**Student government committee inches toward goal**

By HEATHER MACKENZIE

Last night, the Senate committee attempted to come closer to its goal of rewriting the student government constitution. Amidst some discussion, the committee clarified proposed policy and organizational changes. In the end, it came to conclusions on issues ranging from the president's position in the Senate to the voting position of the budget committee.

The meeting opened with a 20-minute debate regarding whether or not two Senate Senators should be placed on budget committees. Mark Leen, a senator, questioned the proposed assignment to have only a single senate representative.

"One senator could be ganged up on or could be only looking out for his own interests," he said.

But Erin Hoffmann, student body treasurer, reasoned that because the Student Senate would select the representative, the senator on the committee would have the interests of the entire senate in mind.

"The representative selected would naturally have an understanding of how the [budget] committee needs to work together," she said.

The reform committee, however, eventually voted to keep the number at two, since they deemed the subject unworthy of any further debate. They decided that it did not matter if one or two senators served on the budget committee.

The committee then discussed the relationship between the Student Senate and the student body president. The committee was in agreement that the president should definitely have a role in the senate, but wavered on what that role would be.

Brendan Kelly, head of the reform committee, expressed that "hanging the president at Senate meetings avoids conflicts of interests with the administration."

A proposal was introduced that required the president to be present at all Senate meetings as part of his position, and to serve as a non-voting member of the body. "Hopefully there won't be any disagreement between the president and the Senate," said Clark Deckelman, a member of the committee.

The president of the Senate would render the opinion of the president inconsequential. Hoffmann expressed concerns that this left the president in a powerless position when faced with a majority vote. "It is dangerous to have the president do something he doesn't want to do. He may know better what is good for the student body."

However, Kelly expressed...
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NEVE SHALOM, Israel

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CSC grant to fund Summer Service Project program

By BILL CRAWFORD
News Writer
The Center for Social Concerns has expansive plans for its Summer Service Projects (SSP) program thanks to a $1.5 million commitment from Kathleen Andrews and her sons. The expansion and academic integration of summer service will be possible due to this, the largest single gift the program has ever received.

"These funds are crucial to enhancing the nature of the programs and fulfilling the vision of academic integration," said Jim Paladino, associate director of program and research administration for the CSC. "This boost will help to guarantee that the SSP program remains an ongoing presence on this campus."

The prospects for expansion include the endowment of a directorship, as well as a variety of new project sites and options. However, Paladino and the SSP program administrators hope to convey that the program will still need every bit of contribution from alumni clubs across the country, as the substantial gift will not replace any existing funds needed for the ongoing function of the program. Kathleen Andrews is a member of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees and a fellow of the University with a history of contribution. She is also vice president of Universal Press Syndicate. She and her husband, the late James Andrews, a 1961 graduate of Notre Dame, have ever received.

To the Chronicle of Higher Education

Your article regarding the Notre Dame Faculty Senate's president's intervention in a Theology Department hiring matter (December 13), came to the conclusion that he is well-qualified for a position at Notre Dame. The article neglected a factor essential to the story. It is Notre Dame policy that priests of the Congregation of the Holy Cross who are academically qualified be given special consideration by departments.

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Your article regarding the Notre Dame Faculty Senate's "strong disapproval" of the president's intervention in a Theology Department hiring matter (December 13), contained an inaccuracy. The "unanimous" recommendation against the candidate was not from the Theology Department but its appointments committee. Several members dissented from the strong majority who supported the committee.

Moreover, the article neglected a factor essential to the story. It is Notre Dame policy that priests of the Congregation of the Holy Cross who are academically qualified be given special consideration by departments. Baxter has been involved in the Catholic Worker movement and his radical politics are reflected in his work as a moral theologian. While many of us do not share his viewpoint, we think that Notre Dame is enriched if that viewpoint is represented on campus.

We are faculty members at Notre Dame and elsewhere who happen to know Father Michael Baxter, C.S.C. and his work. We think he is more than well-qualified academically for the position to which he has been appointed. Indeed, we all have been greatly impressed by his work as a scholar. We fully understand how President Molloy came to the conclusion that he is well-qualified for a position at Notre Dame. It is not true, as the spokesperson for the Faculty Senate implied, that only someone who is politically motivated could reach such a conclusion.

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members. "It takes only your vote and my signature," he said. "It does not require us to rewrite the Constitution." Despite this seeming confidence, Clinton admitted, "I know this is not going to be easy."

Addressing the touchy issue of welfare reform, Clinton pointed out that "now that we have torn down the old welfare program, we must give someone on welfare a chance to work." He hopes that a program involving private businesses like Sprint, UPS, and Burger King in the hiring process will bridge the gap from welfare to work.

Schmuhl said, "This reform is scheduled to save anything from $15 to $18 billion."

Plans to remodel American ties to NATO led Clinton into an activist approach to foreign affairs. Despite repeated failures, he intends to "engage the Chinese government to deal with human rights and other differing issues," as well as to dismantle the nuclear weapons program in North Korea.

Though most of his proposals are well-intentioned, GOP members scoffed at what seemed like an easy misconception," he said, since "many men view binge drinking as a right of passage."

"When you consider that seven out of ten students are out there binge drinking, you wonder where the other three are," said junior Catherine McCarron of the Gender Studies department.

McCarron said that as one of those three non-bingers, she often found herself babysitting her roommates. She explained that this not only created problems for them, but for her as well. Eventually, she was spending time awake to make sure they were still breathing.

Citing the dreary South Bend climate and the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy of the University as potential drinking triggers, McCarron posed the question to the audience, "What kind of view of yourself are you going to have when this is all over?"

She suggested the changes to University policy on drinking, targeting freshman and promoting more alternate activities such as those put on by Student Union Board to curb current drinking trends.

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Hickman stated that in addition to its initial physical risks, binge drinking is increasingly dangerous because of its second hand effects. According to Hickman, 25 percent of females report unwanted sexual advances by students as a result of binge drinking.

At least 90 percent of reported college rapes occur when either or both of the parties has consumed alcohol, and 60 percent of females with venereal diseases were drunk at the time of transmission.

Despite these alarming statistics, female binge drinking rates continue to rise, tripling in the last 15 years. Meanwhile, the referral rate for women to alcohol treatment programs is 75 percent lower than that of men.

Hickman believed that this is the case because of the common misconception that only men can be alcoholics - an easy misconception," he said, "that this not only created problems for them, but for her as well."

The Observer.
Panel to discuss equal education

Tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Library, a panel will address alternate views of affirmative action and how to ensure equal access to education.

The panel discussion is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs and the NAACP.

Three experts will be participating on the panel, including the Reverend Jamal Harrison Bryant, the National Youth and College Director of the NAACP. He worked in Johannesburg, South Africa, on voter education in 1994. With the NAACP, he works to register voters on historically black college campuses. He emphasizes the political, social, and personal empowerment of young African Americans.

Also taking part in the panel is Ward Connerly, a member of the University of California board of regents. As a member, he led the effort to eliminate consideration of race, gender, and ethnicity in the admissions, contracting, and employment of the university system. He also has served as statewide chairman of the California Civil Rights Initiative.

Finally, Sharon O'Brien, associate professor and chair of the government and international studies at Notre Dame, will take part in the discussion. O'Brien is a former chair of affirmative action at the University. She is an expert in the protection of human rights and the legal protection of cultural rights in the United States.

New PR web site offers more info, easy access

Information about the University is now more accessible at a newly revamped Office of Public Relations and Information web site.

Located at http://www.nd.edu/~prinfo, the home page is divided into 11 main categories with facts, figures and photos on Notre Dame's people and programs, past and present.

"What we've done is put together a more comprehensive site that offers news as well as other basic University information," said Dennis Brown, assistant director of public relations, in comparing the new site to the one it is replacing. "It's a much more handy resource."

The page includes:
• Newswire — Updated daily. Newswire provides all news releases issued by the University.

Happy Birthday, Megan!

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Love,
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Fri. Feb. 7
9:00-10:15am: Wendell Primus, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Implementing Welfare Reform and Measuring Its Impact on Children
10:30-12:00: Lawrence M. Mead III, Author of The New Politics of Poverty Welfare Reform: Moral and Theological Issues
2:45-3:45: Christine Frier Hinze, Marquette University What If It Worked? A Catholic Ethical Response to a Crucial Issue in U.S. Welfare Reform
4:00-5:00: Stanley Carlson-Thies, Center for Public Justice 'Don't Look to Us': The Negative Responses of Churches to Welfare Reform

Sat. Feb. 8
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Stoddart's social psychology class studied gender stereotypes in advertising and concluded that classic portrayals of women are weight manipulated. Women are shown in submissive positions through feeble like poses in advertisements. She said that women's bodies are not depicted naturally in advertising. To help support the claim, Stoddart invited audience members to try to act out poses of they found very uncomfortable. She said that women's bodies are not depicted naturally in advertising. She said that women's bodies are not depicted naturally in advertising. She said that women's bodies are not depicted naturally in advertising.

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that the president would ideally be in concurrence with the senate on most decisions. This decision is legitimate because they are working together to form the opinion of the students.

Toni Barstis, professor of chemistry, felt more comfortable reflecting on her own history with eating disorders and her progress.

"The battle will never end. One has to notice the symbols that drive your disorder and pay attention to why they occur," Barstis said. "But most importantly, you have to be able to open up to others to get the help you need and deserve." According to experts and panel members, physical problems with eating disorders do more damage than psychological problems. They can do it faster, and if hidden long enough, they can kill you. Inability, bleeding stomach, low blood pressure, thinning hair, and pale skin are sure signs of bulimia and anorexia.

"Nationally, in high stress college settings, four to 10 percent of college aged women suffer from bulimia and one percent suffer form anorexia," said Dr. Janet Galanes, a physician from Saint Mary's health service center.

"The earlier one addresses a disorder, the earlier the healing body will begin," said Galanes.

Police intervention

angers protesters

By MERITA DHIMGOJA

Police fired water cannon and plastic bullets yesterday at thousands of Albanians protesting earlier this week after the Galaxy investment fund, based in Vlora, announced that it would not pay investors on Thursday as it had promised when it shut its doors several weeks ago. Three other gotrich-quick schemes also have failed or cut their assets worth.

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LENT ME YOUR EAR

Yesterday would have been my parents' forty-sixth wedding anniversary. In fact, they only had fifteen years together before my father's death at the age of forty-two. My mother was great with child number ten when he died, and the oldest was fourteen. I was near the tail end of the brood... the eighth child... (my twin was ninth, a detail of which I often remind him) and four years old when my Dad died. I have long said that I did not lose a father in the same way that several of my older siblings did. They knew him; I didn't. I never felt like I lost my father because I don't remember ever having one. (I realize psychologists would have a field day with that line!) What I did have, were those through whom God made up all the difference, my mother and my siblings.

We live our lives sometimes convinced that we must certainly have it worse than everyone else in the world... but there are other times when we know ourselves to be so very much blessed, perhaps feeling in that moment of revelation, more blessed than anyone else in the world. What's the constant? What's the one thing that allows us to ride the waves which are, for us, sometimes the best of times and, at times, the worst. Dare I presume to be the one to say? I am no mystic, I can't even claim to be a theologian, but I am a Christian... and I do believe that that which undergirds all that I am and all that I do is God. Even in my most unhappy moments, I am sustained by a deep undercurrent of surety and even joy at the knowledge and experience of a God so great and so loving.

We are coming upon a time when all of us can take time to consider, more deeply the ways in which God is active and present in our lives, in the joy and in the sorrow, in the delight and in the pain. Lent affords us an opportunity to consider the ways in which that undercurrent has weaved its way through the meanderings of our lives and refreshed and sustained us along the way. In the Catholic tradition we are particularly blessed with a multitude of ways to enter into this holy season, many of which will be publicized on this page throughout Lent.

Our tradition is rich with symbols and with self-sacrifice, beginning next week with Ash Wednesday. Only to the degree that we enter into the richness and self-sacrifice of this season, will Easter be for us all that it remembers and celebrates even now, the resurrection of Jesus.

When my Dad died, some suggested that perhaps my Mom should consider splitting up the children among relatives because of the great financial and emotional burden that she would undoubtedly bear. She would hear none of it. She was trained and had worked as a nurse before she was married, and six months after my little sister, Susie, was born, she went back to nursing. She worked, appropriately enough, in obstetrics, an area about which she had come to know a great deal over time! For fourteen years, she chose to work the 11pm to 7am shift so that she could be home to wake us, feed us, and see us off to school, and so that she could be home upon our return. Mom's life isn't, and isn't now, only about her. It's about us. It's about her children, her grandchildren, and her many friends. It's about family and church. It's about faith and hope even in the face of death and despair. It's about the very thing which we absurdly propose to commemorate during this Lenten season, that in God, life is found in death.

It's not always easy to trust in God, especially when life sometimes seems to offer us only pain and fear. But, as Christians, we believe that there is redemption in the suffering, that in some way we have entered into the sufferings of Jesus, so as to enter into His glory. Let this Lenten season be a time for us to enter into the mystery which is life and death and life again.

Jim Lies, C.S.C.
Setting the clock to ‘student standard time’

About three days ago my grab-n-go broke open, scattering fruit and leaky drink boxes all over the place, and I decided I had finally had it. Grab-n-go’s, in my opinion, were the worst thing to ever happen to student life at Notre Dame.

Now that’s a pretty weighty statement, especially coming from someone who relies on sack lunches heavily. I’m always running someplace, and I’ve packed my schedule so full that I never have time to eat. Overall, I suppose I’m grateful to the dining halls for providing me with fast clocks? In every dorm on campus you find that most of the residents have fast clocks? And we fasten to them. It’s not as inane as it sounds — we tend to hold what we see with our own eyes and over time to scold ourselves for not being more progressive. We trust clocks at this school; we’re sheltered and pampered and not intensely aware of the real world’s little brother. At Notre Dame, IN 46556 (219) 631-7471

Mick Swiney

The moral of the story? Next time you want to hurry, don’t. Next time you want to scold yourself for not being more progressive, don’t. Enjoy the beautiful South Bend weather (now THAT was a joke), walk slowly around campus, be late to class — the administration will love you for it. After all, they need to lighten up, too. And if you ever hear any strange sounds coming from the loft in O’Shaughnessy, it’s just me... I’ll be sabotaging the clock.

Mick Swiney is a sophomore Arts and Letters major. His column appears every other Thursday.
Brighten the Corners

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huh, the ambitious boys from Pavement return. Here are the essential elements of every Pavement review every written. 1) Mention how the album in question is not as good as their godhead, masterful, essential debut LP, Stunted and Enchanted. 2) Use the word "stalker" somewhere, anywhere, in the piece.

Well, tell you what. I'm not going to do either. For one, it's obvious and besides the point of how good Stunted and Enchanted is. Few other bands have had to constantly live under their own shadow like Pavement. Fans and press alike have chipped them for, God forbid, branching out and experimenting. Granted, 1995's Wuerz Zwer stretched too far for the golden ring of eclecticism, snapping at the middle like pulled Silly Putty. Secondly, I find it quite hard to use the term "stalker," or any other substitute pulled from the computer Thesaurus ("inolenters," "sluggishers," "laxers," "shirkers," etc.) seeing how often Pavement produces albums. Plus the band is tight and refined on Brighten the Corners, teetering on the brink of uncoiling, while leaving room for wandering guitar solos and moments of innate ingenuity.

Brighten the Corners showcases Pavement's best melodies and lyrics to date. "Shady Lane" floats and waffles like dropped sheet of fabric softer. A wonderfully thick, sonorous chord progression drives "Old to Begin" to a crushing climax. Few other guitarist duos can pluck and strum a path through a song with more creativity and skill than Steven Malkmus and Spiral Stairs and their mad skills sparkle everywhere.

Malkmus is a lovably quirky beatnik wordsmith. Creo' just might be about the modern state of pro sports or Rush. "What about the voice the voice of Goddy Lee? How did it get so high? I wonder if he speaks like an ordinary guy?" ponders Malkmus. Bassist Mark Bond clears his throat and he does! To which Malkmus replies "Well you're my fact checking cuz." A Casio drum beat then jumps in. Twisted, finally, Pavement has delivered a complete, thought-out album. Songs not parts. Unlike Wuerz Zwer where parts were songs. Past experimenting paid off. However, as keyboards, programmed flutes, samples and such all integrate and sprinkle the songs with smile-fertilizing hooks. The rockers rock. The mellow ones groove. It works. by Brent DiCrescenzo

Various artists

Suburbia

Director Richard Linklater (Dazed and Confused) returns with his latest movie about twenty-somethings talking to each other. Apparently, he's put together a crew of hot rockers (most of whom came from Geffen) that hip twenty-somethings listen to when sitting around doing nothing. Linklater's Dazed Soundtrack sold like hell, but one more step. Suburbia won't compile a mountain of receipts like those others, but artistically it is second only to last year's Sproutatau for listening value.

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Year of the Rat

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Upcoming local concerts

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Scottish band subUrbia will open a new chapter in Chicago cinema with their first feature film, Year of the Rat. A comedy about a group of random people coming together in the City of the Lost, this movie is about hope and the importance of friendship. It stars Michael Cera, Drake Bell, and Anna Faris.

SubUrbia is known for their catchy melodies and relatable lyrics. Their music has been compared to bands like the Pixies and the Smiths. The band's lead vocalist, Michael Cera, is also known for his role in the hit television show " improvised" and his portrayal of the character "Scott Pilgrim" in the movie of the same name.

The band's latest album, Year of the Rat, was released in 2022 and has received critical acclaim. The album features a mix of genres, including rock, punk, and garage.

SubUrbia will be performing their new album for the first time in Chicago at the Metro on February 11. The show will be part of their national tour and is sure to be a hit with fans of indie rock and alternative music.

Tickets are available now through Ticketmaster and are expected to sell out quickly. Make sure to get yours before they're gone!

By Matthew Loughran
One year later...

Achievable goals are key

By RUSSELL WILLIAMS
Assistant News Editor

When student body president Seth Miller and vice president Megan Murray campaigned last year, a major priority was setting and achieving realistic goals. They saw research as a valuable tool in fulfilling the promises made in their campaign platform. And, as their term draws to a close, Miller and Murray are happy with achieving those goals and with what Miller calls a "revitalization of student government.

Miller and Murray identified major student concerns like gender relations, diversity, improvised The Guide by making it available on-line, and finalized plans for the new Saferide program. "We didn't want to make promises we could not keep," said Miller. As a result, he and Murray started working on issues before they took office.

This included doubling the size of student government, adding five new departments. Additionally, a survey on

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The Observer/Thad Hagan

Incumbents: Achievable goals are key

Top-ranking officials decline chance at helm

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Editor

Leadership experience and familiarity with student government are cardinal qualities for any candidate seeking to be elected student body president. Student government chief of staff Brendan Kelly and student body vice president Megan Murray unconditionally possess those qualities.

Neither is running in tomorrow's elections. Is there something about student government and the nature of its presidency that dissuades qualified students from seeking office? Not exactly, according to Kelly and Murray. Qualified tickets are running, but without as much experience as Murray and Kelly have had, candidates may not know pre-

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COMPETITOR addresses: 'apathetic acceptance'

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Assistant News Editor

Two years ago, David Hungeling and Matt Orsagh won the student government elections on a platform of bringing the band "The Grateful Dead" to campus. The student attitude toward student government that year could be characterized best by what professor Sam Gaglio, assistant dean of the College of Business Administration, calls, "apathetic acceptance."

Jonathan Patrick and Dennis McCarthy, current student body president and vice president, have seen a moderate, compromising ticket this past year in Seth Miller and Megan Murray. We saw the "outsiders' approach" of two roommates "unjudged" by student government experience in Jonathan Patrick and Dennis McCarthy. We saw the classic joke ticket in Dave Hungeling and Matt Orsagh. None of these tickets was able to do much more than the little things, which can sometime mean a lot but usually don't.

Enter this year's attempt to run student government differently: Matt Szabo and Mary Gillard, winners of the Observer's endorsement for the 1997 election. Honorable mention goes to the ticket of Matt Griffin and Erik Nass.

Szabo is aggressive. He thinks with remarkable speed and is quick to com-

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The Observer endorses Szabo/Gillard

A

nother year of student body president campaigns brings sure tired talk of "communication" and "change."

Another year of the same old plat-

forms, the same old campaign slogans, and the same (anticipated) low turnout of voters. Student government appears, once again, to be mired in the rut of short term plans and unattain-

able goals, limited by the strict re-

quirements of the organization and the nature of the administration.

But several tickets had two worthy goals this year — to bring a student representative on the Board of Trustees and to continue the proposed reorganization of student government and other campus organizations through the student government reform committee.

If these goals can be accomplished, perhaps a new buzz word can be added to the harknayed list — "con-

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How's that for a "change?"

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The 1997 Campus Election: Candidate profiles and analysis based on Observer interviews and the Feb. 3 election. All candidates are arranged alphabetically.

Barrette/McCaghy

- **Candidates:** Matt Barrette, president; Brian McCaghy, vice president
- **Slogan:** "Something's brand new..."
- **Platform emphasis:** Improved communication and representation, especially through a student Board of Trustees
- **Unique characteristics:** Placed a high emphasis on the Catholic dimension, stating that they hope to "uphold and preserve Notre Dame's tradition and mission as America's premier Catholic university. Catholic character isn't something you go out and do. It's a foundation."
- **Fresh ideas:** Bi-weekly advertisements in campus media to aid in communication.
- **Want their administration to be remembered as...** "...I'd like for us to be remembered as the most accessible administration. The student body could be proud that we represented them well."
- **Analysis:** They say one of their strengths is having worked outside of formal student government. When they say, "We've got an unfiltered version of what students think," we read that as, "We have absolutely no student government experience."

Booker/Parker

- **Candidates:** Bobby Booker, president; Laura Parker, vice president
- **Slogan:** "Simple. Structured. Strong."
- **Platform emphasis:** Kindling campus spirit and unity through social programming. On day one, they'd plan pep rallies, a Bob Davie speech, and NCAA pre-season games.
- **Unique characteristics:** This ticket focuses almost entirely upon bringing more social activity to campus. They plan that through mingling and unifying races, gender issues will then resolve themselves.
- **Fresh ideas:** Unlager NO bid brother/bid sister program. Bring more NBA pre-season games to campus.
- **Want their administration to be remembered as...** "We'd like students to be able to say they brought back spirit and unity."
- **Personal Statement:** "As we see social opportunities to be the weakest aspect of our school, our platform specifically focuses on providing more and diverse social activities for all students. Our ideas are simple. We want to unify and restore the spirit of the entire student body. These ideas are realistic and achievable. We also recognize the need for better communication among students. We believe this begins with increased student government involvement with other Notre Dame organizations. Service, Multi-Cultural, and Academic organizations need to work together for activities and goals to be successful.

Chica/Cano

- **Candidates:** Andy Chica, president; Jon Cano, vice president
- **Slogan:** "A vote for us puts you in control."
- **Platform emphasis:** Soliciting grassroots feedback from students. Communication is a big goal here.
- **Unique characteristics:** The guys have absolutely no student government experience and certainly won't take themselves too seriously if elected. A complete lack of planning seems to be another distinct quality of their platform.
- **Fresh ideas:** Bartending classes and bocce ball tournament highlight the nature of this ticket.
- **Want their administration to be remembered as...** "We want to represent every single student. We want them to be able to say that we listened to them and expressed their concerns."
- **Personal Statement:** "Our campaign is built around putting you, the student, in control of your university, and our concern is ensuring this fact is secured. We are not going to smother you with promises telling you what you want. We also are not going to make any promises we have no intention of keeping or that we will have no power in enforcing. What we do promise is our accessibility and commitment, especially through a student Board of Trustees as well as support proposals for student government reform. At the end of the day, we have the necessary leadership experience. As students, we recognize the need for improvement in Notre Dame life. Together, we want to represent you. Simple. Structured. Strong."

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- be responsible for the effective operation of student government.
- be responsible for representing student interests in all areas of University policy.
- be responsible for maintaining communication with the student body.
- be responsible to the student body and to the Board of Trustees.
- have the power to appoint, with the approval of the Student Senate, any administrator or cabinet officer.
- be the chairperson of the Student Senate.
- serve on the campus Life Council.
- present the student body at all regular special Board of Trustees meetings.
- be a voting member of the Student Senate.
- perform such other duties as the Student Senate may prescribe.

The student body vice president is the Constitution of the Undergraduate Notre Dame:

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**Leadership Experience**

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Szabo/Gillard

- Candidates: Matt Szabo, president; Mary Gillard, vice president
- Slogan: "This is our school. Let's take it back."
- Platform emphasis: Representation. Focus on a student Board of Trustees member that affords us no basic rights and whose policies are contradictory to any supposed honor code. Gillard is one of only two candidates with Student Senate experience, and the only candidate with Campus Life Council experience. Also, the ticket has an aggressive platform and leadership style.
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be important in accomplishing this ticket's lofty platform, and especially important if the student body is to get a seat at the table of Notre Dame students, a possibility that the student government has never really had.

But the platform of Szabo/Gillard is our one concern about this ticket. The push for student input on the Board of Trustees and for a return to specifically defined student rights are worthwhile, but Szabo's lack of experience as a Judicial Council student advocate should help with the later goal. But the other plaques of their platform—improving buying power, cutting store prices, and replacing Stepan Center—seem either infeasible or out of the realm of student government power. If these aims are pursued, Szabo's aggressive nature may lead him to push for actions that are not always workable, especially if the goal of the campaign is to improve the relationship between student government and the administration.

That's where the Griffin/Nass ticket comes into play. Griffin and Nass join Szabo/Gillard as the two major tickets that cleared themselves the rest of the field. The Griffin/Nass platform includes a multitude of ideas that are both reasonable and worthwhile. The idea to work with the individual colleges to increase the number of diversity programs is representative of the type of proposals on their platform; most of the ideas that have been addressed address some of the pressing problems affecting students.

The experience of Griffin and Nass in leadership positions is also a plus. Griffin has served as a class officer for three years, including this year as junior class president, a position that places him on Student Senate; he also chairs a subcommittee on the student government's reform committee. Nass has served as Student Union president, student government commissioner, and is also on the reform committee. With such experience, Griffin and Nass know how to get things done on the second floor. Unfortunately, simply look at the high number of successful Griffin's Class of 1998 officers who have organized this year.

But what the ticket of Griffin/Nass lacks is a dynamic personality. I'm impressed with all the people I've had the chance to talk to, but for the ticket of Szabo and Gillard simply one. Szabo/Gillard complements each other well, providing a refreshing approach to the office.

As for other tickets, Bobby Booker and Laura Peters have put in a substantial effort, and that, if implemented, would bring a greater level of student government to the campus; they have already been working for it in, say, SUR. Their platform reminds us of their first part of their campaign slogan, Simplicity. Perhaps it is too simple.

The main fault of Matt Barrett and Brian McGahy's platform is that they do not consider to be the Catholic character of Notre Dame. They may fit well with the general thinking of the student body, but how much of a factor is Catholic doctrine in working to get student representation on the Board of Trustees?

And finally, we come to the ticket of Andy Murray and Laura O'Hara. We're just not in the market for soothing music in the dining hall, no matter how bad the food is, but their final slogan does have a message for everyone: "We're just not in the market for soothing music in the dining hall, no matter how bad the food is, but their final slogan does have a message for everyone: "

The student Senate elections send all candidates to the Campus Life Council for approval.

Other groups operating under the student government Constitution

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Music at a Glance

Handsome Handsome
Ex-guitarists from Quicksand and Helmet, Tom Capone and Peter Mengede, form their group with a more melodic groove. Singer Jeremy Chatelain hovers somewhere between emotional soulhearing and hair-band wailing, but he can carry a tune. That puts these guys way ahead of Korn and Tool. Some of the best commercial rock of recent memory.

Sick Of It All-Built To Last

Music to crash to. Old school NYC hardcore fans should dig the pectoral-building drumming, pissed-off vocals, and guitars that could saw through the hull of a cruise ship. But SOFT have done it all so many times before. For diehards only.

Veruca Salt-Eight Arms to Hold You

Metallica meets Juliana Hatfield. Producer Bob Rock makes this sucker smoke like a Vision or Joan Jett album from 1986. Might as well jump, but it's utterly generic. Can't Fight the Dealer? Just watch us.

Man or Astroman?-Live Transmission from Urania

Man or Astroman? Has always outrocked record labels with their lip-dropping live shows. The potent sounding live-riff fury is all captured here on this refined performance (previously available on the band's album). Although it is impossible to ignore the giant, hand-built Van der Graaf generator, contributed in tubes, lights, blue projectors, and costumes of stage performance, this disc, none-the-less it is the real deal. Plus, it includes the "Mystery Science Theatre 3000 Love Theme.

Bis-This Is Teen-C Power

Her Majesty's press hypo hit Plymouth rock with this EP of collected UK singles. Their immediate appeal has begun to quickly wash-off in their homeland, as the music press now throws stones at their every pop. All of this before their first EP! (It's due in April.) This works like this: Cop a melody from Pulp or Blur's latest inspired moments and run it into the ground...in small doses they pop, pogo, and make your dance like a Japanese character. They're just short on ideas.

Moby-Animal Rights

Moby writes the listener in plain text in the liner notes, "Please listen to animal rights in its entirety at least once." Sounds like self-admittance to the true strength that is to listen to this album at least once. But I'm a critic and it's my job and I can tell you that every song is laughably bad, covered in合成器 flotsam. "Perfect Metal." Vocals grate harder than the guitars. When does Moby stop doing from Brian Eno to Ministry on their worst day?"
Midnight
Antique silver earring on
SCSI

"You don't just love playing volleyball, you love the competition," said Steve Hendricks, vice-president of the club, as to why so many players are there.
"And as long as it remains fun, most guys keep coming back.

The combination of the love of the game and the team unity is what draws most of the players to the court.

What results from a level of intense volleyball while maintaining a good time.

The team holds try-outs at the beginning of the school year, leaving fall as basically a training period.

The season ends at the end of January and highlights matches against Michigan State, and a trip to the NCAA tournament at the University of Arizona from April 16-20.

In Irish Men's Volleyball Club members pride themselves on work ethic.
Focus on your heart this month! Get your body movin' and your heart pumping doing whatever you like best... And be sure to check out those planned activities that also abound!

### Doing It...

Patrick Foley is the ultimate team player. A standout high school athlete, Foley was an accomplished baseball player and all-state soccer player in Texas. Since arriving at Notre Dame, this Flanner Gamecock has continued his athletic endeavors through interhall baseball and soccer. One of the top players on both squads, Foley led his soccer team to a championship and the baseball team to a runner-up finish as a sophomore. He has continued to play well this year.

Group activities are not limited to sports for Foley. For many years now, he’s helped those less fortunate by participating in Special Olympics and Kiwanis groups, among others. Foley also is a member of Circle K service group here at Notre Dame. His favorite activity is Boys’ State. Foley first attended as a representative after his sophomore year in high school, and has returned every year as a counselor. Foley enjoys helping young people become more competent citizens. He also values the friendships he has cultivated as a result of Boys’ State. After all, comradere is what being a team player is all about.

**Campus Correspondent:** Timothy S. McCon, Jr.
Blue-chippers add depth, balance, strong net play

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

With the graduation of one of the finest classes to set and spike on the Joyce center floor, head coach Debbie Brown looked to fill some of the void left by Jenny Birkner, Jen Briggs, Kristina Ivan, and Jen House.

Yesterday, Brown did just that as the Notre Dame Volleyball team signed four blue chippers to national letters of intent. Those signees are 6-2 setter Denise Boylan (Lisle, IL), 6-3 middle blocker/outside hitter Christi Girton (Muncie, IN), 6-1 middle blocker/outside hitter Jo Jameson (Alvin, TX) and 5-10 outside hitter Adrienne Shimmel (Mission Vajo, CA).

Boylan, Girton, and Jameson have all been named to Volleyball Magazine’s “Fab 50” high school recruits. They will join other former “Fab 90” recruits to be seniors Jaimie Lee, and Mary Leffers who just finished her freshman campaign.

I am really pleased with the entire class. There is a great balance of ball control and strong net play,” Brown remarked. “Personality-wise, they are going to fit in with the team really well and they are all good students.”

Boylan, the two time all-state performer, is the only player to be a member of the US youth national team the past three years. She has also been named to five All-American teams while playing at the Chicago based Sports Performance Volleyball Club which also produced Birkner and current freshman Lauren Pfeifer.

Boylan will fill an immediate need that was exposed last year as the squad had only one true setter, Carey May. May was injured before the season and they were forced to move Jamie Lee to setter.

“We gambled this past year by not having two true setters on our team and we lost,” Brown said.

“The most unique thing about Denise is that it’s very rare to have someone who is 6-2 as your setter. We hope that her height will be key in our ability to block the ball even better.”

Girton is a versatile frontline player who was named to a third team All-American by Volleyball Magazine. Girton rewrote her high school record books as she set records with kills (1,090; 3.97gmp) and aces (168; 6.49gmp). She was also an All-American with her club team, Asics Munciana Volleyball Club to which Harris was also a member.

“Christi has played on the left side, middle and right side and we could use her at any of those positions,” Brown said.

“I think it’s a great asset that she can play any frontline position.”

The 6-1 Jameson is known for her versatility, athleticism and quickness while playing at both middle blocker and hitter. She was named to second team all-state her junior campaign before snagging first team all-state her final year. Jameson was also the district high jump champion as a sophomore and junior.

“Jo is a really versatile athlete and is very quick and because of that a very good middle blocker,” remarked Brown. “Jo is a good all-around player who just really enjoys playing the game.”

Shimmel has terrific back row skills as her strengths lay in her excellent passing and defense. She was a first team all-league and second team all-CIF as she played for Capistrano Valley High School in the CIF.

“Adrienne will be a great boost to our left side and she’s very vocal on the court and plays with a lot of enthusiasm,” Brown noted.

Shimmel expressed and explained that excitement.

“When Notre Dame first showed an interest in me, it was very exciting and easily made my number one choice. I like the fact that the team gets involved with the community and in helping people. That’s something which is important to me.”

Have something to say? Use Observer classifieds.
Streaking Irish face Orange

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Sports Writer

Since a tough loss at Ohio State earlier in the season, the women's basketball team has been on fire. The Irish are currently on a nine-game winning streak and will look to extend it to 10 tonight when Big East foe Syracuse invades the Joyce Center.

After taking into account this year's prior meeting between the two squads, a 72-45 drubbing of the Orangewomen in Syracuse, the only possible worry for the Irish is their looming conference showdown with Connecticut on Sunday.

But the players certainly do not appear to be taking Syracuse lightly. "We're not looking ahead," said center Katryna Gaither. "No team can afford to do that. We have to think about the game at hand. That's how good teams excel."

Junior Mollie Peirick responded with even more certainty to the question of anticipating Connecticut. "Not at all," Peirick stated. "We have never had a problem with that."

Peirick feels that the way the Irish have been playing lately provides even more incentive for the Orangewomen to play well. "They (Syracuse) have been winning (recently)," acknowledged Peirick. "We know they're going to be gunning for us."

In preparation for tonight's contest, the Irish have been working on slowing down the Orangewomen. "Syracuse is more of a transition team," said Gaither. "We have been trying to improve on our transition defense." Peirick agreed that "getting back on defense" would be a key to beating the Orangewomen a second time.
Unique opportunity for brother tandems

By MIKE DAY
Associate Sports Editor

Bob Davie has always said he wanted to create a "family" type atmosphere within the Notre Dame football program, and he is certainly up to his promise.

The new head coach has gone all out as far as keeping within the family. Both of Bob's older brothers, Dan and Dennis, and defensive linemen Andrew Wisme made it official on Wednesday, signing on to join their brothers, Melvin and Jerry, respectively as members of the Notre Dame football team.

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Davie, Irish find new talent in Jersey

By BETSY BAKER

The Notre Dame football team's talent is looking to blossom next season as two of the more important members of this year's entering class hail from the Garden State.

Cooper Rego, Of Monmouth, N.J., Israel, of Haddon Heights, N.J., will be two members of the Irish class of 2001 and the Notre Dame Football AllAmerican team.

The recruits did not stop there.

Rego rushed for 285 yards and five touchdowns in St. Joseph Regional victory over Delbarton in the New Jersey Group 3 state finals, and he wasn't even the team's starter.

In 1995, Rego finished the season with 1,632 yards and 21 touchdowns, while his team finished ranked eighth national by USA Today.

Rego attended football camp at Notre Dame last summer, he recorded a 4.38 second 40-yard dash. His slowest time was a 4.37.

That's all coming from the man who didn't want to try out for football in seventh grade because he was afraid of getting hurt.

It turns out that fear has subsided and Rego is ready to play.

Although the fear is gone, new obstacles arise in the game of running back returning back Autry Denson and classmate Tony Driver, a fellow Reebok All-American.

Still, Rego welcomes the competition and adds: "I'm playing with such high-caliber running backs."

The rest of the class easily filled the remaining slots.

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Recruits to fill gaps
By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Writer
Last year’s signing day reaped major benefits for the women’s soccer team this past season. The Notre Dame women’s soccer team followed up last season’s excellent freshman class with one that is equally talented this year. The entering class will help fill in the spots vacated by the likes of seniors Amy VanLaecke, Cindy Daws, Kate Fisher, and Jen Renola.

The program signed four players to national letters of intent, Meotis Erickson, Monica Gonzalez, Kelly Lindsey, and Stacey Tullock.

"The quality of this class is outstanding from top to bottom," said head coach Chris Petrucelli. "It is hard to have four freshmen who can come in and contribute right away but this class is certainly capable of that. This is definitely one of our best recruiting classes." Erickson has been touted as one of the top recruits, due to her being named 1996 National Soccer Coaches Association national high school player of the year. Also she was an NSCAA All-American. Erickson looks to compete for the forward position, due to her excellent scoring abilities. She might fill in, in the middle, which was recently left open due to the graduation of Daws.

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31 Egg holder
32 Male cat
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE.

Seek your place in the sun. All signs point to the bright beam of health or improved importance. Your career moves ahead. Capitol on your creative ideas to receive a warm reception from VIPs. A promotion or raise is in the wings. Next fall will find you on the cutting edge of attention at social events. Be cautious of a cancel feature and an irritated”attitude. You need to get to know a romantic partner really well before making a promise.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ginger Vacation, famed New York Yester baby rocker Jackson, lead guitar, Robert Townsend.

A B I P S (March 21-April 19): Your charisma is a big plus in business. You receive good news regarding a loan or investment. Get serious help if planning to paint or remodel your home.

B U R S S (April 20-May 20): Excellent communication skills are a must today. Make important phone calls. Consider fitness or diet at a distance. E-mail or fax can take the place of costly travel.

G E M I N I (May 21-June 20): As idea you have been thinking about becomes a priority. Action an impetus to expedite your cause could backfire. Seek better child care arrangements if needed with the current setup.

C A N C E R (June 21-July 22): Put family activities ahead of routine chores. You need to take care of the necessities before buying luxuries. Save your pennies for the purchase of a new house.

L E O (July 23-Aug. 22): Home entertaining is a big success but could prove costly than expected.

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**SPORTS**

Irish reaps benefits of National Signing Day  
See extended coverage pages 14-16

**NEW CLASS WELcomed by Davie**

By THOMAS SCHLIDT  
Senior Sports Writer

Yesterday at 3 p.m., a new era in Notre Dame football began. No more would a diminutive old man with a lip spin tails of recruiting triumph or be the harbinger of another class of stellar athletes. Instead, a young man took to the stage for the first time and basked triumphantly in the spotlight.

It is not that his class will be considered the top in the nation, but to Irish head coach Bob Davie the rankings mean little. He just told him more than his own eyes, ears and heart can.

His first class was made of Notre Dame men, and for that he was proud.

In his first season Davie took a new approach to recruiting. Arbitrary rankings played second to a basic concept—did the player fit Notre Dame?

"There are a lot of different ways to evaluate classes," Davie explained. "Our priorities going into this recruiting were, number one, to find the right fit for the University of Notre Dame, to sign kids we considered the top in the nation, to sign kids we thought were going to be Notre Dame men, and for that he was proud.

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**IRONs: Man of many talents**

By TIM SHERMAN  
Sports Editor

If Bob Davie were to design a recruit, Grant Irons might be the blue-print—just without the Blue.

With Irons’ brother Jarrett, a four-year starter at Michigan, many analysts figured Grant would also opt to play for the Big Blue. But it was exactly the kind of qualities that Irons exemplifies that made him a better fit for the Blue and Gold of Notre Dame.

“I was looking for a great academic school and a great football school,” said Irons, a first-team USA Today All-American linebacker. “Notre Dame is exactly that. It is a perfect match.”

The emphasis on the “student” side of student-athlete is nothing new for Irons. In fact, his commitment in the classroom was so great that Irons is the winner of the 15th annual Blue Award in recognition of the top high-school scholar-athlete in the country.

“It was really a great honor,” said Irons, who boasts a 3.8 GPA. “It felt great receiving it. In fact, Tiger Woods (the 1993 winner) presented it to me. That was great.”

But Irons wasn’t one of the nation’s most sought-after linebacker for just his prowess in the classroom.

The 6-foot-5, 225-pound Irons has been a

**Driver brings versatility**

By THOMAS SCHLIDT  
Senior Sports Writer

He is a star. What more do you need to know about Tony Driver?

He’s six feet three. Something. He’s 210 pounds and something. And he definitely has ability. He’s cool. But Driver/Schmidt, Superstar? Maybe. Mr. Versatility? Definitely according to SuperPrep’s Allen Wallace.

"He’s the real deal," Wallace said. "Mr. Versatility can run, catch, block and make people miss him."

Even Irish head coach Bob Davie joked about Driver’s versatility during his signing day press conference.

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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

- Women’s tennis at Rolex, February 6-9
- Men’s tennis vs. Illinois, February 9
- Basketball vs. Hillsdale, February 8, 1 p.m.