away with two upsets. Milan Rakvica upset senior Javier Taborga, who was ranked 11th nationally, and the Hoosier doubles duo of Zach Held and Ryan Recht triumphed over the fifth-ranked pair of Taborga and senior Casey Smith. While the Irish lost six players to graduation — including Taborga and Smith, the Hoosiers have the majority of last year's squad intact.

"They're a tough squad," Irish tri-captain Matt Scott said. "They always play up for us. They always seem ready to motivate themselves to play us, especially when they come here."

In addition to Indiana, the Irish also have Ohio State on their minds. Notre Dame will travel to Columbus on Sunday to play the No. 24 Buckeyes.

"Ohio State is a very difficult place to play and they're going to be a very good team this year," Scott said. "Like Indiana, they will raise their game for us. Nobody in the Big Ten likes to lose to Notre Dame."

For now though, the team is focused on the Hoosiers.

"We're staying focused in practice and just playing to win," Scott said. "We can't get ahead of ourselves."

Because of their relative youth compared to last year's squad, the Irish are not as experienced as the 2002 team that advanced to the NCAA round of 16 for the first time since 1994. The Irish reached as high as fourth in the national rankings.

This season may be a different story with a different cast but the Irish, relying on their work ethic, may have some surprises.

"I'm really excited about the possibilities," Scott said. "I think a lot of people might count us out because of our inexperience. We're going to have to fight hard and play well. We're looking forward to getting the season underway."

Additionally, the Irish hope to foster more interest in their program.

"It'd be great to get as much support as we can from the student body," Scott said. "I think we can really do some good things this year."

Freshmen Patrick Buchanan and Eric Langenkamp will probably prove to be critical to whatever successes the Irish may achieve this spring.

"The freshmen are great," Scott said. "They're now stepping it up. They've realized that they're going to be an important part of our success this year. I know they'll keep it up."

Langenkamp shared in the junior's assessment.

"I think we're very talented and we could end up surprising a lot of teams," Langenkamp said. "We've all been training very hard, lifting and running. I think we have great team camaraderie, and that's going to really help us pull through tough matches."

The Irish were supposed to have already had match experience under their belt, but the National Collegiate Tennis Classic, which was supposed to be held in Las Vegas last weekend, was cancelled.

"It would have been a great experience to be able to play with those teams," Scott said. "Rarely would you get an opportunity to compete against players of that level."

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WOMENS TRACK

Irish host Ball State, Western Michigan

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame womens track and field team looks to build on its early season success in hosting Ball State and Western Michigan tonight.

At last weekend's Central Michigan opener, the Irish were led by two seniors who broke their own school records.

Tameisha King set a NCAA qualification mark and new school mark by jumping 20-8 1/2. King was also in action on the track, finishing second in the 60 meters (7.51 seconds) ahead of teammate Kristen Dodd (7.76). Dodd returned to

the track for the 200 meters to post her own individual victory in 25.09.

Jaime Volkmer broke her old school record by more than six inches in the triple jump with a mark of 40-2 1/4. Volkmer also won the pole vault clearing 11-9.

Moving up to the 400 meters, Notre Dame was equally effective with Kymia Love taking first (56.29) and Tiffany Gunn crossing in second (56.98). Gunn would get a victory in her specialty, the hurdles, sprinting across the finish line in 8.85 to win the 60-meter hurdles. Freshman Stacey Cowan was third (9.26).

MENS SWIMMING

Irish host 1st meet in 7 weeks

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

After seven weeks on the road, the Notre Dame mens swimming and diving team will host its last home dual meet of the season Saturday at Rolfs Aquatic Center. The Irish (5-5) will compete against the Wildcats of Northwestern (3-6).

The Irish are coming off a busy weekend where they swam in three dual meets in two days. In Philadelphia, Notre Dame fell first to Pennsylvania, then split with Pittsburgh and Villanova.

Last Friday, the Wildcats won their first dual meet in more than three months, knocking off the University of Illinois-Chicago 194-96.

Both teams have faced Purdue, Pittsburgh and Michigan State this season. Northwestern was

defeated by all three opponents. The Irish edged out a win over Michigan State in a home dual meet in November.

Northwestern leads the all-time series against Notre Dame 10-7.

Northwestern's roster contains only one diver, but freshman Mike Oxman is one of the top divers in the Big Ten. Notre Dame's trio of senior divers — Tong Xie, Joe Miller and Andy Maggio — are expected to contribute points after turning in strong performances in Philadelphia.

After Saturday's meet with Northwestern, Notre Dame will be back on the road for three more dual meets. First up will be Cleveland State (Jan. 31), then St. Bonaventure (Feb. 1) and Oakland (Feb. 8).

The Big East Championship will be held this year in

Uniondale, N.Y. on Feb. 20-22. The Irish have been preparing for this meet all year long, and many swimmers on the roster have already qualified for the Big East meet.

Standouts for the Irish include senior Jason Fitzpatrick in the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke. Fitzpatrick looks to improve on his fifth-place finish in the 100-meter race last year against the Wildcats. Sophomore David Moisan and freshman Tyler Grenda also have posted Big East qualifying times in the 200-meter breaststroke.

Matt Obringer will lead several relay teams for the Irish, as well as compete in the 100- and 500-meter freestyles.

The Irish face Northwestern Saturday at 2 p.m.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles hope to cage 'Dogs

By TREY WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Rebounding from past losses has not been Saint Mary's strong point this season, but they will need to stop their four-game downward spiral against Adrian College Saturday if they want any chance of salvaging both their conference and season records.

The Belles (5-11) are currently tied for last in the MIAA, donning an unimpressive 1-4 conference record

Though ranked last, Saint Mary's shares their 1-4 record with Adrian and look to take advantage of Saturday's opportunity for a victory.

A win by the Belles would snap a four-game losing streak while the Bulldogs look to recover from a loss over Alma College this past Wednesday.

The Belles will have a handful with Bulldogs senior guard Sarah Vincke who raked up a game high 26 points against the Scots.

However, this is only a minor impediment as the rest of the

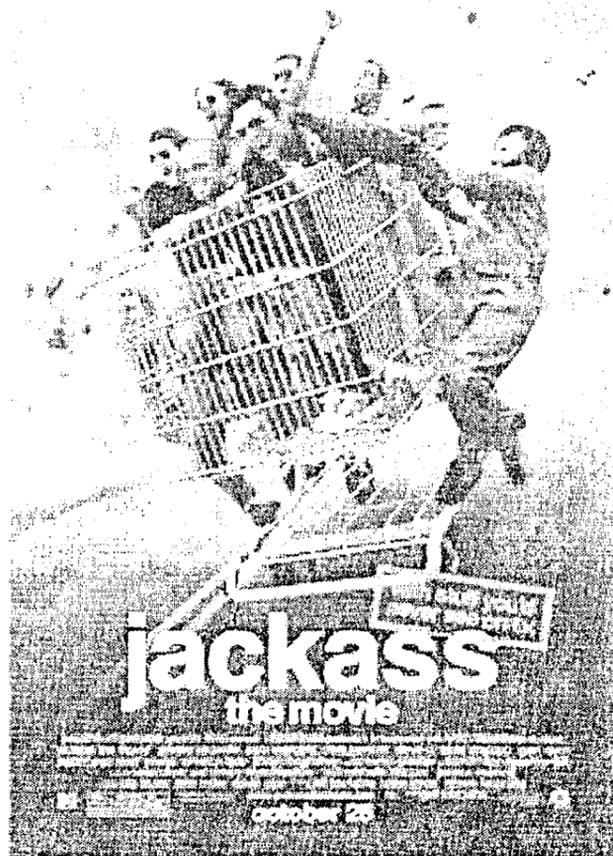
Bulldog squad failed to score over nine points.

The Belles encountered a similar scoring drought in their Wednesday match as scoring leader Emily Creachbaum was only able to amass 12 points.

Saint Mary's and Adrian appear to be statistically equal, so each team knows a win is possible. A victory could give the winner some momentum for the rest of the year while a defeat will leave the loser in last place.

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Eagles are in the East Division, the Irish only play at Boston College once every four years. The last time Notre Dame played

in Boston was on Feb. 11, 1998.

But the Irish have never before played on national television or been ranked when they played Boston College. And Notre Dame fans need only to look to the football season to see how the Eagles can sneak up and surprise a team.

Besides, the Eagles have the motivation to knock off the Irish. Two years ago in South Bend, Martin Inglesby hit a game-winning shot with seconds to play to lead the Irish to a 76-75 victory.

The Eagles certainly have the talent, too, to pull off an upset. Troy Bell, the 2000-01 co-Big

East Player of the Year, leads a potent offense which also includes Craig Smith and Ryan Sidney, who average 23, 21.5 and 15.1 points a game, respectively.

"I don't know if our team has ever gone into Boston College with these dynamics," Irish head coach Mike Brey said.

Notre Dame's play on the road this season can be described at best a work in progress. Once again, the Irish travel on the road to play a tough foe on national television. The first time they did it Jan. 6, Pittsburgh sent the Irish back to South Bend searching for answers. The next time, a week ago in Kentucky, the Wildcats blew out the Irish.

But a win at Providence Tuesday — the team's first road victory of the season — gives Brey reason enough to believe the Irish have learned how to handle themselves on the road.

"The Providence fans couldn't wait to get us in that building and I'm sure the BC fans can't wait to put us on their floor," Brey said. "It'll be a great atmosphere, and we've learned how to handle that a little better."

Brey steadfastly declares that Notre Dame's success on the road is directly related to how sophomore Chris Thomas plays. Against top-10 foes Pittsburgh and Kentucky, who swarmed Thomas with stifling defenses, the Irish point guard averaged just 9.5 points and five assists.

At Providence, however, Brey felt Thomas might have turned the corner in terms of how he

quarterbacks the Irish on the road.

"He can make plays most college basketball players cannot make," Brey said. "I think he got into a rhythm at Kentucky where he couldn't get into any flow at all. Tuesday, he did a very good job getting us going as a group and picking his spots."

Notre Dame tends to struggle the most when Thomas tries to take over a game. Against Kentucky, Thomas forced up tough 3-point shots and tossed off-balanced shots toward the basket throughout the night.

Thomas has also been criticized for having a tendency to focus on individual one-on-one matchups when he plays top point guards, an issue for the Irish. While Brey says such a focus may come from Thomas' competitive instincts, he knows the Irish are most successful when Thomas starts looking at the big picture.

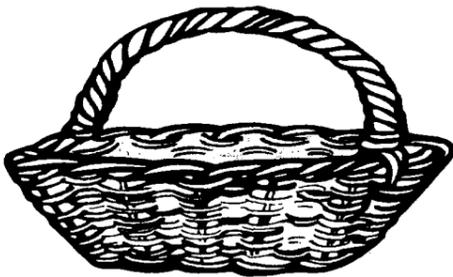
In fact, Brey doesn't think the Irish would have beat Texas and star guard T.J. Ford two months ago had Thomas been locked in on his matchup with Ford.

"Last year's team was a little different, and he's still learning how to run this group," Brey said. "It's still a learning process with him, and he's a very coachable guy. He's a guy who can sometimes be too confident, but I never want to chip away at that because that's what makes him a big-time guy."

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WOMENS TENNIS

Irish look to extend streak

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After winning their ninth home opener in 10 seasons, the Irish will attempt to win their 11th straight road opener on Sunday when they head to Wisconsin, the land of dairy farms and the realm of the Badgers' tennis squad that knocked the Irish out of the NCAA tournament last season.

The 30th-ranked Badgers are essentially the same team they were last spring, but the No. 22 Irish are young. Sunday's match against Wisconsin will be the beginning of a schedule that is anything but cheesy.

"Our next two matches are really big," freshman Jennifer Smith said. "I think if everyone kind of holds their own in doubles, that will be important. I think we can definitely win the doubles point."

The caliber of their competition is going to increase soon though. The Irish will play at least nine teams currently ranked in the top-16 nationwide.

Because of that tough schedule, it is important for the Irish to use their early matches to build confidence and maintain morale.

"We have nothing to lose," freshman Kristina Strastny said. "We're just going to go out there and give it all we've got."

Notre Dame began its spring season on a note of high confidence with its 5-2 defeat of Western Michigan on Wednesday.

"Everyone felt like they played well," junior Alicia Salas said. "Everyone fought very hard, even [in] the matches we lost."

Though senior captain Katie Cunha admits of a little "bad blood" between the two teams, there is not a sense of a real rivalry. Irish coach Jay Louderback is quick to say that last year's tournament loss to Wisconsin was Notre Dame's first loss to the Badgers in awhile.

"With Wisconsin, it's a good rivalry [but not a serious one]," Louderback said. "Both teams play hard. It's a tough place to play."

Salas, calling the Badgers a "classy" team, is looking forward to Sunday's meet.

"The veterans on the team are [especially] excited to get the chance to play them again," she said. "It's even more exciting because we have such a new team this year and everyone is very enthusiastic."

Nevertheless, the Irish expect a challenge.

"They're about the same team as they were a year ago," Louderback said. "They're a pretty talented group."

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career games against the Spartans, Cey owns an impressive 1-1-0 record with a goals

against average of 1.51 and a .962 save percentage. He was the goaltender of record in last year's victory over the Spartans.

Regardless of who is in net for the Irish, a key to defeating the Spartans will be to stop their power play, which is No. 1 in

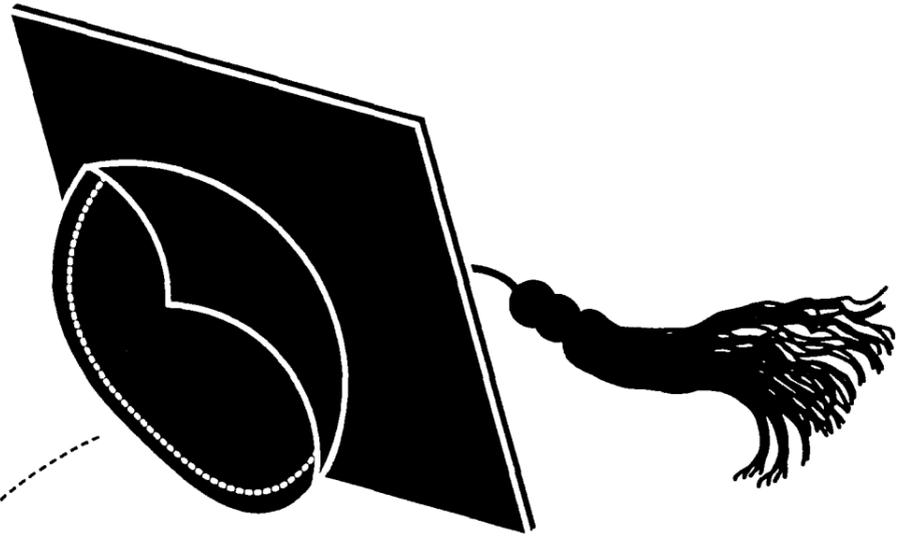
conference play with a .261 efficiency percentage.

"That's a real key," Poulin said. "That's been a huge reason for their increased offense."

Poulin understands the importance of this weekend's game in terms of righting the Irish ship.

"We have to have confidence," he said. "But it's hard to create confidence. It has to happen by winning."

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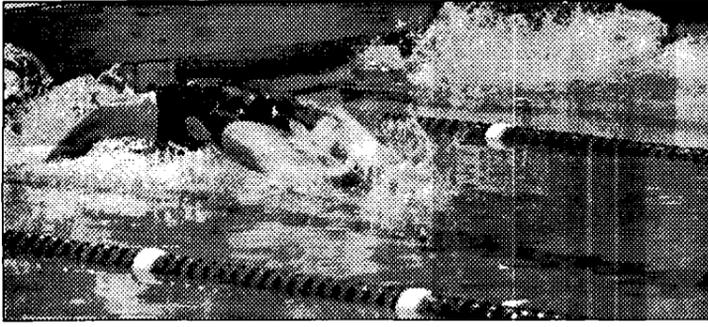
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ND WOMENS SWIMMING

Team returns healthy bodies to Ohio meet



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An Irish swimmer completes a turn in a meet earlier this year.

By **PAT LEONARD**
Sports Writer

Last weekend's victory at Illinois boosts the womens swimming and diving team record to 5-1-1 in dual team competition, leaving the Irish with two meets to go before the Big East Championships next month.

On Saturday, the team travels to Bowling Green, Ohio, to compete against Mid-American

Conference opponent Bowling Green and Conference-USA teams Louisville and St. Louis.

According to coach Bailey Weathers, Louisville and Bowling Green present the biggest challenges for Notre Dame this weekend.

"Louisville and Bowling Green are better in different events," Weathers said. "Louisville's strength lies in the middle-distance freestyle events."

The Irish welcome the return of freshman Christel Bouvron, who missed the Illinois meet due to a virus. Bouvron won the 200-meter freestyle (2 minutes, 8.04 seconds) against Kansas in Acapulco.

Bouvron, senior tri-captain Heidi Hendrick and junior Danielle Hulick will counter the Cardinals' strength with their skill in the freestyle events. Hulick captured the 50-meter freestyle (24.22) at Illinois.

Bouvron and most of the other swimmers absent from the Irish's previous meet will return to competition on Saturday. Only junior Marie Labosky, junior diver Meghan Perry-Eaton and sophomore

diver Chrissy Habeeb will not compete.

Although the Irish lose their best diver, Perry-Eaton, for the meet due to medical reasons, they still have the talent to counter Bowling Green's strengths.

"Louisville and Bowling Green are better in different events. Louisville's strength lies in the middle-distance freestyle events."

Bailey Weathers
Irish coach

"Bowling Green is better in the stroke events," Weathers said. "I wouldn't foresee huge problems with what we're doing [on Saturday]."

The team must maintain a consistent effort throughout the remainder of the season as they hope to enter the Big East Championships on a winning note.

"[Our effort] is not an issue. As we get closer to the Big East Championships, training changes and we give the girls more rest and do some more fast-paced type stuff," Weathers said. "We'll be pretty sharp for the Big East's."

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ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

Irish seek solace on the road against 'Cats

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Writer

The Irish know one simple thing. They're tired of losing.

"It's come down to, we're sick of it," freshman Megan Duffy said.

Notre Dame dropped its last four home games, and as they take to the road Saturday to face Villanova, they are going to be looking to stop losing. It's time for a victory.

"I just think we have to refocus a little bit," Duffy said. "I think if we keep that in the back of our minds we're going to slowly turn things around."

Statistically, Notre Dame has a better shot of turning things around as well. They have won six of their seven road games this year, with the only loss coming against Tennessee. And despite the fact that most of the players would rather play in front of a home crowd, the upcoming road trip may do something to raise team morale.

"We haven't been successful, but a home game I'll take any day," Courtney LaVere said. "Hopefully this road trip will boost our confidence."

A boost in confidence is just

what the Irish need. Since the holidays, Notre Dame has suffered from mental mistakes and lapses in attention. But what's worse, the more games they have dropped to opponents, the more they have begun to doubt themselves.

"I think right now we're lacking a lot of confidence," LaVere said. "We haven't really been able to get up to our level of play. Some games we don't have intensity."

With Notre Dame back to using men as opponents in practice and the Irish needing a win, Saturday would be a good time for the Irish to pick up that intensity. After playing Villanova, the Irish hit the heart of the Big East schedule that would allow them to pick up some victories and make up for early season mistakes.

But Villanova will do all it can to prevent Notre Dame from using them as the springboard for a much-needed boost of confidence. The Wildcats present the Irish with a new strategy. The Irish have faced several teams that speed up their play, who are short and quick and athletic. But Villanova is different.

"They're a different team," Duffy said. "The coaches were

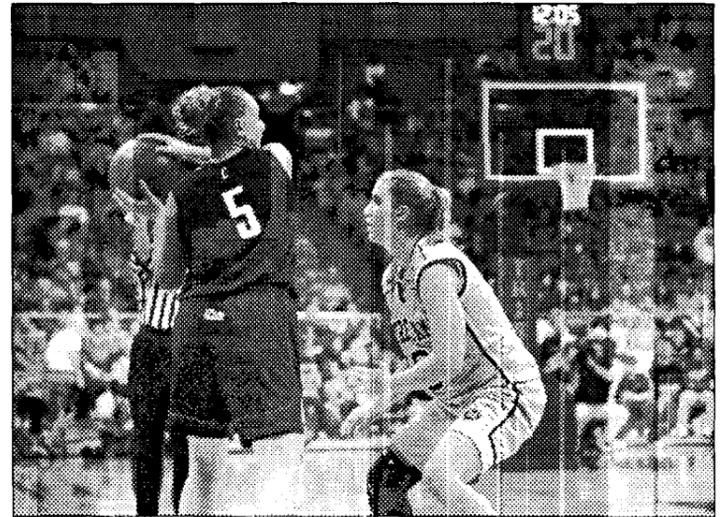
telling us the other day that they're different than any team we've ever faced."

The Wildcats aren't as athletic, they slow the ball down, but they move. A lot.

The Irish will have to focus on maintaining their defensive assignments and watching out for where the Wildcats are moving.

"They're always moving," Duffy said. "[The coaches] told us that we're going to be running around in circles trying to guard. One mistake we make on defense and they've got a lay-up."

Tip off is at noon Saturday at Villanova.



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Irish freshman Megan Duffy guards Connecticut's Marla Conlon in Notre Dame's 72-53 loss Monday.

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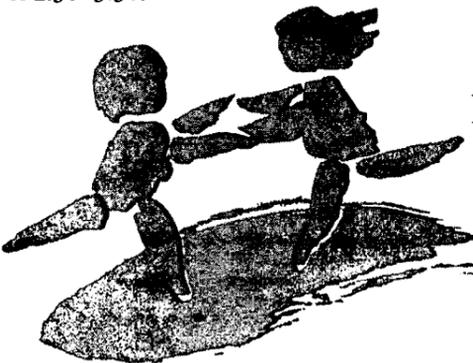
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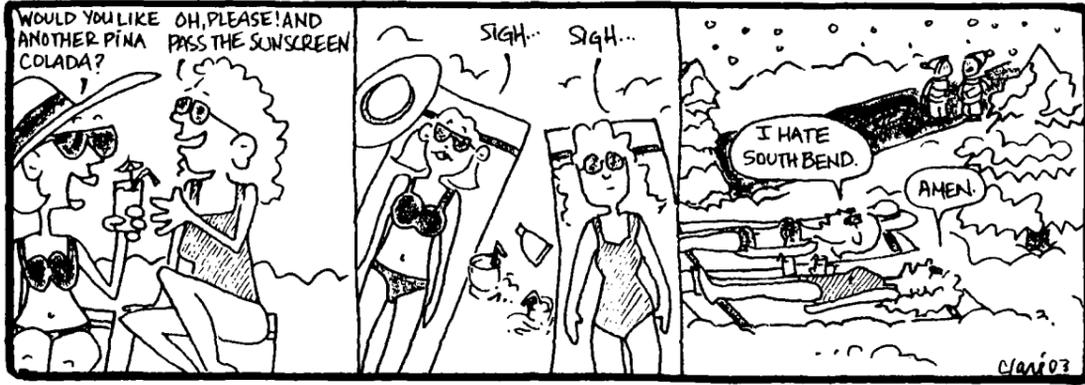
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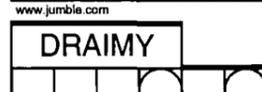
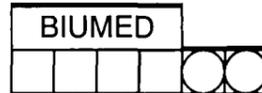
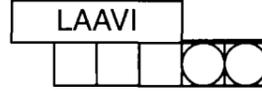
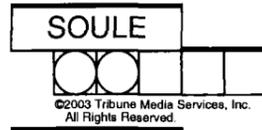


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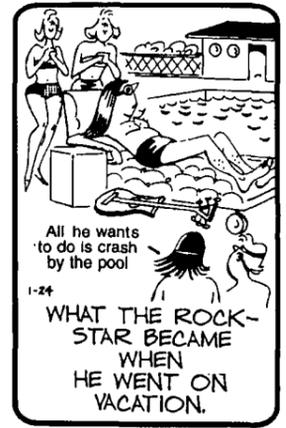
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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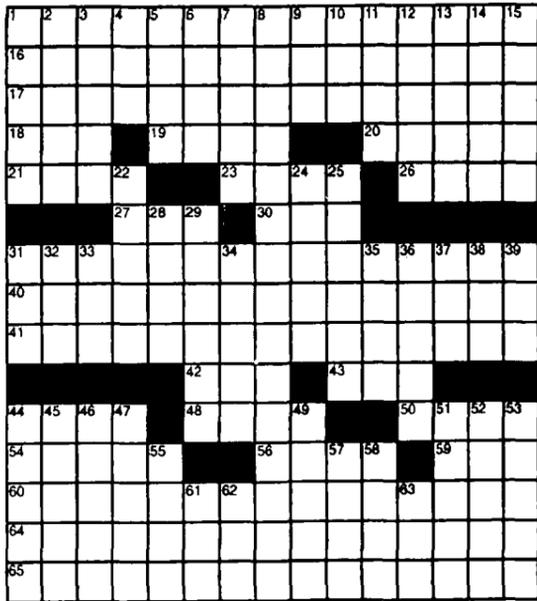
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Answer: How the orthopedist felt at the end of the day — "BONE" TIRE

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cozy winter wear
 - 16 Was vindicated
 - 17 Ruth Etting's trademark tune
 - 18 Hurricane heading: Abbr.
 - 19 Some Dadaist collectibles
 - 20 Forward-looking woman?
 - 21 With 56-Across, features of some pens
 - 23 Gymnasts rarely see them
 - 26 Match disappointment
 - 27 Well-gotten gain?
 - 30 Full deck at Caesars Palace?
 - 31 English class topic
 - 40 Some long-distance receivers
- DOWN**
- 1 Movable musical symbol
 - 2 Forsaken
 - 3 Kick up one's heels
 - 4 2000 Peace Nobel Kim ___ Jung
 - 5 1963 title role for Shirley
 - 6 Grandpa Walton portrayer Will
 - 7 Take in
 - 8 Sagas, say
 - 9 Chase vehicle, briefly
 - 10 First word of Burns's "To a Mouse"
 - 11 Those, to José
 - 12 Percussion instrument
 - 13 Vigorous exercise system
 - 14 Prizes since 1949
 - 15 Projectionists' needs
 - 22 Skin care product
 - 24 Brand of skin care product
 - 25 ___ Club
 - 28 Spanish key
 - 29 Langtry of the stage
 - 31 Canadian financial market inits.
 - 32 See 47-Down
 - 33 Took in
 - 34 Rose and fell, in a way
 - 35 Be different
 - 36 Patsy's "Absolutely Fabulous" pal



Puzzle by Bob Peoples

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Unexpected expenses will put you over your budget. Do not overspend or you could find yourself way overextended, paying the price in the New Year. Restraint and moderation will be the key. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't take your personal problems to work with you. The tension and stress at home are a direct result of the additional work family members have placed on you. Delegate some tasks to others. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will attract a new partner with your ability to charm, using your quick wit and open-minded concept of life. Your growing awareness has been instrumental in aiding you to become a free spirit who is ready for anything. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your temper will be explosive. Try to think before you say something that you will regret. Work on your own where you can stay out of trouble. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your communication skills will be great with everyone but the ones you love. It will be hard for you to hide your true feelings. Just tell it like it is, try to sort out your differences and get on with your day. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Concentrate on work-related matters. Small details will make a difference. Don't allow anyone to lead you astray or upset your routine. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can find that great bargain if you get out and shop today. Try to get to the gym. You need to keep active and in shape or you will be unhappy with yourself. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone you live with will not be too stable. Tread carefully if you want to keep the peace. Try to help figure out a solution to the present situation. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Business trips should bring about interesting opportunities. Don't hesitate to make moves if they will broaden your chances of success. Listen when opportunity knocks. ★★

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Everyone you live with is stressed out. Don't be too concerned, just get your duties out of the way and do the best you can. Don't let others drag you into a heated debate. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Dealing with institutions will be upsetting. Clear matters up as quickly as possible and turn your thoughts to happier endeavors. A younger relative will need you. ★★

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SPORTS

Friday, January 24, 2003

HOCKEY

Spartans invade the JACC

◆ Streaking Michigan State will test struggling Irish this weekend

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Two teams heading in opposite directions will meet this weekend at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame (9-11-4, 7-8-1 in the CCHA), coming off a two-game sweep by Yale last week, look to get back on the right track against conference foe Michigan State (13-9-1, 9-6-0).

The Spartans are the hottest team in the league, coming into this weekend's games on a five game winning streak, including two wins over CCHA foe Nebraska-Omaha last weekend to move into fourth place in the conference.

The Irish, meanwhile, are mired in a five game winless streak (0-4-1) and have not won since a 5-3 road victory over Nebraska-Omaha on Jan. 3. They have been outscored 22-12 in that five game span.

Despite being on a downward spiral while the Spartans play so well, Notre Dame coach Dave Poulin said he wouldn't have his team face any other opponent this weekend.

"I say let's just get out there and play," he said. "We know they're a good team and what

we have ahead of us."

If history repeats itself, the Irish will be able to take a good performance from this weekend and use it as momentum to finish out the rest of the season.

Last year, the Irish stunned then No. 3 Michigan State with a 3-2 win, breaking a 33-game home unbeaten streak for the Spartans. Notre Dame was able to use the momentum from that win to finish out the regular season with four straight victories.

"The timing [of this matchup] is eerily similar," Poulin said.

For the Irish to do well against the Spartans, they will have to stop a high-powered and balanced offense. Forwards Jim Slater and David Booth, with 28 and 23 points respectively, lead the offensive unit.

Slater is especially hot, after being named the CCHA offensive player of the week after becoming the first Spartan player in six years to score five points in a game, which he did in Michigan State's 7-2 win over Nebraska-Omaha.

Michigan State also claims the top two scoring defensemen in CCHA play with John-Michael Liles (24 points) and Brad Fast (21).

The biggest question mark for the Spartans coming into this season was in net. Last year's Hobey Baker winner — the award given to the top player in collegiate hockey — goaltender



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Irish defenseman Evan Nielsen attempts to get the puck away from a Bowling Green player in a match earlier this season. The Irish host high-flying Michigan State this weekend.

Ryan Miller, is currently playing in the NHL with the Buffalo Sabres.

In Miller's place, Matt Magliaccio has become the Spartans' No. 1 netminder. He has an 11-5-1 record and ranks

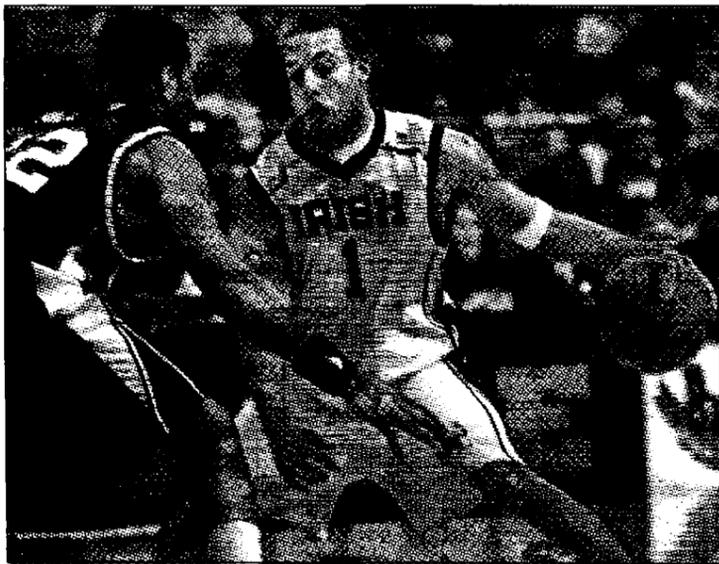
fourth in the CCHA with a 2.39 goals-against average.

The Irish will more than likely counter with sophomore Morgan Cey in net. In three

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MENS BASKETBALL

BC still a 'home' game for Francis



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Notre Dame point guard Chris Thomas tries to elude a Seton Hall defender in a game earlier this year.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The ticket requests, Torin Francis estimates, are quickly spiraling into the 50s.

Everybody wants to see the Roslindale, Mass. native make his triumphant return to his home state Saturday. Everybody save Boston College fans.

"It's in my home town, but it's still an away game," he said. "They're going to come out and ready to go, and we're pumped up to go get another one."

When Notre Dame (15-3, 3-1 in the Big East) and Boston College (8-7, 1-3) play on ESPN Saturday, it will be just the fourth true game the Irish have played in this year.

Yet the Irish are slowly learning how to play on the road, and Francis symbolizes how the Irish are getting accustomed to hostile environments.

In the final of the Guardians Classic against Creighton, Francis played a mere six minutes. He only scored six and eight points in Notre Dame's road losses to top-10 foes Pittsburgh and Kentucky.

But he scored 13 in Notre Dame's first road win of the season Tuesday against Providence and has settled into the regular rotation, which in turn gives him more confidence heading into Saturday's game.

He is also the only player on Notre Dame's roster who has even been to Conte Forum, let alone played in it. Because the

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MENS TRACK

Irish hope to build on opener

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Armed with a new throws coach, the mens track team opens the home portion of its 2003 indoor schedule with a meet against Ball State tonight at the Loftus Sports Complex at 7 p.m.

B.J. Linnenbrink, a 2002 Florida State graduate, was named track coach last week and provides a major lift to the program. With Linnenbrink's addition to the staff, Scott Winsor will relinquish the throws while remaining jumps coach.

"He will help the throwers and the jumpers," head coach Joe Piane said of Linnenbrink. "Scott Winsor had the monumental task of working with all our field events, but now both coaches will be able to spend more time with the players."

Piane was pleased with his team's opening action at the Central Michigan Opener last week.

"Selim Nurudeen won and had one of the top times in the Big East," Piane said. "We had two runners do well in the 400, Ryan Postel and Trevor McClain-Duer. Thomas Chamney won the 800 as well.

"We did a lot of good things. I was also pleased with the high jumpers. There really was nothing to be disappointed with."

In addition to the wins at Central Michigan by Nurudeen and Chamney, sophomore Chris Staron also won the high jump by clearing 6-6. Godwin Mbagwu finished second in the long jump and triple jump as well.

This will be the first time during the indoor season that the entire team will be in action. While Notre Dame's strength lies in the distance runners, according to Piane, Ball State will challenge the Irish in the field events.

"They will pose a real challenge in the pole vault and long jump," he said. "They have some decent jumpers too. It will be a good test for the kids that haven't competed. Our schedule will get progressively more difficult though with Michigan State coming in next week."

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND WOMENS BBALL

Notre Dame at Villanova

Saturday, noon

The Irish hope their luck turns as they get back on the road.

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WOMENS SWIMMING

Notre Dame at Bowling Green

Saturday, 10 a.m.

The Irish look to continue their success as the regular season ends.

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ND WOMENS TENNIS

Notre Dame at Wisconsin

Saturday, noon

After a strong opener, the Irish look for a victory on the road.

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MENS TENNIS

Indiana at Notre Dame

Friday, 4 p.m.

The Hoosiers and Irish battle it out for Indiana bragging rights.

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MENS SWIMMING

Northwestern at Notre Dame

Saturday, 2 p.m.

Dual meet to be the last of the season at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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RECRUITING

As signing day approaches, verbal commitments begin to fly in for the Irish, who now have 17 with the words of John Sullivan and Dwight Stephenson.

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