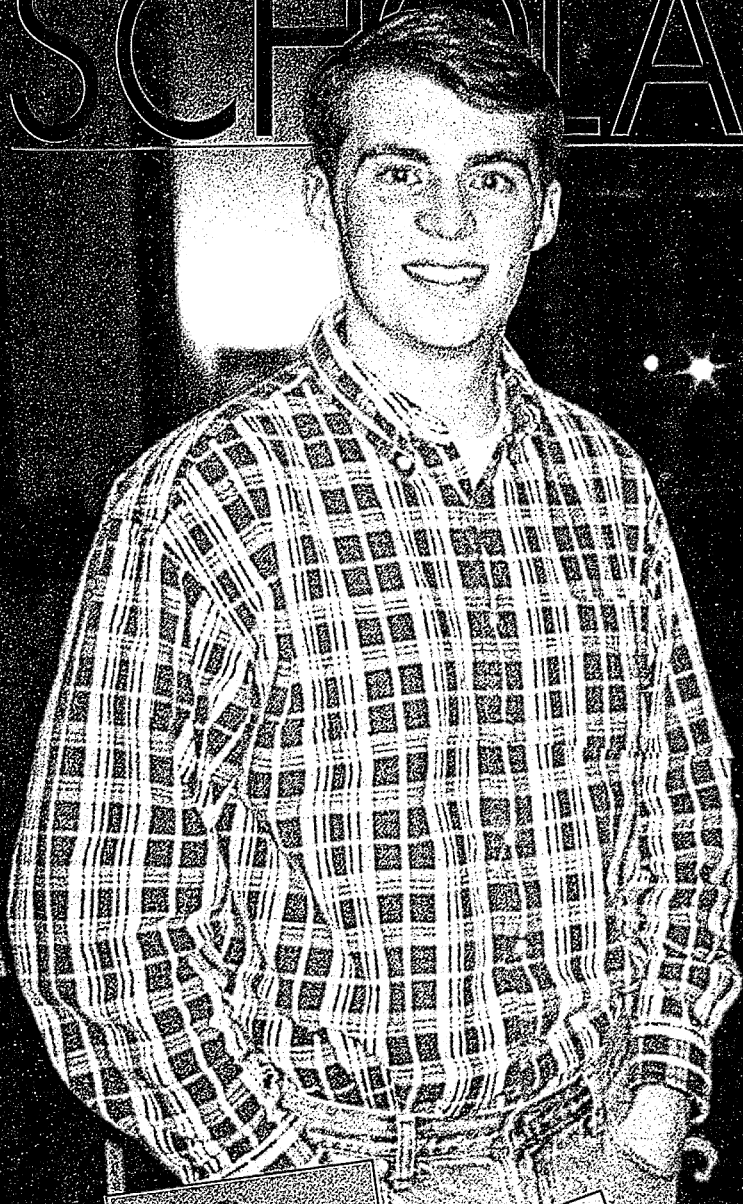


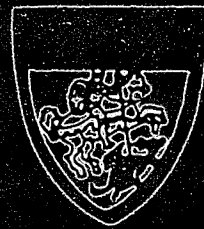
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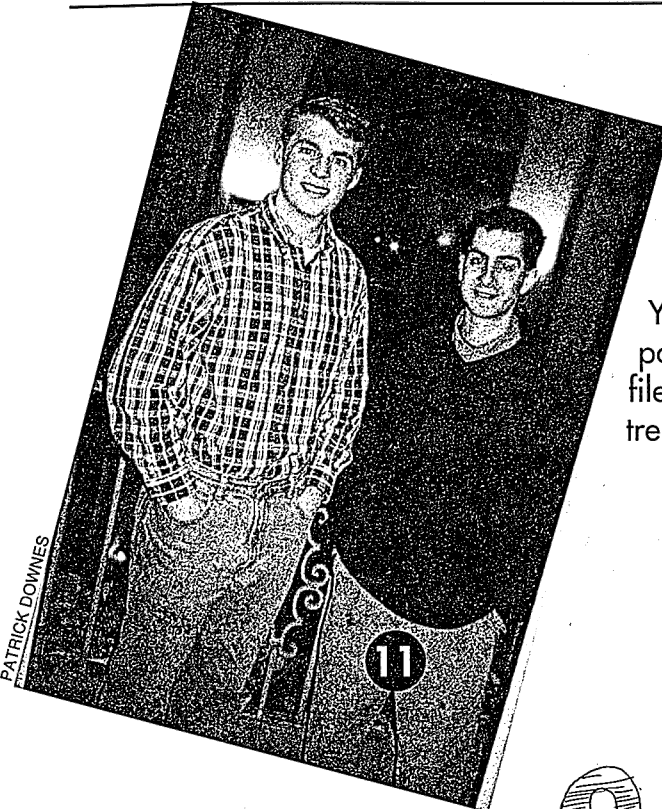
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Still Locked Out

I'm not going to lie to you. When I first began researching and writing the article that *Scholastic* ran in September, entitled "Locked Out," my primary aim was to look at why Notre Dame has yet to have a woman serve as student body president. But it was my underlying hope that the article would encourage women on this campus to run for office and break the pattern of male domination over student government.

Obviously, that did not happen.

Two tickets with women at the helm are running this year, and both of these candidates came across as intelligent and thoughtful in their interviews with *Scholastic*. But in the end, they both lacked the experience and knowledge of the ins and outs of student government that isn't just useful for an effective presidency, it's a requirement.

While outsiders to the government tend to have the energy and original ideas that often make great leaders, these attributes, on their own, don't seem to be enough. In an office with a term lasting under a year and littered with red tape, the president can't afford to

be completely unfamiliar with the system. And unfortunately, the women (and men for the most part) of student government with experience chose not to run for president this year, yet again.

The most common explanation I've come across addressing why Notre Dame women continually do not run for student body president is a lack of interest in politics. And yet year after year Saint Mary's has no problems finding several all-female tickets, something unheard of at Notre Dame. Do Saint Mary's women for some reason have that much more interest in politics and student government than Notre Dame women? It's possible, but not likely.

The problem, and make no mistake that a university which has been coed for 26 years and has never had a female student body president has a problem, is the fault of Notre Dame men and women alike. And until it becomes commonplace for an experienced woman to run for any office on this campus and win, the problem will remain.

For more on this year's candidates, including the good, the bad and the bad jokes, check out our election coverage beginning on page 11.

Corrections

The pictures of the Boston College game on pages 28 to 31 of our recent football review were attributed to Jeff Hsu of *The Observer*; photography Staff. The actual

photographer was Kevin Dalum, *The Observer's* photography editor.

We'd like to offer our thanks to *The Observer* for their cooperation with the football review and our apologies for the error.

Allison Fashek
Managing Editor

10 Years Ago: Who Are These People?

In the February 23, 1989, election issue of *Scholastic*, the magazine interviewed Dan Fahey, a junior from Carroll Hall who chose to run for student body king. When asked about his strengths and weaknesses, Marty DeBenidictis, Fahey's running mate, was frank:

"Everyone submits their will to the king. He has pretty much no weaknesses."

Kind of makes current candidate Luke White, who claims he can control the sunlight, look downright sane.

— WPD

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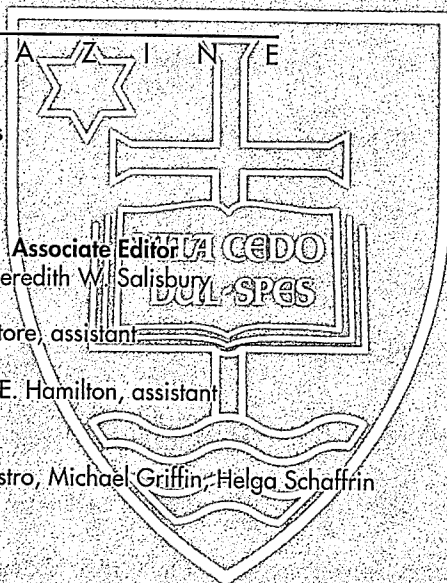
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Vote Murphy/Palumbo

Last year's student body presidential candidates were excellent. Peter Cesaro and Andréa Selak were elected from a field of candidates who were experienced, well-researched and well-intentioned.

This year, we have not been so blessed.

What started out as an unmanageable field of 14 tickets has winnowed itself to a still-shocking 11, but the abundance of candidate pairs has failed to yield an abundance — or even a shred — of competence to represent the student body. Most of the people on this ballot are either joke candidates or marginally interested goofballs.

This is not to say that every ticket is a complete embarrassment. Juniors Micah Murphy and Michael Palumbo display the work ethic, experience and knowledge of student government that we need in a student body president and vice president. Murphy and Palumbo

are the only pair with a thoroughly researched platform and a realistic plan for achieving the tenets of that platform. While other groups have mentioned the need for, say, improved student services, intellectual life or gender relations — with the vague intention of doing something on those matters — Murphy and Palumbo have already proposed specific innovations in these and other areas and have spoken to the appropriate administrators. Though their list of goals and programs is a lengthy one, the two believe that they can realistically accomplish about 85 percent of their platform. Their work ethic and knowledge of the proper channels suggests that this assessment is correct.

Of course, Murphy and Palumbo are far from being the perfect ticket. The first strike against them is the fact they were not originally slated to run together. *Scholastic* initially interviewed Murphy with Student Senator Julie Reising, and Palumbo was briefly on the ballot with Rhea Gertken. Before that, Murphy was supposed to run as

a vice presidential candidate with current Student Body Vice President Andréa Selak. Reising, Gertken and Selak have all since dropped out of the race and Murphy and Palumbo have settled on each other. Though Palumbo is a solid candidate with plenty of experience and a get-things-done approach, this ticket-hopping makes their platform — which did not change when Palumbo replaced Reising — appear arbitrary.

Also, Murphy and Palumbo may be too conciliatory. There is something to be said for having an amiable relationship with the administration, but we feel that certain issues require a more confrontational stance. If elected, Murphy and Palumbo should mimic the style of another ticket: Sean Deschene and Michael Revers. Deschene

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and Revers, also both juniors, understand this need, and their friendly, charismatic and intelligent bearing would help them to confront the administration. Deschene and Revers also seem genuinely interested in issues like diversity that Murphy and Palumbo focus on, but not as thoroughly. Deschene and Revers lack the experience and knowledge of Murphy and Palumbo, but they are a solid candidate pair. It's too bad that their Zahm origins (six of the 11 tickets hail from the dorm) may keep them from garnering more votes.

There are also some other candidates with redeeming qualities. Much improved '98 campaign veterans Wally Poirier and Greg Smith come to mind. As do the experienced pair of Chana Jayme and Dan Peate (who was the student body president of Moorpark College in California before transferring to Notre Dame). However, neither of these two tickets have the experience, personality and preparation that mark the better candidates.

And most of the tickets in this year's

campaign are irredeemably bad. In addition to their lack of preparation, they show a lack of knowledge about student government. Many do not even fully understand the role of the president. Two of the candidate pairs — Luke White/Daniel Hennigan and Patrick McCormick/Brian Wahl — are clearly joke candidates, and one pair, Scott Killen and Paul Neboski, is not even serious enough to meet with *Scholastic*.

Freshman presidential candidate Brian Clemency from Zahm is an unusual exception. Though well-spoken and well-prepared, he and his running mate, senior Dan Chucta, present a cockamamie realignment of student government that smacks of gimmicky desperation. Though we appreciate this ticket's suggestion that all meetings be

open to the public (most currently are), most of their drastic proposals would be unworkable, unpopular and ultimately unpassable. Clemency's platform would hamstring his presidency — not to mention the rest of the student government — and this reckless change-for-the-sake-of-change would cause the administration to roll their eyeballs and laugh as another year of student government passed without meaningful discussion. (Needless to say, Clemency's absurd suggestion that *Scholastic* be eliminated and its funding be given to *The Observer* did not help to endear his candidacy to the magazine.)

The ticket of Micah Murphy and Michael Palumbo is the only one that boasts the possibility of effectively representing the interests of the student body. They are likely the only pair that would begin their term with the respect of the administration and maintain that respect throughout. And they are the pair that would put forth the best effort on behalf of the student body. Vote for Micah Murphy and Michael Palumbo. □

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GAME, SET, MATCH

Net Gain

A successful start to the men's tennis season leaves the coach one victory shy of 500th win

Due to the loss of four seniors from last year's squad, the 24th-ranked Notre Dame Men's Tennis team headed into the 1999 dual-match season with a number of question marks. But, after compiling a 3-1 record thus far, including a tough 4-3 loss to number-7 Texas last Saturday, the Irish have proved their mettle and put to rest any talk of this being a rebuilding year.

That's not to say that this will be an easy year for the Irish. "The foreseeable, immediate future is fraught with potential potholes," remarks Head Coach Bob Bayliss, who is in his 30th year as a head coach, the past 12 being with Notre Dame. "The next few (matches) will be difficult. But, if we win a majority of those, we'll be in great shape to jump into the rest of the season."

Notre Dame's next two matches are against 26th-ranked Kentucky and 10th-ranked Duke. Immediately following those contests are match-ups with Northwestern and Minnesota, both of whom beat the Irish last season.

Notre Dame handles its imposing schedule with experience at the top of the line-up. Captains Brian Patterson and Andy Warford, who are the only two seniors on the team, compete at number two and number four singles, respectively.

Junior Ryan Sachire, who holds the number one singles position, is the third-ranked

singles player in the nation. Sachire's ranking is the highest a Notre Dame player has ever achieved, prior to his senior year. He has validated his high ranking by remaining unbeaten in singles play, despite some stiff competition. In his last two matches he has knocked off top 10 opponents.

"Everybody feeds off his presence and his enthusiasm," Bayliss says of Sachire. "He's the heart and soul of the team."

Complementing these upperclassmen are the six newcomers that make up the freshman class. Although none of the first-year players have vaulted into a top-four singles position this season, Bayliss maintains that this group is a special one.

"I think it's a great class, one of the best we've ever had in my tenure here," Bayliss says. "We had a great class like this with the class of '93. They were in the same situation, there were six of them. And all of them were starting as seniors."

As Notre Dame prepares to take on Kentucky this Tuesday, Bayliss, who was named Big East Coach of the Year last season, finds himself one victory shy of 500 career coaching wins. Reflecting on this rather impressive milestone, Bayliss says, "It's something that's a tribute to living long enough, coaching long enough."

Of course, it always helps to own a .726 winning percentage over those 30 years.

— Christopher Hamilton

Q&A

10 Questions with



John Zack
Sacristan

Someone has to light the incense before the opening procession when it's time for Mass. At the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the man with the fire is John Zack, Sacristan Extraordinaire and proud layman amongst a crowd of CSCs and gaping tourists. He took time out from bussing the Lord's table to show us around the sacristy.

What's the stupidest tourist question you ever heard?

Is Knute Rockne buried under the high altar?

Who's the highest-ranking Church official you've ever met?

I've met a couple cardinals.

How many Masses have you seen?

Off the top of my head, I'd have to estimate about 2,000.

What's the largest Mass procession you've ever seen?

A few years ago, we had a bishop's conference on campus, and there was a procession of about 300 bishops.

Holy high altar, Batman! Did they all have their own miters (the pointy hat

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JUDGMENT CALLS

Scurvy Boy
T-shirts



The dining halls just finished a full force campaign to stop the dreaded disease. Next week, Campus Ministry begins its campaign to end leprosy.

Student Body
Elections



If only Barney the purple dinosaur were running. Then we'd have a serious candidate.

Varsity Blues



A bunch of inexperienced high school football players have to call their own plays after their coach leaves. They never called an intentional safety.

Winter:
The Series



The Observer just finished its three part series on the winter. This Friday, they start an eight-part series entitled, "Dirt: Beneath Our Footprints."

Phil
Donahue



Students in favor of the non-discrimination clause, have brought the former talk show host to campus twice to gain respect for their cause. Jerry Springer was booked.

Q&A

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bishops wear) and crosiers (the big stick bishops carry)?

Only the celebrating bishop had a crosier. And just about everybody brought their own miters.

What's your favorite aspect of working in the Basilica?

I enjoy meeting different types of people from all over the world.

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

President of the United States.

Who do you like in the 2000 election?

Put me down for George W. Bush.

What's the worst liturgical mistake you've ever seen?

We had a wedding once that was celebrated by the 90-year-old uncle of the bride, and he went directly from the opening prayer to Communion. He just skipped right over the readings, homily and Eucharistic Prayer.

What about the marriage ceremony?

He skipped that, too.

—Mary Beth Ellis

TABLE FOR TWO

Dinner by Design

The Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering unveils a food processing project

Harbored deep in the recesses of Fitzpatrick Hall, a new center is quietly growing. Because of its youth, its influence has been minor so far, but as it matures, students may wish to see its stirring hand in NDH, SDH, Reckers or even the Huddle.

This new addition is the Center for Advanced Food Processing, part of the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering. No, it does not duplicate sinister compounds from outer space for experimenting scientists to add to your food. Its purpose is to research food processing in order to increase productivity, decrease costs and improve the quality of processed food. Along the way, its members hope to increase the interaction between people researching food processing, the government, academia and scientists.

The Center's mission stretches farther, of course, than simply improving the quality of dining hall food. Ultimately, it hopes to

aid developing Third World countries to more efficiently provide food for their people. It also educates and trains students for careers in the food-processing industry.

Even people who have never ventured into Cushing and Fitzpatrick can get involved in this program. The Center is an interdisciplinary body including students from the College of Engineering and the College of Science, specifically students from Biological Sciences and Chemistry. Faculty, graduate students and undergraduates are all involved.

The Center's research focuses on the transport of food materials, preservation and storage of processed foods, development of food processing techniques as well as the design and control of food-processing equipment.

Maybe its participants could get some practical experience on campus by finding a way to control the bugs that keep popping up in the granola.

—Tina Zurcher

OUT OF ORDER

Wrecking It

One of campus' few 24-hour spaces reconsiders its hours

Due to several incidents involving rowdy students, Reckers is considering closing during weekend nights.

"We'd really rather not have to shut it down as a 24-hour space," says Dave Prentowski, director of food service. "Its purpose was to provide social space for all students at any time of the day or night. [But] we've had a significant problem with students who come in under the influence of alcohol and start misbehaving. A number of students have told us they won't utilize the place anymore."

late night Acoustic Café from midnight to four in the morning, some musicians felt threatened by students who ran around tables and yelled at those on the stage.

"If it doesn't improve, we're prepared to shut it down, immediately if necessary," Prentowski says, pointing out that this is a practical decision rather than a punishment. "If both regular and student employees refuse to work, we can't run the place."

Overall, Prentowski believes that

"People berate the staff when their food doesn't come quickly enough," Reckers Operation Manager Mike Davy says. "With 40 people in line, the service is going to take a little longer."

Disorderly behavior has hurt students as well. When SUB booked Reckers for a

the student body has been supportive of Reckers. "We've gotten good support from student government and the campus life committee," he says. "There's peer expectation to respect the place."

Davy agrees, saying that he doesn't want the venue to close. "But when you consider getting a bouncer or police officer to prevent disorderly people from getting in, it gets to be ridiculous," he says.

—Joe Gallagher



LIGHTS OUT? A slew of drunken customers may force Recker's to close on weekend nights.

What do you think is going to happen on January 1, 2000?



JUNIOR
MATT HERRO

"What I'd like to see happen is an army of the undead rising from the grave and feasting on the brains of the living."



SOPHOMORE
JENNIFER FARRELL

"I think the electricity might go out or we might have water problems."



JUNIOR
BRIAN SWEET

"I don't think computers are going to crash, Jesus won't return and aliens won't land. It's just going to be a regular day — except everyone will have really bad hangovers."

Millenimania

Disasters of titanic proportion may lie at the turn of the millenium.

BY K. MAXWELL MURPHY

It's hard to keep one's cool when the world is crumbling. All around us, in the outside world, and even right here in the Bizarro world known as Notre Dame, there is panic. The menace which supposedly will destroy civilization as we know it is known as Y2K. People, really, if he's anything like his cousin R2D2, I don't think we should sweat this one.

Some things in our lives are under our control, and other things are completely out of our control and will probably stay that way. In theory, the technology that we created should be under our control. And if something is under our control, then we can fix it. It really is that simple. Perhaps we should consider more likely doomsdays, like a global-killer asteroid strike, and respond to those instead.

This is where the 89 percent of you who are more computer literate than I am point out what a computer dunce I am and how I have no business commenting on the machines. Point taken. However, I must know something about computers that the computer community does not. For example, I know better than to leave my life in the hands of a hard drive and a CRT.

Let me assure everyone that we here in the Bizarro World are completely safe. The OIT will find a way. For evidence I point to the weekly upgrades evident in the campus clusters' software. They wouldn't be making them if they thought they'd have to do it all over again next year. Anything Notre Dame owns which uses the supposedly fatal embedded chips and fails next New Year's Eve at the stroke of midnight will be replaced by noon on New Year's Day. We'll be paying in cash out of our multi-digit billion dollar endowment. We're in the safest place on the planet.

What about the rest of us, who, fingers crossed, will be leaving the cocoon before the millennial fever sets in? It couldn't be more simple. Buy batteries, blankets, non-perishables and candles. Don't fly anywhere. Right before the turn of the millenium, turn your circuit breakers off and stay inside,

under the blankets, for three days. Then, come out and try to pick up the pieces.

If you're really terrified, get it all out of the way right now and set your computer's internal clock at two minutes till midnight, December 31, 1999. In two minutes, you'll know how much trouble you are in, and will have an 11-month jump on things.

I also have it under good authority that a website could be erected at which one could download the appropriate diagnostic software for her or his hardware and fix the whole subtraction from zero problem. Why don't they just do it? Well, how would 'they' fleece us for all we've got if it was so simple? Or, more likely in this day and age, 'they' are going to fleece us out of all our money, because it is precisely so simple. 'They' being techno geeks, or whatever it is that politically correct people call them these days. In my day, they were called A-V Guys. And we all know that A-V Guys have been looking for payback from all of us preps and jocks since high school.

Unfortunately, but inevitably, there will be some out there who have too many toys to control and may lose everything that they've worked their whole lives for. Sorry kids, cyber-Darwinism. You forgot what it was to be a self-sufficient human being and are gonna get culled for it. Start techno-dumping immediately and remember this: human beings are animals, and all animals are placed on this planet sans electricity and the rest of them seem to get along just fine without it.

Wouldn't we be OK if we had to rough it for a week or two? We're humans. Can't we fix things that are broken? Isn't that why we got the opposable thumbs?

Besides, if you buy into all this Y2K doomsday word play, then you already know that a man in a blue turban hailing from Arabia will destroy the Earth within a year's time, so why fret about small stuff?

I'd believe Nostradamus long before I listened to those vengeful A-V Guys. □

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Unexplained phenomena. Quirky rituals. Enigmatic presences. These are all phrases that one would readily associate with Roswell, Loch Ness — even West Virginia, for that matter — but Notre Dame? Yes, we here in South Bend are not immune from such odd happenings, and while they may never be featured in an episode of *The X-Files*, they nonetheless have caught the attention of many students. We too have our fair share of unexpected occurrences and cryptic shenanigans, and it's about time we found out why. So let us begin our search for the truth as we delve into the mysterious aura that is ... Notre Dame.

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Notre Dame (But Were Afraid to Ask)

By Patrick Kelly

Just who is the DART man?

You'll never have to meet the man with the excruciatingly monotonous drawl that so clearly informs you whether or not you can get into a certain class: he doesn't exist. That's right — the voice we hear while DARTing is that of artificial intelligence. We hear there's a proposal to try to get Barry White to do the voice for next semester, but at this point that's mere speculation.

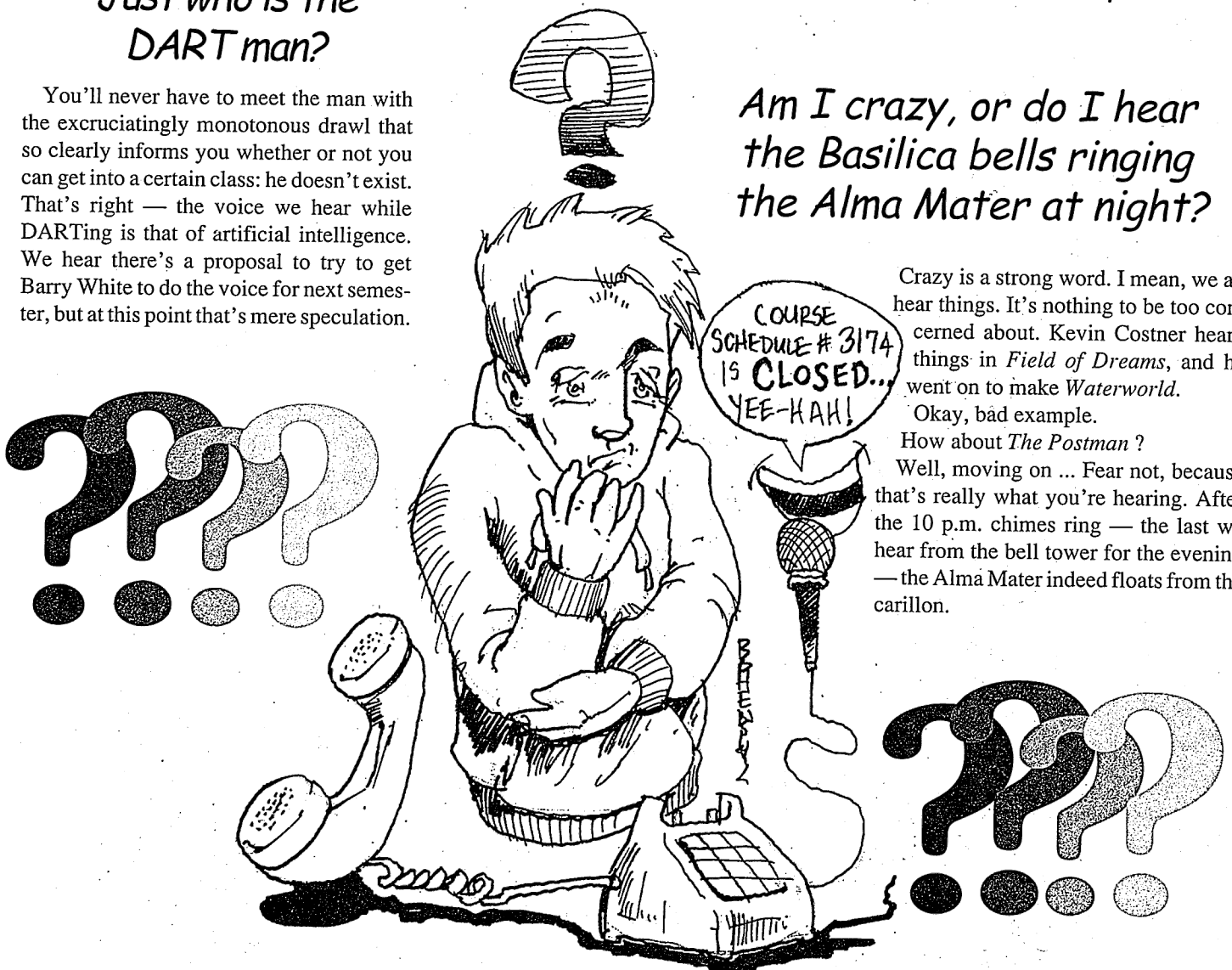
Am I crazy, or do I hear the Basilica bells ringing the Alma Mater at night?

Crazy is a strong word. I mean, we all hear things. It's nothing to be too concerned about. Kevin Costner heard things in *Field of Dreams*, and he went on to make *Waterworld*.

Okay, bad example.

How about *The Postman*?

Well, moving on ... Fear not, because that's really what you're hearing. After the 10 p.m. chimes ring — the last we hear from the bell tower for the evening — the Alma Mater indeed floats from the carillon.



How did the football game marshmallow fights in the senior section start?

Before there were flying squid, there were flying symbols.

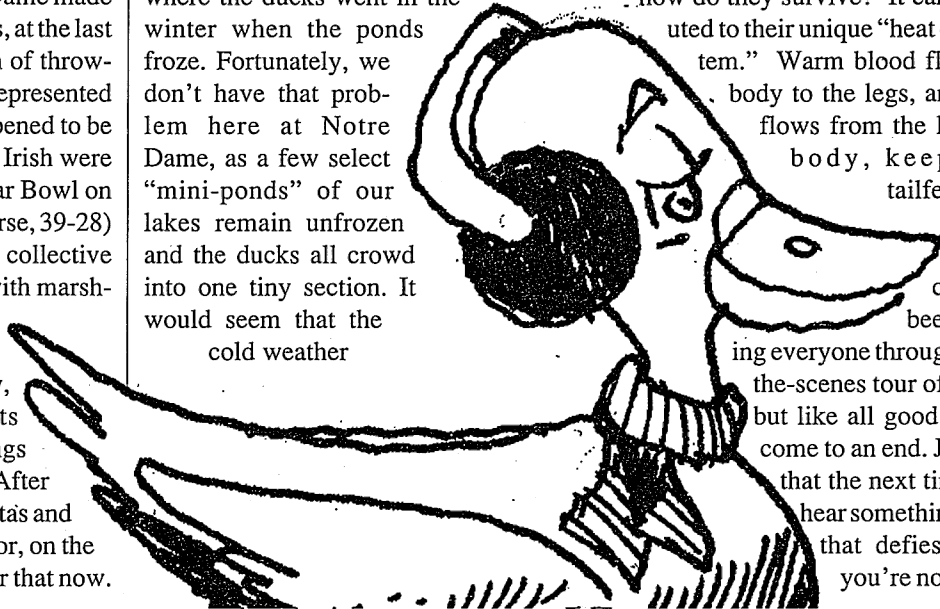
Back in the days when Notre Dame made major bowls annually, the seniors, at the last home game, started the tradition of throwing objects onto the field that represented whatever bowl Notre Dame happened to be attending that year. So when the Irish were slated to play Florida in the Sugar Bowl on January 1, 1992, (we won, of course, 39-28) the students mustered up their collective ingenuity and littered the field with marshmallows. One might think that the marshmallows should only last until the next bowl, when new, even better throwable objects would be introduced, but things didn't quite work out that way. After all, it's quite difficult to fling fiestas and independence to the grass. A gator, on the other hand ... well, it's too late for that now.

Why don't the ducks and geese on St. Mary's Lake and St. Joseph's Lake migrate? Don't they freeze? Where do they find food?

This mystified Holden Caulfield as well, as he wondered in *Catcher in the Rye* just where the ducks went in the winter when the ponds froze. Fortunately, we don't have that problem here at Notre Dame, as a few select "mini-ponds" of our lakes remain unfrozen and the ducks all crowd into one tiny section. It would seem that the cold weather

would be a perfect excuse to get out of Indiana, but these ducks are die-hards. So how do they survive? It can all be attributed to their unique "heat exchange system." Warm blood flows from the body to the legs, and cold blood flows from the legs up to the body, keeping those tailfeathers toasty.

Well, it certainly has been a joy guiding everyone through this behind-the-scenes tour of Notre Dame, but like all good things, it has come to an end. Just remember that the next time you see or hear something around here that defies explanation, you're not alone. □



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Just Peachy

The state of Notre Dame: now versus the last time we impeached a president

BY MARY BETH ELLIS

It is little baby peep of a school. You wouldn't recognize it if it fell on you.

There isn't much to fall, really. No fine, gilded spires; no NBC camera booms; no trademarked hand lotion.

There are trees — lots of trees — blueprints for a grand, new church and Saint Mary's Academy is just a mile down the dirt road. People are named "Bernie" and "Edgar."

It's trying, this little baby peep of a school. Its president, Fr. Edward Sorin, has placed a tiny statue of the Blessed Mother atop the tin domed roof of the new Main Building. He thinks she will help.

The enrollment has increased by well over a dozen students since last term — now up to 261 young men. Three years ago they expanded the students' curriculum to include scientific studies. Soon they would add a law school.

This little university has no gilded landmark, but its marching band is already 22 years old.

The President of the United States — poor, partisan-beleaguered President Johnson — has just been impeached.

This was ND.

Cost for one term in 1868: \$157 with tuition, books, laundry, room and board included. (There were additional charges for using the school's instruments even back then.) In a few years, as the delicate, seven-chapel new church rose brick by buff brick into the Indiana sky, a student's father would construct the bell tower in exchange for his son's tuition.

Cost for one Champion sweatshirt in The Hammes Bookstore 1999 gift catalogue: \$54.95. Shipping and handling not included.

The Notre Dame Alumni Association was formed in 1868.

Have you seen the interest on your football ticket lottery donation lately?

There are 37 states in the recently reunited Union. A gentleman in Milwaukee has just invented a wondrous device he calls a "typewriter." The Suez Canal is nearing completion. Someone notes in Notre Dame's

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student news magazine, *The Scholastic*, that "Foot-Ball is quite popular."

There are larger campus issues to be dealt with, of course. "The hedge fences on either side of the Main Avenue should be trimmed," the author of the "Foot-Ball" comment writes solemnly. "We are personally interested in their appearance." He then praises the heads of the university, "to whose good sense the elimination of nonsense is due."

He ends by pronouncing, "Don't call nicknames — it is vulgar."

On January 22, 1999, *The South Bend Tribune* reports on the words of University of Notre Dame president "Monk" Malloy. It claims he participated in a magazine article stating that the Pope's request that American Catholic universities maintain theology departments more in line with the teachings of the Church was "well-intentioned but unworkable."

"It is vulgar to eat peanuts in public," *Scholastic* informs us, after listing the names of Saint Mary's Academy's students who have been presented with awards for "Cleanliness" and "Good Department."

In sharp contrast, Mrs. Elizabeth Dole, who is aiming for the Republican's 2000 presidential nomination, will be the Class of 1999's commencement speaker.

"Large building — stones have been hauled to the back of the college, prepared for the stonecutters: this would seem to indicate that more improvements are to be made at Notre Dame," a pre-parietals issue of *Scholastic* also reports.

A clump of giant rocks. That's all you needed to be 'improving.' This was when 'a rebuilding year' meant something entirely different. (And Sorin did it all without the Big Ten!)

Recent popular publication, 1868: "The Family Paper of America," out of Chicago. It did not have a web page. In no way, we understand, did it contain reports about illicit affairs.

Recent major publication, 1999: "The Starr Report."

And we like progress?



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SEA OF MEDIOCRITY

The crowd of presidential candidates has few standouts
by Jake Mooney

Last year's pre-election commentary was an easy one to write. Most of the candidates lined up to replace Matt Griffin — the worst student body president in recent memory — fit into one of two categories: they either had preparation and experience on their side, or they were the kind of people who shouldn't be allowed to use scissors without adult supervision.

In view of all this, all a columnist had to do was praise the good candidates, make fun of the bad ones, mix in a couple of Zahm jokes for good measure, and keep it all under 700 words.

Things aren't so simple this year, and it's not because of a lack of Zahm jokes. It's because this year, none of the most qualified people even bothered to run. Former Vice Presi-

dent Andrea Selak and Student Senators Matt Mamak, Brian O'Donoghue and A.J. Boyd all either dropped out of the race or didn't enter it at all. In their place, we had a field so depressing as to make the task of writing a column — or even getting up in the morning, for that matter — an unenviable one.

Micah Murphy and Mike Palumbo are the only pair with enough experience or insight to deserve anyone's vote. Murphy is underwhelming in person, though, and comes across as a middle-manager looking to preserve the status quo. In fact, Palumbo's last-second replacement of original vice-presidential candidate Julie Reising shows just how little personality any of the three

candidates has. That the switch required no change in the platform makes Murphy, Palumbo and Reising look like faceless, interchangeable student-government drones. Their only saving grace is that they have a set of realistic if unambitious goals. They would have been the third- or fourth-best ticket in last year's election, and the fact that potential president Murphy has a difficult time responding to questions without reading from a prepared script does not inspire confidence.

Still, at least he thought enough to prepare a script. The only other candidates to show

arm's reach of reality, although, unlike White, he does not have the decency to admit it. He may have pleased *The Observer* with his plan to abolish *Scholastic*, but the rest of his platform is packed with unnecessary and impractical student government reforms, and enough spelling and typographical mistakes to make his favorite campus publication proud. Clemency seems to think that students will adopt his plans solely because of his charming personality, but he fails to take into account that he is by far the most abrasively smarmy candidate in the race. His running mate, Dan Chucta, prob-

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up for their meeting with *Scholastic* with any campaign material were Luke White, a joke candidate, and Napoleon-in-waiting Brian Clemency, who is frighteningly serious. White, who is on the staff of *Right Reason*, showed that even extremists can have a sense of humor. When asked what sets him and his running mate, Dan Hennigan, apart from the other candidates he replied, "Probably our degree of surreality. ... Most other candidates have at least one foot planted in the realm of actual reality, and I'm afraid that's just not the case with us." On the other hand, they do have the prettiest posters.

Clemency, a freshman from Zahm, is another candidate who rarely drifts within

ably should have adopted Hennigan's strategy of not showing up for the interview, since he proved to be as monosyllabic as Clemency is annoying.

Clemency is just one of many Zahm candidates to clog up the race this year, most of whose main goal in the campaign is to get on the nerves of the rest of campus. There are some notable exceptions, however. Sean Deschene and Mike Revers have all of the charisma that Murphy lacks, and their ideas and approach to government deserve consideration from both the voters and the other candidates.

Zahm also gives us the ticket that is the biggest surprise of this year's election. Wally Poirer and Greg Smith, whose uninformed

campaign nearly caused some *Scholastic* staff members to lose faith in humanity last year, are back. This time, though, they have brought along a bit more maturity and even some good ideas. Their platform boasts, "We're not stupid anymore!" and they have done little to cause anyone to disagree.

Sadly, as long as Keenan and Alumni halls are still standing, neither of the serious candidates from Zahm will ever win a student government election. On the bright side, this campus-wide bias will prevent the election of any of the other Zahm tickets, all of whom came across like a bad joke, and none of whom deserve to see their names in print.

The heavy turnout from the most testosterone-drenched dorm on campus also serves to accentuate another trend in the race: the absence of appealing female candidates for president. Chana Jayme, a co-president of McGlinn Hall, has some interesting ideas — the best of which is improving Career and Placement's treatment of non-business majors — but she let her voluble running mate Dan Peate dominate their interview with *Scholastic* so thoroughly that it became unclear which one of them wants to be

in charge.

Cynthia Turski, the only other female candidate, lists no prior government experience on her résumé. Even though this hardly distinguishes her in this year's dismal race, Turski is by no means fit to serve as president. It would be a nice change of pace for Notre Dame's students to elect a female president, but this year's candidates should realize that it will take more than two X chromosomes to gain support.

Given the almost universal lack of expe-

ment. Peter Cesaro is an adequate president and a swell guy, but his conciliatory stance toward the administration and his lack of visibility make him look like a student government insider, content to just go through the motions. True or not, this perception has convinced everyone on campus with a little free time and some delusions of grandeur to make a grab for the brass ring. At the same time, qualified student government members have apparently decided that public office is not their top priority. In all prob-

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— Luke White

rience among this year's candidates, one question remains: Why? Could it be just a coincidence that so many people with strong student government background dropped out at the exact time that Zahm decided to play a prank on the rest of campus by hijacking the election?

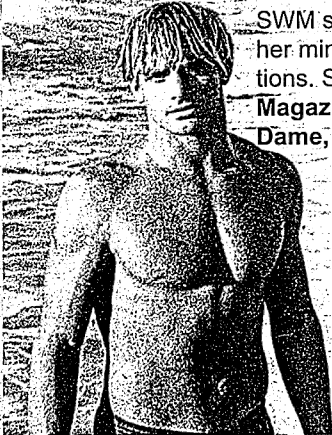
Probably not. More likely, we can find some explanation in the past year's govern-

ability, the past administration's blandness did more than a little to foster this apathy.

If this is true, everyone who will be on this campus in the next year, and who cares even a little about student government, should hope that whoever eventually gets elected can inject some life back into the office. Otherwise, Notre Dame students may be in store for another election like this one. □

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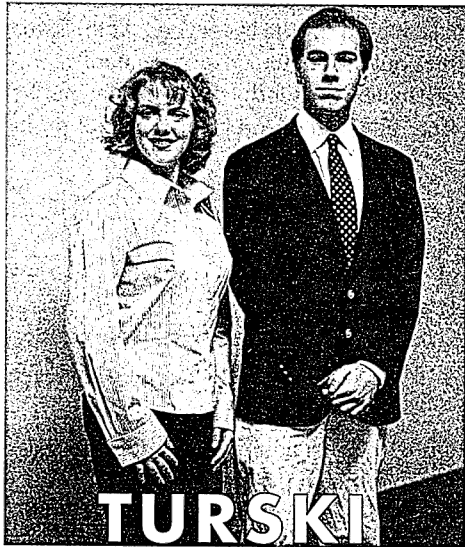
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"More Student Involvement"



**TURSKI
ROBEY**

Name: Cynthia Turski / Stephen Robey
Class: Sophomore / Sophomore
Dorm: Badin Hall / Knott Hall

Presidential candidate Cynthia Turski and running mate Stephen Robey stress the importance of student input and communication in their platform. "We want students to become more interested and involved in student government," Turski says. "We want to focus on what they are interested in."

Although neither candidate has previously been involved in student government, Turski and Robey are involved in other areas. Turski, a sophomore from Badin Hall, is a member of Notre Dame Council of International Business Development. She also sings for the Notre Dame Opera and the Women's Liturgical Choir and works as an announcer and newscaster for WSND. Robey, a sophomore in Knott Hall, also works with WSND and WVFI.

The duo wants to increase communication among students by posting the results of Teacher Course Evaluations on the web

to aid students in making decisions concerning courses. They also want to hold campus-wide public forums once a month in LaFortune to make students more aware of prevalent issues.

Another key plank in their platform concerns easing the tension of student life. To better dorm relations the pair would like a standardized detex time for all dorms, making dorms currently on 24-hour detex open at least from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. They also plan to extend hours at North Dining Hall and form an express lane in the bookstore for students on football weekends.

The two would like the administration to consider joining the Big Ten for academics but not for athletics. Hoping to come to compromises in a non-confrontational manner, the two say they are eager to work with the administration.

—Heather Hogan

"Persistence, Integrity, Flamboyance"



**POIRIER
SMITH**

Name: Wally Poirier / Greg Smith
Class: Junior / Sophomore
Dorm: Zahm Hall / Zahm Hall

Presidential candidate Wally Poirier and running mate Greg Smith are the only candidates to have run together in last year's election. This year their platform focuses on improving the treatment of students. "We want to cause [the administration] to consider our needs more," Poirier says.

Poirier, a government and history major, is the executive assistant for Zahm Hall Council and has worked as a community liaison for Habitat for Humanity/ND. Smith is majoring in Architecture, Economics and Math and also serves on the Zahm Hall Council. Both recognize the fact that students may be concerned about their lack of direct student government experience. But, as Poirier says, "We don't feel like we're above the students ... we're here to have fun and serve [them]."

The team plans to lessen the stress of academic rigors with alcohol-free stress relievers. Poirier mentions the possibility of opening a 24-hour space similar to Reckers in LaFortune.

The two hope to develop the islands in the campus lakes as outdoor social space. Bridges and seating areas could be built to give stu-

dents another space to socialize. "They could be a romantic spot if need be," Poirier says.

Poirier and Smith also want to poll students on student government issues on a regular basis. They propose to have the campus publications print the results of weekly or bi-weekly polls to "not only help us but also to allow students some insight into what's going on," Poirier says.

One of the issues most important to the team is the improvement of bookstore service. The candidates believe that the bookstore's buyback policy is patronizing. "I thought it was a slap in the face walking in there, knowing you won't get back as much as you'd like and then getting back even less than you expected," Poirier says. The pair would like to organize a deal with Barnes and Noble in cooperation with professors who would supply book lists.

As for the non-discrimination clause, the pair recognizes the rights of homosexuals but believes that including sexual orientation in the clause is unnecessary. Poirier believes that non-legal ways can be found to redress problems of discrimination.

—Tina Zurcher

"Bringing It All Together"



**MURPHY
PALUMBO**

Name: Micah Murphy /
Michael Palumbo
Class: Junior / Junior
Dorm: Keough Hall / Keenan Hall

Juniors Micah Murphy and Michael Palumbo envision a student government that acts as a link between various organizations on campus. With their theme of "bringing it all together," Murphy and Palumbo hope to accomplish a number of smaller initiatives by coordinating the efforts of multiple student groups.

"We want to find out who's best for the job and get them the tools they need to get the job done," Murphy explains. With this theme in mind, Murphy and Palumbo will work with a platform full of realistic goals.

Since both Murphy and Palumbo have held student government positions in the past, they feel comfortable with the system. As President of Keough Hall and a member of the Hall Presidents' Council Budget Committee, Murphy recognizes the need for interaction among many student organizations. "We all work together under the umbrella of student government. We need the residence halls' backing ultimately," Murphy says.

Palumbo, who was not Murphy's original running mate, is the Student Union secretary and sits on several student government bodies

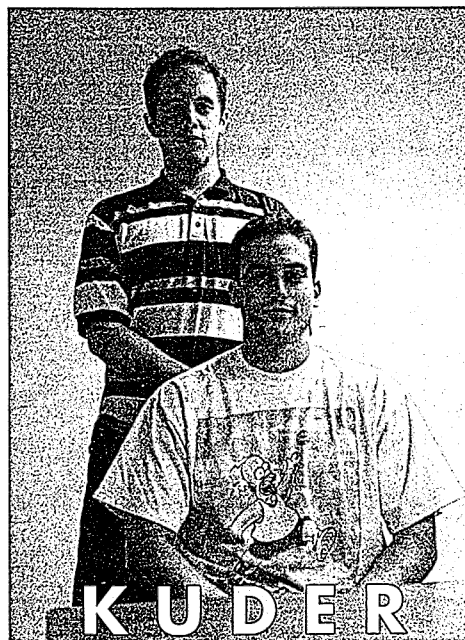
including the CLC, Student Senate and the Executive Cabinet. Palumbo believes that this experience helps to round out the ticket. "We have a good combination of the knowledge needed to be successful," he says.

Julie Reising, Murphy's original running mate, helped to research many of the ideas on the platform. But Palumbo does not believe that the ticket has missed a step since he has replaced her. Palumbo is committed to the issues that Murphy and Reising originally highlighted. "I've been a part of many of the decisions that are on there, anyway," he says.

While their platform includes a number of initiatives, Murphy and Palumbo place importance on developing intellectual life and providing convenient services for students such as an airport shuttle and extended computer cluster hours. They hope to introduce a "Real Deal" and "Last Lecture" series. The "Real Deal" lectures would bring recent graduates back to campus to talk about their real-world experiences, while the "Last Lecture" series would offer professors a chance to deliver a speech as if it were their last lecture at Notre Dame.

—Jim Pastore

"ND Football Rules"



**KUDER
PRIEST**

Name: Bill Kuder / Joe Priest
Class: Junior / Junior
Dorm: Zahm Hall / Zahm Hall

Zahm juniors and roommates Bill Kuder and Joe Priest are self-described "regular guys," running for office with no experience in student government. Kuder, a Management Information Systems major has held leadership positions within his dorm and serves on the SUB concert committee. Priest, a Computer Engineering Major, is a Zahm hall section leader and social commissioner. But the two see this difference as an asset to their ticket, enabling them to create an administration more representative of the student body.

Their platform is focused on sports, in particular Notre Dame football and the need for reform within the ticket distribution system. "Every [football] Saturday we walk up the aisle past people who aren't paying attention to the game," Kuder says, emphasizing his frustration with the fact that many St. Mary's students held better tickets this year than he and his friends, who camped out all night.

"It would be fair if the people who really cared were in some way rewarded with better seats ... somehow scrapping the idea of seniors first, then juniors. We'd rather separate it by

appreciation for the game." The two have considered plans to distribute tickets based on what school a student goes to (giving Notre Dame students priority) and by level of appreciation for the game. Appreciation would be measured through a 10-question test taken in the fall.

After football season, Priest proposes building support for the basketball team by moving the student section to the sideline and replacing the band with more popular music.

Beyond sports, Kuder and Priest would like to encourage more bands to visit the campus. They would also like to create satellite work-out stations both in Stepan and Haggard to prevent North quad students from having to walk to Rolf's or the Rock.

The duo do not see themselves as advocates of the students or the administration, but as an intermediary between the two. "As a team we want to be sort of an overseeing body over the events of student government," Kuder says. "We want to be a visible administration. You always hear about the bad things; we want people to see the good things we do."

—Allison Fashek

"Social, Academic and Spiritual"



**JAYME
PEATE**

Name: Chana Jayme / Dan Peate
Class: Junior / Junior
Dorm: McGlinn Hall / Knott Hall

Presidential candidate Chana Jayme and her running mate, Dan Peate, want a student government that works efficiently to help students reach their potential.

"We want to have all the students achieve the greatest that they can," Jayme says, "socially, academically and spiritually."

Jayme and Peate, both juniors, boast previous leadership experience. Jayme is a co-president of McGlinn Hall, and is a co-swain on the crew squad. Her running mate is also a dorm co-president (Knott) and the head of the debate team. Peate is the only candidate in this year's field with previous student body presidential experience. A transfer student, Peate was the president at Moorpark College in California before coming to Notre Dame.

Jayme and Peate plan on administering the student government with minimal waste. "We want to make sure that ... all the dollars we have — we give them back to the students," Peate says. "We want to make sure that this money is not just wasted and used for bureaucracy."

The pair hopes to streamline event spon-

sorship by bringing organizations together to work on events. "We want to take a look at the different organizations on campus," Peate says, helping to work with them to restructure ... to become more efficient."

In addition to working with student clubs and organizations, Jayme and Peate want to work closely with the CSC and with Career and Placement to improve placement for non-business majors.

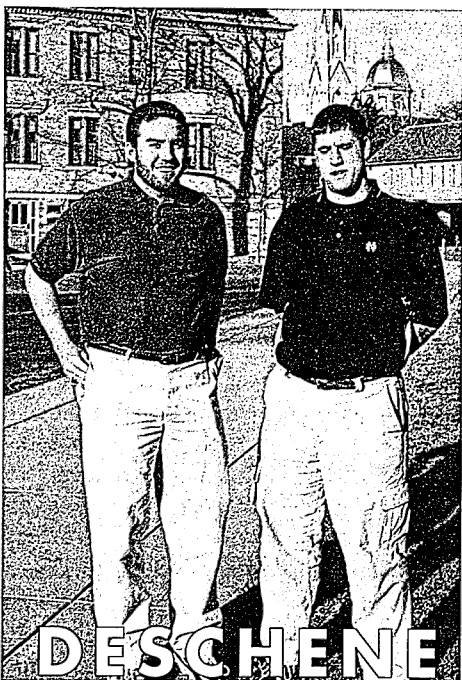
As for the issues currently facing the Board of Trustees, the pair is against the move to the Big Ten and in favor of the inclusion of sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause. "We don't feel that any student should be harassed for any reason — whether it be gender or sexual orientation," Peate says.

Though both candidates have some experience in student government, they wish to emphasize that they are not typical politicians.

"We're just regular people," Peate says, "regular students who really care."

— Patrick Downes

"Persistence, Energy and Freshness"



**DESCHENE
REVERS**

Name: Sean Deschene / Michael Revers
Class: Junior / Junior
Dorm: Zahm Hall / Zahm Hall

Fresh ideas, a focus on students' use of technology and an abundance of enthusiasm are what juniors Mike Revers and Sean Deschene want to bring into the office. They say their platform aims to bring the student government back to the students. Deschene

feels that students remain disconnected from important decisions. "We'd like to see the administration ... take a more active role toward the students,"

Deschene says. "it often seems like they're patting us on the head."

Both candidates participate in a number of organizations on campus that involve computer technology. Revers, a Management Information Systems major, divides his time among *The Observer*, the COBA Computer Cluster and WVFI. Deschene, a Computer Science and Philosophy major, also has computer experience, working as a Resident Com-

puter Consultant, Server Side Programmer in the library and a Cluster Consultant.

Although neither has experience in student government, the two have created a platform that focuses on making the lives of individual students better. The pair would like to make it

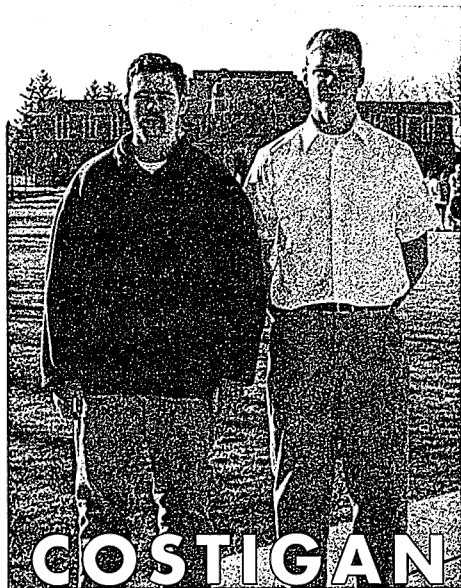
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— Sean Deschene

possible to enroll and register for classes on the Internet. They also hope to improve race relations by bringing more speakers to campus on these issues.

They also plan to make a special effort to include off-campus students in these changes. Aware that some off-campus students feel disconnected from the rest of campus, they would like to see Senior Bar used as a coffee shop during the day. — Heather Hogan

"For the Students"



**COSTIGAN
BUYSKE**

Name: Christopher Costigan / Matt Buyske
Class: Freshman / Freshman
Dorm: Zahm Hall / Zahm Hall

Presidential candidate Chris Costigan and his running mate Matt Buyske, one of several tickets hailing from Zahm Hall, want to bring more events to campus and involve more students.

Both are freshman with limited experience, but they view this as a plus. "I've heard some of the ideas of the other candidates," Buyske says, "and they're more focused on the upperclassmen."

"If you have a class president that's a junior and going to be a senior, the decisions they make now will affect them directly for the next four or five months or so," Costigan adds. "Then, after that, they're gone, they're graduated, they get their football tickets and they're happy. ... Anything we do is going to affect us for the next three years here. It's going to have a more direct impact on our class-

mates." The pair adds that, if elected, they would surround themselves with more experienced people, and they wouldn't drastically change the way student government works.

"I've heard some of the ideas of the other candidates, and they're more focused on the upperclassmen."

— Matt Buyske

With the administration the two plan to be "firm but not pushy," and with regards to the Big Ten, Costigan admits that they have not done much research into the matter but that, "Whatever the students decide, we should have our voice heard." The pair are also noncommittal on the issue of including sexual orientation in the nondiscrimination clause.

— Patrick Downes

"Open to the People"



**CLEMENCY
CHUCTA**

Name: Brian Clemency / Dan Chucta
Class: Freshman / Senior
Dorm: Zahm Hall / Zahm Hall

Freshman Brian Clemency and Senior Dan Chucta are running for student body president and vice president, respectively, with plans to completely revamp the structure of student government. If elected one of their first steps will include renaming their positions "representative at large" and "vice-representative at large," and working toward reducing the egotism that they feel has plagued the office of the president in the past.

With both candidates entering the race possessing only high school political experience, the two plan to establish a closer relationship with students by keeping office hours in public places such as LaFortune but they would not maintain a regular office. "The main tenet of our candidacy is to bring the people back into the loop," Clemency says. They also plan to abolish the Student Senate and form a similar body called the Student Representative Council. Student Representatives will

then be elected on a semester basis. The two will eliminate off-campus student government entirely, and compensate by giving off-campus students an extra representative in the Student Representative Council.

Clemency and Chucta's radical platform calls for a great deal of change in regard to the constitution. They plan to create sepa-

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rate documents for the sophomore, junior and senior classes. Each class' constitution would follow it through its time at Notre Dame, making each class autonomous.

Besides restructuring the government, the candidates plan to operate on a frugal budget. Their plans include cutting food from all student meetings. They also want to eliminate *Scholastic Magazine* in order to make *The Observer* the sole source of print media on campus.

—Heather Hogan

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THE JOKERS

Some people take student body elections as seriously as a heart attack. Other candidates, like these, take them about as seriously as a hang nail.

Presidential candidate Luke White from Dillon Hall doesn't believe in platforms. "I believe they are going to go the way of the bell bottoms,"

he says, but the White/Hennigan ticket does have several ideas. First, if elected, White plans to buy everybody a puppy, though he hasn't ruled out unicorns. He believes that these will come in handy during the next football season, as fans in the student section have taken to throwing dead animals at

halftime. Other plans that White and Hennigan would like to see implemented include the killing of swans, and the efficient manipulation of sunshine. White and his running mate claim to be able to control the sun. "A student government that can make the sun shine can accomplish quite a bit," White says, "For example growing crops, evaporating water, melting ice." A campaign poster for the pair warns: "And we can make it stop just as easily, if you catch our drift."

White and Hennigan also have interesting ideas for interacting with students and with the administration. "Students can take care of themselves for some things," White says, "but for other things they need a strong, firm hand to embezzle their money for



White

them." In dealing with the administration, White would employ sycophancy, since, as he says, the administration is all-powerful. White and Hennigan also plan to eliminate the graduate school in order to save money. "Nobody likes TAs," White says, "and nobody likes graduate students. They're just not like us. They're strange, they're different."

Freshmen Patrick McCormick and Brian Wahl, another set of presidential candidates from Zahm, admitted to *Scholastic* that a major intention of their campaign was to see their ideas in print and laugh about them later. Among other things, the pair hope to see a liquor store or a discotheque in Stepan. When asked to describe their candidacy in three words, McCormick replied simply, "I'm not sure."



McCormick

— Patrick Downes

MISSING IN ACTION

Many of the favorites for a Presidential run opted to stay home this election year

Although Notre Dame students often criticize the Student Senate as an overly political organization, not a single senator will seek higher office this election year. Instead, with a few exceptions, this year's field features candidates with no previous Student Union experience. The dearth of experience among this year's candidates has left many wondering why those familiar with the system chose not to run.

Current Student Body Vice President Andréa Selak, long considered the favorite for a presidential run, announced her decision not to run shortly before the official candidate deadline last Thursday. Selak, who had chosen Micah Murphy as a running mate and constructed a campaign platform, made the decision in part because she wants to focus her energies on a few specific programs next year.

"There are certain projects that I've gotten attached to and I want to work on specifically those areas," Selak says. She feels the duties associated with the presidential position would distract her from these other

programs. Selak also cites unspecified personal reasons that contributed to her decision.

Like Selak, Keenan Hall Senator Matt Mamak did not feel called to the role of president. "Time commitment was a huge factor. ... I feel like I want to spend next year doing different things," Mamak says. Although he entered the race for a short time, filing a formal petition for candidacy on Thursday, January 28, he withdrew from the race the next day. Mamak and his running mate Keough Hall Senator Brian O'Donoghue, filed the petition shortly after hearing of Selak's decision.

"We got the petitions filed in order to leave the door open," O'Donoghue explains. Before Thursday, Mamak turned down seven offers to run with other candidates. "I had always come to the conclusion that I wasn't going to run," Mamak says.

Mamak's decision effectively ended O'Donoghue's quest for higher office this year. "I firmly believe Matt was the best candidate ... and I wanted to run with the best," O'Donoghue says.

— Jim Pastore

OUT OF CONTEXT

- When asked what single possession they would take with them to a deserted island, Kuder and Priest had the same answer: Kuder's girlfriend, Katie.

- When asked to explain what set them apart from the others, these candidates had interesting responses:

"We're students here. We know what it's like." — Jayme

"I see myself as more of a personal person." — Revers

"Well, first as a candidate, I am female." — Turski

- When asked to compare the values of a democracy and a benevolent dictatorship, Peate made the following startling revelation. "Look at Nazi Germany, look at Hitler. What does he want? Well, to kill millions of Jews. Is that good? No."

- "We're not very smart. We're not business majors or anything incredible like that."

— White on why he and Hennigan didn't bother to develop a platform

- "I can look at my dorm [Zahm] as a microcosm of the university." — Clemency

Campus by the Gipper Watch

Hello, everyone. The Gipp has missed you. He hopes you have missed him, too, and that you start doing naughty things and writing in about them as soon as possible. It's not every week that the Gipp gets to fill space in his column by launching a frivolous write-in campaign for president.

Vote Your Conscience

In this issue, on the other hand, the Gipp plans to do just that. If you've even glanced at the rest of this issue, you know that nobody in the race deserves to win. Except maybe that guy who wants to kill the swans. You don't know him very well, though.

The Gipp, on the other hand, is one of the best friends you have around here. When has he ever let you down?

You can pay the Gipp back for his loyalty by writing his name in on your election-day ballot.

Finally, the Gipp suggests you follow his campaign slogan: "Get drunk. Vote Gipp. It'll be funny."

Easy on the Wine Next Time

The Gipp hasn't decided on his running mate yet, but he heard recently about someone he considers a strong prospect. A few weeks ago, a member of the liturgical choir

got a bit carried away on a Saturday night. When she showed up at Mass the next morning, she was full of spirits — just not



the holy kind.

Our heroine proceeded to pass out in the choir's balcony, in front of God and everyone. With Mass continuing in the background, emergency medical personnel had to go up to the balcony to revive her.

The Gipp thinks this girl should be proud of herself for spicing up what, for the past 1,500 or so years, has been basically a pretty

boring ceremony.

That, combined with her ability to prioritize, putting alcohol over God, Notre Dame, and self-respect, should make her the perfect vice-president to serve beside President Gipp.

The Gipp firmly believes that every president needs an archenemy, so without further ado, he would like to congratulate the winner of ...

Sanctimonious Windbag of the Month

When the Gipp heard that someone calling himself "Cappy" wrote a nasty *Observer* column about him, he wondered what he had done to make one of the seven dwarves angry. It turns out, though, that "Cappy" (Crappy?) Gagnon is the head of the Notre Dame Stadium Gestapo, and thinks the Gipp doesn't love Notre Dame enough and should transfer. He also misspelled the Gipp's name as "the Griper." Maybe intentionally.

The Gipp appreciates the advice, Nappy, especially from someone who has gone as far in life as you have. Still, you should probably forget about the Gipp and get back to your regular job of punishing people for cheering too loudly, or whatever it is you do.

The Gipp will be just fine without your advice. Not that it's any of your business, but the Gipp cries during *Rudy* just like everybody else. He isn't planning on hanging around his old school for the rest of his life like some people with stupid nicknames who we know, but that doesn't mean he hates Notre Dame or the people here.

What he does hate are brainwashed zealots who think Notre Dame's sewage doesn't stink. This place isn't perfect, and it can only improve if someone draws attention to its shortcomings. Not to mention that some of us like to have a good laugh at ourselves from time to time. Just because you can't appreciate the humor of intoxicated sports fans being smacked in the head with dead fish, don't blame the Gipp.

Don't feel sorry for the Gipp either, Sloppy. The Gipp feels sorry for you. He's sorry that you couldn't handle the real world and had to return to the Notre Dame bubble all these years later. He's sorry that you take your frustration out on students trying to have a little fun.

Most of all, he's sorry that there are people like you in power who think that nothing about Notre Dame needs fixing. The Gipp is not the problem. You are. □

POWER PLAYER

Irish forward Aniket Dhadphale brings quiet leadership and a strong offense to Irish hockey

BY KATIE RAK

By 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon the line outside of the Joyce Center had already begun to form. The game had been sold out for weeks, but students showed up hours early in hopes of getting a seat for the eagerly awaited battle between the Irish hockey team and the Michigan Wolverines. Those who did not get there early enough missed their chance to watch Aniket Dhadphale prove why he is among the top forwards in college hockey.

The Irish initially jumped ahead to a 2-0

lead and kept that advantage until Michigan scored at the 14-minute mark in the third period. The Wolverines then scored again at the 7-minute mark on a fluke goal. "We basically gave them the goal," Head Coach Dave Poulin says. But before the Irish lost their momentum, a power play opportunity presented itself.

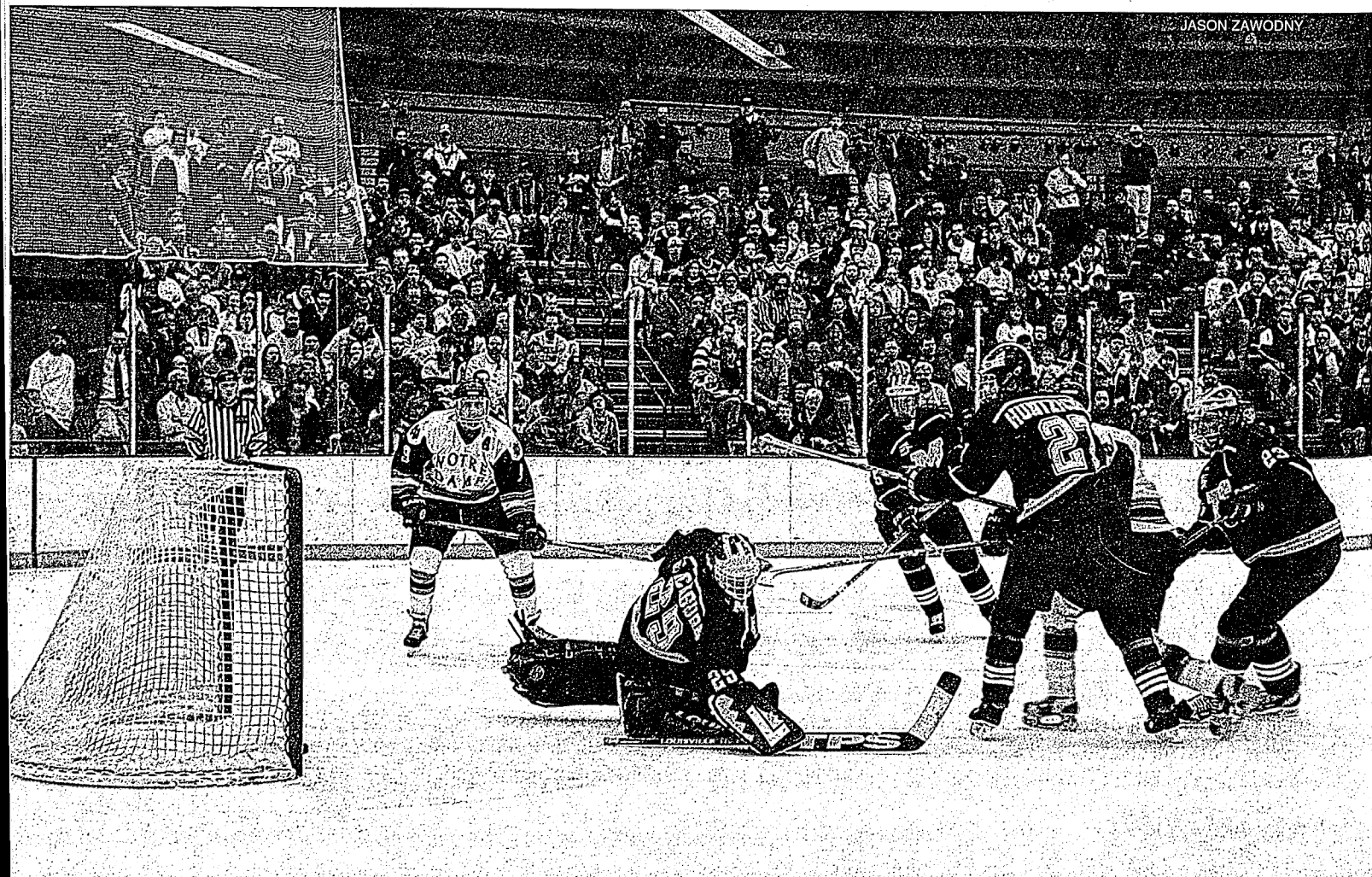
This is where Dhadphale enters the story. The All-American senior who leads the Irish in power-play goals went to work, and scored the game-winner. "We're the number one power play in the CCHA," Poulin says, "and Aniket's a huge part of it. That's

when a true go-to guy has to come through, and he did for us. It's indicative of what he's done and what he has to do for us — score a huge goal at a critical time in the game."

Dhadphale, drafted by the San Jose Sharks out of high school, never seriously considered playing professionally before finishing school. "I really needed college to develop and it's helped me a lot," Dhadphale says.

And the Irish ice hockey program has benefited greatly from the presence of this Marquette, Mich., native. According to Poulin, Dhadphale came in as part of a class

SHARK ATTACK. Though he delayed playing professionally in order to develop his game, Dhadphale (far left) may have the opportunity to play for the San Jose Sharks, the team that initially drafted him.



that made a commitment to a very young program. "His first year here was only Notre Dame's fourth year back in the CCHA," Poulin says. "It was a program that had struggled and the seniors made a commitment to come and ... really set the stage for this program to go to the next level. I think that this senior class, and

Aniket is certainly an enormous part of it, has a unique opportunity to make its mark on Notre Dame hockey. I think that's something Aniket wants to do."

The coaching staff realizes that Dhadphale possesses a sort of 'sixth sense' when it comes to scoring and allows him a little more room than most players, especially during power plays.

"The power play is the most structured part of hockey," Poulin says. "It's where you actually will have set plays and set positioning. With Aniket, we basically just send him up there. He doesn't have a defined space or a defined area to go to. He goes where he has to go to score goals."

Throughout his college career Dhadphale has provided the Irish with consistency in scoring (his heroics Saturday night leave him just one point shy of 100 career points) but the strength of his impact may be best seen in his absence. The left winger missed four games after he was injured during the Ohio State game in early December. Before Dhadphale's injury, Notre Dame was shooting at a .321 clip. Without him the Irish went 2 for 17 (.118).

"We've played through a lot of injuries to key people this year, but Aniket is the gunslinger," Poulin says. "He's the goal scorer that goes out and scores the goal as he did against Michigan. You have to call on other people to step up. Other people did when he was out, but having him in is a threat on the ice to score a goal. The other team has to be so aware of him that it creates space for other people."

Although Dhadphale is an assistant captain and an obvious leader for the Irish, he prefers to let his stick speak for itself. Most of his teammates describe Dhadphale as a player who is laid-back and easy-going, but sets a precedent for his team.

"He doesn't say much," teammate John Dwyer says. "He leads by example on the ice. Everyone looks to him for leadership, in big games especially. He always comes

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- JOHN DWYER

through with the big goal."

Poulin agrees. "He's not going to have an ulcer ever. He's not going to have a heart attack," he says. Poulin, however, has noticed a change in Dhadphale's attitude on the ice over the course of the senior's career. "He was much more laid-back on the ice. His intensity has increased a great deal," says Poulin, who believes that Dhadphale's leadership skills have improved as well.

Dhadphale also provides a sound example for his teammates as far as academics are concerned. The senior is a leading candidate for Academic All-American honors and has repeatedly made the Dean's List. The finance major is also one of only 28 student-athletes to be part of Notre Dame's Academic Honors Program.

Before he tries out his talents in finance, however, Dhadphale hopes to make his mark as a goal scorer in the NHL. "That's always everyone's dream. It's definitely a goal of mine. We'll see what happens after the season."

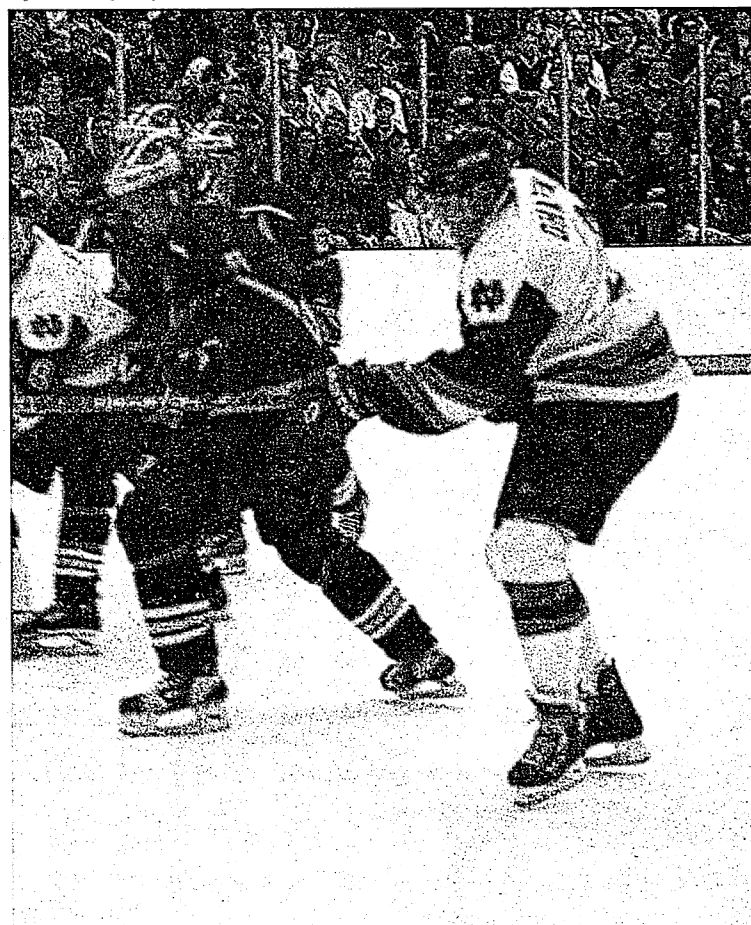
Poulin, who played in the NHL himself after his career at Notre Dame, thinks that Dhadphale will continue to showcase his scoring prowess at the next level. "I think that he's got an opportunity to play. He's been drafted by San Jose and

they've monitored his progress. They know he's improved a great deal. It's a commodity that's probably the most sought after commodity in hockey — the ability to score goals."

Before he moves on though, Dhadphale has the opportunity and the talent to reach the 100-point mark and write his name into the Irish record books. The Irish forward has made his mark quietly, but has always come through.

So even if the game's been sold out for weeks, many will say that a few extra hours in line is worth it to see this future San Jose Shark circle his prey and sink his teeth into the power play. □

THE GO-TO GUY. Dhadphale lives up to his status as an All-American by scoring key goals for the Irish.



JASON ZAMODNY

Man of Troy

Freshman phenom Troy Murphy hopes eventually to bring the Irish to the Big Dance

BY COREY SPINELLI

When the Milwaukee Bucks made Irish All-American Pat Garrity the 19th overall pick in the 1998 NBA Draft, he became the first Notre Dame player taken in the opening round since Monty Williams in 1994 and only the fourth draftee from South Bend in 10 years. While Garrity's presence among the best players in the world can be pointed to as an example of the basketball program's success, replacing his team-leading 23.2 points and 8.3 rebounds per game figured to be an impossible task. No returning member of the '97-'98 squad had shown the capability to inherit the 6'9" forward's role. Expectations for the '98-'99

ACHILLE'S HEALED. After missing three games to injury, Murphy has returned to his familiar form. He scored 26 points and grabbed 12 rebounds against Providence.

season were low, as Big East coaches voted the Irish second from the bottom of the heap in the preseason poll.

Enter Troy Murphy. Behind the sensational freshman's team-high 18.5 points and 9.2 boards per contest, the Irish currently stand a respectable 5-6 in conference play and, with a few more Big East wins, are on the brink of claiming another National Invitation Tournament bid. The surprising performance of Head Coach John MacLeod's squad has been due in large part to the 6'9" forward from Morristown, N.J.

"He's already established himself as one of the best players in the Big East," says sophomore point guard Martin Ingelsby. "He's unquestionably our go-to guy because he's such a great overall player. He's a natural around the basket and can shoot it from outside."

The versatile freshman began his collegiate career with a team-best 19 points against Miami of Ohio and hasn't cooled off yet. He has started all 19 of his games in an Irish uniform and has led Notre Dame in scoring 14 times and in rebounding 10. Murphy wasted no time getting acclimated to Big East play, pouring in 30 points and snaring 11 rebounds in his conference debut at Providence before lighting up Pittsburgh for 30 in his third Big East game. He also posted 26 points and 16 boards against Indiana before missing three conference games with an ankle injury. In the two games since his return, Murphy has totaled 43 points and 23 rebounds.

Murphy's 33 point-per-game average led the state of New Jersey his senior year of high school and the talented forward also hauled in 14.8 rebounds per contest. But even he didn't expect to grow this quickly into the giant shoes left by Garrity. "I came into

Filling Big Shoes

Here's a look at how Troy Murphy and Pat Garrity match up through the first 19 games of their collegiate career:

MINUTES

Garrity 516

Murphy 615

POINTS

Garrity 251

Murphy 352

REBOUNDS

Garrity 92

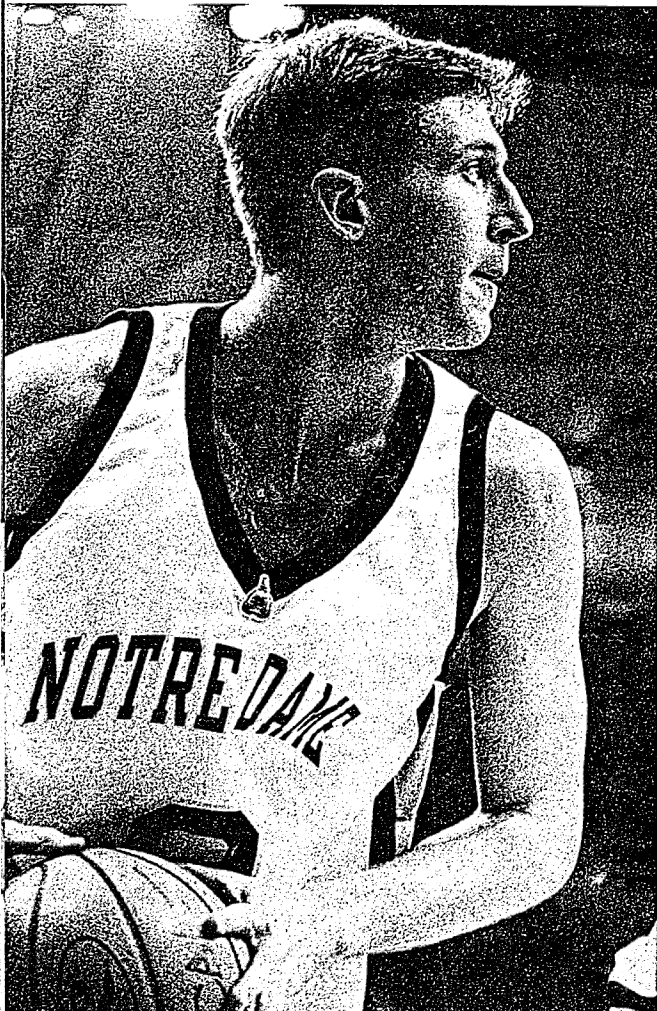
Murphy 175

the season just hoping to start and help the team in any way I could," Murphy says. "I thought it would have taken longer to adjust, but the older players on the team, especially [senior] Phil [Hickey] have taught me a great deal about the college game and helped the transition go more smoothly."

His coach has also been pleasantly surprised at the high-rising Murphy's stellar play in his first year on campus. "We knew he was going to be good, but not this good this fast," says MacLeod. "He has a tremendous work ethic and comes to practice early and stays late. He's filled Pat's role unbelievably well on the floor because he possesses a nose for the ball around the rim, has a soft touch and can run the floor."

Indeed, many comparisons have been drawn between the departed Irish star and his successor, but Murphy knows there is room for improvement in his game. "To reach Pat's level, I need to handle the ball better and play better around the perimeter," Murphy says. "As a freshman, I still get lost sometimes defensively, be it from my man or the team concept, but that will hopefully come with time."

Apart from the differences in the two that will shrink with time and experience, Murphy mirrors Garrity in his desire for team success. "We have a solid freshman class with myself, David Graves and Harold Swanagan," he says. "I expect us to make the NCAA Tournament next year and, with experience, make a nice little run in a few years." If Troy Murphy's play is any indication of the future of Irish basketball, Notre Dame's first trip to the Dance in over four years may not be far away. □



SPLINTERS

FROM THE PRESSBOX

Edited by Christopher Hamilton

Women's Tennis • 1999 Record 3-1

Streiking: In the team's first four dual matches, the Irish are 21-2 in singles matches.

Prime Time Performer: Senior two-time All-American Jennifer Hall is 4-0 in singles matches this season.

Did You Know? The Irish have three players ranked in the top 100 in singles play: number 23 Michelle Dasso, number 51 Becky Varnum and number 100 Jennifer Hall.

On the Horizon: Notre Dame resumes play on Friday, February 12 against Ohio St. at 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball • 1998-9 Record 11-11

Streiking: Notre Dame won its first season series of the year after knocking off Providence last Saturday for the 2-0 series sweep.

Prime Time Performer: Freshman Troy Murphy was named the Big East Conference Rookie of the Week after recording 43 points and 23 rebounds against Boston College and Providence.

Did You Know? Notre Dame is 8-5 at the Joyce Center this year, with three home contests remaining in the season.

On the Horizon: The Irish travel to Seton Hall this Saturday for a 12 p.m. game.

Hockey • 1998-9 Record 15-7-3

Streiking: The Irish are unbeaten at home this season, posting a remarkable 9-0-1 record at the Joyce Center.

Prime Time Performer: Forrest Karr stopped 26 of the 28 shots he faced against Michigan last weekend to improve his record against top-10 opponents this year to 4-2-2.

Did You Know? With the win against Michigan, Notre Dame is in fourth place in the CCHA, meaning the Irish are clinging on to the final home-ice spot for the playoffs.

On the Horizon: At 7 p.m. this Friday and Saturday the Irish welcome Michigan State and Alaska-Fairbanks, respectively.

Irish Eyes On Michelle Dasso

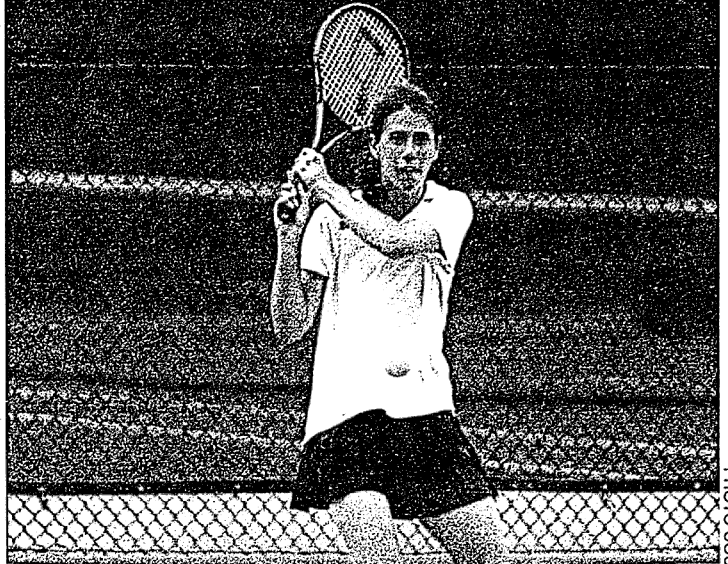


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Sophomore Michelle Dasso is off to an impressive 4-0 start at number-one singles for the Irish. The 23rd-ranked player in singles is the lone Notre Dame participant in the Rolex National Indoor Tournament this weekend, where she will be among the top 32 singles players in the nation.

Women's Basketball • 1998-99 Record 17-2

Streiking: The sixth-ranked Irish have won each of their past four contests by 30 or more points.

Prime Time Performer: Ruth Riley, who was recently named Big East Player of the Week, scored a school-record 41 points against Providence last weekend.

Did You Know? Head Coach Muffet McGraw is one of 15 finalists for the Naismith Women's Basketball Coach of the year award.

On the Horizon: Notre Dame takes on Seton Hall this Saturday at the Joyce Center at 2 p.m.

Say what?

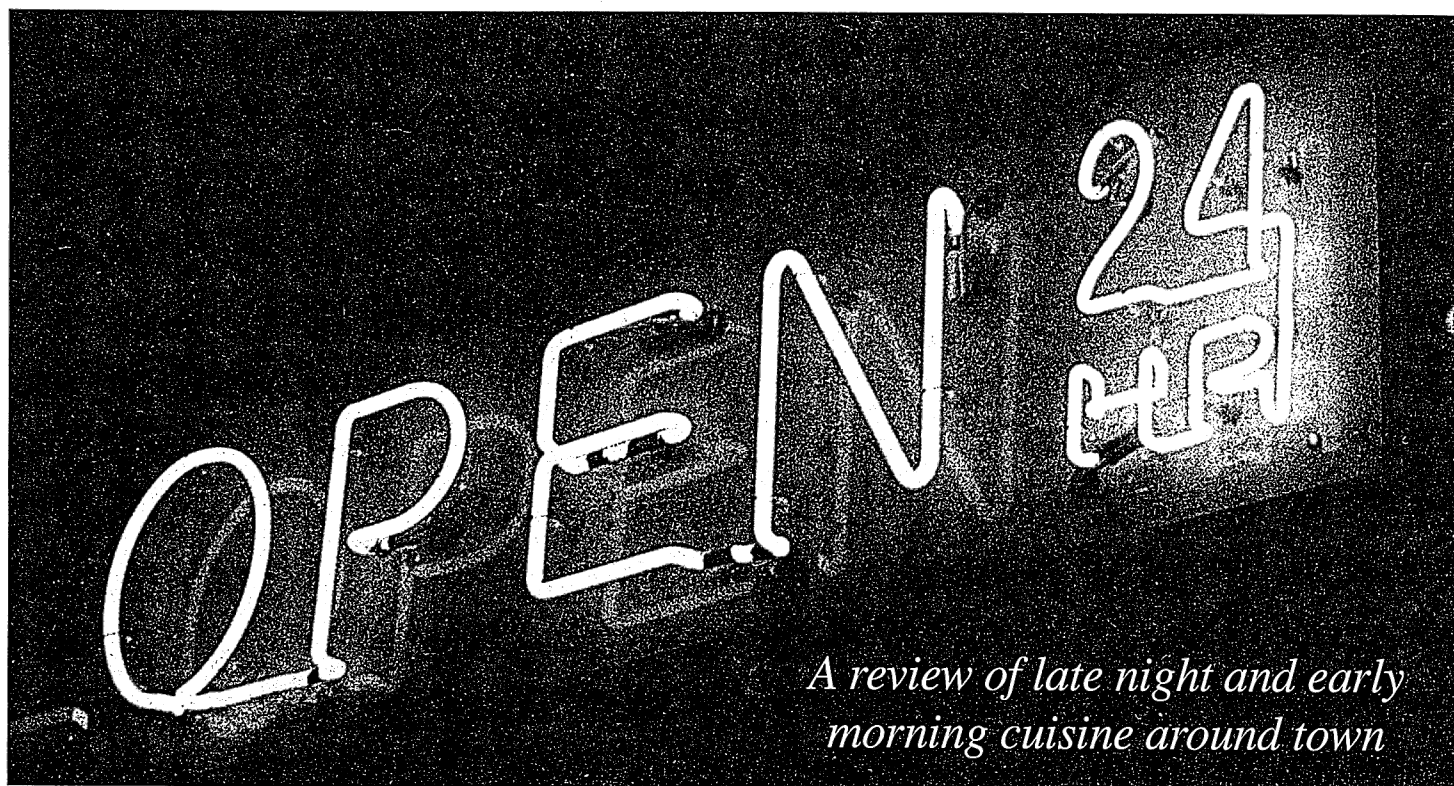
"[The disabled are] paying for the sins of an earlier life," said England soccer coach Glenn Hoddle to a reporter of the Times of London last Saturday. Not surprisingly, Hoddle, who claims he was misinterpreted, was fired on Tuesday.

Corey's Call

The five-month sprint that is the 1999 NBA season finds the defending champion Bulls engaged in a nightly battle with the Blackhawks for the title of Chicago's worst team while conference foes Indiana and Miami emerge from a number of contenders to meet in the Eastern final. After the aging Jazz stop the upstart Lakers in seven games, Utah will defeat the Pacers in six to claim the first title in the post-Jordan era.

Hamilton's Hunch

Continuing their push for a number-one seed in the NCAA Tournament, the women's basketball team dismantles Seton Hall 81-53. The men's squad also tops the Pirates, although not as convincingly, 78-74, to continue their run for an NIT berth.



A review of late night and early morning cuisine around town

AMANDA BAUER

BY JOE GALLAGHER

Food and drink are two of the most basic needs of any organism, and the average college student is no exception. Many Notre Dame students have honed their ability to find liquid refreshment, and have no problem finding soda, tea or milkshakes at almost any hour of the week. Yet even after a student's thirst has been quenched, the need for solid food remains. When faced with this primal urge to find sustenance, many students either go to sleep or munch on snacks. And yet there are students who venture forth into the night searching for the one thing they can always count on: a 24-hour restaurant.

Long after the lights go out at the restaurants and bars around town, four locales stay open to serve the public. The J&N 24 Hour Round the Clock Restaurant and Nick's Patio offer variety and a restaurant-like atmosphere. Fat Shirley's offers homemade breakfast fare just like mom used to make, assuming mom ran a truck stop with a pink neon sign and cooked everything on the same greased skillet.

And of course no visit to Mishawaka would be complete without at least one stop at Steak & Shake, located at the corner of Grape and US 33. Each one has its own particular charm, or lack thereof, but they all ensure that students can feed their hunger any time of the day or night.

Senior Mike Kiernan cites the "Huevos Rancheros" at Nick's Patio as a favorite

item. "It's got a strong Mexican influence and if you're looking for something to upset your stomach it's good food with a little kick and spice," he says. Senior Nora Sweeney agrees, saying, "The coffee at Nick's is the best."

But senior Theresa Coolahan says, "Fat Shirley's has the best food in town, way better than Nick's. The eggs here are way better." And senior Jed D'Ercole prefers a more high-cholesterol fare. "Fat Shirley's rules. Load up the grease and bring it home to me, mama!" Every student has a different opinion on the subject, but there does seem

**"Fat Shirley's rules. Load up the grease and bring it home to me, mama!"
— Jed D'Ercole**

to be a set of criteria that separates the available 24-hour restaurants from one another.

The first three rules of real estate are location, location and location, and in this regard Around the Clock leads the pack of late-night establishments. Located only a mile or so north of campus on US 31, it

offers a variety of foods in relatively close proximity. "Around the Clock is a haven for us students who refuse to go to bed before morning," Saint Mary's senior Tracey Furkanic says. "The management always makes sure you're happy."

Since Fat Shirley's is two miles down Twyckenham Road and Steak & Shake is on Grape Road, some students prefer to pop into Around the Clock for a study break. "We were at the computer lab till 10 in the morning once," recalls senior Erin Atwell. "We left and went there, got served, got some good food ... and finished the project."

For those with access to a car, location is less of a problem, but the question of which restaurant has the lowest prices is, of course, another important issue.

In this regard Nick's Patio comes up short, offering a somewhat high-priced menu. A milkshake at Nick's costs \$1.20 more than a milkshake at Steak & Shake, and comes in a much smaller glass. One egg with ham, bacon, or sausage at Fat Shirley's costs only \$2.15, as opposed to \$4.95 for an egg with sides at Nick's. There are "Breakfast Specials" which offer cheaper fare (two eggs and two pancakes for two dollars) but these are only offered from five to 11 a.m., Monday through Friday, when the average student is probably resting up for study and classes.

"The quality of food is optimal for the late night diner," graduate student John Kelly says. "Some of the food might be suspect,

but it's appropriate." At Fat Shirley's the close quarters and countertop eating creates a unique atmosphere. But it also gives customers a sight of bacon, eggs, hamburger patties and everything else on the menu being cooked on the same skillet, using more than generous helpings of butter and grease.

Junior Rhonda Ramos explains that this is all part of the appeal. "Not only is it a great environment, but they have great prices for food." And what the menu lacks in variety or dietary value, it more than makes up for in cost effectiveness. For a mere \$2.95, a diner can order the infamous "Trucker's Special," two eggs, two slices of toast, American fries and a choice of bacon or sausage links. More than a few students can attest to the 'Special's' ability to fill the need for food after a night of quenching their thirst.

Though Fat Shirley's is one of the more popular diners at night, its small dining area can be a drawback. "We were going to go to Fat Shirley's or Nick's, but they were too crowded, so we went to Steak & Shake," Saint Mary's senior Kelly Fennwald says. "Where else are you gonna get milkshakes?"

Steak & Shake prides itself on the way it makes food, advertising the fact that it uses hand-dipped milkshakes and "100 percent beef, including the steak cuts," on

its menu. However, some doubt the authenticity of this claim. "I don't know what they put in those Steakburgers, but it goes through you pretty quickly," senior Luther Groth says. "They do have the best milkshakes in town, though."

Though smaller than its competitors, Fat

"The students are great. They tip great and if you just correct them they behave."

— Barb Katona

Shirley's seems to have a personality which other restaurants lack. The restaurant goes by many names. Its neon sign proclaims it to be the "24 Hour Coffee Shop," its official name is the "White House Restaurant," and truckers mostly know it as the "Gag n' Heave." But most students know it simply as Fat Shirley's because of a waitress, named Shirley, who retired three years ago.

The story goes that Shirley was so large that she couldn't fit between the grill and the counter to serve customers, and had to cut through the kitchen and enter the seating area through a door in the back. Because she was such a visible presence at the restaurant for roughly 30 years, many students mistakenly assumed that she owned it, even though it was actually owned by the same man since 1953.

While Steak & Shake started as a chain of restaurants owned by a single man, in 1969 the franchise was sold to a steakhouse company and later sold to a number of large corporations. This impersonal atmosphere can work against a late-night diner, especially since most late-night students look for atmosphere in their dining experience. "The impression I get from the cook at Fat Shirley's is she does her job and takes pride in it," senior John Musewicz says. "At Nick's I get the feeling like they'd rather be doing anything else but serving you. I never get that feeling from Fat Shirley's."

"The students are great. They tip great and if you just correct them they behave," says Barb Katona, the night cook at Fat Shirley's. "Usually, it's pretty nice here. We don't have a set of rules but we make them as we go along. Whatever circumstances happen, we make the rules at the time."

In the end, we all must choose our own favorite restaurant from among the nighttime establishments of the Bend.

Though some diners are more finicky than others are, almost no college experience would be complete without at least one late night or early morning jaunt to one of these greasy spoons. Just don't forget — if all else fails, there are more than enough snacks at Meijer's. □

Getting There

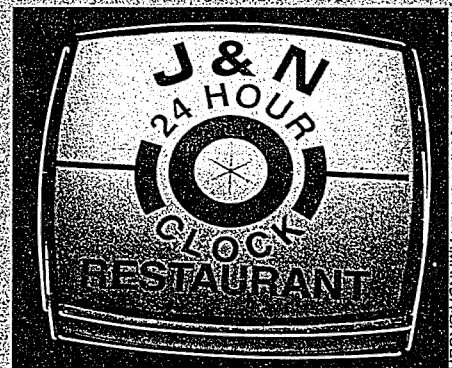
A few simple directions for aspiring late-night connoisseurs

Nick's Patio — Take Angela/Edison east, and take a left on US 23. At the intersection with Blockbuster's and Hollywood Video, take a right onto Ironwood and look for the neon green sign reading "Nick's Patio"

J&N 24 Hour Round the Clock Restaurant — Take US 31 North towards Michigan for about two miles. After you spot Arby's on the right, keep an eye out for the white "Around the Clock" sign (pictured on the right) just after it.

Fat Shirley's — From the center of town, take Colfax Street east to Twyckenham road, then make a right. From campus, take Edison to US 23, make a right around the Linebacker, take the second left onto Twyckenham and follow it for about two miles. Keep an eye out for the unmistakable neon pink "24-Hour Coffee Shop" sign.

Steak & Shake — Follow Douglas Road until it intersects with Grape Road, and look for the red Steak & Shake sign on the left. Have some food, have some dessert, then head out to another 24-hour stop before calling it a night.



AMANDA BAUER

WWF meets ND

A revival in wrestling body slams campus

BY KATIE CLEARY

Sophomore Brian Kornmann no longer feels isolated because of his obsession with the World Wrestling Federation. "Last year I was the laughing stock of Dillon Hall," he says, "but for some reason this year everyone else in Dillon is watching the WWF as well."

Dillon Hall's sudden interest in WWF is certainly not an isolated case; it seems as though wrestling fever is running rampant through the campus. "I was a big fan of WWF when I was little, around the time of Hulk Hogan," sophomore Micky McGahrry says. "I stopped watching it for a few years after that because I thought wrestling was stupid and fake. I started watching again over the summer. Now I can't get enough."

McGahrry's renewed enthusiasm is demonstrative of a recent revival in wrestling throughout the U.S. The rebirth of the WWF

has complex origins. It may be the dozens of chairs constantly ricocheting off the heads of such characters as the Undertaker, the Big Bossman or Bad Ass Billy Gun. Perhaps the cages, the whips or even Sable, the "Femme Fatal," have contributed to the WWF's recent popularity. But wrestling fans worldwide have to agree that there is only one man responsible for this year's recent wrestling renaissance: Stone Cold Steve Austin.

"People watch wrestling because of Austin," junior finance major Nate Tylwalk says. "He drinks beer, swears and grabs himself in the ring ... the crowd goes wild when he walks in." Austin is the WWF's "chief good guy," according to Kornmann, and leader of the group, Degeneration X. "Wrestling is like the movies," Tylwalk says. "There are the good guys, Degeneration X, and bad guys, the Corporation. It used to be that the good guys always won, but that's not the case any longer."

Stone Cold Austin's arch nemesis, The Rock, is proof enough for that statement. The Rock, who currently holds the WWF championship belt, was originally a member of the noble Degeneration X, until allying with the corrupt Corporation. The Rock's Judas-like betrayal turned the WWF upside-down.

Although The Rock and Austin rule their respective feuding powerhouses, neither of them compare to the intensity shown by Mankind, "the most insane wrestler in the WWF," according to Tylwalk. "Last night he fell on a circuit board ..." he says. "It was no big deal until the circuit board [blew] up. The crowd loves it; the more blood the better."

The beauty of wrestling is that it is "sports entertainment," as Tylwalk calls it. "Everyone knows it's fake and openly admits it," he says. "It's just like watching any

TV show or sitcom except that it is more intense."

Freshman Lynn Canzano agrees. "Wrestling is like an in-depth soap opera for men," she says. The gender barrier, however, doesn't keep Canzano from watching. "When I was applying to colleges I told my parents that I wanted to join the WWF instead," Canzano says. "Those girls can cause some damage." She especially enjoys watching the female wrestler, Deborah. "Every time Deborah walks into the ring during a match some poor dude winds up losing miserably," she says. "Deborah is definitely my hero."

The WWF is no stranger to South Bend, or even Notre Dame. Past WWF matches have even been held at the Joyce Center. "They are always scheduled while we're on break," freshman Rory Barthel says. "I think it's a conspiracy by the administration to wean Notre Dame students off of Monday Night Raw," he adds. If so, Notre Dame's hierarchy has a difficult battle ahead. "I have not missed a Monday night Raw in over 4 years and don't plan on missing one anytime soon," Kornmann says. "I have also been to 12 live matches."

The WWF event previously scheduled for January 3 in the Joyce Center was pushed back until March 6th due to "the state of emergency in St. Joseph County," says Joyce Center operations manager Bob Loeffler. Unfortunately for students, this event, like the previously scheduled fight, will take place while classes are not in session. Only one question remains. Will the bad boys of the big ring ever grace Notre Dame's campus while the students are here to greet them?

Although the answer for this year will probably remain no, that will not hinder Notre Dame's WWF addicts. Television sets across campus remain aglow, and the whips and chains continue to fly on Monday nights. The WWF's championship matchup between The Rock and Stone Cold Steve Austin is scheduled for next month. As Tylwalk says, "I will definitely pay to see that one." □

KICK UP YOUR HEELS. These Morrissey students appreciate an evening of wrestling.



GORDIE BELL

◆ DON'T HAVE A COW, MAN

The Downfall of Springfield

The epic rise and tragic fall of The Simpsons

I write of *The Simpsons*! Those five yellow-skinned characters whose lives touched us so long ago, and who have begun a slow uninspired descent into oblivion. Yet I write not only of their ignoble present, but also of their glorious past, when *The Simpsons* truly deserved an audience.

In the beginning, Matt Groening created his cartoon "nuclear family" which appeared in a series of short cartoons on *The Tracy Ullman Show*. With only the simplest of premises, Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie developed enough potential for a half-hour television show.

So it was that the Christmas episode came to be, showing the plight of Homer when his Christmas bonus was cancelled. Though humorous, this first show treated its characters seriously. Bart's tattoo as a gift for his mother, Homer's pride-swallowing love for his family and Lisa's defense of her father all inspired sympathy for this animated quintet. *The Simpsons* signaled a new era in animation simply by telling the ongoing story of a family able to love each other, no matter the hardships they faced.

Soon the public saw the depth of these two-dimensional characters. Homer nearly committed suicide over his feeling of inadequacy. Lisa discovered a talent for the sax and conquered her sense of complete isolation. Bart showed unwavering faith in Krusty, despite the machinations of the nefarious Sideshow Bob.

But what endeared *The Simpsons* to their audience was not the jokes, or the superior animation or merchandising bonanza, but a

simple ability to arouse sympathy: Homer's defense of women after being photographed with an exotic dancer, Marge's acceptance of Lisa's jazz talent, Bart, Lisa and Maggie teaming up to stop their criminal babysitter. Their stories were brilliantly satirical, but only because they centered on five characters whom the audience cared about. It was the Golden Age of *The Simpsons*.

But all good things must come to an end. As the show progressed, the focus shifted away from the five title characters and onto other inhabitants of Springfield. In early episodes Mrs. Krabappel, Chief Wiggum, Principal Skinner and Nelson the Bully ap-

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peared, but only as plot devices to explore the facets of the five central characters.

Suddenly one could expect an entire subplot about Otto the Bus Driver moving in, Ned Flanders' Leftorium, a Flaming Moe or Mr. Burns' portrait. True, the episodes were still funny, but they demonstrated that the five title characters might no longer be entertaining enough to fill a half hour.

Yet minor characters alone cannot be faulted for the show's downfall. Like God striking down Job, the writers began assailing their characters with bizarre and implausible situations. Monorails, casinos, an elephant, clown college, George Bush, a pretzel company, the Super Bowl and an

armada of other impossibly contrived situations assaulted Springfield, all in an attempt to expand the possibilities of the main characters. Gone was plausibility, as writers struggled to come up with new ideas. Gone was character development, for it was assumed that the characters had become cultural icons. Gone, and missed most of all, was the constant hilarity and sense of plot present in early episodes.

Without the five Simpsons as an anchor, and without any original stories left to tell, the show spun out of control. In the past, the show satirized love, public schooling, show business, marriage and family. In the present era, cheap jokes about New York, Las Vegas, hippie subculture and even *Mary Poppins* serve as the only joke in an entire episode.

Like an engine without fuel, the Simpsons themselves are shades of their former selves: Was that Bart who tormented Lisa as a babysitter the same Bart who apologized for wrecking her Thanksgiving Day sculpture? Is the mentally deficient Homer of the present day the same Homer who crusaded for safety at the power plant? A family with the name Simpson still lives in Springfield, but who cares? The true Simpsons deserted the town long ago.

True, from time to time a genuinely funny line pops up, a character behaves as a human being rather than a cartoon, and a glimmer of inspiration shines through the thick morass of lameness that now saturates the show.

Thus, we true believers keep tuning in every Sunday night, ever vigilant, hoping for a brief return to the Golden Age of *The Simpsons*. □

OUT OF BOUNDS

by Joseph Gallagher

The Decline of Man

The silent killer of male GPAs exposed

BY ERIC YUVA

The villain of procrastination has many weapons to deter humankind from its responsibilities. Movies, CDs and drinking are all part of the arsenal but there is one weapon that is gender specific. In case you haven't heard, Notre Dame's female students have a higher GPA than their male counterparts in every college except engineering. There could be many causes for this trend, including the idea that women are smarter than men, but we all know that's not true. So, what is it? It is perhaps the greatest downfall of mankind, the disturbance in the force, and the device that one day will make all men sleep with the fishes ... video games.

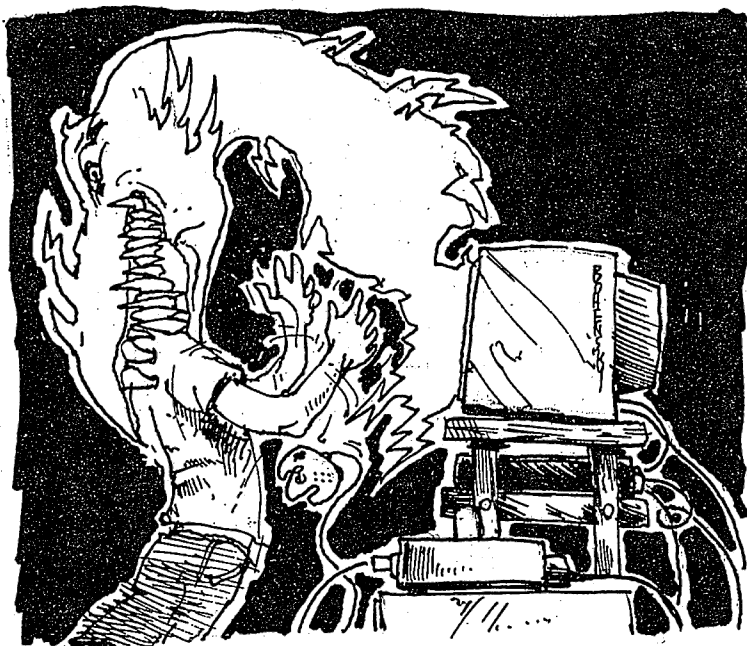
It's all a huge conspiracy. Well, not really, but that's what guys would like to believe. If there is a silent killer of men's GPAs it has to be the abundance of video games on campus. It's all very simple to see that video games have evolved over time from an innocent, enjoyable activity to a life-controlling pursuit of excellence. Let me take you on a journey through history.

Many say it all started back in ancient times with a game called Pong. You remember that sophisticated and challenging game where the great quest was to keep that (square?) ball from getting past your slab of white which doubled as a paddle. With this game, a revolution began that one day may destroy mankind's chances for graduate school.

The next step was Atari. We didn't think it could get any better than *Pac-Man* and *Space Invaders*. Kids neglected their homework and chores and grown men forgot to take out the trash. Thus began the rift between men and women, all due to a little electronic game with a joystick. Now, I know what many of you are saying, yes,

girls play video games too and this was typified by the creation of female-slanted games like *Ms. Pacman*. But this trend would not survive.

Atari has since met the fate of the Dodo and vanished from households everywhere. Its replacements, Nintendo, Sega and Sony PlayStation, have persevered through Reagan's "Star Wars" program, Bush's "Read my lips, no new taxes" promise and Clinton's cigar incident to come out on top of the video game market. With the complexity and great graphics of today's video



games, men of all ages who cannot secure dates do not need to flock to crowded arcades full of wandering men like themselves. The purpose of the home arcade is to help men handle the fact that they don't get out anymore.

Even when you aren't at home, all that is needed is a portable Gameboy or Game Gear to prevent interaction with the rest of the world. Men no longer need friends, including women, and this may lead to the downfall of the female as well. Women do have one chip in their hand; video games are no substitute for sex. But with the advancements of virtual reality, watch out ladies, your reign at the top

of the sexual pyramid may end.

As Billy Crystal once said, "Women need a reason to have sex, men just need a place." The future of video games may provide that safe haven for men.

Back to college students. How many females do you know who have a video game system in their rooms? How many women enter *Madden '98* football tournaments every semester? And how many women play *Goldeneye* with their friends until 5 a.m., keeping their roommates up? The answer is very few, if any.

While guys are up late trying to conquer one more level in the new *Zelda* game, the girls are sound asleep in their beds with their work behind them. While the college guys ponder whether they want rockets or grenades on *Goldeneye*, college women are deciding which paper to write first.

Does anyone else see a pattern? As video games have developed over the past 20 years the percentage of males that drop out of college has risen while the enrollment of women has gone up steadily. More women are majoring in pre-med or business while men are majoring in Nintendo 64 with a minor in Sony PlayStation.

The final piece of evidence can be seen in the days before finals. Most female students use these days wisely, camping out in the library. Guys, on the other hand, use three of the four study days to review levels on *Tomb Raider* or advance in the playoffs on *Tecmo Super Bowl*.

In order for college men to start picking up the slack in the classroom, the demon that is video games needs to be exorcised from the dorm room. We need to show the women that we can compete with them academically. Only then can we challenge them to a game of NBA JAM and show them who's the boss. □

Jane's Addiction

Fifteen different ways to read the same thing

BY LAURA PETELLE

It's something defective in my genes, I think.

I see it on the rack, near the register, and I have to have it. I can't deny the craving. Almost involuntarily I reach out for it. So what if it's my second one this week? The fifth or sixth this month?

Hi, my name is Laura and I am a women's magazine junkie.

Cosmopolitan, *Glamour*, *Marie Claire* — I read them all. Even *Redbook* when I'm hurting for a fix. I love the glossy pages, the bright colors and especially the outrageous teasers for the articles inside. When I see a headline screaming "Fifteen Ways To Improve Your Orgasm" or "Make Him Yours Forever with One Simple Trick" or, "Is Your Love Real? Use Your Astrological Signs to Find Out," something in my brain goes, "Ooh! I have to know that."

And I love the articles. I love the "Cosmo-Sutra," the agony columns, the ridiculous quizzes, the boy toys, the horoscopes, the perfect-gift-for-him features, even the fashion pages and the celebrity interviews.

Studying abroad in England last semester made the addiction even worse. There were both British and American editions of *Cosmo*, *Glamour*, *Marie Claire*, *Vogue*, and many others. Plus, there are different British women's magazines like *New Woman* and *Company*. The slang is differ-

ent but the story is the same. "My Bloke Snogged (Kissed) My Best Mate" or, "Whingeing (Whining) Your Way to the Top Office Spot." And the British editions are even racier than the American editions, particularly in the area of semi-dressed boy toys.

How did this all begin? I'm not sure. I was never a big fan of any teen-magazines (except a passing fancy for *YM*). I was reading *Little Women* and *Pride and Prejudice* when my peers were reading *The Baby-Sitters' Club*. But somewhere along the line, I turned from my wholesome classics and got hooked.

"How can you read that trash?" my mother demands as she opens a Sue Grafton book she has already read 22 times. My brother, opening the latest Tom Clancy novel, scoffs, "That's so formulaic!" My roommate demands, "How can you waste money on that?" And then later asks, "Can I read it when you're done?"

That is the true, understated miracle of women's magazines. If you have a stack of them in your room, every visitor, male and female alike, will eventually pick one up and open it with a comment like, "I can't believe you pay money for this garbage. Ooh — what's this about orgasms?"

You can effectively leave the room now. Your visitor is hooked. She will ask if she can borrow your magazine and return it later that night, having done none of her homework.

If it's a man, he will avail himself of your hospitality, and will inconspicuously remain in your room until he has finished the magazine, or at least all the parts of it featuring sex or models in skimpy underwear.

Your friends will self-consciously return the borrowed magazines to your stack. "Do you have any others," the honest ones will ask. "I can't believe you read that," the others will say, eyeing the rest of the stack, fingers twitching.

But what's to be ashamed of? So what if the models on the cover are half my weight and all of the pictures have been airbrushed? So what if I can't afford any of the clothes? And who buys \$150 bras, anyway?

There's nothing wrong with wanting to rule the world and still wanting to hit the mall after work every so often. Even Margaret Thatcher reportedly had a thing for handbags.

Who says we can't have it all: a good job, good hair, good man, good times, good health and fabulous shoes (the shoes make the outfit, after all). And there's nothing wrong with Victoria's Secret underwear under a power suit.

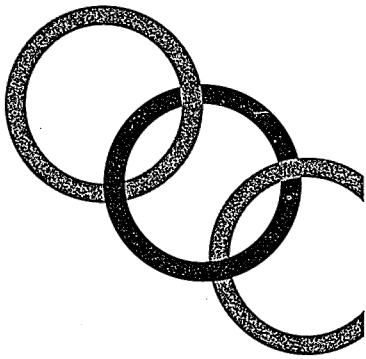
Reading these magazines is all about women being in control of their own destinies (which may or may not include good GPAs). Besides, it's never been medically proven that a little *Cosmo* hurt anyone.

Redbook, well, that's another story. □

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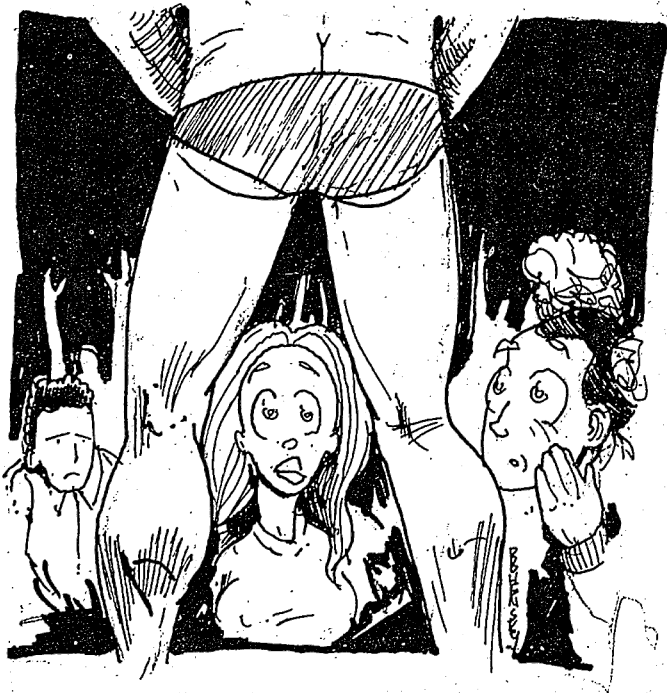
Jeff Sponhower



by Jesse Kent

Grind It In My Face 101

At the University of Iowa, women were treated to a booty-shaking good time thanks in part to the on-campus Black Entrepreneurial Association. The BEA sponsored a fundraiser featuring real-live male dancers, who during the course of the show, became a little too excited at their own dancing and exposed themselves several times to the audience. "They came out in clothes and went down to G-strings," said UI freshman Felicia Penza, who attended the show. "And then [the dancers] would whip it out for a couple of seconds." Holy glistening male dancers, Batman. The dancers included the talented and beautiful Cobra, Get It Wet, Extacy, Sexy Chocolate, and Chocolate Shake. Apparently, Get It Sexy Cobra Chocolate Shake wasn't able to make it. Opinions were mixed around campus as to whether the performance should have happened. Hornball UI freshman, Lorraine Mosley, summed up the feelings of many saying, "If they had something like that every week, it would be great." After hearing about the event, some Notre Dame students asked administrators if male or female nude dancers could ever come to campus for a fundraiser. As *Scholastic* went to press, the students were still missing and presumed dead.



Touched by a Loser

Influenced by the cinematic swamp gas, *Michael*, starring John "15 movies a year" Travolta, the University of Aurora presented an exhibition displaying photos of angels. The title of the show was, "Angels You Can Touch" and because of the misleading name, 40-year-old child molesters with fu man chus showed up from over a four-county radius. The pictures were taken of sculpted angels throughout cemeteries, churches and mausoleums located in Chicago and Milwaukee by Jim Edwards. When asked why he took up this kooky assignment, Edwards said he enjoyed taking the pictures of the angelic women to compensate for his need to be held by a real woman.

Raising 'Canes

The hijinks never end at Miami University. We guess last month's "lemon-eating contest" just wasn't enough to delight these serious "students," as the campus police blotter reports the stealing of a Domino Pizza delivery car's magnetic roof sign. Some kid was probably made fraternity "Nuthead" for the way-crazy antic that will cause him big troubles if he ever gets caught at Crackhead U, er, Miami. The sign was valued at \$75. Yeah, right. You're saying Domino's guys don't carry over \$20 but they're driving around with the most expensive detachable hood ornaments in town? And since when could Miami students even work a phone to order pizza? This is all too fishy for OOC. □

COMING

DISTRACTIONS

Celebrate your sexuality at *The Opposite of Sex*, directed by Don Roos (ND alumnus, class of '77) and featuring the superbly snotty and sultry Christina Ricci. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 & 9:45 PM at the Snite.

EDITOR'S CHOICE

- Lecture: "Nonviolent Peacemaking in Conflict Zones," Cliff Kindy, 12:30 PM, C-103 Hesburgh Center for International Peace Studies
- Lecture: "Probabilistic Causality in Neo-Kantianism: Johannes von Kries (1853-1928)," Michael Heidelberger, 4:15 PM, 119 Debartolo
- Enemy of the State*, 10:30 PM, Cushing

THURSDAY

- Hockey: ND vs. Michigan State, 7:00 PM, Joyce Center
- The Opposite of Sex*, 7:30 & 9:45 PM, Snite
- Enemy of the State*, 8:00 & 10:30 PM, Cushing

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FRIDAY

- Basketball: ND women vs. Seton Hall, 2:00 PM, Joyce Center
- Hockey: Notre Dame vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 7:00 PM, Joyce Center
- The Opposite of Sex*, 7:30 & 9:45 PM, Snite
- Folk Dance, 7:30 PM, Clubhouse, SMC
- Concert: South Bend Symphony's Masterworks Series, 8:00 PM, Moreau Center/O'Laughlin Auditorium, SMC
- Enemy of the State*, 8:00 & 10:30 PM, Cushing

SATURDAY

- Spanish Mass, 1:30 PM, Keenan-Stanford Chapel
- When the Cat's Away*, in French with English subtitles, 2:00 PM, Snite

SUNDAY

- Vertigo*, 7:00 PM, Snite

MONDAY

- No events scheduled. Start writing out your valentines!

TUESDAY

- Lecture: "Rwanda: Genocide and Its Continuing Aftermath," Philip Gourevitch, 12:30 PM, C-103, Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- Black History Month Film Series: *Ashakara*, 7:00 PM, 141 Debartolo
- Theatre: *The Angel's Cradle*, 7:30 PM, Washington Hall
- Basketball: ND men vs. Georgetown, 9:00 PM, Joyce Center

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In the Service

by Peter Cesaro

Since my first days as a Notre Dame student, I have walked the grounds of our campus, humbled to have the honor and privilege to attend a University so full of spirit, pride and integrity. I am awed by the commitment to learning, community service and personal growth that have always been an essential part of our school. These are the same principles that motivated me to become involved in student government and eventually run for student body president. Since then, I have tried to employ servant leadership on behalf of the students to make this great school even better.

During this past year, student government accomplished many goals in pursuit of our vision to improve student life. We focused on short-term services, like signs in the parking lots, and we imple-

mented ideas to enhance student services and policies that made long-term improvements.

We feel the initiation of the Academic Pride Series enabled students to interact with faculty representatives from their

college. At Notre Dame, we have the unique opportunity to learn equally both inside and outside of the classroom. This series enhanced learning by providing an outlet for enriching conversation outside the classroom. Another long-term plan initiated was the development of more meal-plan options with Food Services. With these additional options, students can now enjoy the community of Notre Dame in the dining halls while sustaining their demanding schedules.

Some of my fondest memories arise from the stories that students told me when I visited various hall council meetings. I encountered inspiring students such as one person who worked late at night in the bakery to help finance his education. One of our initiatives in student government was to create a listing of campus employment opportunities on Notre Dame's website to make job hunting easier. During

these council meetings, I also met students who used our Cold Weather Shuttle returning from Christmas Break. They did not have to carry their luggage through the wind and cold because our shuttle dropped them at their dorms.

These are the stories that motivated me to work harder every day, striving to make a difference. By visiting the hall councils, we also talked with students about their concerns and explained the initiatives of student government. Our Fall 1998 Board of Trustees Report developed from some of these conversations. This report, titled "Building Bridges: The First Year Experience and Beyond," emphasized the need for an undergraduate scholarship office at Notre Dame. In the future, this office will serve the many, talented students who choose to pursue postgraduate scholarship opportunities. We also compiled a tutoring assessment at Notre Dame. It is our hope to standardize the tutoring opportunities for Notre Dame students.

During our administration, we worked with representatives from every office you can think of. Together we created a synergy that brought about innovative plans for the students. We proved that student government can improve life at Notre Dame.

I leave this position with many fond memories and friendships. As student leaders, we have all worked together toward making Notre Dame a better place. By working with students from across campus, we were able to bring student government to the students.

I am most proud of my commitment to putting students first at Notre Dame. Hopefully, students will continue to be our university's top priority in the future. From the window of the student government office, you can see an engraving over the entrance to Nieuwland Science Hall that reads, "All things God has made are good and each one of them serves its turn."

I have now served my turn as student body president at the University of Notre Dame. With the help of many other members of this community, we have made our Notre Dame a better place. Thank You and God Bless Notre Dame. □

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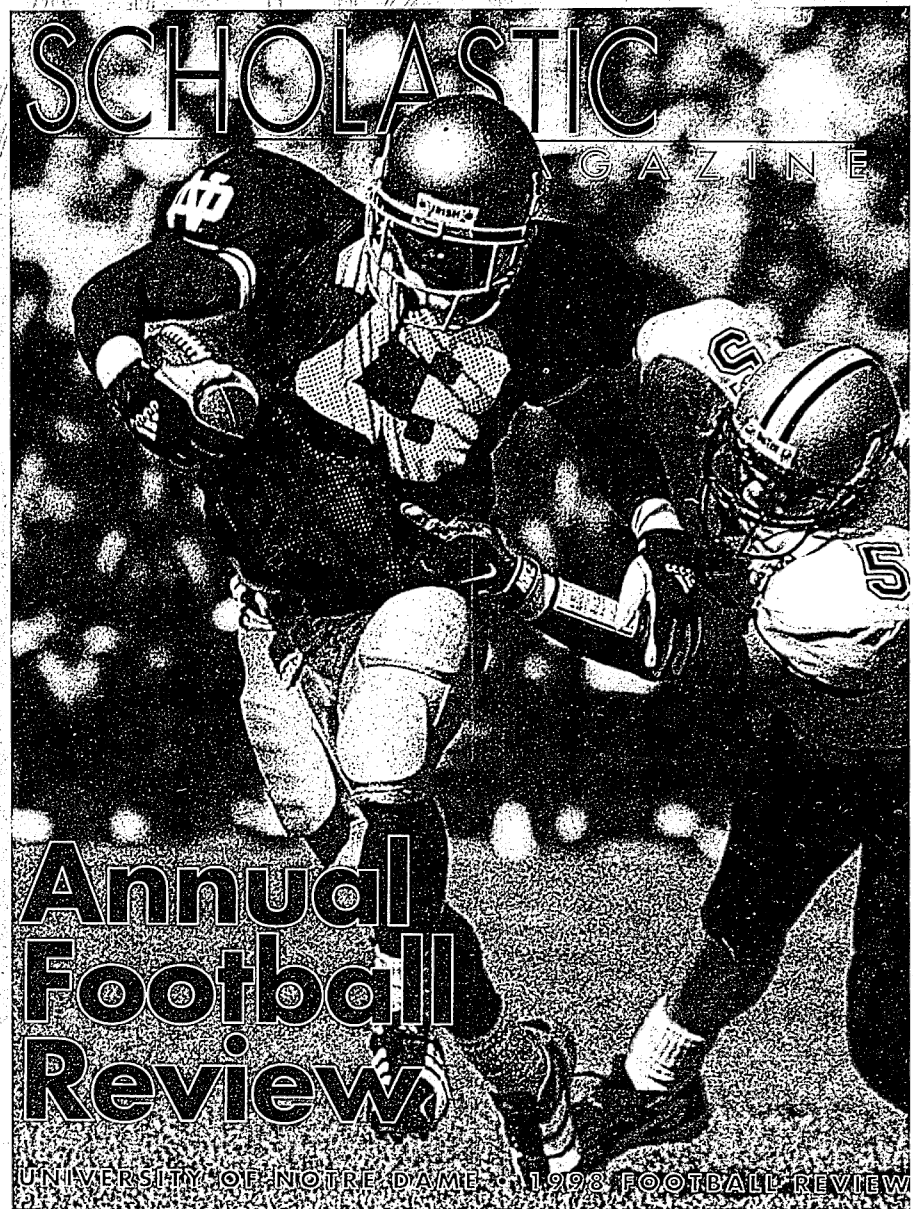
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