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## Out with the old, in with a new LaFortune

### ◆ University plans to renovate student center

By MEGHANNE DOWNES  
News Writer

In recent years students have been asked to feel out surveys regarding their levels of satisfaction with the food services that are provided on campus, and finally the suggestions for improvement are being answered as there are plans to offer new restaurants in LaFortune.

"I am really excited about this addition because students can say their input led directly to these improvements. It was their responses on student government and food services surveys that led to this decision," said Brooke Norton, student body president.

Since last spring, the Office of Food Services in conjunction with the Offices of Student Activities and Affairs have been talking with and searching for restaurants to replace Allegro and Tomassito's. Work is already in progress to transform the former Alumni Room into a Starbucks.

"I think if the new restau-

rants are well advertised it will work," said junior Lindsey Horvath. "I don't think Allegro and Tomassito's are well advertised. Anyone can go to Burger King at any time, but Allegro has funky hours which I was never sure of."

According to Dave Prentkowski, director of food services, the initiative behind making the changes in the restaurant services at LaFortune was driven by a survey that analyzed student dissatisfaction.

"Working with student affairs we were looking at LaFortune and we wanted to know what kind of things can we do in LaFortune to enhance the service," said Prentkowski.

In the spring of 2001, faculty, staff and student focus groups to discuss how service could be improved were held. According to Prentkowski, there was an overwhelming interest in Starbucks.

"We wanted to attract customers from all walks of life to interact and we made the decision to bring in an operation that would be attractive beyond the typical meal periods," he said. "Starbucks' name percolated to the top."

Over Christmas break, remodeling began in order to accommodate Starbucks and it



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Students could have expanded dining options after LaFortune changes to welcome new restaurants, which could include Starbucks, and says goodbye to the old businesses.

is anticipated that it will open in April. Operating hours are still to be determined, but Prentkowski said that it will most likely be open until the early hours of the morning.

"I liked studying in the Alumni room and I am disappointed that they are replacing it with Starbucks because of the location and there are already coffee shops on cam-

pus," said freshman Katie Kurowski.

While Kurowski opposes the addition of Starbucks to campus, not all students feel the

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### UNIFIED PIECES



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Chandra Johnson, assistant to University President Edward Malloy, presents a quilt before a crowd of students in Coleman Morse Center. The quilt honors the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. in one of several events of "Operation Love," which intends to celebrate King's life and death.

## Alumnus donates to writing program

By GERMANY CARNES  
News Writer

After a 1.5 million-dollar donation by best-selling author and Notre Dame alumnus, Nicholas Sparks, Creative Writing Program students will have the opportunity to participate in publishing and internship programs.

"It's the first major gift to the program, so it's a tremendous boost," said Valerie Sayers, director of the program.

The University created the Creative Writing Program in 1990 as a two-year course leading to a Masters of Fine Arts degree. The program admits five fiction and five poetry students each year. The Sparks gift will give several of those students the opportunity to gain experience in the publishing field.

"[Sparks] not only gave us the money, but [he] made the phone calls to get the intern-

ships," Sayers said.

The internships are part of the Sparks Summer Fellows Program. Each year, two students will serve as interns in New York literary agencies and publishing houses. This year, the award recipients will work at the Sanford Greenburger Associate's literary agency and Warner Books.

"There was tremendous interest," Sayers said about the internships. All the students in the program are eligible. The agency and publishing house will select the interns based on the student's letters of application, resumes and telephone interviews.

Another program made possible by Sparks's gift is the Nicholas Sparks Fellowship in Creative Writing, which will annually grant two students assistantships on the Notre Dame Review, the University's national literary journal.

Finally, the Sparks prize will

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Real women show respect

Something has been bothering me for quite some time and I want to finally get it off my chest.

It's about respect.  
It's about respecting women.

It's about women respecting women.

It all started at one of my last football games as a Notre Dame student. As we all quickly learn as freshmen, most students don't actually sit in their designated seats. Rather, you sit wherever you can whenever you get to the stadium. Such was the status quo for four seasons and no one ever hassled me about it.

Until halfway through the first quarter of the USC game when my friends and I were approached by a very unhappy looking group of girls. This foursome, headed by a woman from the same hometown as one of my best friends, insisted that we move out of their seats and into the seats we were given. Initially, I didn't know how to respond because never before had I been presented with such a claim. Looking behind me, I could see that there weren't any seats left in the senior section. Looking ahead, toward my rightful seats, I could see my fellow seniors. If I were to move closer to the field to my rightful seat and push those seniors out, then they would have to go to their seats and push others out. It would be impossible for everyone to iron the problem out.

I tried explaining this to these women, but they didn't care. They wanted us gone. So, I tried explaining it again. My friends and I even offered to move over and make room for them, but they weren't interested in compromise. Instead of taking us up on the offer, the woman leading this quad looked at my friend — the one who comes from the same hometown as she — and called us a very, very bad name.

This woman called us a derogatory word referring to a part of the female anatomy — a part of her female anatomy. With no concern for the years of oppression women have faced and with no care for the shame women still have to overcome about their own bodies, this angry woman showed us that she has a lot to learn about being a woman.

Real women don't knock down themselves in an effort at knocking down other women.

Real women don't take advantage of negative attitudes about women.

Real women don't further society's ignorance about what it means to be a woman.

Real women don't use a bad word about a beautiful part of their bodies to hurt their fellow women.

Real women learn to find comfort in who they are and what their bodies look like.

By using such a tasteless, classless and immature slur, this "woman" proved that real women have a long way to go.



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## THIS WEEK IN MICHIANA

### Monday-Friday

◆ **Gallery Opening:** Masks and Figures, Form and Styles: The Christensen Family Collects African Art, Mestrovic Studio Gallery, 2 p.m.

### Thursday-Saturday

◆ **Film Festival:** Notre Dame Student Film Festival Hesburgh Library auditorium, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

### Saturday

◆ **Play:** "Cinderella and Repertory" O' Laughlin Auditorium. Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### Saturday

◆ **Concert:** The Summertime Blues Band at American Legion, Bourbon

## BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

# University reviews out-of-control early admissions

NEW HAVEN, Conn.

The day after Yale University President Richard Levin told The New York Times he wanted elite colleges to abandon early admissions, the phones at Woodbridge Hall were busy.

High school guidance counselors were calling to compliment Levin on his announcement. Parents thanked him for opening the door — even if it was just a little bit — to a less angst-ridden application process for their children. Yale students and high school seniors wrote him e-mails of support.

"The response I received was enormous — exactly what I had hoped for," Levin said. "I knew I had stirred the pot."

Levin has stirred the pot so much, in fact, that television and radio outlets

from around the country have begged him for interviews since his announcement. And after sparking a national debate on the issue, the Times received a good deal of letters from its readers, some of which appeared days after a masthead edito-

rial endorsing Levin's statement.

"To have the president of one of America's great universities say that the current admissions system is out of control carries enormous news value," said James Fallows, national correspondent for the Atlantic Monthly, who himself wrote a landmark piece in September that made the case for abolishing early application programs. "With the position Yale occupies on top of the university education pyramid, it has the influence to do something about the way colleges admit their students."

But it is other colleges, Levin readily acknowledged, the University must convince to drop their early admission programs if Yale is to eliminate its own.

The Yale Herald



## OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

### Smokeless tobacco stirs debate

Ohio State University researchers are fired up over their study on the uses of smokeless tobacco in Ohio. The National Institutes of Health awarded Mary Ellen Wewers, professor of nursing, and her colleagues a \$1.3 billion grant to complete the research. The study will take place over the next three years and is expected to be completed in June 2004. Researchers will compare oral health in smokeless tobacco users and nonusers and test a cessation program for quitting smokeless tobacco use, Wewers said. "Nicotine dependence is present in smokeless tobacco users, as in cigarette users," she said. "The effects of nicotine occur more slowly and last longer in smokeless tobacco users." Wewers and her colleagues will test assisted methods of tobacco cessation, including the use of pharmacotherapy, such as nicotine patches, and behavioral counseling. "Success rates for quitting tobacco, in general, are around 20 to 30 percent with treatment," Wewers said.

The Lantern

## UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

### Student leads police to kidnapper

An anonymous tip led Pittsburgh police to the hideout of the suspect wanted for kidnapping a University of Pittsburgh student. Germaine Cook, a 26-year-old Hill District native, is accused of robbing the student of \$115 and holding him captive for more than eight hours, according to police Commander Dom Costa. Police arrested Cook, who uses the alias Shawn Williams and the nickname "Blue," last Thursday night at a Hill District home. Costa commended the Pitt student, who had recently transferred from Texas, for assisting authorities with the investigation, saying that without his help the suspect would still be at large. According to Costa, the student led police to every house and automated teller machine that the kidnapper took him to. He also visually identified the kidnapper's friends, which ultimately led to the suspect's identification.

The Pitt News

## LOCAL WEATHER

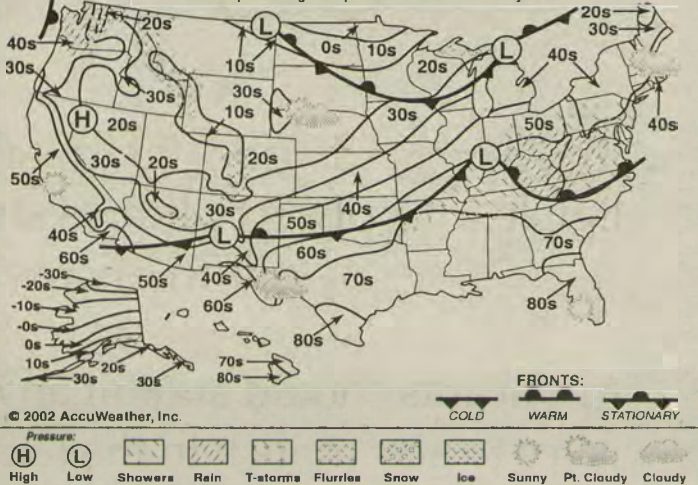
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## NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Wednesday, Jan. 23.  
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Atlanta	72	58	Las Vegas	49	33	Portland	44	41
Baltimore	57	45	Memphis	69	52	Sacramento	53	33
Boston	47	42	Milwaukee	42	24	St. Louis	58	33
Chicago	47	27	New York	55	43	Tampa	80	60
Houston	78	64	Philadelphia	57	44	Washington DC	59	48



# British House leader analyzes terrorism

By JOE ACKERMAN  
News Writer

September 11 has come and gone, yet the aftermath of the attacks on America still live on in many and effect their lives on a daily basis.

Originally scheduled to lecture on the topic of "Science and God," Shirley Williams geared her Tuesday night lecture on "War and Peace," as part seven of her eight lectures comprising the Erasmus lectures series.

To her audience in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium, the British House of Lords member discussed what she thinks in regard to the nature of terrorism itself and also what can and should be done to counteract its potential effects.

Terrorism, Williams argued, has as its basis the dual problems of resentment and unmet expectations. It evolves from historical wrongdoings, that have long lasting ramifications among those affected which leads to strong views and even stronger convictions.

"Terrorism is parasitical on civilized society and will destroy it if it is not contained," said Williams.

In order to correct these historical wrongs, Williams said heavily symbolic actions can go a long way to repairing damage, such as the pope's apology for slavery and former German

chancellor Brandt's apology to the Jews at the Warsaw ghetto.

In regards to the current U.S. war on terrorism, Williams said that, "Politically, by describing the attacks as an act of war was attractive." This she argued was due to the fact that it gave the President "great freedom of action."

However, Williams expressed concern over how the United States could go about a war on terrorism without addressing groups such as the IRA and Spain's ETA and labeling them with enemy status.

"Defining terrorists as the enemy is treacherous territory," she stated.

Williams went on to lay out a series of ideas, which she feels are essential to the problem of containing terrorism. Some of these ideas include a recognized system of international

law, a more even distribution of wealth and resources and the recognition of responsibility for international peace by all nations, especially Western powers.

"No instrument is more appropriate," Williams commented in regard to a proposed international court system that would handle cases of terrorism at an international level. The U.S. Congress voted against joining the not yet operational court [which has been joined by 41 nations so far and will become operational when



SONIA WALLACE/The Observer

Shirley Williams, a British foreign policy expert and member of the British House of Lords, talked to students and others about the implications of the U.S.'s current war on terrorism.

it reaches 60] on the grounds that it could take U.S. citizens under its jurisdiction.

Williams stressed a comparison between the attacks perpetrated by Osama Bin Laden on New York and Washington, which killed 3,000 Americans, with the massacre of Muslims in the former Yugoslavia by former Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, which

killed 5,000 Muslims. She believes it is imperative that there be an international standard and method in place for dealing with such crimes and criminals so similar punishments can be meted out.

Ultimately, Williams argued, it is necessary for the nations of the world to realize these ideas in order to work toward the goals of containing terrorism

and realizing world peace. International cooperation, through support of organizations such as the United Nations and the recognition of instability and inequity in the world is an essential step toward achieving these goals.

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## THE OBSERVER

is currently accepting applications for the 2002-03 term of

## EDITOR IN CHIEF

Any undergraduate or graduate student at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross is eligible to apply. Applicants should have a strong foundation in print journalism and skills in Microsoft Word, Quark XPress and Photoshop.

Applicants should submit an eight or more page statement detailing what he or she wishes to accomplish in the term. Applications are due to Mike Connolly by Thursday, Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. Any questions about the application or application procedure should be directed to Mike Connolly at 631-4542.



## LaFortune

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same way.

"I think putting a Starbucks in LaFortune is a great idea. With the amount of traffic that goes through LaFortune every day, attempting to study there is difficult as it is. So, in my opinion, why not improve the social atmosphere of the student center even if it means sacrificing a little space that some say could be used for studying," said freshman Andy Rutz.

Besides providing the typical Starbucks products of coffee and pastry items, a new line of Starbucks products consisting of salads and sandwiches will be offered.

Prentkowski said that after evaluating the surveys and the student lounge in the basement of LaFortune it was decided that the area needed to be a more desirable student space. In addition, an Italian and pizza dining area was appealing.

Students had mixed opinions about the quality of the food offered in LaFortune.

"Burgers greasy. Pizza greasy. Mexican food greasy. We need healthy food," said freshman Andrea Brault.

Another possible addition that Notre Dame is currently in conversation with is Sbarro. Together they are developing a program and budget to see if it is feasible for Sbarro to open a restaurant on campus. Sbarro offers pizza and Italian dishes.

With the likelihood of an Italian restaurant opening in the basement, a Mexican restaurant will probably replace Tomassito's. Prentkowski has been in contact with a handful of Mexican restaurants and has conducted taste tests. The most favorable results were the food selections from Eddie Peppers.

"I have never heard of Eddie Peppers, and I think that Taco Bell would be far superior. If there were a Taco Bell on campus, my life would be complete. From an economic standpoint it is my belief that a Mexican restaurant would produce far more revenue than Tomassito's," said freshman Greg Kuhl.

However, freshman Bianca Cardiel had a different opinion and said, "It's going to be fake

Mexican food. I love Allegro because subs are a healthy alternative."

The processes of bringing in and searching for these new restaurants has been complicated because of business issues regarding whether it is possible for the restaurant to develop on campus because of preexisting franchise relationships. All of the restaurants would accept both flex point and domer dollars and be owned and operated by Notre Dame, similar to a franchise agreement.

In addition to expanding and modifying the food services at LaFortune, students can purchase smoothies and pizza in the Coleman Morse Center on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Campus Ministry proposed this idea to the office of Food Services last spring in order to provide students with another opportunity for socialization. The snack bar opened last Thursday and



SONIA WALLACE/The Observer

LaFortune's Italian cuisine option, Tomassito's will be replaced when the student center is renovated.

after its first weekend of operation.

"Returns were respectable but it has a long way to go. But we didn't do any promotion on purpose because we wanted to see how it would work. It has

the opportunity to grow significantly," Prentkowski said.

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## Govt. dept gains new name in fall

By JOHN FANNING  
News Writer

To more accurately reflect and market its curriculum, Notre Dame's Department of Government and International Studies is changing its name to the Department of Political Science next fall.

"The universal topics that we are interested in are mainly political issues — issues that are not sufficiently covered by the term 'government,'" said department head Michael Zuckert. "For example, we offer courses on political parties, which are not specifically a part of government and the area of international studies also fits better under the term political science."

Yearly evaluations also motivated the name change, said Zuckert. Every academic department is annually evaluated by outside reviewers to ensure maintenance of the University's academic standards and to ensure that the department is making the best choices in terms of course offerings and topics covered within each specific major. Although the government program received high marks in all areas, the reviewers suggested the name change to

more accurately reflect the ideals of the department.

This sentiment was echoed by letters from prospective students wishing to study political science at Notre Dame, but confused as to whether or not the major was offered.

Since the department is affiliated with the American Political Science Association, and the new name is more common in universities across the country, the change will allow the department to "stop sending misleading messages" to its students — current and prospective, said Zuckert.

Lizzette Butkiewicz, a junior government major, agreed and said that as long as the ideals of the major were not altered, the change in name was fine with her.

Zuckert maintains that the curriculum and the varied approaches to its subjects used by the major will not be altered in conjunction with the change. Moreover, current seniors will still graduate with majors in government and international relations on their transcript. Anyone graduating in 2003 and beyond will graduate with a degree bearing the amended name.

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## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Jordanian police deter rioters:

Police in a southern city in Jordan used tear gas Tuesday to disperse more than 100 rioters who accused police of torturing a 17-year-old to death, witnesses said. Nine officers were injured, including one shot in the head and another in the chest, and five civilians were injured, residents of Maan, 140 miles south of the Jordanian capital, told The Associated Press.

### Britain freed of foot and mouth:

The World Organization for Animal Health has declared Britain free of foot-and-mouth disease, paving the way for the full resumption of meat exports. The ruling by the Paris-based body could soon see British meat, meat products and dairy products back on the tables of many foreign countries.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Ore. school chief faces charges:

Oregon's top education official was accused Tuesday of more than 1,400 ethics violations for allegedly using government cars and telephones for personal business. The Government Standard and Practices Commission said its initial investigation found that School Superintendent Stan Bunn repeatedly violated a state law prohibiting the use of public office for private financial gain.

### Mo. families hope for buyout:

Families whose homes in Herculaneum, Mo., have been contaminated by the nation's largest lead smelter said at a meeting Tuesday that they want the federal government to buy their properties. The government announced last week it would move hundreds of residents — most of them in families with young children or pregnant women — into temporary homes while experts carry out a multimillion-dollar cleanup and crackdown on emissions.

## INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

### Vandals hit South Bend cemetery:

A cemetery that is regularly vandalized has been hit again, this time with 50 to 100 headstones damaged, including the well-kept grave of a child who drowned two years ago. Caretaker Earl Hullinger said the weekend damage was the worst ever at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, which contains 5,000 headstones. Sentimental items adorning many graves were thrown, broken or stolen and the heads of statue angels and animals were knocked off. Several eternal-flame candles also were smashed.



GETTY Photo

Kmart became the largest retailer to seek court protection from creditors Tuesday when it filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy after plunges in profits and poor fourth quarter performance.

# Kmart files for bankruptcy

Associated Press

## DETROIT

When Sebastian S. Kresge opened his first store here in 1899, he sold everything for 5 and 10 cents, a marketing strategy that caught on and helped turn his company into a multibillion-dollar discount chain of more than 2,100 stores.

Analysts say it's that kind of vision that Kmart Corp. named so in 1977 because Kmart's were Kresge's most successful stores — needs to bring itself back.

Tuesday, Kmart filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and became the largest retailer to seek court protection from creditors. Kmart filed for protection because of several factors, including lower-than-expected holiday sales and earnings per-

formance in the fourth quarter. Fourth quarter earnings are to be released next week.

The No. 3 discount retailer known for the BlueLight Special and Martha Stewart fashions has struggled against No. 1 Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and No. 2 Target Corp. What Kmart needs, retail analysts say, is a plan.

Conor Reilly, senior partner with Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, said Kmart needs to ascertain "what their sort of retailing rationale is, what's going to bring customers to them as opposed to other competitors."

"They have let things get in such a downward spiral," he said.

As part of its reorganization, Troy-based Kmart said it will evaluate the performance of every store and

terms of every lease by the end of the first quarter of 2002, and will close unprofitable or underperforming stores. Some analysts said Kmart would close up to 700 of its stores.

Kmart has about 275,000 employees and stores in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

Kmart, which filed its petition in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, said it had secured \$2 billion in financing from Credit Suisse First Boston, Fleet Retail Finance Inc., General Electric Capital Corp. and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. The financing, approved late Tuesday by Bankruptcy Court Judge Susan Pierson Sonderby, will help the company's

cash flow while it restructures.

It has targeted emergence from Chapter 11 in 2003.

"We are determined to complete our reorganization as quickly and smoothly as possible, while taking full advantage of this chance to make a fresh start and reposition Kmart for the future," CEO Chuck Conaway said in a statement.

Kmart also named Ronald B. Hutchison executive vice president and chief restructuring officer. Hutchison, 51, was most recently chief financial officer of Advantica Restaurant Group Inc., where he and new Kmart Chairman James B. Adamson were instrumental in the company's successful reorganization.

## CHINA

# Settlers migrate to Tibetan region

Associated Press

## BEIJING

China is moving 17,000 mostly Chinese and Muslim settlers to a traditionally Tibetan region in its remote west, reviving a plan abandoned by the World Bank after protests by critics of China's Tibetan policies.

The settlers are to occupy a former labor camp in Dulan county, an arid stretch of the Tibetan plateau in Qinghai province, some

1,000 miles west of Beijing, according to provincial officials.

Irrigation works are being built and improvements made to existing farmland. Zou Hanbin, a spokesman for the Dulan county government, said in a telephone interview.

The project's revival fulfills a pledge by China to go it alone following a battle pitting the Tibetan government in exile and its supporters against Chinese leaders, who say resettlement is an effective

way to develop western China.

The World Bank got involved in the Dulan project in the late 1990s, saying it would give 60,000 people a better life. It agreed to lend China \$40 million to cover half the cost.

Tibetan activists condemned the plan, contending it would dilute Qinghai's Tibetan character and ravage the local environment by increasing demands for water and farmland. They lobbied the bank to order new inspections and a second approval vote.

## Market Watch January 22

<b>Dow Jones</b>	9,713.80	-58.05
<b>Up:</b>	1,364	
<b>Same:</b>	211	
<b>Down:</b>	1,754	
<b>Composite Volume:</b>	1,298,802,944	
<b>AMEX:</b>	823.40	-7.24
<b>NASDAQ:</b>	1,882.53	-47.81
<b>NYSE:</b>	574.27	-1.92
<b>S&amp;P 500:</b>	1,119.31	-8.27

## TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
KMART CORP (KM)	-60.34	-1.05	0.69
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-9.57	-1.16	10.96
NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	-4.19	-1.19	37.40
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+2.37	-0.79	18.06
TYCO INTL LTD (TYC)	+24.02	+1.10	47.55



# Lectures brings profs to dorms

By ERIN LARUFFA  
Associate News Editor

When staff members in the office of the student body president were searching through their archives, they decided to bring back a lecture series that was popular at Notre Dame during the 1970s and 1980s, according to Brendan Harris, a staff member in the Office of the President.

Last spring, student government held the first lecture in the Last Lecture Series. By fall semester of this year, the series' popularity grew to the point that approximately 175 students came to listen to professor Hugh Paige, Harris said.

"He was a remarkable success," said Harris. "It was really packed."

The first lecture in the series for this semester will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in St. Edward's

Hall. Economics professor David Ruccio will present a talk entitled, "Teaching at the Margins."

"The purpose is to give Notre Dame students a chance to hear the best professors at this University," Harris said. "It also gives the professors an opportunity to speak on a topic of their choice."

Indeed, the title of the lecture series reflects the fact that professors are encouraged to give a lecture as if it were

the last one of their career.

"Often that turns into some really inspiring words from our professors," Harris said.

Harris selects the lecturers based on a list of professors that students nominated, he explained. He added that he tries to select professors from a variety of academic disciplines.

Admission is free, and refreshments are also provided, according to Harris.

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**Brendan Harris**  
staff member, Office of the President

## Writing

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go to a single Creative Writing Program graduate each year.

The prize grants the recipient a year's residency at Notre Dame to work on his or her writing. The award recipient will also

be expected to teach a class at the University and give a public reading during the year.

Despite the Creative Writing Program's small size and short history, it has had numerous success stories.

"We put it down to the support the students give each other," Sayers said. She consid-

ers the program's students to be among the most cooperative graduate students at the University.

Past graduates include Michael Collins, whose novel, "The Keepers of Truth," was on the short list for a Booker Prize; Mark Behr, whose novel "The Smell of Apples" has won numerous awards; Tom Coyne, author of "A Gentlemen's

Game," a novel that later became a motion picture and Jenny Bouilly, who won the Associated Writing Program's Journal Prize for her poetry.

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*"It's the first major gift to the program, so it's a tremendous boost."*

**Valerie Sayers**  
director, Creative Writing Program

# Bush team looks at Enron

Associated Press

President Bush on Tuesday used his recess appointment power to put an official from a major accounting firm on the Securities and Exchange Commission, which is investigating the auditing work done for troubled energy trader Enron Corp.

Bush appointed Cynthia A. Glassman, a principal at the Big Five accounting firm Ernst & Young. She worked at the Federal Reserve Board from

1977 to 1986 as economist and senior economist and in other positions.

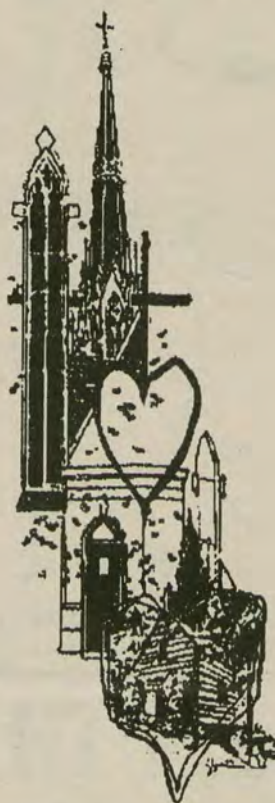
The accounting profession has come under heightened public scrutiny as a result of the collapse of Enron, and the SEC is investigating the auditing work done for the company by major accountant Arthur Andersen LLP.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., objected to Bush's bypassing the Senate approval process to appoint Glassman.

"To make a recess appointment of an individual who

comes from the accounting profession without giving the Senate an opportunity to review this nominee's qualifications just invites challenges," Wyden said in a telephone interview. "I think the Senate will say this is very troubling."

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## Military relaxes strict dress policy

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WASHINGTON

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Instead, wearing the robe, known as an abaya, "is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged," according to an order by Gen. Tommy Franks, head of the U.S. Central Command, e-mailed to commanders in the region Saturday.

The Air Force's highest-ranking female fighter pilot is challenging the rule in court. Lt. Col. Martha McSally's lawsuit calls the policy unconstitutional and says it improperly forces American women to conform to others' religious and social customs.

McSally's lawsuit did not inspire the policy change, Central Command spokesman Col. Rick Thomas said Tuesday.

"The policy was under review before the lawsuit was filed, so the change was not a direct result of that," Thomas said.

McSally's lawsuit, filed in federal court in Washington, also challenges policies requiring servicewomen to be accompanied by a man whenever they leave their base and to ride in the back seat of a car. Women are not allowed to drive in Saudi Arabia.

Thomas said those policies remain in effect.

McSally will not drop her case, said John Whitehead, a lawyer with the Rutherford Institute, a religious freedom group representing her. The new policy is a step in the right direction but does not go far enough, Whitehead said.

"What it says to us is that it's not been rescinded," Whitehead said. "It's like saying, 'You're equal to us but you can't eat in the same restaurant because you're strongly encouraged to eat at one more fitting with your lower class.'"

Whitehead said he has told McSally, who is now stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tuscon, Ariz., not to comment. Officials at the Air Force base referred calls to the Rutherford Institute.

Central Command, which oversees the military in Saudi Arabia and other countries in the region, had defended the policy, put into place after the 1991 Gulf War. Central Command officials had said the requirements for servicewomen made them less likely to face harassment or attack.

McSally and other critics said the policy was ironic, since U.S. forces in Afghanistan have fought to remove the Taliban regime, which required all women to wear an even more restrictive covering called a burkha.

The change in policy "sends a strong signal that we recognize that military women in Saudi Arabia should be treated as their male compatriots are treated and be allowed to pick their civilian clothing," said Nancy Duff Campbell, copresident of the National Women's Law Center. Campbell's group is not a part of the lawsuit but has lobbied members of Congress to oppose the abaya rule.



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## Service offers unique perspective

As a first year student at Notre Dame, I decided to get involved with our school and local community. Not feeling that I could commit a great deal of time, I decided to volunteer two afternoons a week with a creative writing program at Lincoln Elementary school. That was four years ago, and now as a senior, I run a tutoring program at Lincoln. I never imagined what a significant role the decision I made freshman year would play in my life.

**Nicholeen  
DePersis**

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That initial involvement truly impacted my views and my life, as I saw children suffering from a lack of love, assistance and compassion and I became determined to help. Without ever leaving South Bend, I had gained a whole new perspective on life, faith, society, the world and myself and I was inspired to become involved and try to make a difference.

Throughout my first year, I began to get more interested in the program and the problems necessitating the program and other similar services. As a result, during my sophomore year, I took the position of lead tutor through the Center for Social Concerns (CSC). This position allowed me to begin a program focused solely on tutoring.

While still only volunteering twice a week, I grew more interested and engaged in the program and the lives of the children. Lincoln became a second home to me and the children and staff there truly began to feel like family. I grew to care a great deal about all the children I worked with and also began to realize that there were children suffering in this way nationwide.

My time at Lincoln has not only opened my eyes, but has also motivated me to learn more about national social maladies. Wanting to learn firsthand about the problems children face, I decided to participate in an Urban Plunge and a Summer Service Project. I then volunteered with various anti-drug organizations and spent a semester interning at the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C.

Each of these experiences is due in large part to my time spent at Lincoln. While there, I have met many inspirational teachers and administrators, worked with some wonderful Notre Dame students and most importantly met many children that have inspired me to learn about the challenging problems they face and to take some action to fix those problems.

While I have accepted the fact that I cannot save the world by volunteering twice a week, I have learned what

an impact I can make by taking some time to help, befriend and support the children in our local community. I have also learned that taking time to understand and experience the problems that many are forced to live with better prepares a person to be a part of the solution.

We as Notre Dame students are often heard proclaiming our desire to fix the problems of the world, to be those political, social, spiritual or what have you, and yet how can we endeavor to remedy problems many of us have never experienced firsthand? Taking some time to volunteer not only helps the people you work with directly, it also better informs you, thereby increasing your potential for discovering a remedy to those same problems.

Over the course of the past four years, I have fostered strong and lasting relationships with many students at Lincoln. It is these relationships that inspire me to continue to tutor even when it means not having as much time for myself, because these children give me something no one else can give. The children at Lincoln give me purpose and meaning, and they motivate me to use my education to help others.

I strongly urge you to get involved, to take advantage of the opportunity to be a part of the local community, to learn and to grow. There are plenty of different service opportunities offered through the CSC to meet any of your interests and time constraints, all with varying levels of commitment. You don't need to commit an excessive amount of time; any time and love you can give will help and you will be surprised how much it will enhance your life as well.

I invite you to attend this year's Social Concerns Festival held at the CSC on Thursday, Jan. 24 from 7-9 p.m. The Festival is a great opportunity to learn of the many ways to become involved in South Bend. You will be amazed how much your involvement in the local community will better your life.

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**Mother Teresa  
Catholic missionary**



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Study abroad economically

After participating in an international study program, returning students often say ironically enough that their best semester at Notre Dame was the one spent in a foreign country. The experience is priceless. One learns a great deal about the culture, language, people and lifestyle of another land.

I spent a year and a half of my life in Monterrey, Mexico at the Tecnológico where I made lifelong friends, became fluent in Spanish and learned a great deal about Mexico and myself. I do not regret a day.

There is only one thing that I, and mostly my parents, wish I could have changed — paying full Notre Dame tuition my first semester there.

Let's do a little math. The tuition for one semester at the Tecnológico of Monterrey is \$3,500. Add a university stipend of \$500 a month, a dorm room for \$1,000, one roundtrip ticket to Monterrey for \$500 and one trip for spring break to Oaxaca for \$500. The sum amounts to \$8,000, which is just less than half of the cost of a semester at Notre Dame. My question is where the heck did the other \$8,000 dollars go?

The only explanation that occurs to me is that this is the cost of making your grades earned abroad help your GPA. You see, if one were to study independent of the University programs, he or she would only earn the credits with no grades. But that logic makes no sense for anyone taking difficult courses that count towards their major.

So what I did for the following two semesters in Monterrey was to go as an independent student. Not only did I save around \$16 thousand over those two semesters, I still received transfer credits for my Monterrey classes. I recommend to anyone considering any of Notre Dame's smaller international programs that he or she do so independently of the University. However, if one opts for a program in Europe like England or France, that may well be worth the high prices. Still anyone interesting in going abroad should investigate beforehand.

And if you are worried about orientation before going, I found that the mailings, information and orientation session given by the school in Mexico were much more helpful and well organized than Notre Dame's international study offices. Though I must recognize the excellent job that the Notre Dame program is doing in making students aware of study abroad opportunities and setting up numerous locations around the world.

Whatever you decide, get informed and continue to study abroad. I know that you will find that a semester spent in foreign land is indeed priceless. But why pay Notre Dame prices for it?

John Lauterbach  
senior  
Alumni Hall  
Jan. 21, 2002

## Be wild but respectful at basketball games

I am very pleased that there is a group within the Notre Dame family that has decided to take it upon themselves to liven up the Notre Dame student body at home basketball games. It is great to see Notre Dame students cheering on their fellow students on the court.

However, a line must be drawn. Singling out individual players on the opposition's team and ridiculing them is ignorant and immature.

During the Notre Dame-Georgetown basketball game I, among many others, was disgusted to hear cheers that degraded the physical characteristics of a particular member of the Georgetown basketball team. This player was a large guy. According to the sheet of paper that was passed out by the Leprechaun Legion, he had gained a lot of weight since last season.

In order to try to get into this player's head the Leprechaun Legion decided it would be appropriate to make fun of his large stature. They passed out McDonald's sacks to most of the student section to wave in the air when this player was at the free-throw line. At one point in the game, the student body began to chant, "You're fat," while this player shot his free-throws directly in front of the student section.

Let me clue some of you in to something. Because another person

is overweight does not mean that he or she does not deserve the respect given to any other person. In no way did that player deserve the ridicule that was cast upon him by Notre Dame students.

He was most likely embarrassed. Embarrassed because he knew that his friends and family were watching and hearing him being made fun of on national television.

However, he is not the one that is to be embarrassed. It is the Notre Dame family that is to be embarrassed. The Notre Dame family should be ashamed that certain members do not believe that everyone should be treated with a certain amount of respect. The Notre Dame family should be ashamed that certain members do not know the difference between cheering on their team and abusing the opposition.

Notre Dame is a special place. The Notre Dame family consists of special people. As students, we should act as though we are deserving of being affiliated with such a great place and such great people.

At basketball games get loud, be wild, have fun and be respectful.

Douglas Pope  
sophomore  
Sorin Hall  
Jan. 22, 2002

## GUEST COLUMN

## Raise education standards by lowering costs

Fifteen thousand dollars — that's how much I figure I'll have to pay back to the federal government when I leave this fine institution (and that's not including the loans I'll have to take out for law school).

For the last two and half years, I've been able to convince myself that I was actually doing a good thing, that I was putting forth this extra money so that I could get a quality education at a school that was devoted to serving every individual's needs.

I chose DePaul University rather than any of the state schools because of its apparent commitment to the individual and for that, I was willing to live in debt for a few years after graduation.

But, as I read the news items this week touting University of Illinois's soaring tuition increases, I realized that it did not matter whether I went to a state school or not. College has gotten way too expensive.

According to a Credit World article, the average college student upon graduation has \$12,000 in student loan debt. In this day and age, when it is required to have not only a bachelor's, but also a graduate degree to get a good job, this is ridiculous.

How can a college graduate with \$12,000 in debt convince himself or herself that it is a good idea to go to graduate school, where they are going to be immersed in further debt?

Then, whether or not he or she goes to graduate school, can you honestly tell me that every college graduate is going to get a job where they will be able to pay off their loan right away? No, of course not.

Now, some will argue that there are programs like

Bright Start and U-Promise that allow parents to put away money when their child is born or as they are growing up, and then use that money to send them to a state school free of charge or get the tuition equivalent at a private college or university.

While I agree that these are fantastic programs and that more parents should get involved with them, they were not around when I was young. So while I keep seeing commercials about them, I'm still stuck with a looming thought that in a few years, I will have to pay off my \$15,000 in undergraduate debt (and still more in law school debt).

The problem is that as the cost of higher education continues to rise, less and less people will be able to afford college.

At the same time, this trend will continue to grow and the need for multiple degrees will rise, thereby increasing the number of people who will be left with no other option but to finish high school and find a job, a job that will provide little to no benefits and will most likely barely pay minimum wage.

So, I propose this idea: Let us look to our neighbors in Europe who do not have this dilemma because education, even in the form of colleges or universities, is free to all citizens.

Can you imagine what would happen if we were to significantly lower the cost of college in the United States?

More people from a variety of different backgrounds, not just the economically advantaged, would be able to attend college. Then, because more

people would want to attend and because colleges and universities would not be so obsessed with profit, the level of education would improve because colleges and universities could afford to be selective.

That way, rather than finding the majority of your classmates from the same middle class areas, you would find your classmates from a variety of different locations, classes and backgrounds.

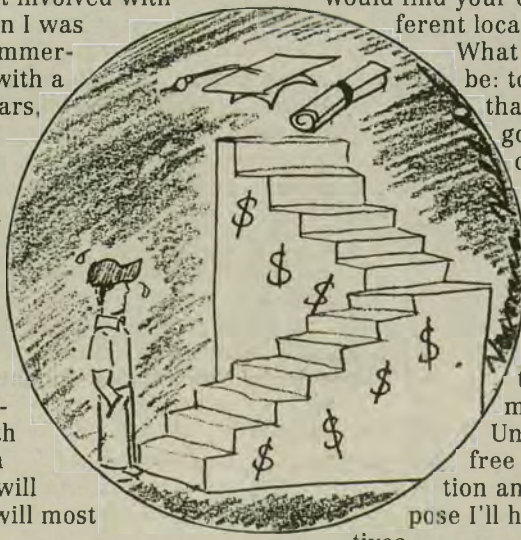
What an amazing thought that would be: to go to a college or university that would remain competitive and go to classes with a wide variety of students, all of whom you would learn from. Not to mention the fact that you wouldn't have to worry about selling your blood and organs to pay back those massive loans.

Oh, but I've often been called an idealist and I think that on this one, I'd have to agree with my skeptics. Since I don't see the United States deciding to give us free (or even cheap) higher education anytime in the near future, I suppose I'll have to go with other alternatives.

Today, I've decided to start playing the lottery. I hear there's a big jackpot this time around. See you in line!

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## The digital

*Need to order pizza on the way to class? Itching to call home from the quad?*

By EMILY HOWALD  
Scene Writer

As any college student knows, life is full of choices, some more important than others. While the problem of choosing a cell phone that works within the South Bend area may not be the most pressing issue for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, choosing between the different companies can still be confusing, unless you do your research.

Two of the most frequently used cell phone services in the area are Verizon Wireless and Sprint PCS. Both companies operate on a wireless system that strives to create a clear sound, private conversations and time-saving features.

### Battle of the networks

Verizon Wireless is composed of numerous smaller companies that joined together when wireless cellular communication first became popular. Sprint PCS, on the other hand, built a digital network — a network of services that uses 1900MHz frequencies — from the ground up and began buying up the largest percentage of the frequency markets offered by the government.

Seven years ago Sprint spent \$5 billion to buy networks with 1900MHz frequencies, as opposed to the 800MHz analog frequency networks that were common before the government made the change.

To understand the difference between analog and digital cell phones, Sprint sales manager Robert Orcutt compared the quality to AM and FM radios.

"The 800MHz networks may be provided over a longer distance but they are not as clear, said Orcutt. "The newer [digital network, as compared to] FM radio, may not reach as broad of a spectrum that the analog can, but it is working from the higher end of the frequencies, so the connection is clearer. Sprint is 100 percent 1900MHz."

While Sprint PCS was the first Personal Communication Services player in the market, Verizon

is equally programmed to work on networks throughout the United States. However, Sprint PCS works only through its own 1900MHz networks.

Verizon Wireless is a combination of all networks that have both 800MHz and 1900MHz towers. Verizon has more towers because it owns both the analog and digital towers that date from the older generation of cell phones; nevertheless, the connection is not always as strong since it works from an 800MHz network.

Both companies own towers throughout the country, creating the unified nationwide network that allows for wireless service nearly anywhere where competitive service is available.

### Verizon Wireless

Combining old technology with new, Verizon Wireless is programming the phones to work solely on the digital networks. Verizon uses many towers to decrease the odds that the roaming rate will apply, but because the company offers one flat rate, the additional roaming cost is already included into the plan.

Verizon works on a domestic calling program, offering separate plans that allow the owner to choose the best deal for their lifestyle. The three main options are the Local Digital Choice plan, which covers the South Bend and northern Indiana area; the Regional Single Rate plan, which includes all of the Midwest; and the National Single Rate, which incorporates all of the country.

The Local Digital Choice plan is designed for customers who plan to call close to home, while the Regional Single Rate is geared toward those who are within driving distance of the home area where the phone is purchased. The National Single Rate works best if the customer plans to talk to people around the country or if they desire domestic roaming in their plan.

Each plan correlates with the domestic area that is chosen. Once outside of the domestic area, the owner must pay the domestic roaming fee of \$.65 per minute.

The Verizon Wireless Free Up Network rates are also

offered, which include areas that are selected to charge only the Free Up rates. This plan enables the buyer to prepay for their time and to buy the plan up front.

To activate a Verizon Wireless phone there is a \$30 activation fee for a one-year agreement, or no activation fee for a two year agreement. There is, however, a \$175 early termination fee that applies to both deals.

### Sprint PCS

Sprint PCS offers two plans that accommodate either a local caller or a nationwide caller. Long distance is included in the Real Nationwide Long Distance plan for no additional charge. In the local plan, the overall price is cheaper but the long distance costs an added \$.20 per minute.

Because Sprint PCS works through its own networks, the roaming rate only applies when a Sprint tower cannot be found and Sprint must pay for the use of a different company's tower. Sprint PCS's roaming rate of \$.39 per minute applies when calls are made off the network.

Sprint PCS also offers a great deal of night and weekend minutes to accommodate for calls that are not

## Sprint vs

### Sprint PCS

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With phones like the Kyocera 2135 and accessories like voice mail, caller ID and a wireless web connection, Verizon Wireless aims to provide its customers with a clear connection on its digital network.



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# digital decision

d? Check out digital cell phone options available in the South Bend area

made during the quieter hours. Sprint has to pay for the towers' power at all times, and since they are used less when it is not prime business hours, the additional minutes are included to increase interest in the nights and weekends. Notre Dame's Sprint PCS network site is always close to capacity during the weekend hours.

Although the Sprint PCS pricing plans appear to be more appealing to the average bargain-minded college student, the South Bend service area must also be considered. Because Sprint does not own the older towers that Verizon has, local reception is not as good indoors and in more remote locations.

Sprint does have a better reception when outside buildings, but due to the lack of power, the reception cannot penetrate through walls, making it difficult to call from dorm rooms and classroom buildings.

Also, as Sprint works only off of 1900MHz frequencies, it cannot pass as easily through metal and concrete. Higher frequencies do not move through walls and concrete as easily as the lower analog frequencies that Verizon uses.

#### Putting the sales pitch to the test

The Verizon Kyocera 2135 cell phone works not only

in dorm rooms such as Howard Hall, but also in Debartolo Hall and in the basement of the Huddle. Reception is clear from the Joyce Center, Carroll Hall, South Dining Hall and the library. Essentially, the Verizon cell phone works everywhere on campus with little difficulty or disturbance in the conversation.

Although the Sprint SPH-N200 phone creates a clearer conversation when it is in use outside of any buildings, it would not work from any indoor locations on campus. The Sprint PCS phone can work from a dorm room when its antenna is out the window, but the service is unpredictable and often goes out before the end of a conversation.

#### Looking to the future

According to Orcutt, Sprint is working to build a tower just north of Notre Dame that would enable better reception in buildings on campus.

"It takes time and money to do anything, and northern Indiana has only been on air for a year, so with time this system will be unbelievable," Orcutt said.

Although Sprint does not appear to be the more beneficial service in the South Bend area, the company is looking toward the future.

"Sprint is building new networks with new technology," said salesman John Kadletz. "It is the only wireless company that has one network with one technology across the nation."

Verizon is trying aggressively to make the transition to all digital service, but it is a timely process that will eventually lead them to greater capacity and higher frequencies.

Until then, however, Sprint PCS is the only all-digital company. In an effort to accommodate even more customers than their current 230 million, the company plans to grow and develop a broader spectrum of service.

Sprint's coverage area may not currently be as extensive as Verizon's, but both are working towards a more futuristic network that can appease all customers inexpensively.

#### Accessorize, accessorize

Both phone companies have their own perks that entice the customer to choose their plans over another. Sprint and Verizon both offer voice mail, caller ID and the wireless web connection that enables e-mail systems and Internet connections.

Verizon is also the first company to promote safer driving with cell phones by including ear pieces that enable the driver to talk on their cell phone hands-free. In light of recent laws that have been passed in select states prohibiting the use of handsets while driving, Verizon offers a practical and easy solution.

#### Making a smart decision

Sprint and Verizon both offer accessories that can enhance the cell phone, and both have features that are appealing to the average college student.

Though Verizon Wireless and Sprint PCS each have their own positives and negative points, the decision to choose a cell phone comes down to the individual. Verizon Wireless does provide a better connection from the Notre Dame campus, but Sprint PCS is continuing to grow in network in an effort to reduce roaming rates.

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## BOXING

# Tyson gets physical a little early

◆ **Heavyweight throws punches at Lewis during press conference to announce fight**

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Mike Tyson couldn't wait. Tyson and Lennox Lewis threw punches in a melee that abruptly halted a news conference Tuesday to announce their heavyweight title fight in April.

Tyson threw a left hook and a Lewis bodyguard went down, although it wasn't clear if Tyson connected. Lewis' overhand right apparently glanced off the top of Tyson's head, and Tyson had a cut at his hairline.

The fight, scheduled for April 6 in Las Vegas, must be licensed by the Nevada State Athletic Commission, which fined Tyson \$3 million and revoked his license after he bit Evander Holyfield's ears in 1997.

Tyson's license later was restored, but it has since expired and the commission will hold a hearing Jan. 29 on Tyson's request to grant him another one.

Asked if what happened Tuesday might keep the fight from happening, Tyson adviser Shelly Finkel said: "It didn't help."

Marc Ratner, executive director of the Nevada body, said there should have been better security at the New York news conference.

"I thought it was completely regrettable," Ratner said. "They had an incident when it didn't need to happen."

"Why nobody wasn't there to stop it is beyond my comprehension," he said.

The news conference began when Tyson, wearing all black, including a leather hat, was introduced first.

He strode onstage at the Hudson Theater, and then stared in the direction of where Lewis was supposed to appear. When the champion walked out, Tyson walked quickly toward him.

A Lewis bodyguard pushed Tyson and then touched him again. Tyson then threw the left hook and Lewis threw the right.

The two fighters then rolled



Photo courtesy of Presslink

**Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis took a head start on a heavyweight fight. Tyson began the fight at a press conference held on Tuesday to announce the April fight.**

briefly on the stage, which suddenly was filled with jumping, falling bodies and flying fists.

After things quieted down, Tyson walked to the front of the stage, and thrust his arms in the air in triumph, then grabbed his crotch.

Someone shouted, "Put him in a straitjacket." Tyson then gestured at the man and cursed him.

When it was over, WBC president Jose Sulaiman was holding

his jaw and neck. "I blacked out for a few moments," he said.

Tyson later issued a statement explaining what happened.

"My motivation for approaching Lennox was to stage a face off, which I was told both camps had agreed to," Tyson said. "It was Lennox's bodyguard who panicked and shoved me. Lennox then threw

a right. I was here to promote the fight, not be intimidated. I will never be intimidated by anyone, and Lennox will pay in April."

It was announced Lewis would meet with the media later, but instead he sent business agent

Adrian Ogun to read a statement from the WBC-IBF heavyweight champion.

"As a result of today's events, I will re-evaluate my options after the relevant boxing commission has ruled," the statement said.

After the news conference was canceled, Tyson strolled around the block, stopping to sign autographs. A few women kissed him.

Tuesday's fracas recalled the scene when Lewis and Hasim Rahman exchanged words and chest bumps before wrestling on the floor during a TV inter-

view in August.

That was 2 1/2 months before Lewis knocked out Rahman in a rematch to regain the heavyweight title.

In Las Vegas, meanwhile, police investigators found evidence they contend backs up a woman's claim she was raped by Tyson, although charges have not been filed against the former heavyweight champion.

"We think there's probable cause to believe a crime occurred," said police Lt. Jeff Carlson, commander of the sex crimes unit.

"We're not the attorneys. It's their decision whether to prosecute."

Results of the four-month investigation were given Tuesday to the office of Clark County District Attorney Stewart Bell.

Chermaine Gord, a spokeswoman for Bell, said prosecutors needed more time to review the information before making a decision on whether to file sexual assault charges against Tyson, who served three years in an Indiana prison for a 1992 rape conviction.

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## MLB

# Tigers sign Weaver

Associated Press

DETROIT

Optimistic about the Detroit Tigers' future, right-hander Jeff Weaver agreed Tuesday to a \$22 million, four-year contract.

Weaver, 13-16 with a 4.08 ERA last year, gets \$2.4 million this year, \$4.1 million in 2003, \$6.25 million in 2004 and \$9.25 million in 2005. He had agreed Friday to a \$2.35 million, one-year deal.

"In my mind, Jeff is one of the best young pitchers in the game," Tigers general manager Randy Smith said. "He's a guy that's gotten better every single year and I think will continue to improve as we go forward."

Contract discussions began around Christmas and the longterm package was finalized after Weaver returned from a positive experience at the team's minicamp last week at Lakeland, Fla.

"We had position players in there along with the pitchers, which I think was a lot better than just having the pitchers down there," Weaver said. "We were able to meet the new players and go out and have some fun with each other and start this season on the right foot."

Weaver publicly clashed with his teammates and manager Phil Garner several times last year, often chastising the team for a lack of run support. He said if the minicamp was any indication, the team will be happier this season.

"It's just the fact that some of those players that might have been dragging us down are gone," Weaver said.

Detroit allowed the Boston Red Sox to claim All-Star first baseman Tony Clark off waivers and let go shortstop Deivi Cruz and outfielder Roger Cedeno.

Outfielder Juan Encarnacion was traded to the Cincinnati Reds for first baseman Dmitri Young.



NFL

# Agent: Gruden will not renew contract

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. Coach Jon Gruden will not sign a new contract with the Oakland Raiders and plans to leave the team after next season at the latest, his agent told several San Francisco Bay area newspapers.

Gruden won't coach the team after his five-year contract expires at the end of the 2002 season, agent Bob LaMonte said Monday.

Gruden, a top candidate for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' job, is in the lower half of the NFL coaching pay scale, with an annual salary of \$1.2 million. His parents live in Tampa.

"This isn't about leverage," LaMonte said. "There's a zero percent chance of Jon Gruden coaching the Raiders in 2003."

Earlier Monday during a season-ending news conference, Gruden refused to discuss his future in detail.

"There's been a lot of speculation since I've been here," Gruden said, two days after an overtime playoff loss to New England. "I only deal with facts. I signed a five-year contract and I have one year left. The most important thing for me is to make sure this football team is going in the right direction."

Quarterback Rich Gannon credited Gruden and his staff

with returning the Raiders to prominence. Oakland was 4-12 in 1997, the year before Gruden took over. Gruden has a 38-26 record in four years with the Raiders.

"I think he's the best coach in football right now," Gannon said. "If I didn't believe that, I wouldn't come back."

One of Gruden's major attributes has been the ability to get his team focused despite off-field distractions, which included speculation he was ready to leave during the season for Notre Dame.

"Since Jon has gotten here, he's instilled a never-quit attitude," linebacker Greg Biekert said. "You've got to give the coaches a lot of credit for getting guys prepared."

Gruden was still adamant about the play, or replay, which helped hasten the end of the Raiders' season.

Biekert recovered New England Patriots quarterback

Tom Brady's apparent fumble with 1:43 left in regulation in the Patriots' 16-13 victory on Saturday.

New England trailed 13-10 when Brady was hit by cornerback Charles Woodson and lost the ball. Biekert pounced on it, and referee Walt Coleman initially ruled it a fumble. But, after reviewing replays, Coleman changed his mind and ruled it an incomplete pass.

The Patriots then tied the game on Adam Vinatieri's 45-yard field goal with 27 seconds left in the fourth quarter, and won it on his 23-yarder 8:29 into overtime.

"I believe it was a fumble and I'll go to my grave thinking it was a fumble," Gruden said. "Pictures speak volumes of what that play was truly about. But the Patriots move on and we don't. We're still sick to our stomachs and disappointed to be out of the playoffs."

As for film of the game?

"I'm pretty much done with it forever," he said.

*"I only deal with facts. I signed a five-year contract and I have one year left. The most important thing for me is to make sure this football team is going in the right direction."*

**John Gruden**  
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## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Court: Twins must call Metrodome home

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. The Minnesota Court of Appeals upheld an injunction requiring the Twins to play the 2002 season in the Metrodome.

The unanimous decision Tuesday makes it even more unlikely major league baseball will follow through on its plan to eliminate two teams before this season. The Twins and Montreal Expos are the likely targets, although no decision has been made, and commissioner Bud Selig said last week he still intended to push ahead with contraction for this season.

"While we are disappointed with the decision of the appeals court, we are not surprised," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief legal officer. "We will seek a final determination in the Minnesota Supreme Court as soon as possible."

A three-judge panel affirmed a November decision by a Hennepin County judge, saying he did not abuse his discretion in holding the Twins cannot simply buy out the final year of their lease but must field a team for the season's 81 scheduled home games.

"Since it appears from the record that money could not compensate the commission for the intangible losses that would result if the Twins breached their promise to play, the district court did not abuse its discretion in considering harm to the public when deciding whether to grant temporary injunctive relief," Chief Judge Edward Toussaint Jr. said in his opinion.

The court didn't rule on the merits of the case but said five times in the 27-page opinion that the lower court "did not abuse its discretion."

"Of course we're disappointed," said Roger Magnuson, a

lawyer for the Twins and Selig. "We think there were fundamental errors in the injunction."

The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, which obtained the injunction as the Twins' landlord, planned a news conference later Tuesday.

Senate Majority Leader Roger Moe said the ruling allows time for the Legislature, which convenes in a week, to consider proposals to fund a new ballpark, which would ensure the Twins' long-term survival.

Twins outfielder Torii Hunter took the ruling as another sign that the Twins would play this year.

"It's getting close," he said. "All you can do is get ready, and prepare like you're going to have a season, or it's just going to come back and bite you."

Spring training opens in mid-February and the Minnesota

Supreme Court would have to move with extraordinary speed to rule before then.

The high court typically takes five to seven months to decide cases after hearing

arguments, though it has moved more quickly in some cases where time was an issue. At least three of the court's seven members must agree that an appeal is merited.

Toussaint and Judges Robert Schumacher and Roger Klaphake upheld the decision by District Judge Harry Seymour Crump, who ruled the team's lease, which expires after this season, requires the Twins to field a team for the season's 81 scheduled home games.

Baseball's lawyers have argued that the injunction went against past lease disputes in Minnesota and was based more on emotion than law.

The court declined to consider several of the issues raised by baseball and the Twins in their appeal because weren't present-

ed to the district court.

The judges also cited congressional testimony by Selig in 1992 and 1993, quoting him as telling a Senate subcommittee that leagues "should vigilantly enforce strong policies prohibiting clubs from abandoning communities which have supported them."

In addition to the legal moves in Minnesota, the players' association filed a grievance claiming

the Nov. 6 vote by owners to eliminate teams violated the rules of its labor contract, which expired the following day and remains in force.

After the appeals court ruled, union head Donald Fehr said "hopefully, things will get resolved." Asked if baseball should drop its attempt to eliminate teams this year, Fehr said: "I'll leave that response for baseball and its lawyers after they've

studied the opinion."

Crump issued the temporary injunction on Nov. 16, ruling that the state and fans would suffer irreparable harm if the Twins do not play this season.

On Nov. 30, the Minnesota Supreme Court refused to take a direct appeal, but ordered the Court of Appeals to hear the case on an expedited basis to leave time for a possible appeal to the high court.

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## NFL

# Superbowl will end 21-year NFL standard

Associated Press

NEW YORK Pat Summerall and John Madden are parting ways after 21 years in which they became the standard by which NFL announcing teams are judged.

Summerall announced Tuesday that he will leave his longtime NFL broadcasting partner after they call the Super

Bowl for Fox Sports.

But the 71-year-old former New York Giants star kicker, who's been associated with the NFL for 50 years as a player or announcer, said he won't rule out doing more TV work.

Asked if he's set on retiring, Summerall said: "Absolutely not. I still want to do games. I still want to work with the NFL. I'd love to get back involved in golf

in some way. I'd love to do tennis again."

While Summerall called those sports when he was at CBS, he is best known as half of the longest-paired NFL TV duo ever.

Summerall's play-by-play and Madden's color analysis have complemented each other since they were paired at CBS in 1981. They moved together to Fox in 1994 after that network bought

NFL rights.

Their Feb. 3 swan song will be Summerall's 17th Super Bowl broadcast.

"I'll miss standing next to John during the course of a broadcast and watching his antics and enjoying his commentary and trying to react to his commentary," Summerall said.

"That I can never replace."

Joe Buck, who is Fox's lead play-by-play announcer for baseball and has called NFL games for the network, could be a replacement as Madden's partner.

"No decisions have been made about who will work with John next year," Fox spokesman Lou D'Ermilio said.

Summerall, whose Fox contract expires at the end of this season, said he decided two weeks ago to move on. He wanted to make the announcement now so as not to be a distraction during the buildup to the NFL's championship game.

He said he might be interested in staying at Fox in a different spot.

"Fox has said they would like to talk to us after the Super Bowl about other possibilities of him staying on," said his agent, Sandy Montag. "Sometime in February or March, we said, we'll talk about it."

Summerall's TV career started in 1960.

"Pat Summerall is not only a Hall of Fame broadcaster, but one of the classiest men to ever work in the business," Fox Sports president Ed Goren said. "His 50 years as a player and broadcaster is a record that will never be broken. Quite simply, for generations of fans, Pat Summerall was the voice of the NFL."

Madden said in a statement: "My relationship with Pat has been more than just a broadcast partnership and my respect for him goes beyond football. There are some things in your life that can never be replaced."

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## AUSTRALIAN OPEN

## Seles snaps Williams' win streak

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia  
Venus Williams, supreme at Wimbledon and at Flushing Meadows, stumbled at the Australian Open.

Monica Seles snapped Williams' 24-match winning streak and her bid for a third consecutive Grand Slam title with a 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-3 quarterfinal upset Tuesday and moved into the Australian Open semifinals against Martina Hingis.

Seles lost her previous six matches against Williams, who has won the last two U.S. Opens and the previous two Wimbledon titles.

The second-seeded Williams injured her hamstring in the first set and limped for the rest of the match. She'd gone into the quarterfinal with an injured left knee.

Williams reached the semifinals at Melbourne Park last year, when she had the worst loss of her pro career in a 6-1, 6-1 defeat to Hingis. In her pre-

vious trips to Melbourne Park, she'd never gone beyond the quarterfinals.

Seles, seeded eighth, has won four Australian Opens, but the last one was six years ago. Hingis is a three-time Australian Open champion, but has not won since 1999, her last title in a major tournament.

Williams won the first set in a tiebreaker despite her injury.

"I had pain in the hamstring area — I wasn't quite sure what was going on," Williams said. "It hasn't been the best tournament for me health-wise."

Seles won the first eight points and led 2-0 before Williams broke back and held to put the first set back on serve.

Williams injured her hamstring chasing a wide Seles' forehand on the last point of the eighth game and needed a medical timeout and treatment inside the player's tunnel to have the top of her right thigh strapped.

Seles dominated the second set, with her two-fisted forehand and backhand groundstrokes regularly producing winners, and she evened the match at a set apiece in 33 minutes as Williams' error rate increased.

In the third set, Seles broke to

lead 3-2 when Williams' wild backhand went long.

At 4-3, Seles gave her younger rival three break points but saved them all for a 5-3 lead, finishing with a backhand winner down the line.

Serving to stay in the match, Williams faced two match points and surrendered on the second when she netted a forehand.

"It was such a tough match, really weird circumstances for both of us," said Seles, who complained of a sore throat and fever going into the match. "We were both fighting a lot of problems within ourselves."

"Venus is such a great champion, I just got lucky there on a couple of points at the end."

The only other time they'd gone head-to-head outside of the United States was at the Sydney Olympics in 2000, when Williams got a three-set win in a semifinal en route to a gold medal.

Williams finished with 49 unforced errors and 10 double faults, almost twice those of Seles, who had 25 unforced

errors and five double faults.

"More than anything [Seles] had the gameplan today," Williams said. "Who knows, maybe she'll take the whole Slam home — that would be an exciting story. She deserves it."

Williams said she'd get some medical advice before deciding where to play next. Although she's now targeting the French Open "to end my nightmare there." She's never gone beyond the quarterfinals at Roland Garros.

Hingis has reached the final at Melbourne Park every year since 1997, when she picked

up the first of her three consecutive titles. She was runner-up to Lindsay Davenport in 2000 and again to Jennifer Capriati last year.

"Martina is a very tough player, she's playing some of her best tennis. It's going to be a tough battle, we always play tough ones," Seles said.

In her 6-2, 6-3 win Tuesday over Adriana Serra Zanetti, Hingis looked composed and confident even though it was

her hardest match so far. She only conceded nine games in her previous four matches.

Serena Williams, the 1999 U.S. Open winner, withdrew before her first-round match here due to an ankle injury she picked up the previous week in Sydney. Serena and Hingis had been drawn to meet in a quarterfinal rematch.

"I had to face Serena in the quarterfinals here at this point [last year], but it's kind of nice having someone you don't know that well," Hingis said of Serra Zanetti. "It's nice to get through it easier than last year."

Her road to the semifinals this year hasn't been taxing. So far, she's had wins over Virginie Razzano (6-2, 6-2), Greta Arn (6-1, 6-2), Barbara Rittner (6-1, 6-0), and Amanda Coetzer (6-1, 6-0).

She leads Seles 12-4 in head-to-head meetings.

Hingis, who held the No. 1 ranking for a record 73 consecutive weeks until injuring her ankle last October and undergoing surgery, says the unscheduled break did her some good. It took her mind off the grind of touring and helped her concentrate on improving her game.

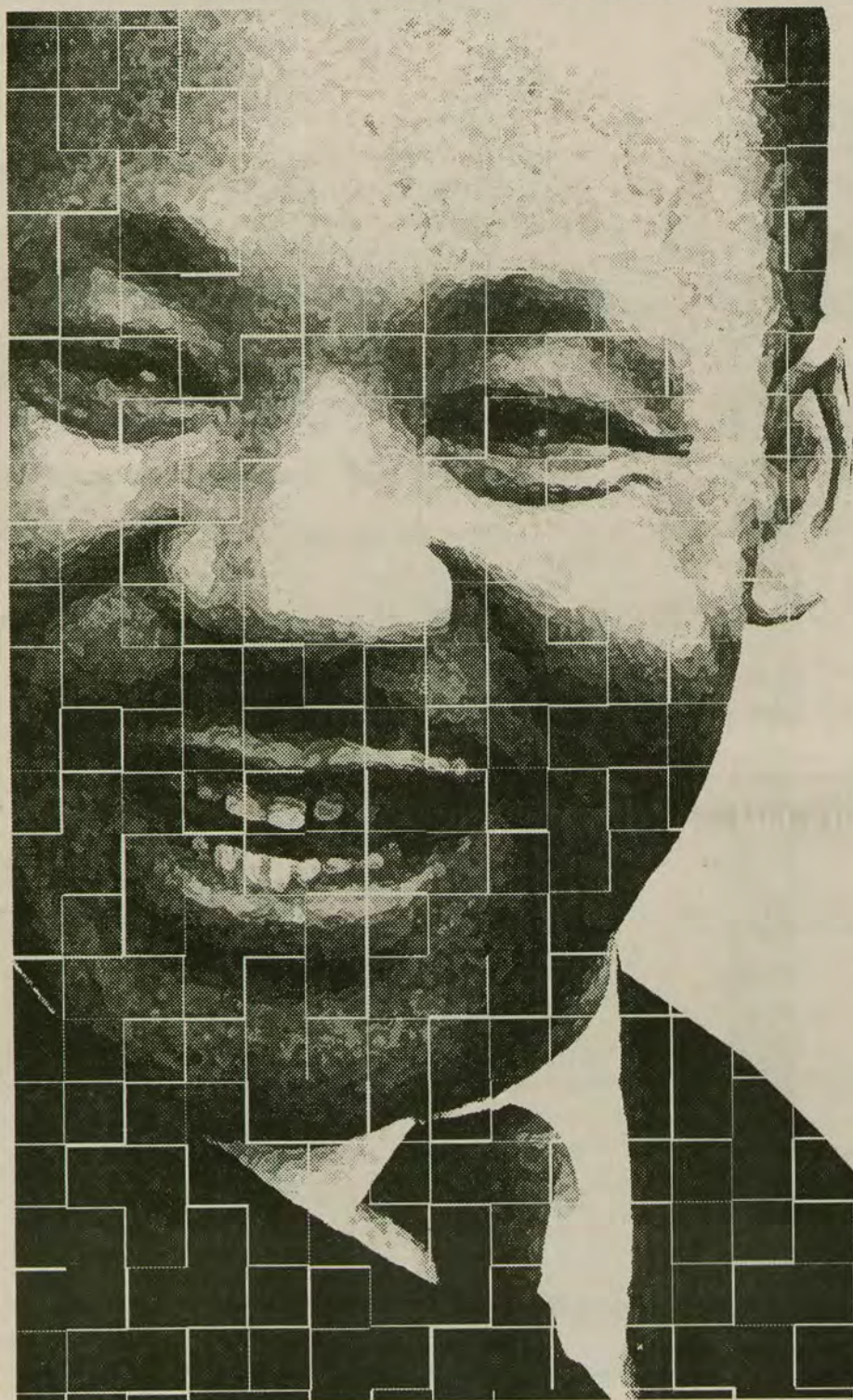
"I think I've reached some stage that I haven't been before," Hingis said.



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## Belles

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realize we can win and we're definitely thinking upset again."

For the Belles to do that, they must force the Hornets to play their bench players. Kalamazoo starts only one senior, one junior and three freshmen. Much of the bench also consists of freshmen. If Kalamazoo is forced to play its reserves, Saint Mary's feels confident about its chances of winning.

"They have a good core starting five but then they really don't have depth," said Belles co-captain Anne Blair. "We need everyone to step up and stay out of foul trouble which has been a big problem. We do have depth and everyone on our bench can play."

Smith also said the Belles must rebound to shut down the

Hornet's strong offense.

"We've got to rebound offensively and defensively and we've got to work hard," Smith said. "We just have to play together and attacking their defense and we just need to take it to the basket."

Saint Mary's has also been adjusting to the loss of four players — three to injury and one who left the team. Despite this setback, Blair believes the Belles have responded in a positive way.

"It's not like we can replace them but everyone has stepped up and people have filled their roles," Blair said.

Smith agreed and added that the team is closer

er than before.

"We're a much closer group without as many people and practices go pretty smoothly and a lot of people are getting a lot of time," Smith said. "So they've adjusted pretty well."

*"We need everyone to step up and stay out of foul trouble which has been a big problem."*

Anne Blair  
co-captain

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Guard Katie Miller makes a break during a recent win against Olivet. The Belles will face the Hornets today.

## NFL

# Bettis is ready to return

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Jerome Bettis said Monday he is certain he'll return from a seven-week layoff to play in the AFC championship game. He's also sure about something else.

No more needles.

Bettis, the Pittsburgh Steelers' Pro Bowl running back, said he realizes it was a mistake to get

a painkilling shot just before Sunday's AFC playoff game against Baltimore. The injection apparently struck a nerve and caused one of Bettis' legs to go numb, preventing him from playing.

The Steelers went on to beat the defending Super Bowl champion Ravens 27-10 without him, and they would be favored to beat New England in the AFC championship game even if he doesn't play.

However, Bettis insists he will play, saying, "I could have played about five or six o'clock [Sunday] after the shot wore off."

Amos Zereoue ran for 63 yards and two short touchdowns as Bettis' replacement, but Bettis' presence would give the Steelers a difficult-to-defend asset that perfectly accompanies their dramatically improved passing offense.

Before he was hurt Dec. 2 against Minnesota, Bettis was averaging nearly 100 yards per game through 11 games.

"He'll definitely be the freshest man in the playoffs when he comes back," offensive tackle Wayne Gandy said. "For a man like him who is driven, who already is a hard runner, if he gets a chance to play Sunday, he'll be running 100 miles per hour."

The Steelers will take Bettis' customary 100 yards.

Bettis said he's taken painkilling shots before without a reaction, and he has no idea why Sunday's injection went so wrong. He insisted he didn't need the shot because he reinjured himself.

"I knew there would be a lot of pain associated with the injury and I just wanted it to feel better," he said. "The scar tissue still has to tear, and it is nowhere near as strong as regular tissue, so there's going to be pain."

"It's nothing that will keep you from playing, it's just something you have to deal with."

Gandy estimated about half the Steelers get painkilling injections before a game, but said it's not very strong.



Bettis

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dent their perimeter shooters will deliver as the season progresses.

"I've been around Matt and Dave for three years now, and they're the best shooters I've

seen," said senior Ryan Humphrey. "There's times in practice when they hit five, six in a row. I have confidence in them, and when they start knocking down shots, then it'll be exciting to see us play."

### Note:

Harold Swanagan, who re-

aggravated an ankle sprain and missed Monday night's game, underwent a MRI Tuesday.

The senior forward's ankle has affected his play since Notre Dame's Dec. 27 game against

Alabama.

"He's not moving the same, he's not rebounding the same. He's a little frustrated," Brey said. "We've got to get him healthy ... Hopefully he'll feel

better for Saturday, but if he's not better for Saturday, we'll hold him out there, too."

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## ND SOCCER

# Teams earn academic honors

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The University of Notre Dame men's and women's soccer teams each were recognized by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America with the NSCAA/adidas College Team Academic Award for exceptional performance as a team during the 2000-01 academic year. Notre Dame was one of 36 institutions whose men's and women's teams earned that distinction. The men's soccer team earns the award for the third consecutive year as the Irish had 12 players earn Dean's List distinction during both the 2000-01 spring and fall semesters after a

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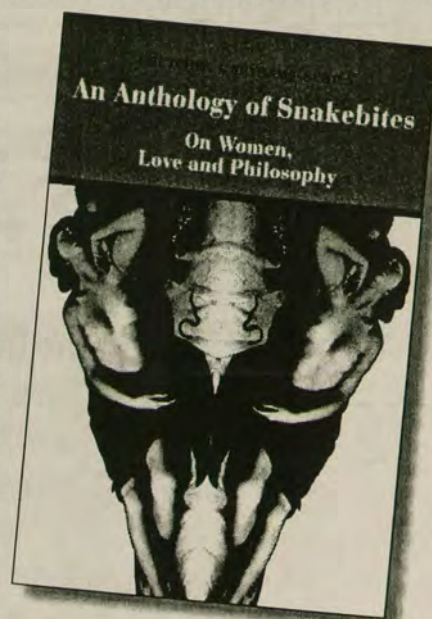
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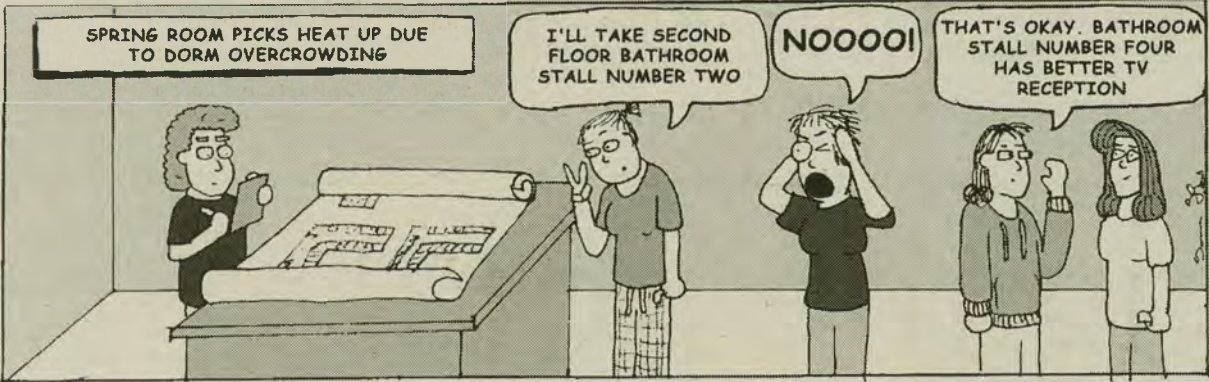


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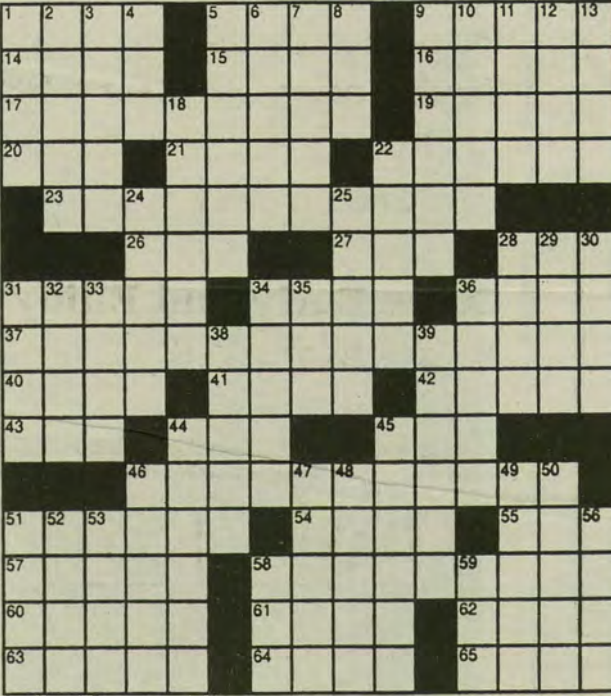
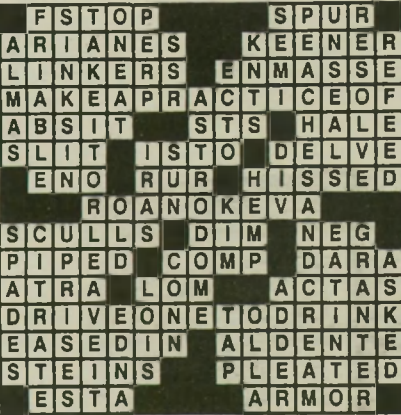
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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Missing the point

## ◆ Irish shooting woes continue to cause problems

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
Associate Sports Editor

When a shooter's mind wanders, his shot often wanders with it.

And based on Notre Dame's recent shooting, it appears their minds have been wandering quite a bit.

"When you start missing, your confidence changes," guard Matt Carroll said. "You have to start worrying about going out there and making them rather than just going out there and shooting with a clear head."

Notre Dame's success is directly tied to their 3-point shooting. In their 12 wins, the Irish have shot over 44 percent from behind the arc. But in their six losses, the Irish hit just 30 percent of their 3-point shots.

"A pretty jump shot, those shots are over in league play," Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey said. "Shooting a jump shot and looking at your form, that's not going to happen. Not in this league."

Life on the court has been particularly rough for Irish point guard Chris Thomas recently. Before Big East play started, a red-hot Thomas made 45 percent of all his shots. But since Jan. 6, the freshman has shot just 27 percent overall. And in the last three games, he is just 4-of-23 from 3-point range.

David Graves is in a similar slump. In his last five games,

Graves shot 15-for-55 from the field. And after starting the Georgetown game 1-for-9, Brey pulled the senior forward out for good with 11:33 left in the game.

It's tough to pinpoint the source of Notre Dame's shooting woes. But it's even tougher to figure out how to stop it. The key, Carroll said, is to just keep shooting.

"Half the battle of shooting is mental," he said. "You gotta understand it's a long game, and when it's not falling in the first half, you gotta keep shooting, or you're not going to stay confident."

Carroll understands the emotions swirling through Graves' and Thomas' minds. Early in the year,

Carroll had trouble finding his shot, even going scoreless against Indiana. But Brey kept him on the court and in the starting lineup and Carroll broke out of his slump.

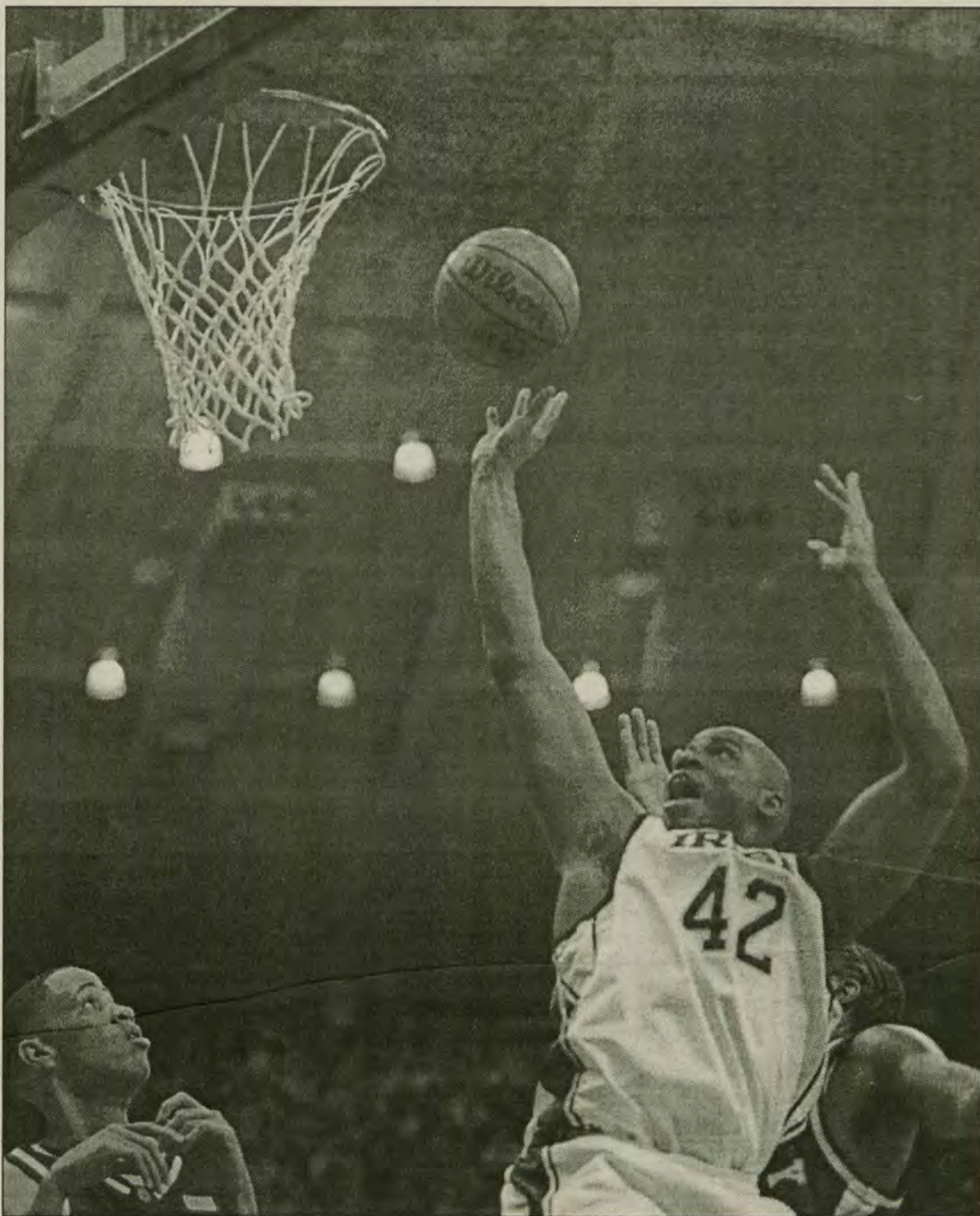
Brey would prefer to keep his shooters in the game. But he's not afraid

to make a change in the starting lineup to shake things up. Last year, after a struggling Irish team lost their fifth game of the season against Kentucky, Brey moved Harold Swanagan to the starting lineup and Graves to the bench. The move paid off. Graves regained his confidence and the Irish reeled off an eight-game win streak.

"We may still move the lineup around again," Brey said last week without mentioning any specific plans.

Nevertheless, the Irish are confi-

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DUFFY-MARIE ARNOULT/The Observer

Senior forward Harold Swanagan takes a shot during a Notre Dame loss to Kentucky on Saturday. In their last several games, the Irish have had trouble sinking baskets.

## FOOTBALL

## Recruit says no to Irish

## ◆ Wide receiver Hannum chooses Penn State

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind.

Wide receiver Josh Hannum has changed his mind about attending Notre Dame next season, choosing instead to attend Penn State.

Hannum, who is from Wallingford, Pa., is the second high school player who com-

mitted to attend Notre Dame while Bob Davie was coach to change his mind since Tyrone Willingham was hired Dec. 31 to replace him.

Linebacker Jeremy Van Alstyne from Greenwood, Ind., did the same thing earlier, verbally committing to Michigan.

But while Van Alstyne reportedly was upset about not receiving a phone call from Willingham right away, Hannum told the South Bend Tribune that his decision had

nothing to do with Willingham's hiring. He just decided he wanted to play closer to home.

"During that layover time (between the coaching searches), I had to look around," he said. "It came down to a matter of feeling comfortable. I think you thrive in a place you're comfortable at. I feel comfortable at Penn State."

Notre Dame now has 12 verbal commitments. National signing day is Feb. 6.

## SMC BASKETBALL

## Belles face tough conference test

By JOE HETTLER  
Sports Writer

After nearly pulling off an upset win against Adrian on Saturday, the Saint Mary's basketball team must regroup when it faces a tough Kalamazoo team tonight.

For the Belles (6-11, 2-4) a win tonight against the third-place

team in the MIAA could be the catalyst that helps give them momentum for the rest of the season and the upcoming MIAA tournament.

"It's a huge game," said Belles head coach Suzanne Smith. "Especially bouncing back after playing a close game on Saturday in a game we definitely could have won. We definitely

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# IN FOCUS

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## Grading the government

As Notre Dame and Saint Mary's student leaders near the end of their terms, The Observer issues a report card.



Above: Student body president Brooke Norton addresses the student senate.

Right: Students attend a town hall meeting sponsored by the office of the student body president.



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## Untangling the mysteries of ND student government

By JASON McFARLEY  
News Editor

At Notre Dame, student government positions are as diverse as the constituencies and interests that student leaders here represent.

For undergraduates, government is centered in the Student Union. It includes several basic arms:

### Office of the President

At the head of campus government are the student body president and vice president. Elected every February by the majority vote of the undergraduate student body, they take office April 1.

"We work to bring everything together," senior Brooke Norton, the 2001-2002 president, said in an interview last semester with The Observer. "We have many focuses, but our role is to represent student opinion."

In the same interview, vice president Brian Moscona, a junior, said, "We're basically working to serve students, being their voice."

The Office of the President staff includes elected students Norton and Moscona and their appointees to the Chief of Staff position and to other posts in divisions just as academics, diversity and service.

### Student Senate

This body includes one elected student from each undergraduate residence hall

as well as one senator who represents off-campus students. Senators are elected during the spring semester and take office in April.

The group meets weekly, and members must sit on at least two of the senate's standing committees that target such issues as residence life, gender concerns and University affairs.

The policy-oriented senate considers resolutions, which, if approved, are forwarded directly to administrators or the Campus Life Council.

"The senate can reach every student on campus," said Moscona, who chairs the body. "Ideally, students will take their concerns to their individual senator."

### Campus Life Council

The council's membership reflects all sides of Notre Dame residence life and includes administrator, faculty, rector and student representatives.

The CLC's members are elected to the body from other groups, such as the Faculty and Student senates and the Hall Presidents and Club Coordination councils.

CLC members consider resolutions forwarded to them by other groups, generally the Student Senate. In the past, the CLC has been the only body with student membership to make policy recommendations directly to the Office of Student Affairs.

"It's hard to say what areas we'll focus on in any year, because, by nature, we

have to look at a lot of different campus issues," said CLC chair Norton.

### Student Union Board

Think concerts, movies, and other forms of entertainment. SUB is responsible for organizing and bringing these events to campus.

Headed this year by Paul Krivickas, the programming board in the past has brought actor James Earl Jones and singer Ani DiFranco to the University's Stepan Center. Last spring former Indiana University head basketball coach Bob Knight spoke at Stepan.

Annual SUB events include the Collegiate Jazz Festival, Sophomore Literary Festival and Antostal, the week-end spring carnival.

### Other student government

Notre Dame student government isn't so neatly summed up as a collection of councils and boards. The Student Union includes other outlets.

Participation on class councils often is a springboard to higher executive posts. Traditionally, student body presidents and vice presidents held class offices before heading the Student Union.

Each fall, 27 first-year students are elected to their class council through their residence halls. The freshman representatives then elect from among themselves the council's four executive officers — a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

In the spring semester, rising sopho-

mores, juniors and seniors are elected on a four-person class council ticket. The officers then appoint other students from their class to committee membership positions on the council.

Individual dorms, too, are hubs for leadership positions. Residence halls essentially are the basic units for campus government.

There are many dorm commissioner jobs available to students as well as hall presidents posts. Hall presidents also serve on the campus-wide Hall Presidents Council.

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## ONE PERSON'S VIEW

## On the outside, looking back

Not surprisingly, under our very own Dome, students seem to be polarized along the sides of either student government fanatics or those who could care less. After all, how many class dinners can a person take?

Furthermore, with all the Notre Dame T-shirts, aren't our toddler-sized wardrobes full? Although I have seriously been pondering these questions, I will get to the point.

The truth is that student government does have a significant and necessary function. I say this as a former insider and current outsider to student government. My little government stint lasted for three semesters starting as a freshman council officer and ending as a sophomore council committee member. By my sophomore year, I had begun the transition into an outsider role by reporting on the Campus Life Council (CLC) for The Observer.

My experience has been that student government — whether it is CLC or office of the president — has the goal of enhancing the experience of Notre Dame students. The class councils in which I participated were sustained by our underclassmen enthusiasm, but especially as a freshman, I was too swept up in the excitement to realize that student government had enemies. As an outsider, I was more attentive while also seeing that student government members continue to plan and provide exciting activities for the improvement of student life despite the criticism. Unfortunately, however, there remain students who are either unaware of the events or unappreciative of the effort.

Perhaps the greatest benefit of any representative government is that the people's voices can be heard. The Notre Dame student government has taken strides to hear the voices of the students it represents through town hall meetings and accessibility. Naturally, at Notre Dame there are different attitudes about student government ranging from pessimistic to optimistic, but too often we hear an abundance of opinions and not enough suggestions until it's time for an election. Then, all of a sudden somebody wants cable in the dorms or the return of Sophomore Siblings weekend. I encourage more dialogue between student government and the students. Constructive criticism is great but ideas and action are even better. The only way people can legitimately complain or claim to have the solutions to student government's problems is if they actually understand student government from the inside and outside. This does not mean that everyone has to join student government during their undergraduate years, but students should attempt to talk to a member to see what the student government really does beyond class dinners and dances.

Generally, student government consists of students highly committed to making the Notre Dame experience more positive. They want to break barriers between students and administrators and faculty. The members try to listen to students' ideas on issues, but when the town hall meetings are virtually empty, students shouldn't be surprised that it is easy for student government members to become comfortable with the status quo. After all, they are students with their own priorities in addition to being a representative for their peers.

I urge students to articulate their ideas and learn more about the activities of student government. Yes, there is much more to life than student government, but there is also much more to student government than dinners and T-shirts.

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



Helena Payne

Assistant  
News Editor

# Make promises you can keep

As students trickle out of dorms at 12:55 a.m. on Thursday nights after watching the latest HBO movie premiere with their friends and return to their dorms as parietals expire, they have nothing but contented smiles on their faces as they contemplate the up-and-coming hip-hop and rap artists conference as well as the all-school formal.

On Fridays, students can be overheard chattering about the lower prices at the bookstore and the new bowling alley at Alumni Senior Club over their "Grab 'n' Go" lunches they picked up in DeBartolo Hall with the students on service-based scholarships and from the Pacem in Terris program, which brings students from war-torn countries to get their education at Notre Dame.

Of course, this scenario is more

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like a dream than an average day on campus, but that's not what student government hopefuls would have the student body believe.

Each year the student population is subjected to ridiculous platform agendas from the candidates for student body president and vice president. While some platforms are better researched and more feasible than others, the story is the same year after year: little if none of the promises made in the campaign come to fruition. In fact,

most of them never even have the remotest possibility of being fulfilled.

While it is important for student government to be ambitious and set high standards for itself, it should also be cognizant of its limitations. And though a noble effort may be made to achieve their goals, candidates for student body president and vice president seem to be in a contest to promise more and deliver less. When campaigns run planks in 40-point font on their posters they should have more than just a good idea to implement those plans.

The student body deserves candidates that will work hard for them, represent them and have realistic expectations of being able to deliver more than recycled pipe dreams.

## Domers give Student Union mixed reviews

By ELIZABETH LEE  
Wire Editor

Students have different opinions about how effective student government is. Some argue that student government has the students' interests at heart, but others feel that it does not make enough effort to reach students.

However, other students expressed concern that student government does not communicate well with the student body.

"I don't think that our student government communicates with the student body very well at all in terms of the changes that students would like to see," said sophomore Megan Horner. "I rarely seem to know what they're working on, discussing or trying to change."

Some students, like sophomore Leslie Schmidt, see little value in student government.

"It seems like the student government is more of a formality than a driving force," she said.

Other students know very little about what student government does.

"I don't know anything about student government," said freshman Dwight Ellick. "I don't know what they do or who they are."

Student government holds office hours and opens up Student Senate meetings to the public, but students feel that these opportunities are not advertised well enough.

"Voicemails, e-mails, or signs in the dorms letting students know when representatives are available to discuss issues would be a big help," said Horner. "I get e-mails occasionally from my class council about social events, but that's about it."

Despite complaints about a lack of campus presence, most students feel that student government does try to keep the students' interests at heart.

"I give them a lot of credit," said senior Eric Carpenter. "Even if changes come slowly, student government still helps improve student life."

Students also believe that student government's apparent lack of campus presence has to do with the control they feel the administration imposes on student government.

"They want to accomplish great things for the students but get hindered by the higher powers," Carpenter said, adding that he

believes student government works hard for the students.

"They have a hard job to do," he said. "If given completely free reign [by the administration], imagine what they could do."

Many students, in fact, agree that the power of student government is limited, and these students appreciate any changes it can effect.

"I was surprised and pleased to see that they helped get the Dean's List requirements clarified for students," said sophomore Michael Sanchez. "I

usually don't put a lot of stock in student governments, so it was nice to

see that they do have some sort of influence."

Moreover, students generally appreciate the work the officers put in.

"I think the student government has very limited power, but they work hard to accomplish some things," said Schmidt. "I appreciate their hard work even if changes come about slowly."

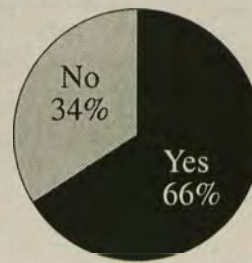
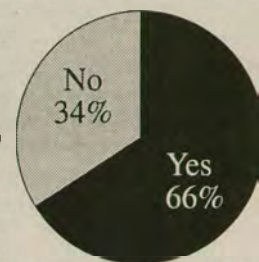
Many students say they would like to see student government take on issues such as parietals, the bookstore prices and football ticket distribution. Other suggestions were a bit more creative.

"I'd like to see [Student Government] start a dating service," said sophomore Laura Sech.

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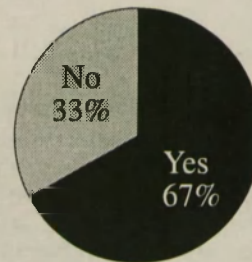
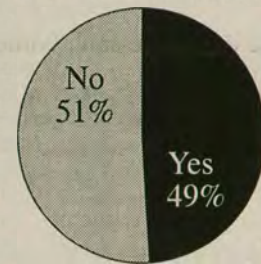
## NOTRE DAME STUDENTS

Do you think student government is effective?



Do you think student government represents your concerns?

Can you name your hall's student senator?



Can you name your student body president?

\*Results based on random telephone survey of 100 Notre Dame students

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## NOTRE DAME STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

# Striving to serve

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Whether it is 2 o'clock in the afternoon or 2 o'clock in the morning, one can probably find student body president Brooke Norton working hard to fulfill her responsibilities to the Notre Dame student body.

Most likely, Norton will not be working alone, but instead will be joined by student body vice president Brian Moscona and chief of staff Jonathan Jorissen.

Despite their long hours, each of them believe the service they provide to fellow students is "definitely worth it," as Jorissen put it.

"The service itself is a reward," agreed Moscona.

"We all love Notre Dame and we want it to be even better than it is now," said Norton.

When Norton and her administration took office in April 2001, they created a list of goals for their term. While some of their initial goals — including their campaign promises to install cable in dorm rooms and to extend parietals — have proven impossible to achieve, many of their other efforts have had significantly more success.

One of Norton and Moscona's main goals was to increase collaboration between the office of the president and other branches of the Student Union. Norton said she believes they have had a great deal of success in accomplishing this goal.

In particular, Norton and Moscona praised their office's diversity division, which collaborated with the Student Union Board (SUB) to plan a multicultural fair in November.

"I think that division represents what this office wants to represent," Moscona said. "This office has worked hard to unify the student body and the Student Union."

Norton added that her office wanted students of all races to participate in the event, a goal she believes the fair accomplished. This semester, the diversity division is planning a Diversity Symposium for sometime in March.

Another of Norton and Moscona's goals was to improve communication between student government and the student body. Their attempts to meet this goal have had mixed results.

"There are 8,000 people at Notre Dame with different opinions, and it is impossible to satisfy every one of them," said Moscona.

Opening the Maximum Resource

Center, or the Maxx, last semester was part of their communication plan. Because the student government office is located on the second floor of LaFortune, Norton and Moscona said they wanted another office that would allow them to be closer to where students are. Located on the first floor of LaFortune, the Maxx is intended to give the office of the president and other student groups a place to hold office hours. However, some details need to be addressed before the Maxx will be working properly, according to Norton.

As another part of its communication plan, the office of the president also began holding town hall meetings throughout last semester. Each meeting had a specific topic, such as football ticket distribution or tailgating.

"Some have been effective. Some have not been," Jorissen said, adding that attendance at some meetings has been better than at others.

The office plans to continue holding town hall meetings this semester, but the office is planning to use better "market techniques," according to Moscona. In addition, Norton wants the meeting to have a revamped format that involves University administrators.

"We want to enhance the communication between students and the administration because there has been friction there," said Norton, referring to several incidents last semester involving the University's alcohol policy. "I think there needs to be an open discussion about duLac and a student's place on campus."

Students are sometimes upset at the University's administration, Moscona added, and part of that problem results from the fact that students do not



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Student body president Brooke Norton meets with members of her staff to plan upcoming student government projects.

always know the reasoning behind administrative decisions. Moscona believes student leaders must help to bridge that gap.

"Because many students don't have contact with administrators, we're their intermediaries," he explained.

As student leaders, Norton, Moscona and Jorissen have the challenging role of working with administrators while still being students themselves.

"I can't speak for the administration," said Norton. "I can tell students what they told me, but I'm not the one that made the policy, so I can't guarantee anything."

Another communications challenge Norton said her office faced last semester involved knowing how to properly respond to the events of Sept. 11.

In the end, the office of the president was involved in several initiatives in response to the terrorist attacks. Norton's office teamed up with other campus entities, including Campus Ministry, the Student Activities Office and other branches of student government.

The office helped coordinate a candlelight vigil to remember the victims

of the attacks. Norton, Moscona and Jorissen also played an influential role in organizing the collection of approximately \$250,000 for families of New York City firefighters, paramedics and police officers killed during their rescue efforts at the World Trade Center. The money was collected primarily during the Michigan State football game, as well as at campus masses and the candlelight vigil.

"That really showed a lot about the student body," said Norton.

The final part of the office's response was to hold a blood drive in November. Fifty students, the full number that could be accommodated, donated blood.

In December, the office of the president also worked with members of the South Bend community to raise money to replace a New York City hospital's ambulance, which was destroyed when the World Trade Center buildings collapsed.

Norton also played an influential role in having a pre-sale of U2 tickets to students, according to Moscona.

"Brooke lobbied for the students. Without Brooke, the students would not have gotten the presale," he said.

While many office of the president initiatives vary based on the administration's own goals and unexpected events such as Sept. 11, the office also has certain responsibilities that remain the same every year. One of the most important of those responsibilities are three reports every year to Notre Dame's Board of Trustees.

At the board's fall meeting, the office

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## Cheers and Jeers

### Cheers

**Concern for the student body:** In everything their administration has undertaken, Norton and Moscona have shown their dedication to the Notre Dame student body. Consistently striving to reach out to as many students as possible, they have proven themselves to be committed campus leaders who see their positions as an opportunity to serve the University they obviously love.

**Response to 9/11:** Combining prayer and charity, the office of the president led the way in helping students deal with the tragedy of Sept. 11. And despite all their hard work, they still managed to deflect praise and give the credit to the rest of the student body.

**U2 ticket pre-sale:** Without Norton's persistence, students would never have had the chance to buy U2 concert tickets before the general public. Her polite response to criticism concerning ticket distribution — a process Norton's office had no control over — illustrated her maturity as a student leader.

### Polite Applause

**Greatness Grants:** The concept of funding student-initiated service reflects important values of Notre Dame's mission, but the idea for these grants came from Norton's predecessor, Brian O'Donoghue. It remains to be seen how the program will work once its put in action, and whether student government can raise more than the current \$2,000 it has for the grants.

**Founders' Day:** The special food in the DH was nice, but the events were not as ambitious as last year's carnival. Norton and Moscona wisely dropped their proposal for an unfeasible all-school formal as part of the festivities.

### Jeers

**Town hall meetings:** They may sound like a nice idea on paper, but where are the students? Attendance at the meetings has been lacking, and most of people who have bothered to show up were already involved in student government. It is doubtful that Norton, Moscona and Jorissen learned anything from the meetings. If they truly want to hold similar forums this semester, they will have to significantly improve their publicity efforts.

**Student government Web site:** Despite Norton and Moscona's promise to update this site, it is still incomplete. The contact information still dates back two administrations, listing Micah Murphy as student body president.

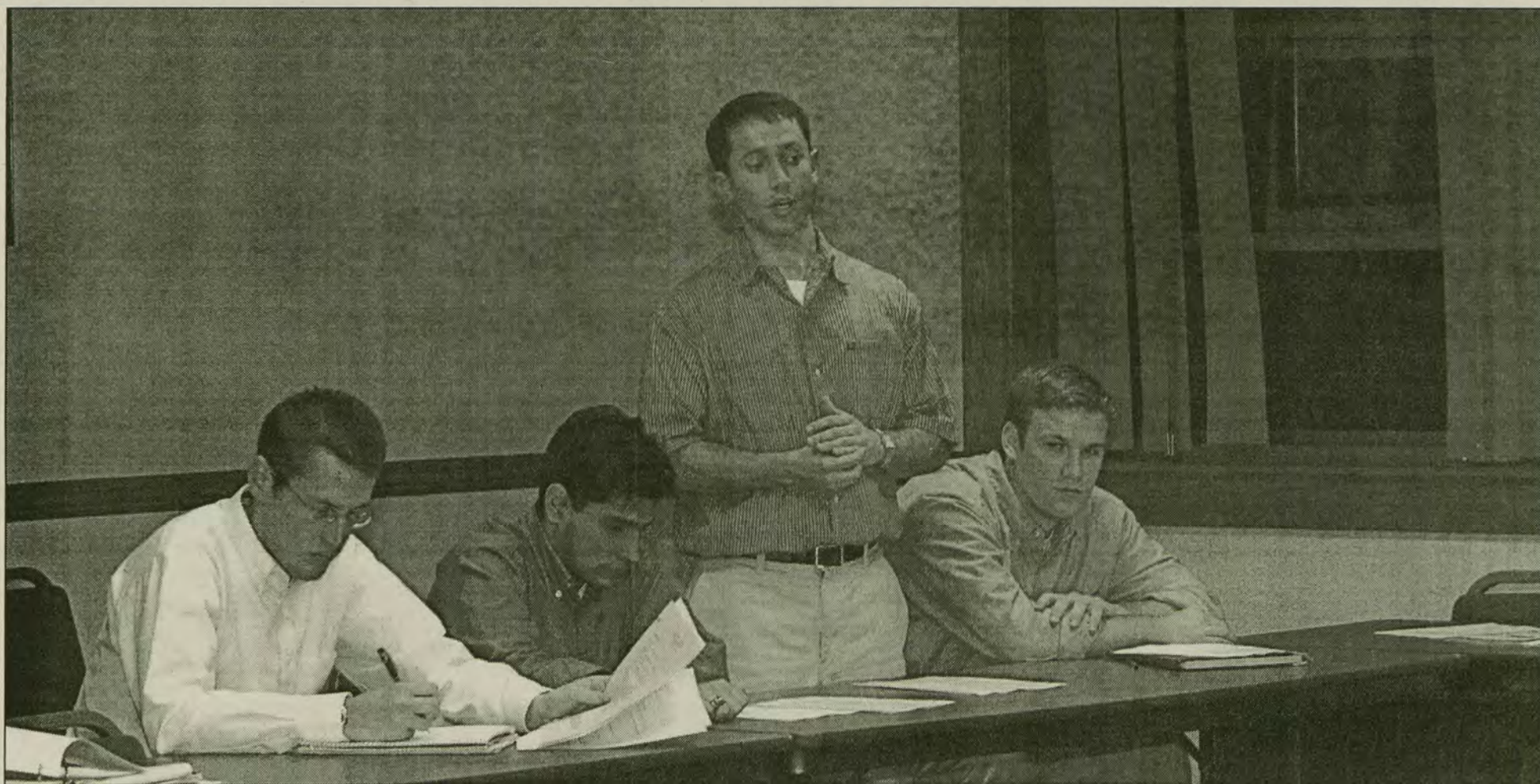
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Although both Norton and Moscona had significant student government experience before taking their current offices, both have grown even more since April. They had to drop two of their most important campaign promises, to extend parietals and to bring cable to dorms. However, they have fulfilled, or are in the process of fulfilling, almost all of their more feasible platform issues. They still have work to do to improve communication with the student body, but students clearly could not ask for an administration more interested in serving them.



STUDENT SENATE

# Senators work to improve quality of student life



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Student senator John Cannon gives a committee report at the senate's Dec. 5 meeting as his fellow senators Pat Hallahan, Jesse Flores and Luke Slonkosky look on.

By ERIN LaRUFFA  
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Tackling topics ranging from curriculum review to possible parietals extensions to the amount of chicken served in the dining halls, members of Notre Dame's Student Senate have dealt with numerous issues that senators believe affect students on a daily basis.

"If we can improve the quality of life for students in any way, we feel like we're doing our job," said Brian Moscona, who as student body vice president chairs the senate.

To some observers, however, it might not seem as though the current senate, which began its term in April 2000, has been very productive. That assumption is incorrect, according to Moscona, because he said senators have been busy conducting background research and learning how to go about accomplishing their goals.

"The first semester is spent learning the process," Moscona said. "Right now, we definitely have the process nailed down. We know what issues we want to focus on."

This semester, senators will continue working on the issues they have identified, but the work will primarily occur within senate committees, not at the weekly meetings of the full senate, according to Carroll senator Jesse Flores.

"Most of the work is done outside the Wednesday meeting," he said.

Each senate committee focuses on a particular area of student life at Notre Dame. Although committee members are primarily senators, all students are welcome to join them, and there are currently

12 non-senators serving on committees, according to Moscona.

## Academic committee

The senate's academic committee has dedicated most of its time to curriculum review. According to committee chair Pat Hallahan, the University has established a nine-person committee, led by Father John Jenkins and consisting of administrators and faculty members, to look into Notre Dame's curriculum and possible changes to it.

"There are a lot of changes that can happen," said Hallahan. "We've been trying to give students a voice in that."

To get a sense of student opinion on the current state of curriculum in each college,

Hallahan and his committee surveyed students in the dining halls. The surveys also collected student ideas on the direction changes to the curriculum should take. The

committee also conducted focus groups to get in-depth information from students. At the end of fall semester, the senate sent a letter to Jenkins describing what the academic committee had learned from the student surveys.

"The academic committee put in a countless number of hours doing that research, and I think it will lead to the enhancement of academic life at Notre Dame," said Moscona. He explained that to the curriculum review committee, the information from the senate represents the opinion of the student body.

This semester, Hallahan said his committee will continue working with Jenkins and the curriculum review committee. The committee also plans to continue studying interaction between students and faculty, another topic the committee began addressing in the fall.

"Some people think it's lacking," Hallahan said, adding that his committee is looking into ways it can improve intellectual life at Notre Dame through increasing student faculty interaction.

"Notre Dame is a top-notch university, but it might not have that edge that Harvard or Yale have," he said.

The committee will also try to get more student representation on the Academic Council, which currently has three students out of 30 members.

## Diversity Committee

One of the diversity committee's goals for last semester was to network with other entities on campus that address similar issues, according to committee co-chair Elizabeth Lenn. The committee started by meeting with groups including the diversity division within the office of the student body president, as well as Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS).

Part of the committee's work last semester also involved creating a resolution, which the full senate passed, requiring that the Celebrating Diversity Workshop be held twice a year, instead of just once. All senators are required to attend the workshop at least once.

"The workshop opens your eyes, and you become aware of a lot as a student leader," said diversity committee co-chair Nikki McCord. "We think diversity is very important, both for students and for the senate in particular."

This semester, the diversity committee is holding a workshop for dorm multicultural commissioners.

"A lot of times, the multicultural commissioner is the hardest commissioner position you can have on campus," said McCord. She explained that most dorm commissioner positions, such as dance commissioner, have specific goals. However, multicultural commissioners have a more difficult time determining what direction to take their position, she said.

To address that challenge, according to McCord, the workshop will make these commissioners aware of resources available on campus.

## Gender Relations

Much like the diversity committee, members of the gender relations committee started by talking to several people who deal with gender issues on campus, according to committee chair Mary Mullen. The priorities that the committee developed out of those conversations have guided the committee's work throughout the school year.

At the end of last semester, the senate passed a resolution from the gender relations committee calling for more lighting in certain locations around campus, including along the paths around the lakes. The committee created the resolution after meeting with campus administrators to discuss the possibility of additional lights.

"I think that resolution and their work with Security will benefit students now and in the future," Moscona said.

Another committee project is to create a list of steps a person

should take if he or she has been the victim of sexual assault. The committee plans to put the lists in every dorm sometime this semester, said Mullen, who became committee chair in January when former chair Jeanine Valles left the senate to study abroad.

The committee is also working on the issue of parietals. Last semester, a resolution to extend parietals failed to pass the Campus Life Council (CLC). Several CLC members who voted against the resolution claimed that "ROTC students and athletes were not interested in extending parietals," Mullen said.

Prompted by that claim, senators on the gender relations committee are conducting a survey of student athletes and ROTC participants to gauge how both groups feel about extending parietals.

"We want to make sure people aren't misrepresenting what students want just to vote a certain way," said Mullen.

In addition, committee members are currently working with

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## Committee Report Card

Academic	A
Diversity	C+
Gender Relations	A-
Residence Life	A-
Oversight	B
University Affairs	A-
Overall	B+

As a whole, the senate has grown into a strong organization since the beginning of its term in April, although the various committees have differed in their productivity and effectiveness. Moscona at first seemed uncomfortable and unprepared to chair the group, but he has adjusted well to the role. His capable leadership is complemented by several dedicated senators who have made possible many small but significant improvements to student life at Notre Dame.



## CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

# Council changes produce few tangible results

By JASON MCFARLEY  
News Editor

Last year when a Campus Life Council meeting cut into dinnertime, it meant one of two things: Either members had gotten a late start or, more likely, they were tied up in contentious debate and name-calling.

During the spring 2001 semester alone, the group twice tabled discussion and adjourned its bi-weekly meetings after members' bickering over such issues as academic freedom and parietals extensions stretched past the council's self-imposed 90-minute time limit. At its height, the CLC's squabbling led student members to draft a letter to rectors, faculty and the administrator who sat on the body, urging them to end the in-fighting.

That — and some personnel changes — seemed to work. Feuding isn't on the group's agenda this year.

In fact, the campus leaders who comprise the body this year hardly look — or sound — like their counterparts from the 2000-2001 council.

Since September, members' tone has been cooperative, even amiable. Meetings have run efficiently; several sessions lasted between 20 and 30 minutes.

On the one hand, the changes speak to a recommitted CLC that wants to take advantage of its unique powers. The 15-member group can form task forces at its own discretion to examine various areas of campus life. Most resolutions passed in the Student Senate require a stamp of approval from the

CLC before Student Affairs officials will even consider them. And whenever it wants, the council may draft its own resolutions and forward them to the vice president for student affairs, who is required to at least send back a formal response to the measure.

But if CLC members this year are in high spirits or are getting out of meetings earlier, that's also a matter of what they're considering in the conference room.

Arguing sometimes rendered the CLC ineffective last year, but the disputes always centered on significant campus issues. Consider: Debate in the CLC last spring about ending parietals at 9 a.m. instead of at 10 a.m. increased hostility at the meeting table but resulted in a resolution approving the one-hour rollback of hours members of the opposite sex are barred from visiting each other in residence halls. University officials, in turn, signed off on the proposal and implemented the change in the fall.

Current members, however, have done little in the way of considering other groups' resolutions or drafting their own. Only the Student Senate has asked for the CLC's approval of a resolution, a measure in November that would allow students to miss three class days per semester to attend job or graduate school

interviews. The council passed the resolution and sent it to the Academic Council, where it awaits consideration.

A single resolution doesn't represent the sum total of the CLC's work this year. Fact is, the group exists as more than a resolution-making body with veto power over other organizations' policy initiatives.

When they weren't considering resolutions, members this year were focusing on task force work. Thoughtful discussion at the beginning of the fall semester led the group to create task forces focusing on three areas of Notre Dame student life: alcohol use, off-campus living and social space.

Traditionally, CLC task forces have had short lives, lasting only until task force members arrived at conclusive findings or drafted a resolution. At present, the council has five task forces — the three formed in September and two formed this week that deal with community life and stu-

dent-administration communication.

At this point, the task forces are essentially tools for collecting information and passing it along to University officials. Significant policy-changing resolutions aren't likely to come out of the task forces.

And that seems to pose a dilemma for the council.

From one standpoint, the CLC's unique make-up affords it the advantage of bringing together representatives from each campus constituency to discuss student life issues.

From another, CLC members are in an enviable position to shape policy — and not just talk about it.

This year's council has taken both tacks and produced relatively few tangible results.

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Members of the Campus Life Council discuss diversity at Notre Dame during the council's meeting on Monday.

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CLC members deserve credit for dropping the attitudes and personal agendas that plagued the group last year and boosting their cooperation with each other. But 20-minute meetings that produce little valuable input week after week are not so much a sign of efficiency and teamwork as they are an indication that the group is finding little to do. Task forces are effective, but resolutions that shape campus policy is one of the best means of judging this group's success. Passing only one resolution in an entire semester just doesn't make the grade.

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the office of the president on its winter Board of Trustees report, which focuses on freshman orientation. As a final project for this senate term, the gender relations committee is also planning retreat for female Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students in March.

### Oversight

The oversight committee is currently working on reviewing the senate's constitution, said chair Jim Ryan. While the review involves primarily organizational changes, the committee is also considering adding an important clause about fiscal responsibility.

That clause would address the fact that campus clubs currently draw money from the same account, with no mechanism in place to prevent a club from drawing more than its allotted share of funds, according to Ryan.

"As of right now, there's nothing to say, 'You owe money,'" he said. His committee is trying to hold clubs accountable.

### Residence Life

"We put a lot of effort into initiating a dialogue with the dining hall," said residence life committee co-chair Aldo Tesi.

In addition to talking to dining hall managers, the committee has also conducted student surveys to find out what students changes students would like the dining halls to make.

So far, the committee's work has been responsible for several changes, including an increased amount of chicken and a new location for soup in North Dining Hall. The committee was also able to get the dining halls to sell special guess meal passes, according to Tesi. The passes, which are sold in the card services office of South Dining Hall, allow students to purchase a book of five meal passes for less money than if they purchase the meals separately.

Members of the residence life committee have also been meeting with campus security.

Discussion with security has mainly involved making it easier for students to get onto cars when they need to.

In addition, committee member Padraic McDermott did extensive research on water quality last semester. As with several other issues the committee has studied, however, senators realized that there was nothing they could do to improve water quality.

"Older pipes are gradually being replaced. We're satisfied with what the University is doing," Tesi said. "A lot of our actions so far have been finding out what we can't do."

Similarly, the committee researched how the University waters its lawn in hopes of finding a way to avoid walking paths being in the trajectory of sprinklers. However, as with water quality, committee members realized that there was nothing they could do to address the issue.

*"Notre Dame is a top-notch university, but it might not have that edge that Harvard or Yale have."*

Pat Hallahan  
academic committee chair

"It looks like the University is doing it in a way that gets the minimal amount of people wet," said Tesi.

The committee has several projects planned for this semester as well. For example, Tesi said the committee wants the University to post its e-mail monitoring policy posted on the WebMail Web site. The University already includes the statement in DuLac, but Tesi said posting the policy on the WebMail site would make more students aware their messages are being monitored.

The committee is also working with the people who handle Notre Dame's Freshman Register to see if it would be possible to print a similar book for students at the before the beginning of their junior year.

"So I can find a date to a dance or something," Tesi said.

### University Affairs

Much like the residence life committee, the university affairs committee has undertaken several, wide-ranging projects.

Last semester, the committee conducted a survey to gain student opinion on vans at the Center for Social Concern. The

survey focused on issues such as the process of loaning out the vans and the condition of the vans.

The committee also established two ad hoc committees, one to investigate faculty-student interaction and one to investigate gender relations. Committee co-chair Jesse Flores said both are areas of interest to him.

In addition, committee member Kim Milford is looking into the University's health services to see if resources could be made more accessible to students.

The committee is also continuing to study social space, particularly in relation to LaFortune Student Center.

This semester, Flores said the committee is brainstorming ideas based on the University's mission statement.

"Our projects will be more focused on the mission statement and its impact on student life," he said. Such a focus, Flores added, will require the committee to consider "what kinds of things we can do to help students realize their maximum potential."

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## SAINT MARY'S BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

## Board works for visibility, small changes

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Every Monday, members of Saint Mary's student government walk around campus in coordinated T-shirts and sweatshirts, worn to identify themselves as members of the student government association. Started as an initiative to "bring student government back to the students," Student Body President Michelle Nagle said the shirts were supposed to make student government more visible.

Visibility was one of one of the main goals Student Body President Michelle Nagle and Student Body Vice President Kristen Matha set for the Board shortly after their election. Developing the T-shirt days, enhancing a newsletter, adding to the board's Web page and developing office hours were all parts of the initiative.

"One of my largest objectives for this semester was to educate the student body about who we [student leaders] are," Nagle said.

The Board had a moderately successful year, bringing change to small, everyday student life issues. In absence of big proposals, BOG can be commended for its little changes, and making the effort to better publicize itself.

## Stopping Mass E-mailing

Most student governing organizations face the challenge of fighting through brick walls and red tape to accomplish initiatives. This year's Board of Governance leaders found themselves fighting through firewalls and gateways instead.

Fed up with the loads of frivolous e-mails that flooded the Saint Mary's network, Board of Governance decided this fall to put a stop to the excessive abuse of the computer network.

"This plan of action will be a more organized outlet for the information to be sent," Technology Commissioner Elizabeth Cusick said at an October board meeting.

Despite cries it was suppressing free speech, the governing body stood by its decision and put together a rational, logical and fair proposal that allowed students to get their messages across without abusing the network. It was a decisive response to a long-termed problem.

"This is in direct response to student complaints and their input," said Erin Casey, Board of Governance's representative to Notre Dame Student Senate, at a November board meeting.

By proposing listservs students could sign up for to get information on specific topics, the board freed the community from the excess

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The board did an excellent job of revamping or enhancing small, basic elements of student life at Saint Mary's. Eliminating e-mail annoyance, increasing munch money and providing responsible funding procedure were goals the board set and met. But the board failed to issue any public stance on issues such as campus security or academic freedom. It would have been nice to see the drive the board approached the e-mail proposal with applied to issues gravely affecting students' experiences on campus, such as campus security.

maze of unwanted mass information. The November rejection of campus-wide e-mail privileges signaled a success for Board of Governance's proposal. The swift, decisive and fair action was by far the board's greatest success of the year.

## Refinancing

BOG's fall revamping of funding grants for campus clubs and organizations should be commended. By changing co-sponsorship funding to a grant process, BOG has become more financially accountable. The board recognized that past boards had thrown around money too haphazardly and rectified the problem. The new system has cut back waste and left the board with a surplus. Initial discussions of surplus spending have focused on buying items that will enhance student life in the residence halls.

## Community Service

At a time when most financial donations are going towards Sept. 11 funds, the Board stepped up and recognized a struggling local charity instead. The board donated the funds from Pride Week T-Shirt sales to South Bend's chapter of the YWCA, a charity supported by various extracurricular groups at Saint Mary's. The board didn't forget the victims of Sept. 11, however — it organized a blood drive shortly after the attacks. Kudos are in order for keeping local and national interests balanced.

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Kristen Matha, Michelle Nagle and Kim Jensen sit at a recent Board of Governance meeting.

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## SAINT MARY'S OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

## Nagle, Matha win small victories

By NOREEN GILLESPIE  
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Losing her characteristic smile for a moment, Student Body President Michelle Nagle admits that she worries she might not have done a good job.

Her eyes fall, look around, and she sighs. Picking up the pace in her voice, it's easy to see this is a president who wants to please her constituents. But as she talks about her role the past year as president, her smile returns, her posture relaxes.

"I'm excited for student government to transition," she said. But looking onto the upcoming election, she loses her smile again. "It hurts in a way — I've spent so much of my time building a foundation for student government. People run to change things. I can only hope they want to continue the foundation."

Entering her office after a year that saw Board of Governance censor the controversial junior class T-shirt and students perform a renegade production of the administratively banned play *The Vagina Monologues*, Nagle and vice president Kristin Matha's administration, she says, has been quiet.

It's been a year of silence, she says, and there haven't been that many "major issues" that have demanded her attention — or the board's.

Campaigning on a need for better communication and what they perceived as a need to reconnect student government with students, Nagle and Matha's platform promised to continue to work on the study days proposal, hold breakfasts in the dining hall so students could talk to student leaders, erect a bulletin board with campus events and information about BOG and publish a newsletter.

With the exception of the bulletin board, these promises were delivered.

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Nagle and Matha entered their positions with the best intentions. They achieved little victories executed by the Board of Governance, such as the e-mail proposal, refinancing student grants and Munch Money additions. But as the highest leaders in the organization, they needed to take a stand on issues critical to students. By not speaking up about the DOE investigation or academic freedom, Matha and Nagle did not utilize the best opportunity they had to be true leaders. While they may be visible, students are left wondering what they were watching.

Board of Governance had a breakfast; they wore coordinated T-shirts on Mondays to increase visibility. Officials held office hours. The main emphasis of their term was exactly what Nagle and Matha wanted — to bring student government to the students.

But it wasn't utilized.

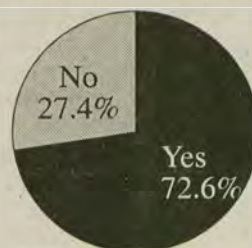
Students rarely came to office hours and at Monday's Board of Governance meeting, the Board deliberated if it was necessary to continue them. Some members suggested having them in a more prominent place, like the dining hall or Haggar. Still, the lonely office in Haggar symbolizes the silence that has characterized Nagle and Matha's administration.

"It is a little disappointing," she said. "I think to have a lot of students participate in something you really have to get them angry. There haven't been any

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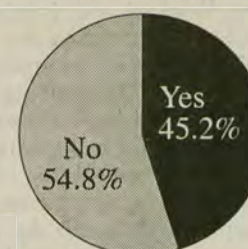
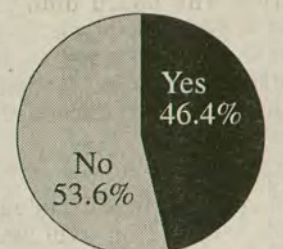
## SAINT MARY'S STUDENTS

Do you think student government is effective?



Do you think student government represents your concerns?

Can you name your class president?



Can you name your student body president?

\*Results based on random telephone survey of 84 Saint Mary's students



# Understanding the SMC wheel

## ♦ BOG serves as center for Saint Mary's student government

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The Student Government Association resembles a wheel. The Board of Governance sits at the middle of the wheel and acts as a communications hub and distributes money to the other four divisions of SGA — the Diversity Board, the Student Activities Board, the Student Academic Council and the Residence Hall Association.

The student body president and vice president at Saint Mary's chair the Board of Governance.

The Board of Governance provides a forum for discussion of issues and policies that concern and effect students as well as the entire College community and contains 23 executive staff positions.

"Having a specific board or person to represent every possible interest allows us to make well-rounded decisions with as much representation of the student body as possible," said student body president Michelle Nagle.

The Board's most important function is allocating funds to various campus organizations through its budget and separate grants and co-sponsorships for clubs and individuals involved in interesting activities.

The voting members of BOG include the student body vice president, student activities board coordinator, residence hall association president, executive secretary, executive treasurer, student trustee, class presidents and the various commissioners appointed according to the Student Government Association Constitution.

The Diversity Board was created in 2000 to increase awareness of multicultural students and activities at Saint Mary's. The primary purpose of the board is to create programs highlighting diversity at Saint Mary's.

The Student Activities Board organizes campus events such as Pride Week, campus movies, Twilight Tailgate and other special activities.

The Residence Hall Association is made up of elected representatives from each residence hall and chairwomen who apply for positions to handle planning of events or programs. The RHA deals with issues related to dorm life as well as planning activities such as the All-Campus Formal and Little Sibs Weekend.

Each major elects a representative to the Student Academic Council to discuss issues related to academic life at Saint Mary's. The SAC organizes the major of the week program and deals with issues such as academic honesty and general education requirements.

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Mary's. The board didn't forget the victims of Sept. 11, however — it organized a blood drive shortly after the attacks. Kudos are in order for keeping local and national interests balanced.

### Munch Money

Finally, the board added to the quality of student life on campus by increasing Munch Money to student meal plans by \$25. An amenity that was a tangible goal for the board and a benefit to students, polite applause is in order.

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## GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

# Grad students make major strides

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Something has changed within the Graduate Student Union (GSU), the organization representing Notre Dame's 1,500 graduate students, according to its president Gabriela Burgos. There is an energy in the room and, she said, a synergy between the GSU, their advisors and the academic departments.

"When we talk to graduate students we get a sense that faith has been restored," agreed vice president Kishori Deshpande. "To us, this is more important than anything else."

### Winds of change

When Burgos and Deshpande took office last April, they inherited a representative body from outgoing president Mark Buckles already undergoing change. Formed in 1969 to represent the needs of the University's graduate students, the GSU often had a reputation of being ineffective — more prone to complaining than taking action.

Burgos and the members of the organization's eight committees are working to update this reputation, along with the union's constitution, organization and relationship with the University community.

During the summer, the organization initiated an overhaul of their constitution under the direction of Burgos and Suzann Gallagher, elections, credentials and procedures secretary. The results led to the formation of the healthcare and publicity and promotions committees. The GSU has continued to make changes to its constitution throughout the year to better define the role of each committee and to increase the body's productivity, according to Deshpande.

"The constitution was too concerned with procedure," Burgos added. "We wanted to get stuff done."

The group is also brainstorming about ways to increase the productivity of their monthly meetings. Burgos says that she wants to make the meetings more interactive and improve communication between the different committees. She is considering allotting each committee a portion of one meeting to highlight their recent work.

### Reforming health care

GSU's most notable progress has occurred in reforming the University's health care policy for graduate students, an issue that has been discussed since 1995.

When Burgos and Deshpande took over in April, results from a healthcare survey commissioned by Buckles were filtering back to the GSU. The results indicated the need for a more comprehensive University subsidized policy.

"When I was elected, the graduate students' first suggestion was work for health care," Burgos said.

"There was a definite discontent among the students," Deshpande added.

Once the GSU created the health care committee to address this discontent, committee chairperson Adrienne Minerick, who considers herself a victim of the current policy's shortcomings, began investigating. The committee has been instrumental in offering short-term solutions and working toward the establishment of a final resolution. Working with Ingrid Villa-Real, publicity and promotions chairman, Minerick published pamphlets designed to assist graduate students in navigating the current health insurance plan and established a discount eye care program with Optical One.

In October, Minerick researched and published a report on the health care issue with Burgos and Deshpande. The 100-page report assessed the current

situation, compared the University's plan with other schools and contained faculty surveys and student testimonials. The group presented their findings to Notre Dame's Board of Trustees that month.

"We spent a lot of time — two weeks straight — working on the report and doing the research," Minerick said. "We thought we would be convincing them [the Board of Trustees] that they ought to be doing this [adopting the new subsidized policy] and they were already asking us the specifics."

The GSU plans to make a similar presentation to the University's officers in March. They are confident that the idea will be approved and that the new policy will be available within a year and a half once the logistics are worked out, according to Minerick.

### Career networking

The GSU has also taken steps to assist graduate students find jobs after earning their degrees.

The organization is working with the Career Center to aid students in the job search. As a result, the Career Center has sponsored a series of workshops geared toward assisting graduate students in the corporate and academic worlds. Workshops organized this year educated students on corporate etiquette, resume preparation, job search strategies and provided information for international students.

"The fact that we established communication with the Career Services is really productive," Deshpande said.

The GSU is working with Peter Lombardo of the Alumni Association to foster connections with graduate school alumni as well. The groups want to host a graduate student career fair in the future.

### Focusing on quality of life

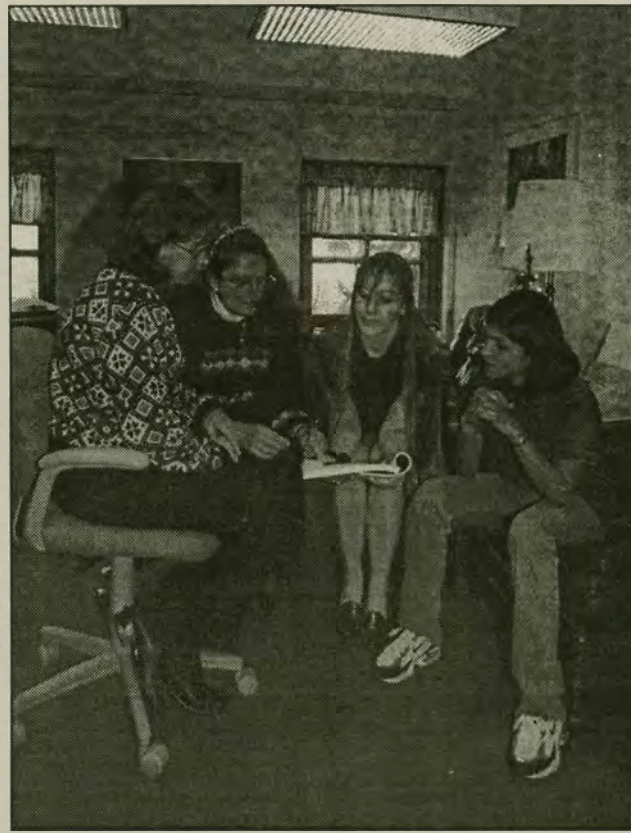
The GSU has continued to sponsor social events for graduate students this semester. The organization has traditionally hosted parties but this year, committee chairpersons Jennifer Anthony and Miriam Rainbird created a more diverse social calendar, Burgos said.

Social events include cultural and athletic activities. The organization recently sponsored a wine tasting festival and organized a trip to Chicago for a baseball game over the summer.

The union also has an intellectual life committee led by Kari Foster that provides funding for graduate students to attend academic conferences. The committee is working to make the application process smoother and may increase funding for the next academic year.

Long term, the GSU wants to increase graduate students' social opportunities on campus with a student union center. Quality of life committee chairman Tom Scheiding is currently conducting a survey to determine the level of interest for the center and what students feel it should contain.

"Graduate students expressed that they really need a space to socialize and work on projects," Burgos said. "The graduate school is seriously look-



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Leaders of the Graduate Student Union discuss possible changes to the University's health care policy.

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Graduate students still have much work to do to achieve all their goals, but Burgos and Deshpande have greatly revitalized the GSU. The Union is now a positive and effective voice for graduate students at Notre Dame.

ing into this problem."

### Looking toward the future

This semester, Burgos and Deshpande plan to continue to work on these projects. The GSU is also negotiating with OIT to establish a service contract for the graduate student computer cluster. They plan to host a spring orientation for new students as well.

Despite their success, Burgos and Deshpande do not intend to seek reelection in April, citing a need to devote more time to graduate research. Minerick will also move on to spend more time on research after her term ends. All three, however, expressed satisfaction in the direction the organization has taken.

"Traditionally the Graduate Student Union has been involved primarily in social activities," Burgos said. "Now it's not just social — it's healthcare, it's about career services, it's about quality of life and professional life."

The three, however, expressed concern for the direction of GSU once new officers are elected.

"It's frustrating because this is a one year appointment," Minerick said. "What if people next year aren't as productive? What happens if all our work falls apart?"

Despite this concern, the current leaders are poised to aid in a smooth transition and plan to volunteer with GSU next year. Donna Frahn, the organization's administrative assistant, will also be available to help, according to Burgos.

For all the positive publicity the more productive GSU has received, it seems unlikely the University community will allow it to regain its former reputation.

"It's a strong organization," James Powell, associate dean of the Graduate School said. "They represent the University very well. It's much easier to work with an organization that can articulate and accomplish their goals well."

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## Nagle

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big controversial issues this year. I like to think if students are quiet, they're happy with the way things are."

But, she says, the silence makes it hard for her to know where her administration stands.

"It's hard to gauge how effective student government is when it's quiet," she said.

Nagle's leadership roles in Board of Governance have been characterized by her stand-in-the-middle positions on almost every issue, her relentless determination to understand her constituents before making a decision, and repeated statements of love for the College and the student body. BOG tends not to take on a cause unless it's brought to them first — by their constituents.

"We want to make huge stands on issues that students bring to us," she said. "We will make a stand on things we feel comfortable that we know how the student body feels."

But while Nagle and Matha's administration has remained quiet, there were controversial issues facing campus during her administration. The Department of Education conducted an on-site and off-site investigation of Saint Mary's crime statistic reporting procedures, after a report alleged the College improperly reported them. Board of Governance never issued an official statement on the investigation, or took any other action than handing out whistles door to door.

Nagle and Matha backed away from the issue after discussing it in executive board, giving the campus no decisive statement. The DOE investigation, which could levy up to \$35,000 in fines, loss of student scholarships, prove negligence of security to properly handle rape reports and severely tarnish the school's reputation got no attention from BOG.

"We met with [Dr. Timm] and she told us it was being taken care of," Nagle said.

The team also left the campus floundering for a position in a heated debate about academic freedom, ignited by last year's Vagina Monologues performance. The College organized a forum to debate the extent of academic freedom on campus in early fall, and asked Nagle to present students' views on the topic to a panel.

Nagle sent out an e-mail to the student body to gather opinions, but got minimal response — and was left floundering on a podium.

"I don't know what academic freedom means, I searched for meaning and not one student could answer what academic freedom meant to them," Nagle said to the panel, and in front of an audience of students and administrators.

While the BOG administration can be faulted — and should be — for remaining quiet on these issues, their decision to do so is reflective of the organization's governing philosophy. It firmly believes it should address issues that students bring to them — not the other way around.

The one issue the administration did fight for — the addition of a study day to the academic calendar — met with opposition from Faculty Assembly. A compromise proposal, which suggested the College eliminate the registration day to have one more day off at the end of the year, was not submitted in time to be seriously considered for spring semester.

It was a frustration for both Nagle and Matha, who felt they had moved the proposal to a point of success. Especially when they knew it was a proposal their constituents wanted. In an e-mail survey, they were overwhelmed with student responses in favor of it.

"They were saying, 'Please, we need an extra day,'" Matha said, who geared the proposal from her position as chair of Student Academic Council. "I got five e-mails a minute for a day."

When Faculty Assembly rejected the proposal, it was yet another roadblock for the three-year old BOG effort.

"It was a disappointment, that's for sure," Matha said. "But if it had gotten shot down right away, I think we would have been disappointed."

While they are both optimistic the live the proposal has beyond the tenures of their offices, each are skeptical about its plausibility.

"We'd have to get an entire new faculty," Matha said.

Their administration can be measured in small successes — revamping how Board of Governance allots funds to clubs and for co-sponsorship; leading the Board in the restriction of mass e-mail privileges and increasing the amount given to students for Munch Money. It was practical, small changes rather than large ambitious ones that leave this administration with not much to be remembered by.

But Nagle — who will graduate and plans to pursue a career in politics — and Matha, who is not seeking re-election, will be remembered as leaders who tried, with the best intentions, to represent the students.

"We'll keep plugging away every day," Nagle said about the upcoming end to their administration. "I don't want to be done."

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## Norton

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chose to present the topic of students living off-campus.

To prepare the fall report, according to Moscona, the office included several students who had not previously been involved with student government. He said the experience was a chance for them to learn so that they can improve for future presentations. Norton added that the fall report served as a learning experience for her staff which will help make upcoming reports better.

"The problem was that there were so many issues to cover. We could have done a better job than we did, but I think we made some major points," said Norton.

The winter report, which will be presented at the board's next meeting in February, will cover freshman orientation. The spring report will focus on women's issues.

With many different projects to oversee, Norton, Moscona and Jorissen all admit that their jobs are challenging.

"We have so much going on in the office — so many divisions — that sometimes it's been hard to keep it all straight and going forward," said Jorissen. He explained that to help with that challenge, the three have weekly meetings and one of the three tries to attend each division meeting.

"There are days when you wonder what it would be like not to have any meetings," said Jorissen.

All three admitted that sleep is often hard to get.

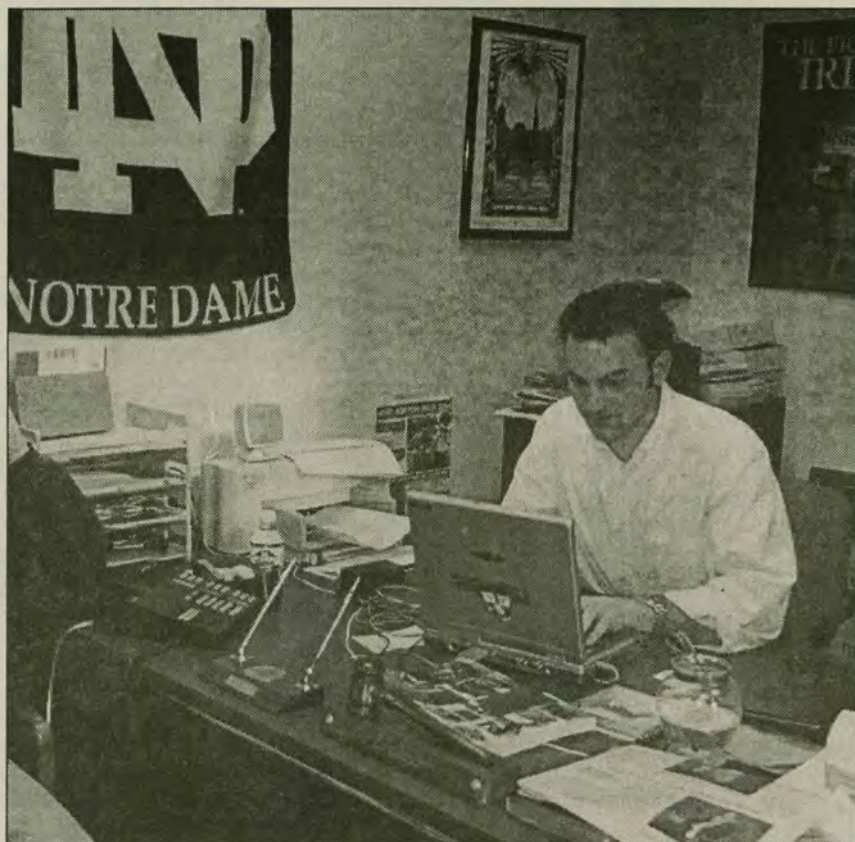
"With these jobs, there is no end of the day," Moscona said. "We leave LaFortune at two in the morning and then we have to start homework or continue responding to e-mails from students."

"There's always something else you could be doing," said Norton. "You have to give a lot up."

Now that they are back from semester break, the three say they are ready both to continue working on projects they have already started and to begin new ones that they have been planning.

While their office has gotten off to a strong start, there is indeed much more work to be done if Norton and Moscona's administration is to fully live up to its potential.

Board of trustees reports are one area the office will have to put a great deal of work into. The board



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Brian Moscona, student body vice president, works in his office on the second floor of LaFortune.

seemed somewhat uninterested in student government's fall report. To make sure the winter and spring reports are better received, the office of the president need well-researched and organized presentations.

Perhaps most importantly, the office also needs to continue evaluating its communication efforts. Most students probably do not feel comfortable going to the student government office on the second floor of LaFortune, but a flight of stairs alone cannot be the major obstacle to effective dialogue between student leaders and the student body. The Maxx, therefore, is only part of the solution. Norton and Moscona must develop new and better ways of not

only getting student input, but also educating students about student government.

Fortunately for students, Norton and Moscona seem to understand that there is much they still have to accomplish.

"We have a lot of work left to do," Moscona said. "We want to continue to unify the student body and continue communicating with them."

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