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400 volunteer to rake leaves in South Bend

By MARY MIGLIOZZI
News Writer

Nearly four hundred students participated in Turning Over a New Leaf on Saturday, a project where students raked leaves and did other yard work for disabled residents in the northeast neighborhood.

This was the largest turnout ever for the annual project, a collaborative effort of several sponsors including the classes of 2004, 2006 and 2007, Circle K, the CSC the Robinson Center, Lewis Hall and Knott Hall.

"We want to make it a little easier for disabled and handicapped people to prepare for winter. We rake leaves and do whatever the residents ask us to do," said planning committee chair Mike Vitlip.

This is the project's third year, and turnout was almost double what organizers expected. Vitlip said that he originally anticipated about 250 participants.

The committee planned to staff 52 sites and added 10 to 20 more when other residents asked for help.

"It was fun to interact with the lady whose yard we were cleaning. She was very grateful, and it was great to help her," said Jenna Farmer, a

Pangborn sophomore. "I've been wanting to get involved with service since I've been here and hadn't done it yet. I thought it sounded like a really fun thing to do with a group of friends and a really great way to help out the community"

Farmer said she heard about the project through friends, some of whom heard about it through freshman class council or from signs in their dorm and the dorm's social concerns commissioner.

"The woman we helped was very appreciative," said Michelle McCarthy, a social concerns commissioner for Pangborn Hall who participated for the first time this year. "I think she lives by herself, and it was nice to have someone help."

McCarthy's group cleaned up the resident's yard and swept her porch and walkway.

Vitlip said that several groups like McCarthy's did chores other than raking leaves, such as chopping wood and cleaning out a porch.

"I hope in coming years it will expand to more of a winterization project, so we can do larger projects to help people prepare for winter," said Vitlip.

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Mass mourns former student



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

About 100 students, family members and friends gathered in the O'Neill Hall Chapel Sunday to remember former student Brian Berg.

By TERESA FRALISH
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About 100 students, family members and friends gathered Sunday in the O'Neill Hall Chapel for a memorial Mass in honor of former Notre Dame student Brian Berg, who was found dead Nov. 1.

"We gather here today to mourn the loss of Brian Berg, someone who was close to us, who was a part of our family. It is also a day to remember him and all the joy he brought into our lives," said Father Jay Steele, rector of Morissey Hall.

Berg, who spent the Fall 2002 semester studying in the London Program before police said he committed suicide over three

weeks ago in Bloomington, Ind., withdrew from the University last spring and was eventually diagnosed with schizophrenia.

In his homily, Steele talked about the time he first met Berg during the summer he spent working in Morissey Hall. At that time, both Steele and Annie Moranski, Berg's former girlfriend, were involved in the Notre Dame Vocational Initiative program, a part of Campus Ministry at Notre Dame.

"He was very diligent in his work," said Steele, who did not know Berg very well at the time. "One afternoon there was a knock at the door."

After seeing Moranski serve as an NDVI counselor, Berg became interested in the program as well and approached

Steele about being involved.

"He could see her transforming before his eyes. ... He wanted that for himself," Steele said.

At the end of the Mass, Moranski reflected back on how she came to know Berg.

"When I met Brian on the third day of freshman orientation, I never knew the effect he would have on my life," she said. "Brian made the ordinary extraordinary. [He] had a way of filling my heart with joy and happiness."

Funeral services for Berg were held Nov. 5 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in his hometown of Wheaton, Ill.

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Asian Allure celebrates diversity

By KATHERINE GALES
News Writer

Performers danced, sang and stepped at Saturday's Asian Allure performance.

The Asian-American Association, in conjunction with various multicultural clubs around campus, presented its Asian Allure show, "Accents," at the Century Center.

A variety of student groups took part in the production, a celebration of Asian culture and dance as well as a salute to diversity on Notre Dame's campus.

"This year we had a lot of new things," said Athena Kwey, the show's executive producer.

"It was our first time off campus and the first time we had student designs [in the fashion show]. We also had a lot of new clubs participating, so in a lot of ways it was groundbreaking."

The 700-seat Century Center theatre sold out Tuesday for the highly anticipated show, despite the fact that the show was moved off campus this year.



Photo courtesy of Stephanie Cheng

The Chinese Cultural Society performs a Chinese Ribbon Dance Saturday at Asian Allure, held in downtown South Bend at the Century Center.

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ND ex-VP named Portland's president

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

The University of Portland announced Thursday that former Notre Dame executive vice president Father William Beauchamp will be named Portland's 19th president.

Beauchamp succeeds Father David Tyson as president. Tyson stepped down from the position in June after being named provincial superior of the Indiana Province of the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

Beauchamp has served as senior vice president at Portland since 2002. He served for over 20 years at Notre Dame and remains a University fellow and trustee.

"The board is honored to announce the appointment of

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INSIDE COLUMN

Preparing for the holiday

As one of the most favored holidays of all time, Thanksgiving offers the rare chance to take a break from the hectic workday environment in order to offer thanks for all that we have been given.

Each year, we anxiously await the final Thursday of November, for the day that not only marks a

Emily Tumbrink

Assistant Scene Editor

time to give thanks, but also marks the official beginning of the holiday season. We remember the Pilgrims and Native Americans who sat down to that first Thanksgiving dinner, and who began an American tradition that has remained unbroken since President Abraham Lincoln declared it a national holiday in 1863.

Over time, the purpose of this holiday sadly seems to have shifted from its original intention. Thanksgiving is no longer solely concerned with giving thanks, but instead the preparation and engorgement of the meal takes precedence. The holiday now seems specifically designed to promote both gluttony and sloth, as we celebrate by eating more, sleeping more and watching even more football.

But here at Our Lady's University, the University of Notre Dame, the faculty and staff have graciously taken it upon themselves to prevent the spread of these two deadly sins. By piling on even more work and making it all due immediately following this lazy day of thanks, our professors have almost ensured that gluttony and sloth will not be a part of this year's holiday.

Instead, we will be intently focused on completing the 10- to 12-page paper that is thankfully due the Monday after break, while also finishing up that 350-page novel that will be discussed in class on Tuesday.

Rather than spending time with our families this year in an ungodly lethargic state, we will avoid the sleep of complacency and instead focus on the enhancement of our minds, attacking our assignments with the zeal appropriate to God-fearing Catholics such as ourselves.

Although initially we may resent this sudden onslaught of assignments, let us join together in remembrance of the true spirit of Thanksgiving, and give thanks for the faculty's obvious concern for our well-being. We should cherish each grain of knowledge that we are able to absorb, and remember who is responsible for promoting this absorption. And if we still do not appreciate the efforts of our professors, let us remember that sloth and gluttony are but two of the seven deadly sins — five others remain for us to choose from.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a production error, Tina Robinson and Sarah Colson were incorrectly identified as Saint Mary's students in the Nov. 21 article "ND students move off campus." They are seniors at Notre Dame.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW MANY CLASSES ARE YOU SKIPPING THIS WEEK?



John Hart
junior
Keenan

"None, I'm a loser."



John Axford
junior
Dillon

"I find education is the intellectual basis of this University therefore I will attend all my classes."



David Duffie
junior
off campus

"Half between Monday and Tuesday."



Mikala Engel
sophomore
Farley

"Which ever ones I decide to wake up for."



Mark Desplinter
junior
Alumni

"You're allowed to skip class?"



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Political science professor Dan Lindley discusses politics over lunch with students at the Kroc Institute Current Events Table Friday.

IN BRIEF

Come cheer on the Notre Dame men's basketball team as they take on Northern Illinois today at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

View the international film "Never on a Sunday," today at 7 and 11 p.m. in the LaFortune Montgomery Theatre. The film is from Greece with English subtitles and is sponsored by the International Students Services and Activities.

Play Drop-In Floor Hockey today from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Rolf's Recreation and Sports Center Court 1.

Head over to Legends for the Monday Night Football Game Watch from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. today.

Attend Mass at 5:15 p.m. today in Sacred Heart Basilica.

Jorge Durand, a visiting professor from the University of Chicago, will speak about "New Trends in Mexican Migration to the United States" today from 4 to 5:15 p.m. in McKenna Hall Room 208.

Attend the Council of Representatives meeting today at 6 p.m. in the LaFortune Dooley Room.

Professor Layna Mosley will present a talk on "Rules in International Finance" today at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Room C-103.

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

OFFBEAT

Chocolate Putin portrait goes on display

MOSCOW — The sweeter side of President Vladimir Putin has gone on display in Moscow: a portrait of the Russian leader entirely in chocolate.

Luxury chocolate-maker Konfael created the edible portrait of Putin on a 3.3-pound slab of white chocolate.

Other kinds of chocolate flesh out the likeness — while strawberry juice colors his lips and blueberry juice shades his tie.

The chocolate-makers say the chocolate Putin is a work of art, and they are

pricing it at \$700. Only two have been created.

"I would regret eating such a portrait," said a shopper, who only gave her first name, Lisa.

Konfael employees said the portraits are attracting attention but no buyers so far. And the clock is ticking — in a year, the chocolate will turn stale.

Car passenger convicted of drunk driving

OSLO, Norway — A 19-year-old Norwegian has been convicted of drunken driving, even though he was a passenger, had a sober designated driver

and didn't even have the keys to start a car that was turned off.

"I think it's unreasonable," said Oysten Haakanes, whose case made national news on Friday. "It makes you lose faith in the courts and police."

Haakanes and a friend were on their way home from a party in April when they stopped at a gas station to buy some food near the town of Tinn, about 130 kilometers (80 miles) west of Oslo.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 29 LOW 23	HIGH 26 LOW 23	HIGH 39 LOW 28	HIGH 44 LOW 32	HIGH 42 LOW 35	HIGH 52 LOW 34

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ND graduate leads Jackson prosecution team

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The bad blood between Michael Jackson and the prosecutor who filed child molestation charges against him goes back more than a decade.

It even spawned a song in which the pop star calls Santa Barbara County District Attorney



Jackson

Tom Sneddon a "cold man."

Ten years ago, Sneddon tried to build a child-molestation case against Jackson. But it fell apart when the singer's accuser reportedly accepted a multimillion-dollar civil settlement and refused to testify in any criminal case.

Sneddon "believed Jackson to be guilty of the first offense, and given Tom's personality, he would not let go of that," retired Superior Court Judge James Slater, who handled portions of the 1993 case, said Thursday. "He would certainly be thinking back on the last time when Mr. Jackson walked away from the judge."

On Wednesday, Sneddon said a new law that allows prosecutors to halt civil suits during related criminal cases should prevent a replay of the 1993 scenario. "I think there's a sense in the public that he did" buy his way out of that investigation, the district attorney said.

Some observers said Sneddon, a former boxer at Notre Dame who earned the nickname "Mad Dog" for his

tenacious courtroom demeanor, had waited a long time for another shot at Jackson.

Sneddon, however, rejected suggestions that he had a vendetta against Jackson or timed the arrest to coincide with the release of Jackson's latest album, a greatest-hits collection.

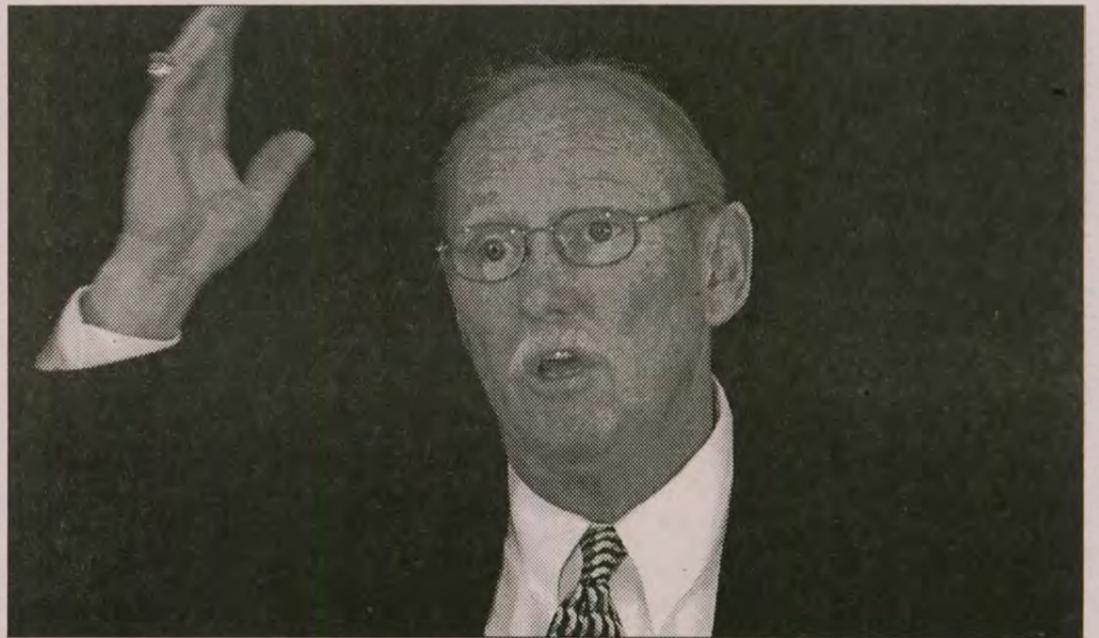
"I can tell you it's B.S., but that isn't going to change people's observations," Sneddon said. Sarcasically, he said: "Like the sheriff and I are really into that kind of music."

When that 1993 case "went to bed ... it went out of my mind. I haven't given it a passing thought," Sneddon said.

Early this year, after Jackson revealed in a British documentary that he sometimes lets children sleep in his bed, Sneddon condemned the "media circus" around the documentary and said Jackson's admission was "much ado about nothing."

Still, some observers said Sneddon, a prosecutor for 34 years and D.A. for nearly 21 of those, appeared to be grandstanding at the news conference and seemed to take delight in announcing a warrant for Jackson's arrest had been issued.

Sneddon joked with a roomful of reporters, at one point saying drawing chuckles when he welcomed them to Santa Barbara with the line, "I hope that you all stay long and spend lots of money because we need your sales tax to support our offices."



Reuters

Notre Dame graduate Tom Sneddon is the main prosecutor in the Michael Jackson case. Sneddon headed an attempt to press charges against Jackson in 1993, but failed.

"It was baffling, perplexing and it didn't have a particularly serious tone," said Laurie

"[Sneddon is] the only D.A. in the nation to have an angry song written about him by pop megastar Michael Jackson."

National District Attorneys Association

Levenson, a professor at Loyola University Law School. "A good defense lawyer is going to say he was too personally invested and you can't trust the investigation."

During the earlier investigation, Sneddon ordered photographs taken of Jackson's genitalia. At the time, Sneddon told Vanity Fair the photos matched descriptions of Jackson's geni-

italia given by boys to investigators.

The ordeal was the inspiration of a 1995 song titled "D.S." that Jackson included on his "HIStory" album. The song is widely believed to refer to the district attorney, and contains these lines: "They wanna get my ass / Dead or alive / You know he really tried to take me / Down by surprise / I bet he missioned with the CIA / He don't do half what he say."

The liner notes say Jackson sings "Dom Sheldon" is "a cold man." But listeners say Jackson clearly sings "Tom Sneddon" and "Thomas Sneddon."

In a February 2003 profile, the National District Attorneys Association called Sneddon "the only D.A. in the nation to

have an angry song written about him by pop megastar Michael Jackson."

Sneddon, who is in his early 60s, graduated from UCLA Law School in 1966 and then served in the Army for two years. He has been a prosecutor for his entire law career since then.

Those who have worked with Sneddon say he is tenacious and tough, particularly when he has made up his mind about a case — sometimes to a fault.

"There were times, and there still are, that his tenaciousness gets in the way of his better judgment and he has to step back. That's maybe more difficult for Tom than other people," Slater said. "He can be a pretty tough article."

Irish author Logue reads new vignettes

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

On Friday afternoon, Irish author Antonia Logue read vignettes from her forthcoming novel *Say of What You See in the Dark* in a small engagement sponsored by the Keough Institute of Irish Studies.

Logue received much critical acclaim for her first novel, *Shadow Box*, which earned her the Irish Times Literature prize for Irish Fiction. The London Observer appointed her to its distinguished list of 21 writers of the 21st century.

She introduced her reading with an excerpt from *Shadow Box*, a fictionalized account of the life of heavyweight-boxing

champion, Jack Johnson.

When questioned about her choice of subject matter for this novel, Logue said that she felt little pressure to write about Ireland because the country has successfully dealt with many of its troubles.

"[I had] the luxury to write about something that had nothing to do with Ireland," she said.

Logue also celebrated her freedom to revisit Ireland in her new novel.

The setting of *Say of What You See in the Dark* returns the author to her native Northern Ireland in 1972, she said.

"It is in a different ballpark, with a totally different tone as well," Logue said.

The two vignettes Logue selected for her reading depicted artfully crafted "snapshot" images of two incidental characters. The entire novel is comprised of brief portraits such as these, Logue said.

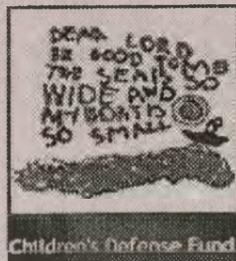
Next spring, Logue will teach fiction writing classes as a full-time faculty member at Columbia College in Chicago, Ill.

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Kwey cited transportation, time and location of the dress rehearsal and learning a new technical system as major concerns.

"We did encounter some difficulties because we were off campus," she said. "It took us a while to get used to it, but it was worth it in the end."

The audience warmly received the show's emcees, Richie Dang and Soohan Park. The duo also emceed the show two years ago.

The Hawaii and Guam Clubs presented "Island Fiesta," which including traditional

island dances, such as the hula. The Filipino-American Student Organization demonstrated Tinikling, a national dance of the Philippines.

The Japan Club presented a combination of several dances, featuring samurai, girls in traditional kimono garb and male club members in schoolgirl costumes. After the humorous act, the Vietnamese Student Association presented a video they had made called "Floating to Freedom: The Story of the Vietnamese Boat People."

The Korean Student Association performed a traditional fan dance and "K-pop," a Korean dance accompanied by music. The Chinese Culture Society then presented a ribbon dance. The Asian

International Society gave a dramatic rendition of the traditional "Tale of the Butterfly Lovers," and the India-Pakistan Association performed the traditional Punjabi dance bhangra.

There were also performances by the dance groups Troop ND and the First-Class Steppers.

"All the acts were really great," Kwey said. "They were so well-prepared — people have been practicing since the beginning of the year — and one thing that is unique from past years is that clubs tried to do something different than they had before."

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Priest

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Father Beauchamp, who brings to the University of Portland a wealth of experience, leadership and dedication to the world of higher education," Chair of the Board of Regents Ted Winnowski said in a statement. "We believe Father Beauchamp will build on the many accomplishments of his predecessor Father Tyson; continue to focus on our mission of teaching, faith and service; and lead the University of Portland to becoming the premier

Catholic university in the West.

"His skills as an administrator, teacher and mentor will help continue to serve our students and faculty well."

Beauchamp received his bachelor's degree in accountancy and MBA from the University of Detroit and his master of divinity and law degrees from the Notre Dame.

The other presidential finalist was Father James McDonald, who also served at Notre Dame and currently is the rector of St. George's College in Santiago, Chile.

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LAOS

Dean receives lost brother's remains

Associated Press

VIENTIANE — Laos on Monday handed over to the United States the remains believed to be of U.S. presidential candidate Howard Dean's brother, an Australian friend and two American soldiers who disappeared in the country decades ago.

The remains thought to be of Charles Dean and Australian Neil Sharman were exhumed earlier this month in central Laos following a tip by a Laotian villager.

Also excavated from other sites in northeastern Laos were remains suspected to be of two U.S. soldiers killed during the Vietnam War. Their names have not been released.

The remains were transferred to four aluminum caskets brought by a U.S. military C-130 cargo plane at the Vientiane airport. An honor guard draped one casket in an Australian flag and the other three in U.S. flags before reloading them on the plane, which flew to Hawaii where a forensic lab will positively identify the remains.

"I am pleased to hand over to you the remains. ... Without the cooperation of the local people they would not have been able to find the remains," Laotian Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Phongsavath Bouphe told the U.S. Ambassador to Laos, Douglas Hartwick, in a ceremony at the airport.

He called the hand-over "a symbolic victory" in relations between the two countries, adding that Laos wants to put the past behind and move on.

"Today marks another special day for repatriation of remains from the Indochina war," Hartwick said.

"This cooperation is a key element in bilateral relations," he said.

Charles Dean disappeared in 1974 while the 24-year-old University of North Carolina graduate was traveling through Southeast Asia with

Sharman as tourists. Both are believed to have been imprisoned and killed by communist insurgents who took control of Laos in 1975.

An investigation into their disappearance began in 1991, and the first of two joint U.S.-Laotian excavation teams began digging in August.

A Laotian villager led the investigators to a site near a boulder in a rice paddy near the town of Lakxao, about 25 miles west of the Vietnamese border in Bolikhamxai province.

The site was pocked with bomb craters and had to be cleared of Vietnam War-era ordnance, excavation team leader Elizabeth Martinson said Sunday. She would not give any other information about the villager or the remains.

But Howard Dean said last week that they include bones, a sock, a pair of shoes and a bracelet. He said his family is convinced they belong to his brother.

Howard Dean is the front-runner among nine candidates seeking the Democratic nomination in next year's U.S. presidential election.

The remains of 182 Americans have been recovered in Laos since U.S.-sponsored recovery teams began operating in the country in 1992. Some 387 Americans are still missing in Laos from the Vietnam War era.

Phongsavath, the Laotian minister, expressed the hope that the handover would persuade the U.S. Congress to establish normal trade relations with Laos.

The United States has diplomatic ties but no trade links with Laos because of concerns about the communist government's human rights record.

"We hope that this will help the American people and the Congress to understand that we have also shown our goodwill to cooperate" on the issue of missing Americans, Phongsavath said.

AFGHANISTAN

Helicopter crash kills five

Associated Press

KABUL — Five U.S. soldiers were killed and seven injured when their helicopter crashed Sunday near the American military headquarters north of the Afghan capital, U.S. Central Command said.

The soldiers were involved in an ongoing U.S. military operation, dubbed Mountain Resolve, taking place in the east of the country, the military said.

"A U.S. military helicopter crashed today near Bagram, Afghanistan," said a statement sent by e-mail from Central Command, in Tampa, Fla. "Early reports indicate seven service members were injured and at least five service members were killed."

It was not clear what caused the crash, and the military said it was investigating.

Bagram Air Base, just north of the capital, is home to most of the 11,600 coalition forces in Afghanistan. An additional 5,000 international peacekeepers patrol Kabul.

Mountain Resolve has been going on since Nov. 7 in eastern Nuristan and Kunar provinces, but so far no major skirmishes with suspected Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts have taken place.

Also Sunday, a coalition vehicle struck a land mine while patrolling an area of Afghanistan near the Pakistani border, seriously wounding two American soldiers, including one who lost one of his legs.

Several reporters were traveling with the 10th Mountain Division forces in eastern Afghanistan, but none was seriously hurt, the U.S. military said in a statement issued at Bagram air base. It gave no further information about the journalists.

The explosion occurred at about 1 p.m. in Shkin, Paktika



Agence France Presse

U.S. soldiers disembark from a Chinook helicopter, similar to one that crashed Sunday, injuring seven and killing at least five.

province, about 135 miles south of Kabul, the Afghan capital. A coalition base also is located there.

The wounded soldiers received initial medical treatment at the scene, then were evacuated by air to a medical facility at nearby Salerno base in the city of Khost, the statement said. The men were Staff Sgt. Roy Mitchell, of Batesville, Ind., and Sgt. 1st Class Michael Eichner, of Stonington, Pa., officials at Fort Drum in New York state said.

Mitchell, 32, suffered burns to his face, neck and back, and had his left leg amputated.

Eichner, 31, was wounded by shrapnel in his back and had a broken hand, the officials said. The soldiers were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment.

Eastern and southern Afghanistan have become a hotbed of attacks by pro-Taliban and pro-al-Qaida militants targeting coalition forces, U.N. workers and relief agencies.

On Friday, the violence hit Kabul when a rocket landed 30 yards from the Intercontinental Hotel, shattering glass but causing no injuries.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Voters reject pro-Beijing leader

HONG KONG — Hong Kong voters punished the territory's top pro-Beijing party in local elections, state radio said Monday, an apparent backlash against unpopular leader Tung Chee-hwa that raises the stakes in next year's legislative contests.

Government-owned radio RTHK said the opposition Democratic Party picked up 93 of the 326 contested seats. The party's politicians called the results — and the record-high turnout — proof that voters want Tung to speed the move toward full democracy in the Chinese territory.

The pro-Beijing and pro-government Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong, or DAB, lost about 20 contested seats as compared to the results from 1999.

Anti-western coalition elected

ZAGREB, Croatia — Nationalists who led Croatia to independence — and later to international isolation — were leading against the current pro-Western government in Sunday's parliamentary elections, partial results showed.

Returns released by the state electoral commission with about 50 percent of votes counted gave the nationalist Croatian Democratic Union's bloc about 72 seats. Prime Minister Ivica Racan's Social Democrats were projected to win 55 seats with their certain partners, and could get about 68 seats if smaller parties rejoin the coalition.

Nationalist Ivo Sanader, the coalition's new leader, called his party's showing "a brilliant victory."

NATIONAL NEWS

9/11 commuter train returns to WTC

NEW YORK — The last New Jersey commuter train to leave the World Trade Center before the twin towers collapsed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack was the first one to return, rolling into a temporary station Sunday with dignitaries and victims' family members on board.

"It's a resumption of normalcy," said New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey. He was joined on the short trip under the Hudson River from Jersey City, N.J. to the temporary PATH station by Mayor Michael Bloomberg and New Jersey Sens. Jon Corzine and Frank Lautenberg.

"Today, we're proud and we're pleased to bring back to the people of this region something that was taken from us on Sept. 11," said Anthony Coscia, chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

LOCAL NEWS

Gary cop convicted of dope dealing

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — A federal jury convicted a man of leading a cocaine trafficking operation in northwest Indiana, and also found a former Gary police officer guilty of assisting in a violent campaign against rival drug dealers.

Jurors, after hearing 16 days of evidence gathered by local and federal authorities, deliberated a day and a half before returning Friday's guilty verdicts.

Jurors reached guilty verdicts on all drug-related felony counts against Jay Zambrana, 42, of South Haven, and former Gary policeman James Ervin, 32.

Investigators said Zambrana directed a gang of 16 members who imported millions of dollars worth of illicit drugs into northwest Indiana and sold them to street-level dealers. Prosecutors said Zambrana used Ervin to extort money from competitors.

The nine-year veteran of the Gary police department also was ordered to execute Chicago drug dealers Raul Huartado and Gil Nevarez in 1998, prosecutors said.

Senate Democrats fight Medicare bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican-controlled Senate pointed toward a showdown Sunday on a sweeping Medicare prescription drug bill that sparked a last stand by outnumbered critics and beckoned Democratic presidential hopefuls to the Capitol to join the fight.

Even so, the roster of declared Democratic supporters for the bill grew to nine, when Sens. Dianne Feinstein of California and Ron Wyden of Oregon announced their intentions to vote for it. In less-than-glowing assessments, both ascribed a series of benefits and shortcomings to the bill, and Wyden said his decision was "a very, very tough call."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., led a filibuster against the legislation, arguing it would lead toward privatization of Medicare and warning that if they were successful, Republicans would soon be back for more. "Social Security is next. Medicare is now," he said.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, quickly disputed that, adding that opponents were playing politics and would regret it. He accused Democrats of blocking a prescription drug bill two years ago, saying they had "wanted an issue" to take into the 2002 election. "They got a defeat at the polls" instead, he said.

The measure would create a prescription drug benefit for Medicare beneficiaries for the first time since the giant health care program for seniors was created in 1965, with subsidies to help lower-income seniors pay the premiums and other costs. Additionally, it would establish a new, expanded opportunity for insurance companies to offer private coverage for seniors — a plan viewed with favor by conservatives and with suspicion by many Democrats.



Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle speaks at a press conference Friday in opposition to the Medicare bill currently under attack by Senate Democrats.

The measure cleared the House near sunset Saturday after a roll call that consumed nearly three hours rather than the allotted 15 minutes. The vote was 220-215, largely along party lines. Senate approval would send the measure to the White House, where President Bush is eager to sign it.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist set the first in an expected series of test votes for Monday, and officials on both sides of the issue said supporters were likely to gain the 60 votes needed to prevail.

At the same time, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle pledged to extend the struggle, and aides said he would join efforts to derail the legislation on other procedural grounds. In a sharply worded speech, Daschle described the bill as a windfall for drug companies. The industry "got almost everything they wanted," he said, including a prohibition on the government negotiating for lower drug

prices for seniors.

The Senate's session was less a debate than a series of speeches by senators who support and those who oppose it, enlivened by the maneuvering of three Democratic presidential hopefuls to inject themselves into the clash.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., who announced Saturday that he would return to Washington to join the filibuster, waited in the Capitol until his turn came to speak. "This bill is really about President Bush passing the buck on prescription drug coverage and passing the bucks from seniors to the pharmaceutical industry," he said.

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., flew to Washington during the day, then headed for the Senate chamber so he, too, could underscore his opposition. "We need to stand up to drug companies and HMOs and stand up for the American people," he said.

Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., announced his

opposition to the bill, becoming the last of the presidential contenders in Congress to take a position. "As much as I want to give seniors a prescription drug benefit, they shouldn't have to swallow the many harmful poison pills that Republicans loaded into this bill just to get there," he said.

Two other Democratic contenders, Reps. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio and Dick Gephardt of Missouri, voted against the bill in the House.

Among the other contenders, Howard Dean and Wesley Clark both oppose the measure.

The far-reaching bill also would increase Medicare funding for doctors, hospitals and other health care providers, particularly in rural areas, where reimbursement levels are far below what is paid in other regions of the country. Additionally, the bill provides billions of dollars to companies to encourage them to retain the health coverage they provide their retirees.

Thousands protest at former SOA

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Some 10,000 demonstrators chanted and waved signs Sunday outside the Army's Fort Benning in their annual protest against a military school for Latin American soldiers on the base.

Opponents of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, formerly known as the School of the Americas, blame the school for atrocities committed by some of its graduates in Latin America.

"We oppose the violence generated by this school and Fort Benning soldiers. Our way is the way of love with our brothers and sisters who are vic-

tims of violence," said the Rev. Roy Bourgeois, a Maryknoll priest who founded the School of Americas Watch and has been leading demonstrations outside the post for 14 years.

The crowd, estimated at 10,000 by Columbus police, was the largest yet for the annual protest, said Eric LeCompte, the weekend demonstration's organizing coordinator. "We believe our nonviolent action was effective," he said.

Between 30 and 40 protesters crossed onto fort property Sunday and were arrested for trespassing, said William Quigley, a legal adviser to protest organizers. The sentence for trespassing on military property ranges from probation to up to six

months in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Quigley said there were 12 arrests Saturday, but Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley said there were eight arrests, seven for trespassing and one for damaging government property by painting Fort Benning's main gate.

"As the installation commander I'm required to protect those who live and work at Fort Benning," Freakley said at a news conference.

The demonstrators faced about 60 civilian officers plus military police. The heavier-than-usual police presence stemmed partly from concerns that people protesting the Free Trade Area of the Americas in Miami might join the Fort Benning demonstration in west-central Georgia.

Farmers find raising turkeys rewarding

Farms produce heritage turkeys for holiday

Associated Press

BONDVILLE, Ill. — As the bronze-colored turkeys strut about the farm yard, they fan their tail feathers and break into a simultaneous gobble, completely oblivious to their fate.

"They're annoying," said 9-year-old Esther Goiija, who along with her siblings owns most of the animals on the family farm. "They're gobbling all day long."

But Esther's annoyance will soon provide her money to buy clothes, toys or anything else she wants. And the people that buy one of the Goiija's Broad Breasted Bronze turkeys will end up with a bird that tastes quite

different than the normal mass-produced version.

The Goiijas, who live on a farm about 7 miles west of Champaign, are part of a growing group of Illinois farmers who raise heritage turkeys — breeds that were common on holiday platters before the development of their mass-produced cousins.

More than 270 million turkeys were raised in the United States last year and 46 million were consumed for Thanksgiving dinner, according to the National Turkey Federation.

A food stewardship organization called Slow Food USA estimates that all except 10,000 were the mass-produced Broad Breasted White.

Most heritage turkeys — breeds such as the Bronze, Narragansett, Bourbon Red, Blue Slate or Jersey Buff — are raised in small-farm settings and marketed to customers who often reserve them even before they hatch.

"You can't go to your grocer and find them in the freezer section," said Angela Wotton, assistant director of Slow Food USA.

Most heritage turkey breeds are considered to be in danger of extinction, Wotton said. Raising them for food helps continue the line because more birds are bred year after year, she said.

"We really didn't do it for the moral aspect," said Esther's father, Les Goiija. "But it is fun to know that the turkeys you have might be among only 60 or 100 or so in the country, to think of the fact that you're raising them for food in order to preserve them."

Besides that, they taste good, said Terra Brockman, who raises Narragansett and Bourbon Red turkeys near Congerville, in

Woodford County. Describing the taste, she sounds as if she's describing a glass of fine wine.

"It's a full-bodied and robust kind of taste, a completely different experience," she said.

Brockman said all 50 turkeys she raised this year were spoken for months ago, even though they sell for about \$3.50 per pound, more than three times the cost of a mass-production turkey. Deborah Boehle of Cornell, in Livingston

County, said she sold 25 heritage turkeys this year and easily could have sold twice that many.

"I think it's a real wake-up call that people are

interested," Wotton said. "They don't just want one breed of anything, whether it be fruit or animal."

Les Goiija said he moved his family to the country about 10 years ago with a desire to raise animals and sell them for food. "I decided to see if I could prove that someone could start farming from scratch," he said.

While Goiija (pronounced JOY-uh) has a job off the farm, he and his wife, Penny, are debt-free and have raised their nine children on the income from their goats, sheep, rabbits, chickens, turkeys and bees, he said.

"Each child owns or is responsible for different groups of animals," Goiija said. "They learn quite a bit. And then when they have the money themselves, they learn about taking care of themselves."

"Right now, this is the only profitable way to farm," Goiija said. "This is the profitable way to go as well as the healthy way to go."

As Esther's flock gobbled away, she said she wouldn't miss the turkeys after they're gone.

"I'll be glad when it's over," she said. "Less chores, more money, less gobbling."

"Each child owns or is responsible for different groups of animals."

Les Goiija
farmer

"You can't go to your grocer and find them in the freezer section."

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MEXICO

Vendors fear Chinese competition

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — It's a trade war being fought in the streets: Mexico's army of 1.6 million street vendors is resisting police attempts to confiscate imports from China, and the government has responded with everything from buy-Mexican ads to a special anti-import police squad.

Long known for the work of its artisans, Mexico now imports such handicrafts as painted figurines of Mexican saints and leather sandals from China. This year, China also displaced Mexico as the second-biggest exporter to the U.S. market, leaving Mexicans feeling cheated and worried the country is being left behind.

"It's not just fear, it's panic," said Mexico City historian Lorenzo Meyer. "We were supposed to be the ones moving ahead. We had free-market reforms, and now we're losing out to a communist-run country. In 500 years, this country has never been able to get ahead economically."

Newspapers regularly run stories on the threat. "The Chinese want Mexico's oil," "Chinese products proliferate in handicraft markets," and "Border factories fight Chinese threat" are just a few recent examples.

Mexico's frustration at being outmaneuvered in low-wage manufacturing has generated a rising tide of anger at the Asian giant. Textile and shoe workers have begun trashing Chinese goods in the streets. The government has

started airing "Buy Mexican" ad campaigns, and police have rounded up Asian vendors and staged increasingly violent raids against street stalls selling contraband imports.

The anger isn't just over imported goods. Since 2000, Mexico has lost more than 200,000 maquiladora, or manufacture-for-export, jobs, with many factories moving to China.

The damage is everywhere. China is producing statuettes of Mexico's patron saint, the Virgin of Guadalupe. And plastic Chinese flip-flops are the preferred footwear in many parts of rural Mexico, replacing Mexican leather sandals that had been worn here for centuries.

In the north-central state of Guanajuato, dozens of shoemaking businesses have closed recently, including Botas Fox, the family business of President Vicente Fox. Shoemakers complain they are being driven out of business by cheap Chinese imports.

"We just can't compete with the labor costs," said Sandra Santamaria, project director for Mexico's Apparel Industry Chamber. "Labor in China costs 48 cents per hour, and in Mexico it's \$1.20."

Mexico has imposed dumping duties of more than 500 percent on Chinese apparel, but that hasn't stemmed the influx. Many Chinese goods are smuggled in or imported under labels from other countries. Not including these clandestine goods, China cur-

rently runs a trade surplus with Mexico of more than \$5 billion.

Some Mexicans blame themselves. "We've never been able to defend ourselves against the Americans, or the Chinese," said one anti-import sign posted outside a Mexican clothing store. "But, then again, we haven't seen any Chinese. All we see are disloyal Mexicans who don't want to pay for Mexican goods."

Fox, who has described China as "an opportunity, not a threat," created a special anti-contraband police squad in October, but it remains to be seen how effective it will be.

In one recent raid in Mexico City, police rounded up Koreans — who allegedly run many of the import operations — and deported 11 of them, drawing complaints of discrimination from the Korean community.

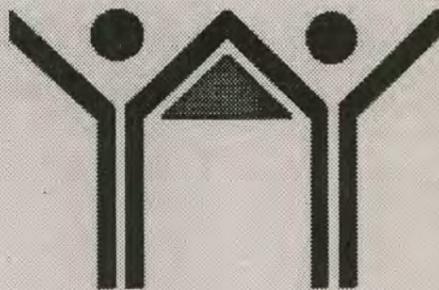
Earlier this year, police raids on contraband markets in Mexico City earlier this year met with resistance from vendors who hurled sticks and stones and trashed vehicles to defend their merchandise.

Some have said it's not a bad thing that low-wage jobs are fleeing to China.

"It forces Mexico to do more value-added, better-educated work," Deputy Economy Secretary Angel Villalobos said.

The Chinese have argued Mexico should improve its own products, rather than complaining about other countries.

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AMEX	1,066.28	-0.83
NASDAQ	1,893.88	+11.96
NYSE	5,942.32	+1.40
S&P 500	1,035.28	+1.63
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	9,852.83	-12.87
FTSE 100(London)	4,319.00	+11.00

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
BROCADE COMMS (BRCD)	-17.34	-1.24	5.91
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.04	+0.01	25.11
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+1.54	+0.49	32.32
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+1.05	+0.23	22.17
SUN MICROSYSTEMS (SUNW)	+0.99	+0.04	4.08

Treasuries		
30-YEAR BOND	-0.36	-0.18 32.54
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.17	-0.07 27.71
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.03	+0.01 19.10
3-MONTH BILL	-1.08	-0.10 12.44

Commodities		
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GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+2.30	396.00
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.725	86.50

Exchange Rates		
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EURO		0.8398
POUND		0.5865

IN BRIEF

SEC head says more reforms needed

WASHINGTON — The head of the Securities and Exchange Commission indicated Thursday that further governance changes are needed at the New York Stock Exchange beyond the proposed overhaul creating a board of independent directors.

But SEC Chairman William Donaldson also told a Senate panel that despite lapses and potential conflicts of interest, the principle by which the nation's biggest stock exchange polices itself is sound and should be maintained.

Officials of the biggest U.S. pension funds, controlling hundreds of billions of dollars in nine states, insisted that the proposed reforms are insufficient to restore investors' trust shattered by revelations this summer about the lavish compensation of the NYSE's former chairman.

Boeing jobs out design to Japanese

SEATTLE — Boeing Co. will base design and development work for its proposed new 7E7 jetliner at its massive Everett manufacturing complex, but Japanese suppliers will build more than a third of the aircraft, including major wing components, the company said Thursday.

Boeing confirmed earlier reports that three Japanese companies will play a significantly larger role in manufacturing the fuel-efficient jet than in earlier Boeing models and will handle the complicated wing production, previously done almost entirely in-house. The Japanese companies will provide about 35 percent of the 7E7, compared with about 21 percent of the Boeing 777 airframe, and 15 percent of the 767.

UA reports profit on the month

CHICAGO — United Airlines said it generated net income of \$25 million last month, which its CEO said showed the world's No. 2 carrier was "back in the game" as it continues its efforts to emerge from bankruptcy.

The company's net income excluded reorganization expenses of \$149 million that were mostly attributed to the rejection of costly aircraft leases. United reported a positive cash flow of roughly \$206 million.

Conseco sues former executive

Company seeks damages from ex-CFO Rollin Dick, threatens foreclosure on home

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Conseco Inc. sued its former chief financial officer Friday, trying to recover part of the nearly \$98 million the insurer says Rollin Dick owes from loans he took out to buy company stock before Conseco slid into bankruptcy.

The lawsuit seeks to recover \$28 million in loans covering interest payments on the underlying \$70 million Dick took out in loans in the late 1990s to buy company stock. It comes after talks to settle the debt out of court collapsed, and a month after Conseco filed a similar complaint against former CEO Stephen Hilbert.

The post-bankruptcy successor to the company Hilbert helped found is trying to recover his \$218 million balance through litigation and threatened foreclosure on the \$19 million mortgage the company holds on his mansion.

Dick was pressured to resign along with Hilbert in April 2000 amid mounting debt problems at Conseco, an earnings restatement and allegations that they failed to disclose key information about an acquisition that proved disastrous.

Conseco expects to file a separate complaint soon targeting the \$70 million in underlying debt, said Reed Oslan, an attorney with Kirkland & Ellis, which is trying to recover the loan debt.

"Once again, like Mr. Hilbert, Mr. Dick was unwilling to negotiate with us in good faith toward an appropriate settlement," Oslan said. "Mr. Dick has considerable wealth available to him, but has denied any willingness to pay an appropriate amount that would allow us to settle. We will pursue all of his assets where they're held."



An unidentified employee walks into Conseco, Inc.'s headquarters in Carmel, Ind. Conseco has filed suit against five former executives to recoup losses on loans.

David H. Kleiman, Dick's attorney, disputed Oslan's claims.

"Conseco just refuses to acknowledge the fact that Mr. Dick and others have defenses to the claims they are asserting," Kleiman said. "They have contractual rights which are being ignored."

Like Hilbert — whom Kleiman also represents — Dick will argue that changes in the company's management and ownership since his resignation triggered a "change of control" clause that means he is not responsible for repayment, Kleiman said.

Friday's lawsuit attempts to collect on liens Conseco

says it holds on Dick's private equity investments. Dick pledged the investments as collateral during negotiations in 2000 over the unpaid balance, Oslan said.

The company says Dick has repaid none of his debt — a claim Kleiman disputed.

Hilbert is the biggest debtor and Dick is No. 3 among a group of 11 former Conseco officers and directors who began taking company-backed bank loans to buy stock in 1996, when Conseco's fortunes were soaring. Such company-sponsored programs are now barred under last year's Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Five of the 11 are in litigation with Conseco, the company says. Talks are continuing with others to settle their debts.

The former officers and directors have been unable to repay the loans because of the collapse in Conseco's share price from a high of \$58 in 1998 to less than a nickel before Conseco filed for bankruptcy in December.

The company estimates the total collectively owed by 11 at more than \$676 million, including \$190 million in interest since 1996, Oslan said. During its bankruptcy, Conseco said it had recovered only \$64 million of the debts.

Study shows high technological literacy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Technology geeks, unite: There are more of you than you might have realized.

A study released Friday found that 31 percent of Americans are "highly tech-savvy" people for whom the Internet, cell phones and handheld organizers are more indispensable than TVs and old-fashioned wired phones.

John Horrigan, author of the report by the Pew Internet & American Life Project, said the size of this "tech elite" was somewhat surprising. And while this group is predominantly young, the Pew researchers found plenty of baby boomers and seniors who are equally ardent about using technology.

The difference, though, is that

techies in their late teens and 20s are more likely to create online content, like Web logs, or "blogs." Generation Xers are more likely to pay for content on the Web, while wired boomers and seniors generally plumb the Internet for news or to do work-related research.

Among the Pew findings on the "tech elite":

◆ They spend, on average, a total of \$169 a month on broadband Internet service, satellite or cable TV, cell phones and Web content. That is 39 percent higher than the national average of \$122.

◆ Some 29 percent have broadband connections, compared with 17 percent of everyone else.

◆ About 7 percent have canceled their land line telephone and gone all-wireless. Only 2 percent of non-

techies have done that.

◆ Despite being plugged in to the Internet and other sources of data more often, only 13 percent of the tech-savvy crowd feels overwhelmed by information. By contrast, a sense of information overload plagues 25 percent of the rest of the population.

So why do the people who immerse themselves in the information feel less besieged by it?

It could be that technology helps some people organize or take control of their lives, Horrigan said. Or maybe some are simply better at knowing "what to do and how to cope with the information that is flooding at them," he said.

Pew produced the report after surveying 1,677 American adults in October. The survey has a margin of error of two percentage points.

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Liberals should ditch Michael Moore

Michael Moore is a disgrace to the left. What is distressing in the extreme is the fact that few members of the left have come to terms with this. As a liberal who refuses to join the chorus of hosannas, I'm a bit of an outsider. That might be because, more or less, the only people with whom I share this less-than-reverential view of Moore are on the right.

This puts things in perspective, however. It sets up an apt analogy: I think the right views Moore in the same way that the left does Rush Limbaugh. And this is exactly correct; they're perfect counterparts. (Not quite Buckley and Vidal, but hey, that's what we're stuck with, I guess.) What unites Moore and Limbaugh is their trio of pathologies: greed, hypocrisy and the need for attention.

Moore's greed is intimately related to his hypocrisy. After all, he markets himself as a working-class hero, a man of the people. But his carefully-crafted folk-hero persona is at odds with his immense wealth, his palatial New York apartment and his daughter's attendance at one of the nation's most expensive private schools. If the charge of "limousine liberal" is leveled at anyone, it should be at Moore. I wonder just how much cognitive dissonance Moore experiences on a daily basis.

Or at the Oscars. The millions who watch the Academy Awards every year were forced to endure Moore's frothing tirade. Don't get me wrong: our politics are similar. But the way Moore goes about voicing his dissent leaves a bad taste in my mouth. Why not criticize with class, as Adrien Brody did that night? Moore's Oscar speech felt like another advertisement for himself,

much like his letter to Gen. Wesley Clark asking him to consider a presidential run.

Because of my many unsavory experiences with Moore's fakery, I was reluctant to see "Bowling for Columbine." I skipped the chock-a-block screenings held on campus last spring. Since then, a couple dozen people have told me it's right up my alley, that I absolutely cannot miss this one, that it's hilarious.

But I have to differ. His "documentary" feels like little more than a vehicle for self-promotion, a product with gun control as pretense. Gun control is secondary, of course, to the chief theme in all of Moore's work: Michael Moore is a hero. Maybe it's the shots of him accepting thanks after the K-mart protest. Or maybe it's the shots of him hugging victims.

Because the point Moore wants to drive home is that he truly is a hero, he ends up congratulating himself on screen constantly. What's much worse is Moore's playing fast and loose with the facts; there isn't room here to catalog all the lies and shortcuts and staged scenes in the movie. The big one: his "Open an account, get a free gun" segment was entirely staged. Add to Moore's frequent deceptions his facile conclusions, not to mention the exploitative means by which he arrives at them. The film trivializes the tragedy of Columbine. It is dishonest the whole way around and characteristically so.

If "Bowling for Columbine," his book covers and movie posters, his letter to Clark, his Oscar speech, half the title of his documentary "Roger and Me" and the whole of his book-tour movie "The Big One" don't adequately convey Moore's penchant for self-aggrandizement, then I don't know what will.

Greed, hypocrisy and the need for attention? These all square nicely in the entertainment industry. The indus-

try is, after all, an industry — profit's the goal, greed is OK. Plus, it's about image, not issues — hypocrisy is apparently no big deal when the aim is to entertain, not to inform. And needless to say, the need for attention goes hand in hand with entertainment. To sum up, Moore and Limbaugh are entertainers, nothing more, whether they and their fans realize it or not.

What is frustrating though is that the vast majority of their fans do not realize they are merely entertainers. They treat them instead like bona fide political pundits, if not heroes of the right or left-wing.

The only reason I can almost tolerate Moore is because he isn't Limbaugh — he's his counterpart. That is to say, he's a liberal, he brings attention to the liberal cause. But it's the wrong kind of attention; the left doesn't need its own Limbaugh, it needs authentic, credible voices. We shouldn't praise him for his "courage" if it's all in the service of self-aggrandizement and profit.

If you were wondering at first if "disgrace" was too strong a word, I hope that I have shown why it is perhaps too weak a word. Michael Moore is, to be blunt, a cause of shame — the Oxford English Dictionary's definition.

He is a pandering, narcissistic blowhard and not worth defending. The left needs to distance itself from Moore if it wants to salvage the credibility he seems so keen on eroding. I'm tired of his sensationalism and his sophistry. The liberal association with Moore is unfortunate and we deserve better.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Hero-worship is strongest where there is least regard for human freedom."

Herbert Spencer
British philosopher

GUEST COLUMN

Diversity, inclusion are merely 'buzzwords' for conservatives

Compassionate conservatism is the new buzzword surrounding the Republican Party. It has been designed to help those who have felt "left out" by the Republicans feel warm and fuzzy.

According to George Bush's official re-election Web site, "In a compassionate society, people respect one another and take responsibility for the decisions they make in life." However, in this presidency, actions speak louder than words. President George W. Bush and the Republican Party have made exclusion a social priority.

The Iowa Democratic Party Platform supports legislation that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identification and supports domestic partnership legislation.

On the Republican side, Bush has repeatedly made statements condemning lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered lifestyles. He has abolished the White House liaison to the gay and lesbian community established by President Clinton. He has publicly stated he would veto any law that abolished criminalization of private homosexual sex. If that is not enough, he opposes any legislation that would extend hate-crime legislation and employment discrimination to gays.

The Republican Party has come to be known as the "White Boys' Club." This nickname has been backed up by incident after incident. At the NAACP Conference in 2000, soon-to-be President Bush admitted, "The party of Lincoln has not always carried the mantle of Lincoln." Bush was preaching he was a "different

kind of Republican," while just a few months earlier giving a speech at controversial Bob Jones University, following in the footsteps of Pat Buchanan and John Ashcroft (who received an honorary degree there). For more than 70 years, the university has promoted its values of "separate but equal" racism.

It has been said that women's rights are human rights. This administration does not seem to know this. In 2002, women's rights were on the line. The Bush administration proposed eliminating birth control coverage for federal employees and their dependents, while also trying to cut funding for the Maternal and Child Health programs.

In addition, a commission to study Title IX (funding for women's athletics) was created to analyze the program. The commission proposed several new changes that would drastically lower the chances of girls competing in college-level sports. After overwhelming support for Title IX, the Bush administration backed down from changes to the law.

The Bush administration has made no secret of its exclusionary politics. Americans have suffered from his "abstinence only" view of sex education, cutting funding to HIV/AIDS programs and discouraging the use of condoms and birth control. The right-wing views of this administration are hurting everyone in the country who is not a white, heterosexual man, while the Democratic Party has fought to keep rights equal for all.

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Julia McCleary

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bishop flouts church doctrine

In some respects, I agree with N. Eugene Walls' Nov. 20 criticism of Joe Licandro's argument, in which Licandro stated his reasons for disagreeing with the consecration of Gene Robinson.

Licandro's argument was indeed damaged by his subtle prejudice. However, there is another argument against Robinson's consecration that has been very much ignored not only by the media, but also by conservative groups such as the American Anglican Council that frequently issue arguments against his consecration.

In the consecration ceremony, The Book of Common Prayer requires the following pledge, spoken and written, from the individual being consecrated bishop: "I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church." Since Robinson was consecrated, he must have made this statement.

Robinson is a man who has admitted publicly that he is having a sexual relationship outside of marriage. He does not see this as sin, but such a relationship is unquestionably contrary to Episcopal doctrine. What are unwed people supposed to conclude from this? The church has decid-

ed to elect an individual as bishop who has sex outside of marriage, and bishops promise to uphold the teachings of the church. Thus, by plain reasoning, one may conclude that sex outside of marriage is accepted by the Episcopal Church.

It is true that Robinson has not had the opportunity to marry his partner, as they are homosexual. Should homosexuals be allowed to marry? That is quite another issue and is not the point here.

Bishops agree to conform to the doctrine of the church, and Gene Robinson did not when he was consecrated and does not now. He knowingly made a promise that he knew he could never keep.

Therefore, he should not have been consecrated, and he should not presently be recognized as a bishop. Should sex outside of marriage one day be accepted by the Episcopal church as moral or should gay marriages one day be blessed by the Episcopal church, then having a homosexual bishop would be perfectly reasonable. But not now.

Dan Bates
graduate student
off-campus
Nov. 20

Show true African solidarity

I would like to commend the Notre Dame Interfaith student group for their inspiring prayer meeting "Pray with Africa," held on Nov. 19.

Students responding to Pope John Paul II's call for solidarity with Africa gathered to honor and pray for their brothers and sisters in Africa, not in charity but in solidarity. Song, prayer and a small collection to alleviate the overwhelming foreign debt that ties the hands of African countries were followed by a scripture reading and reflection by Camlus Omogo, a graduate student from Kenya.

Omogo's well-crafted sermon illustrated how the Bible's story of Sam, whose hospitality and generosity toward his guests was returned with cruelty and backstabbing, gives us insight into Africa's relation with the West. After being plundered by conquest and colonialism, Omogo related Africa is like a late-comer to a game of monopoly where, though the other players have a head start and have bought most the property on the board, Africa is expected to play by the same rules.

What Africa needs, Omogo surmised, is not a helping hand, but simply a chance to flourish, free of the restrictions and interventions that have stymied development. Small arms flowing into Africa from the West are fueling violence and killing.

Strategies to relieve the suffering of the 70 percent of the world's HIV positive people living in Africa are hamstrung by patent laws. Working in partnership with Africa means recognizing its vulnerable position in the global market place, according to Omogo.

Africa's future depends on a self-reliant civil society of non-governmental organization and religious and community-based organizations that can build consensus and harmony between disparate groups. One of the most useful ways the West can work in solidarity with Africa is to help provide a stable forum for that debate to occur. This means listening to Africa — respecting African values, perspectives, hopes and grievances.

Let us continue to pray with Africa, but let us not neglect our history of meeting African hospitality with cruelty and profiteering. Let us listen to Africa and be a force for unity, not division, a force for peace rather than violence, a force for development rather than increased poverty. This would be a more true expression of solidarity.

Josh Moore
graduate student
off-campus
Nov. 23

EDITORIAL CARTOON



Don't panic ND

This is to our administration in response to the reports in the USA Today that Notre Dame is making advances towards joining the Big Ten conference in all sports, including football.

This is a terrible idea. For starters, it would totally destroy the idea that we play a national schedule. Our few non-conference games would be taken up by traditional rivalries — USC, Navy — leaving no room for variety.

The best part about our independence is the fact that we can schedule who we want, when we want. We don't have to play Northwestern, Iowa, Indiana or Wisconsin every year.

I know that the BCS contract expires soon, and the fear is that we'll be cut out

of the money, or at least have our share diminished. So what. The \$13 million we earned from our Fiesta Bowl trip would be the equivalent of not making a game and splitting that money 12 ways for 13 years. I think we can do better than 1 in 13.

Finally, the last time I checked, the Stadium sold out every game, and we were ranked the No. 1 most popular college football program in America. Notre Dame football is special. Don't rush into a decision to join a conference just because times are tough now.

Andrew Warner
senior
off-campus
Nov. 21

Our second city

Chicago serves as an exciting escape to many Notre Dame students

Four girls wander the streets of the city with only two things on their mind: shopping and nightlife.

No, this isn't Sex in the City. It is four Notre Dame girls who decided to take a little break from the oh-so-exciting South Bend atmosphere, went on a mini-road trip and ended up on Michigan Avenue in Chicago.

OK, so it may not exactly be comparable to wandering Fifth Avenue like Carrie Bradshaw, but going to Chicago for a quick little weekend getaway is about as close to life in the big city that Notre Dame students can get during their tenure here.

South Bend is not a metropolis. Actually, I would hesitate to call it a city. Although we have some reason to make fun of our little city — like when the most frequented bar in town is suing the students — we must remember that it isn't all that bad. We are really quite lucky to have such an amazing city only a mere hour away.

Chicago has a great nightlife. Even though you may be away from Notre Dame, you are still surrounded by Notre Dame graduates who have relocated and called the Windy City their home. Many bars are heavily populated with Notre Dame alumni who still have fun like they did in South Bend. If you are ever in the city and are in search of friendly faces, I would suggest heading to Johnny O'Hagan's, as you would be sure to run into a pro-Notre Dame crowd.

And as for the shopping — Michigan Avenue is the primary place for upcoming Christmas presents. No offense to the Hammes Bookstore, but I know my family is getting tired of the usual Notre Dame bookstore

gifts. Additionally, the entire downtown is lit up with Christmas lights, which gives the city more of a holiday feel than good 'ole South Bend radiates.

If you can make a post-finals trip, I would recommend the new H & M, which sadly replaced the infamous FAO Schwartz, Saks and the little popcorn store that always has a line. Although there is great shopping for everyone, fun in Chicago is not limited to Michigan Avenue. You can walk around at Navy Pier, visit the Shedd Aquarium, the Art Museum or any of the other little treasures that the city boasts. There is theatre, culture and even really good food outside of the typical chain restaurants that line Grape Road.

Chicago is an excellent weekend escape for many Notre Dame students who are looking to either get away from South Bend, because we all know how exciting the city can be on non-football

weekends, or possibly want to experience a little more culture. And if you really want to step outside the Notre Dame stereotype and are actually "dating" someone, drive to Chicago for a great day or weekend trip, and escape the redundancy of dining hall dinners and local movie theatres.

So the next time you are feeling bored or overwhelmed by school work, or just want to have ridiculous big city fun, hop on the South Shore Line or jump in your car and take advantage of this wonderful resource.

Our second city is really second to none. As a Notre Dame student, living in the cultural enclave that we call South Bend, try to make Chicago your second city. The tolls are definitely worth it.

Emily Howald recently went to Chicago and had far too much fun at Johnny O'Hagan's and on Michigan Avenue. If anyone is planning to take a trip, or has anything to say to her, contact her at ehowald@nd.edu.



Emily Howald

Assistant Scene Editor

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Trying to crack The Da Vinci Code

By KC KENNEY
Assistant Scene Editor

Prior to Vatican II, the Church published a list of books that were, for all intense and purposes, forbidden to be read by members of the Catholic Church. It began when the Church decided which books were to be placed in the Bible and which were considered heretical. Pope Innocent I published the first listing of the Index of Forbidden Books. The last edition of the Index was that of 1948; it was abolished in 1966. The Catholic Church has, however, not relinquished authority to forbid the reading of books that in its judgment are a danger to the faith and morals of Catholics. Books written by such great minds as Nikolaus Copernicus, Johannes Kepler and Galileo Galilei were placed on this list. It strikes this reader that had The Da Vinci Code been written in that time, it would have joined those books as part of the index.

This is not to say that The Da Vinci Code is a poorly written or developed story. Quite the contrary, it is spell-binding and enthralling. At the risk of sounding cliché, I never understood the phrase "a real page-turner" until reading this book. It draws you in slowly, but picks up speed and intensity, whisking the reader along for a very intriguing ride. It is, at its heart, a thriller and a mystery, but it combines the typical aspects of these genres with an intelligent and compelling look at the history of Western civilization for over 2,000 years.

The prologue opens with the murder of a well-known museum curator at the Louvre in Paris. Before he dies, he leaves a trail of gruesome and cryptic clues to help unveil the details of his life. These clues are left for his granddaughter Sophie Neveu, a French cryptologist, and Robert Langdon, a famous symbologist. As they piece together his story, they realize that he was a high-ranking member of a mysterious society known as the Priory of Scion that has been dedicated to passing on a secret since the days of Christ. The Priory has entertained such famous names as Isaac Newton, Leonardo da Vinci and now this ill-fated curator. Neveu and Langdon are considered suspects by the French police for the curator's death and must run from the law in order to discover the nature of the curator's dying wish. In addition to Interpol, they are threatened by a mysterious albino, responsible for the death of the curator and seeking to obtain the secret for his superiors, and The Teacher, a

man who has dedicated his life to discovering the secrets of the Priory and who has positioned himself to manipulate very high powers to reach that end.

Without revealing the nature of this secret, the nature of this book is fairly heretical. It is fiction, but one of the most captivating aspects of the book is the way that it is able to weave fact and fiction in and out of each chapter until it has entangled the reader in a world that is fundamentally different from our own in its truths, and yet at the same time frighteningly familiar. The book itself opens with a "fact page" in which the author, Dan Brown, lists certain details of the book that he feels are important to know as facts. It seems like a congenial act, but it really serves his end more than anything else because it helps to perpetuate the idea that there is more fact than fiction in the book. In addition, it is sure to mention that "all descriptions of artwork, architecture, documents and secret rituals in this novel are accurate." This too can be misleading, especially because of how often the mediums of art, architecture and documents are used to support points.

For anyone interested in deeper meaning in artwork or writing, this is a fantastic read because it allows you to see things at multiple levels without stretching your imagination too much. In fact, one of the more important subjects of this book, The Last Supper by da Vinci, is hanging on the wall of South Dining Hall. The imagery and proposals in this book were so fascinating that I had to see it for myself. I imagine it was a somewhat unusual site for me to be standing with my book below the painting amongst people having a meal, but it was interesting to see for myself how the characters were making the conclusions that they did as they looked at the different clues about the secrets that Brown proposes are hidden within the painting. Brown also uses the well-known portrait of the Mona Lisa in his discussions between the characters. He is very

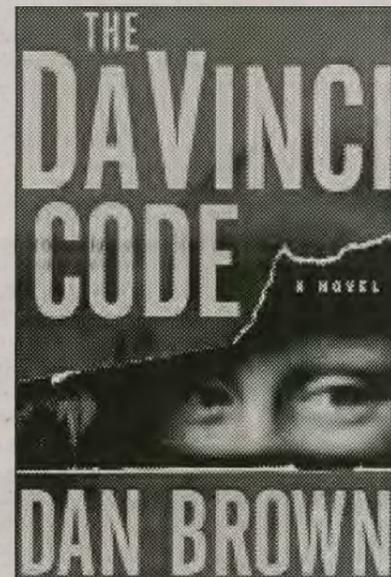
adept at analyzing the paintings and putting these familiar scenes into this more revealing light, which helps develop an appreciation for the many levels of art that can be obtained by true masters. Whether you are interested in accepting what he says is one thing. What was most effective for me was the development of different views on the same subject and providing an explanation for how these views came about.

A running theme throughout the book is how history can be interpreted or told in different ways. This story presents an almost "what if" scenario, playing with questions and doubts about historical fact to recount a different story of history than what is commonly told. This is not to say that there is not a great deal of fact in The Da Vinci Code. It simply means that interpreting history as a subject and expounding upon the idea of how human thought has

effected the communication of that history to future generations is an absorbing subject and works well with this manner of fiction.

The book travels all over Europe and its subject matter is taken from throughout history. The fiction weaves in and out of fact and creates an entrancing mystery novel. I thoroughly enjoyed the book because it was able to play with and expand my mind as a mystery novel and as a thriller. It was difficult to guess what was coming next, but the story itself is very well written and compels you to find out what happens next. I think it is a worthwhile read and deserving of its spot on The New York Times Bestseller List. I would not, however, necessarily recommend it to everyone. Some of the theological issues that it dances with can be sensitive in nature and it does often go so far as to be pseudo-heretical. As a work of historical fiction, or perhaps as a commentary on the nature of history, it is certainly a great story to delve into.

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Rock 'n roll returns to the Bend

Cheap Trick visited Elkhart last weekend and awed fans with both their acoustic songs and harder rock from their old days

By MAUREEN BUSH
Scene Writer

Rock and roll remembered Indiana Nov. 20 as rock legends Cheap Trick played the Elco Theatre in Elkhart last Thursday evening to an exuberant crowd of 40somethings. All of the '70s rockers in the area emerged and gathered together for a night reminiscing times of old, and they didn't forget their black leather. The show opened with a young New York band named the Damnells, artist Wayne Kramer and his band, and MC5, and band out of Detroit that was popular in the '60s and '70s who sang mostly war protest songs.

Following the three excellent opening acts came the main attraction, Rockford, Illinois natives, Cheap Trick. They came out and sat to play an acoustic style set of four songs opening with "Fan Club." It was a really intimate feeling to have rock stars of this caliber playing so up close and personal in a mid-sized venue where there were no such thing as "bad seats." The acoustic set also composed of "Don't Love Here Anymore," "If I Could" and

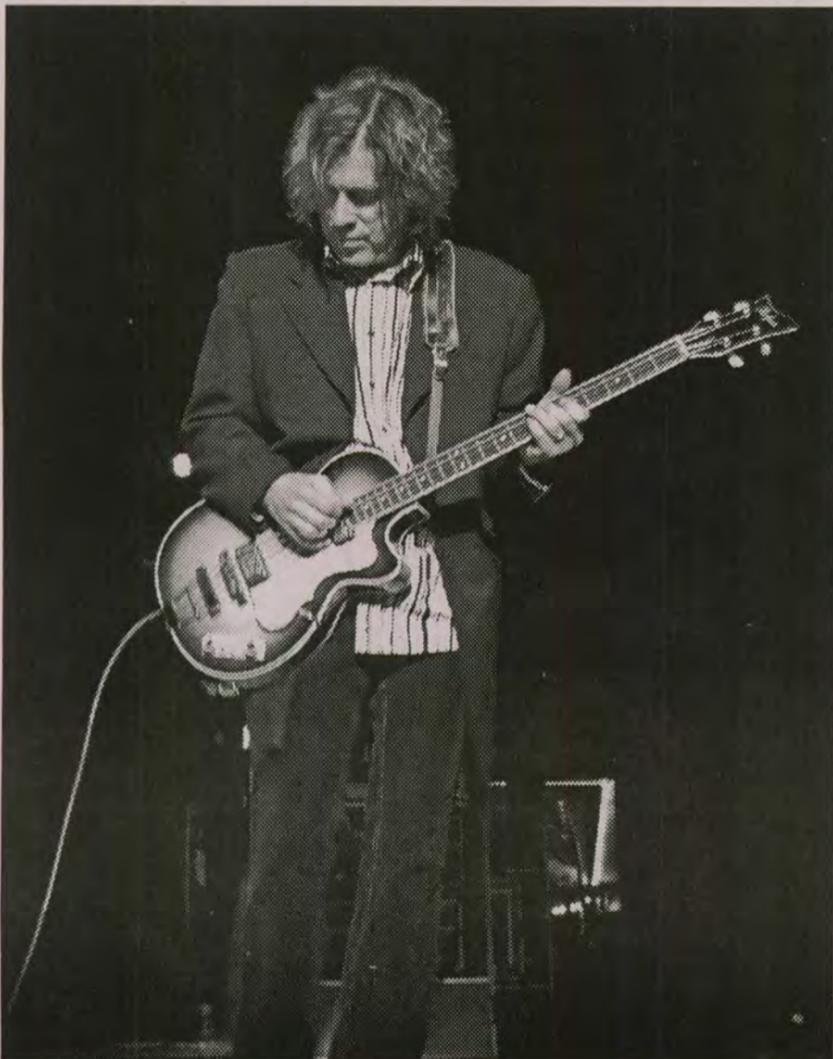
"Lookout," was incredible. It was a great and different way to start out the show, as most bands will slow it down towards the middle of the show, which can sometimes cause the concert to drag. This four-song sampling helped to build the excitement for the harder rock to start.

After the acoustic set the band took away the chairs as a light smoke started on the stage and an organ was playing until the gentlemen dressed to the nines in suits took the stage in a furry, rocking to a heavy intro into "Just Got Back." Though guitarist and singer Rick Nielsen's



MAUREEN BUSH/The Observer

Cheap Trick dressed in suits similar to that of the Blues Brothers look to jam out with their furry, rock music that helped their listeners relive days from their youth.



MAUREEN BUSH/The Observer

Cheap Trick visited Elkhart last weekend at Elco Theatre and played acoustic sets for the excited crowd.

amplifier wasn't on through half of the intro, eventually it came back on and sounded great. Nielsen, the character of the band, proved he has still got it as he worked the crowd swaggering back and forth to either side of the stage, jumping, climbing atop the monitors, and throwing about seven guitar picks per song to the crowd. Another interesting thing to note was that Nielsen switched guitars between every single song that the band played, pulling out a striking selection of fine guitars for the crowd to marvel at.

The rest of Cheap Trick is rounded out by bassist and vocalist Tom Petersson, guitarist and vocalist Robin Zander and drummer Bun E. Carlos, who all have the excellent stage presence of a band that is confident in what they are doing and how to please the crowd. After all, they have been on tour since 1974. After

flying through their first song, they played "Big Eyes," then before the next song Nielsen stated that that the next song was from "one of the finest movies produced in 25 years, Joe Dirt," as they played "If You Want My Love."

Between the next few songs a few of the ladies in the front decided to relive their youth by flashing the band as the comment "very nice instruments," was made. They also mentioned that opening band MC5 had two of their albums listed in Rolling Stone Magazine's Top 500 Albums and that Cheap Trick had two albums on the list as well. They then played "Pop Drone" and the first single off of their newest release, "Special one" called "My Obsession."

The intro to "I Want You To Want Me," caused fans to shriek with delight and dance as Cheap Trick played the song that almost every band under the sun has remade since it was first released in 1977. The high energy continued during the next few songs as they ripped through "Best Friend," "I Know What I Want," "Words," and "Never Had A Lot To Lose," all of which had a very strong sound to them. That led them to a song many grew up with: "Flame." This was a highlight for many because many enjoyed reliving their youths openly and through the sounds of the music.

They finished up with the theme song to "That '70s Show" and fan favorite "Surrender" before exiting the stage as a man tried to get on

stage to go back. He was quickly apprehended by the Elkhart police and after he was taken off the stage the band returned to play their last three songs of the evening. There was a huge reaction to the first track off Special One called "Scent of A Woman" as Nielsen climbed up on the monitors and jumped around as the crowd excitedly cheered him on. Following that they played "Dream Police," and finished up the night for good with "Goodnight." As the show ended they all stood there for a while taking in the crowd before saying, "Thank you, thank you, thank you! Hope to see you next year!"

This was an excellent show and an excellent tour for a band that never seems to take a break. It is obvious that they love what they are doing and that their music transcends time as their loyal fans were there backing them through the whole show. It was refreshing to see a show where there were not huge amounts of fancy lights or props up on stage, just good old fashioned rock music that sounded good enough to make any critic smile. This was just a band and their fans having an unforgettable night together in the most unlikely of towns. Many hope rock and roll remembers Indiana again soon.

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NFL

Vinatieri gets the second chance he wanted in victory

Associated Press

HOUSTON — For all his misfortune Sunday, Adam Vinatieri wasn't going to let New England's winning streak end with a tie.

He rebounded from a miss off the right upright in regulation and a block early in overtime to hit a 28-yarder with 41 seconds left. The Patriots escaped Houston with a 23-20 victory, extending their winning streak to seven and establishing their best 11-game start at 9-2.

Vinatieri appeared poised to win it for the Patriots in the opening moments of overtime. The Texans' Tony Banks, starting as David Carr sat with a sprained right shoulder, threw an interception right to Mike Vrabel on the first play.

But Ramon Walker gave the Texans a stay with the first field goal block in franchise history, coming free from the left side to deflect Vinatieri's 37-yard try.

"At that point I was a little down, but I had faith in our defense," Vinatieri said. "I just wanted another opportunity and I thought the defense would give it to me."

It did, although it took awhile.

The Patriots and Texans (4-7) bogged down in a defensive war that Houston appeared to win when Jamie Sharper's sack forced a punt from the 4-yard line. The Texans set up on the outer edge of Kris Brown's field goal range at the New England 35.

Willie McGinest proceeded to take over, stopping Texans rookie Domanick Davis for no gain, then tackling him for a 5-yard loss. Banks fired incomplete on third down and Houston had to punt back to the Patriots, who didn't give up the ball again.

"We talk a lot on our team about hanging in there and playing 60 minutes of football. Today was what, 74?" Patriots coach Bill Belichick said.

Pittsburgh 13, Cleveland 6

The Pittsburgh Steelers have rarely felt so good about look-

ing so bad.

Pittsburgh capitalized on five Cleveland turnovers for an ugly victory over the stumbling Browns on Sunday, keeping the Steelers' slim playoff hopes alive for another week.

Jerome Bettis ran for a season-high 93 yards on 24 carries for Pittsburgh, which won despite being outgained 303-168 in total yards, getting just 11 first downs, committing 10 penalties and running only six offensive plays in the third quarter.

The Steelers had only 73 passing yards with fullback Dan Kreider getting two catches for a team-high 21 yards.

"It did not matter if it was pretty, ugly or 3-0," Steelers quarterback Tommy Maddox said. "You want to be good statistically, but you want to win games. That's the most important thing."

Chad Scott intercepted Kelly Holcomb's pass with 1:41 remaining at the Pittsburgh 39 to seal it for the Steelers (4-7), who had dropped six of seven and were coming off a short work week after playing at San Francisco on Monday night.

"Nobody believed in us, but us," said Steelers linebacker Joey Porter, who is holding out hope the club can make the playoffs. "We're still in this. We run the table, we'll be there."

The Browns were the ones who played like a tired team.

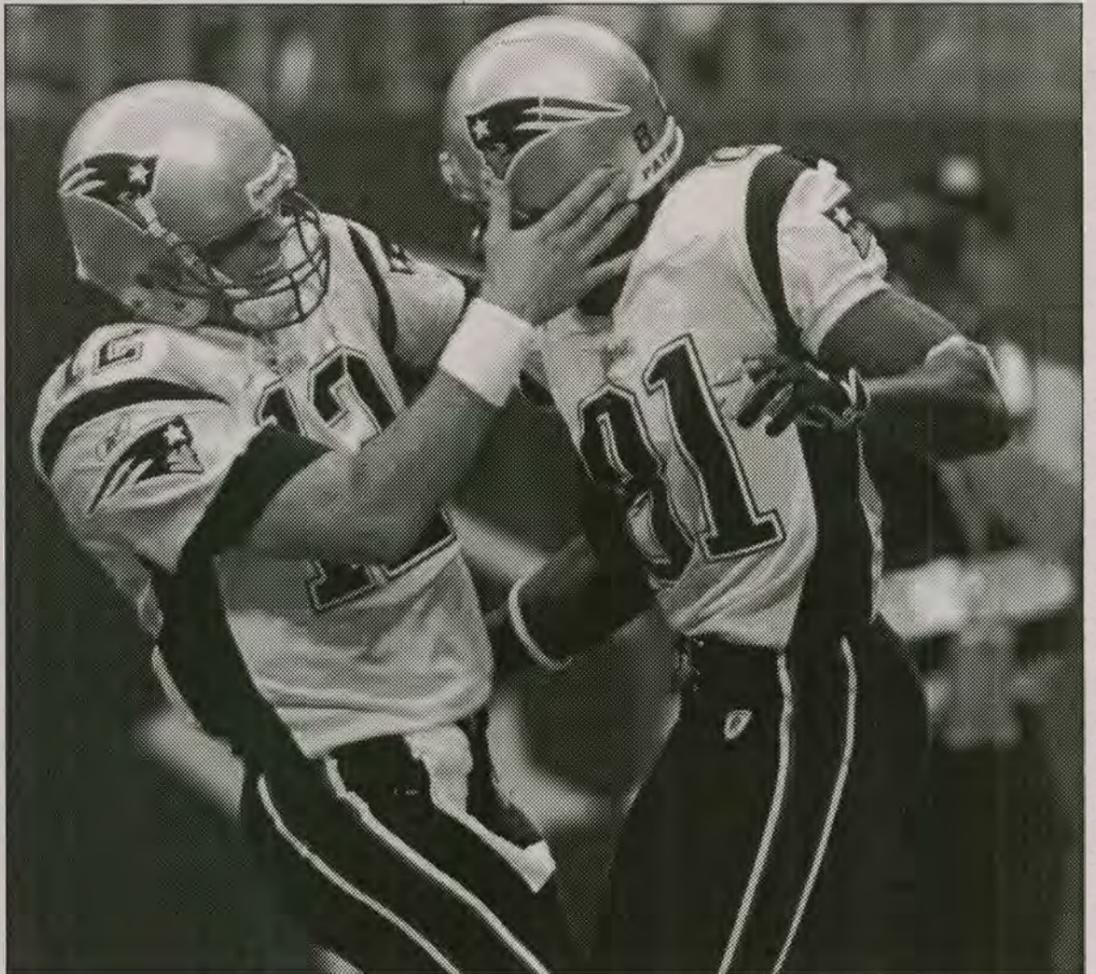
Cleveland didn't score a TD despite having the ball inside Pittsburgh's 20 four times — and came away with only one field goal on three visits within the 10.

Indianapolis 17, Buffalo 14

Edgerrin James had a scary thought after carrying the banged-up Colts to a comeback victory.

"What if we did have all our players?" James asked.

Indianapolis didn't need them because James was the difference. He scored twice, including the winner on a fourth-down plunge from inside the 1 with 1:38 remain-



New England Patriots' quarterback Tom Brady celebrates a touchdown with wide receiver Bethel Johnson during a 23-20 overtime victory over the Houston Texans.

ing, sparking Indianapolis to a victory over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

The Colts (9-2) overcame a 14-3 fourth-quarter deficit with leading receiver Marvin Harrison — back in the lineup after missing one game — limited because a hamstring injury.

They were missing two offensive starters, left tackle Tarik Glenn and tight end Marcus Pollard, both out with knee injuries. And they also were missing backup receivers Troy Walters (hamstring) and Brandon Stokley (concussion).

"That's what makes this team special," James said. "We don't have all of our players, but the players we do have, everybody comes

together and makes it happen. ... That means we can only get better."

The Colts were good enough to beat the reeling Bills (4-7), who lost their fourth straight and for the fifth time in seven games.

Buffalo, limited to a combined 21 points in its last three games, squandered its best offensive performance in more than a month.

Kansas City 27, Oakland 24

It's a special thrill that never gets old no matter how many times Morten Andersen does it.

Andersen kicked the 31st game-winning field goal of his career Sunday, a 35-yarder that barely cleared the crossbar with four seconds left to

give Kansas City a victory over Oakland.

"It is truly an adrenaline rush," said Andersen, at 43 the second-oldest player in the NFL. "I think it's 31 now for me in 22 years. When you get them, it's special and it's a rush. It's like no other rush of adrenaline you can have."

A boneheaded blunder by Oakland's Phillip Buchanon and a great play by Chiefs quarterback Trent Green set the stage for Andersen's 500th regular-season field goal, which kept the Chiefs (10-1) one game ahead in the race for home-field advantage in the AFC playoffs. The Chiefs also can clinch the AFC West title next week if they beat San Diego, and Denver loses to Oakland.

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NFL

Johnson willing to reconcile with Bucs

Associated Press

Keyshawn Johnson is still willing to play for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers — despite differences with coach Jon Gruden.

The star wide receiver spent his first Sunday since being deactivated in a television studio instead of on the practice field, where the Bucs prepared for Monday night's game against the Giants.

"I didn't ask to be sitting here with you guys," Johnson said during Fox's weekly NFL pregame show.

The Bucs deactivated Johnson for the remainder of the year last week, saying his desire to leave Tampa was a distraction the team could no longer ignore.

Tampa Bay (4-6) has lost three straight games, and Johnson was frustrated with his role in Gruden's offense.

The two-time Pro Bowl selection said it was Gruden's decision to deactivate him, but that he shared responsibility for being shut down at a time when the Bucs seemingly need him most.

To remain in playoff con-

tention, Tampa Bay probably will have to win at least five of its remaining six games.

"It's not all Keyshawn Johnson's fault and believe me, it's not all Jon Gruden's fault either," Johnson said.

The receiver approached Gruden and general manager Rich McKay last month after he had one reception in a 24-7 loss at San Francisco

to tell them he did not wish to remain in Tampa beyond 2003.

He doesn't regret expressing his feelings, but said he should have let Gruden know he planned to spend time

with his family in California rather than fly back to Florida with the team.

"I could have made a lot of things easier," Johnson said. "I should have went to Jon. I should have said, 'You know what coach, I'm going to stay with my family.'"

The receiver said his differences with the coach did not center on his desire to catch more passes.

"It wasn't a matter of, 'Hey you're not throwing me the football.' It was a matter of dealing with me as a human being and as a man," Johnson said.

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Keyshawn Johnson unemployed wide receiver

MLS

Earthquakes capture title

Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. — The many fans who sported blue No. 10 jerseys at the MLS Cup didn't go away disappointed.

Landon Donovan, who at 21 has become America's premier player, scored twice Sunday to lead the San Jose Earthquakes to a 4-2 victory over the Chicago Fire in Major League Soccer's championship match.

On a warm, sunny afternoon before a lively, capacity crowd of 27,000, Donovan became the first player in the MLS Cup's eight-year history to score more than one goal in the championship game.

"After the last two weeks, I have no emotion left. I'm so emotionally drained, it's hard to even celebrate right now," Donovan said, referring to San Jose's dramatic comebacks in the earlier two playoff rounds.

Even the fans who weren't wearing San Jose jerseys with Donovan's number on them almost certainly were entertained by the action-filled match, which featured the most goals ever in the title game.

"That's what you want out of a final. I'd have rather it

stayed 2-0, but whatever, we'll take it. What a good game," Donovan said.

Even the losing coach acknowledged that.

"I'm sure people sitting in the stands got their money's worth," Chicago's Dave Sarachan said. "There were two good teams on the field, a lot of attacking soccer, maybe not your normal final."

"I think it was uncharacteristic of us on the defending end on a few plays. But then you have a special guy like Landon who can make plays."

The Fire's Chris Armas has seen Donovan, the U.S. national team's two-time player of the year, score a lot of goals.

"The thing that makes him so good and why he does so well at both levels, club and country, is the fact that he does very well with his opportunities," said Armas, a teammate of Donovan's on the U.S. team. "He doesn't need so many chances to put it into the net. You won't find anyone more composed close to the goal."

Donovan scored on the only two shots he took. Chicago outshot the Earthquakes 22-11, including a 10-8 edge in shots on goal

The two goals give Donovan 10 goals in only 12 MLS playoff games. He led San Jose during the regular season with 12 goals.

His jersey was by far the most popular among the fans at the game, spanning generations as older men and women and young boys and girls wore No. 10 shirts.

He scored in the 38th and 71st minutes. Ronnie Ekelund's goal on a 22-yard free kick at the five-minute mark, and Richard Mulrooney's goal in the 50th minute accounted for the other San Jose scoring.

DaMarcus Beasley scored for Chicago in the 49th minute. The Fire's other score was an own-goal when Evan Whitfield's cross went off the head of San Jose defender Chris Roner and into the net in the 54th minute.

When the game ended and confetti wafted down onto the field, the San Jose players rushed together, hugging each other and jumping to celebrate their second MLS Cup championship in three years. The Earthquakes beat the Los Angeles Galaxy 2-1 on Dwayne De Rosario's overtime goal in 2001.

MLB

Rodriguez would accept trade

Associated Press

DALLAS — American League MVP Alex Rodriguez would

accept a trade to either the Boston Red Sox or the New York Yankees. The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

Rodriguez informed the Rangers of his choices, and the newspaper, citing an unidentified major league source, reported the shortstop chose Boston and New York.

Rodriguez has seven years left on a 10-year, \$250 million contract. A clause in his contract prohibits the Rangers from trading him unless he agrees.

Rodriguez said at a news conference Friday in the

Dominican Republic that Rangers owner Tom Hicks told him there were three possible scenarios: sticking with his contract, restructuring it or shopping him around.

The newspaper said that numerous baseball officials have confirmed the Rangers' claims that there are no serious talks for Rodriguez because of his contract.

Rangers general manager John Hart has said a few inquiries about Rodriguez got no further than "kicking the tires," the newspaper reported.

Hart did not immediately return a telephone call to The Associated Press Sunday night.

This season Rodriguez hit .298, tied for the major league lead with 47 homers, and led the AL in runs (124) and slugging percentage (.600). He had 118 RBIs.

Regarded by many as the league's best all-around player, Rodriguez became the first American League player to win the MVP while playing for a last-place team.

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NFL

McNabb leads Eagles past turnover-prone Saints

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb's passing is just fine. His dance moves need work.

McNabb completed 16 of 25 passes for 259 yards and one touchdown, leading the Philadelphia Eagles to their sixth straight victory, 33-20 over the New Orleans Saints on Sunday.

New Orleans' Deuce McAllister had 184 yards rushing, including TD runs of 76 and 22 yards, for his eighth straight game with more than 100 yards. Aaron Brooks threw for 287 yards for the Saints, who had won four of five.

McNabb, the NFL's worst-rated passer through six games, has been outstanding in the last five games, completing 93 of 142 passes (65.5 percent) for 1,224 yards and six TDs.

His 2-yard TD toss to Jon Ritchie in the fourth quarter gave the Eagles a 33-14 lead. McNabb ran toward Philadelphia's sideline after the pass, threw his arms in the air and kicked his right leg out. The silly gyration didn't seem as though it'll catch on.

"That was for Michael Jackson," McNabb said. "We have a lot fun during the week."

The Eagles (8-3) have won eight of nine after starting the season with consecutive losses at home. The two-time NFC East champions are tied with Dallas for first place. They'll play the Cowboys in Philadelphia on Dec. 7.

"The first two games were abominations," Ritchie said. "We did a terrible job as a team. We didn't have to do anything to respond other than work harder."

Desperate to stay in the playoff race, New Orleans (5-6) committed three key turnovers, including one in Philadelphia's end zone in the first quarter.

Green Bay 20, San Francisco 10

Ahman Green gets the records and most of the yards but humbly shares the credit.

Green ran through San Francisco's stingy run defense for 154 yards on 27 carries in the Packers' victory Sunday.

When he was winded, the Packers lost little with backups Najeh Davenport and Tony Fisher, who combined for 87 yards on 17 carries.

"I consider it a 1-2-3 punch," coach Mike Sherman said.

Although Green is the NFC's leading rusher, both Davenport (6.3) and Fisher (5.7) have higher averages than Green's 5.2 yards per carry.

"Najeh's 250 pounds and just as fast as I am," Green said. "I told both of them in training camp that they'd be a big part of this. I keep telling them that they're just as important to the offense as I am."

The Packers gained 243 yards on 48 carries for a 5.1-yard average that would have been higher had Brett Favre not taken a knee three times at the end. That's their heaviest reliance on the run since Oct. 4, 1981, when they ran 49 times against the New York Giants.

Minnesota 24, Detroit 14

Desperate for a victory, the Minnesota Vikings were prepared to take one any way they could get it.

Yes, even an underwhelming win over the Detroit Lions.

Corey Chavous and Brian

Williams each returned interceptions for touchdowns late in the game, and the Vikings sent the Lions to their 22nd straight road loss on Sunday.

"Everyone's going to say, 'It's Detroit,' but a win in this league is a win," Minnesota coach Mike Tice said after his team ended its four-game losing streak.

The Vikings (7-4) remained one game ahead of Green Bay in the NFC North, despite an offense that looked just as weak as Detroit's during most of the afternoon.

Daunte Culpepper completed 20 of 30 passes for 196 yards, no scores and an interception. Randy Moss sprained his right ankle in the second quarter and played on, finishing with five receptions for 56 yards.

Minnesota punted six times, and none of Culpepper's half-dozen deep throws to Moss were completed. But the Vikings followed up four awful games with one of their best defensive efforts of the season.

"We just returned the favor," Williams said.

Aaron Elling's 24-yard field goal capped a 73-yard drive and put Minnesota up 10-7 with 2:45 left.

Chavous picked off Harrington's pass and returned it for a score 19 seconds later, and Williams grabbed his third interception and ran it back for a touchdown 20 seconds after that.

"It was there for us to take," Detroit coach Steve Mariucci said.

The Lions (3-8), whose last away win came on Dec. 17, 2000, against the New York Jets, tied the Buffalo Bills (1983-86) for the second-longest road skid in NFL history. The Houston Oilers (1981-84) own this dubious league record with 23 consecutive losses away from home.

With visits to Kansas City and Carolina left on the schedule, Detroit has a good chance to break it.

Dallas 24, Carolina 20

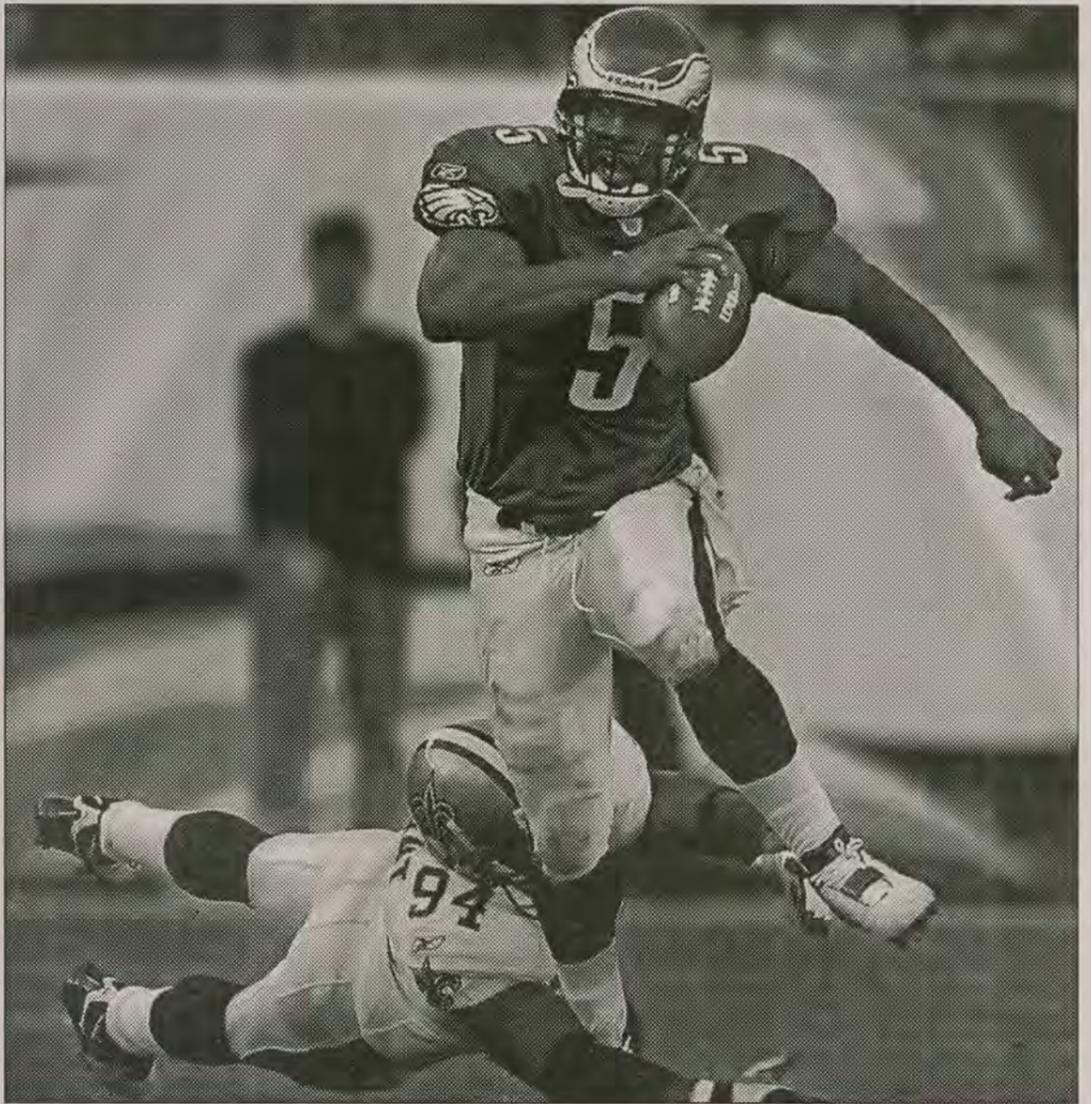
They've beaten everyone in their division and on Sunday took down the top team in the NFC.

Now, even Bill Parcells, their harshest critic, seems ready to proclaim the Dallas Cowboys a team to watch in December — and maybe even January — after the way they beat Carolina Sunday.

"We have a lot of football left, but we're going to be in the hunt for a while," said Parcells, showing more emotion than he has all season. "I think we've got a real shot to do something here."

Quincy Carter threw two touchdown passes to revive a sputtering offense, then made his best plays by keeping alive the final drive and running out the clock in an otherwise sloppy, penalty-filled battle for the best record in the NFC.

Dallas (8-3) remains tied with



Philadelphia Eagles' quarterback Donovan McNabb eludes the grasp of New Orleans Saints' defensive end Charles Grant in a 33-20 Eagles victory at Lincoln Financial Field.

Philadelphia for the NFC East lead and moves into a four-way tie with the Eagles, Panthers and St. Louis Rams for the best record in the conference. The Eagles play at Carolina next Sunday; Dallas is at Philadelphia the following Sunday.

Next up for the Cowboys are the Dolphins on Thursday. Parcells has been saying all season that he'd reserve judgment on this team until after that game, but his excitement over this win indicates his expectations are rising.

"I just thought our guys were really good today," he said. "They hung in there, fought it out and made some clutch plays. ... This was by far the best win I've had in Dallas."

The Panthers are the kings of the comeback, having won six times in the final two minutes or

overtime. They couldn't make it seven.

Carolina had second-and-goal from the 6 with four minutes left when Todd Steussie was called for a false start. It was the team's fourth such penalty, the third by Steussie. Pushed back to the 11, the drive stalled there — then went to the 16 on a delay of game before fourth down.

Panthers coach John Fox already had decided to kick a field goal and hope to get the ball back rather than try for a tying touchdown.

St. Louis 30, Arizona 27 OT

Through good and bad, and there was plenty of both, Marc Bulger is the St. Louis quarterback.

Four interceptions and a lost fumble gave Rams coach Mike Martz every reason to pull

Bulger in favor of Kurt Warner. He didn't, and Bulger directed scoring drives at the end of regulation and in overtime to lead the Rams to a victory over the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday.

Jeff Wilkins tied it with a 22-yard field goal at the end of regulation, then won it with a 49-yarder with 10:22 left in overtime to give St. Louis its seventh victory in its last eight. The Rams (8-3) are alone in first in the NFC West.

"If I wasn't confident in Marc, he wouldn't have been out there at the end of the game — end of story," Martz said. "If I was going to do anything I'd have done it in this game. This is the last time I'm going to say this: Marc Bulger IS our quarterback."

It was the second straight week Wilkins kicked a game-winner.



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AFC East

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
New England	9-2	.818	19.9	15.9
Miami	7-4	.636	18.3	15.5
Buffalo	4-7	.364	15.7	17.0
NY Jets	4-7	.364	19.1	20.1

AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Cincinnati	6-5	.545	22.2	22.4
Baltimore	6-5	.545	23.3	21.1
Cleveland	4-7	.364	16.8	17.3
Pittsburgh	4-7	.364	18.5	23.0

AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Indianapolis	9-2	.818	28.1	19.6
Tennessee	9-2	.818	27.5	18.9
Houston	4-7	.364	17.6	25.2
Jacksonville	2-9	.182	16.8	23.1

AFC West

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Kansas City	10-1	.909	30.3	18.0
Denver	6-5	.545	23.4	18.0
Oakland	3-8	.273	19.5	23.3
San Diego	2-9	.182	19.0	28.5

NFC East

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Dallas	8-3	.727	18.6	15.3
Philadelphia	8-3	.727	20.0	17.8
NY Giants	4-6	.400	18.2	22.3
Washington	4-7	.364	19.6	23.3

NFC North

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Minnesota	7-4	.636	26.6	22.5
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Chicago	4-7	.364	17.4	22.2
Detroit	3-8	.273	16.4	24.2

NFC South

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Carolina	8-3	.727	19.8	18.5
New Orleans	5-6	.455	21.1	23.5
Tampa Bay	4-6	.400	20.1	15.1
Atlanta	2-9	.182	18.9	28.3

NFC West

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
St. Louis	8-3	.727	0-0	0-0
Seattle	7-4	.636	0-0	0-0
San Francisco	5-6	.455	0-0	0-0
Arizona	3-8	.273	0-0	0-0

Eye on Irish Opponents

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Miami at PITTSBURGH (8-3)
Oregon State at USC (10-1)
FLORIDA STATE (9-2) at Florida
NOTRE DAME (4-6) at STANFORD (4-6)
SYRACUSE (5-5) at Rutgers

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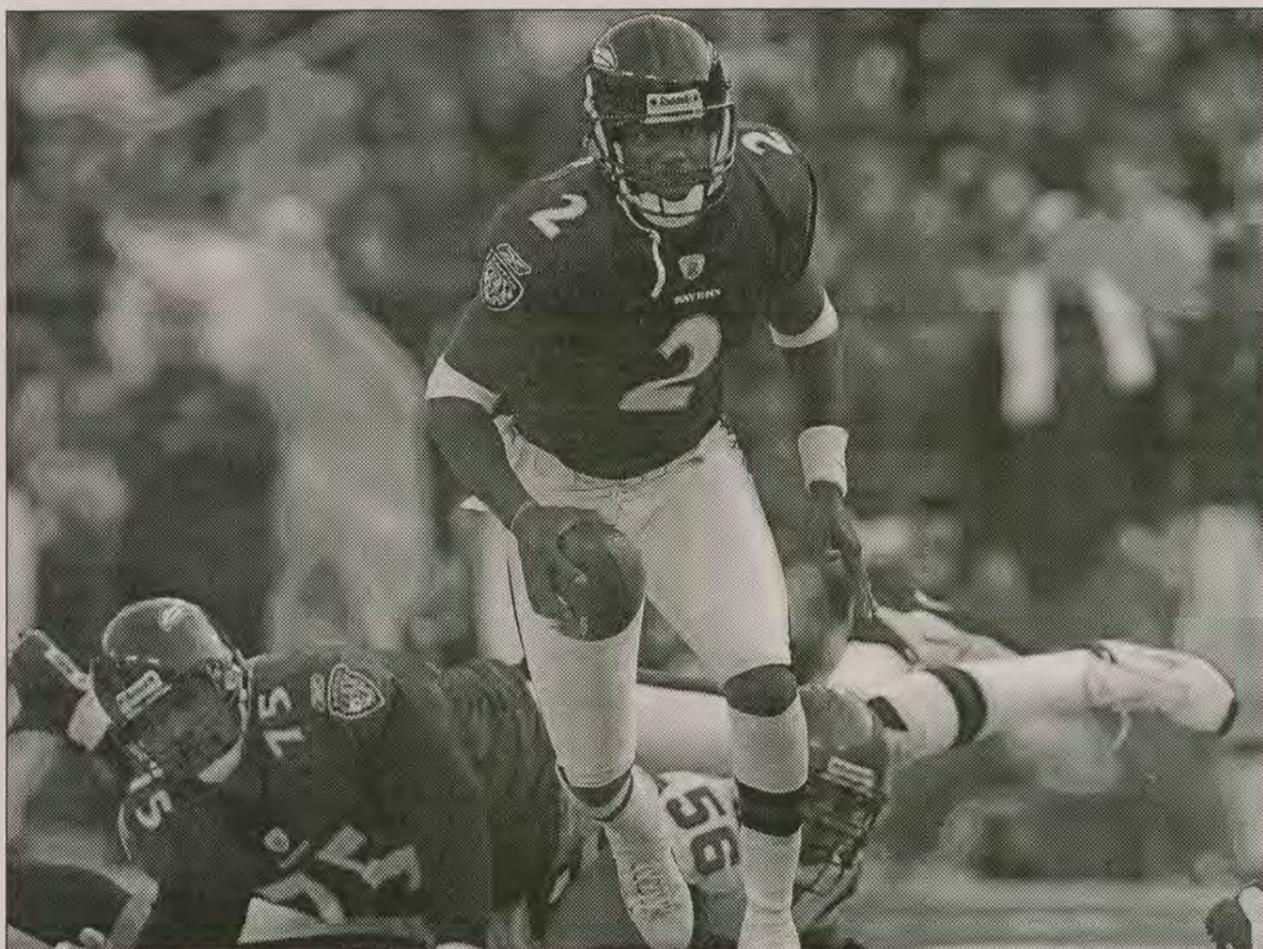
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1 p.m., FOX Sports Net

NFL



Ravens quarterback Anthony Wright scrambles away from the Seattle Seahawk rush. Wright's Ravens came from behind to defeat the Seahawks in overtime, 44-41.

Third-string QB leads Ravens in comeback

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Down by 17 points in the fourth quarter, the Baltimore Ravens put their comeback hopes on a struggling defense and a quarterback making his seventh NFL start.

Incredibly, the combination produced a stunning victory.

Matt Stover kicked a 42-yard field goal, capping a comeback Sunday that carried the Ravens past the Seattle Seahawks 44-41.

Anthony Wright, who was the Ravens' third-string quarterback just

three weeks ago, brought Baltimore back with the finest performance of his career. He went 20-for-37 for 319 yards and a personal-best four touchdowns, all of them to Marcus Robinson.

On the winning drive, Wright connected with Robinson for a 19-yard gain on a third-and-5 play.

Matt Hasselbeck threw a career-high five touchdown passes for the Seahawks, going 23-for-41 for 333 yards.

But the Seahawks (7-4) fell to 1-4 on the road, in part because they made too many mistakes down the stretch.

It was 41-24 with 14:16 left, but the Ravens (6-5) got back into the game by taking advantage of the same kind of miscues that put them in a sizable hole.

First, Ed Reed blocked a punt and took it 16 yards into the end zone. Then the Seahawks played soft defense in allowing the Ravens to march 71 yards in a drive capped by Wright's fourth touchdown pass with 1:12 remaining.

Seattle recovered the onside kick, but failed to convert a fourth-and-1. The Ravens then used a 44-yard pass-interference call against Marcus Trufant to set up a 40-yard

field goal by Stover on the final play of regulation.

Baltimore closed to 17-10 on its first possession of the second half. After Travis Taylor made a nice one-handed catch on a 43-yard play, Wright connected with Robinson for a 13-yard touchdown strike.

Hasselbeck then hit Koren Robinson in stride down the middle with a 38-yard touchdown pass.

A 24-yard punt by Zastudil set up a Seattle field goal and, after Wright hit Robinson for a score, Hasselbeck answered with an 80-yard TD pass to a wide-open Jackson for a 34-17 lead.

IN BRIEF

Harrison returns to Colts lineup

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Colts receiver Marvin Harrison returned to the Indianapolis lineup Sunday but did not start against the Bills.

Harrison, who ranks fourth in the AFC with 777 yards receiving, missed last week's 38-31 win over the New York Jets with a hamstring injury. Rookie Aaron Morehead started against Buffalo in Harrison's place.

The Colts played without backup receivers Troy Walters (hamstring) and Brandon Stokley (concussion), and starting tight end Marcus Pollard, who missed his second straight game with a sprained left knee.

The Colts were also without starting left tackle Tarik Glenn (knee) and starting safety Idrees Bashir (shoulder).

The banged-up Bills did have their top offensive threats active for the

game. Travis Henry, their leading rusher, was active despite a broken bone in his lower right leg. Eric Moulds, Buffalo's leading receiver, returned to the lineup after missing last week's game with a groin injury.

Buffalo was minus one starter, safety Izell Reese, who was replaced by Pierson Prioleau.

U.S. loses to France in Fed Cup finals

MOSCOW — The United States lost the Fed Cup finals 4-1 Sunday, beaten convincingly by a French team that got a clinching victory from Amelie Mauresmo to win the title a second time.

Mauresmo routed Meghann Shaughnessy 6-2, 6-1 to put France ahead 3-0 in the best-of-five series.

"I really wanted to bring that third point to the team, and that's what I did," Mauresmo said.

Mauresmo, undefeated in Fed Cup play this season, ended American

hopes for an 18th title in the event.

France's Emilie Loit then downed Alexandra Stevenson 6-4, 6-2 in a match between substitutes. The U.S. team, captained by Billie Jean King, salvaged a victory in doubles to avoid a sweep.

Martina Navratilova, 47, extended her Fed Cup record to 39-0, teaming with Lisa Raymond to beat Loit and Stephanie Cohen-Aloro 6-4, 6-0.

The U.S. team made it to this year's Williams sisters were sidelined by injuries and Lindsay Davenport was recovering from surgery.

France, which won its only other Fed Cup in 1997, went into the final day at Olympic Stadium ahead 2-0. On Saturday, Mauresmo defeated Raymond 6-4, 6-3, and Mary Pierce struggled past Shaughnessy 6-3, 3-6, 8-6.

"This year, everything was perfect," Mauresmo said.



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Sophomore Elizabeth Webster approaches the finish line.

Nationals

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Young, and perennial power Stanford.

At the Pre-National event earlier this season, the Irish women finished with a score of 127 behind No. 1 BYU, with 86 points, and North Carolina, with 99 points. Notre Dame finished just ahead of No. 22 Michigan, a team the Irish beat just last week when they won the NCAA Great Lakes Regional in Terre Haute, Ind. That win gave both the Irish and Wolverines automatic bids into today's race. After that race, Connelly was also named Great Lakes Region coach of the year.

The Irish have some great assets as they contend with the nation's top talent, which has plenty of reason to take Notre Dame seriously. Huddle, who after running No. 2 for most of last season has emerged as the team's top runner, is coming off her individual victory at the Great Lakes regional. The All-American runner is in a position to achieve the highest finish ever by a female Notre Dame runner at the national championship race. In 1996, Joanna Deeter finished third.

Running close to their top runner will be King and senior Kerry Meagher, who finished seventh and eighth, respectively, at the regional championships last weekend.

The Irish lineup is completed

by senior Megan Johnson, who finished 12th at the regional race, sophomores Madia and Jean Marinangeli and senior Katie Wales. Sophomore Elizabeth Webster is on hand as the Irish alternate.

In the men's race, Mobley will make his fourth-straight NCAA Championship appearance, and he will try to better his 38th-place finish in 2001.

Moore, who led Notre Dame to its 22nd-place finish in the national championships last year, will seek his first All-America honor.

Today's race is slated to air on the Fox Sports network Dec. 3 at 3 p.m.

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WOMENS SWIMMING

Illness a factor in last-place finish

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The women's swimming and diving team battled but was unable to overcome an ongoing rash of illness as the No. 19 Irish (4-1) finished last in the seven-team field at the Texas A&M Invitational this past weekend.

"It was kind of a tough weekend for us," head coach Bailey Weathers said. "We got to swim a lot of races, but we left a lot of kids at home and those that were [at the meet] are still getting over [the illness]."

The Irish struggled on Friday, managing only a pair of ninth-place finishes. Seniors Danielle Hulick and Lisa Garcia and freshmen Katie Carroll and Ellen Johnson took ninth in the 200-meter freestyle relay with a time of 1:47.77, finishing just over five seconds behind first place UCLA (1:42.57). Carroll recorded the other ninth-place finish in the 200-meter IM (2:16.20), nearly four seconds behind Texas A&M event-winner Rebecca Sturdy (2:12.30).

On Saturday, undefeated senior Meghan Perry-Eaton stole the show again for the Irish, winning the one and three-meter diving events with scores of 294.25 and 511.00, respectively.

Carroll also swam to a fifth-place finish in the 100-meter butterfly (1:02.31), and senior

Lisa Garcia took 12th (1:02.97) in the same event.

Carroll finished up a strong weekend meet on Sunday, finishing ninth in the 100-meter freestyle (58.00), and contributed along with freshman Ann Barton, Garcia and Johnson to an eighth-place Irish finish in the 800-meter freestyle relay (8:21.80).

"As a team, we rested a lot before the meet and I had that extra energy saved up," Carroll said. "It was my first big invitational so I was already pumped up, and the adrenaline just kept rolling for me."

According to Carroll, Notre Dame's last-place finish isn't indicative of the team's overall skill level.

"This was a shave and taper meet for a lot of the teams," Carroll said. "We used this meet more as a chance to get our feet wet and get used to the big crowds."

"This was a shave and taper meet for a lot of the teams. We used this meet more as a chance to get our feet wet and get used to the big crowds."

Katie Carroll
freshman

All in all, the Irish were forced to leave eleven competitors at home and are anxiously awaiting a return to full strength.

"It probably will take through the end of this week before we're all healthy again," Weathers said. "All the traveling doesn't make it any easier."

The Irish return to action Dec. 4 when they host the three-day Notre Dame Invitational.

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FENCING

Individual competition provides experience

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

There may be no "I" in the word "team," but each member of the men's fencing team was competing for himself Saturday.

Splitting squads between sites at Penn State and Ohio State, the Irish fencers took to the strip in individual competition.

Notre Dame found the most success at State College in the Max Garrett Open. With a group that consisted of a majority of the starters, the Irish brought home two, third-place finishes in junior foilist Derek Snyder and freshman epeeist Aaron Adjemian.

Adjemian headed a core group of freshman including fourth place sabre Matthew Stearns and quarterfinal finishers Frankie Bontempo at foil and Patrick Gettings at epee. Senior epeeist North Carey won his consolation bracket and classmate Brian Dosal took home the same title in sabre.

In Ohio, Notre Dame brought

home a third place finish with senior Michael Macauley at epee. Other notable finishes include quarterfinalists freshman Eamon Murphy, sophomore Craig Brede, junior John Espinosa and senior Brendan Prendergast.

While none of the bouts counted for team rankings, the meets served to give the Notre Dame team some needed experience in the young season. After a successful trip to Northwestern last weekend, the team sought to get further conditioning at their respective sites.

At Ohio State and Penn State, the young group found themselves matched up against some of the best collegiate talent they will face all year. Last year, Ohio State ruined Notre Dame's bid for a joint conference championship. Penn State were a close runner-up to Notre Dame for last year's national championship.

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Hockey

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goal was a game-winner.

Goaltending had to come up big for the Irish at several occasions during the weekend, as last year's starter Morgan Cey aggravated an injury Nov. 7 against Michigan State and will be out from four to six weeks after having surgery on his right knee.

Freshman David Brown started both games, and played a large part in earning a tie Saturday as the home team was out shot 41-36. He made 16 saves in the win Friday, his offense helping make up for a somewhat sub-par performance.

"I thought David Brown was good," Poulin said after the tie. "I thought he did very well and made some big saves to keep us in it."

Friday, the Irish got off to a quick start as forward Mike Walsh collected a bouncing puck in the crease and flipped it past Lakers' goalie Matt Violin just a little over a minute into the game.

Lake Superior State came back to tie it about halfway through the first after Bo Cheesman fired a shot into the top left corner.

Three minutes later, the Irish retook the lead with a power play goal from Globke, who collected

assists from defensemen Neil Komadoski and Tom Galvin and slapped a hard one-timer past Violin.

Seven minutes into the second period, the Irish would increase their lead to two after some good play by freshmen Josh Sciba, Jindra and Paige.

The two-goal lead would be short lived for the Irish, as the Lakers would score goals from Ryan Reid and Derek Smith to tie it up heading into the third period.

Notre Dame would go back ahead after Jindra's first career goal. The Irish would get an insurance goal from Globke shortly after an Irish power play goal had expired and before the Laker player was able to get out of the box.

"That's definitely a set play we've been working on in practice and every time we get a power play we've been trying to set that up," Globke said. "The way their power play set up, we were fortunate to get a few goals off that play."

Saturday, the Irish were outplayed early by the Lakers, with the visitors outshooting the home team 14-8 in the first period and then taking a 1-0 lead off a power play goal by Dominic Osman early in the second.

About six minutes into the second period, Poulin elected to take a time out with his team being out-shot 19-9.

"I didn't like what was happening at all," Poulin said of his decision to take the timeout. "It was more energy than the style of play. Our energy level wasn't there at all"

Poulin's pep talk must have done the team some good, as they would come out and score the equalizer six minutes later on the power play as defender Wes O'Neill aimed a perfect slap shot just between the post and the left pad of Lakers' goaltender Jeff Jakaitis.

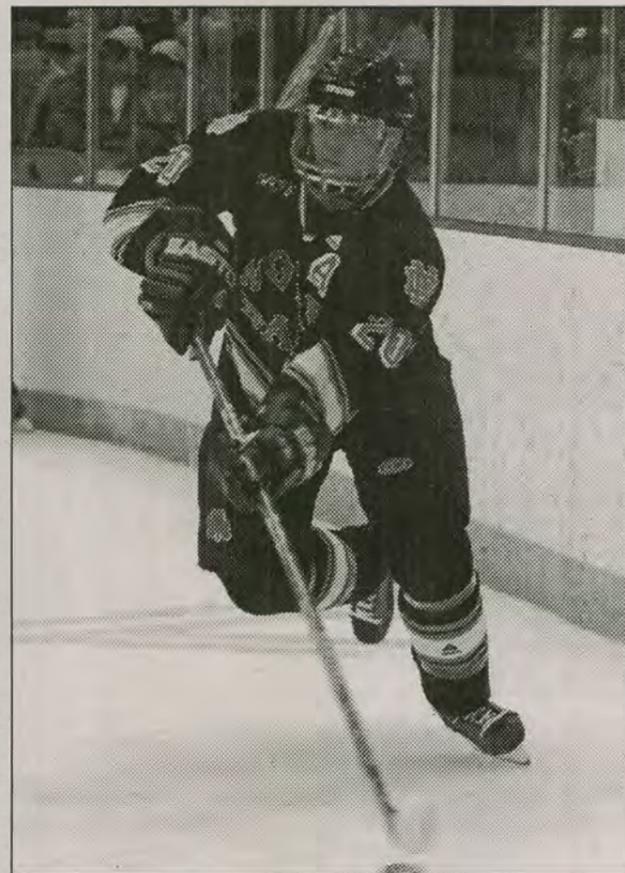
Lebda would put the Irish ahead, 2-1, midway through the second, collecting a Jakaitis rebound and putting it in the net. A turnover in the Irish defensive zone would lead to the Lakers salvaging a tie as Cheesman collected a perfect centering feed from Trent Campbell and whipped it past Brown from the slot.

Neither team would get many opportunities in the five-minute overtime, with Notre Dame outshooting Lake Superior State 3-1 in the extra frame.

"There's a little bit of a hollow feeling right now," Poulin said Saturday. "Any time you give up a late goal there's a bit of a letdown."

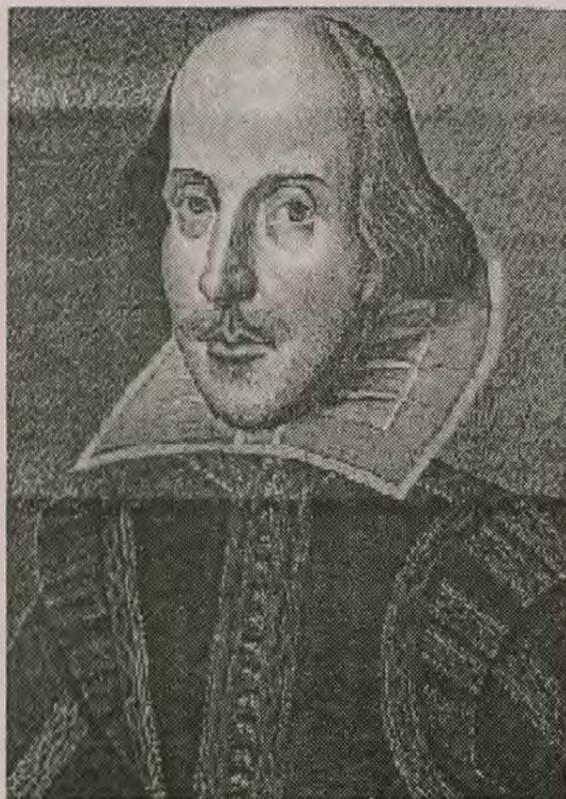
"I think the big thing is that in the locker room it felt like a loss, and that's a good thing because the players want more."

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Neil Komadoski chases the puck during a game against Lake Superior State. The Irish won their first game Friday 5-3 and tied Saturday 2-2 after a five minute overtime.



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Senior guard Le'Tania Severe, a key player in the game against Valparaiso, dribbles to the basket.

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way the game turned out because I thought Jeneka Joyce was the difference in the game," McGraw said.

Joyce came in the game, playing for the first time in a year and a half, to score nine points, on three three-pointers in ten minutes of action.

Junior Jacqueline Batteast also played well for the Irish, racking up 15 points and 10 rebounds, to lead No. 20 Notre Dame in both categories. Courtney LaVere added 11 points and six rebounds, and Le'Tania Severe registered 10 points and six assists.

Severe and Megan Duffy (nine points, seven assists, six rebounds) were key to the Irish success, as they combined for only three turnovers.

"Overall I thought our guards played with a lot of intensity," McGraw said. "We really, really worked hard defensively and got some fast break opportunities."

These easy buckets helped the Irish shoot 43.3 percent from the field, compared to the Crusaders' 29.4 percent. The Irish began the game cold from the field, but had a stretch in the first half where they went 7 of 10. Notre Dame took a 32-23

lead into the second half.

But the key for the Irish was their defense. On the game, the Irish had 10 blocks and 12 steals as a team. LaVere and Teresa Borton (four points, five rebounds) each had three blocks, which Severe had four steals to lead the Irish, who switched back and forth from man-to-man and zone all game.

"In hindsight, we probably could have played a little more zone, but I thought we wanted to work on our man to man," McGraw said. "I thought we did a lot of good things out of that."

In a game where two Irish starters, Severe and Duffy, were battling sickness, the Irish had to fight hard against the scrappy Crusaders. Valparaiso out rebounded Notre Dame 29-26 in the first half despite an obvious height advantage for the Irish.

"They worked hard and they made us work even harder," McGraw said. "They did a great job with their defense and they are a very good team."

The win gives the Irish a solid start at home.

"This year is going to be a special one for us," Joyce said. "I'm really excited about the team we have and I think we're really going to do some good things and I'm glad to be a part of it."

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Senior makes stunning return

Joyce gets first on-court action after injuries sidelined her last season

Jeneka Joyce grabbed the loose ball, spotted up from 24-feet out and drained her third 3-pointer in less than five minutes in the second half of Notre Dame's 74-57 win over Valparaiso Friday night.

You'll have to excuse Joyce for shooting whenever she was open — even if it was from nearly five feet beyond the 3-point arc. The senior had been waiting a long time to get back on the court.

Joyce saw her first action since March 17, 2002 in the home-opener, and the shooting guard made the most of it. She hit all three of her 3-point attempts and, as Valparaiso coach Keith Freeman said after the game, "put the nail in the coffin" for the Crusaders' hopes of winning.

Joyce was the difference-maker, not only making clutch shots but energizing her teammates and fans in the Joyce Center. When the first 3-pointer went through with 14:09 left in the game, stern-faced Irish coach Muffet McGraw threw her hands in the air and broke into a huge smile as her senior guard backpedaled down the court with an equally large smile. That shot put Notre Dame ahead 46-31, its largest lead to that point in the game. On Joyce's next two 3-pointers, the crowd erupted even louder as each shot swished through the hoop.

Joyce's shooting has always been efficient. Keeping her healthy for any extended period of time has been the problem. She played in 25 games as



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Jeneka Joyce sets up for a pass before injuries sidelined her.



Joe Hettler

Sports Editor

a freshman in 2000-01 and connected on 38 percent of her 3-point attempts, but a combination of injuries caused Joyce to miss 11 games that year.

She missed six more games because of an Achilles heel strain during her sophomore season and played in just 24 games, starting eight.

By the time her junior year arrived, Joyce had been fighting through nagging injuries in the off-season, including a hip pointer, stress fractures and heel and ankle problems. After talking with McGraw, Joyce decided to sit out last season to fully recover and be completely healthy for the 2003-04 season.

But injuries continued to bother the guard as she missed the first two games of this season with an ankle injury. Friday night, Joyce finally got back onto the court and made the most of her chances. Despite barely practicing this season, she played solid defense and ran the complicated Notre Dame offense well — not to mention three 3-pointers.

But the most important part of Joyce's performance Friday night was not that she helped Notre Dame beat a lowly 0-3 Valparaiso team. That should be expected. The biggest les-

son the Irish learned in their home-opener was how crucial Joyce is to taking the team to another level.

After losing shooting guard Alicia Ratay, who finished her career with the highest 3-point shooting percentage in Notre Dame history, McGraw knew her team would be hurting for perimeter offense. She decided to move forward Katy Flecky to the outside to give the Irish some 3-point potential, but the junior cannot be expected to carry the load. Guards Megan Duffy and Le'Tania Severe can both hit three's, but they aren't the sharpshooters that Joyce can be when she's on.

Joyce showed that ability against the Crusaders. The Irish will need her if they are going to make it far into the Big East and NCAA Tournament.

But only three games into the season, Notre Dame and Joyce can't worry whether the injury-prone guard will be healthy for the whole year. They can only embrace the moments when the senior gets a chance to show what she can do with the ball in her hands. Just like Friday night.

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Unsatisfied

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into it.

But they are the ones who lost possession of the Big East crown to the Panthers one week ago. They are the team who has lost only one Big East Tournament Championship since they joined the league in 1995. They are the ones who have won 61 straight Big East games at home.

Notre Dame was supposed to be the only Big East Champion — regular season and tournament. But things went awry on Sunday.

Pittsburgh came out firing. They played some of the best volleyball the Big East has seen this season. The Panthers were confident. They knew they could play with a team like Notre Dame and they showed it.

And the Irish didn't respond. They seemed hesitant at times. They held a 5-4 lead in game one, and then never led again that game. They couldn't score off their serving, nor could they put together any sort of run. But most of all, Notre Dame didn't play with the usual confidence and swagger that this

team has had all season.

Credit Pittsburgh. Sunday, Pittsburgh was the better team. From the start, their hard hitting and aggressive attitude had the Irish on their heels the entire match. Notre Dame seemed one step behind the entire match. During the first and second games, the Irish were fighting just to stay within striking distance.

But this was after a convincing win on Saturday, when Miami only hit .144. Pittsburgh hit .329. The Irish just can't find consistency, and they are running out of time.

So now, the Irish find themselves in an unfamiliar spot after losing twice in one week to the same team.

No. 7 Stanford lurks ahead before the NCAA Tournament begins, and if the Irish play like they did against Pittsburgh, it could be ugly.

So after a week of few positives, maybe the board in the Irish locker room should send the message that they too should be unsatisfied.

Maybe this will make Notre Dame hungrier for victory.

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Volleyball

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Brown said. "I was really impressed. I think they were very focused, they had a game plan and they went after it. They were very strong offensively and I just give them a lot of credit."

The Panthers' attack was too much for the Irish, as they hit .329 on the match. Pittsburgh was led by Megan Miller, who hit a scorching .545 en route to 20 kills. She also added five digs and was in on four blocks. Sara Rollman added 17 kills on .341 hitting and eight digs, while Wendy Hatlestad added 15 kills and 11 digs.

With the win, the Panthers receive the Big East's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Although Notre Dame had 12 blocks, they were unable to get touches on the Panthers' attacks. "Our defense is where it broke

down because we couldn't stop them," Brown said. "It was a combination of us not blocking as well as we usually do, not playing nearly as good of defense as yesterday and again, they didn't make the errors."

Brown was referring to the match against Miami, in which the Irish hit .275 compared to the Hurricanes' .144. Lauren Brewster led the Irish with 16 kills on .500 hitting and was in on 11 blocks.

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Debbie Brown
Irish head coach

Jessica Kinder (13 kills, 16 digs) and Emily Loomis (13 kills, 8 digs, in on 7 blocks) also contributed. Senior setter Kristeen Kinder had 47 assists.

But Sunday was a different story, as the Irish were forced to play catch-up the whole match. They never put together a run of more than four points and were unable to score on their serves.

"I think we played frustrated today," Brown said. "We do rely

on our block a lot and with that a lot of times we can score points on runs — but we didn't have any big runs."

The Irish found themselves struggling to keep up with the Panthers' volatile offense. As a result, they lost the match in straight games.

"Winning the points when we're serving, that's what's going to win the match," Brown said. "We didn't do that effectively."

Pittsburgh received the Notre Dame serves well, setting the offense up for their hitters.

"The serving game was very important for us," Brown said. "What [the number of errors] didn't show was that we didn't serve tough enough. [Pittsburgh] passed very well and they were able to run a very efficient offense."

Loomis led the Irish with 14 kills and five digs. Brewster added nine kills and was in on five blocks. Senior Katie Neff had seven kills on .368 hitting and was in on five blocks.

Senior setter Kristen Kinder had 38 assists, eight digs and five kills on the match. As a team, the Irish only hit .214 on the match, below their season average of .257.

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ND WOMENS VOLLEYBALL

Swept away

Loss in Big East final first home defeat in 62 matches

By **HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN**
Sports Writer

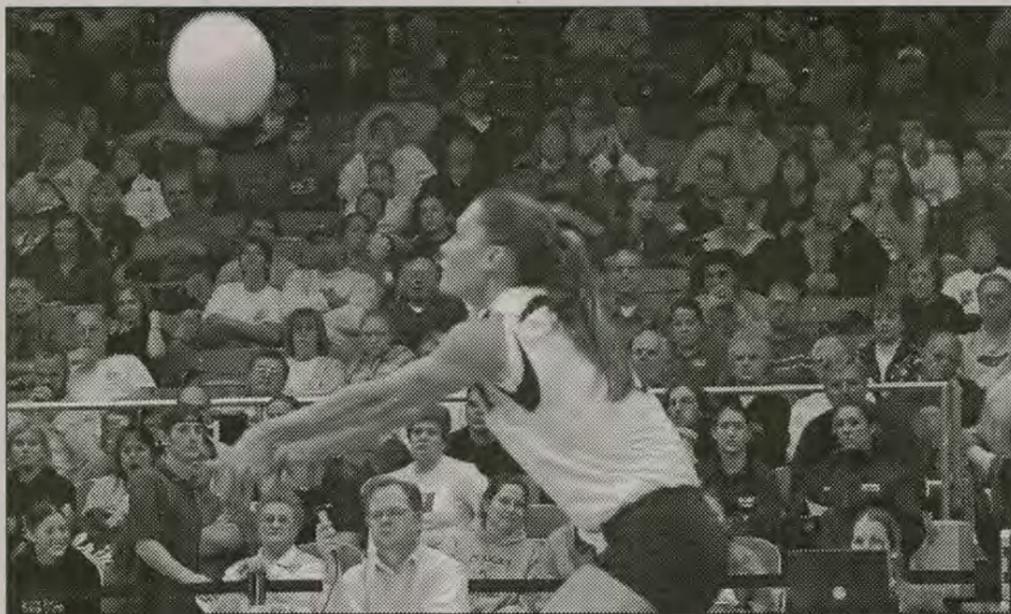
What a difference a day makes.

Notre Dame registered 17 blocks, including eight in the first game to defeat Miami 3-1 Saturday. Sunday, however, was another story. The Irish had only 12 blocks and were swept right out of the Joyce Center by Pittsburgh, 3-0 (20-30, 26-30, 29-31).

No. 17 Notre Dame lost a Big East match at home for the first time in 62 matches and the second time in Big East Tournament play since joining the conference in 1995. Notre Dame also lost its second straight match to Pittsburgh, the first coming exactly a week ago from Sunday.

"I think Pittsburgh played very well," Irish head coach Debbie

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ADAM MIGLORE/The Observer

Senior Kristen Kinder sets up for a bump in the game against Pittsburgh Sunday.

Irish have much to learn from Pittsburgh's approach to game

Unsatisfied.

That is what Pittsburgh

head coach

Chris

Beerman

wrote on

the board

after their

3-2 win against Notre Dame. It

Heather Van Hoegarden

Sports Writer

was a win that gave the Panthers a share of the regular season Big East title and the No. 1 seed in the Big East Tournament.

But that wasn't good enough for Pittsburgh.

The Panthers came out ready to play Sunday at the

Joyce Center. Even Beerman, the 2003 Big East co-coach of the year, was fired up.

But what about the Irish, who looked good while defeating Miami 3-1 Saturday?

Well, they never really got

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HOCKEY

Power plays help with win, tie

By **JUSTIN SCHUVER**
Associate Sports Editor

Against the second-least penalized team in the CCHA, Notre Dame's power play came up huge as the Irish came away with three out of four possible points against Lake Superior State this weekend.

The Lakers, who have fewer penalties than everyone in the league except the Irish, gave up two power play goals and another shortly after an expired power play to Notre Dame, who defeated Lake Superior State Friday 5-3 and tied the Lakers Saturday 2-2.

"I thought our puck movement on the power play was very good," coach Dave Poulin said after Friday's game. "In tight games like these, you have to take advantage of your chances with the man-advantage."

The Irish also got a bit of offense from unexpected sources, as freshman forwards T.J. Jindra and Jason Paige each scored their first goal of the season Friday, and defenseman Brett Lebda scored his first of the season in Saturday's tie. Jindra's

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CROSS COUNTRY

Seven to run in nationals

By **JOE LINDSLEY**
Sports Writer

The nation's 510 fastest and toughest long distance runners will compete in the national cross-country championships this afternoon in a city known, appropriately, as the "Gateway to the trails."

Notre Dame will send the No. 4 women's cross-country team and two individual male qualifiers to Waterloo/Cedar Falls, Iowa, a metro area in the rolling hills of northeastern Iowa with 65 miles of trails.

The race, however, will take place on just 6 kilometers of those trails on the Irv Warren Golf Course. The Irish hope the victory-laden course they have taken all season will culminate with a national title.

"As long as we can all take the line and run as a team, we have a shot of doing really well," sophomore Stephanie Madia said.

Notre Dame hails from chilly northern Indiana and could

have an advantage with cold weather in the forecast.

Seven Irish runners, led by sophomore Molly Huddle and King under the tutelage of coach Tim Connelly, will represent the Notre Dame women at the national championships.

While the men's cross-country team narrowly missed qualifying, sophomore Tim Moore and senior Todd Mobley qualified independently.

All runners who did not qualify will support their teammates.

"Although only the top seven will be racing, all 24 runners are making the trip to Cedar Falls," senior co-captain Katie Ellgass said.

In mid-October, the women finished third and the men ninth in the Pre-National Championships, with many of the country's top teams coming to Cedar Falls. Today, the women are looking for the fall of such teams as defending NCAA champion Brigham

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ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

Women win ninth home opener

By **HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN**
Sports Writer

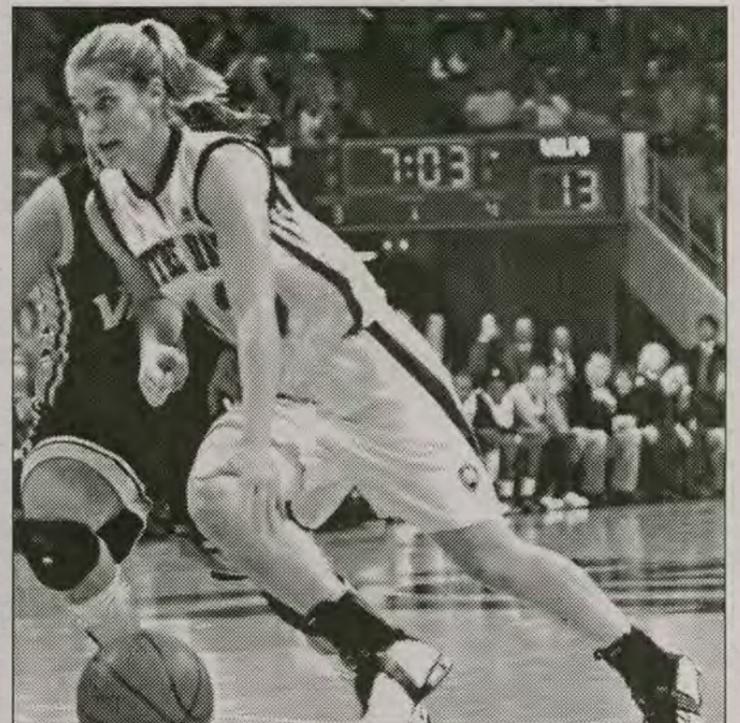
Before Friday's game against Valparaiso, head coach Muffet McGraw said that it would be a tough game despite the Crusaders' 0-2 record.

Last season, the Irish didn't make a basket in the final 4:52, but held on to win 74-68. Two years ago, Notre Dame squeaked out a 42-35 victory only after outscoring the Crusaders 7-2 down the stretch.

But Friday was different, as the Irish improved their all-time record to 17-0 against Valparaiso. Friday, Notre Dame dominated throughout the game, as they won 74-57, to extend their winning streak in home openers to nine games.

"I was really pleased with the

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Megan Duffy drives past a Valparaiso defender during their matchup in the Joyce Center Friday. Despite illness, Duffy still managed nine points, seven assists and six rebounds.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Texas A&M Invitational

The No. 19 Irish finished last of seven teams on the weekend.

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Team splits squad at Penn State and Ohio State

The Irish excelled in individual competition this weekend.

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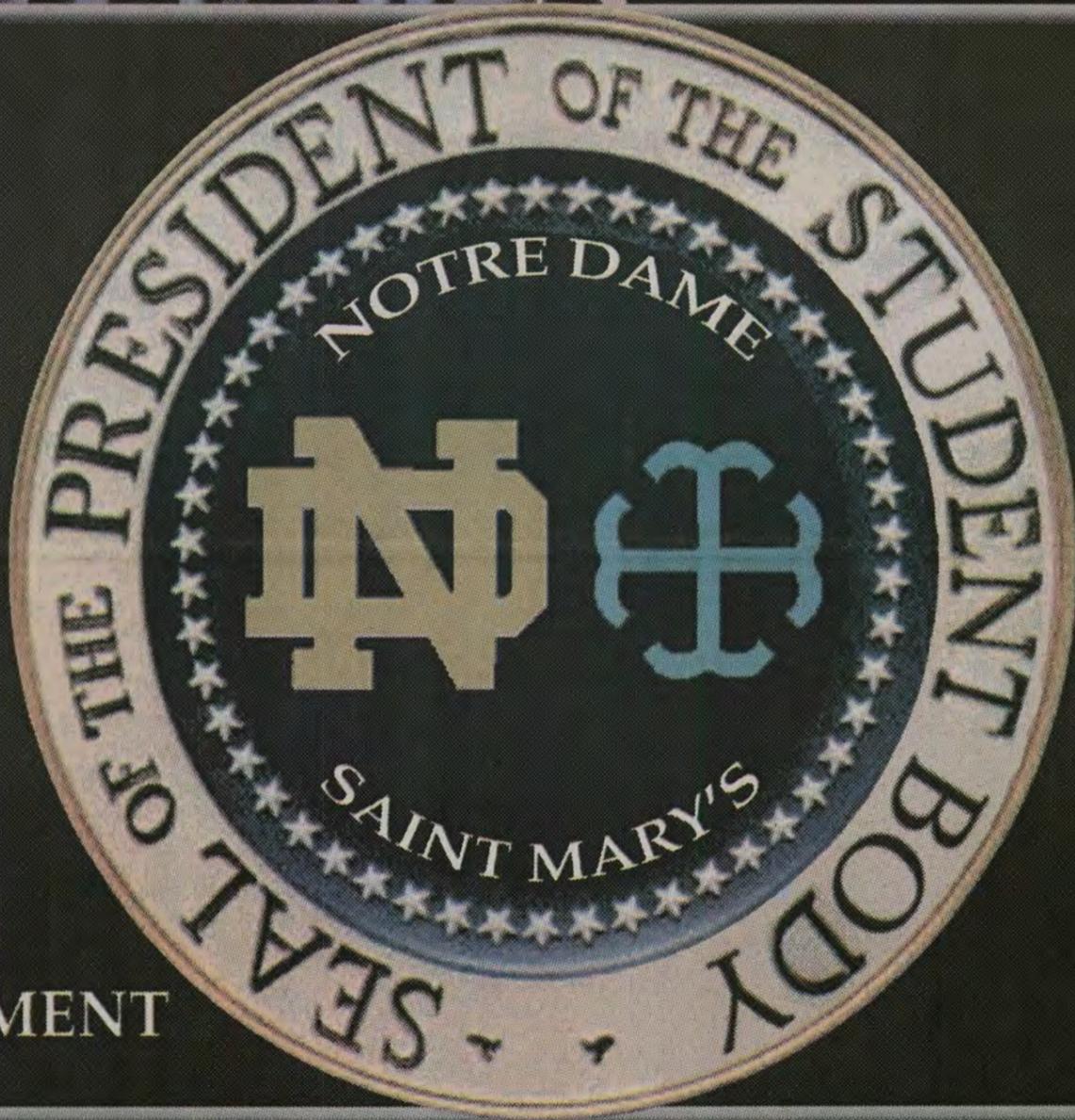
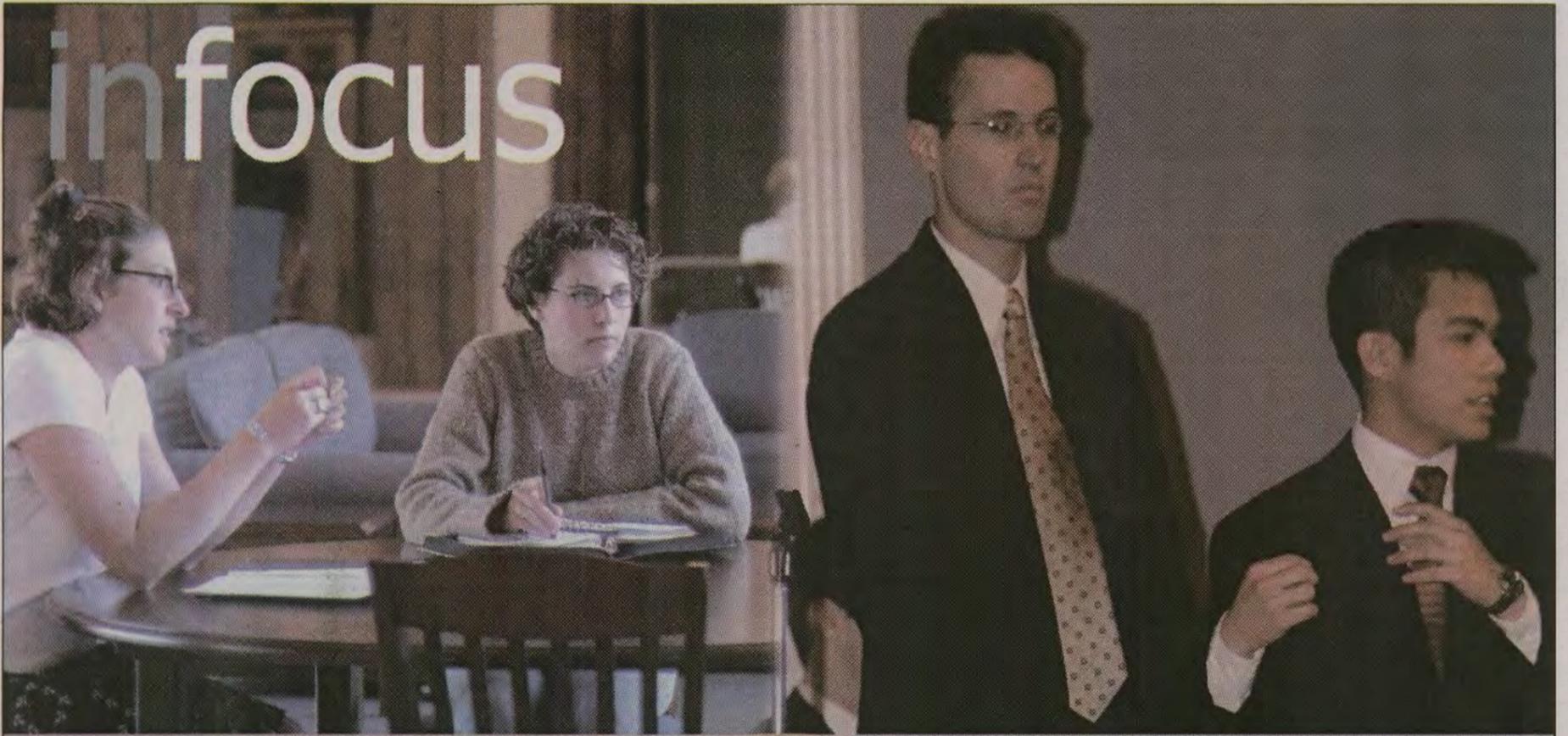
NFL

McNabb and Eagles smoke the Saints

The Philadelphia Eagles' win gives them an opportunity to take sole possession of first place in the NFC East next week with a victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

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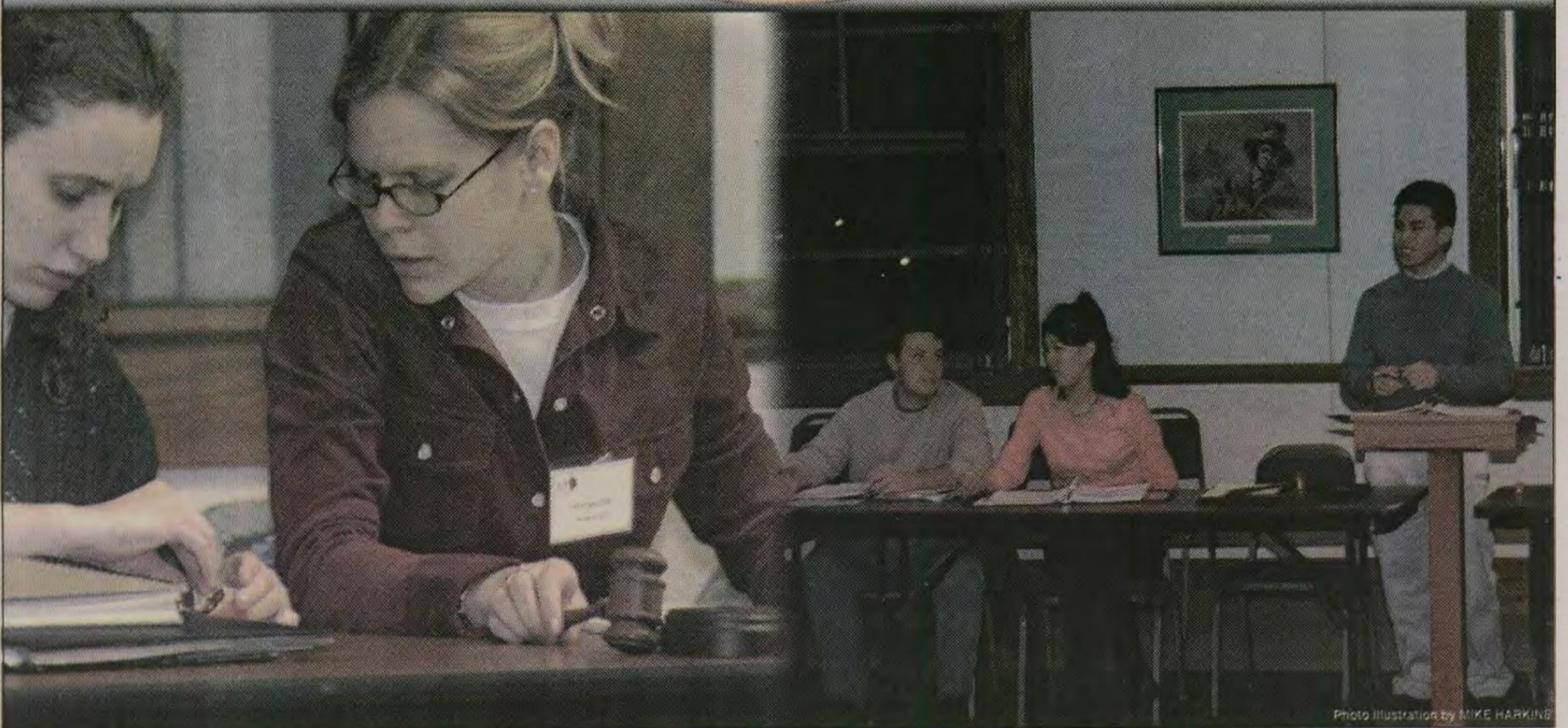


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Student government restructures

Bodies attempt to fix inefficiencies, affect change quickly



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By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

A common complaint about government is its inefficiency, and student government at Notre Dame is no exception. Scores of student leaders sit on panels like the Student Senate, Council of Representatives and Hall Presidents Council, and positive results can be few and far between.

Student leaders have garnered criticism for their apparent inability to affect University policy. In February, then-student body president Libby Bishop came under fire after her report to the University's Board of Trustees did not ask for the reinstatement of hall dances, commonly called SYRs. In May, student leaders met with the University's Board of Trustees, at which time the trustees criticized inefficiencies throughout the Student Union. In October, student body president Pat Hallahan returned to the trustees, asking them to add wider student representation to the Campus Life Council, but his appeal failed.

Part of the problem is the

duplication of effort. Some groups within the student union pursue similar goals but don't coordinate their activities.

Multiple bodies — including the Office of the President, the Student Senate, the Council of Representatives and the Campus Life Council — work on policy matters. Since each body has a different composition, they tackle similar issues in different ways, which creates the potential for wasted effort.

Several groups, such as the Student Union Board and the Hall Presidents Council, handle campus programming. SUB's mission is to create high-quality campus-wide events, while HPC works with residence halls on their own programming. The system might look good on paper, but lack of communication between the bodies has led to failures.

Student Union Board man-

ager Charlie Ebersol said that students from each hall should have a place on the board, so that dorm concerns may be addressed in planning campus events.

"We need dorm representation on SUB, so we won't have David Spade on the same night as seven SYRs," Ebersol said, recalling less-than-stellar attendance at the

comedian's show in October.

Former Pasquerilla West president Sarah Finch said that while communication between the groups is vital, HPC should focus on hall programming, while SUB should focus on campus-wide events.

"Each dorm is so unique that if you try to do something that appeals to the whole campus, you're not going to get a lot of outside attention," she said. "HPC shouldn't try to do too much."

The current administration, led by student body president

Pat Hallahan, is working to overhaul the system. Under a plan currently being debated by the Council of Representatives, dorm representation would be increased and student government bodies would be condensed into three main areas, allowing for easier communication among student leaders and their constituencies.

Student body vice president Jeremy Lao said that although reforms are underway, they will take time to implement.

"It can't be instant gratification," Lao said. "We're setting a foundation and building from there."

These changes come alongside another transition. In December, Hallahan will graduate, at which time Lao will assume the presidency.

Some students, like freshman Chris Sebastian, were cautiously hopeful that the leaders' reforms would improve the quality of student life at Notre Dame.

"I'm sure they're working hard on it, but I haven't seen anything yet," Sebastian said.

"It can't be instant gratification. We're setting a foundation and building from there."

Jeremy Lao
student body vice president

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT?



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"Ask me after they make a decision about the 'Keenan Revue'. Yeah, Keenan!"

"Uppity punks, the lot of them. I wish I was in student government."

"I don't think of student government."

"Student government is the opiate of students."

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"Don't blame me. I voted Muto."

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Members take time to develop issues, ideas

Divisions meet with administrators to effect positive change for student body

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

This year, the student government office on the second floor of LaFortune serves as a command-and-control center for a group of students working for their peers.

Members of several committees in the Office of the Student Body President have spent the semester thus far in the offices of administrators and faculty, discussing issues pertinent to the student body. The committees deal with very prominent issues in the life of students, as well as other issues they believe will benefit students in the future.

The issue at the forefront of student body president Pat Hallahan's campaign was TCE publication. To date, the Academics Division in Hallahan's office has met with administrators and is discussing ways to go about making progress on this issue.

"We've been working more on the draft of the proposal, and fortunately the [University] Academic Council decided to form a subcommittee on TCE's," said Jeremy Staley, chair of the academics division.

However, after nearly three months of work, the division has not completed its proposal for TCE publication.

"We have not submitted the proposal yet," Staley said. However, he did state that progress has been made. "We have examples of what other schools are doing. It's ready to take off."

The proposal will be submitted to the University Academic Committee's task force on TCE's. From there, the administrators and faculty will review the proposal and decide what, if any action to take. However, the first

step will be presenting that committee with the proposal.

Changes to the TCE process will probably not be made this semester, as not enough progress has been made on the issues. Hallahan leaves his office in December after his early graduation, and he will likely not see the end result of this work. But if his administration wants to accomplish one of his important objectives before the end of their term, they must work a lot harder to effect change on this issue soon. If progress isn't made more quickly, it may be another year before students see changes to the TCE process.

One area where results are definitely apparent is with the Last Lecture Series. The Academics Division, according to Staley, worked to find professors who volunteered to speak, and the program has worked well so far this year.

"[The lecture series] is hitting off so well," he said. "The professors have been very interested."

The series has been occurring regularly in different dorms around campus this semester.

Most of the other projects the members of the Office of the Student Body President are working on are long-term projects, and no results are easily apparent as yet.

The Diversity Division plans to begin a program entitled "Seven Strangers." This program would allow for seven students from seven different dorms to meet, have a meal together and talk

about current events.

However, no definite plans have been set, and time will tell if this program will come to fruition.

Tessa Garcia, chair of the Diversity Division, said that she researched a program over the summer called "Sustained Dialogue" that she would like to implement next semester.

"It is a student-run program in which faculty and students can get together and dialog," Garcia said.

According to Garcia, she already has administration approval for the project; thus, all that remains is for the division to set it in motion. Hopefully, there will be results next semester.

The Service, Spiritually and Social Concerns Division has focused its efforts on establishing a service trip, similar to Appalachia, for those who cannot participate during the Spring or Fall breaks. They want to establish more service opportunities, but not much has been heard of this idea yet.

A major concern of the Division on Student Life is the inaccessibility of the Counseling Center to students.

"Some students can't get in for two weeks," said division chair Joanna Cornwell.

"A lot of students here can have problems with depression, and we want to make sure they get help."

The division is looking into bettering care and services for students. They have met with repre-

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Jeremy Staley
academic division chair

Successful Campaign Promises

Theology on Tap

Hallahan's administration has indeed implemented this program at Legends, as promised. This provides a setting where students and faculty can discuss issues related to spirituality and faith.

ND #1 in Service

Hallahan and Lao's goal to make Notre Dame the top University for service is helped along by their administration's Service, Spirituality and Social Concerns Division. This group is formulating a program through which students can take a service trip during Senior Week if they cannot attend Appalachia during Spring or Fall break.

Coffee House Discussions

Hallahan's office held a coffee house discussion with an exchange student from Nigeria to let students hear his experiences and opinions on how relations between the United States and Africa can be improved.

Promises in Progress

TCE Publication

While this campaign promise has not exactly succeeded, Hallahan's staff has definitely made strides toward getting the TCE's published. In response to their work, the University Academic Council has formed a TCE subcommittee to investigate making changes to the TCE process.

One Credit Courses

The Academics Division definitely has this on their list of things to do. They have had discussions with some administrators to see how more one-credit courses can be offered to students.

Alumni Mentoring

The University Affairs and Alumni Relations Division met with representatives from the Alumni Relations Office on campus to decide how best to go about setting up an alumni mentoring program. Watch for significant steps to be taken within the next few months.

Unsuccessful Campaign Promises

SYR's in Residence Halls

During their campaign, Hallahan and Lao promised to fight to return the SYR's to dorms, but not a word has been spoken about the issue this year. The administration probably realized this was a near-hopeless cause.

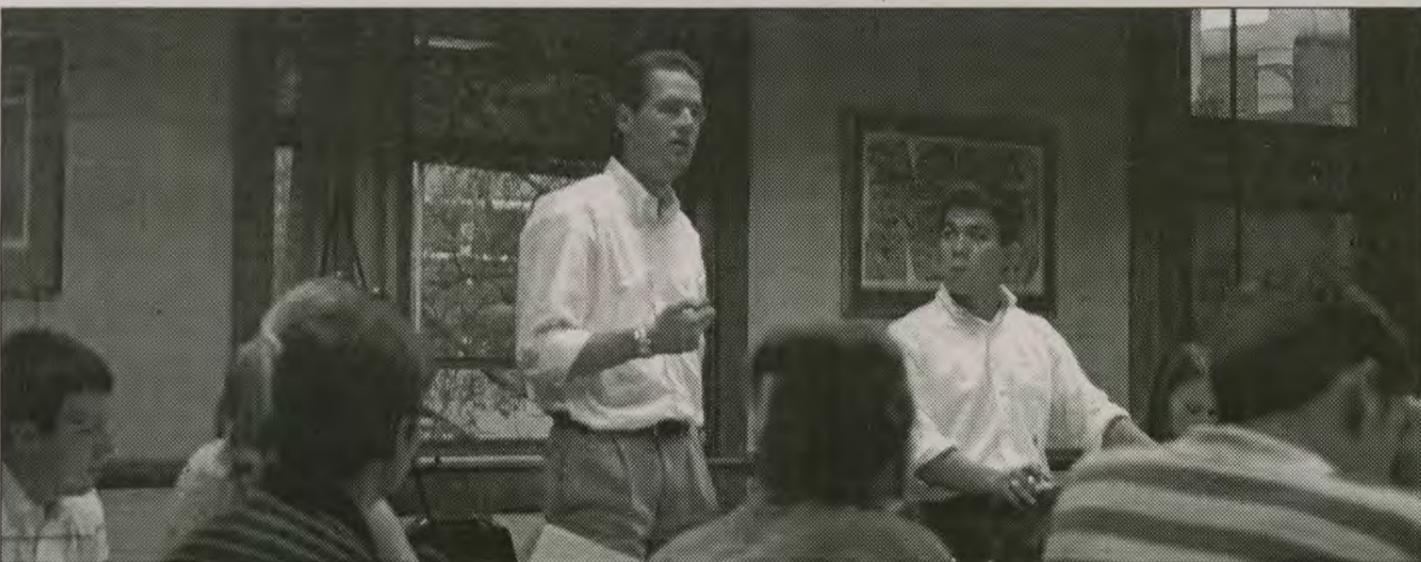
New LaFortune Store

The runningmates told students last Spring that they would like to improve LaFortune by bringing in a Blockbuster Video. Quite obviously, this has not happened either.

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This year, the Office of the Student Body President has demonstrated an ability to obtain administration support for programs, and they have proven to work in the best interests of students. Also, the greatest improvement comes with student body president Pat Hallahan's efforts to restructure student government and improve inefficiencies.

However, many of their proposed programs, such as changes to the Counseling Center and an Alumni Lecture Series are scheduled to take place in the future. These are good ideas, but the Student Government members will have to prove themselves capable of making these good ideas into helpful realities for students. The student body will only be able to tell how effective their student government is through results.



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Top right, student body vice president Jeremy Lao leads a Student Senate meeting. Above, student body president Pat Hallahan addresses Senators. Members of the Student Government have worked closely with Hallahan and Lao to create new programs.

Hallahan reflects on semester, prepares for transition

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

Student body president Pat Hallahan entered his office last April with bold plans to help the student body. This fall, however, Hallahan realized that he would have to prioritize those plans, as his time in office was to be cut in half with his early graduation in December.

Hallahan has spent the majority of his time this semester working to recreate an inefficient student government into one that works well and produces results more effectively. With this focus, some of the issues on which Hallahan campaigned had to be put on hold.

"A lot of the focus in my time has been on the Council of Representatives and the restructuring of student government," Hallahan said. "Some of the issues that we campaigned on, it would seem they have taken a back seat."

However, Hallahan has not spent all his time laying out the inner workings of the student government.

"I put a lot of emphasis on the Church in Africa Conference, and I took a lot of initiative with it," stated Hallahan, referring to the two-part conference, which began here this fall and will end in Nigeria in the Spring semester.

Overall, Hallahan believes that the student government has made great strides toward greater efficiency so far this semester.

"It's a slow process, but I think we're taking the right steps, and I think you'll see by March a structure where the policy bodies and programming bodies work together," he said.

"We'll be in a position to go to the Board of Trustees and tell them, 'This is what you told us to do, and we want to get more involved at the University level.'"

Of course, Hallahan will not be on



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Student body president Pat Hallahan presides over a meeting of the newly formed Council of Representatives. This body hopes to make changes to improve the efficiency of the student government.

campus to see those changes happen. After his graduation in December, he will be taking a job with the Democratic National Committee, and vice president Jeremy Lao will assume the presidency.

Lao, like Hallahan, believes that progress lies in correcting the inefficiencies in student government. However, he is less optimistic about how far the student government has come this semester.

"When it came to the issues, I think we could have done more," Lao said. "I

think we could have done a better job in all bodies to address more concerns and issues."

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student body vice president

Much of Lao's work next semester will surround forming a plan for the reorganizing of student government. Currently, the Council of Representatives of formed three proposals for a new structure, but Lao believes there will be more to come.

"I think that those three models for student government is great, and I'm glad we're going somewhere," he said. "My concern is that I

don't want student government to be non-representative, which is what I think these models may be. I'm sure there will be other plans that other people will develop."

Lao has chosen current chief of staff Emily Chin to assume the role of student body vice president next semester.

"Emily has been with me and Pat since last winter as our campaign manager," he said. "We work together really well, and I know she is very committed to the job."

Chin echoes Lao's optimism, but does realize that there is room for improvement.

"So far, I think we're doing pretty well," she said. "Getting started on projects is pretty easy because we have ... a lot of people that were willing to learn."

Her suggestions for improvement centered around the Student Senate, which she will be leading next semester.

"I think that the Senate is a very unique and diverse group, so I would like to see them be more vocal about diverse issues. I think that we're going to pinpoint more pressing issues that the University is working with and can concern the student body also," Chin said.

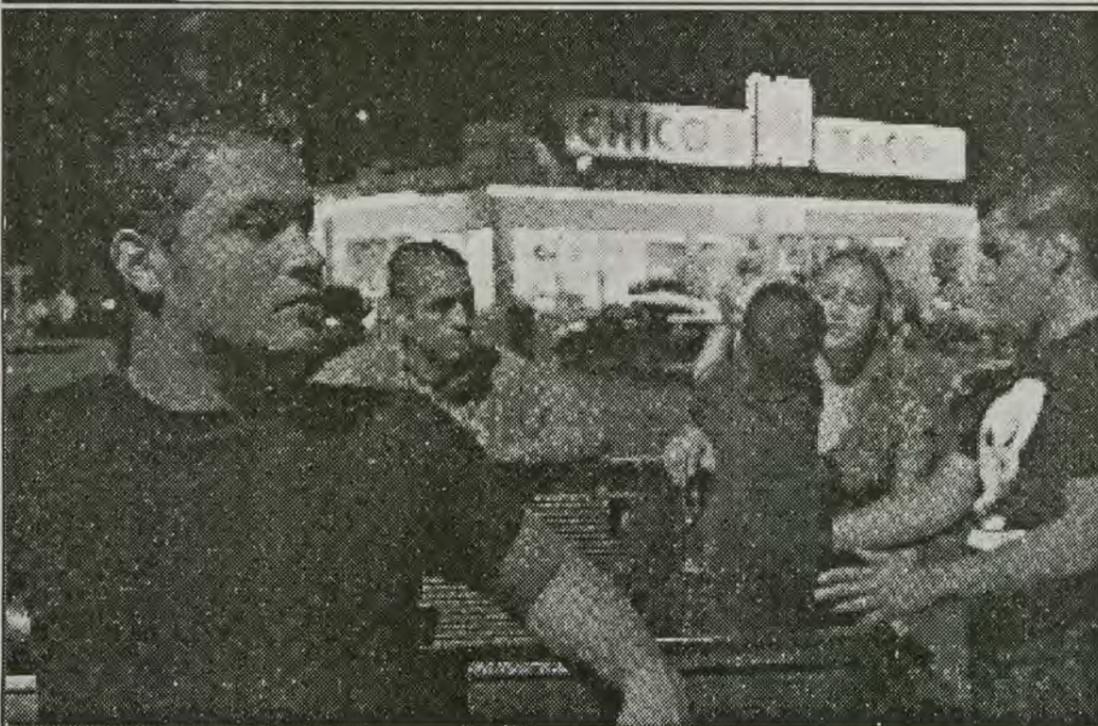
The coming months will likely bring many more changes to the face of student government, and the results will show how well these student leaders transition into their new positions.

Lao expressed his enthusiasm at the prospect of continuing to work with the student government.

"I'm really looking forward to a great year with Pat and Emily, and I'm really excited about what we can do in the next two and a half months."

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STUDENT SENATE

Committees progress with ideas

Groups research projects, meet with administrators

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

The Student Senate's mission is to represent student opinion and strive to act in the best interest of all students. This year, they have proven to remain true to this mantra, but sometimes, results are hard to come by.

"I've been very pleased with the issues [Senators] have brought up and the resolutions that have gone to the CLC and have passed," said student body vice president Jeremy Lao. "Overall, I'm very happy to see what the Senate has produced this year."

Senators have used their time in student government to find issues that they deem important to students.

The first important issue presented to the Senate was the resolution proposed by student body president Pat Hallahan asking for Senators to give its power to amend the Student Union Constitution to the Executive Cabinet, which later morphed into the Council of Representatives.

With their first important resolution, however, Senators spent most of their time arguing over which of their powers they should retain, instead of debating the effect the new group would have on the student body.

In the end, Senators gave up their power to amend the Constitution, but after first spending two meetings arguing over the issue and then failing to approve Hallahan's resolution.

The Senate has, however, proven they can respond to issues directly affecting students and make significant strides to improve these issues.

"Basically, our goal for the year is in essence that we will attempt to improve campus life through the opinions of the student body," said Howard Senator Brin Anderson. Anderson is also chair of the Residence Life Committee in the Senate, which has dealt with many issues at the forefront of campus life.

The Residence Life Committee in the Senate drafted a resolution regarding resident assistant training procedures that, after approval by the Senate, they presented to the Campus Life Council. The resolution called

for the CLC to establish a task force to investigate RA training.

Despite staunch administration support of its strict policy on RA training, the CLC sided with the Senate and established the proposed task force.

The Residence Life Committee also authored the petition asking that the administration move the annual ROTC Presidential Pass In Review ceremony to an outdoor location. Senators gathered over 2,000 student signatures for this petition and presented it to Bill Kirk, associate vice president for Residence Life.

"We had about a quarter of the student body sign the petition," said Anderson.

Kirk said he was impressed with the Senators' efforts, but it is not apparent that the petition will change Kirk's decision at all.

Despite this indecision, the Senators' ability to take an issue and gather such substantial reaction from a usually apathetic student body shows their dedication to effecting positive change on campus.

In addition to issues that originate through other bodies, such as the RA training issue, Senators have shown that they have the ability and desire to look at the University and find places where improvements can be made.

Such an issue is the proposed women's resource center, brought to the Senate by the Senate's committee on Gender Issues.

This committee has spent the semester researching other top 20 institutions to establish a platform from which to plan a women's resource center for this University.

"CLC was initially receptive," said Pangborn Senator Kaitlyn Redfield. "We've met with a lot of people individually, and they've been very receptive."

These administrators do have some reservations about the proposed center, however, according to Redfield.

"They have some concerns about issues that would surround a women's resource center, such as abortion and homosexuality," said Redfield.

The Senate has indeed shown initiative with this proposal, but if Senators want it to be accepted, they must address these concerns and provide an outline, if not a specific plan, for how these issues should be addressed on a

Catholic campus.

Finally, the Senate has one project that is very near completion.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Student/Faculty Interaction established the Hall Fellows Program again this year. This committee recruited faculty participants and forwarded their names to the dorms. Currently, the dorms are in the process of choosing a faculty member (or two) to be their Hall Fellow. After that point, the dorm will be responsible for implementing the program and taking advantage of the opportunities afforded them by this program.

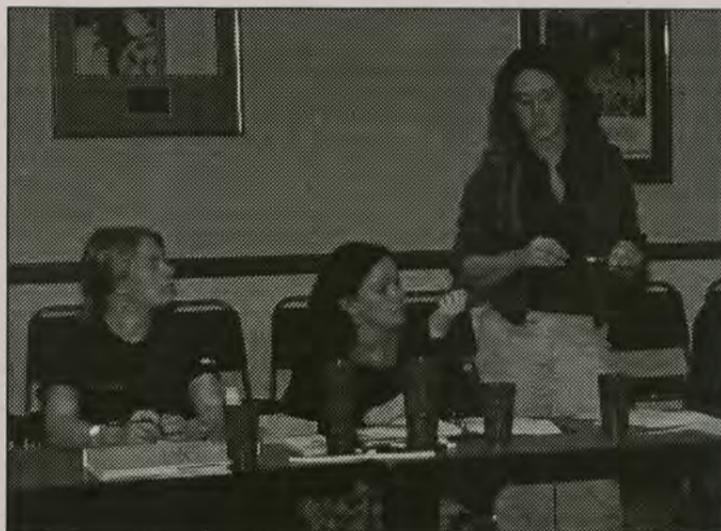
This is one program the Senate has been able to originate and see through to completion this semester. Although it is obvious that many projects take much more time to implement, the Ad Hoc committee has proven to work hard and accomplish the goals they set.

As the Senate has several good ideas in the works, the biggest issue facing Senators is to simply get the job done. The first semester will end within a few weeks, and Senators must then work within a time constraint to accomplish projects before a new Senate will take office in April.

Several other ideas, which Senators are planning, include implementing a "ND" program, which would connect cell phones directly with NDSP and creating a distance-learning program to establish telecommunications capabilities to conduct lectures for students in a classroom from another location. The distance-learning program would allow for students to benefit from guest lecturers without the lecturer even present on campus.

While these are ideas that would improve campus and academic life, nothing has been brought out of the committee meetings. These issues must come to the full Senate meetings if Senators are going to accomplish anything significant regarding them. Resolutions are necessary on these issues to officially establish Senate's belief that there is a need for these improvements. If no resolutions are passed, these issues may not end up in the hands of the proper administrators.

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Senate members debate an issue regarding student life at their meeting last Wednesday.

Academic Affairs: B-

Not much has come from this committee so far. Although it has some important projects, namely distance learning and graduation improvements, the results have not been seen. However, the projects do require much research and planning before any proposals can be heard.

Diversity Affairs: C+

This committee works with established diversity groups on campus, and it is getting response from its "table tents." However, it does not appear that results for its other plans, such as scholarships for international students and an official gay-straight alliance, have not materialized yet.

Ethics: B

This committee only meets when there is an ethical problem with the senators. The fact that it has not officially convened yet is good. However, it managed to produce results in the form of an attendance policy.

Gender Issues: B+

After extensive research for a proposed women's resource center, this committee garnered support for the idea in CLC. It has proven it can take on important issues, but the challenge will be seeing this project through to the end. This committee must prove it can work with administrators in getting something that would greatly improve student life.

Oversight

A grade for this committee is not applicable due to the fact that its powers were taken away with the establishment of the Council of Representatives.

Residence Life: B-

This committee has accomplished many of its objectives so far. It presented a resolution,

which Senators passed, asking the CLC to form an RA training task force, which the CLC later accepted. It also formed a petition to move the ROTC Pass In Review to an outdoor location. Over 2,000 students signed the petition. However, as one of the largest committees in the Senate, it should bring more issues to the Senate.

University Affairs: B-

While it has generated good ideas, this committee has not had results. Their grade will go up when they accomplish their goal of creating a "*ND" system. The committee's grade rose, however, when it committed to work with the Office of the President on basketball ticket distribution. This cooperation will lead to greater efficiency in student government.

Ad Hoc Committee on Student/Faculty Interaction: B

This committee did a good job implementing the Hall Fellow's Program, but it still must find a way for the program to be self-starting. This is an important venue for student/faculty interaction, and it will not serve the student body if this program ends in May. The committee must prove it can accomplish this goal.

Overall: C+

Effort: B+ Results: C

The Senators have worked on important projects, but there aren't many results. They have met with administrators on issues, but not much has been said about these topics during full Senate meetings. The ideas must be presented for progress to be made. However, the fact that Senators have so many good ideas, as well as the fact that they have made significant progress on some issues, shows their dedication to better student life.

FACULTY SENATE

Group addresses important issues after restructuring

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

The Faculty Senate has tackled many important issues this year, such as TCE's and faculty grievance procedures. Their work this year follows restructuring within the group that took place last year.

"I think that the Faculty Senate is just beginning to stretch its wings," vice-chair Jeremy Fein, director of the Environmental Molecular Science Institute, said. "We re-formed last year, and in many ways, this year is a trial year during which we can see whether our influence can significantly impact university policies and practices."

The Senate has worked to improve the

grievance procedures for faculty. In September, the Faculty Senate passed a resolution to amend the Academic Articles, creating provisions for hearings regarding severe sanctions against faculty members.

A second resolution to establish faculty grievance procedures is currently under revision by the Administrative Affairs committee, chaired by music professor Paula Higgins.

The Academic Affairs committee, chaired by chemistry professor Seth Brown, and the Student Affairs committee, chaired by psychology professor Jay

Brandenberger, are considering possible changes in the publication format of Teacher-Course Evaluations.

"We have begun thinking about possible changes to the TCE process that would provide students with some information, but still maintain confidentiality of some aspects of the form," said Fein.

The Academic Affairs committee discussed shrinking library resources and is looking to develop a better process for faculty input in the allocation of library resources, said Brown.

Changes in faculty benefits, including a

new, self-funded health plan and a crisis management program, were announced by the Benefits committee, chaired by business professor Nasir Ghiaseddin.

Elections for a new chairperson will be held during the Senate's December meeting. Under the guidance of a new chair, the Senate will persist in its attempt to make the faculty's voice heard.

"It's still an open question whether an advisory entity like the Senate has a useful place here at Notre Dame, but I think that there is much goodwill toward the Senate on the part of the Administration, so I'm quite hopeful that progress on a number of fronts can be made," he said.

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"The Faculty Senate is just beginning to spread its wings."

Jeremy Fein
vice chair

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Council improves productivity, efficiency

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

In the past, the Campus Life Council had a reputation for being unproductive and tending to react to decisions made by other organizations and parts of student government rather than take initiative on its own. This year, however, things are beginning to change for the organization that brings together students, administrators and faculty to discuss important issues.

To date, CLC is working with Student Senate to draft a resolution supporting a proposed University women's center and is in the process of investigating potential parking perks for on-campus seniors.

Perhaps their most important accomplishment, however, is a resolution passed to form a task force to investigate issues surrounding resident assistant training and attendance policies. The issue was brought to the forefront of the campus community when several RAs either quit or faced termination because schedule conflicts prohibited them from attending all of the training sessions.

CLC's actions have increased respect among students, faculty and administrators, according to Pat Hallahan, student body president and chair of the organization.

"I think it's a good step to give CLC a lot of credibility," he said. "It's responding to an issue that concerns the student community."

By discussing issues together, the group also said that they realized they could accomplish things without always going through the formality of passing a resolution.

"Everything isn't going to be in the form of a resolution," Hallahan said.

Outside of their biweekly meetings, members are divided into committees or task forces including Senior Privileges,

B This year's Campus Life Council has demonstrated an ability to act rather than simply react. Members have made progress in obtaining perks for seniors, investigating resident assistant training policies and studying the need for a University-sponsored women's resource center. The group has also developed a greater degree of flexibility, working to find solutions to problems that don't necessarily involve passing a resolution. Only time, however, will tell if their work will impact the campus community.

Composition and Gender Relations. All three committees have been fairly successful in pinpointing reasonable issues to focus on and taking the necessary steps to see that they are implemented.

Perks for seniors

The Senior Privileges task force has primarily focused its attention on parking awards for on-campus students. The task force is looking into the possibility of either reducing or eliminating the parking fees that on-campus seniors pay along with offering reserved spots for them in the D2 and D6 lots.

"The idea was that we didn't want to create a senior privilege to keep them on campus but have it as a 'thank-you,'" said Heather Rakoczy, a council member and rector of Pangborn Hall. "It's important for the University to show gratitude for keeping senior leadership on campus. We really need senior leadership in the halls, especially for freshmen."

So far, the group has shared their idea with Rex Rakow and Phil Johnson of campus security and Bill Kirk, director of Student



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Members of the Camus Life Council, led by student body president Pat Hallahan, discuss important issues at a recent meeting. The Council, among other things, will soon investigate RA training.

Affairs. Kirk, according to CLC member Wyatt Maxwell, has been particularly supportive.

The task force is also investigating the sale and distribution policy of class rings. Members said they were concerned that advertising is being geared toward sophomores despite the fact that the privilege is traditionally reserved for seniors.

Finally, members are interested in the possibility of establishing time at Legend's solely for seniors to replace the void created when Senior Bar closed.

The Task Force has been successful in making progress toward their goals in part because they are reasonable, Rakoczy said.

"The students wanted to focus on goals that would have immediate and positive repercussions," she said.

Exploring gender relations

The Gender Relations task force is a new addition to CLC this year, replacing the Sidewalk Safety committee.

"We decided that it wasn't as much of an issue as gender relations," said Emily Chin, a council

member and chief of staff in the Office of the Student Body President.

The task force began the semester by comparing Notre Dame's gender relations environment to 15 peer institutions, including Duke and Boston College, with similar social and academic climates.

The group found that most of the other institutions had some kind of option for co-ed living which helped to foster stronger relationships between the sexes.

"We are looking into the co-ed option and seeing if it is feasible for our University," she said.

More recently, the task force has committed to work with members of Student Senate to draft a resolution to Student Affairs concerning a proposed women's resource center.

Defining CLC

The final working committee of CLC is the Composition task force, which is charged with researching into the makeup of the council's representatives.

The task force was initially formed to gather information and generate discussion for student

government's report to the Board of Trustees on possible restructuring of the organization.

"Our main purpose at the time was to get administrator, student and faculty discussion for our Board of Trustees meeting," said Jeremy Lao, student body vice president and CLC member.

The task force will continue its investigation into next semester and collaborate with other branches of student government to work on changing membership composition in order to improve efficiency.

The investigation, along with other actions taken by CLC, is helping to redefine the organization and show the University community that it is willing and able to act rather than simply react.

"It's better to be catching things early and bringing them up as issues instead of waiting for an issue to be implemented and then complain about it," Hallahan said.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

New body works to restructure, improve government

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

As chair of the Council of Representatives student body president Pat Hallahan effectively sets the agenda for all organizations within the Student Union.

The council, previously known as Executive Cabinet, is composed of the Student Body Vice President, the Chief of Staff, representatives from each class council, the Student Senate, the Financial Management Board, Hall Presidents Council, the Student Union Board, the Judicial Board, and the Club Coordination Council.

This semester, members of the council have primarily focused on a complete overhaul of the student government system. Hallahan characterized the effort as "a down payment on a long term solution."

The council's ambitious plan is the first step to realizing the student body's desire: a government that works.

In particular, separating various bodies into programming, residential and policy councils is a popular concept among student leaders. Groups would have specific and unique mandates, so that results could be seen more quickly

without duplicating efforts.

However, there have been some problems. The process is inherently slow. In order to proceed with caution and thoughtfulness, council members have held special sessions to address the finer points of the student union constitution. In addition, jurisdictional squabbles have held up the work of the council. The issue of off-campus students' representation has kept the council from wrapping up the new structure and moving on to addressing the issues.

"Student government has been very territorial," Hallahan admitted. "But we're starting to think outside our own organizations."

That spirit of cooperation is a far cry from last year's student government, when the relationship between then-president Libby Bishop and the Student Senate appeared strained as they battled over the Board of Trustees report.

Communication

Communication with the students has generally been good. The "Under the Dome" calendar, which provides a central Web-based platform for student activities, is a great step. The only significant problem is that many clubs and students have not yet adopted the calendar, which is available on the "Popular Sites" box at the Notre Dame Web site.

Communication among student government leaders, however, is another matter. The council is intended to be a forum for student leaders to coordinate their activities and discuss issues of importance to the student body. For the past several weeks, however, that hasn't happened much.

The focus on restructuring the Student Union is simply a huge task, and it has taken priority over discussion of the issues.

Representing student interests

A key responsibility of any elected representative is to act as an advocate for his constituents. Student leaders should work to be involved in policy making activities on the university level. Issues like alternative housing arrangements, hall dances and the alcohol policy really matter to students. "Students don't care what student government looks like," Hallahan said. "They care about the results that come out of it."

In dealing with University officials, those results have been largely absent. Last month, Hallahan and his vice president Jeremy Lao received a similar welcome from the trustees regarding a proposal to restructure Campus Life Council.

Hallahan characterized the trustees' responses to his presentation as "very

honest" but "very harsh."

Specific issues

During their campaign, Hallahan and Lao pledged to work for the release of teacher-course evaluation results, and progress has been made toward this goal. The Academic Council approved the formation of a committee to review the TCE process, and work will continue into next semester.

That question of representation of off-campus students in student government has been debated vigorously at council meetings. Some see the off-campus students as a completely different demographic than on-campus residents, while others want off-campus students to be represented just like any dorm. This infighting, however, has distracted the council from the safety and security issues that concern many off-campus students.

The creation of the Theology on Tap program at Legends has been a success. The events, which bring students and faculty together to discuss issues relating to faith and religion, have been well received. Cold beer, free snacks, stimulating conversation. What's not to like? The drinks are full price.

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CCC distributes club money

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

The Club Coordination Council this year has worked to fulfill its main objectives, which are representation, allocation of funds, advocacy and encouraging collaboration within clubs this semester.

"Over 75 percent of Notre Dame undergraduate students are in clubs," CCC president Seth O'Donnell said. "We have served our constituents very well, representing club interests to the student government, administration, and fighting for every additional dollar that can benefit student clubs."

The CCC received an additional \$20,000 at the Financial Management Board's annual meeting last spring, marking the first time that supplementary funds were granted to the CCC.

In October, the organization began requiring monthly updates from individual clubs in an effort to improve communication between CCC division representatives and the clubs they represent.

It has heard appeals for the Executive Cabinet Collaboration fund and the CCC Contingency/Emergency Appeal funds, which will finance events after the allocation and budget processes have been completed.

The organization plans to refurbish its online allocation system and remodel the process of new club approvals in conjunction with the Student Activities Office.

It hopes to post a CCC Web site, finish revising its bylaws, and organize a Club Officer Summit for the second semester.

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FMB disperses budget funds

By AMANDA MICHAELS
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This year, the Financial Management Board has worked to effectively and fairly to allocate money throughout the Student Government.

As one of its annually duties, the FMB has heard appeals for The Shirt Charity Fund and proposals for any budgetary expense over \$5,000, including those for the Notre Dame Literary Festival and the Right to Life club.

"One of the projects currently being considered is the examination of the technology fund, and discussion regarding the most efficient way to allot the monies to benefit the most student organizations," said Sarah Blake, off-campus co-president and member of the FMB.

Starting in January, the FMB will take on its most involved and important task — the budget review process. The spending review itself will take place during the first week of December this year, and the allocation of funds occurs in March.

FMB president Don Norton said, "Every club and organization will submit a spending review to be approved by the Board, and according to the funds available, the FMB will begin planning the new year's budget ... during this time, we also encourage student leaders to focus on proper and effective budgeting."

The FMB is also made up of the two assistant treasurers and the controllers or treasurers of the executive cabinet organizations in the FMB.

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GSU plans events, sets goals

By AMANDA MICHAELS
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Thus far into the school year, the GSU has already made many efforts to improve the social, cultural, professional and intellectual lives of the graduate students — some of the organization's main objectives.

After orchestrating a successful incoming graduate student orientation, they planned many group events, including the East River Race, ice skating, a football concession stand and the upcoming Thanksgiving brunch.

To make the distribution of information to graduate students more efficient, electronic resources administrator Yanto Go purchased a new computer server and is in the process of designing a new GSU Web site. Also, Post and Byrne lobbied on Capitol Hill

in favor of tax exemptions for graduate housing, as provided for in the Higher Education Act.

The GSU has several goals set to accomplish for the next semester. Currently, negotiations for health insurance subsidization are in progress, as well as the publishing of a GSU newsletter. An ad hoc parking committee is discussing a new plan for graduate student parking with University administration, and, in conjunction with the University Committee for Women Faculty and Staff, GSU representatives are developing a policy for maternity leave for graduate students.

"As with every year," said GSU president Martiqua Post, "the primary objective of the GSU is to promote excellence in graduate education at Notre Dame."

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HPC allocates money, support

By MEGHAN MARTIN
News Writer

The Hall Presidents' Council began the year with a clear mission in mind.

"We decided we had two goals: use all programming funds available to us, and plan quality events with the dorms," said co-chair Sarah Keefer.

In addition to obtaining increased funding from the Financial Management Board, Keefer and Wyatt Maxwell, who jointly facilitate the operations of HPC, put together a list of all funding available for programming use on campus for hall presidents to utilize.

The strategy has worked out well for HPC, a body dedicated to maintaining and improving the quality of residential life on campus.

Inter- and intra-dorm events are on the increase this semester, and 26 out of the 27

residence halls have applied for extra financial support from the University's Matching Funds program, designed to help them purchase such items as TVs and exercise equipment.

Dorm collaboration and communication, which lie at the heart of HPC's mission, have increased with the streamlining of HPC's executive cabinet.

"We're a good way of getting the word out to students," said Welsh Family co-president Demetrius Hall.

Many presidents say they see an increase in student participation at hall-sponsored events, but agree that room for improvement is always available. Keefer and Maxwell said they plan to continually evaluate the Council's efforts at fostering a strong residential community at Notre Dame.

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STUDENT UNION BOARD

Group plans events, entertainment for students

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

The Student Union Board has provided many entertaining and educational programs for the student body this semester.

"We try to provide the best possible programs and events to cater to the student body's wants," director of programming Tai Romero said.

The club brought a campus favorite, hypnotist Dale K to Washington Hall in August and sponsored Laughing Irish, a comedy night featuring three of Notre Dame's best alumni comedians, in September.

In October, it hosted Step Afrika, which Romero described as "a step-dancing group that combines American frat and sorority stepping with African tribal dance."

SUB invited notable comedian David Spade to perform stand-up at the Joyce Center in October. The club received some criticism because of the financial losses it incurred due to low ticket sales.

The club organized three ticket giveaways this semester, holding lotteries for the Michigan, Purdue and Boston College away games.

Several complaints were voiced after the Michigan lottery, in which only 700 lottery tickets were distributed to the 1500 fans waiting in line.

The lottery process was improved upon for the Purdue and Boston College lotteries, in which every student in line was furnished with a lottery ticket.

"We got a lot of negative media for

the first lottery," said Romero. "Yet, when we did get the process almost perfected, no one congratulated us."

The organization has continued to coordinate the traditional weekly events Acoustic Café and SUB Movies.

SUB has already accomplished much this fall, but the bulk of its programs will be put on during the spring semester.

"We have been so hard at work planning for next semester," Romero said.

Two of SUB's most high-profile events, the Notre Dame Literary Festival and the Collegiate Jazz Festival will host their main events in February.

This year's Notre Dame Literary Festival, entitled

"Reading Between the Lines," will invite several prominent authors to deliver lectures, participate in classroom discussions, hold workshops and meet with students.

The 46th annual Collegiate Jazz Festival will be held the last weekend in February. As the oldest college jazz festival in the nation, it attracts jazz ensembles from colleges around the nation.

SUB will host several additional musical performances during spring semester, including the band Oval Opus, which is an up-and-coming band similar to Counting Crows.

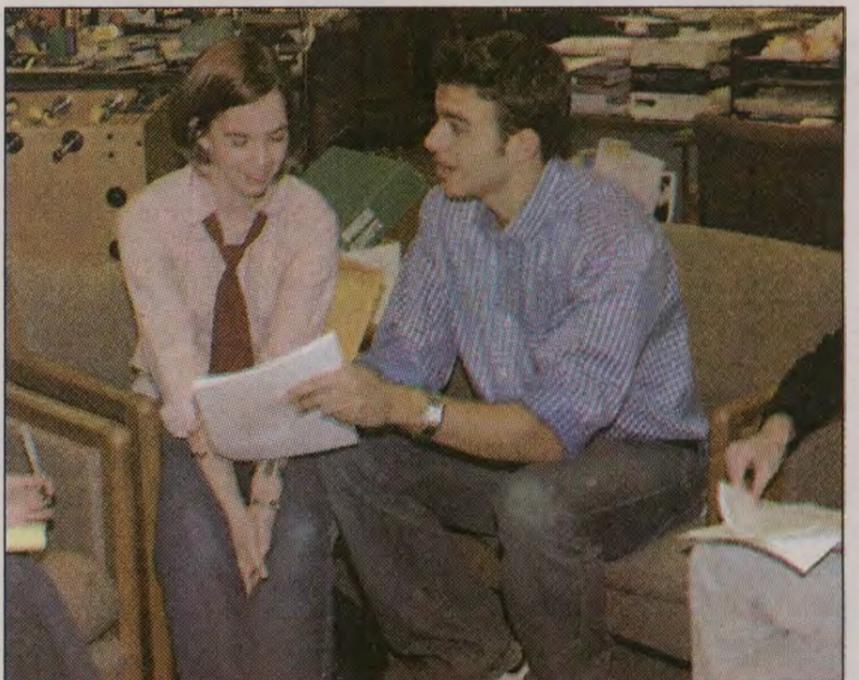
Romero related the strength of SUB this year and its ability to deliver quality programming to the depth of its staff and the addition of Erin Byrne as its new adviser.

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Tal Romero
director of programming

B- SUB has diligently strived to please the student body with the diverse set of programs it has brought to campus this semester, but the club has also suffered several snags due to poor organization. The club's attempt to bring up-and-coming groups to campus is commendable, but inadequate advertising for these unknown groups has led to poor attendance at performances. Glitches in the Michigan ticket lottery process generated much criticism, but SUB did mend the system in time for the next lottery. The financial effects of the unsuccessful David Spade show on SUB's future events remain to be fully realized. In the future, extensive student surveys should be conducted before the planning of any major events. Overall, SUB has succeeded in its endeavors to offer campus entertainment, but it should spend more time gauging student opinion for any future engagements.



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Director of programming Tal Romero and Student Union Board manager Charlie Ebersol work to program events, which include concerts, movies and comedians, for the student body.

Meet Matt Q. Public

Hello. My name is Matt. I am the Notre Dame student public. Much like a large majority of you out there, I do not understand the nuances of student government. Oh, sure, I read most of the Observer editorials and columns, especially those radical ones, which call for replies from Father Edward Malloy. My personal favorites condemn the University for instilling a jaded and indifferent attitude in its student body. And these well-written pieces get me thinking. I wonder, why oh why can't the students get a fair shake at this school? I question why I have my parents pay upwards of 35 g's a year to attend a school that won't let my representatives help determine my policies. I ponder as to why the SYR was so unexpectedly torn from our grasp.



Matt Mooney

Columnist

But then I finish my delicious fried chicken from North Dining Hall, throw The Observer on the table and go to my next class.

As Matt Q. Public, sometimes I sign petitions, and I always agree that the administration is oppressive. But essentially there is no substantial reason for me to put time and effort into believing in change that won't happen. So I just don't care. That's just the way it is.

Now I could rant and rave about how the lack of results has spawned an apathetic consciousness among the student body. But that is beating a dead horse. And poor Rusty's been beaten enough times with rejections from the Board of Trustees. In fact, come to think of it, a dead horse might be just the thing student government needs to get their big-ticket agenda through the administration. If a dead horse somehow made its way into the conference room, the stench would drive away the unprepared administration officials and the students would finally have the majority they need. But then there goes the quorum. They always get you with the technicalities.

In reality, I'm not that different from those people that actually participate in student government. My resume is probably less polished, I'm not acquainted with parliamentary procedure,

and I've got a lot more time on my hands to write silly columns like this one. But other than that, we all put our pants on one leg at a time, our fecal matter all possesses an odor and insert any other universalizing cliché here. Our most common trait lies in the inability to get any large issues of student interest passed into duLac Canon. Really all student government has on me is a gavel, and I'm working on that.

Now don't get me wrong. I am not a proponent of the argument that says student government is completely useless. Registering for English classes is useless. I'm sure student government does a lot of good things for the student community. But since I can't think of any examples, I will cease with the vague, unsubstantiated claims and finally make a point. (Yeah, I know, buckle up.) Student government will never pass any legislation that even slightly disagrees with the opinion of the administration. That is because the system was set up by the administration for its own well-being. Trust me, it's not coincidence that administrative seats number just enough to prevent student-initiated resolutions, or whatever the heck those things are called, from being passed into duLac. Pat Hallahan's (he's our president, right?) effort to take on the Trustees was noble, just like the Titanic was noble. The system is set up to fail with respect to student interest. The administration holds all the necessary power. In addition, one quarter of administrative opposition leaves every year due to graduation. In place of resistance and conflict arrive a new batch of fresh faces who don't know any better. We should be so lucky to get a new University cabinet every four years.

So what's my point? My point is that anything short of a coup and the complete overthrow of both the Board of Trustees and the University President will bring change. I am Matt Q. Public and the time has come for me to mobilize. I will mobilize myself over to the Playstation and hopefully teach all of you a lesson that columns like this one written by uninformed people like me really have no relevance at all. Thank you.

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Setting an example

I recently attended the presidential search student question answer session as a minority among a majority of student government association leaders. It was easy to differentiate them with their black pants, dress shirts and well groomed hair among masses of un-showered, sweatshirt clad women searching for something edible in the dining hall and flocking to the west wing.



Natalie Bailey

Columnist

As I picked at my macaroni and cheese and listened to the candidate field difficult questions from demanding students, I gained pride for my classmates and for those who represent me on the various boards of student government. Through their questions and interaction with the candidate I sensed genuine concern about the future of the college and what these candidates had to offer.

Student government is something I had been a part of since my first year of high school until I recently decided I wanted to dissociate myself with the organization. After serving one year as the publicity head on the first year board at Saint Mary's, I developed a prejudice toward members of the group as students who wanted power and prestige, but who were not true leaders. They plan trivial social events, throw around huge amounts of money and benefit from their position of authority.

This stigma only increased when I became a resident advisor, a position that requires you to give up executive offices on campus. While student government and residence life ought to work together, they seemed to be opposing forces my first year as a resident advisor. Personally, I found the opposition to be rooted in the murky definition of a leader. Many people need tactile evidence of leadership, which is easy to come by in the more showy position of student government, but difficult to come by in the confidential position of a resident advisor.

As someone disillusioned with student government, the tangible evidence of the leadership abilities in

members of student government was just what I needed. Witnessing the interaction between the student government members and the candidate reminded me why I came to Saint Mary's two and a half years ago. The student leaders of Saint Mary's, particularly those in student government association, left an impression on me when I visited as a high school senior. It was student government who held a question answer session during my visit, they were the ones giving the tours, essentially, they were the ones going out of their way to welcome prospective students to campus. I left campus inspired to emulate their charisma and confidence and applied to Saint Mary's as a result.

Sitting in the west wing, I suddenly became aware of my daily interaction with such accomplished women and my personal transformation from a meek and ignorant high school senior to a confident and well-versed college junior. This realization burned the fog off my vision of student government as a meaningless activity, bringing a clear appreciation for what members do for our campus out of a pure drive to improve the College for themselves as well as others.

While I am sure most of the student leaders were required to be present at the presidential question answer session, it was wonderful to see students taking interest in the presidential search process nonetheless. Members of SGA represent the student body on a regular basis at such functions be it required or not, their position is voluntary in the long run.

I will admit that when missing an event like this, I have sadly felt that my opinion has gone unheard. However, after hearing the women of the class boards, board of governance and various clubs ask questions and engage in discussions meant to help the future of what will soon enough be my alma mater, I believe that the student body of the past, present and future is in good and caring hands — hands that, in fact, belong to the most prominent student leaders in the Saint Mary's community.

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Thumbs Up

- ◆ To Pat Hallahan for noticing the inefficiencies in student government and for proposing and inflicting changes.
- ◆ To a student government effort to fix inefficiencies throughout the organization.
- ◆ To Student Senate efforts to establish a women's resource center.
- ◆ To the Student Union Board for bringing diverse talent to campus.
- ◆ To the Campus Life Council planning perks for on-campus seniors.
- ◆ To the formation of the Council of Representatives as an all-inclusive body.
- ◆ To the Graduate Student Union efforts to make distribution of information to graduate students more efficient.
- ◆ To the Financial Management Board for attempting to allot money fairly to all student government organizations.
- ◆ To requirements for monthly club financial updates by the Club Coordination Council for improved communication.

Thumbs Down

- ◆ To arguments that delay progress throughout student government.
- ◆ To the Student Union Board for not making lottery tickets available to Saint Mary's students.
- ◆ To disagreements in the Council of Representatives over off-campus students.
- ◆ To the Campus Life Council for not forming a gender relations task force before this school year.
- ◆ To Senate for failing to pass Hallahan's Council of Representatives resolution, but passing one of their own with the same effect.
- ◆ To the Office of the Student Body President for not having their TCE proposal prepared as of yet for presentation.
- ◆ To the Campus Life Council for tabling the resolution to form an resident assistant task force to investigate RA training procedures.
- ◆ To the Camus Life Council for not voting to include more faculty and administration members on the council.

Thumbs Up

- ◆ To Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Board Of Governance for returning and delivering the State of the School address.
- ◆ To all boards and committees for improving campus communication through e-mails, posters and the Saint Mary's Web site.
- ◆ To Student Diversity Board for improving the Cultural Taste Fest and relocating it to the Noble Family Dining Hall.
- ◆ To BOG for accepting more clubs—both in terms of numbers and diversity.
- ◆ To the increase in student involvement with the administration.
- ◆ To BOG for the appointment of a dining hall commissioner.
- ◆ To integrating student voice in the presidential search.
- ◆ To all members of student government for making themselves approachable, identifiable and available for student opinions and interest.
- ◆ To Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Sarah Brown for continued involvement with the Reading Day proposal.

Thumbs Down

- ◆ To boards and committees for continuing to focus primarily on traditional events, as opposed to looking toward innovative ideas and approaches.
- ◆ To student government for "last minute" advertising. Although it involves numerous medlums, messages are often relayed shortly before an event occurs. Advanced advertising would contribute to an increase in attendance.
- ◆ To boards and committees for their use of funds which are sometimes allocated for items or reasons of minimal importance, when clubs in need of funding receive less.
- ◆ To student government for not promoting election participation more. Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Sarah Brown's campaign is an example. They formed the only ticket to run for positions that would expectedly be of interest to other students on campus.
- ◆ To Student Activities Board for the decreasing large-scale events and events of interest. Student body apathy toward student government will continue if there are not events that generate interest from the student body.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Jablonski-Diehl works toward accomplishing goals

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

Before becoming Saint Mary's student body president and vice president, Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Sarah Brown shared many similarities — and now, living in connected singles, they share a bathroom.

Both Jablonski-Diehl and Brown were orientation counselors, sophomore class presidents and members of Saint Mary's Judicial Board and the Volunteers In Support of Admissions program prior to holding their current positions. In addition, Jablonski-Diehl served on her freshman class board and was student body vice president in the 2002-03 academic year.

After crossing paths through student government and establishing a good work relationship, the two decided to campaign together for the 2003-04 year.

"Even just because she was sophomore class president before me, the transition time was a time where we really got to work together and got to know one another," Brown said.

Jablonski-Diehl and Brown centered their campaign on a "Leadership That's Working" approach. Although they were the only ticket competing in the race, both were aware they had challenges to face and promises to keep.

"For me, [the biggest challenge] was the fact that we were coming off of a year that we had done something huge," Jablonski-Diehl said. "Passing the study day was something that Kim Jensen and I spent so much time on, so it was like how do you follow up on that and how do you continue from there?"

The team introduced ideas on their platform that included centralizing campus information for students, making student government representatives and commissioners available and responsive to student needs, sponsoring monthly bus trips to Chicago and obtaining continued support for the Reading Day proposal.

"I think we've accomplished almost everything on our platform," Jablonski-Diehl said. "What made Sarah and my goals a little bit different was that we had set things we wanted to deal

with, but they were sort of larger, general ideas that we wanted to get started. Our idea was to make sure that each commissioner had a project and that's gone better than I could have ever imagined. When you empower each of them with an individual project ... they really run with it."

As president and vice president, Jablonski-Diehl and Brown have held true to their original goals. They have arranged student bus trips to Chicago beginning after the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing through next semester. They have brought the Saint Mary's-Notre Dame shuttle back to LeMans Hall, as promised. They ensure that student government representatives are visible and available for daily contact. To help guarantee accountability, they regularly update news and information on the Internet and activities phone line.

"Instead of us putting out one huge project, we're doing a lot of smaller things that hopefully improve campus life," Jablonski-Diehl said. "I spend a lot of time in one-on-one meetings with students. That's probably one of the best parts of my job."

Now, they say their biggest challenge is maintaining the oversight of projects their commissioners and boards are working on — in addition to upholding their responsibilities as students.

"It's important for us to make sure that all of the different pieces feel like they're part of student government and feel that they're getting the support they need," Brown said.

Jablonski-Diehl sits on two boards and four to five committees, including the presidential search committee, while Brown holds positions on four boards and all five academic committees.

Despite their busy schedules, the two are currently working with Keith Fowlkes, Saint Mary's director of Information Technology, to establish a campus cable station expected to be in operation next year. They also are working closely with the Office of Residence Life to update the College's judicial procedure for students' future benefit.

Before their administration expires on April 1, both Jablonski-Diehl and Brown hope to conclude revision work on the



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Saint Mary's student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and vice president Sarah Brown hold a meeting to discuss the remainder of their ideas for the year. The two make it a goal to meet with students on a regular basis.

student government constitution, a process already in its third year.

"Sarah and I have done a lot of work to make sure that student government is respected not only by the students, but also by the administration and faculty as something that is recognized and that really works," Jablonski-Diehl said.

Brown anticipates running for student body president in next semester's election and hopes to continue what the pair has established over the past year.

"Building on the success of the individual projects of the commissioners and just keeping the structure of how things were run this year would be really helpful," she said. "I think we've gotten a lot done that way."

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Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Sarah Brown certainly demonstrate the leadership qualities that a student body president and vice president should have. They have held true to every goal and idea presented on their platform with time to spare. Now, they show initiative by tackling larger projects, like the student government constitution, that had yet to be completed or addressed. If they continue to address issues such as these, they will set an example for successors to follow. Their dedication to addressing problematic issues of the past — even issues that may not directly effect students today — is a trademark that sets them apart from former presidents and vice presidents.

Most importantly, Jablonski-Diehl and Brown make themselves accessible to students and continue to represent an active voice on Saint Mary's campus. The pair are eager to meet with students about anything and everything. Due to both Jablonski-Diehl and Brown's approachable nature, students feel comfortable presenting their opinions and concerns. Student feedback is then discussed and presented in other government settings, such as the Board of Governance meetings.

Jablonski-Diehl and Brown successfully built off of the work of last year's administration. Without a doubt, they will also leave a memorable leadership behind and pave a way for the future.

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Mahoney represents student voice among SMC trustees

By ANNIE BASINSKI
News Writer

As the lone student on Saint Mary's Board of Trustees, Sara Mahoney said she is the voice for her peers to make change.

"I have a very unique opportunity to serve students and work with administrators," she said. "It is a very exciting position because I am able to represent students in the larger issues."

After applying for the position of student trustee last fall, Mahoney was appointed to the position by President Marilou Eldred. Her term began last June and will end in April.

Mahoney, a senior, shares full-voting privileges with the other trustees. On the board, she serves as a member of the Student Life and Facilities and Grounds committees.

On the Facilities and Grounds committee, Mahoney has worked with the other trustees to develop plans for the on-campus apartments that are now under construction. The committee members use student input and the results from a survey given to students regarding their concerns about the apartments to help make regulation decisions.

Mahoney said one of her personal goals for the apartments is to ensure they promote self-independence for seniors. She said she understands the importance of creating an environment that caters to the needs of the students who will live there.

"I want to be there to make sure things

are going as planned and student concerns are not forgotten," Mahoney said.

Although the College does not require its Student Trustee to participate in BOG,

"I want to be there to make sure things are going as planned and student concerns are not forgotten."

Sara Mahoney
student trustee

Mahoney believes that by taking part in student government she can better relay students' concerns to the Board of Trustees.

Most recently, Mahoney worked with the trustees on the presidential search campaign. As student trustee, Mahoney will vote for which candidate she believes will best serve Saint

Mary's.

Mahoney attended all forums for the four presidential candidates. She spoke with students after each forum to gain

insight on their opinions about the candidates. Mahoney said she also watched to see how students reacted to the candidates as they were speaking. She took notes on the candidates and plans to review the feedback forms completed by students after each candidate's visit.

"I want Saint Mary's to get a quality president," Mahoney said, "I take that job very seriously and understand that I must make a wise decision for the students."

Another of Mahoney's goals as student trustee is to foster diversity and community at Saint Mary's.

By not singling out any particular group, but maintaining diversity through the creation of community, Mahoney believes Saint Mary's will stay true to its mission.

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Career, Job and Internship Fairs 2003 University of Notre Dame The Career Center



The job and internship search is far from over! Look at the following events to continue your search for permanent and summer employment opportunities!!!



Chicago Career and Internship Connection
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 05, 2004 - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Location: AMA
8655 West Higgins Road
Chicago, IL

Website:
<http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/cic/chicago.html>

Details:

*DEADLINE to register, upload and submit resumes for Chicago is December 1, 2003

- ◆ Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen Network in Chicago!
- ◆ The Chicago Career and Internship Connection blends the best of a career fair and a pre-screened interview event.
- ◆ Identify and interact with recruiters from fields including: advertising, biotech, engineering, healthcare, investment and commercial banking, consulting, law, public relations, publishing and more!
- ◆ Interview for post-baccalaureate and internship opportunities!

New Jersey Collegiate Career Day
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 07, 2004 - 9:30 AM-3:30 PM
Location: Browers Commons & Rutgers Student Center
College Avenue - Rutgers University
New Brunswick, NJ

Website:<http://careerservices.rutgers.edu>

Details:

Rutgers University is hosting the 33rd semi-annual New Jersey Collegiate Career Day for anyone interested in working in the New Jersey or New York City areas.

About 150 employers will discuss current and anticipated openings with candidates in most career fields and academic majors, including liberal arts, business, science, and technical areas. Students from any college or university who wish to work in the New Jersey area are invited to attend.

Students can register online and submit a resume to be distributed employers from December 1, 2003 - January 9, 2004 online at <http://careerservices.rutgers.edu>

Washington, DC Career & Internship Connection
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 08, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: National Press Club
529 14th Street
Washington, DC

Website:<http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/cic/dc.html>

Details:

*DEADLINE to register, upload and submit resumes for Washington is December 1, 2003

- ◆ Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen Network in DC!
- ◆ The Washington Career and Internship Connection blends the best of a career fair and a pre-screened interview event.
- ◆ Identify and interact with recruiters from fields including: advertising, biotech, engineering, healthcare, investment and commercial banking, consulting, law, public relations, publishing and more!
- ◆ Interview for post-baccalaureate and internship opportunities!

Careers 2004 - New York
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 09, 2004 - 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Location: New York City
New York, NY

Website:www.careerconferences.com

Details:

Large event with Fortune 500 employers and some governmental organizations. Open table format with students meeting employers. Students must register on-line at www.careerconferences.com. Initial application deadline is November 28th, but you may apply up to December 19, 2003.

Boston Career & Internship Connection
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 12, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: John Hancock Conference Center
40 Trinity Place - 3rd Floor
Boston, MA

Website:<http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/cic/boston.html>

Details:

*DEADLINE to register, upload and submit resumes for Boston is December 1, 2003

- ◆ Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen Network in Boston!
- ◆ The Chicago Career and Internship Connection blends the best of a career fair and a pre-screened interview event.
- ◆ Identify and interact with recruiters from fields including: advertising, biotech, engineering, healthcare, investment and commercial banking, consulting, law, public relations, publishing and more!
- ◆ Interview for post-baccalaureate and internship opportunities!

Careers 2004 - Atlanta
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 19, 2004 - 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Location: Atlanta
Atlanta, GA

Website:www.careerconferences.com

Details:

Expect about 40-50 Fortune 1000 employers and a few governmental organizations attending the event. To register, logon to www.careerconferences.com. The event is invitation only. Initial application deadline is November 28th, but you may apply up to December 19, 2003.

Careers 2004 - Chicago
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 26, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: Chicago
Drury Lane
Oak Brook Terrace, IL

Website:www.careerconferences.com

Details:

Register on-line at www.careerconferences.com to attend this live event in Chicago with 40-50 Fortune 1,000 companies and a few governmental organizations. Bus transportation will be provided for the first 45 students who will be attending. Email Bridget at kibbe.1@nd.edu or call, 1-5200. Initial application deadline is November 28th, but you may apply up to January 19, 2004.

Hire Big Ten Plus
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 26, 2004 - 1:00 PM
End Date: February 16, 2004 - 1:00 PM
Location: Virtual
On-line

Website:<http://careercenter.nd.edu>

Details:

Welcome to the HIRE BIG 10 PLUS Virtual Career Fair for Full-Time and Internship Opportunities! This is the largest virtual career fair for college students in the world. You're invited to browse the fair to check out what employers have to offer. Links to the registration interface can be found below every job description. Interested students must email Lee Svete at svete.1@nd.edu for application information.

2004 Winter Career Fair and Diversity Reception
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 27, 2004 - 4:00 PM-8:00 PM
Location: Joyce Center Fieldhouse

Website:<https://careercenter.nd.edu/winterfair2004.php>

Details:

Register on-line for the largest Career Fair of the year for Notre Dame. In addition, be sure to attend the Diversity Reception 1:00 - 3:30 pm (EST) Monogram Room located in the Joyce Center. We are currently seeking Corporate Sponsors for the Reception, which will include a student/employer business card exchange and networking event.

Indiana Journalism Job Fair
Status: Confirmed
Date: February 07, 2004 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: Ball State University
Muncie, IN

Website:<http://careercenter.nd.edu>

Details:

Meet and Interview with Newspaper Editors seeking to hire for FULL-TIME and INTERNSHIP Opportunities. Information about Participating Employers and Scheduling Interviews will be available from The Career Center after December 10. Contact Anita Rees for more information at rees.4@nd.edu



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STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

Board provides activities

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

Thanks to efforts made by Saint Mary's Student Activities Board, the excuse "There's nothing to do on campus," is no longer valid.

Headed by president Becca Doll, SAB is the planning board for student activities on campus. Though the board-sponsored events in the past as often as five times a week, it now strives to hold at least two each month on a consistent basis.

"SAB is always looking for bigger and better suggestions," said Kristin Hansen, administrative executive. "Anyone with comments, concerns or compliments can come to our meetings and share. We love to see new faces and hear new ideas."

So far this semester, SAB has sponsored a variety of events including Jamaica Shaka, a mingle for Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross freshman and Twilight Tailgate, which included a picnic, band and other activities.

The group also organizes games and competitions such as the annual "Hide the Bell" competition and "Belles Out."

The chairwomen on the board are responsible for everything ranging from movies to school spirit in attempt to gain student interest.

However, not all students are as eager to get involved as others, Hansen said. She specifically noted that it is difficult enticing students who live off-campus to come to events.

"We really try to get a lot of student interaction, but we can only get what students are willing to give," she said. "Sometimes we distribute surveys to get a better feel for what students want us to do."

In addition to surveys, SAB advertises regularly around campus, on the Internet and through monthly issues of stall news.

"We get a variety of students at different events," Hansen said.

Already planned for the remainder of the year is "Christmas Around the World," held in December and SAB's annual SMC Tostal in April, an event similar to Twilight Tailgate, but on a larger scale.

"Our goal is to finish the year off with a bang," Hansen said.

"We want to get the student body pumped to be Belles. We do this by continuing to sponsor school spirit events, by continuing to improve our traditional and entertainment events and by getting new people and new ideas involved."

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STUDENT DIVERSITY BOARD

SDB acts on original goals

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer

To help promote the issue of campus diversity, Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board has some definite goals in mind.

"Student Diversity Board tries to include and promote diversity on campus and in the community," said SDB president Veronica Saavedra. "We're a small board, but we have some big goals for this year."

The 14-member board has already planned events such as a bonfire, which included cultural dancing and an open forum discussion panel in October, which focused on the topic of migrant workers. Some members from the board traveled to colleges and high schools over fall break to promote diversity among students.

Most recently, SDB sponsored "Cultural Taste Fest," which took place in the Noble Family Dining Hall.

"In past years, we've always done Cultural Taste Fest in Reignbeaux Lounge," said Saavedra. "The food has always gone really fast, so this year we decided to team up with Sodexo and the dining hall, and it was a huge success."

Students were served a variety of foods from many ethnicities. Prizes were also raffled off.

"Bringing the cultural taste fest into the dining hall was a great idea

because it brought the cultures directly to the student body and it gave us an opportunity to try something new," said junior Erin Korreck.

SDB's biggest goal for this year was to increase attendance at all of their events.

"That was one of the biggest things on our platform," said Saavedra. "We really wanted to make a conscious effort to promote and have higher attendance at all of our events this year."

Future events for SDB include Disabilities Awareness week, having more discussion panels on campus and working to gain and maintain an open dialogue with the Board of Trustees.

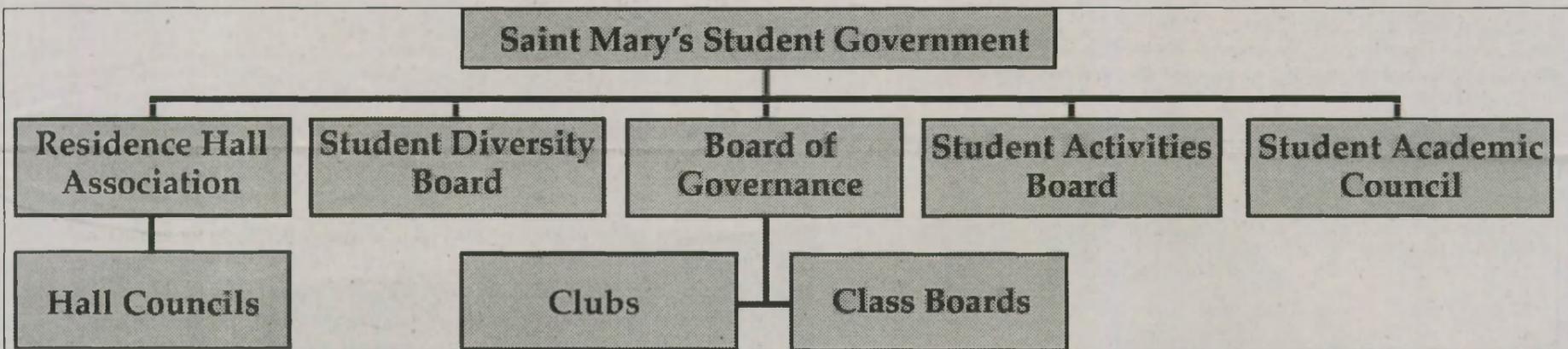
Collaborating with admissions, SDB is starting a mentoring program with accepted students to Saint Mary's.

"We hope that through this program, we can talk to our new students before they even set foot on campus," said Saavedra.

Saavedra and Marquez are working diligently to accomplish the goals they set for themselves upon appointment to their positions.

"We've received a lot of positive feedback both from students and administration," said Saavedra. "We are doing some things differently from past years, and we're excited for the rest of the year."

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RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

RHA gives halls a presence

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Instituted just a few years ago, the Residence Hall Association is one of Saint Mary's newer student government associations.

This year's RHA consists of 24 members and their various advisors. Eleven members of the group hold chairwoman positions, while four women hold the executive officer positions.

In order to earn their spots as RHA president and vice-president, Shay Jolly and Jackie Zins campaigned on a platform pledge to make a greater connection between residence halls, the RHA and the Office of Residence Life. Zins says that they have delivered on this promise.

"One of our major goals on our platform was to make more of a connection between the halls and ResLife," she said. "We are working together to make that connection. Shay meets a lot with Michelle Russell, the Director of ResLife, and we have a [resident advisor] representative on the board, which is a new position we created."

The meetings with Russell and the newly implemented position are key to the RHA's plans.

"We want to connect the office of Residence Life and all student government associations, to connect the hall councils and student government as a

whole to the student body as a whole," Jolly said.

Katy Docter is the Holy Cross Resident Advisor who holds the RA representative position. She sits in on all meetings. This is important to the board because she gives the RA point of view on all situations and helps to plan events. She is just one of the direct connections the RHA has made with the students this year.

The women of the RHA are working toward the goal of strengthening connections and are holding strong to the promised platform. So far this year, they have worked with the residence hall boards to provide services to the Saint Mary's community. Some projects that RHA has participated in include the Regina Hall blood drive, breast cancer awareness week, Random Acts of Kindness day held last week, and various other hall service projects.

The RHA intends to remain fully active in hall projects for the remainder of the school year.

"We want to develop more programming and more attendance," Zins said. "Our main goal for the rest of the year is to provide cohesiveness within the board, especially through bonding. We want to be very connected to the residence halls, because that was not always the case in the past."

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STUDENT ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Council links departments

By MICHELLE EGGERS
News Writer

Helping to heighten identity within majors, one representative from each of Saint Mary's 26 academic departments sits on the Student Academic Council to serve as a liaison between the board and each department's faculty and students. Both students and faculty have seen the benefit of this interaction and take advantage of the board to initiate various events.

According to Sarah Brown, student body vice president and coordinator of SAC, the board primarily deals with campus academic policy issues, under which departmental interactions are a component.

"This is a really fun group of students to work with," Brown said. "They are dedicated to their major and offer a good perspective on liberal arts education."

This semester the board implemented the College's first reading day, Brown said. Next semester, it plans to evaluate how students and faculty feel about the additional day.

The board also hears student petitions for academic co-sponsorship or student government money, Brown said. SAC representatives vote whether to allot money or co-sponsorship and if so, how much.

According to senior English writing representative Mary Beth Broviak, the

board also works with the Counseling and Career Development Center. SAC representatives attend the Academic Open House during the campus' Fall Day on Campus and Accepted Student Day to answer questions about particular majors. They also volunteered at the CCDC's Choosing a Major night and Showcase of Careers.

One of the major events the board coordinates is Major of the Week, a week of activities planned by the department chair and the SAC representative in celebration of each major.

"Major of the Week gives the students and faculty a chance to bond," said Brown.

SAC Representatives foster student-faculty relationships in other ways. Some attend department meetings, while others develop more casual relationships. Regardless, the council is successful in helping students bond with professors and form close relationships within their major.

"As a SAC Representative, I get to know the faculty on a more personal basis," Broviak said.

Faculty members commonly contact SAC representatives about planning activities specific to the major, such as bringing a speaker to campus, Broviak said.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Saint Mary's BOG holds true to its mission statement

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BOG has proven itself to be both reliable and flexible in a year of serious change for Saint Mary's College. It has been particularly effective in handling the presidential candidate search, creating a sense of excitement and anticipation on campus. The board has also responded quickly to a variety of problems that have arisen during its tenure, including the restriction of shuttle services hours and away game football tickets. Further, officers have made concerted efforts to communicate with students. With some fine tuning BOG will have an excellent second half of term. It could prove to be a hard act to follow.

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It is written in the Saint Mary's Board of Governance mission statement that, keeping students as its first priority, the board is committed to upholding the traditions of the institution while simultaneously pioneering change for the future.

With the College experiencing one of its most revolutionary years in recent history, the current board has held close to its promise.

Led by president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and vice president Sarah Brown, BOG has overseen and adapted itself to a variety of challenges the college has faced in recent months, including a major construction project and a presidential candidate search, all while keeping in close contact with the student body.

The preminent student governing body on campus, BOG is composed of 26 officers and holds weekly Monday meetings. The group includes seven executive members, four class presidents and fifteen various board commissioners. It is responsible for establishing budgets and overseeing the various student government association constituencies, including Student Diversity Board, Residence Hall Association and Student Academic Council.

This year included an addition to the board. In response to student frustration over the quality of the campus dining services and the construction of the new Noble Family Dining Hall, Jablonski-Diehl and Brown created the position of Campus Food Services commissioner last spring.

"If we are opening something new it is easier to initiate something right off the bat," said Jablonski-Diehl.

The position was intended to help introduce the student body to its new facility, but more importantly to improve communication between students and food services managers.

The addition of the campus food services commissioner demonstrated foresight and active concern on the part of the BOG.

Current BOG members have attempted to address the problem of communication with students by making student outreach and interaction their priority.

Building on steps taken last year, BOG fully utilizes campus technology to keep the student body informed. In addition to weekly e-mails, the board maintained an updated Web site throughout its tenure. Students can access BOG officers, contact information, student activities calendars, meeting minutes and board members' speeches at the site. The difference from previous years

has been distinct.

"This year has definitely been more focused," Jablonski-Diehl said of the board's use of technology, "especially because now you can link right to the student government website off the home page."

BOG officers have further proven their determination to be a visible and accessible body on campus by actively engaging with students on a daily basis. The board is well represented at every student event from pep rallies to chorale concerts. On election day, they went so far as to don neon yellow shirts that read "vote today" to remind students to participate in the elections.

BOG's presence was particularly felt during the presidential candidates' visits to campus. Many board members made announcements about the selection process in their classes, and encouraged students to attend the student-candidate luncheons.

While it is clear the current BOG administration has been reliable in maintaining its more traditional roles, it has also pioneered some of its own improvements.

"One of our goals was that each commissioner have a specific goal at the beginning of the year and that they achieve it," Jablonski-Diehl said.

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As student body president, Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl also heads the Board of Governance. The board holds weekly meetings and discusses all aspects relating to student government. Minutes are posted after each meeting for students' viewing.



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