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Candidates avoid confrontation in debate

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

In an election debate free of debate Wednesday, the four tickets for Notre Dame student body president and vice president communicated little about their platforms, read from campaign posters and discussed issues brought to light only by the press.

The Judicial Council-sponsored event proved more an opportunity to meet the eight candidates than to hear them dispute campus issues. The council designed the annual forum with civility in mind, setting up a three-part event where candidates introduce themselves; answer questions from campus media reporters and give final statements.

"It's the way the debate has run in the past," Judicial Council Vice President of Elections John McCarthy said. He wouldn't comment on whether the non-confrontational nature of the debate stifled competition between tickets.

It certainly stifled enthusiasm of the sparse crowd of 50 students who turned out for the event. The audience, which included many people from candidates' campaign staffs, remained unengaged and seemingly unimpressed, politely applauding tickets as they rose to speak and sat down.

There were a few highlights, however.

The Nikki McCord-Nick Williams ticket continued its "student next door" strategy. A boisterous McCord introduced her platform with a hearty "Wuzzup, y'all?" The junior presidential candidate made more of a priority of plugging her participation and success in the school's figure skating club than of presenting herself as a second-term student senator.

Williams, the vice presidential candidate, drew laughs explaining why he was pursuing elected office.

"I am running because I've tailgated at every home football," the sophomore said. "I am running because I have to leave girls' dorms at midnight."

Asked by Scholastic Editor Mike Griffin about the ticket's lighthearted campaign strategy, Williams said, "It doesn't have to be completely serious. We're students. We're all going to leave here and go watch a funny movie tonight."

Brian Moscona and Keri Oxley brought a more serious tone to the event. The two explored their platform, quoting Webster's definition of the word "vision" and reading from their campaign media guide.

"The main reason that we're running is because we love Notre Dame and have this vision," said junior presidential candidate Moscona, the current stu-



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Candidates Scott Palko, P.J. Mercanti, Libby Bishop and Trip Foley (left to right) look into the audience during the election debate held Wednesday night at the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

dent body vice president. "[Current sophomore class president] Keri and I want to work to make this place better than it was when we got here."

Observer reporter Erin LaRuffa questioned Moscona and Oxley's plan to sponsor more carnival-type events next year in light of the statements by the pair that

the Office of the President should do less programming. They addressed the issue indirectly and said the office

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Nagengast, Ryan named to top posts

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
London Correspondent

Kate Nagengast and Kevin Ryan will oversee The Observer's editorial and business operations, respectively, in 2002-03, incoming Editor in Chief Jason McFarley announced Wednesday.

Nagengast will serve as Managing Editor. Ryan has been named Business Manager.

Their appointments are



Nagengast



Ryan

effective March 18.

As Managing Editor, Nagengast is responsible for staff recruitment and hiring and developing the mission of The Observer's seven editorial departments.

"My experience at The Observer thus far has been great, so I hope that in this new leadership position I can continue and even improve upon the paper's past success," Nagengast said.

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Board report focuses on Frosh O

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

Student body president Brooke Norton and chief of staff Jonathan Jorissen will present student government's suggestions on Freshman Orientation to the Student Affairs Committee today at the Board of Trustees' meeting in Palm Springs, Calif.

"We really think that there are a lot of things we could do to make it [Freshman Orientation] a better program," Norton said.

Norton and Jorissen are recommending centralizing the leadership of Freshman Orientation and increasing the budget and scope of events for the weekend event to the Board.

As the situation stands, no one person oversees all

aspects of freshman orientation. Because dorms, First Year of Studies and various campus organizations have events scheduled over the extended weekend, the potential for schedule conflicts exists, according to Jorissen and Norton.

"There's no one person that it all goes through," Jorissen said. "If one person was in charge, it would smooth things out quite a bit."

The two are recommending the creation of such a position through Student Activities. The full-time, paid position would allow someone to oversee all aspects of freshman orientation and would report to Student Activities, Residence Life and The First Year of Studies.

The commissioner would also be advised by students and work with a University

Freshman Orientation committee — something that student government is also recommending the Board create.

In addition to having a central commissioner, student government is advising the Board to make Freshman Orientation commissioner-training courses a one-credit class. Separate classes, taught by the Freshman Orientation leader and students who have been previously involved, for dorm and campus-wide commissioners would be offered. Norton and Jorissen also want to incorporate diversity training into the course.

"It would make it a little more attractive to be a commissioner if you're getting a one credit course out of the deal," Jorissen said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Questioning the norm

How often do you try something new? How often have you jumped off the edge, both feet first, into the ice-cold, raging river? How many times do you watch other people do things, but say "that's not for me?" How many times have you taken a chance, a risk that you might get hurt — physically, mentally, emotionally? How often do you speak your mind, letting those around you know how you feel? Do you act on those emotions and thoughts?



Angela Campos

Before this starts to sound like some sort of diatribe on how to live your life, let me assure you that it's not. Before I (or anyone for that matter) could start to tell you how to live your life, my own life would have to be one of absolute perfection.

Lab Tech

What's your idea of perfection? Is it some sort of place where nothing goes wrong and you are never riddled with negative emotions? Or is it a state of being, where you can go to relax and be at peace in a chaotic world? My idea of perfection is change. I am not saying that once something is good that it has to be changed, but rather that when something is good, don't let it get old or boring.

That might sound superficial to some people, but take this example. Say you're in a relationship and things have fallen into a comfortable routine. Great! You know where things stand with each other, and you can practically read each other's thoughts. Everything is perfect... or so you think. How do you deal with something different in that relationship? A difference of opinion or likes and dislikes? Does one person change the way he or she is to make the routine work?

Or here's another example. You come home from school everyday, you pick up your basketball, go to the courts at Rolfs and shoot hoops for an hour. You've done this every day since you came here Frosh-O weekend. After a while, the friends you'd shoot hoops with get tired of it... you're all juniors now, and they're sick of tagging along with your ideas. Do you keep shooting hoops everyday or stop so you can hang out with your friends?

In both instances, what appeared to be "perfection" was really just boredom and lazy complacency. What would it be like to go to a nearby city and dance in the plazas and streets as you walked around at night? What would it be like to cry with people you only just met? What would it be like to meet people who accepted you for who you are, not expecting you to be anything else but yourself — and wanting you to be happy?

I think that would be wonderful... It makes living exciting, to share who you really are with the people you meet, work and live. That is why I say that questioning the norm, fighting the urge to be complacent, is how to get to perfection.

Living such a life would be awesome. It would be real. It would be the truth. It would be perfect.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In Wednesday's "Damn Yankees" preview story, the wrong ticket price was listed. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$6 for students, not \$5 as reported Wednesday. The Observer regrets the error.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday

◆ Theater: "Damn

Yankees," opening night, Wahington Hall, 7:30 p.m.

◆ Lecture: "Did Aristotle

Do Biology?" James Lennox, DeBartolo Hall, 4:15 p.m.

Friday

◆ Event: Brazilian

Carnival, all ages, open to the public, Alumni Senior Club, 8 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday

◆ Poetry: Craig "muMs"

Grant, slam poet, Ballroom LaFortune Student Center, 8 p.m.

Sunday

◆ Concert: "Saints and

Sinners," Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum of Art, 2 p.m.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Indiana U. urged to make Knight records public

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

A resolution that was introduced Tuesday at the Bloomington Faculty Council meeting urged President Myles Brand and the Indiana University administration to stop fighting the lawsuits brought against the University by The Indianapolis Star.

The proposal specifically endorses open access to public records and the insurance that "no further University funds are expended in support of efforts to prevent the release of public documents."

Victor Viola, the sponsor of the resolution, said the faculty needs to send a stern message to the administration.

"I feel strongly that this incident has damaged the University, and the sooner we get it behind us, the better," he said. "It would be in the faculty's best interest to pass this."

In a lawsuit brought by The Indianapolis Star, the Star contends that IU violated Public Records laws by refusing to release documents related to the firing of Bob Knight. IU

has already spent \$210,000 to defend itself in the resulting litigation.

"The principle defended by the University of not releasing documents and going to an extent to not release these documents gives the impression of a coverup and makes everything worse," Viola said.

The proposal was not voted on at the meeting. Most of the members of the Faculty Committee said they would need more detailed information on the proposal's legal ramifications before they could take an official stance. The uncertainties of the proposal, members said, rest on the Public Records Access Act and the effect the ultimate outcome would have on third parties, such as students.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Students plead not guilty to larceny

Harvard University students, Randy J. Gomes and Suzanne M. Pomey were arraigned Tuesday morning on charges of felony larceny in Middlesex Superior Court. Both plead not guilty to charges of stealing close to \$100,000 from the Hasty Pudding Theatricals during a period of more than a year. According to a source close to the investigations, prosecutors allege Gomes and Pomey used the Pudding's credit card machine to credit their own cards with money beginning in March 2000. The scheme continued until at least June 2001, by which time the two were allegedly stealing thousands of dollars a week. During the time in question, Pomey served as the Pudding's producer — one of the Theatricals' highest positions and the one with greatest control over finances. Gomes served as assistant director of the group's popular Man and Woman of the Year ceremonies.

Harvard Crimson

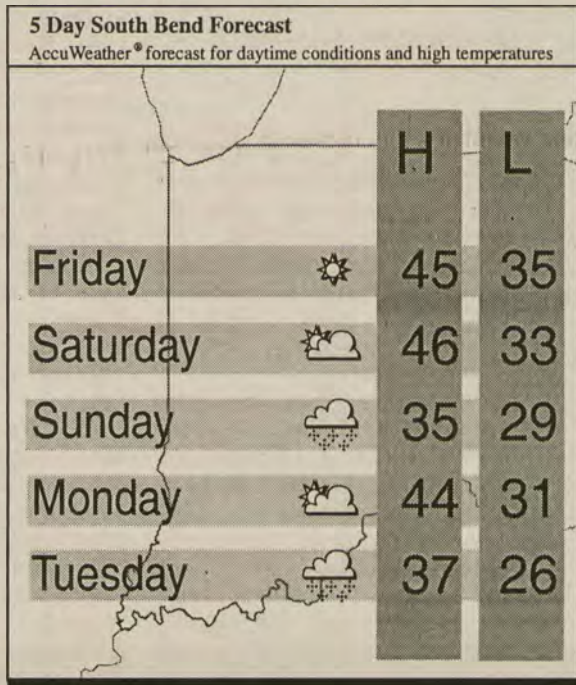
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Firms troubled by bonfire risks

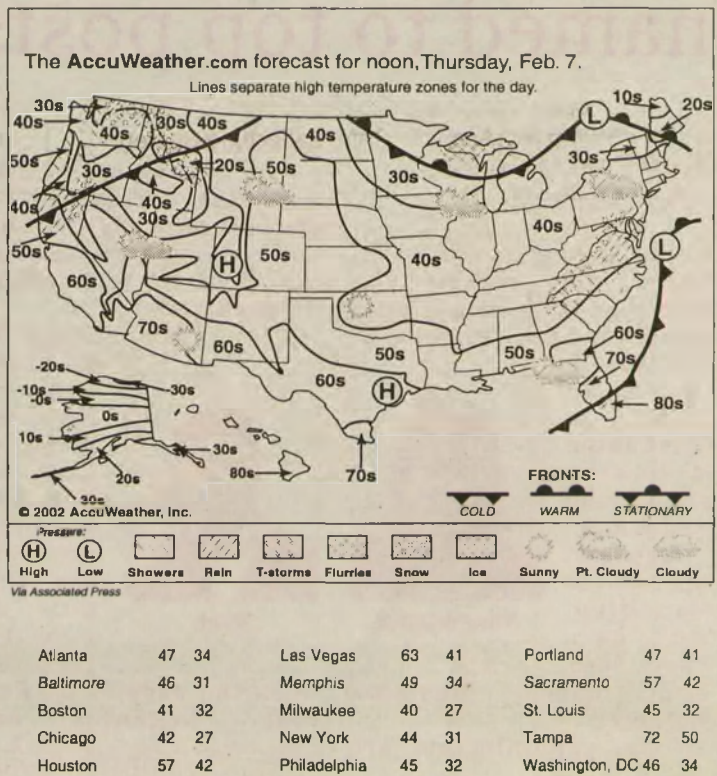
Harsh business and legal realities stemming from the 1999 Texas A&M University Bonfire collapse that killed 12 Aggies and injured 27 others may have doomed Bonfire 2002 before planning ever began. A&M President Ray M. Bowen announced Monday Bonfire will not burn this fall because the safety firm for the project had withdrawn and because revised cost estimates put the price tag for Bonfire 2002 at \$2.5 million, about \$1 million more than originally estimated. Bryan Cole, the coordinator of the Bonfire 2002 Steering Committee, said legal liability and the high-risk nature of the project drove away most insurance companies from underwriting the project. Turner Construction, the New York-based firm contracted as safety consultants for Bonfire 2002, pulled out of the project Wednesday after it was unable to obtain liability insurance. Cole said the insurance firms Turner had worked with in the past dismissed the project without considering it.

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STUDENT SENATE

Peer advocates resign

♦ **Wong, Nicholeen sight strained relationship with ResLife**

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

Susan Wong and Nicholeen DePersis announced their resignation Wednesday night from their positions as co-vice presidents of Peer Advocacy, part of the Judicial Council.

"Due to events that occurred over the course of the Fall Semester of 2001, we now question the strength of our relationship with the staff of Residence Life, thereby causing us to question our ability to continue to properly serve the student body," Wong and DePersis said in a letter they submitted to the senate.

As vice presidents of Peer Advocacy, Wong and DePersis helped students deal with disciplinary cases involving the Office of Residence Life. In their letter, Wong and DePersis said they relationship with that office was once "strong" but has become "strained."

Following their resignation, Judicial Council president Tim Jarotkiewicz nominated Kathryn Anderson and Ricky Sadowski to replace Wong and DePersis. The senate unanimously confirmed the nominations.

The senate also considered a

resolution submitted by Audra Hagan to increase the annual student activities fee that students pay. The fee would initially increase by \$10 to \$75 for the 2002-2003 school year, and would increase by \$5 a year thereafter.

Hagan told senators that the increase was necessary to keep up with inflation. Otherwise, student organizations such as the Student Union Board would have to cut its programming.

"If we had extra money, we'd at least be able to maintain the same level of funding for clubs and activities," Hagan said.

However, some senators questioned whether students were really willing to pay the extra money. One of those senators, Nikki McCord, said she discussed the proposal at her dorm's hall council meeting last night.

"The ladies at hall council in [Pasquerilla East] last night told me that they didn't want me to vote for this," McCord said.

The senate voted to table the resolution to allow all senators the opportunity to discuss it with their hall councils.

Another resolution, which called for the Office of Student Affairs to post in each dorm the steps a person should take if sexually assaulted, unanimously passed the senate Wednesday night.

According to Breen-Phillips senator Anne McCarley, the current brochure the University

publishes is too confusing.

"It's very difficult for students to use as a resource," she said.

"I've looked at the brochure and it's ridiculous. If you're in an emergency situation, you're going to be really confused," said off-campus senator Matt Smith. For that reason, he said, it was important for students to have access to a simpler version like the one proposed in the senate resolution.

In other senate news:

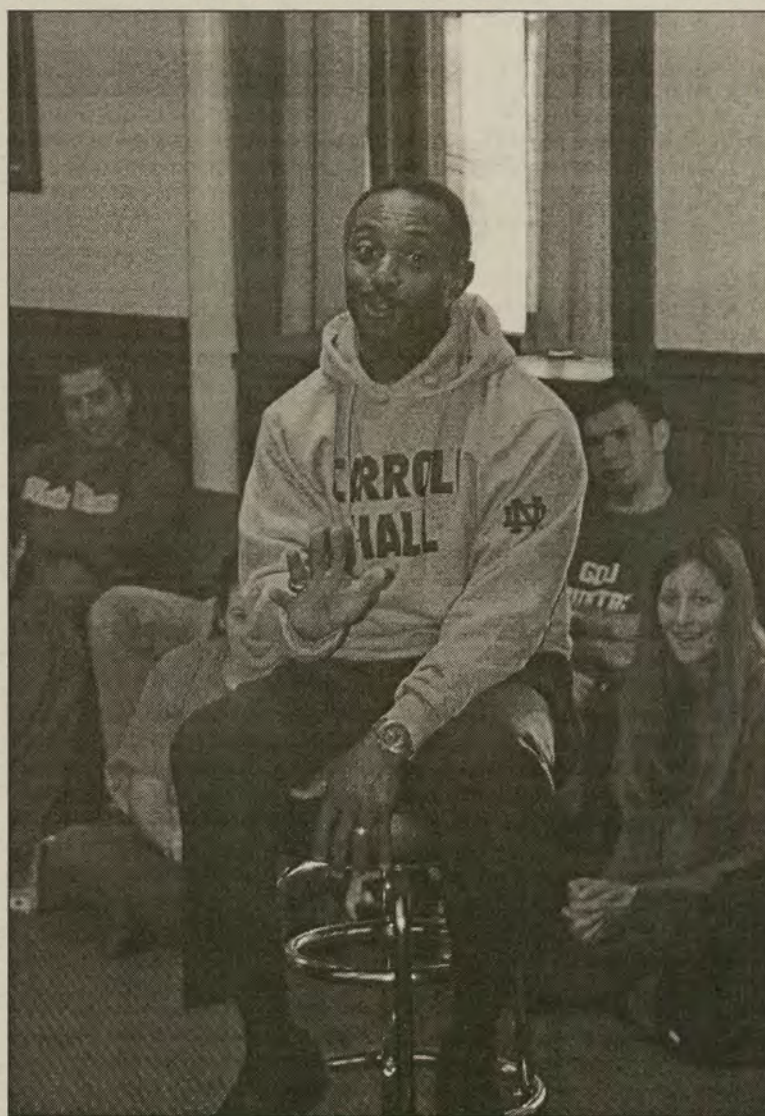
♦ Academic committee chair Pat Hallahan encouraged senators to read Wednesday's Observer article about Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting. At the meeting, the Faculty Senate called for more faculty representation on the University's Academic Council.

"They voted to dissolve themselves last year in a very child-like way," said Hallahan of the Faculty Senate. He added that if a group that acted in such a way deserves more representation on the Academic Council, students also deserve more. Currently, there are three students on the council out of 40 members.

"The Student Senate has been very patient with the administration," said Hallahan. "We don't have the representation we deserve."

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TAKING THE CAMPUS TOUR



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Irish head football coach Tyrone Willingham talks with residents of Carroll Hall on Thursday night. Willingham is visiting various Notre Dame dorms to introduce himself to students and allow them to ask questions.

ND AFTER FIVE

Thursday, Feb. 7

- 5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 7:00 p.m. Film: *The Circle*, Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium
- 7:00 p.m. Blessing Unto Others: Demetra Smith lecture, LaFortune Student Center Montgomery Theatre
- 7:00 p.m. Sophomore Literary Festival: Jean and Robert Hollander reading, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom
- 7:00 p.m. "Looking for Inspiration", lecture by Graphic Designer, Michael Gericke, Snite Museum of Art Annenberg Theatre
- 7:30 p.m. Play: *Damn Yankees*, Washington Hall*
- 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Drop-In Lacrosse, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
- 9:00 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, LaFortune Student Center Basement
- 9:00 p.m. Acoustic Cafe, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
- 10:00 p.m. Movies: *K-Pax* and *Close Encounters*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*



Friday, Feb. 8

- 5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Drop-In Badminton, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
- 7:00 p.m. Blessing Unto Others Benefit Concert, Carey Auditorium*
- 7:30 p.m. Sophomore Literary Festival: Maura Stanton, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom
- 7:30 p.m. *Damn Yankees*, Washington Hall*
- 7:30 p.m. Movies: *K-Pax* and *Close Encounters*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 8:00 p.m. Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony Watch, LaFortune Student Center Main Lounge
- 8:00 p.m. Carnival with Brazilian music by the Chicago Samba School, Alumni Senior Club
- 8:00 p.m. 807 Mass, Coleman-Morse Center Student Lounge
- 8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center Basement
- 9:00 p.m. With Love From ND: *Casablanca* and making valentines for children in local hospitals, LaFortune Student Center Montgomery Theatre & Sorin Room
- 9:00 p.m. Crafting Corner: Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating, LaFortune Student Center Dooley Room
- 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Student Open Skate, Joyce Center Fieldhouse*
- 9:00 p.m. Meijer Extravaganza!! Buses leave Hesburgh Library Circle at 8:30 & 9:30 p.m.
- 10:00 p.m. Movies: *K-Pax* and *Close Encounters*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 10:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Tournament Fridays: Chess, LaFortune Student Center Notre Dame Room

Saturday, Feb. 9

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 7:00 p.m. Blessing Unto Others Benefit Concert, Carey Auditorium*
- 7:30 p.m. Movies: *K-Pax* and *Close Encounters*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 7:30 p.m. Play: *Damn Yankees*, Washington Hall*
- 8:00 p.m. Sophomore Literary Festival: muMs performing Slam Poetry, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom
- 8:30 p.m. Game Show: Pangborn's First Date, Reckers*
- 8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center Basement
- 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Formal Dance at the Sacred Heart Parish Center (St. Joseph Hall) (transportation from Main & Hesburgh Library Circles beginning at 9:15 p.m.)*
- 9:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Ice Skating Party, Joyce Center Ice Rink*
- 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Open Karaoke, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
- 10:00 p.m. Movies: *K-Pax* and *Close Encounters*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*

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Sexuality series lecture addresses sexual abuse

By JILL MAXBAUER
News Writer

One in four females will be sexually abused by the time they are 18. This startling fact is what prompted the decision to plan the "A Criminal Choice: Sexual Abuse," for the Understanding and Embracing Our Sexuality Series.

"Personal choice has been an on-going theme throughout this series. Tonight is different because it is about a criminal's choice," said Sister Lydia Kors.

"When I was in college, I had no idea how pervasive child sexual abuse is — I see it as a women's issue because it is so pervasive. This is real and it's never your fault," said Mary DePauw, director of the Counseling and Career Development Center as well as a licensed psychologist.

The planning team used a sexual choices and decision making manual in order to prepare the lecture. The model was adapted for the college population and to help make this topic a reality. The

model for the forum included personal stories, small group work and a flowing discussion by both the students and the planning team.

"It helps to make it real by sharing — to share the many ways in which abuse realities exist. There are so many different kinds of abuse that men and women are victimized by. The common thread is violence — someone chooses to hurt someone else," said DePauw. "One of the things we need to do as a culture is to say 'this is not acceptable.'"

"Power and control are the center points of sexual abuse, and rarely do you have only one form of abuse. Emotional and physical abuse usually plays a role," said Anne Marie Mayhay, one of the student planners.

The question of healing was proposed to the planning team. DePauw explained the processes a victim goes through in order to heal.

"Most victims don't seek immediate help because they are suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, where they will avoid

anything that makes them think about the incident. The first thing that needs to be done is to provide a safe place for students to come and talk and use, whether it be the counseling center, staying with friends, or going home to find that safety," said DePauw.

The steps DePauw outlined include reestablishing safety, remembrance and mourning and reconnecting to normal life.

"It [sexual abuse] doesn't have to traumatically effect every relationship for the rest of her life. A sign of getting over the trauma is being able to talk about it," she said. "It's an interesting culture that does not make healthy, respectful relating a priority — so what are you going to choose to do? I think that's the challenge for the members of this community."

The planning team urges anyone who has been a victim of sexual abuse, whether from child abuse to date rape, to seek help.



JENNIE BUEHLER/The Observer

Participants in the Understanding and Embracing our Sexuality Lecture Series discuss the concept of personal choice in the Wednesday night event.

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"Although I know this job will take immense amounts of time and responsibility, I feel ready to contribute more to the paper's editorial process."

As Business Manager, Ryan holds authority over non-editorial departments and is responsible for implementing a comprehensive financial plan for the paper.

"I'm honored to have been selected as Business Manager for The Observer," Ryan said. "I look forward to advancing this publication's business interests into the future."

Nagengast, a junior American studies major with a concentration in the Journalism, Ethics and Democracy program, is currently Associate News Editor.

She began work at The Observer in fall 1999 as a news writer and has been Wire Editor, Copy Editor and Assistant News Editor.

Nagengast, of Grand Rapids, Mich., studied abroad last semester in the London Program. She lives in Walsh Hall.

Ryan, a sophomore finance and economics major, is currently Controller of The Observer. He began his career at the paper last spring when he was hired to the position.

Ryan is from Eden Prairie, Minn., and lives in Morrissey Manor. He is a fund manager for Notre Dame's Investment Club and a project leader for the Student International Business Council.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Powell addresses Congress over Iraq:

Secretary of State Colin Powell told Congress Wednesday that President Bush is considering "a full range of options" for removing Saddam Hussein as Iraq's president. Powell said Iraq is working on developing nuclear weapons, and its refusal to admit international arms inspectors prompted Bush to consider "the most serious set of options that one might imagine."

Columbia rebels condemn U.S. aid:

The Bush administration's plan to help Colombia protect an oil pipeline from guerrilla attacks proves that Washington wants to intervene militarily in this country's civil war, a rebel leader said Wednesday. Bush administration officials announced plans Tuesday to train and arm Colombian troops to protect a key oil pipeline that has been a frequent target of guerrilla attacks.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Lindh coerced after capture:

Lawyers for John Walker Lindh, the American captured with anti-American forces in Afghanistan, said today that Lindh had been treated harshly in "highly coercive conditions" by his American captors after being abused by forces friendly to the United States. As a federal grand jury indicted Lindh on 10 criminal charges today, his lawyers filed an unusual statement with the court that offered Lindh's harrowing account of his treatment after he was captured.

Mother held in death of 3: A woman has been charged with killing three of her children more than 30 years ago. The woman, Gloria Greenfield, pleaded not guilty on Monday to three counts of murder and two counts of assault with intent to kill. Prosecutors said the arrest was based on accusations by Ms. Greenfield's 29-year-old daughter. The three deaths from 1969 to 1971 were originally attributed to SIDS.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Hazardous waste settlement:

State regulators said Tuesday they reached a \$36,200 settlement with Cincinnati Machine to resolve the company's violations of hazardous waste regulations. The machine tool manufacturer failed to train personnel in proper handling of hazardous wastes, didn't perform or record inspections of emergency equipment and areas where hazardous wastes were kept and failed to put lids on some containers of hazardous wastes. The wastes involved sludge that contained acids or chromium, as well as paint solvents, Ohio EPA inspectors said.



Office workers pass by a branch of the Allied Irish Bank February 6, 2002 in London, England. The bank revealed a \$750 million fraud by a "rogue trader" named John Rusnak. The fraud has been reported to the FBI. AFP PHOTO

Trader scams bank \$750 million

Associated Press

DUBLIN

A trader for the Baltimore-based treasury arm of Allfirst, an American retail subsidiary of Allied Irish Banks, defrauded Ireland's largest financial institution of \$750 million over the last year through bogus foreign exchange trading, and he has since disappeared, the bank said today.

The 40-year-old trader, John Rusnak, failed to show up for work on Monday morning and has not been seen since he was interviewed about the matter at Allfirst's offices on

Friday. The Federal Bureau of Investigation interviewed his wife over the weekend, and the bank believes he is still in the Baltimore area.

The suspected theft would be the largest international fraud case since 1995, when Nick Leeson gambled \$1.17 billion on foreign exchange trades in Singapore and set off the collapse of England's historic Barings Bank. Allied Irish is unlikely to suffer the same fate; instead the bank will see profits after taxes for 2001 shrink to 401 million euros from 997 million euros in the previous year.

"It's a very heavy blow, but it is a blow that we will recover from," said Allied Irish's chief executive, Michael Buckley, at a hastily assembled news conference here. The loss represents less than 10 percent of the bank's capital base, he said.

John Rusnak worked within the treasury division of Allfirst, which contributed less than \$10 million to Allfirst's revenues, Mr. Buckley said.

That one middle-ranking foreign exchange trader who made \$85,000 a year could strike such a devastating blow has raised questions about the control

systems in place at Allfirst and at Allied Irish.

Mr. Buckley said today that he only learned of the \$750 million fraud when he received a phone call in Dublin at 9:30 p.m. local time on Monday night, even though the investigation began several weeks earlier, and that Rusnak had been suspended from trading. Allfirst informed the F.B.I. once Rusnak failed to appear at the office on Monday. Buckley denied that he should have heard the news sooner, and said Allfirst only became aware of a significant material loss last weekend.

Market Watch February 6

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Up: 1,135 Same: 232 Down: 1,932 Composite Volume: 1,670,653,440

AMEX:	827.02	-4.73
NASDAQ:	1,812.71	-25.81
NYSE:	557.81	-2.79
S&P 500:	1,083.51	-6.51

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TISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+0.59	+0.11	18.61
NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	-0.69	-0.25	36.06
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-5.62	-0.57	9.58

U.S. frees 27 Afghan detainees

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Twenty-seven detainees were freed by American forces in Afghanistan today after it was determined that they were not Taliban forces and did not have any links to Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda terror network.

They were part of a group picked up in a raid on two suspected Al Qaeda compounds in a village north of Kandahar on Jan. 23, said Maj. Ralph Mills of the Marine Corps, a spokesman for the United States Central Command.

He said an investigation is continuing to determine whether or not 15 of the 21 people killed in the raid had Taliban or Al Qaeda ties.

"That raid is still under investigation to determine what went right or wrong there," Major Mills said from the command center in Tampa, Fla.

The detainees were released today to Afghan Interim Authority officials in the southern Afghan town of Tarin Kowt, north of Kandahar, Major Mills said.

Immediately after the raid, the Pentagon said its elite Special Forces had killed Taliban fighters and captured 27 others, but Afghan security

forces said an anti-Taliban commander and 17 of his men died in the attack.

After initial Pentagon statements that the United States had acted on reliable intelligence reports, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld later conceded that American troops may have killed "friendly" Afghan forces in the raid.

Last week Gen. Tommy Franks, who is running United States operations in Afghanistan, ordered an investigation in response to Afghan government officials' statements that anti-Taliban personnel were among those killed or wounded.

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Based on student focus groups and meetings with Student Activities, Residence Life and Eileen Kolman, dean of the First Year of Studies, student government is recommending changes in Freshman Orientation activities. Student advisors Paul Cruickshank, Claire Reisinger and Tomas Raaf were also influential advisors in the process, according to Norton.

Norton and Jorissen are suggesting that the weekend include cultural and community service components. The group wants to add an event that celebrates cultural diversity and another that promotes service in the South Bend area. They recommend adding a service project Sunday afternoon after the orientation Mass.

"It's really important to our University and Catholic social tradition to do something for the community,"



Norton

Norton said.

In order to accommodate the additional activities, Norton wants to allow all freshman to move into their dorms on Thursday — a day earlier than currently allowed — and use that day for dorm orientation.

In addition to the weekend service project, Norton and Jorissen would like to offer incoming freshman the opportunity to do community service in their hometowns through Notre Dame alumni clubs in an Urban Plunge-style program.

"We do have alumni networks and we hope to utilize these networks for freshmen students," Norton said.

To accommodate the changes in orientation, student government is asking the board for an increase in the budget. Specifically, the report calls for raising the per student dorm allowance for orientation from \$5.25 to \$10 to \$15. The current allowance of \$5.25 for the weekend of events is small compared to the \$6.25 allotted for the Junior Parent's Weekend luncheon, according to Jorissen.

"A lot of dorms overspent [last year] and are in a bad financial situation as a result," Garrison said. "This should alleviate the problem."

Although it is not officially a part of Freshman Orientation, student government is requesting \$100,000 in funding for the concert held the second weekend of school. Last year's concert, featuring Nine Days and SR71 among other bands, cost in excess of \$100,000 and was funded by various campus organizations. The \$100,000 request would be in addition to the money these organizations provide.

"We think since it's the second weekend of school that it has a lot to do with first impressions of Notre Dame," Norton said. "We want to talk not only about Freshman Orientation but also the whole experience."

Norton and Jorissen have made some adjustments to the presentation as a result of their October report to the board on off-campus life concerns that was met with indifference from the trustees. For this report, the pair is making a more personalized presentation without power point and is allotting more time for questions.

"This time we've put more effort into the presentation," Jorissen said. "Hopefully the Board will be receptive."

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serves better as a coordinating body that facilitates other groups' programming efforts.

The Libby Bishop-Trip Foley and Scott Palko-P.J. Mercanti tickets said their platforms were based on students' wants and needs.

Juniors Palko and Mercanti have run on the slogan that "Leadership is Action, not Position."

Talking about their idea to add a concert and barbecue to the football ticket distribution event each fall, vice presidential candidate Mercanti said, "We want to be the ones setting up the stage and cooking the hamburgers."

The pair waffled on questions from reporters Griffin and LaRuffa that platform goals such as air conditioning in residence halls and unused meals being converted into Flex Points were unfeasible.

"We wouldn't defeat them before we started them," said Palko, the president of Web site NDToday.com. "We believe it's possible."

Juniors Bishop and Foley explained their slogan of "More Student, Less Government" as meaning

decreased overlap among current student government projects and better communication of the programs to students.

"Our ideas don't take a task force," presidential candidate Bishop said. "Some of them only take a phone call."

Running mate Foley said, "Our ideas are simple. Most can be put into place by next school year."

The debate put the tickets on public display together for the only time before Monday's primary election.

"I am running because I've tailgated at every home football game. I am running because I have to leave girls' dorms at midnight."

Nick Williams
Vice-presidential candidate

On-campus students vote in their residence halls, according to the dorms' schedules. Off-campus students vote in DeBartolo Hall, with

times to be announced by the Judicial Council.

To win election Monday, a ticket must earn more than 50 percent of votes. If no ticket earns the simple majority, a run-off election will occur Feb. 14 between the two tickets that receive the most votes Monday.

If necessary, a run-off debate is scheduled for Tuesday.

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ACE applications hit record 310

By LIZ KAHLING
News Writer

The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) administration reported a record high of 310 applications this year for approximately 80 teaching positions in parochial schools throughout the United States. The first round of interviews will finish Feb. 10 and applicants can expect to hear back by March 18.

Similar programs such as Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC), Teach for America, and the Portland ACE (PACE) have all increased in popularity as well; however, ACE remains the most popular among Notre Dame students.

"To start, ACE is more attractive because it is a ND program. For a lot of students, idealism isn't enough, the faith dimension is very appealing as well as the community aspect," said John Staud, ACE Administrative Director.

"It's comforting to know that you'll be with other ND grads, especially if you're not ready to go it alone," said applicant Beth Willkom.

The bonding experience begins immediately in the summer with the participants working as a team together with their community members. Students are typically placed in a house with four to six other participants.

"We offer the students retreats, prayer guides, and encourage 'house nights' or attending liturgy together," said Sister Sue Bruno, an interviewer.

Another incentive for applicants is receiving a Masters in Education after completing the two year training and teaching service. Teach for America is a

similar teaching program but does not offer a Master's degree. Many ACE graduates continue to stay on for a third year or teach abroad. Last year 91 percent of the ACE grads continued to teach past their two-year commitment. ACE grads now have the opportunity to teach in Santiago, Chile or Dublin, Ireland.

The interviewing process is divided among 11 teams of three interviewers made up of ACE staff, campus ministry, Reslife and faculty.

"During the interview the team is looking for a passion for teaching and a love of children in the applicants," said Staud.

The interview focuses on the general pillars of ACE such as how God is cultivated in his life or why teaching is an important aspect of is life. The interview team also spends time getting to know the individual applicant's experiences and motivations.

"We want to make sure that they know what they're getting into, that this program gives a lot but also takes a lot and for that the students need stamina," said Bruno.

One concern this year has been the effect of the job market. Both students and administrators are distressed that some students may be applying because they could not find a job.

"Teaching isn't something that you can just take lightly. You're put in charge of not only the educational development, but also the emotional, moral, social, and spiritual development of young, impressionable individuals," said applicant Amy Heckel.

Administrators carefully review each applicant's essays, recommendations, and interview. Christian Dallavis, an alum of the ACE program and now an associate director, said, "Some

applicants have said that they always have had teaching in the back of their mind and it became an immediate desire after the events of Sept. 11, realizing the impact that a teacher could have on a child."

Staud expressed his excitement over this year's applicants and the generosity and goodness that they express.

After completing the interview, the team must reach a unanimous decision on a student. If there is any doubt or if the team wants to get a better feel for the applicant there is a second interview scheduled with a different team. Once a decision has been reached, the team then recommends the student to the ACE office for certain positions.

In the time between interviewing and acceptance notices in mid-March, the ACE office must assess the need of the schools as well as the students' abilities. An applicant may not get a place due to the lack of need for a teaching position in a certain subject at a certain level. There is a waiting list and it is not uncommon for an applicant to get a call as late as the first week of the summer session to join.

"It doesn't mean that you were a 'bad' applicant if you're not accepted," said Willkom. "It just means that there are a lot of very qualified, motivated people. With this good group of people you can't lose."

Staud explains that although there is an increasing number of applicants every year, ACE has reached its optimal size and that they are working on expanding with other programs and institutions.

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OIT undergoes restructuring

By JOHN FANNING
News Writer

On Jan. 15, the Office of Information Technologies implemented a new structure to more clearly organize the various services that it offers. The change was made in response to various complaints by users who felt that the former system was not easy to use, and was not effectively dealing with their needs.

Essentially, OIT reorganized its existing services in a more coherent and user-friendly manner.

"We felt that the previous OIT structure was too confusing," said Michael Ball, manager of Instructional Computing and Media Services for OIT.

Under the old organization, services for classroom computing, such as tape to disk services, lecture and conference support and cluster facilitation were all listed separately, while under the new organization all of the amenities dealing with classroom instruction are dealt with by one department under one phone number. These new numbers will be published in the upcoming weeks, while the new structure can be viewed on OIT's Web site, www.nd.edu/~ndoit/.

This reorganization

applies to all of OIT's services. The change has been in effect for several weeks and each department is still working out the kinks. Ball maintains that everyone involved is very positive about the changes, and the limited customer feedback that they have received has also been positive.

In addition to the restructuring, improvements are also being made in the campus computer labs, which Ball acknowledges as the problem area that most affects the students. Many of the clusters have been re-staffed and have come under new management.

"The stability and reliability of the computer labs will improve as well as the level of customer service in the clusters," said Ball.

While Ball feels very optimistic about the changes being made in OIT, he realizes that if services "are not what people need, then they are missing their mark." Once the changes have become more solidified, OIT will continue to look for opportunities to consult with costumers and better understand their needs in order to maintain the highest and most effective level of service possible.

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Forum president speaks on terrorism

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

The President of the Fourth Freedom Forum shared his interpretation of the response the U.S. and the U.N. have taken to combat terrorism in an informal discussion Wednesday.

"Everything has changed, especially in the U.N.," said David Cortright, who leads the group that explores non-violent resolutions to international conflicts.

Cortright went on to explore "the good, the bad and the ugly" in relation to the response governments have shown towards the War on Terrorism.

Positive trends included the U.N.'s action to assume responsibility for international criminal prosecution and Resolution 1373. This important mandate obligates every state in the world to freeze terrorist assets and take other actions to stop terrorists.

The UN has also established a Counter Terrorism Committee in which governments around the world are asked to report to with records of their antiterrorist actions. One-hundred-thirty-five nations have already replied. Cortright believes this shows an "unprecedented degree of international concern and efforts to freeze terrorism."

Negative trends were credited mostly to the Bush Administration. Cortright repeatedly expressed frustration in what he called the "unilateralist attitude" of the U.S. in dealing with our problems.

"International terrorism is an

international problem," said Cortright.

This attitude is seen in the decision to wage war without first consulting the Security Council and the practice thus far to deal with international criminals in secretive military courts instead of establishing an international criminal court system.

"This is unworthy of us as a nation and a barrier to international relations," Cortright said.

He spoke of a "grave and growing danger in the use of biological materials by terrorists."

Cortright said the U.S. has yet to make a move in the direction of control of such weapons.

The ultimate goal in the War against Terrorism is to bring the terrorists responsible for the attacks on Sept. 11 to justice and to prevent future attacks. Cortright believes even the peacemakers must accept the military actions as good. Without military force we would not have seen such rapid improvement.

"It is a burden for pacifists to realize government corruption and the need for improvement," he said.

Besides military action, Cortright encourages listeners to examine what the U.S. has done to instigate such attacks and to improve upon this as a part of the long-range plan against terrorism.

He also said that the United States must take responsibility for its role as a powerful nation.

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SMC alumna discusses book

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Last evening, Saint Mary's professor Max Westler, led the discussion of his former student's, first novel "Big Stone Gap." Saint Mary's alumna and author Adriana Tirgiani answered questions via the telephone.

Tirgiani's family moved to Big Stone Gap, Va. when she was a girl.

The population of Big Stone Gap holds steady at about 5,000 people.

Tirgiani told the story of being in fourth grade with 16-year olds and that in seventh grade there was an 18-year-old boy in her class that drove to school. Despite the difficult academic situation, Tirgiani thrived thanks to adults who helped mentor her.

"Mentors are really important and guidance counselors have a lot of impact in the community," Tirgiani said.

From this guidance Tirgiani was able to go to college at Saint Mary's when only about 4 percent of graduating seniors go on to college in Big Stone Gap.

"Saint Mary's opened everything to me. I had a lot of guts but that was it. What I got there was amazing,"

Tirgiani said.

Tirgiani based many of her characters on people she remembers from her childhood. The character of Iva Lou is based on a woman who worked with her mother and exuded sex appeal. She then made the character the town's bookmobile librarian.

"How fun and restorative to the souls of librarians to have a character that loves books and sex the same amount,"

Tirgiani said.

It was not a goal of Tirgiani's to become a novelist. She wrote the screenplay of "Big Stone Gap" first and then a friend told

her it was good enough to be a novel.

"It was not my dream to write a novel. I came to New York to get a show on Broadway. It was an accident but I just worked hard and stayed open," Tirgiani said.

Tirgiani is currently working on the movie "Big Stone Gap" for which she is the director, producer and writer. She is also finishing the third book in this series.

Tirgiani will be speaking at the Sophomore Literary Week on Monday at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall.

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GSU Reps. discuss health

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

The Graduate Student Union (GSU) reviewed counseling services available to graduate students and continued plans to draft a graduate student handbook in their first meeting of the year Tuesday night.

A representative from the physics department expressed concern about the availability of mental health assistance. Some students have complained about excessive waits to receive aid at the University counseling center.

Adrienne Minerick, healthcare committee chairperson, met with Dr. Patrick Utz at the start of last semester and was assured that there was no problem. She plans, however, to have the healthcare committee take up the issue and collect student testimonials.

Jennifer Anthony, social committee co-chair, presented the results of the meeting she and Tracy Correa-Kijewski had with members of Residence Life regarding the design of a separate duLac student handbook for graduate students.

"They [Residence Life] are completely willing to make a grad student duLac," Anthony said.

The GSU plans to assist in writing the separate handbook and a preliminary edition should be available in August.

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Court considers Nike lawsuit

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

The battle over conditions at Nike Inc.'s overseas factories moved to the California Supreme Court on Wednesday, with the justices considering a lawsuit accusing the apparel maker of a consumer white-wash violating California's false advertising laws.

The case balances a corporation's right to defend itself against bad publicity with the right of California consumers to be free from deceptive advertising.

The suit, which was dismissed by a trial court and a state appeals court, claims Nike's 1996-1997 campaign in defense of its wages, treatment of workers and health and safety conditions at Asian plants run by contractors was a misleading business practice.

During an hour of oral arguments here, the justices teetered back and forth on whether Nike's defense was "political speech" protected by the First Amendment or commercial speech subject to a California consumer protection law that is one of the nation's least friendly to businesses.

The same law was invoked in a suit against the Joe Camel advertising campaign on the grounds that it promoted ille-

gal cigarette sales to minors. R.J. Reynolds denied the allegation but dropped the ads and settled the suit.

Consumer attorneys seeking reinstatement of the case against Nike argued that the Beaverton, Ore.-based company defended itself against a huge public backlash in a way that promoted its products.

"When the critics said you are running sweat shops and you should not buy Nike shoes, Nike said, 'No, no, no, these charges are false,'" argued attorney Paul R. Hoerber. "In that context, the meaning connected to those statements:

"The Constitution does not give blanket protection to false and misleading statements."

Joyce Kennard
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impossible for a company to defend its actions — truthfully or falsely — without there being some type of financial motive.

"You are reading into whatever they do as economic motivation," Justice Janice Rogers Brown said.

Not all the justices seemed sympathetic to Nike's plight.

Justice Joyce Kennard said: "The Constitution doesn't give blanket protection to false and misleading statements."

And Chief Justice Ronald M.

George said Nike's image campaign was based on selling shoes.

"Wasn't the ultimate goal to sell more of the company's products by making these statements?" George asked.

"I do not think that is exactly correct," replied Nike attorney David Brown. He said the company engaged in "classic political debate" protected by the First Amendment and added that "maybe the statements were true, maybe they were false."

A state appeals court found that Nike's image campaign was not regulated by California false-advertising laws but was protected First Amendment speech in defense of its corporate reputation.

The company issued press releases denying abuses and cited a favorable report it had commissioned by Andrew Young, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

The suit said Nike has falsely stated that it guarantees a "living wage" to all workers, that its workers in Southeast Asia make twice the local minimum wage and are protected from corporal punishment, and that it complies with government rules on wages, hours and health and safety conditions.

Those claims are refuted by studies by labor and human rights groups, news media investigations and — most damaging of all — a January 1997 audit by the firm of Ernst & Young, commissioned by Nike, the suit said.

Enron partnerships profited insiders

♦ Executives who created and ran shell investment organizations profited most

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Enron use of partnerships not only hid the company's losses and huge debts, it made a few company insiders very rich, very fast — with almost no financial risk.

The biggest hauls, investigators say, were by those who created and ran the complex web of shell investment entities that were largely financed by Enron and concealed the company's shaky balance sheet.

Two of those men — Andrew Fastow, who created the partnerships, and Michael Kopper — were expected to appear Thursday at a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearing.

They were considered likely to decline to answer questions, citing the 5th Amendment protection against self incrimination.

Over a two-month period, a family foundation run by Fastow turned \$25,000 into \$4.5 million.

Kopper saw an investment of \$125,000 become \$10.5 million in less than three years. Lesser players, brought into the network of transactions by Fastow and Kopper, earned \$500,000 to \$1 million from investments of less than \$3,000 to \$5,800.

"Is that even legal," Rep. Bart Stupak D-Mich., asked at a hearing into Enron's collapse.

"Not without taking a tremendous amount of risk," replied William C. Powers, the University of Texas law school dean and Enron investigator. In these cases, he added, the investors "took very little risk" and often were wheeling and dealing among themselves.

The source of their windfall was a system of investment entities with names like Jedi and Chewco, Raptor and Rhythms, and Big Doe, apparently a play on words.

One partnership, called Southampton Place, also the name of the uppercrust Houston neighborhood where Fastow lived, proved to be especially lucrative.

Fastow, through a family-owned foundation, cashed in on \$4.5 million from his \$25,000 investment in

Southampton Place after holding it only two months.

Other investors in the partnership were Benjamin Glisan, former Enron treasurer who also was involved in setting up several of the partnerships; Kristin Mordaunt, an attorney and later general counsel of Enron Communications, and several employees of Fastow's finance department, one of whom said she was told that her ability to invest was viewed as a "bonus" for good work.

Both Glisan and Mordaunt invested \$5,800 and collected about \$1 million, according to investigators.

The other employees invested less than \$3,000 and are believed to have earned returns of about \$500,000 each, according to the internal Enron investigation.

Like Fastow, Kopper invested \$25,000 in Southampton Place, but did it through a related entity called Big Doe. How much he gained is not yet determined, said Powers.

Kopper did extremely well on another front.

Fastow had recruited him in late 1997 to manage Chewco Investments, one of the key partnerships. Over three years Kopper earned \$2 million in management fees although the Powers report concluded that it could not be determined "what, if anything, Kopper did to justify the payments."

In mid-2000, it was decided Enron should purchase Chewco, in which Kopper was the principal investor.

According to congressional and Enron investigators, Jeffrey McMahon, at the time Enron's treasurer, told Fastow the buyout should pay Kopper about \$1 million. His investment had been \$125,000.

According to McMahon, Fastow handled the negotiations with Kopper and came back with a buyout proposal tens times that, or \$10.5 million. The buyout was completed in March 2001, and the higher price prevailed, according to the Enron report.

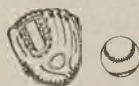
As for Fastow, investigators have determined that received about \$30 million while working in a dual role as Enron's chief financial officer and as head of one of the partnerships he created.

The Enron board of directors did not question that arrangement, nor ever inquire about how much money Fastow was getting from the partnership, Powers said.

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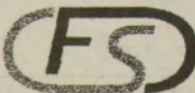
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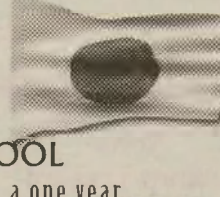
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Observer endorses Bishop/Foley

Libby Bishop and Trip Foley understand what students want.

They aren't promising more festival-like events that will only waste money and not generate much student interest. They aren't promising unfeasible ideas like air conditioning for dorms that are more than 80 years old.

What they are promising is a practical platform dedicated to cutting down program overlap and helping students understand what resources are already available. They are the ticket that best balances ambition with experience and are the best choice for student body president and vice president in 2002-03.

For two years, student government has set about producing new activities and creating new resources. Often these programs overlapped and sometimes even competed with other University departments and branches of student government. Bishop/Foley wants to end that overlap.

Rather than creating more multicultural activities through the office of the president, Bishop/Foley plan to make students aware of programs that already exist through groups like Multicultural Student Programs and Services. Instead of creating more gender relations studies or programs, Bishop/Foley will more effectively promote and use dorm-sponsored activities.

But that doesn't mean that the Bishop/Foley ticket lacks initiative and new ideas. Most of their ideas, however, are not grandiose plans to change student government but instead simple plans to improve student life. Bishop and Foley's print sharing system will be a simple way

for Notre Dame students who don't use the computer labs to share their allotment of pages with those who do. This is a simple way to improve student life without inconveniencing anyone. Bishop and Foley will go beyond just the simple ways of improving student life as well. Rather than caving to administration pressure to end tailgating, they want to work to clarify the tailgating policies so that students know exactly what they can and cannot do. They also plan to take a tough stance against unreasonable demands from the administration like banning 21-year-old students from drinking when non-Notre Dame students may drink freely. Administrators want to eliminate unsafe drinking and obnoxious behavior; students want to preserve their fun; Bishop/Foley recognizes the importance of both parties' concerns and will create an effective compromise.

By clarifying the rules of tailgating

for students to stop destructive behavior and taking a strong stance against administrators who confuse destructive drinking with social drinking, Bishop and Foley might be the only ticket who can preserve the Notre Dame student tailgate tradition.

Bishop/Foley's platform has far from a monopoly on good ideas, however. If they are elected they should take a good look at other platforms and adopt the other candidates best ideas into their own administration. Scott Palko and P.J. Mercanti's plan to combine lottery number distribution with football ticket application distribution is the perfect solution to football ticket distribution problems of the past. A graduation requirement checklist on IrishLink, as proposed by the Moscona/Oxley ticket, is an easy way to keep students organized academically.

Most importantly, however, Bishop/Foley needs to stay connected to the students. Its platform is built on the ideas and desires of everyday students. Once Bishop and Foley take office, however, they can't squirrel themselves away on the second floor of LaFortune. They must remain responsive to student needs. The Observer believes this ticket has the best chance to remain connected to the student body and encourages you to vote for Libby Bishop and Trip Foley on Monday.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Candidates, students deserve respect

This is in response to the Viewpoint column that appeared Tuesday entitled, "Student Government elections are a farce." Just how can someone be so negative toward Notre Dame's student government? Look. Life is too short to be bitter and negative.

How about, instead of tearing down classmates who run for office, we just keep the hurtful opinions out of the paper. It's incredibly disheartening to invest hours of work just to have them belittled (emphasis on the Little) by someone who chooses to one day sit down and throw a poorly thought-out essay on paper.

Another thing that really got me fired up was how the author jumped to this conclusion:

"Candidates seek student government office, not to benefit us students, but rather to pad their own resumes." Since when can this guy read into the candidates' hearts? He can't. And for all he knows, there could be some really great leaders in the election who are ready to work diligently and get things done for the student body. Padding a resume? No, my friend, what you are witnessing is something much greater than some bulleted dot on a piece of paper.

As if knocking the candidates wasn't enough, the author then endeavored to slam the student body as a whole. I do believe that he referred to the students as "sheep" and as incapable of having a voice towards the administration.

Look. We are a university composed of some of the most competitive people our society has to offer — people who are aspiring to be doctors, teachers, engineers, lawyers and, overall, the best people they can possibly be. And you have the audacity to liken us to sheep? Right. The student body at Notre Dame is not quiet like sheep. In fact, we roar like lions. Care to join?

In less than a week, the student body is going to have the opportunity to vote in two people as their president and vice president. Acknowledge the hard work and effort that the candidates have put forth over the past week, consider the issues and make the decision that is right for you. It's as simple as that. Don't let cynicism leak its way into the way we view student government. Notre Dame did not achieve greatness with negativity; it did so with positive inspiration.

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White's character is clean

The fallout over athletic director Kevin White's failure to check the veracity of George O'Leary's résumé serves as a reminder that, as a whole, sportswriters are not known for the depth of their insight into character.

Nearly all of the comments excoriated White for not catching O'Leary's misrepresentations, as if it was a character flaw on White's part to miss O'Leary's lies. There is a different read of White's actions, however, and that is that, in the technical sense of the word, they exemplified virtuous behavior.

John Courtney Murray, the Jesuit who is most responsible for making the case that being Catholic and being American is not oxymoronic, argued that civil society requires a virtuous people. Murray was not a romantic. He did not have a hyper-pious understanding of civic virtue. The virtue of civility, for Murray, primarily meant that a person entered public discussion honestly and, barring reasons for thinking otherwise, assumed that others were entering the public sphere honestly as well. Civil society simply cannot hold up if our assumptions are built on cynicism.

White did not have reason to doubt the basic facts of O'Leary's résumé. White checked into how O'Leary performed, for instance, at Georgia Tech, but, at least at first, had no evidence to suggest false reporting on O'Leary's part. Given what has since happened, it may be considered prudent to check into the factual basis of every detail, however old, of every resume, but to start with that practice would have been the act of a cynic.

Critics might reply that O'Leary made a fool of White. Jay Leno referred to the former Georgia Tech coach as "O'Really?" But that is the risk that even reasonable trust takes: that someone will misuse that trust and make one look foolish. The alternative, however, is for everyone to give up on even reasonable trust. The result is a society that replaces any semblance of community with such things as prenuptial contracts and surveillance cameras as first rather than last resorts. Precisely when to trust and when to rely on external checks is a matter of prudential judgment. But the assumption that distrust ought to be the primary mode of operation and trust the rare exception is a sign of a sick society, not

of wisdom.

Two other actions on White's part are also worth mentioning. First, in an earlier column I took him to task for saying during a press conference that football was the "heart and soul" of the University. I am sure that I am not the only one who pointed out the problem with such a view. To his credit, White said in a later press conference, while still honoring football, "One has to understand that the heart of the University is its academic excellence and the soul is its Catholic identity."

Such public self-correction is evidence of humility. It is precisely the kind of humility that was lacking in O'Leary when, after the news was out and apparently on the advice of his lawyer, he tried to recast his conversations with Notre Dame in order, it seems, to make the case that Notre Dame fired him. If he resigned, as he said at first, then Notre Dame would not have to buy out his contract.

The final action worth mentioning is the hiring of Tyrone Willingham. White and others in the University have stated repeatedly that Willingham's being African-American had nothing to do with his being hired, and there is no reason to doubt this. Still, hiring him is a departure both for Notre Dame and big-time Division I football generally. White acknowledged that much of the attraction to O'Leary was the latter's Irish heritage. It made O'Leary, ironically, seem known already as one of the Notre Dame family. It raised comfort levels. If Willingham's being African-American had nothing to do with his being hired, then neither should have O'Leary's being Irish. But the latter did.

What this means, though, is that to hire Willingham the University had to move at least somewhat out of its comfort zone. That the University hired him simply on the basis of his ability does not expunge the fact that in hiring an African-American head football coach it did what it is not used to doing.

It is said of some of the medieval monastic orders that they formed to do good, and as a result of their discipline and parsimony did well. In Notre Dame's case, perhaps it can be said that in its ambition it hired Willingham because it wanted the team to do well, but in superceding previous, even unspoken, assumptions about the "Notre Dame family," did good.

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Todd David Whitmore

The Common Good

Braving the study abroad abyss

I am an idiot. Some people have hobbies, and I have that. A year and a half ago, I decided to apply to go abroad to Ireland. I filled out my application, sent it in and awaited word of my fate.

Now, you're probably wondering why this makes me an idiot. Study abroad is a great experience, you say. It broadens your horizons, makes you a better person and directly saves seals and other marine life threatened by oil spills. Small, starving children in parts of India will be immeasurably helped by your decision to go abroad.

Marlayna Soenneker

Here We Go Again: Letters From Exile

If you don't go abroad, your life will be unfulfilled and unfulfilling as you search desperately for the rest of your time on this planet for something that will complete you the way study abroad would have. Your soul mate is somehow related to this experience, and if you don't go, you'll be forced into lifelong celibacy. You will be in a car crash or fed to lions if you stay in the States. So how can the decision to go abroad make you an idiot?

Allow me to continue my story. I was accepted in February, as one might expect with my stellar record and recommendations (which were definitely not created by my roommate and me late at night with stolen letterhead), and I'm cruising along fine. I'm going to Ireland next year. It sounds nice.

Fast-forward 11 months. It's last December now, and for the first time I begin to get a whiff of just how idiotic I really am. I look at my nice life at Notre Dame, which I love, and my friends, whom I also love. I have no desire whatsoever to go to a foreign country for the next five months.

"This will be a great new experience," everyone says. However, I hate new experiences. I get upset when I'm forced to eat at North when I was planning to go to South. I never really got over it when they switched the actress playing Aunt Vivian on "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air."

"You'll meet new people," everyone says. I don't want to meet new people. I like the people I know — hence the reason that I am friends with them. If these "new" people are so great, then why am I not friends with them already?

The question must be asked: What kind of person decides to go to a foreign country for five months when she knows that she hates new places and new experiences? Obviously I, being that person, am an idiot. It seems clear.

The moment of leaving creeps closer. It's one day before departure and I am freaked out. I do not want to go to Ireland, particularly not tomorrow.

My best friend Matt gives me the best advice I've received all year. "Get on the plane," he whispers as he hugs me goodbye. "Get on the plane," he whispers as he closes the door.

I think about it. "Get on the plane."

All I have to do is get on the plane. I don't have to go to Ireland. I don't have to spend five months away from everything and everyone I know and love. I just have to get on two planes and that's it. So I do it.

I've been in Ireland now for five weeks. Yes, indeed, I did undertake that great adventure known as study abroad, or, if you are a junior, the abyss into which half the class disappears each semester. And, in all honesty, I don't think it was an idiotic decision.

I think if I had thought about going abroad as a real, I'm-actually-going-to-do-this decision a year and a half ago, I wouldn't have applied due to my loathing of all things new. But they say God has special angels assigned to look after the idiots of this world (well, maybe "they" don't say that, but I do), and I definitely count myself among those idiots. I think my angel managed to work around my stationary nature and delivered me into this Irish adventure.

So far the adventure has mostly consisted of "a," getting lost an average of once a day and "b," taking a lot of philosophy classes involving questions such as, "If I make a mistake in a piece of music, is it still a performance of that piece or is it a new piece of music?" and, "Do words have meaning? Does anything have meaning?"

The problem with these questions is that I don't care about them. In no way do their answers or lack thereof influence how I live my life. I spend at least half my time in these classes attempting to get beyond the fact that I would rather be eaten by crocodiles than study this stuff.

There are so many more interesting things to ponder, like where exactly I was when I got lost the second day and wandered so far away from my intended destination that the people I finally asked for directions hadn't ever heard of it. Or how to tell where north is when the sun never comes out.

Or whether or not I should be writing to the starving children in India who are somehow directly benefiting from my being here.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Avoid 'Slackers' at all costs

By ADAM WELTLER

Scene Movie Critic

Learning sanskrit, shaving a cat, making a model of the pyramids out of cheese cubes: These are all better and more productive ways to spend 90 minutes rather than watching "Slackers." Unoriginal, unfunny, and disgustingly unclean, "Slackers" takes toilet humor to a new and unnecessary low.



Photo courtesy of Screen Gems

Jason Schwartzman follows up his acclaimed performance in "Rushmore" with "Slackers."

Ever since "There's Something About Mary," films have challenged themselves to out-gross each other, sometimes with humorous results. However, they should never leave the audience wanting to shower away the memory of having seen such blue humor.

The plot of "Slackers" revolves around a group of three college con men who have made a lifestyle out of cheating. They pull elaborate schemes one after another to cheat their way through college. But their plans and their futures are in jeopardy when one of them, Dave (Devon Sawa), falls in love with Angela (James King). The problem is that the sick and psychotic Ethan (Jason Schwartzman of "Rushmore") is obsessed with Angela and has the proof that could get the group of cheaters expelled. He blackmails all of them to help him woo Angela and they are forced to use their skills to

save themselves. The plot thickens when Angela starts to fall in love with Dave, much to Ethan's dismay.

The story itself is tired and hackneyed. However, the scenes of the slackers at work are enjoyable. One has to admire the planning and precision that must have gone into each of their schemes, but the disgusting humor that fills the rest of the film more than distracts the viewer from any interest in the cheating subplot.

Masturbation, naked breasts of older women (even if it is Mamie Van Doren; for the love of God, she's 70), a man singing to a sock puppet on his penis, urinating in the shower: it seems as though the studios are trying to test the limits of what can and cannot be in films today. This reviewer is for the first amendment 100 percent, but when a film can't even find a way to make flatulence humor funny, something is terribly wrong.

Jason Schwartzman, hilarious in "Rushmore," does his best to bring a likeable side to Ethan, but the script makes him just too creepy. Ethan's antics cause the viewer to literally cringe and wonder if such people actually exist. And if they do, why aren't they locked away to be studied? He worships a doll made out of Angela's hair that he has collected off the back of her seat in class. Sadly, that is one of the least offensive things he does.

The rest of the characters are incredibly

one-dimensional. Angela is dense and unbelievable. Of the slackers, Sawa's character is the most developed, but he can't do much to help this film from its inevitable decent into the tenth level of hell.

In this world, nothing is completely bad, and "Slackers" has a few moments that make the audience chuckle instead of groan. And some of the dialogue draws a smile. The actors deliver their lines well, and they deserve credit for saying moronic dialogue with such precision. But one also has to think that the money put into this film could have been better spent on, well, anything else.

So don't even wait for this film to come to video. Spend your time doing something else, even physics if you have to. Some of you might be drawn into wanting to see it because of how horrible it is, like when you gawk at a car crash on the side of the road. Don't. Life is too short.

To paraphrase "Billy Madison," everyone in the audience is now dumber for having seen this film. I award it no shamrocks, and may God have mercy on your souls.

"Slackers"

zero shamrocks

Director: Dewey Nicks

Starring: Devon Sawa,

James King and Jason

Schwartzman

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MOVIE REVIEW

French 'Brotherhood' is made for America

By MATT NANIA

Scene Movie Editor

When one thinks of French cinema, it's easy to imagine films occupied with stuffy characters and unexciting, artsy narratives. Sure, there are crossover hits like "Amelie" and, to a lesser extent, "With a Friend Like Harry," but those were enjoyed by American audiences despite their unmistakable "French-ness."

Christophe Gans' "Brotherhood of the Wolf" (Le Pacte des Loups), on the other hand, seems tailor-made for the local multiplexes. The relatively inexperienced director clearly does not follow in line with his native predecessors. More akin to Spielberg and McTiernan than Truffaut, Gans' "Brotherhood" is as American as a French film can get.

The story is based upon actual events surrounding the Beast of Gevaudan, a creature that killed dozens of women and children in a remote French town in the mid 18th century. From 1764 to 1767, the beast preyed on the village until an incredibly large wolf was killed by hired hunters and put on display to show that it's terror had finally come to an end. The attacks, of course, continued, but they were hushed up, supposedly by King Louis XV.

That's what the history books say, but fiction takes over with the arrival of Fronsac (Samuel Le Bihan), a handsome adventurer and naturalist who is enlist-

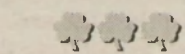
ed to help track down and kill the beast. Accompanying Fronsac is his friend Mani (Mark Dacascos), a mystical American Indian martial artist (figure that one out), whose first scene is a slow motion, rain-drenched kung-fu fracas with some unsavory locals. This sequence, in all of its over-the-top action glory, gives you a good indication of where "Brotherhood of the Wolf" is headed.

The script by Stephane Cabel and Gans serializes the story into a more than two hour-long genre mish-mash, combining horror, adventure, martial arts action, melodrama and fantasy, with a dash of political intrigue. Gans could have easily made a simple thriller, but instead he infuses the narrative with the aforementioned elements and everything from bordellos to French history. Is the story of the Beast

a precursor to the French Revolution? Probably not, but it definitely makes things more interesting.

Like any foreign film, the subtitles are an unfortunate distraction from the action on screen, and it's especially a shame in "Wolf's" case because of its fast-paced action and beautiful cinematography.

The gritty, rich images have nearly the same look as those in "The Fellowship of the Ring." This and the film's other technical aspects certainly make the movie visually entertaining, made even more so by the liberties Gans takes with other film styles. As surprising as it may sound, the monster movie-martial arts-period epic combination actually works.

"Brotherhood of the Wolf"

out of five shamrocks

Director: Christophe Gans

Starring: Samuel Le Bihan
and Mark Dacascos

Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Mark Dacascos fights a local goon in the opening scene of Christophe Gans' French film, "Brotherhood of the Wolf."

While the film also contains credible performances (Dacascos delivers a quiet but intense turn as Mani) and an ominously intriguing atmosphere, it seems Gans' team has evidently spent too much time endeared towards Michael Bay. The film is over-produced and full of cheap cinematic artifice — such as absurdly dramatic slow motion and overbearing sound effects. It's a shame, because with a more assured technique, some of the action could've approached the stirring vision of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

In the end, "Wolf," like a lot of Hollywood blockbusters, is little more

than a B movie with A movie production values. The plot introduces lame characters without motives, becomes contrived, climaxes in a humdrum staged duel to the death, and finally overstays its welcome trying to tidy everything up.

Essentially a big American movie filtered through the artistic lens of its French origins, "Brotherhood of the Wolf's" limited release belies its commercial and marketable aspirations. Gans has a promising career in Hollywood if he wants one.

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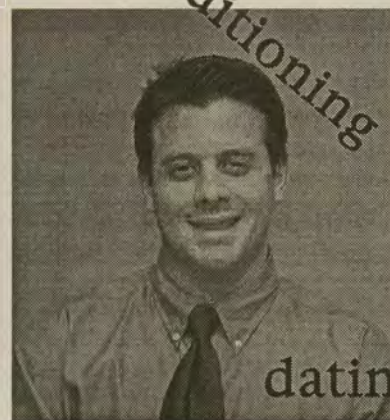
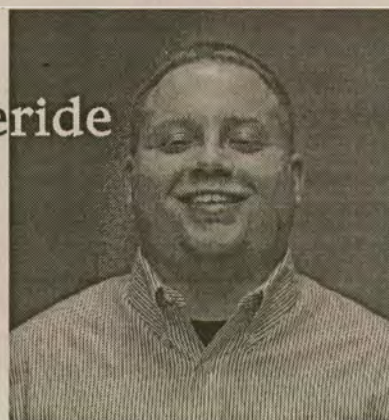
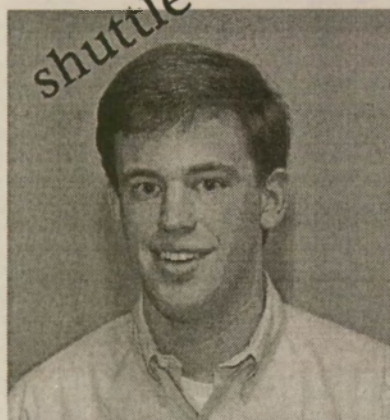
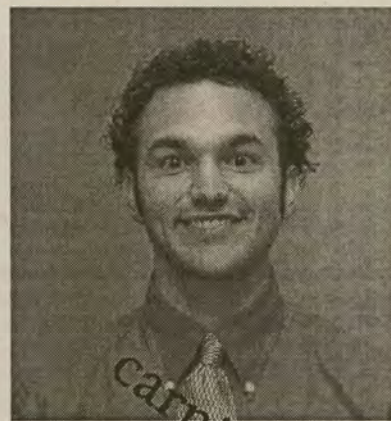
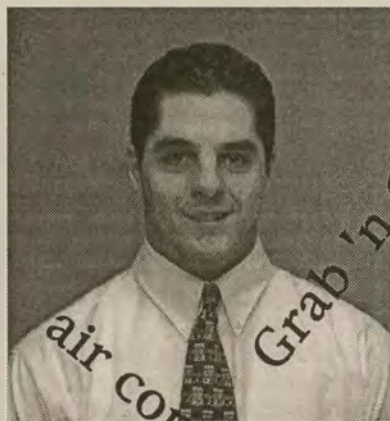
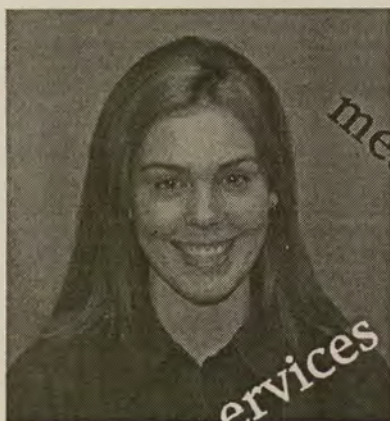
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A look inside the issues and candidates in this year's campaign

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Observer Endorsement

Look in Viewpoint to see why The Observer's Editorial Board believes Libby Bishop and Trip Foley are the best choice to lead Notre Dame's 2002-2003 student government.



CAN THEY KEEP THEIR PROMISES?

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

As the campaign for student body president heats up, many students may be wondering whether the candidates will actually be able to follow through with certain campaign promises.

In fact, while many platform ideas are feasible, there are some campaign promises that candidates will probably never be able to fulfill.

Some of the ideas are ones that the Student Senate has already looked into, according to senator Aldo Tesi, but administrators have told them those ideas will not work.

"We've looked into [many of] them. They're not necessarily unfeasible, but it seems their ideas weren't looked into," said Tesi, who is a co-chair of the senate's residence life committee. "The likelihood of some of them happening seems really low to me."

For example, candidates Scott Palko and P.J. Mercanti want to initiate research into the possibility of installing air conditioning in all dorms, something that senators have already researched.

"The residence life committee looked into air conditioning. It might be possible but it would cost a ton. There's other things the University has to spend money on," Tesi said.

In fact, while adding air conditioning is something that could be looked into, according to Debbie Murray, a manager in the maintenance department, it

would be difficult and expensive to install in older dorms.

"To be perfectly honest, a lot of these buildings are not constructed for air conditioning," said Murray.

Additionally, Tesi questioned proposals to change meal plans. Dining hall officials, he said, have already explained to senators why meal plans are structured the way they are.

"They're doing the best they can. It's not like the school is trying to screw the students," said Tesi.

Nevertheless, candidates do have meal plan changes in their platform. Palko and Mercanti want students to receive flex points for unused meals at the end of the week.

Tina Durski, card services manager in the food services department, does not believe it is possible to rollover meals into flex points with the current card services system.

"Technically, I don't know how we would do that," she said. She added that while budgeting is outside the realm of her job, based on her experience she believes the overall cost of meal plans would have to go up if students were receiving extra flex points.

"Anything you do to increase the average amount of meals a student eats increases the price of the meal plan," Tesi said.

Increase meal plan options — something proposed by the ticket of Libby Bishop and Trip Foley — is somewhat more reasonable, according to Durski, as long as the plan is within reason.

"You don't want the number of meals

to be so low that you're encouraging people to skip meals or cook in their dorm rooms," said Durski.

Improving Grab 'n' Go is another proposal that has come up.

"Somebody told me that the ticket with the best Grab 'n' Go scheme would win. Give me a break," said Tesi. He explained that adding more food choices to Grab 'n' Go might cause logistical problems.

"It's not impossible, but space in each of the Grab 'n' Go locations is an issue," he said.

Another ticket, that of Nikki McCord and Nick Williams, promises to restart SafeRide, a program that previous administrations have tried and failed to implement.

In addition, Bishop and Foley propose expanding the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's shuttle service to new locations, such as the University Park Mall.

However, according to Student Activities director Brian Coughlin, it is unlikely that the shuttle service will expand to go to the mall, but Transpo Bus Service already runs from campus to the mall. Moreover, the University just renewed its contract with United Limo, and so adding more stops would have to wait a few years until that contract came up for renewal.

Expanded shuttle service is not impossible, however, Coughlin said, especially if the stop is at a location where students volunteer. The service has recently been expanded to include the Robinson Community Learning Center and the Legal Aid Clinic.

"There is precedent for it now that

they've added two stops," said Coughlin.

Another weakness of some platform issues is the fact that they seem outside the realm of student government.

For example, two platforms have proposed something similar to a dating service. In the platform of Brian Moscona and Keri Oxley, the proposal takes the form of "Out-4-Lunch," while

McCord and Williams call their plan "It's Just Lunch."

Tesi questioned whether such programs are "office of the president type stuff."

Moscona and Oxley's platform also offers a variety of carnivals — IRISHFEST, tradition night, Hey Day, ND Irish Feis. While the feasibility of planning these carnivals may not be problematic, student attendance has traditionally been an issue with similar events, like Founder's Day.

"It depends on what time of year it is," said Abe Pinon, a junior. "If it's at the beginning of the semester yes, [I would go]. But after that I probably wouldn't go because I will have homework to do."

Jacob Rodenbiker, also a junior said, "I wouldn't attend because I am already involved in many other organizations that have attractions of their own. I don't really find programming of student government to be more attractive than the activities that I am already involved with people I know, rather than random people."

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LIBBY BISHOP

PRESIDENT

TRIP FOLEY

VICE PRESIDENT

More Student Less Government

Who are They

Both Bishop and Foley are juniors. Bishop is a psychology and economics double-major from Welsh Family, and Foley is majoring in economics and Spanish living in Sorin.

In Their Words

◆ **Top Priority:** Like most of the tickets this year, Bishop and Foley recognize students' frustration with the current Flex system. The two would like to see a Flex 10 plan introduced, offering less meals but more Flex Points.

◆ **First Priority:** In an effort to boost student morale and spirit, Bishop and Foley plan on a "Welcome Willingham Tour" before the year ends. Held in conjunction with the Blue and Gold game, the tour would give students a chance to meet Tyrone Willingham in the dorms.

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◆ **Best Idea:** Their Printer Allotment Sharing System (PASS) system introduces a printer welfare system for students who exceed the \$100 limit. A simple phone call or e-mail to OIT can send unneeded funds from one student's printing account to a needy student's account.

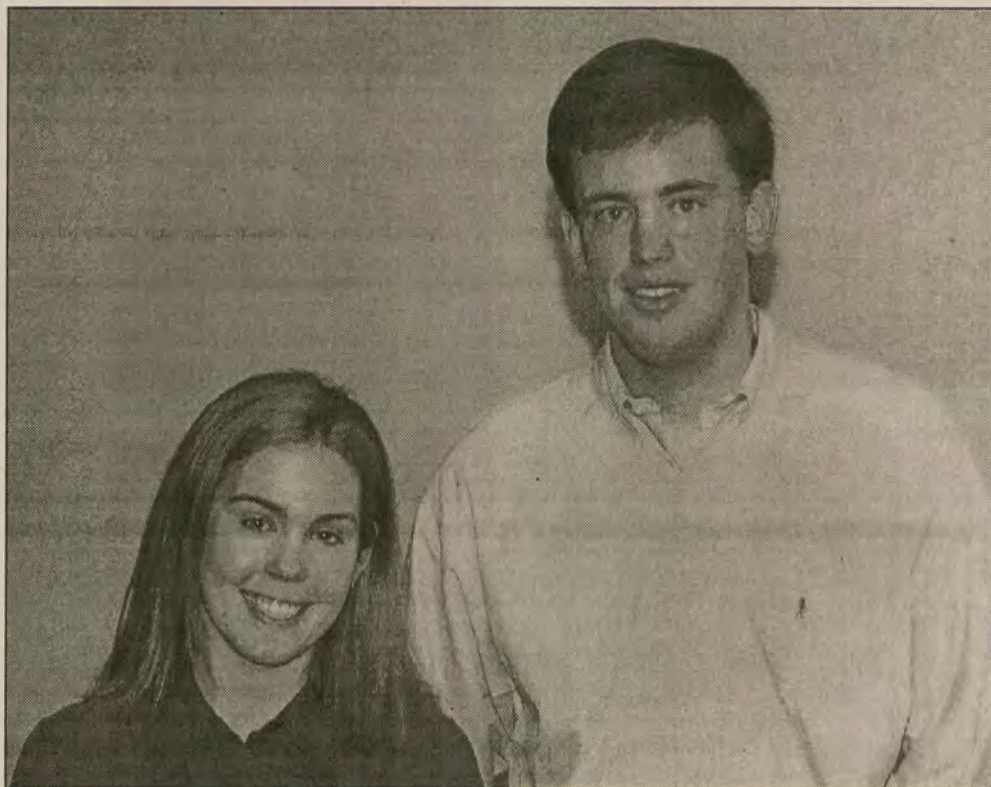
◆ **Worst Idea:** Although communication between the administration and the student body needs to be improved, their idea of a weekly Q & A with a chosen administrator is overly optimistic. The student government-funded advertisement in The Observer would require sufficient funds and a regular person in charge of the weekly process. They should try addressing any issues in Senate, not an advertisement.

◆ **Most Feasible Idea:** In an effort to enhance communication between student government and the student body, Bishop and Foley plan on creating and regularly maintaining a student government Web site. In addition to providing information on weekly meetings and happenings on campus, the site will also serve as a place for student feedback and polling.

◆ **Least Feasible Idea:** Their campus-wide book swap in LaFortune sounds nice, but it isn't realistic. Informal swapping goes on among friends in the dorms, but it would be hard to get the University to go up against the bookstore by setting up the swap in a central campus location.

◆ **Fun fact:** Both Bishop and Foley are earning majors in Economics.

◆ **Notable Quote:** "It's sometimes hard to get out of the second-floor of LaFortune if you're always there," said Foley.



The Bottom Line

Bishop and Foley have the experience inside and outside the Dome to effectively manage the office of student body president. They have heavily researched most items on their platform, making their promises potential realities. Their ticket would be stronger, however, if they focused less on seeking opinions and input and more on what they are going to do. While Foley is a dynamic personality, Bishop needs to be more assertive in her leadership role.

NIKKI McCORD

PRESIDENT

NICK WILLIAMS

VICE PRESIDENT

We're Serious ... Seriously

Who They Are

McCord is a junior who lives in Pasquerilla East. She majors in government and minors in Latin. Williams is a sophomore who lives in Fisher. He is a government and Spanish major.

In Their Words

◆ **Top Priority:** McCord and Williams want to capitalize on the success of big-name events such as Bengal Bouts and Bookstore Basketball by adding a barbecue. The cookout, according to the ticket, would draw larger turnout and keep students entertained throughout the main event.

◆ **First Priority:** Publicity, publicity. If elected, McCord and Williams' first act would be to run in The Observer a full-page ad stating their goals.

In Our Words

◆ **Most Feasible Idea:** The ticket plans an all-school Mass this year on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Given the huge turnout to the South Quad Mass last fall — and the global interest that will surround the tragedy's one-year anniversary — if McCord and Williams don't organize a Mass here, somebody will.

◆ **Least Feasible Idea:** Officials shut down SafeRide leaving intoxicated students stranded off campus for a reason — mainly because it wasn't serving anybody. In the past the program has been allotted adequate funding, but has operated unsuccessfully because of inadequate staffing and relatively little need. If McCord and Williams want to restart the program, they better be willing to promote it well and to devise a number easily memorable for drunken students ... maybe 631-BEER?

◆ **Best Idea:** The ticket's idea to allow students to charge purchases at the Copy Shop is a small goal that affects campus life — and wallets — in a big way. And McCord and Williams have done their homework, claiming that the infrastructure already is in place in the store to provide this service.

◆ **Worst Idea:** Cookouts are nice, but not with hundreds or thousands of people. McCord and Williams big barbecue has all the makings of being a big bust.

◆ **Fun Fact:** According to campaign posters touting McCord and Williams' average-student image, she likes figure skating and basketball star Kobe Bryant and he likes cuddling and the John Stamos character "Uncle Jesse" from 1980s sitcom "Full House."

◆ **Notable Quote:** "[Our platform] is nothing grandiose or nothing that's going to change the world," McCord said. "We're running on simplicity, feasibility and things that support community."



Bottom Line

Since running a losing campaign last year with Ryan Becker, McCord has undergone a big change in image and goals. With Williams, McCord's attempt to come across as the everyday student doesn't ring true. Last year she ran as an experienced insider, this year she is just another student. The ticket claims to be running on a platform based on simple student needs, but the pair needs to get a little more serious ... seriously.

BRIAN MOSCONA

PRESIDENT

KERI OXLEY

VICE PRESIDENT

Envision the Possibilities

Who They Are

Moscona is a junior and Oxley is a sophomore. Moscona lives in Stanford and majors in marketing with the Hesburgh Public Service and Policy concentration. Oxley lives in Badin and majors in ALPP philosophy.

In Their Words

◆ **Top priority:** Addressing a problem that Moscona has seen as student body vice president, he and Oxley rank enhanced communication with the student body as their most important goal. Their proposed KOO-BAM Committee (the name is based on their initials) would establish a system by which students could bring their questions or ideas to student government via e-mail, phone or suggestion box. The committee would guarantee some sort of response in seven days. Other communication ideas include a Web site and student government stall notes in all dorms.

◆ **First Priority:** Moscona and Oxley believe they can begin implementing the communication aspects of their platform right away. In particular, they will start by establishing the KOO-BAM committee and its accompanying hotline and e-mail address.

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◆ **Best Idea:** Moscona and Oxley want to work with student activists to bring social concerns to the administration and to make sure more on-campus protests and demonstrations are approved. This platform idea is a clear sign that Moscona and Oxley want to make student government more than just a programming body.

◆ **Worst Idea:** To get more students to go to pep rallies, Moscona and Oxley want to include rally attendance as a factor in the dorm of the year award. It's hard to imagine the award could motivate uninterested students to give up a few hours of their Friday afternoon.

◆ **Most Feasible Idea:** Stall notes are an easy and effective way to get student government updates into all the dorms, in a spot where lots of people will read them.

◆ **Least Feasible Idea:** Moscona and Oxley intend Dinner in the Dome to increase communication between students and administrators. However, only a small percentage of students would be able to attend the meetings — not enough to have much of an effect on the communication gap between the student body and powers that be.

◆ **Fun Fact:** Contrary to what some postings on NDToday.com say, Moscona and Oxley are not currently dating.

◆ **Notable Quote:** "The office of the president should not be one more programming body competing with other offices, but a facilitating body," said Moscona.



The Bottom Line

Clearly one of the most experienced tickets, Moscona and Oxley have put a lot of hard work into assembling a comprehensive platform. Many of their ideas address important aspects of student life in a meaningful way. The big question, however, is communication. Their ideas to increase communication between student government and students do seem more likely to work than those Moscona proposed when he ran for student body vice president last year.

SCOTT PALKO

PRESIDENT

PJ MERCANTI

VICE PRESIDENT

"Leadership is Action, Not Position"

Who They Are

Palko and Mercanti are both juniors who live in Keough. Palko is a management and theology major. Mercanti is a finance major.

In Their Words

◆ **Top Priority:** Based upon student support gathered door-to-door, Palko and Mercanti set a new meal plan system to allow unused meals to roll-over into Flex points as their top priority. Although they also know this will be their most difficult initiative and accept that a "scaled back" version of their idea may be the only feasible option, Palko sees it as the best way to "give back to the students."

◆ **First Priority:** Palko and Mercanti would immediately create a "Wall of Clubs" in a central location to provide students with a convenient way to see what clubs and organizations exist, who to contact about joining and when they meet. Palko said this would continue the spirit of Activities Night all year.

In Our Words

◆ **Best Idea:** Palko and Mercanti's idea for football ticket distribution makes one wonder: why hasn't anyone thought of this sooner? They suggest that students receive their lottery numbers with their ticket applications, eliminating the need to obtain a lottery numbers at a later date.

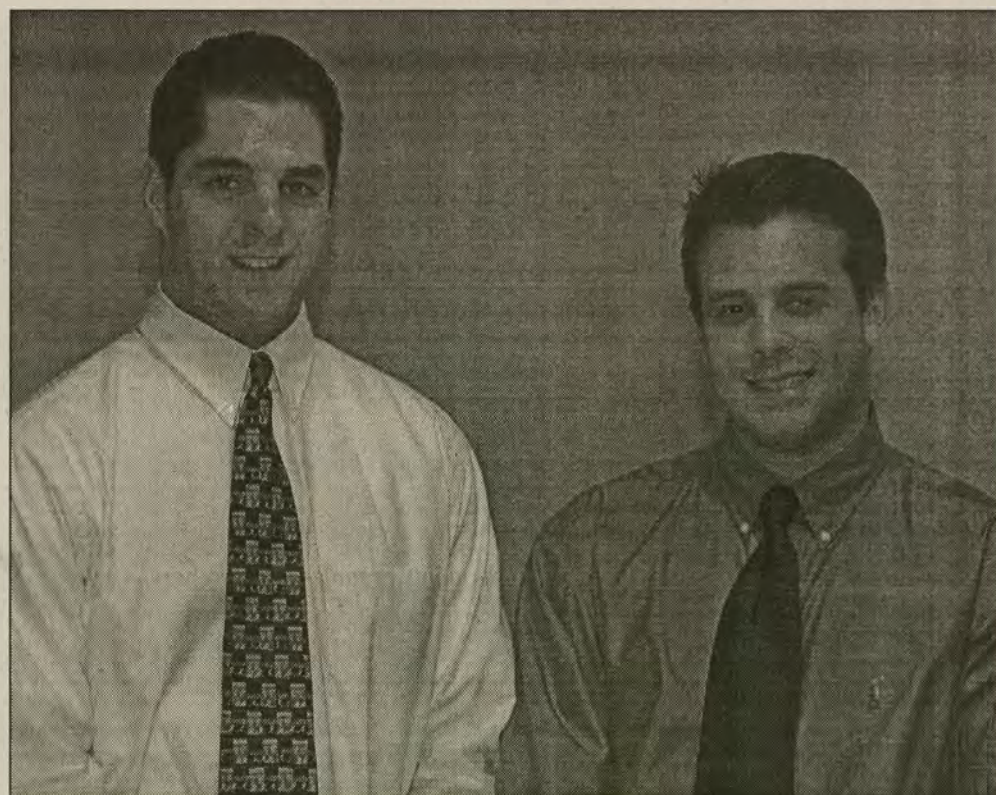
◆ **Worst Idea:** Although everyone celebrated the day cereal came to Grab 'n' Go, it's hard to take Palko and Mercanti's proposal to let students "fill their bags to a certain level" seriously. The impossibility of equating the cost to size ratio of food — do 10 bananas really have the same value as 12 Rice Krispie Treats or four yogurts? — would be only one of many issues related to this suggestion that barely even alters the existing system.

◆ **Most Feasible:** Palko and Mercanti cite Student Affairs willingness to permit freshmen to bring cars to campus first semester. It's doubtful that this would cause any severe overcrowding and it's a somewhat silly restriction anyway — especially when much of the student body lives out of state and has cause to travel home for breaks. Just one question: Who's going to vote for that, high school seniors?

◆ **Least Feasible:** Bringing air conditioning to every dorm on campus — including many South Quad buildings that hover around 100 years old — is not only unlikely to occur, but it is far from the best way to spend University money. Think about it: would you rather have a window unit air conditioner or your satellite dish?


























◆ **Fun Fact:** Both Palko and Mercanti are from Ontario, Canada.

◆ **Notable Quote:** "As student body president I don't think it's my place to defy the school's founding principles," said Palko. "I think, as president, it's my job to lead them to those principles."



The Bottom Line

Palko and Mercanti have delusions of grandeur. They genuinely wish to help the student body and bring new ideas to student government, but their platform is way too far fetched to happen during their term, if at all. As their campaign slogan suggests their leadership outside student government is impressive, but they lack the knowledge to even begin the plans they dream of within the current government structure.

The Observer's evaluation of candidates on issues: Cheers, Jeers & Polite Applause		On Student Activism	On Campus Life Council	On Student Senate	On Tailgating	On Feasibility of Platform
		 Pledged to challenge administration on important student issues	 Recognize the shortcomings of the council, but lack specific plans	 Suggest putting non-senators on committees	 Vowed to take hardline with administrators on unclear policies	 Platform is well-researched; ideas are easily implemented
		 Claims willingness to defend students, but without precedent	 Would limit the council's scope to two issues per year	 Wants to move issues through quickly, but no definite plan	 Will support 21-year-olds' pre-game drinking	 This ticket's purpose is to address simple, daily student issues
		 Believe working with administration is most effective for students	 Senate experience makes Moscona ready for the CLC	 Wants senate research more accessible to students on the Web	 Will push for policy clarification, but other pre-game ideas won't fly	 Events might not draw crowds, but the planning can be done
		 Will follow duLac to the letter, forget liberal interpretation	 Plan to meet only as needed, which violates University rules	 Database of previous issues will eliminate redundancy	 Won't fight for student tailgating	 Don't understand the cost associated with their platform

Candidates discuss thoughts on administration

By KIFLIN TURNER
Assistant News Editor

Strengthening the ties of communication between the students and the administration ranks at, or near the top of a list of priorities formulated by student government tickets running for office in next week's election.

Finding a face to address the concerns of the students is essential in making the first step towards taking active initiatives according to presidential candidate Libby Bishop.

"We really want to be proactive and we want to have students feel like student government cares about what they have to say and we want to do that by coming towards the students instead of just letting the students come to us," said Bishop.

Creating a student government web site with polls, keeping a suggestion box, and being available after dorm masses are some of the ways the Bishop/Foley ticket plan to reach out to the student community in increasing communication and harnessing ideas.

"After getting a wide range of student opinion we'll know what students want," Bishop said. "Once we have better communication with the students, I think we will be so much better equipped to communicate with the administration."

Presidential candidate Scott Palko and running mate, P.J. Mercanti cited their student-based philosophy as the foothold of their platform.

"Being a ticket we believe is based on student life and the students wants, needs and concerns — we're trying to have the students tell us what it is they want," said Palko.

To initiate student dialogue and involvement Palko advocated enabling an e-mail address where the students could post concerns.

"One of the very first things we plan on

doing when we get into office is having an e-mail address set up," said Palko. He further stated that they would personally read and sort each message and then group them accordingly to comprehensively address similar issues.

"We have accountability to get those things done and students can look towards us trying to accomplish those things — they know what it is we're going to be working for in the next year," said Palko.

The ticket also plans on writing a weekly or bi-weekly column in The Observer to inform students of any developments in student government and the stance of the administration on various issues.

"We're a firm believer in using the means of communication that already exist as far as Scholastic and The Observer are concerned," said Palko.

Presidential candidate Nikki McCord and vice presidential candidate, Nick Williams both plan to continue to talk to student groups around campus in the coming days to gain additional feedback.

McCord said that it is imperative to establish an active voice and role in communicating the needs of the student.

"They want well-educated people who are going to firmly state the needs of the students who are not so much going to overturn their authority, but work with them to express the desires of the student body," said McCord. "We plan to work with the administration in the areas that students bring to us in the changing climate on campus."

Brian Moscona, current student body vice president and presidential candidate, and his runningmate, Keri Oxley have declared communication with students and administration as their top priority. From a new web site to a new committee called KOOBAM (an acronym for the candidates initials), much of their platform is about communication.

"[Many campaign promises] are happening in student government now and stu-

dents just don't know," said Moscona. "That's why communication is one of our biggest goals."

As a member of the current administration, Moscona said he has already established a relationship with many administrators, but understands the need for students to be aware of administration's motivations.

The Bishop/Foley ticket also believed that their collective student government experience granted them the ability to act as qualified representatives to the administration.

"We feel like we have a more accurate perception and perspective because of our extensive involvement in student government," Bishop said.

Provided that they take a proactive approach by speaking with administrators on a personal basis, Foley stated that open and personal dialogue would enable them to work on their ideas and ensure implementation.

"We've gotten great responses from the administrators we've talked to on each of the issues," said Foley. "We've been both happily surprised at when we were researching our platform at how open the administration was to our ideas and wanting to discuss them with us. I think that that is a great way to start it off because they already know what we want and we made sure that what we'd like to work on is feasible."

McCord also emphasized the feasibility of their own platform and the likelihood of gaining administrative approval to implement them.

"The best thing to remember is that our platform is simple. We don't have any grandiose ideas that aren't going to work," McCord. "We're working on a platform that is simplistic and beneficial to the student."

Creating a platform that is feasible, realistic, and in demand is the most efficient way to go about getting goals accomplished according to some tickets.

McCord stated that the idea of having a free movie shuttle providing transportation

to students would necessitate the financial support of the administration.

"[It's] definitely going to require the help of the administration because we are going to need funding," said McCord. In addition, McCord also plans to resurrect SafeRide and has already begun discussion with Father Mark Poorman vice president of student affairs, and assistant vice president of student affairs, Bill Kirk.

"They think that Safe Ride is an excellent idea," said McCord.

One of the issues on Palko's campaign ticket that would require extensive administrative review is the consideration of implementing air conditioning into the dorms.

"We plan on initiating the process," said Palko. "It's our goal to start the process for air conditioning not so much as have air conditioning in every dorm in one year."

The changing policy on tailgating is a recent issue of concern in assessing the quality of communication between administrators and students. After the fact, it later came to light that the student population was largely unaware of the revised policy.

McCord reported that Kirk was willing to listen to the concerns of the students. Foley also stated that they had previously spoken with Kirk on the issue.

Foley also said that in light of the mass student confusion and the revision of the tailgating policy, their platform supports the idea of taking out an advertisement in The Observer to have Poorman or Kirk write a letter explaining the policy and the reasons for the revision.

According to the Bishop/Foley ticket informed and continuous dialogue between both student and administrator depends on how well student government acts as a mediator in relaying the position of the administration as well as conveying the concerns of the students on issues.

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ONE ON ONE MOVIE REVIEW

Critics attend Kidman's 'Birthday'

Staff members Melissa Rauch (MR) and Paul Camarata (PC) review Jez Butterworth's "Birthday Girl" in a conversational style unrivaled since the days of Vaudeville and Who's on First. Enjoy the show.

PC: So, Nicole Kidman. Me, you, and all of that dewy pale skin meet again. Oh baby.

MR: Isn't she a little tall for you, Paul? Anyway, in "Birthday Girl," Kidman stars as a Russian mail order bride named Nadia who's full of surprises. As in her recent films "Moulin Rouge" and "The Others," she develops another unique character to demonstrate her range, this time by donning a Russian accent and wearing more mascara than Tammy Faye Baker.

For the past few years, she's seemed determined to prove to everyone that she was more than just Mrs. Tom Cruise. With all the current buzz surrounding her personal and professional life, Kidman raises Butterworth's film from obscurity. Her fine performance helps the audience overlook the ludicrous plot and makes this middle of the road film somewhat enticing.

PC: "Birthday" opens with lonely bank clerk John Buckingham (Ben Chaplin) posing for a webcam while searching for a girl to call his own, and from there revolves around the consequences of both his choices and his lust. When John erects — woops — I mean elects to ignore the age-old adage, "Beware Ruskies bearing bum," he is burnt by the heat of passion.

When the forlorn Nadia enters the scene, John quickly realizes she is not the babushka he chose. Despite his usual deference to rules and the status quo, he decides against correcting the error after discovering just how saucy, and willing, Nadia can be in night clothes.

The real hijinks begin when her long lost buddies, bilingual Yuri and thug-gish Alexei, arrive on the scene pouring Stolli and smoking plenty of Marb reds.

MR: Kudos to two Frenchman, Vincent Cassel and Mathieu Kassovitz, for portraying Russians so well.



Nicole Kidman and Ben Chaplin star together in dark crime comedy, "Birthday Girl."



Jez Butterworth's "Birthday Girl," made two years ago, is finally being released by Miramax in a limited run.

PC: Also for Kidman, a native Aussie, who smoothly sheds her down under and borrowed American accents in order to sound like a native Russian.

MR: I agree that Kidman's Russian dialect is spot on, but then again, what do I know about Russians? Boris, Natasha, Yakov Smirnoff. With these as my only references, I can be as easily duped as John.

PC: No, I've seen "The Hunt for Red October" enough times to know fake Moscow when I hear it. And la femme NiKidman passes the bill.

MR: Yes, her performance is so convincing it almost lets the audience forget how ludicrous the plot is. Almost. Luckily, Chaplin's doltish character is there to wake everyone up from this temporary insanity. His naive, perverted, and irrational behavior is unrealistic and annoying. And while the script may call for John to play the thankless role of the dupe, the character gets no help from Chaplin's shallow performance. He has this blank stare stuck on his face no matter what emotion he's trying to express.



Ben Chaplin's character is surprised to find a couple of not-so-friendly Russians in his apartment.

PC: Chaplin may be a nobody opposite Kidman, but Butterworth still succeeds in striking a pleasant balance between her and the rest of the cast.

Butterworth also chooses wisely in creating a soundtrack that opts away from obtrusive background noise, melding music and silence with fewer seams than the word "Eurasian." He even

resists the temptation to wedge in the old musical standards "Happy Birthday!" or the Beatles' "Birthday" into the action.

Butterworth has ample opportunity to overstuff his frames with images of speedy sex and violence, but takes a minimalist approach to these moments so that the plot is slowly inflated with tension rather than detonating with the impulse of a cartoon Acme plunger.

MR: The background silence, a bumpy hand-held camera and numerous long takes do help add a layer of realism, but there are still too many plot holes to make the story plausible. This really is a simple romantic comedy trying to wear the dress of a racy, suspense thriller.

PC: So Butterworth's no auteur.

MR: Not yet anyway. The Brothers Butterworth, co-writers Jez and Tom, try to shake up the romantic comedy genre with an unusual premise, some interesting Russians and a little flashy camera movements, but the story is just too silly to work. The style is all for show to disguise the lack of substance. The supposedly kinky sex is barely shown, the violence lies entirely in threats instead of action, and the ending is too predictable to be suspenseful.

Still, if you can suspend your disbelief for a little while, you can enjoy the movie on a superficial level. That's why the film repeats the mantra "Trust and let go." One might think the statement refers to John, but it's

really a warning to the viewers that to enjoy the next 93 minutes they should leave common sense behind and just go with the flow.

PC: You say. For me, the pattern that emerges from all of the film's objects and images reveals that it is built to resemble a poor man's 007 flick. Chaplin is a bumbling boyish Brit who, if you can imagine, is equal parts James Bond and Mr. Bean. He drives a tiny sports coupe, but is awkward around women; he races valiantly to the rescue, but stumbling all the way. That John finds Nadia on an Internet service called "From Russia With Love," is only the most obvious tribute from Team Butterworth to the 1963 installment of the formula spy series. The one Bondian motif that "Girl" lacks is some stupid theme song over the opening credits, until — voila! — the closing credits roll and there's a song entitled, that's right, "Something Stupid."

MR: "Stupid" being the operative word. Sure, the classic Bond film relies more on style than substance, but it thrives on the witty camp and charm that "Birthday Girl" fails to achieve.

PC: Butterworth adds original material to all the Bond allusions, but admittedly still ends with an ambivalent

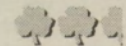
script that never fully commits to being either a classic caper tale or a genuine love-suspense story. Its short running time is indicative of a lack of depth, but "Girl," with the help of a typically svelte Kidman, will capture enough attention to hold its own in this frigid period of cinema sweeps until the next deluge of blockbuster releases in the spring.

MR: Sorry, despite Kidman's talents, it's not worth your time.

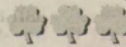
By the time they finished collaborating on this review, Melissa and Paul were wishing they had never heard the name Butterworth. And they were eating pancakes at the time. Contact them at mrauch@nd.edu and pcamarata@nd.edu.

"Birthday Girl"

Melissa's rating



Paul's rating



out of five shamrocks

Director: Jez Butterworth

Starring: Nicole Kidman and Ben Chaplin

WINTER OLYMPICS

WTC flac to be used in opening ceremonies

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

The tattered American flag recovered from the rubble at ground zero will be carried at the Winter Olympics' opening ceremony Friday night in a compromise of patriotism and protocol.

A group of U.S. athletes, New York City firefighters and Port Authority police will be allowed to take the flag into the ceremony in a "solemn, dignified entrance," the International Olympic Committee said Wednesday, reversing an earlier decision.

Barring bad weather, the delicate banner will then be raised beside the Olympic flame at Rice-Eccles Stadium while "The Star-Spangled Banner" is played.

The flag will not be part of the main parade of athletes during the opening ceremony and instead will be carried in after all teams have entered the stadium.

Still, it will be the official U.S. flag of the Winter Games, at the center of an event with an estimated 3 billion people watching worldwide.

"We had a great deal of discussion as to how to honor the flag as a symbol of the heroes of Sept. 11," said Mitt Romney, president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, who criticized the IOC's original decision.

"This is a way to honor the flag and honor the Olympians as a world event. We feel very connected with the athletes of the world."

The International Olympic Committee originally said American athletes would not be allowed to carry the flag, but that it could be raised as the official U.S. flag at the opening ceremony. The IOC said the plan proposed by the U.S. Olympic Committee violated rules barring political acts during the ceremony.

The decision brought quick criticism. Talk shows nationwide were filled with the topic. The USOC received 75-100 e-mails and dozens of telephone calls at its Colorado Springs, Colo., headquarters. And Romney issued a statement that he "respectfully disagreed" with the IOC's decision.

That's when the IOC relented.

Before a single chant of "USA, USA" rang out through the Wasatch Mountains, international Olympic officials seemed to botch their first attempt to quash what seems inevitable — that these will be America's Games.

"There is always a question, what is the best way?" said Bob Ctvrtlik, a former Olympic volleyball player from the United States and now an IOC member. "I think the U.S. athletes will be very satisfied."

The athletes who will carry the

flag will be picked after discussions with Port Authority police officers who are bringing the flag to Salt Lake City, Romney said. The flag was due to arrive Wednesday night.

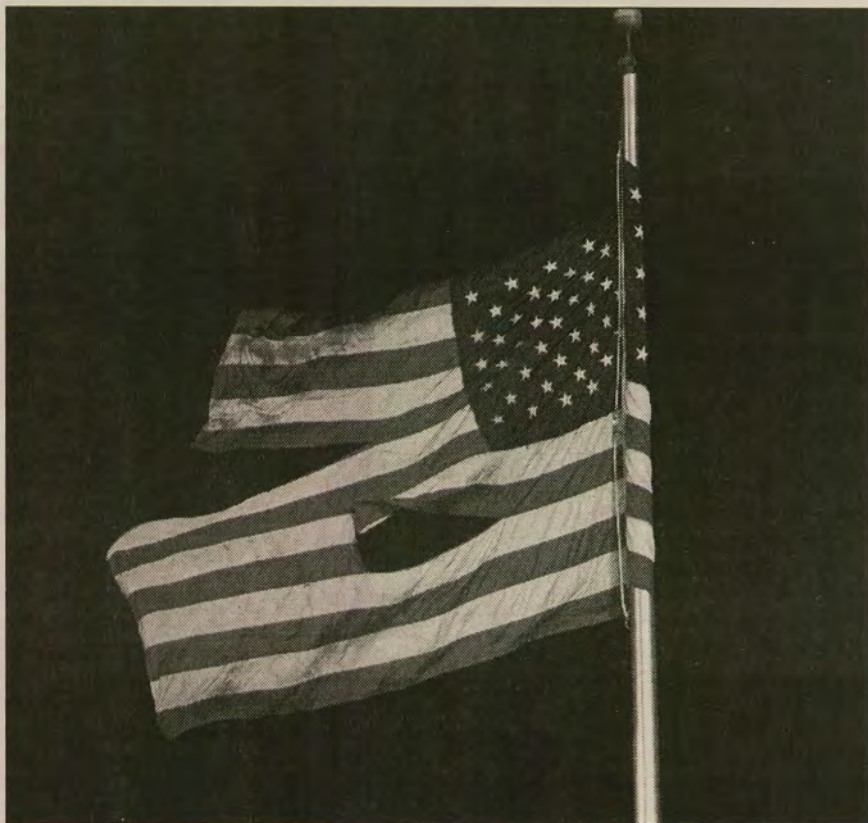
The announcement of the new plan, made by IOC director general Francois Carrard, underscored the emotion attached to the flag and the difficulties of managing a sports event that also is one of the world's largest political stages.

The compromise was reached just before midnight, after a two-hour meeting of IOC, USOC and SLOC officials and their advisers.

"The ground zero flag will enter solemnly during the opening ceremony," Carrard said. "It will be carried by an honor guard of American athletes and other heroes, policemen, firemen. This will be a solemn, dignified entrance."

The 12-foot-by-8-foot flag was the only American flag flying at the World Trade Center the morning of Sept. 11.

It was buried in rubble for three days and was torn in two



ALLSPORT PHOTO

The American flag recovered from the rubble of the Sept. 11 attacks at the World Trade Center flies over a World Series game. The IOC will allow the U.S. to use the flag in the Opening Ceremonies.

places. Rescuers turned it over to a National Guard colonel for a ceremonial destruction. The colonel gave the flag to the Port Authority Police Department. The Port Authority of New York

and New Jersey owned the trade center.

The flag flew over a World Series game at Yankee Stadium last fall and was included in ceremonies at the Super Bowl.

WINTER OLYMPICS

Two Americans among those elected to IOC

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

In a major boost for U.S. power in international sports, a Los Angeles business leader was elected vice president of the IOC on Wednesday and America's top Olympic official was chosen as a committee member.

James Easton, whose company makes aluminum baseball bats and arrows, easily won the vice presidency over Canada's Paul Henderson, 52-

32. Easton's new position returns a U.S. member to the IOC's powerful executive board.

Sandra Baldwin, the president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, was chosen as a member of the IOC 69-25, with three abstentions.

Baldwin takes the seat formerly held by Bill Hybl, her predecessor as USOC president.

Hybl's continuation on the IOC after his domestic term expired had been criticized by

some Olympic leaders.

IOC officials said Easton's election was based on both his personal qualities and the desire to have an American voice on the board.

"He is very competent, very loyal. He has been there when we needed him," IOC director general Francois Carrard said. "We are very happy the United States is again represented on the executive board. We have always felt than an important country like the United States should be on the board. It

meets our objectives."

Also elected to the board were two members who ran unopposed — Toni Khoury of Lebanon and Tommy Sithole of Zimbabwe.

The United States has four IOC members — Easton, Baldwin, former vice president Anita DeFrantz and athlete representative Bob Ctvrtlik.

Besides Baldwin, the IOC accepted nine other new members to raise its roster to 131.

Elected were Saudi Arabian Prince Nawaf Fahd Abdul

Aziz, Kikis Lazarides of Cyprus, Park Yong-sung of South Korea, Patrick Chamunda of Zambia, Sheikh Tamin Bin Hamad bin Khalifa A-Thani of Qatar, Kai Holm of Denmark, Francois Narmon of Belgium, Youssoupha Ndiaya of Senegal and Matthew Pinsent of Britain.

Pinsent, a three-time gold medalist in rowing, was elected to fill an athlete's membership vacated by Polish javelin thrower Jan Zelezny, who resigned.

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Seniors:

Only 100 days left

■ by Fr. John Herman c.s.c.

Rector, O'Neill Hall and Director of Retreats

One hundred days. Only 100 days stand between today and that great day, May 19th, when family and friends will gather in the Joyce Center to celebrate the graduation of their daughters and sons, their brothers and sisters and their friends. Only 100 days remain until a very significant chapter of life, four years at Notre Dame, comes to a close. The Class of 2002 will then join the ranks of this great university's alumni/alumnae, and will move on to the next chapter of life, wherever that may be. It's not yet time for our seniors to head to the Grotto for that last visit, but it's approaching all too rapidly, isn't it?

It's not my intention to get you seniors into a countdown mode. My hope is simply that you will realize just how precious the time is that you have left here at Notre Dame. Despite the sometimes less than ideal weather, to be here at Notre Dame is a gift from God. It is a gift that so many people throughout the country and world would love to have but a privilege that relatively few will ever enjoy. Time is such a precious commodity, especially here. What will you do with the time that you have left here? How will you make the most of it all?

Go to lunch with that inspiring professor. Get a group together to do Christmas in April. Reconcile with that friend you lost during your sophomore year. The possibilities are endless.

The challenges and pressures that seniors might be feeling at this time are, in all likelihood, greater for this class than they have been for seniors in recent years. That question that seniors typically dread may be looming even larger than usual this year. "What are you going to do after graduation?" Even those fortunate seniors with an answer to that question can be weighed down by other questions about the shape their lives will take beyond the friendly confines of Notre Dame and away from their friends. The danger in the focusing on these questions is the possibility of losing a sizable chunk of the present, here under the Dome, to the future. We may be

walking through today while our minds are half-way into September. We may lose at least part of the great gift that today can be for us here at Notre Dame to our questions about the future.

Living in the present is a challenge not just for seniors anticipating life beyond Notre Dame but for everyone. We can easily lose the present moment because we're either bound up by the past or riveted on the future. It sounds obvious, but the present is where life is, where our friends are, where God is found. The present is all we have. Why can't we embrace the present and be fully engaged by it while still learning from the past and preparing for the future? It's not easy! There is surely something more for us to do, to discover and to learn right here, right now. It's not over yet. Not nearly.

How will we make the most of the time that we have left at Notre Dame? What are some things that we might do to take advantage of the meaningful opportunities that still lie before us here? There are so many possibilities. Go to lunch with that inspiring professor. Get a group together to do Christmas in April. Reconcile with that friend you lost during your sophomore year. Spend some quiet time with God in the Basilica, at the Grotto or in one of the many chapels on campus. Get up early one morning and walk or run the lakes with your friends. Take time to give thanks to God and to the people who have cared so much and given so much of themselves to you. The possibilities are endless.

There are also two other special opportunities for seniors. Campus Ministry offers two great chances for seniors to get together for prayer and for reflection on their time here at Notre Dame and on the way that God has been a part of this experience and is calling them to live their lives and their faith beyond graduation. **Senior Retreats #7 (Fri.-Sat., Apr. 5-6) and #8 (Fri.-Sat., Apr. 19-20)** are opportunities for seniors to step away from the pressures of this final semester to focus on what has been and what will be that they might find more meaning and peace in the time left here at Notre Dame. Mark your calendars now!

As Ferris Bueller said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in awhile, you could miss it." Life is moving pretty fast, isn't it, seniors? Stop and look around. Every day of our life is a gift from God. Don't just countdown the days that remain until graduation. Make those days count.

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

■ Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, February 9 Mass

5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c.

Sunday, February 10 Mass

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Wilson D. Miscamble, c.s.c.

11:45 a.m.

Rev. Edward A. Malloy, c.s.c.

■ Around Campus

Sunday, February 10

Spanish Mass

1:30 p.m., Zahm Hall Chapel

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5:00 p.m., Law School Chapel

MBA Mass

7:00 p.m., Mendoza COB Chapel

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BOXING

ABC recommends states to ban Tyson

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The Association of Boxing Commissions is recommending that other states follow Nevada by denying Mike Tyson a boxing license.

The ABC's suggestion isn't binding, though, because while state commissions uphold other states' license revocations or suspensions of boxers, they are not bound to honor a license denial.

Shelly Finkel, Tyson's adviser, said seven states have expressed interest in a Tyson challenge to WBC-IBF heavy-weight champion Lennox Lewis.

General manager Eddie Gossage of the Texas Motor Speedway at Fort Worth, said he spoke with Finkel and Main Events, Lewis' American promoter.

Dickie Cole, boxing coordinator of Texas, has said Tyson could get a license there. He has not applied in Texas, but he is supposed to apply for a license in California in about two weeks.

There also is a political reason behind the ABC's action.

The ABC is against having a Federal Boxing Commission, and the group's president, Tim

Lueckenhoff, said that for that reason, "I think it's important that we as an association stick together."

The Nevada State Athletic Commission voted 4-1 on Jan. 29 not to issue a license to Tyson so he could fight Lewis on April 6 in the MGM Grand at Las Vegas.

"All we did was deny him a license within the borders of Nevada," said Marc Ratner, executive director of the Nevada commission.

"We understand that each state and Indian reservation has its own criteria for reaching a license," Lueckenhoff said.

He said he had the unanimous support of the ABC's 13-member board of directors in making the recommendation to follow Nevada's lead.

The ABC has 49 states and Indian reservations, including Nevada, as members, according to Lueckenhoff.

Lewis has said his WBC mandatory defense against Tyson won't happen on April 6 and that he might fight another opponent. Lewis, however, remains under contract for a Tyson fight.

The WBC has let it be known that it expects Lewis to fight the top-ranked Tyson before he fights anyone else.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles give Dutch a scare

By JOE LINDSLEY

Byline Title

Saint Mary's expected Hope to be a tough opponent Wednesday night. Hope probably didn't expect the same of Saint Mary's.

But if the Flying Dutch did not expect much from the Belles before the game, they soon realized just how badly the Belles wanted an upset victory during the first few minutes of the contest at Hope College's Dow Center.

Hope (21-1, 10-1 MIAA) continued to distance itself from the rest of the conference as the Flying Dutch beat the Belles 74-64.

Considering Hope's prowess in the conference N on average they only allow their opponents 54.2 points while scoring 70.2 themselves — Saint Mary's had a successful night, even with injured star Anne Blair only playing 14 minutes.

"I thought the team really came out from the start ready to go. I was very, very impressed and proud of them, of the way they stepped on the court to play," said Belles' coach Suzanne Smith.

"It was amazing to look in our players' eyes the first 10 minutes and see the intensity in their eyes," she added.

"Our whole team [is pleased]. We improved and

played so much better since the last time we played them. It is definitely encouraging," said senior guard Jamie Dineen.

The Belles started off strong, and stayed with the Flying Dutch throughout the first half. At the buzzer, Dineen sunk a 3 to put Saint Mary's within five, 31-26.

Because Blair had injured her thumb in practice Tuesday, she was only able to contribute two boards and an assist to the Belles' cause, but sophomore forward Katie Miller stepped up, scoring 22 points, including going 4-9 from beyond the arc.

Freshman Emily Creachbaum and Dineen helped the Belles rack up points with their totals of 12 and 15, respectively.

Despite Miller's shooting accuracy though, Hope's offense was able to take more shots and make more shots, and the defense was able to force turnovers and confuse Saint Mary's at times.

"Hope really put a lot of pressure on us, trying to force a lot of turnovers, gave us different defensive looks," Smith said. "They reached into their bag of tricks and threw out a couple of defensive looks that we weren't expecting."

Katie Boyce was aggressive at the boards, pulling down six, but Hope was able to out-

rebound the Belles 31-26, thanks to efforts by Laura Poppema, Amy Brower, and Amy Baltmanis.

Although Saint Mary's started the game with much focus and assertiveness, its intensity started to fizzle during the second half.

The Belles shot 60 percent from the floor in the first half, but lost accuracy as they attempted more shots in the second, when they went 15-30 from the field. The Belles only went to the line five times and made three of those shots, while the Flying Dutch were 6-11 in free throws.

Aided by Miller's four 3-pointers, the Belles' shot 50 percent from beyond the arc, while the Flying Dutch — typically not a 3-point shooting team — shot just 33.3 percent in six attempts.

Overall, Saint Mary's is pleased to have finished within 10 points of the top-ranked team in the conference, but, as they look forward to playing at Olivet on Saturday, there is still some disappointment.

"They really expected to win tonight," said Smith.

The Belles (7-15, 3-8 MIAA) are currently ranked second to last in the conference standings.

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NBA

Divac's triple double leads Kings over Celtics

Associated Press

BOSTON

Peja Stojakovic scored 24 points and Vlade Divac had his seventh career triple-double to lead the Sacramento Kings to a 102-85 victory over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

Divac had 15 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists for the Kings, who entered the All-Star break with an NBA-best record of 37-11.

Antoine Walker scored 26 points for the Celtics, who lost for the fourth time in six games and closed out their first half with a record of 28-21.

The Kings, who were without Chris Webber (stomach flu), swept the season series against the Celtics for the second straight season and for only the fourth time since the series began in the 1948-49 season.

Sacramento opened the second half with a 10-0 run, extending its lead to 70-50. Walker made a layup at 7:55 of the period to halt the run.

Hedo Turkoglu made a 3-pointer from the corner to give the Kings their largest lead of the game at 90-62. Sacramento shot 13-for-19 from the field in the third quarter.

Trailing 42-34 with 5:20 remaining in the second quarter, Sacramento broke the game open with a 21-3 run. Bobby Jackson and Turkoglu

combined for 14 points and the Kings led 60-50 at the break.

Stojakovic had 13 points and Divac added five assists in the first quarter.

Cavaliers 111, Rockets 109

Andre Miller scored 31 points, and Lamond Murray scored the go-ahead basket with 21 seconds remaining and blocked a shot with 9 seconds left to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to a victory over the Houston Rockets.

Steve Francis took Houston's last shot. The ball bounced around the rim and fell through the basket, but the referees ruled the shot came after time had expired.

Francis knelt at midcourt in disbelief and Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich went to the scorer's table to protest the call. A television replay appeared to show the call was correct.

Miller finished with 13 rebounds, and Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored all 12 of his points in the fourth quarter as the Cavaliers snapped a three-game losing streak. Cleveland had lost 15 of its last 16 games.

Cuttino Mobley scored 29 points, and Francis added 25 for Houston.

Miller snapped a 106-all tie with a turnaround jumper from along the baseline with 55 seconds left, giving Cleveland a 108-106 lead.

Nine seconds later, Francis drove the lane for an easy basket, was fouled, and completed the three-point play to give Houston a 109-108 lead.

Murray scored his first points of the second half with 21 seconds left to give Cleveland a 110-109 lead.

After Francis missed a layup, Eddie Griffin grabbed the rebound and had his shot swatted away by Murray.

Miller made one free throw with 6.8 seconds left for the final margin.

Wesley Person made 10 of his first 11 shots from the field and helped the Cavaliers build a 72-62 lead with 3:52 left in the third quarter. Person finished with 23 points.

Mobley, limited to two points on 1-for-2 shooting in the first half, scored nine straight points in the third quarter to rally the Rockets.

Miller and Person each had 12 first-half points as the Cavs built a 50-46 lead by the break.

Mavericks 112, Nets 100

Tim Hardaway hit a go-ahead 3-pointer to ignite a game-ending 16-2 run that led the Dallas Mavericks to a victory over the New Jersey Nets.

Hardaway had seven of his 11 points in the run that led Dallas to a team record-tying seventh straight road win and ended the Nets' eight-game home winning streak.

Dallas, which shot 27-for-27 from the line and was coming off a 141-140 double-overtime victory over Indiana on Tuesday night, has won 23 of its last 28 games.

Dirk Nowitzki had 22 points and Steve Nash added 18 points and 12 assists for the Mavericks, who played without Juwan Howard, who was sitting out a one-game suspension.

Wang Zhizhi had a career-high 15 points in the game that matched the coaches in this weekend's All-Star game.

Don Nelson of the Mavericks will coach the West, while Byron Scott of the Nets will coach the East.

Kenyon Martin had 26 points, Keith Van Horn added 21 and Jason Kidd had 14 points and 12 assists for the Nets, who were shut out in the final 4:25.

New Jersey, which trailed by 12 at the half, outscored Dallas 34-20 in the third quarter to take an 86-84 lead.

Kidd gave the Nets leads of 95-94 and 98-96 with a drive across the lane and a 3-pointer, respectively.

Right after the 3-pointer, Hardaway made a high-arching 3-pointer from the left corner for a 99-98 lead.

After a couple of misses by each team, Wang hit a set shot to make it 101-98 with 4:39 to go.

Martin scored on an ally-ooop

dunk from Kidd with 4:25 to go but Dallas scored the final 11 points with Hardaway adding the finishing touches with a jumper and two free throws. Nash hit a big 3-pointer and Nowitzki added a jumper to put the game out of reach.

The game between the leaders of the Eastern Conference and the third-best team in the West was an event.

Mavericks owner Mark Cuban sat behind the Dallas bench and across from basketball great Magic Johnson, the close friend of Nets' coach Byron Scott.

They were treated to an uptempo game that featured great passes by two of the best point guards in the game, spectacular dunks and an exciting contest.

The Mavericks shot nearly 56 percent in the first half and got the help of 15 points from Nash, 10 apiece from Nowitzki and Michael Finley and a surprising nine from Wang in a two-minute first quarter blitz that helped to build a 64-52 halftime lead.

However, the Nets dominated the third quarter just like they did on Monday night in handing Sacramento — the best in the West — its worst loss of the season.

Martin had eight points and Kittles, Van Horn and rookie Jason Collins each added seven.

NHL

Hull's sliding tip-in clinches victory for Senators

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Jody Hull scored on a tip-in while falling down with 2:40 remaining as the Ottawa Senators beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 6-4 Wednesday night.

Mike Fisher, dug the puck out of the corner and fired at the net from close to the goal line. Hull, sliding to the ice, stuck out his stick and deflected the puck past Columbus goaltender Ron Tugnutt.

Patrick Lalime stopped 28 shots for the victory.

The Senators are unbeaten in six games (3-0-3-0) while Columbus has lost five in a row.

Shawn McEachern, Hull and Fisher each had a goal and an assist for Ottawa. Todd White and Sami Salo each had two assists.

Ray Whitney had a goal and an assist for the Blue Jackets.

Columbus, which was humiliated 8-0 by Boston on Monday night, turned the tables by scoring two quick goals against the Senators.

Whitney's slap shot from the blue line across open ice slipped past Lalime at 1:19 of the first, giving Whitney his 14th goal of the season. Grant Marshall jammed in his 13th after Tyler Wright's shot bounced off of Lalime's chest at the 5:09 mark.

Ottawa came back to make it 2-1 with Chris Neil picking up his sixth goal.

The Senators then scored twice in 19 seconds. The quicker, faster Senators made the most of a 4-on-4 situation in each case.

Radek Bonk scored the first, taking advantage when Ricard Persson's bullet from the wing glanced off both posts and ricocheted back into the crease between Tugnutt's legs. Bonk's 16th goal was in the net before Tugnutt knew where the puck was.

McEachern sliced a centering pass from the left boards that bounced off the skate of Columbus defenseman Deron Quint for his ninth goal of the year.

Columbus countered with two

more goals at the outset of the second period, Espen Knutsen scoring his ninth on the power play through traffic at the 2:54 mark and Lyle Odelein picking up his second of the season — and first since Nov. 1 — on a long slap shot that eluded Lalime on the glove side.

Daniel Alfredsson's 27th of the year — and 150th of his career — came at the 11:58 mark on the power play to tie it again at 4-4.

Capitals 2, Wild 1

Ulf Dahlen had a goal and as assist as the Washington Capitals snapped a four-game losing streak with a victory over the Minnesota Wild.

The win was Washington's first since a 3-0 shutout of Atlanta on Jan. 22. The Capitals also had lost four consecutive home games.

The loss was Minnesota's fourth straight and the Wild slipped to 1-7-3-2 in their last 13 games.

Goalie Olaf Kolzig made 29 saves, including a diving stop of

Lubomir Sekeras with 2:07 left to help preserve the victory. The Capitals also killed all five Minnesota power-plays, including one over the game's final 1:26.

Dahlen gave the Capitals a 1-0 lead with 5:09 left in the first period on an impressive individual play. He swung behind the goal and came out to fire a shot past goalie Dwayne Roloson.

Peter Bondra made it 2-0 with a second-period power-play goal with 6:28 left in the period.

The Wild cut the lead in half when Richard Park scored a short-handed goal at 3:07 of the third. Park converted a pass from Wes Walz and beat Kolzig inside the right post for the Wild's ninth short-handed goal this season.

Lightning 3, Panthers 2

Kevin Weekes made 37 saves and Stan Necker had two assists as the Tampa Bay Lightning held off the Florida Panthers.

Weekes won just his third game in 10 starts as the Lightning won for the second time in seven games.

In the final two periods, he faced 29 shots and made 27 saves.

Nikita Alexeev scored his first NHL goal with 15:26 left in the third period, giving Tampa Bay a 3-1 lead. From the point, Necker fed Alexeev, who slid a backhand shot by Panther goalie Trevor Kidd.

Necker had gone 22 games without a point before setting up Tampa Bay's final two goals of the night.

Pavel Bure had a goal and an assist for Florida, which has not won in six games.

With 15.5 seconds left in regulation, Weekes stopped Pavel Bure's slap shot from the point.

Robert Svehla helped Florida close to within one goal by beating Weekes with a wrist shot with 7:47 left in regulation. Bure assisted.

Ben Clymer gave Tampa Bay a 2-1 lead, pushing in a short wrist-shot at 16:05 of the second period for his 11th goal. The puck sprung to Clymer after deflecting off the skate of Brad Richards.

Bure's power-play goal at 12:35 of the second period tied the game at 1. Bure, who has 18 goals, batted out of the air a rebound after Sandis Ozolinsh's slap shot from the point was saved by Weekes.

Marcus Nilson worked the puck free from behind the Tampa Bay net to Bure, who pushed a pass to Ozolinsh.



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FOOTBALL

Davie laid the foundation

♦ Much of the Irish class of 2006 recruited by Bob Davie

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

In the middle of December, wide receiver Maurice Stovall had a better chance of walking on Mars than attending Notre Dame.

Who could blame him? In just two short weeks, Notre Dame fired Bob Davie, and George O'Leary resigned in disgrace, leaving the Irish football office in shambles. Stovall dropped Notre Dame to fifth on his list of five schools.

Then Tyrone Willingham arrived. And everything changed.

Willingham's straightforward personality and his commitment to a pro-style offense were enough to convince the Pennsylvania high school standout to cause him to reconsider and eventually declare his intent to play for Notre Dame.

"It was hard for me to believe they got him, especially with everything that was going on with their coaching situation," recruiting analyst Max Emfinger said. "He's a big, big commitment."

But while Willingham was able to secure late commitments from blue-chip recruits like Stovall, Davie established the foundation of this recruiting class.

In fact, it's hard to say how Willingham affected Notre Dame's recruiting, and it's even harder to describe his recruiting style. Most of his time spent in the month since

he was named head coach revolved around him trying to convince players who committed to Davie that they would still be able to play under Willingham.

"Most of the class is Davie's because Davie was recruiting for months," recruiting analyst Allen Wallace said. "Ty Willingham hasn't had very much time to come in. Ty was able to switch over to a lot of recruits that he couldn't go after at Stanford. It's been a big change of pace for him."

While Willingham's coaching staff can be credited with securing the commitments of several top recruits like Stovall and Travis Leitko, Davie's staff laid most of the groundwork for the current class of recruits.

Before the 2001 season even began, Notre Dame already had an unprecedented 12 commitments. By comparison, in 2000, Notre Dame only had three commitments before the season began.

It appeared as if the Irish were well on their way to landing a top-ranked recruiting class.

But when Davie was fired Dec. 2, the recruiting was put on hold until Willingham was hired Jan. 1. During that time, many of the assistant coaches and administrators remained in contact with recruits to maintain stability.

"I think it was extremely important to have that group of already committed young men in place," Willingham said. "But I think it also made it very difficult because you had a group of young men

associated with one personality and one group of coaches, and now you were kind of breaking those ties. I think to kind of reunite or rebound that group was an important element."

Willingham wasn't able to keep every player. Linebacker Jeremy Van Alstyne switched from Notre Dame to Michigan when he reportedly wasn't contacted by Willingham. And wide receiver Josh Hannum dropped Notre Dame in favor of Penn State because he said he felt more comfortable with the Nittany Lions' players.

But the fact that Willingham couldn't keep all of Davie's commitments nor land top prospect Lorenzo Booker isn't necessarily a bad thing. In fact, most recruiting analysts believe Willingham's ability to recruit at Notre Dame can only be evaluated next year, not this year.

"[The new staff] is going to have bring in an aggressive style of recruiting," recruiting analyst Tom Lemming said. "A hard working style, but we won't know until next year how well it works."

"I think he did a marvelous job recruiting at Stanford," Emfinger said. "I think he got a lot of players at Stanford who were good academic players who weren't as good on the field. I think he's an excellent coach, and I think at Notre Dame he will do a great job."

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eight points, but was a force under the net with 14 rebounds.

Despite the 17-point win, the Irish struggled to put the Scarlet Knights away early.

Carroll hit two 3s and the Irish scored on their first five possessions for a quick 12-4 lead, but the Scarlet Knights whittled away at the deficit steadily, bringing the score to within two on a Eugene Dabney jumper five minutes into the game. Rutgers held on to tie it up at 19 and 21 midway through the half, but the Scarlet Knights were never able to gain the lead.

The Irish, who pulled away to a 48-40 halftime lead, shot close to 50 percent before heading into the locker room, and three Irish players broke into double figures before the break.

The Irish picked up some more offensive steam in the second half, finally pulling ahead with a double-digit lead midway through the second half.

Graves came up with a key steal and drew an intentional foul at the basket, and Thomas drained a 3 from five feet beyond the arc six minutes into the half to give the Irish their first double-digit lead and bring Irish fans to their feet six minutes into the second half.

Swanagan gave the squad its next spark a few minutes later when he nailed two free throws and came up with a steal to spur another Irish 3-

pointer, pushing the lead to 74-53 at the nine-minute mark.

"I've been on [Swanagan] the last couple days in practice and I was on him at half-time in the locker room tonight," Brey said. "He's feeling better. I think he's getting close to 100 percent."

The Irish pulled to their largest lead of the night, at 22, on a Thomas fast-break dunk with six minutes remaining in the game.

"We really got some good looks tonight. When we move it and swing it, we're going to do well."

The Irish win marks the team's fourth-consecutive Big East win.

The Scarlet Knights also came into the game riding a three-game conference win streak.

But key players had trouble finding their shots.

Forward Ricky Shields and guard Jerome Coleman led the Scarlet Knights with 15, but it was not enough as Notre Dame out-rebounded Rutgers, not allowing them to capitalize offensively.

With the loss, the Scarlet Knights fall to 14-8 on the season and 5-5 in conference play.

At 16-6 and 6-3 in the Big East, the Irish will next suit up Saturday when they travel to Georgetown to try to avenge an 83-73 home loss earlier this season.

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Recruits

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Morton joined Leitko as a second team USA Today All-American pick, and is one of the top 100 players in the country, according to The Sporting News.

"[He's the] best center in the country," said Emfinger. "I've seen them all, and he's the best."

One of the recruits that gave a late verbal commitment was Olsen, who considered Iowa

and North Carolina State seriously after former head coach George O'Leary resigned. Willingham feels that Olsen is a great fit for the new offense that Notre Dame plans to implement next season.

"What we have is a young man that seems to fit very well into the needs of our system," said Willingham. "You look for a man that has a live arm and excellent mental capacity to be able to handle the adjustments and changes we will place on his shoulders, and I think Chris has that ability."

The Irish also inked lineman

James Bonelli, who was a member of the all-Californian Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Team as a senior, and the lead blocker for Booker.

Notre Dame also got the Gatorade Player-of-the-Year from Iowa, offensive lineman Scott Raridon.

A pair of tight ends will join Notre Dame next season as well. Anthony Fasano is rated as the 12th best end in the country, and Marcus Freeman is considered by many experts to be the fastest tight end in the nation.

"[Fasano is] a great tight end, a big guy that runs real well," said Emfinger. "I think he'll be a real good player for them. [Freeman] had a phenomenal year [and] he had a lot of catches. He's a diamond in the rough, [and] might be the fastest tight end in the country."

Many experts have commented on how well Notre Dame did with this class. Willingham, though, has his own evaluation to still complete. And that may not happen for a few years.

"I will leave it to the experts

to evaluate how good the class is," said Willingham. "My evaluation usually takes place about two years or three years down the road — or maybe even as many as four years down the road — when you determine how many championships you've won and how many bowl games you've been to, and that usually determines whether the class was a good class or not good one or not."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Graves shows guts in performance off the bench

The way David Graves played against Rutgers it was impossible to tell he woke up Wednesday morning and couldn't move.

He scored 18 points on 6-of-11 shooting. Not too shabby for a guy collapsed with excruciating pain in his lower back that left him wondering how in the world he'd be able to move, let alone play 28 minutes of basketball.

"I was in the worst pain of my life," he said after hobbling to his seat in the interview room after the game. "I felt like I had no hope."

Tuesday afternoon, Graves

threw a pass to a streaking Matt Carroll, very similar to a pair he threw down the court against Rutgers. It's unclear whether or not Graves crumpled to the floor before the pass reached Carroll. All that mattered was that the confident, almost cocky, shooter couldn't control the spasms in his back.

Graves left practice right away. His teammates didn't know if he'd be able to play. Heck, Graves didn't even know if he'd be able to play.

He spent most of Tuesday night in the infirmary while Dr. Jim Moriarity tried everything he knew to fix his back.

And Doc succeeded — for the night.

The next morning, Graves could barely get out of bed. It took him 25 minutes just to go to the bathroom. Playing was the least of his worries. He was too busy working on walking.

"I was very concerned," Mike Brey said. "At 3 p.m., I didn't think he would play."

But something inside Graves took over. Inner will, painkillers — it's tough to say what exactly it was that got the senior tri-captain ready for a big game against a big opponent.

It could have been the nothing-can-keep-me-down attitude that Graves shrouded himself in during a miserable five-game shooting slump where the probability of Mike Tyson taking anger-management sessions was greater than Graves' chances of making a 3-pointer.

Or it could have been the silent strength that Graves grabbed onto when he spent the night after getting benched against Georgetown tossing and turning, unable to sleep.

Then again, Graves' aching back might have caused him to latch onto the team-first attitude that he adopted when he was unwillingly relegated to a sixth-man role for the first time in his career. Although Graves would rather be starting, he's been on fire when he comes off the

bench.

Maybe he looked at the implications a loss would have on Notre Dame's postseason hopes and willed the pain to go away, kind of like he's done all season.

So an hour or so before the game, while most of the campus was wondering about the future of a high school football stand-out, Graves was worried about the future of his college career. His back had never hurt so badly in his life.

But he ran up and down the court in pre-game warm-ups, and things began to loosen up. He took a few shots, and things got better. Maybe, I'll be able to play, he thought.

After the starting lineups were announced, Graves walked behind the Notre Dame bench. In fact, whenever he wasn't in the game, he was standing behind the bench stretching his back.

"I was afraid if I sat down, my back would tighten up," he said.

A few weeks ago, Graves was about as low as a player could be. His shots weren't falling, he was losing confidence, and he played shoddy defense.

Then, last night, Graves turned in one of the gutsiest performances of the season.

Every time Graves fired a shot, he felt a twinge in his back. Whenever one of 3-point shots found the bottom of the net, he raised his arms and skipped down the court even though it felt like hell to celebrate. And

don't even ask him how bad it hurt when he was fouled hard on a breakaway lay-up.

And yet no matter how bad the pain got, he seemed happy.

Graves certainly has gone through more than his share of struggles this season. But he never seems to give up. And when his shot is on, like it was Wednesday night, he forgets that he didn't start and that he can't sit down.

"When the jumpers are falling, it kills a lot of pain," Matt Carroll told his friend after the game. "Best medicine there is."

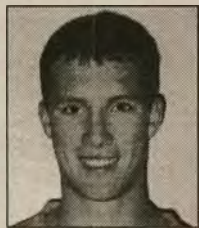
After the game, Graves joked about how he'd be popping pills and becoming best friends with his pillow in order to be ready for Notre Dame's rematch against Georgetown. And when he hobbled down out of the interview room, it was easy to assume that he sat on the bench the entire game wearing a suit.

"He was hurting," Brey said. "He was one tough sucker tonight."

It's tough to count out a guy who's gone through a lot in his career. And when the back started hurting, Graves did what he does best.

He sucked it up and played ball.

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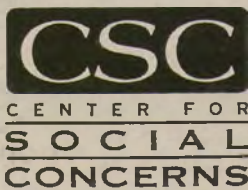
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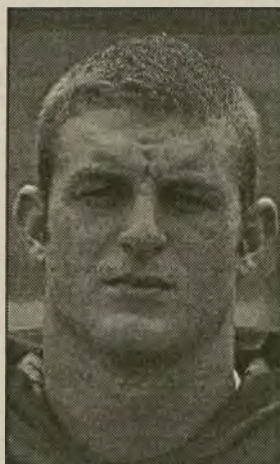
**James Bonelli**

Offensive lineman
6-6, 285
Ventura, Calif.

"He's as good an offensive lineman as there is in the country."

Max Emfinger
recruiting analyst

Notes: Top blocker for Lorenzo Booker ... named to Ventury County Star all-California Southern Section team ... helped team to 14-0 record in 2001

**Jake Carney**

Defensive back
6-0, 180
Lexington, Ken.

"A sleeper-type guy that has made a lot of big plays. He's not very big right now, but he's a playmaker."

Max Emfinger
recruiting analyst

Notes: Named to Kentucky AP all-state squad ... played offense and defense in high school ... had 35 tackles and three interceptions in 2001

**Anthony Fasano**

Tight end
6-4, 237
Verona, N.J.

"A great tight end. He runs real well, and I think he'll be a good player for them."

Max Emfinger
recruiting analyst

Notes: First-team New Jersey all-state pick by Newark Star-Ledger ... helped team to New Jersey state title ... caught 23 touchdowns passes.

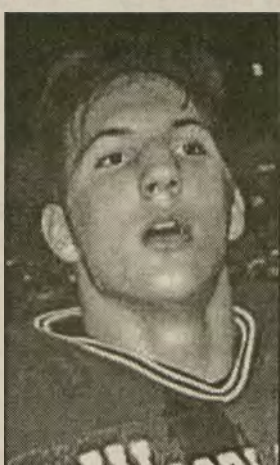
**Derek Landri**

Defensive lineman
6-2, 275
Concord, Calif.

"Landri's my defensive player of the year. He's totally unbelievable. I've never seen a player play high school ball like him."

Max Emfinger
recruiting analyst

Notes: First team USA Today All-American ... played on prep team that was the consensus national champion

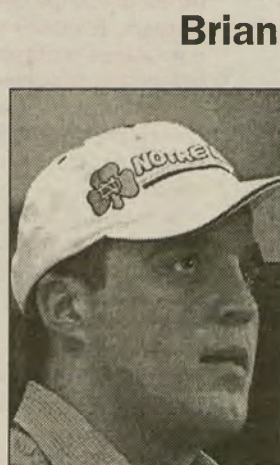
**Travis Leitko**

Defensive lineman
6-6, 250
The Woodlands, Texas

"A great defensive end. He was double teamed all year long and still made big plays."

Max Emfinger
recruiting analyst

Notes: USA Today second-team All-American ... Ranked No. 22 prep player by Chicago Sun-Times ... Comes from same high school as Grant Irons

**Brian Mattes**

Defensive lineman
6-6, 250
Larksville, Penn.

"A two way player. He got some stats at tight end, but I really like d him on defense."

Max Emfinger
recruiting analyst

Notes: First-team Pennsylvania all-state pick as a junior ... Made 70 tackles, including 13 sacks, and blocked two kicks in 2001

**Scott Raridon**

Offensive lineman
6-7, 285
Mason City, Iowa

"A super offensive lineman, one of the top offensive linemen in Iowa."

Max Emfinger
recruiting analyst

Notes: Gatorade Player of the Year for Iowa ... first-team all-state selection by Des Moines Register ... led team to first playoff berth in 16 years

**Mike Richardson**

Defensive back
6-1, 180
Warner Robins, Ga.

"He could be an aggressive young man that has speed and athletic ability."

Tyrone Willingham
Notre Dame head coach

Notes: Caught 15 passes for 180 yards as senior ... rushed 70 times for 361 yards and nine touchdowns ... will switch to defense in college

**Jamie Ryan**

Offensive lineman
6-5, 285
Tamaqua, Penn.

"A great offensive line-man who's capable of playing both ways."

Max Emfinger
recruiting analyst

Notes: Played only four games in 2001 due to blood clot in neck ... made 110 tackles and 11 sacks as a junior

The last two years

Coaches often recruit players based on who committed the year before. Below is a list of offensive players who committed to Notre Dame in the last two years.

	Class of 2005
Quarterback	none
Running back	Ryan Grant Cory Jones
Wide receiver	Marcus Wilson Carlos Campbell
Tight end	Matt Shelton Mark LeVair
Offensive line	Matt Root Zach Gilles Darin Mitchell Dan Stevenson

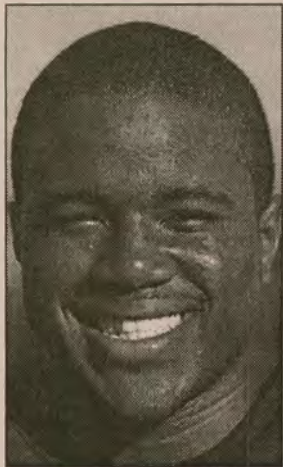
	Class of 2006
Quarterback	Chris Olsen
Running back	Jeff Jenkins Nate Schilcatano
Wide receiver	Rhema McKnight Maurice Stovall
Tight end	Anthony Fasano Marcus Freeman
Offensive line	James Bonelli Bob Morton Scott Raridon Jamie Ryan

Who's leaving

17 seniors have used their entire four years of eligibility and may not return to the Irish

Offensive players
RB - Tony Fisher
RB - Terrance Howard
WR - David Givens
WR - Javin Hunter
OL - JW Jordan
FB - Jason Murray
TE - John Owens
OL - Casey Robin
OL - Kurt Vollers

Defensive players
LB - Rocky Bolman
LB - Tyreo Harrison
DL - Grant Irons
CB - Clifford Jefferson
S - Ron Israel
S - Justin Smith
DL - Anthony Weaver
DL - Andy Wisne

**Marcus Freeman**

Tight end
6-4, 240
St. Paul, Minn.

"Had a phenomonal year. He's a diamond in the rough and may be the fastest tight end in the country."

Max Emfinger
recruiting analyst

Notes: Caught 20 passes for 300 yards and three touchdowns in 2001 ... helped team reach Class 5A quarterfinals

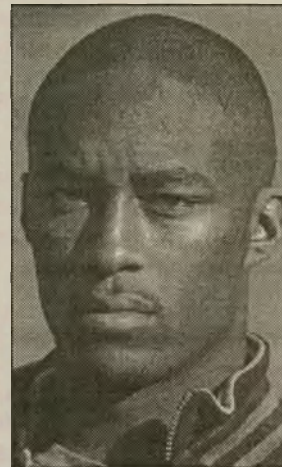
**Chris Frome**

Defensive lineman
6-5, 240
Saugus, Calif.

"I don't think he's as good as these other guys, but he could turn it on and become a very good player."

Max Emfinger
recruiting analyst

Notes: First team California all-state selection by Los Angeles Times ... made 62 tackles and five sacks in 2001

**Jeff Jenkins**

Running back
6-0, 195
Ann Arbor, Mich.

"He will be an asset to filling not only depth questions but in terms of filling skill level."

Tyrone Willingham
Notre Dame head coach

Notes: Rushed for 1,427 yards and 21 touchdowns in 2001 ... captain of Detroit Free Press Division I honor team

**Rhema McKnight**

Wide receiver
6-2, 188
La Palma, Calif.

"He's a very good wide receiver prospect and he's ranked as the ninth-best receiver in the nation."

Allen Wallace
recruiting analyst

Notes: As of 10 p.m. Wednesday, Notre Dame had yet to receive a fax making him an official member of the class of 2006.

**Bob Morton**

Offensive lineman
6-4, 305
McKinney, Texas

"Best center in the country. I've seen them all, and he's the best."

Max Emfinger
recruiting analyst

Notes: USA Today second-team All-American ... No. 98 player according to Chicago Sun-Times ... did not permit a sack in 2001

**Chris Olsen**

Quarterback
6-4, 220
Wayne, N.J.

"Had no business being committed to Notre Dame with an option offense. Now, he's perfect in Willingham's offense."

Max Emfinger
recruiting analyst

Notes: First-team New Jersey selection ... led team to state title game ... threw for 1,900 and 24 touchdowns with only five interceptions

**Dan Santucci**

Defensive lineman
6-5, 250
Chicago, Ill.

"He gives us a young man that potentially at some point in his career can be a force."

Tyrone Willingham
Notre Dame head coach

Notes: Rated one of top 100 players in Chicago area by Chicago Sun-Times ... had 50 tackles and nine sacks as senior

**Nate Schiccatano**

Running back
6-3, 220
Coal Township, Penn.

"He's a big version of the halfback with his size and speed. Hopefully, he'll add some dimensions there."

Tyrone Willingham
Notre Dame head coach

Notes: Helped team reach Pennsylvania state finals in 2000 and 2001 ... rushed for over 1,000 yards and 21 touchdowns as a senior

**Maurice Stovall**

Wide receiver
6-5, 205
Philadelphia, Penn.

"He's a young man thta has range, speed and hopefully has the maturity to really come in and help us."

Tyrone Willingham
Notre Dame head coach

Notes: USA Today first team All-American ... No. 32 prep player according to Chicago Sun-Times ... Returned four punts and five interceptions for TDs

Who might return

16 seniors could apply for a fifth year of eligibilty because they were injured or did not play for at least one full season

Offensive players

WR - Arnaz Battle
 OL - Jordan Black
 OL - John Crowther
 FB - Tom Lopienski
 OL - Sean Mahan
 FB - Mike McNair
 K - David Miller
 OL - Ryan Scarola
 H - Adam Tibble
 OL - John Teasdale

Defensive players

LB - Chad DeBolt
 S - Donald Dykes
 LB - Carlos Pierre-Antoine
 DL - Ryan Roberts
 S - Matt Sarb
 CB - Shane Walton

The last two years

Coaches often recruit players based on who committed the year before. Below is a list of defensive players who committed to Notre Dame in the last two years.

Class of 2005

Defensive line Brian Beidatsch
 Jeff Thompson

Linebacker

Brandon Hoyte
 Corey Mays
 Rashon Powers-Neal
 Justin Tuck

Defensive back Lionel Bolen
 Dwight Ellick

Class of 2006

Defensive line Chris Frome
 Derek Landri
 Travis Leitko
 Brian Mattes
 Dan Santucci

Linebacker none

Defensive back Jake Carney
 Mike Richardson

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish seek revenge against first round foe

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

After a pair of tough matches against Kentucky and Indiana last weekend, the competition doesn't get any easier this week for the Notre Dame women's tennis team, as it heads to Madison, Wis., to take part in the four-day USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship.

The tournament will showcase 16 top teams from across the nation in a four-day, dual match format that begins today.

The Irish will have to be on top of their game to even make it to the second round, however, as they draw the tough USC Trojans as a first round opponent. During the preseason, USC beat the Irish in a close, but convincing 5-2 victory.

Head coach Jay Louderback is excited about the prospect of a rematch.

"It's going to be a lot of fun playing SC in the first round," he said. "They've got a great group of kids, and it's always competitive when we play them."

In their first meeting against Southern Cal, Notre Dame's top singles player, Becky Varnum, scored a big 6-1, 6-3 upset against USC's highly-ranked Jewel Peterson.

Currently mired in a minor slump, Varnum hopes she can use this tournament as a springboard to getting her game back on the right track.

"I've been struggling a little bit, but the shots will start to fall eventually," said Varnum.

However, she was quick to add that any individual goals were secondary to the goals of the entire team.

"It's definitely not about individual redemption. Our ultimate goal is to win every match as a team," she said.

To achieve that, Louderback knows that the Irish will have to exhibit better focus than they have recently. The coach blamed a lack of concentration for last weekend's surprise loss to Indiana and hopes that the same problem won't resurface this week.

"Our mechanics are solid and everyone has the strokes, but we need to work on our mentality a little more. Staying positive and focused will be very important," he said.

If there is any indication, then the team is definitely thinking positively about the upcoming competition. According to Varnum, the general mood around the team is very upbeat, and any disappointment over last weekend's performance hasn't lingered.

"We're all looking forward to the tournament, and I think we all have a very positive mentality," she said. "We know we can do well there."

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Irish sophomore Alicia Salas returns a shot in a match earlier in the year. The Irish hope to rebound this week in the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships.

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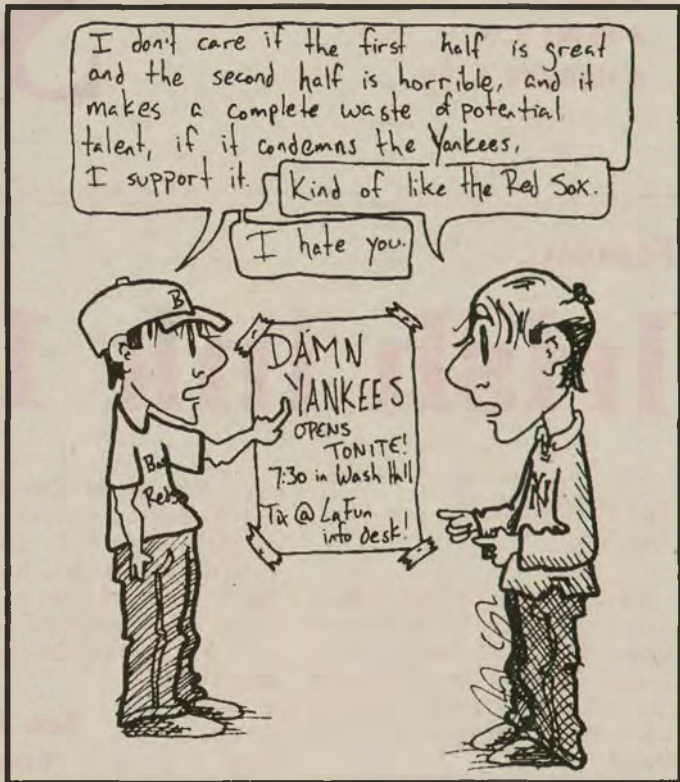
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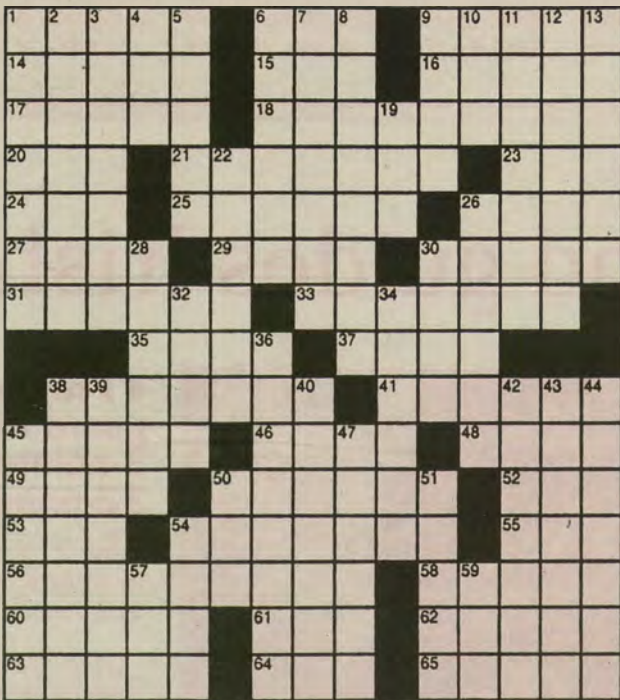
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 - 48 Grammy winner Cohn
 - 49 Acquisition from a deal
 - 50 Buy-one-get-one-free item?
 - 52 Longtime Kenyan leader
 - 53 Brewed drink
 - 54 Nightshade family plant
 - 55 Straphanger's ride
 - 56 Buy-one-get-one-free item?
 - 58 Gather
 - 60 Modern memos
 - 61 Umbrage
 - 62 Isuzu model
 - 63 Throw off
 - 64 Mortgage nos.
 - 65 Singer Kay



Puzzle by Patrick Berry

- DOWN**
- 1 Buy-one-get-one-free item?
 - 2 Buy-one-get-one-free item?
 - 3 Without thinking
 - 4 Prior to
 - 5 Draw upon again
 - 6 Texas/Louisiana border river
 - 7 Makes clear
 - 8 Well-balanced
 - 9 Explorer Cabeza de
 - 10 Big bird
 - 11 Grunt
 - 12 "The Virginian" role
 - 13 Waitress, e.g.
 - 19 Famous Bruin
 - 22 Jacqueline of "Bullitt"
 - 26 Wonder, slangily
 - 28 Looked after
 - 30 Attempt
 - 32 Big laugh
 - 34 German
 - 36 "The Three Princes of" (fairy tale)
 - 38 Poe poem
 - 39 Fir exudation
 - 40 Mouthless comic strip character
 - 42 1989-90 dance craze from Brazil
 - 43 Buy-one-get-one-free item?
 - 44 Buy-one-get-one-free item?
 - 45 Science fiction piece?
 - 47 Warning lights
 - 50 Big
 - 51 Becomes frayed
 - 54 Fiery place
 - 57 Order from Domino's
 - 59 Pithy comment

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2002

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Garth Brooks, Miguel Ferrer, Charles Dickens, Chris Rock

Happy Birthday: You have an interest in money, investments, property and the personal affairs of others this year. You will take pride in your home and do whatever is necessary to raise its value. Don't shy away from doing the work yourself at this time. You'll instinctively know what will work and what won't this year. Your numbers are 16, 23, 25, 33, 38, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your ability to absorb everything that is going on around you will contribute to the decisions you make. Share your findings with others. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put your time and effort into maintaining and fixing up your home. Money spent on property and domestic products will be well worth your while. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be emotional about your relationship. If someone you care about is being difficult, give him or her space today. Make plans to do something interesting with a close friend. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take time out to do something nice for someone you work with who is going through tough times. Your kindness will be repaid when you need help in return. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get out and do things that will be uplifting today. Your friends will praise your insightful opinions. Creative projects will help you feel good about yourself. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone at home is likely to drive

you crazy today. Try to be patient and tolerant but don't put up with abuse. Do your own chores and leave the rest. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will want to travel today. The more you get to see and experience the better. Close friends will add to your fun. Look out for something special in the mail. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will get sound financial advice if you ask someone with experience about investments and moneymaking opportunities. Don't lend money or possessions to friends. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you are in a partnership, expect to have some disagreements today. Take time to consider what is important to you in a partner. You are better off by yourself than with someone who doesn't complement you. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't push your luck with authority figures. Keep a low profile and refrain from getting into debates with co-workers. You may find yourself losing ground if you try to change. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your contribution to a worthwhile cause will enhance your reputation and introduce you to prominent individuals. You have a lot to offer and if you let your imagination take over you'll even surprise yourself today. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone you thought you could trust is probably talking behind your back. Older relatives may be a burden today. Do what you can to help but not at the expense of neglecting your own responsibilities. **

Birthday Baby: You can be impulsive, independent, sensitive and inventive. You are forever jumping from one thing to another. You have a unique approach to life that will always have an element of surprise. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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FOOTBALL

Irish ink 18 for class of 2006

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Signing Day ended with a bittersweet taste for Notre Dame on Wednesday when Lorenzo Booker chose Florida State University rather than USC, Washington and Notre Dame.

According to ESPN, the National-Player-of-the-Year had initially picked Notre Dame before changing his mind about an hour before his press conference.

The Irish also lost Diedrick Harrington earlier in the day when the linebacker signed with Missouri. However, according to Blue & Gold Illustrated, Notre Dame did

sign Rhema McKnight, the third best receiver in the country. As of 10 p.m. Wednesday night, however, Notre Dame had yet to receive a fax from McKnight confirming his commitment. The sports information department said they should receive some type of confirmation from McKnight today saying whether or not he will play for the Irish next season.

If McKnight signs with Notre Dame, he will join Maurice Stovall, rated as the second best receiver in the country and a first team USA Today

prep All-American selection, to create perhaps the best wide receiver core signed in the country this year.

Stovall brings the Irish a big, fast receiver that should fit into their new offense scheme very well.

"When you look at Maurice, first of all you see a trend in modern day football toward big explosive receivers," said Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham. "He fits that bill. He's a young man that has that kind of range, has that kind of speed, and, hopefully, has the maturity to come in and help us in the program as fast as possible."

Stovall leads an Irish class of 2006 that should still be one of the best in the nation, despite

being unable to sign Booker.

"We are very excited about the young men we will introduce into our program and hopefully they will be strong, strong elements to our success," said Willingham. "I think it was extremely important to have that group of committed young men in place."

Overall, Notre Dame signed five defensive linemen, four offensive linemen, two tight ends, two running backs, one quarterback and two receivers. Beside McKnight and Stovall, Notre Dame inked a few other big names, such as linemen Derek Landri, Travis Letiko and Bob Morton and quarterback Chris Olsen.

Landri is a member of the

Parade All-American first team, and was rated as the Defensive Player-of-the-Year by recruiting analyst Max Emfinger.

"Landri's my defensive player of the year," said Emfinger. "That's about the biggest accolade you can get. He hasn't been blocked in high school. He's totally unbelievable. I've never seen a player that's played high school ball like him."

Travis Leitko, a member of the USA Today prep All-America second team, was called "a great defensive end" by Emfinger, and has the chance to see considerable playing time next season.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thomas' hot hand guides Irish past Rutgers



Irish junior Matt Carroll brings the ball upcourt Wednesday night against Rutgers. The Irish knocked off the Scarlett Knights 89-72.

◆ Freshman point guard hits 7 3-pointers in 32-point effort

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

Irish point guard Chris Thomas shot his way out of a midseason slump Wednesday, racking up 32 points in Notre Dame's 89-72 conference win against Rutgers at the Joyce Center.

"You just got to let good players play," Irish head coach Mike Brey said. "It was a fabulous effort by him tonight."

Thomas shot 10-14 and an impressive 7-9 from behind the arc.

"That's what I call breaking out of a 1-for-50 slump," joked Thomas.

Thomas' deadly 3-pointers left the Rutgers defense scrambling all night.

"That boy hit a lot of 3s today. That just doesn't happen," Rutgers head coach Gary Waters said.

The freshman point guard led the Irish in 3s, but his supporting cast behind the arc chipped in with solid perfor-

mances, as the team hit 14 shots from downtown.

"You can't shoot better than they did today," Waters said. "When they shoot the ball well, they are as good as any team in the league. We didn't take [Irish shots] away tonight and they beat us to death with it."

Thomas was not the only Irish player who turned a key performance in the Irish win.

Forward David Graves provided a hug spark off the bench with 18 points, despite suffering through a painful low back strain injury.

Graves hurt his back in a Tuesday practice and spent the night in the infirmary.

"I was very concerned about David yesterday. He just crumbled to the floor with no one around," Brey said. "I'm really proud of him. He was hurting out there. He was a tough sucker tonight."

Graves' status was questionable until the start of the game.

"It was the worst pain of my life," Graves said. "I felt like I had no hope."

Also making waves for the Irish was junior guard Matt Carroll, who became the 42nd player in Notre Dame history to top the 1,000 point mark with his 14-point performance.

Ryan Humphrey finished the night with an uncharacteristic

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