Candidates introduce themselves in serious debates

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

With the exception of a few periods of laughter, a 90-minute student body presidential candidates’ debate Wednesday night was marked by serious discussion of issues and goals.

The format of the annual event allowed each ticket about 12 total minutes for introducing itself and its platform, answering panel questions and presenting closing statements. The debate was students’ first chance to formally meet the candidates before the primary election Monday.

In general, five tickets’ remarks were met with polite applause from the audience of about 50 inside the Hesburgh Library auditorium. Running mates Chris Zimmermann and Andy Nelson, however, drew the biggest reactions from the crowd.

Several times a sarcastic audience laughter punctuated the sophomore Fisher Hall residents, whose platform calls for dissolving the Student Senate and Campus Life Council (CLC). The men said they plan to assign Senate and CLC duties to the Hall Presidents Council.

During the debate, a student asked about the feasibility of the Senate voting to dissolve itself. Zimmerman said, “Senators will do what’s best for the student body. It’s not like they’re voting themselves off the island and can’t come back.” The reference to the popular television show “Survivor” attracted laughter and applause.

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The five other tickets, Maureen Gottlieb and Victoria Fetterman, Demetra Smith and Yogeld Andre, Brooke Norton and Brian Moscona, Holt Zoidler and Allison Henisey and Ryan Becker and Nikki McCord, triggered less of a reaction from the audience.

After discussing their platforms, these five campaigns received respectful applause from an otherwise indifferent audience.

But some tickets drew attention to themselves based on their issue platforms.

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The Smith-Andre ticket, for example, focused on social justice issues in addition to more common campaign promises, such as cable in residence halls, that characterized other candidates’ platforms.

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However, Andre said he does understand that he will be a role model for current minority students on campus, as well as incoming freshmen.

“I think it will be important to show incoming minority students that a minority student body vice president.”

Andre said. “A lot think it is all Irish and Catholic here, and I would be able to show them that you can get more involved and make this more of your home if you choose to.

Vice presidential candidate Nikki McCord, who is running with Ryan Becker, said she knows the office holds a lot of responsibility.

“I would feel honored to be vice presidential,” McCord said. “I know that there are issues that separate us, but I want to look beyond those. . . . I hope I can serve as a viable symbol that Notre Dame is an accepting community that is open to new ideas and experiences. ”

McCord said relationships she has developed with Multicultural Student Programs and Services director Erin Outlaw and assistant director Kevin Hule, as well as the bond she has with Father Malloy’s assistant Chandra Johnstone, will be beneficial in fulfilling the Becker/McCord campaign promises.

“I realized, in being a close relationship with these individuals, I will be more aware of what students want from the University on the student government/administration level,” McCord said. “I would work with them to implement those ideas.

Andre, who is from New York but was born in Haiti, said his diverse background will be beneficial when serving as student body president.

“I’ve always been able to experience different cultures, and I try to embrace everyone,” he said. “I thinking coming from a different background will help bring new issues forward.”

Despite the fact that Andre has not been in Notre Dame student government, he sees being senior vice president as an extension of activities in which he has already participated.

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Editor’s Note: This is the fourth of a five-part series examining different issues in this year’s student body election.

By LAURA ROMPE
Assistant News Editor

In March 1970, when Dave Krashna won the Notre Dame student body presidential election, he set a precedent in two ways.

Krashna won a majority of votes in every hall and shattered all previous records — capturing 63.6 percent of the vote, with the next ticket winning only 28 percent.

Perhaps more importantly, Krashna was the first African-American to be elected student body president. Krashna paved the way for minorities in Notre Dame student government, and this year, two tickets include African-American vice presidential candidates.

Vice presidential candidate Yogeld Andre, who is running with Demetra Smith, said it is important for everyone, not just minority­es, to get involved in student government. When he decided to run for office, he did not think about the fact he was a minority, but simply wanted to serve the community.

Vice presidential candidate Brian Moscona addressed students gathered for Wednesday night’s Meet the Candidates debate at Library Auditorium as his presidential running mate, Brooke Norton, looks on.

The blessings continue
The third night of this series welcomed Notre Dame students who had worked at a Chilean orphanage.

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Go, theo, go.

I change majors more than I change my away message. But now, I have to pick one and stick to one — and pray that I can survive one. I entered college thinking that I was going to be some masterful Biology major. A true pre-med all the way. Then, about halfway into my freshman year it occurred to me. I detest them. In one dining hall experience left me with fully dissected piece of celery. It's just not my bag, baby. I can wait four more years to wear the white lab coat.

Now, I love talking about my major. But even my friends are convinced that I would change majors again. This change doesn't mean that I won't be performing surgery on Elodea leaves — unless some kid ingested them. I skipped math and engineering all together. It's just not my style. I could major in whatever my little heart desired.

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Only 28.1 percent of entering college students said they keep up to date with political happenings, compared with over 60 percent in the late 1960s. "Students feel political issues are not relative to their own lives," said Linda Sax, director of the survey. "They feel politics is too cynical and there's not much they can do about it."

Four students die in 8-day span

Purdue University

Purdue University sophomore Travis Simpson was found dead Saturday in his off-campus apartment. The cause of his death is not clear, but police do not suspect foul play. Simpson's is the latest in a string of unrelated student deaths. During the eight-day span, four Purdue students have died. Matt Cahill and Jacob Cushman were killed Jan. 26 in a car crash in Grant County. Less than a week earlier, Laura Williams was found dead in her apartment — reported using a computer frequently in the past year.

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Amistad actor speaks about social pressures on children

Derrick Ashong, an African American who starred in Amistad, spoke to students about the social pressures kids face in a Black History Month lecture Wednesday.

Moving from place to place while growing up, Ashong discovered what was cool in New York was not cool in Saudi Arabia. Moving in and out of the United States, Ashong had to learn to adapt to what was termed as cool in the society where he was living.

"I was always the outsider," Ashong said. "As soon as we went to a certain place and I figured out what was to be cool we picked it up and moved to another place. Different societies have different views."

What it means to "be cool" is an issue kids have to face in today's society.

"While kids will say that being cool means being yourself, people will just say it because it has a nice ring to it," Ashong said.

He believes, however, being cool usually has a lot less to do with being accepted as an individual, but more to do with a certain society and what its expectations are.

During Ashong's high school days he realized he did not fit into any of the defined groups of Americans, British or Arabians.

"It was at this time that he realized he needed to be who he was."

"I don't fit into any of the groups solely — let me not worry about fitting into these groups, let me just be who I am," said Ashong.

"The idea that I would be my own person had a profound impact on my life."

When Ashong returned to the United States to finish high school, he realized he was not cool in New York and Saudi Arabia. These differences required him to adapt to what was cool in the school thought he could get in to such schools as Harvard and Brown.

"I put on the face of confidence to the world," Ashong said. "I was completely thrown in a loop because the people in my high school didn't think I was smart enough to get into Harvard. The fact that anyone in my high school told me I wasn't smart enough was mind-boggling."

In December of his senior year, Ashong received an early action letter from Harvard welcoming him to the campus.

"It was at this time that he really wasn't sure if he would make it to being a student at Harvard."

"I went to freshman weekend to see what it was all about," he said.

The fall of 1993 was a trying time for him, once again struggling to fit into a new society and to "be cool." The reactions from students were baffling to him.

"Because he was too short for basketball and too skinny for football, other students reasoned he must be on campus because of affirmative action.

"I remember feeling so bad because I thought I'd proven myself and that I deserved to be there," Ashong said.

Ashong did prove himself by receiving the Harvard Foundation Award for outstanding contributions to intercultural and race relations and the Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Award for Outstanding undergraduate work, the highest award for undergraduate theses.

"I'm not going to worry about what people think of me. I'm going to do what I think is right," Ashong said. "At every juncture of me growing up, had I done what society had expected of me I would not have gone very far. It is not just about how you walk, talk, and dress."
Success Conference opens campus to 8th grade leaders

By LAUREN BECK
News Writer

In an effort to strengthen ties between the Notre Dame and South Bend community, student government hosted 170 local eighth graders on Wednesday.

Students from five area schools participated in Notre Dame’s First Annual Keys to Success Conference, a workshop designed to offer younger students an opportunity to interact with college students.

“Students here expressed an interest in reaching out to the community and making younger students feel more a part of Notre Dame,” said student body vice president Brooke Norton. “Our goal is to welcome them into our community and to share our knowledge with them but also to learn from them.”

The program focused on developing academic and leadership skills by allowing eighth graders to vocalize their opinions and to reflect on the college students’ experiences.

Notre Dame students learned as much from the eighth graders as the eighth graders learned from the Notre Dame students, according to Group Leader Carola Reams.

“I found it interesting to hear the kids’ perspectives,” she said. “I feel nervous for these students. To see them do the high school and the issues it presents can be tough to deal with — they seemed very intelligent and knew what they wanted to do with their lives.”

Following a panel of college and local high school students, the eighth graders wrote letters summarizing the program’s values and how they planned to apply them later in life.

The letters were collected and will be returned to eighth graders at the end of the school year.

“The workshop taught me ways to avoid drugs and alcohol. We discussed choosing positive role models and planning for college and careers,” said Zach Marks, an eighth grader at Clay Middle School. “These are not big issues for me now, but they will be in the future.”

Sophomore Son Nguyen, who coordinated Keys to Success, hopes the lessons the students learned Wednesday will not be quickly forgotten.

He plans to implement more interaction between Notre Dame and the middle schoolers in the future to reinforce the values of the conference.

“It’s hard to reach kids in just one day,” Nguyen said. “We’re trying to institute an after-school program in which we visit with the students or tutor them.”

Lanina Cobb-Thompson, a counselor at Dickinson Middle School, said the workshop and further interaction will benefit the students greatly.

“I believe the students will return to the classroom with knowledge of how to interact with people with whom they’re not familiar and discuss their differences,” she said.

Most participants from Notre Dame and the middle schools found the Keys to Success Program worthwhile.

“I learned to set my goals high,” Edison student James Douglas said. “And to never stop trying to achieve them.”

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speak about diversity issues.

Rompf asked if the so-called “hip-hop conference” was potentially offensive to African-American students and if University administrators would allow controversial rap figures to speak or perform.

Norton said the idea springs from an idea begun at Harvard University, but she ran out of time before clearly addressing the potential controversy.

Later, Norton and Moscona responded to concerns that they were neglecting their current responsibilities while running the presidential campaign.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Aristide set for inauguration: Stringing plastic Haitian flags above the shack for the inauguration on Wednesday. Feb. 7. Jean-Jaques Nardy says he believes Aristide will fulfill the promise to better people's lives. "Everybody here is for Aristide," said Nardy of this shantytown, dubbed Village of Peace because criminals are driven out. "He didn't have enough time in office before to do anything. This time will be different." 

Risk of disease minimal: Canadian authorities said chances of a disease outbreak were minimal after a Congolese woman arrived in Canada and fell ill with symptoms seen in hemorrhagic viruses, including Ebola. The 32-year-old woman, who has not been identified, was admitted to a Hamilton hospital on Sunday.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Mayor arrested for assault: Miami Mayor Joe Carollo was arrested Wednesday and accused of hitting his wife in the head with a teapot. Maria Ledon Carollo suffered a golf-ball-size lump and bruise on the side of her head, according to police. Carollo was charged with battery.

Crash caused by misread signal: The engineer of an Amtrak train that overtook and ran into a freight train on the same track apparently misread a signal that warned of an obstacle ahead, a safety official said Nardy of this shantytown, dubbed Village of Peace because criminals are driven out. "He didn't have enough time in office before to do anything. This time will be different." 

Gunman prompts security concerns

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The White House is, at

once, the symbol of an

open, unafraid nation and a

warily fortified bastion of iron bars and concrete

slabs from the bustle of

everyday America.

When he was outside
campaigning to get in, President Bush spoke of how dispiriting it was that episodes of violence should have restricted people's access to the people's house. He promised to look into it if elected.

He was inside Wednesday when a gunman reminded everyone why concrete barriers with tired plants on top were set up in the first place.

Pennsylvania Avenue in

front of the White House

has been closed to traffic

since the aftermath of the

1995 bombing of the federal

building in Oklahoma City.

That was the last straw

for security officials who had dealt with a variety of lesser dangers outside the Executive Mansion.

The planters, along with panels that swing up from the pavement, seal off what had been a six-lane thoroughfare. Guardhouses monitor pedestrian traffic, which is still allowed.

The wounding of a gun

man Wednesday by the Secret Service happened

out back, on a sidewalk bordering the great fenced expanse of the South Lawn. The incident could play a role in what happens, if anything, with security around the White House.

Bush, pushed by his Republican Party, which put a call for reopening Pennsylvania Avenue in its platform, said during his presidential campaign he would discuss it with the Secret Service.

The service, sworn to protect the president, likes concrete. "The Secret Service wants zero risk in an open society," said Eleanor Holmes Norton, the District of Columbia's congressional delegate. "They can't get it. And if they do get it, this is no longer an open society." A senior Bush aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said advisers who reviewed the Secret Service's case were inclined even before Wednesday to recommend that the president keep the street closed to cars and trucks.

A few hours after coughing behind his car around the corner from the gun

man, Jim McDaniel, the National Park Service's liaison to the White House, reflected on how the place has become a nexus for the nation's best and worst dreams.

ZIMBABWE

Kabila promises peace to nation

Associated Press

KINSHASA

In a sprawling mansion protected by Nord Korean tanks and heavily armed Zimbabwean soldiers, with a waiting room full of sleepless guards, President Joseph Kabila said Wednesday he was ready for peace.

The new leader has promised to work closely with the United Nations to implement an often-violated 1999 cease-fire agreement. However, he said Congo would not be "held hostage" by the deal.

In June, he was smoother and more diplomatic than his father, slain President Laurent Kabila, but his arguments were largely the same. The former president regularly pledged to bring peace to Congo — as long as his enemies withdrew first.

Already head of the army, Joseph Kabila was quickly chosen as president after his father was gunned down Jan. 16 by one of his bodyguards. The reason for the killing has not been explained.

Little is known about the new leader — but many here and abroad have expressed hope that the sudden power shift represents a new opportunity for peace in the Central African nation.

Kabila said in Wednesday's interview that he wanted U.N. peacekeepers to deploy in Congo soon, but insisted there could be no peace without the withdrawal of "occupying" forces from African countries.
ND Faculty earn noteworthy awards, scholarships

Special to The Observer

* Fabian Udoh, assistant professor in the Program of Liberal Studies, has received a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship from the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem.

Udoh will receive a $30,000 award for a project entitled, "To Caesar What is Caesar’s: Tribute and Taxes in Early Roman Palestine." a comprehensive and detailed study of taxation in Jewish Palestine from 63 B.C. to 70 C.E.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1998, Udoh holds a philosophy degree from the Institut de Philosophie in Kinshasa, Zaire, and a theology degree from Pontificia Universitas Gregoriana in Rome. He earned his master of philosophy degree in New Testament and Jewish history in 1989 from Oxford University and earned his doctorate in 1996 from Duke University.

* Michael Pressley, professor of psychology and the Notre Dame Chair in Catholic Education, has received the 2000 Oscar Causey Award from the National Reading Conference. The Causey Award is the highest honor presented to reading researchers in the United States.

An internationally recognized expert on educational and developmental psychology, Pressley is particularly interested in issues pertaining to learning and instruction. His recent research includes studies of the characteristics of effective reading instruction and of how high school and college students confront and accomplish the academic demands placed on them.

In addition to this teaching and research in the Department of Psychology, Pressley is director of the Master of Arts in Teaching Program of Notre Dame’s Institute for Educational Initiatives and editor of the Journal of Educational Psychology. He is the author of "Reading Instruction that Works: The Case for Balanced Teaching" and the coauthor of "The Good First Grade."

Pressley joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1997 after previously teaching at the University of Western Ontario, the University of Maryland and the State University of New York at Albany. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Northwestern University and his doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

* The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has selected Donald Crafton, chair and professor of film, television and theatre at Notre Dame, as one of its two inaugural Academy Film Scholars.

Crafton and Tino Balio from the University of Wisconsin each will receive a $25,000 grant from the academy based upon their proposals for new scholarly works. Only established scholars, writers, historians and researchers with a significant record of achievement were considered for the grant. Crafton’s grant will support his work on an analysis of animated cartoon shorts from about 1928-39 in order to "reveal the important social relevance underlying these superficially insignificant productions," he said. The study is titled "Shadow of a Mouse: Animation and American Culture in the 1930s."
Return of lost study day hopeless, calendar blamed

By FINN PRESSLY
Senior Staff Writer

Citing time constraints and lack of flexibility in the academic council, the Academic Council has refused to give further consideration to a Student Senate proposal to add the customary fourth study day to the Fall 2001 exam schedule.

O'Neill senator Bill Ferreira reported to the senate that upon meeting with the under-graduate subcommittee of the Academic Council, efforts to add an additional study day to this fall's calendar would have to be abandoned.

"It's not Notre Dame's fault. It's just the way the calendar falls," he said. "While they did not feel we had bad ideas ... they felt we didn't have enough time to change the final exam schedule."

Starting the year a week earlier would mean bringing resident assistants, professor, and other campus personnel back to campus abnormally early, he said.

Adding extra days at the end of break, meanwhile, would flirt dangerously close to the Christmas travel season, resulting in possible headaches for students and professors flying home.

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In other Senate News:

• Lewis senator Luciana Reali presented information gathered by the Gender Relations and Professors flying home. Seniors flying abroad. The Senate approved a letter to the Academic Council stressing the need for consistency in the number of study days from year to year.

• In a time conflict.

• Lewis senator Jeff Stofflings announced his resignation from the senate, due to a time conflict.

• "Going into this, I heard some good things and bad things about the Senate," he said, "and leaving, I only have good things to say."

• Stofflings will be replaced by sophomore Matt LaPraita.

• Wednesday's meeting was also the last for Fisher senator Dan Barrabas.

• Elections for a new Fisher Hall senator will be held in the near future.

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The Following Events Are Happening At
The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore:

Friday, Feb. 9 at 3:30 p.m.,
C.K. Williams
will discuss his
Pulitzer Prize
Winning poetry
book, Repair.

Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 3:00 p.m.,
W.P. Kinsella will
discuss his book,
Shoeless Joe.
By EMILY ORR
News Writer

Kaleen Sanner and Mark Farrell spoke about their experiences in the Hogar San Jose in Talagante, Chile on the third night of the "Blessing Unto Others" program.

Sanner, a senior at Notre Dame, and Farrell, a second-year law student, recounted their experiences at the orphanage with a mixture of emotions.

"Working in Chile was the most difficult month of my life," said Farrell.

"Those kids are just starved for attention," Farrell added.

Sanner also each spoke about many of their personal experiences in the Hogar.

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"Just say a prayer for this child." Farrell and Sanner both stressed the culture of violence that pervaded the early lives of the orphans.

Farrell recounted a story in which three brothers were brought to the orphanage after witnessing their mother murder their father.

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"Those kids are just starved for attention." He went on to describe the state of the orphanage, telling of rampant cases of head lice, fleas in the beds and no running water.

He also spoke of the "Domingo Primero," or First Sunday, when relatives come to visit.

Farrell told a story of how a mother of one of the children lived in the area, yet never once stopped in to see her child.

However, he went on to say that, "despite the emotional garbage, they are the happiest kids. You will feel blessed by your experience with them."

The lack of private and personal space and the few items of personal property surprised Sanner.

Upon meeting these disadvantaged children she "immediately felt enveloped by love."

She continued the sentiment by commenting that the kids she lived and worked with "live every moment. "They have nothing and give everything," she said.

Farrell emphasized that although you don't have to go to Chile to do good work, "It's our call to be blessings unto others."

"We can do this in an action as simple as a smile, or opening a door for someone... that's all we ask," Farrell added.
We, as a student body, are so blessed here at the University of Notre Dame. Now, through this new Student Union program we too have a chance to take what we have been given and make of ourselves a blessing unto others.

The Blessing Unto Others campaign was established with the goal of allowing the entire student body to come together each year and make a difference in the lives of our fellow human beings.

Although we already contribute in many other ways through various clubs, organizations and events, this program offers us as students the unique opportunity to do so as a community at weekend Masses.

The target for this year’s inaugural campaign is a pair of Holy Cross orphanages in Chile -- the Hogar Santa Cruz and the Hogar San Jose.

Collectively, these two homes form the family for over 100 children who have either lost their own families or suffered from abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

A portion of the funds raised will also go to help establish the Greatness Grant program, an endowment which will be used to provide grants for students seeking to do volunteer service work.

Please support the Blessing Unto Others campaign
Sunday, February 4 - Sunday, February 11
http://www.nd.edu/~b0thers
UCLA feminist scholar to visit Saint Mary’s

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Associate News Editor

Renowned feminist scholar and philosopher of science Sandra Harding will be welcomed by the Saint Mary’s community as its visiting scholar in residence beginning today.

Sponsored by the women’s studies, philosophy, chemistry, physics and biology departments as well as the Center for Academic Innovation, students and faculty from all disciplines have been looking forward to Harding’s visit, said Phyllis Kaminski, associate professor of religious studies and coordinator of the Women’s Studies department.

“One of the really exciting things about Sandra Harding’s visit is to see the broad range of faculty and students who have expressed interest in her visit,” said Kaminski.

Currently, Harding is a professor of education and women’s studies in the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA. She is also a faculty affiliate of the UCLA Center for the Study of Women.

Besides visiting women’s studies, philosophy and biology classes to interact with students, Harding will give a lecture tonight entitled “How Women in Science Benefit Science” at 7:30 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

She will also speak at a women’s studies colloquium entitled “Does Science Foster Democracy? Gender and Global Issues” at noon on Friday in Haggar Parlor. In addition, Harding will meet with chemistry majors on Friday.

Much of Harding’s work has examined how science benefits from women in the field and how it helps to advance the cause of women. Kaminski said Harding’s visit will help further the cooperation between various disciplines at Saint Mary’s.

“The [Harding’s] visit is part of an effort to broaden the understanding of women’s studies among the College community, especially to strengthen the links between science and women’s studies,” said Kaminski. “We’re very excited to have someone of her stature here.”

Among Harding’s books are “Decentering Epistemologies, Feminisms and Multiculturalisms, Feminisms and ‘Racial’ Economy of Science: Toward a Democratic Future (Race, Gender, and Science).”
Observer endorses Becker/McCord

The most effective student body president and vice president should attack both broad issues of student life and address the everyday concerns of students on campus. The ticket of Ryan Becker and Nikki McCord combines these two aspects most effectively and should be elected as the 2001-2002 student body president and vice president.

The bottom line is that Becker/McCord make sense. Through broad but ambitious plans, Becker/McCord are ready to tackle the issues that will affect the student body directly. More importantly, the ticket understands the role, capabilities and limitations of student government. You won’t find unrealistic plans like Grab ‘n Go in DeBartolo or an all-campus formal on this platform — instead, you’ll find plans that work.

Becker/McCord make sense throughout their student government careers. Becker is the senator who brought a bologna to LaFortune and used a bologna to “Get people thinking student government.” They have new ideas and an enthusiasm that moves beyond the tired and redundant platform ideas of competing “insider” tickets.

Proposing “The Shirt” for basketball, a shuttle to Movies 14 and lowering bookstore prices, Becker/McCord are in tune with the little differences that student government can make to change student life. And they’re not afraid to do it. “No one has ever tried,” Becker said. “Everyone has complained about it, everyone has moaned about it but no one has ever tried anything.”

But the little differences are just the springboard for the Becker/McCord campaign — they’re ready to attack the bigger issues as well. As experienced student senators, they have already built relationships with administrators and understand how to get things done. And their ideas are truly innovative. Becker/McCord hit both sides of the coin on the alcohol issue, offering more programming options for non-drinkers while revamping the SafeRide program. The plan for SafeRide is so practical and easy to implement it’s amazing that it has never been tried before. Planning to drive to social events like Turtle Creek, Lafayette and other off-campus party scenes, the proposed SafeRide program won’t just sit around and work to increase attendance at these events. Becker/McCord aren’t naive enough to think they can solve the problem overnight — but they show the courage to find new solutions to old problems.

The only weakness of the Becker/McCord ticket could be their ambition. Their 22-page platform addresses programs ranging from an intramural, on-campus baseball field to encouraging more free speech on campus. The greatest challenge they will face in their administration is prioritizing this daunting platform.

But with their experience, enthusiasm and new practical solutions to everyday problems, Becker/McCord are clearly the choice for Notre Dame on May 9.

You too can be a rock star

We all have different academic interests. Whether we study Arabic or Anthropology, English or Engineering, follow our intellectual calling or perfect ourselves to the College of Business (you know who you are), when it comes right down to it, we all want to be rock stars. Well, maybe not rock stars, but music stars.

We want to perform at the Super Bowl, trash hotel rooms, fade into obscurity and die alone. Why? Because everyone likes music and music stars feed our hunger for melody and rhythm. Actually get paid for doing it and get a little something ‘sumpsh’ on the side, you know. That’s- hm-saying? Well, now our dreams can come true. I’ve come across some want ads for the music industry, covering almost all genres. Keep reading to find the perfect job for your musical interest.

Career track #1: Rap Position: Auxiliary rapper for major rap star. Behind every Snoop Dogg or Jay Z, there are several guys who went to high school with him and now live in his guest house. You can be one of those guys. Shorty. Qualifications: Must be able to simultaneously wave in the air and shout “wah, wah, yeah.” May also on occasion need to repeat the last word of any phrase the rapper may speak. Does not need to stress words. Must be able to speak Arabic or Spanish. Makes sense to some of The Observer.

Career track #1: R&B Position: Singer/songwriter for new boy band. Think the pop world is saturated with effeminate performers? So do we, but luckily adolescent girls aren’t very bright.

Qualifications: Must be willing to stand in the back stage while one or two other members do the actual singing. Must have enough self-esteem to appear to be an actual musician when you know you are little more than a childhood Star Search reject. Talent optional. Those who can sing in more than one key need not apply.

Career track #2: Pop Position: Singer/dancer for new boy band. Think the pop world is saturated with effeminate performers? So do we, but luckily adolescent girls aren’t very bright.

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Instant aggravation
over messaging

Boston, Mass.

We need to have a serious discussion about Instant Messenger. The other day somebody named "Grant Myers" started talking to me while I was online. This was a problem because, first, as a general rule I don't talk to people who refer to themselves as "dog," and second, because he was using phrases like "heh," "lol," "ttyl," and "jk." In my opinion, if one-syllable words are too complicated for you to type, then you need to stop IMing and concentrate on more important skills — like shoe tying and swallowing. And if you are one of the few people who IM more than you talk to people, then you need to stop and think about your life and question whether or not you have a problem (if you IM more than you talk to people, then you need to buy a Rubik's cube and lock yourself in a bathroom stall).

People who use IM are separated into three primary groups:
1) People with too many friends
2) People with no friends
3) Big fat haity guys over 50 who claim to be cute little Middle Eastern dudes

Actually, the people with too many friends don't have nearly as many friends as they think. As a matter of fact, they don't have any friends. There's a simple equation that demonstrates this principle: Number of people in your buddy list equals the number of friends you don't have. The thing is, they don't even know they don't have anybody. When a person writes back and says, "I'm sorry, I can't talk now, the cat is on fire," what that person is really trying to say is "I have to leave alone, because I hate you." However, nobody ever catches on to those subtle hints (trust me, this one guy reported me to the ASPCA because my cat was so prone to spontaneous combustion when he IMed me).

Of course, people with no friends are even worse, because they are even more desperate to talk to somebody. I'm sure this has happened to you: you're online watching a hilarious video of a wombat mauling a tourist, when all of a sudden you get an IM from a person you've never heard of before, reading your profile and I also live in Boston. Of course, in reality this person lives nowhere near Boston, let alone North America (and no, I'm sure you'd be lucky if the person wasn't actually residing in an institution with the words "emotionally disabled" in the title). I got so sick of random people trying to talk to me that I changed my profile information to stuff I thought nobody would be interested in.

For example:
Name: maybe

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Age: donkeys
Location: shaft
Interests: drinking ketchup, looking at a wall, alphabet

Sadly, even more random people began IMing me, which is really scary because I never want to meet anyone who is interested in drinking ketchup (And if I really wanted to, I'd just hang out at Emeryville). However, if IM is a disease, then those little smiley faces made out of colons are horridly-monkey-spread-eur-blooding epidemic. Nobody really talks to me online; they just send me a stream of faces that are supposed to represent their response. Somebody has come up with these to represent these things, which makes me think to myself, "I sure would like to see someone who really knows how to key right up his cyber geek nose." But don't take my word for it — here is a conversation that I had with my IM friend:
ME: How are you?
IDIOT: Friend.
ME: How's school?
IDIOT: (no idea)
ME: How's your love life?
IDIOT: (no idea)
ME: Wow, you are an idiot.
IDIOT: (no idea)

I can't believe society has given you the tools of mass communication and all you can do is hit the colon key.

The answer is simple: Only you, Conor. Only you could have had such a profound and deep impact on fellow students and friends because you, above all else, lived in the spirit of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Instant aggravation

Letter to the Editor

Take a stand and sit in

We are writing to inform all interested persons that there will be a silent sit-in in Le Mans Hall beginning at noon this Friday, Feb. 9, to protect the censorship of the Vagina Monologues on Saint Mary's campus. We believe our silence will be a testament to the way in which certain students at Saint Mary's were and are being silenced.

We in no way are supporting or denouncing the Monologues, but instead are concerned only with the fact that a dramatic production has been censored. Opinions vary on the relevance of production, however a unifying theme emerges — our freedom of speech is being threatened. By refusing to allow the "Vagina Monologues" on our campus this year, the Administration has censored a dramatic production. When one form of artistic expression is muted, the path for further censorship is made smooth. All interested students, faculty and staff are invited.

Cara Frank
Le Mans Hall
Jackson Cooper
Regis Hall
February 7, 2001

Academic freedom
of students impaired

My disappointment with the response of Provost Nathan Hatch to the Faculty Senate's questions about the academic freedom of students has a very simple basis: Back in the "Mission Statement of the University of Notre Dame," and Article III, section 2 of the Academic Articles of this University (see "Faculty Handbook", 2000-2001) guarantee the academic freedom of the University's students.

Such guarantees appear nowhere in the luc, and the University's current practices in hearing complaints that student organizations have "construed the moral teaching of the Catholic Church" as a form of censorship of the principle that students come to Notre Dame to engage in Socratic questioning of the foundations of their religious belief. To suggest that such learning can go on only within the classroom is to suggest that such questioning is nothing but a sterile academic exercise.

The Provost reminded the Faculty Senate that opinion research indicates Notre Dame students value their residence life experiences at Notre Dame more highly than they value their academic experience. Rectors remind faculty that the Notre Dame Halls provide a haven in the heartless world of academic challenges. Undergraduate education at Notre Dame takes place in a house divided against itself. That's enough disappointment for one night.

Edward Manier

philosophy professor
February 7, 2001

All the best to you, Conor

Conor, since the day we, your fellow students, friends and participants of the Washington, D.C. Spring Semester Studies Program, met you we knew you were full of promise, compassion, knowledge and style. You are someone that everyone in the program wanted to know and share time with. We quickly found out that you were as optimistic, idealistic and passionate as your hero and idol Robert Kennedy. If fact, you are as apparent very early in our relationship that just like Bobby preached, you did not see things as they are and say "why?" You dreamed things that never were and said "why not?" Who else would on the first day of class make such an impression on his peers that they would sincerely believe he could be president of the United States some day, as you professed was your aspiration? Who else has the ability to raise the debate on the issues in and outside of the classroom in such a way that others felt inspired to literally take notes of what that person is saying? Who else has the ability to provoke feelings of pride and passion in his fellow students, just as you did when you played the part of a Civil War general attempting to rally his troops?

The answer is simple: Only you, Conor. Only you could have had such a profound and deep impact on fellow students and friends because you, above all else, lived in the spirit of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Kevin Dunn
Members of the '90 Washington, D.C. Spring Program
February 7, 2001
Scene Staff Report

Julia Roberts was a push-up bra, Adam Sandler’s “Little Nicky” bombarded, and Wolverine gave Cyclops the finger. So who wants to argue that it’s been a bad year for movies? From the personal and reflective “Traffic” to the action-packed, imaginative “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon,” 2000 brought audiences a spectrum of cinematic delight. In the following feature, Movie Scene critics Matt Nania, Casey K. McCluskey, Matt Caccamo, Jude Seymour, Chris Sikorski, Liam Dacey, John Donnelly, Jeff Irish and Bill Fusz give their nominations for the year’s best and brightest.

Best Picture

Ah, the most sought-after trophy in all of Hollywood. Come Feb. 13, Oscar will have narrowed down the competition to a group of five lucky films. While heavyweights such as “Gladiator” and “Traffic” are expected to receive nominations, the three remaining slots are up for grabs. Who deserves it most? According to Sikorski, Fusz and Nania, it’s the martial arts epic “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.” With its incredible and joyous fight sequences, emotional storyline and vast scope, “Tiger” transcended the medium at every turn. The film’s raw energy resulted in an emotional impact unlike any film offered all year.

Standing in striking contrast is Cameron Crowe’s autobiographical, rock ‘n roll coming-of-age story “Almost Famous,” a film more worthy of the crown, say critics McOuskey and Donnelly. An excellent film about, growing up in the world of 70s rock journalism, “Famous” was an absolute pleasure. It can be watched endlessly, which is perhaps a tribute to Crowe’s interesting adolescent journey.

“Boys,” the Michael Douglas-starring comic drama about a one-hit wonder author struggling to complete his second novel, is Dacey’s choice for Best Picture. Although it came out last winter, the scene critic still remembers laughing and feeling the effects of the film’s oddly poignant proceedings. Along with a great supporting cast, “Boys” was both captivating and compelling.

Caccamo and Irish agree with the majority of the nation’s critics in choosing “Traffic” as the year’s most relevant and controversial picture. Diving into the complex issue of drugs in America and its relation to the growing international drug trade, the film effectively questioned the nation’s "war on drugs" using a style and approach unique to Hollywood filmmaking.

But perhaps these guys have got it all wrong. Forget “Crouching Tiger’s” fight sequences and disregarded the sentimentalism of “Almost Famous.” The summer’s biggest surprise, the action-comedy “Chicken Run,” is the real winner, says Seymour. It took two years to complete. Each team worked a day to create 2.5 seconds of film. The teams were not only responsible for each object in the scene but also each character’s mouth movements. All the attention to detail and the great patience needed to complete such a project finally paid off in an engaging and charming story the whole family could enjoy.

Best Actor

Only contested year after year, the Best Actor category produced diverse nominations from Scene’s critics with the exception of McCluskey, who felt no performance deserved the title. While Caccamo and Irish praise Tom Hanks’ strong performance in the stranded-on-a-desert-island-drama “Cast Away,” Sikorski claims Goldie Hawn’s portrayal of sexual predator Marquita de Sade was the main success of “Quills.”

While Hanks single-handedly made his film moving and important, Ralph Fiennes had to play three roles in the historical and epic “Sunshine.” Finesses played each generation with a fascinating sense of originality, putting forth the best effort of the year, says Seymour.

Michael Douglas’ performance in “Wonder Boys,” though, is Dacey’s choice. Douglas’ portrayal of a struggling professor in the midst of a dark personal reflection was striking. Also, his interaction with co-star Tidby Maguire captured an interesting parallel between young and old.

Not only was “Crouching Tiger” Fusz’s pick for Best Picture, but he also feels it contained the year’s best performance. Chow Yun Fat’s superb martial arts talents combined with his restrained take on a legendary warrior contributed significantly to the film’s success. Perhaps the most underrated actor of the year, John Cusack, gave audiences a comedic and romantic tour-de-force in the musical-infused “High Fidelity.”

Donnelly says, because Cusack acts like an everyman in each role he plays, it was easy to empathize with his character’s heartbroken reflections on life and love.

Crowe’s underrated-ness can be matched by Billy Crudup’s namelessness. Appearing in three films in 2000, Crudup managed to catch critical attention in Crowe’s "Famous," but claims Nania, his brilliant performance in "Waking the Dead" was largely overlooked. In an emotional ghost story about one man’s obsession with his long-dead girlfriend, Crudup expertly conveyed the dynamic feelings of fear, pain and longing.

Best Actress

This category is infamous for consisting of at least three actresses from foreign efforts, a fact that some critics claim is the real winner, says Sikorski, Donnelly and Fusz. The critic still remembers laughing at the movie's most relevant and controversial picture. Delving into the controversy of the nation’s critics in choosing a winner, says Sikorski, “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.” With its incredible and joyous fight sequences, emotional storyline and vast scope, “Tiger” transcended the medium at every turn. The film’s raw energy resulted in an emotional impact unlike any film offered all year.

Another performance was also given props by more than one of Scene’s critics: Zhang Ziyi, for her portrayal of the headstrong, princess torn between love, duty and wanderlust in “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.” Taking her place as the year’s most original and Irish admire Ziyi’s mind-blowing combat abilities as well as her skilled dramatic range, which was essential to the film’s success. Similarly, Michelle Yeoh’s depiction of an older female warrior in “Tiger” won over Fusz to receive his nomination.

Lending credit to the theory that 2000 offered audiences many powerful roles, McCluskey is torn between Juliette Binoche’s lovely performance in the biographical “Chocolat” and Ellen Burstyn’s forceful turn as a drug-addicted mother in “Le Joan for a Dream.” Whereas Binoche added charm to the tale of a traditional town changed by a store’s sultry chocolate candies, Burstyn conveyed the dynamic feelings of fear, pain and longing.

"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" received several significant film honors. Macaulay Culkin was named Best Supporting Actor in the category.
The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will reveal its nominations for 2000’s Best Picture this Tuesday.

Director of "Troy," Danny DeVito as salesmen who have a tendency to discuss deep, philosophical questions. They sit and talk to each other late at night in an empty conference room at a hotel, reflecting on their lives. Is there a great sense of friendship shared by the two that is both realistic and powerful.

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Recruits still attracted to Irish for prestige, academics, athletics

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame may have missed out on top recruit Shaun Cody, but for many high school seniors, nothing could be better than the chance to come to Notre Dame. Cody considered the nation's top defensive player, chose to stay near home by picking Southern California over Notre Dame last year. But a slew of solid commitments by other highly touted recruits has Irish eyes smiling with their decisions to wear the blue and gold.

Offensive lineman Mark LeVoir, a 6-foot-7, 305-pounder from Eden Prairie, Minn., never really considered going anywhere else. The first-team USA Today All-American considered playing for the blue and gold.

"I wasn't a real tough decision at all," said LeVoir, the first verbal commitment of the Class of 2005. "Basically everyone around him, from the academics to the football team, it was a Catholic school and a smaller school. I always knew I wanted to go there."

LeVoir ignored the swarms of recruiters knocking on his door from powerhouse schools like Florida, Florida State, Miami, Nebraska, Penn State and Texas. He was already playing for his favorite team.

Considered the top signee in this year's class, LeVoir will have that chance come August.

Defensive lineman Brian Beidatsch backed out of a verbal commitment to Illinois when Notre Dame dangled a scholarship offer in front of him.

"I got the mix of education and the football program was a better fit for myself," Beidatsch said. "The scholarship presented itself a little bit later."

The Milwaukee native didn't even make his official visit to Notre Dame until a week ago, but he was already bleeding blue and gold.

 Tradition, family and academics. Common chores for recruits were sold.

Offensive lineman Dan Stevenson said, "The education I'm going to get is going to be outstanding. I like how the coaches make you graduate in four years."

Stevenson, who weighs 275 pounds and measures 6-5, had originally committed to Nebraska but the visit to Notre Dame convinced him to head West. He even native quickly changed his mind. "I would have been lost and knew it was the place for me," said Stevenson, a Parade All-American whose father played for the Detroit Lions.

Nothing could deter running back/linebacker Album Powers-Neal from inking with the Irish even if he never even visited the Notre Dame-Nebraska game. Although Nebraska was one of the five schools Powers-Neal made an official visit to, seeing the 'Huskers defeat the Irish in overtime wasn't enough to get him wearing red.

The coaches (at Notre Dame) were great. The players were great," said Powers-Neal, who also visited in early December for the football banquet. "It was probably my top school."

The 6-1, 210-pounder may follow in the footsteps of current players Tony Driver and David Givens by moving around the field. Playing for St. Paul, Minnesota's Creighton Prep High, Hails Powers-Neal spent time at running back, linebacker, corner back and safety, even playing a bit of wide receiver.

"Whatever gets me on the field the fastest," said Powers-Neal, who also advanced to the state finals in track in the 400-meter relay.

The academics-minded player hopes to major in mechanical engineering. On the field, Powers-Neal's high school team won the Class 5A state championship as a junior before losing to future Irish teammate Mark LeVoir's school in the state title game as a senior.

For other players, the choice wasn't quite so glow-in-the-dark.

Carey Mays, a linebacker at Chicago's Pear Park High School, followed Notre Dame as a youngster. But as he grew up, he turned away from the Big Ten. The USA Today second-team All-American has come full circle.

"I like Notre Dame when I was a kid, but I kind of got away from them," Mays said. "In the recruiting process, I was probably back with them. It was just a gut feeling."

While some critics say tough admissions standards shred Notre Dame's prospects, the commitment to academics helped bring Mays into the fold.

"First and foremost, I want to graduate with a degree," Mays said. "You make a name for yourself on the field and off."

With a 4.4 high school GPA on a 4.0 scale thanks to advanced courses in the classroom, and on the football field, Mays has the tools to get the job done. The sprint star, who ran a 23 second flat 200-meter dash as a junior, also has the work ethic.

"Florida corner back with Irish football coaches. I like how the coach's atmosphere and I liked my visit a lot," Mays said.

Each time I do better, I just want to come in right away and compete for a starting spot."

The last ace-in-the-bag for Notre Dame is likely to be Texas' Aldo De La Garza.

For other players, the choice wasn't quite so glow-in-the-dark.

"I took my visit there, and knew it was my school," said Powers-Neal, who also hadumanath@msn.com

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Tom Lemmings' Top 25 National Recruits

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2. QB Brodie Coyle 6-4/200 Alabama
3. RB Kevin Jones 6-1/215 Virginia Tech
4. WR Reggie Williams 6-4/215 Washington
5. DL Shaun Cody 6-5/240 USC
6. RB Eric Shelton 6-2/230 Florida State
7. QB D.J. Shockley 6-2/190 Georgia
8. WR Roscoe Crosby 6-3/197 Clemson
9. DL Antiai Hawthorne 6-4/308 Wisconsin
10. RB Jabari Davis 6-0/230 Tennessee
11. LB Leon Williams 6-3/230 Miami
12. DB Marquise Hill 6-7/290 LSU
13. QB Cecil Howard 6-3/190 Syracuse
14. RB Carnell Williams 6-0/190 Auburn
15. QB Adrian McPherson 6-4/180 Florida State
16. DL George Gause 6-5/235 South Carolina
17. DL Pat Massey 6-6/240 Michigan
18. RB De'Anrius Howard 6-0/220 Arkansas
19. RB Marlin Jackson 6-1/165 Michigan
20. OL Ben Wilkerson 6-4/265 LSU
21. QB Derek Anderson 6-6/225 Oregon State
22. RB Damien Nash 5-11/180 Missouri
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I need sleep. I need sleep. I need sleep.

Casie, thank you. I don't think I've had a good night. But I'm just going to keep on trucking and I'm doing great."

Breaking a leg, C. Scott

Thank you.

Hello everybody, my name is Beth Davis.

Yay to my roommates, Kate and Lauren who are going all over the world and a special thanks to one of the best co-workers I've had in the last year. I am going to be in Lubbock, TX on November 4th, 2001.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's unable to hold on to first-half lead for win

By KATIE MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

They came for the shirts, but stayed for the game. A BOG promotion offering free T-shirts to fans attending Wednesday night's Saint Mary's basketball game brought fans to Angela Athletic Facility, but it was phenomenal first-half play during a 62-46 loss to Hope that kept fans at the game.

The Belles, who have been without a complete team since early January, returned all of their players to the court. They led halfway through the first half by as much as six, and only trailed Hope by six at the half.

"We looked like a team," head coach Suzanne Smith said of first half play. "We really played together."

Saint Mary's Fighting Irish put in a stellar first-half performance before falling 62-46.

"We were trying to match up with them," Smith said. "It gave us some different opportunities to play people."

The Belles have had some recent trouble getting inside on offense during Saint Mary's 62-46 loss to Hope. Saint Mary's put in a stellar first-half performance before falling 62-46.

"As a team, the Belles have had some recent trouble getting inside on offense. Wednesday that was not the case."

Boys' basketball, like the Belles, have had some recent trouble getting inside on offense during Saint Mary's 62-46 loss to Hope.

Saint Mary's will take on Olivet on Saturday at home.

"They picked up their defense," Smith said. "Their zone really left us standing there."

Even though the Belles lost, Smith is hoping the first half play will encourage her team.

"This is definitely a boost," she said. "We're really excited for who's left on our schedule."
**student union HAPPENINGS**

**02.08.01-02.11.01**

Talk: PE Music Co. Play - Guys and Dolls
2/08-2/10. Thurs.-Sat. Washington Hall 7:30PM.
**Acousticafe**
2/06. Thursday. LaFortune 09:00PM&12:00AM.

Autumn in New York and The Legend of Baggar Vance
2/08-2/10. Thurs.-Sat. DeBartolo 101/155 10:30PM/08:00PM&10:30PM

Talk: How the priest became a political scientist in Chile? Fr. Tim Scully
2/06. Thursday. Montgomery Theater 08:00PM.

Benefit Music Festival: Intuitive Rain and the Dunn Brothers
2/09. Friday. Library Auditorium 08:00PM.

Men's Hockey vs. BG
2/09. Friday. JACC 07:00PM.

Dancer in the Dark
2/09-2/10. Fri.-Sat. Snite 07:30PM&09:45PM.

Sophomore Literary Festival
2/09-2/11. Fri.-Sun. LaFortune Ballroom 08:00PM-10:00PM.

Women's Tennis vs. Virginia Tech
2/09. Friday. Eck Tennis Pavilion 04:00PM.

Men's Tennis vs. Duke
2/10. Saturday. Eck Tennis Pavilion 11:00AM.

Benefit Music Festival: Danielle rose and the Dunn Brothers
2/10. Saturday. Library Auditorium 07:00PM.

Friday Night at Blak Koffee House
2/10. Saturday. Rolfs Sports Center 01:00PM.

Men's Hockey vs. BG
2/10. Saturday. JACC 07:00PM.

Matthew West in Concert-Free $2.00 coupons to first 100 students
2/10. Saturday. Reckers 01:00PM.

Campuswide Collection
2/10-2/11. Saturday. Basilica/Hall Masses 08:00AM-10:00AM.

Free mock MCAT and LSAT tests-Kaplan 219-272-4135 or 1-800-Kaptests to sign up.
2/10. Saturday. DeBartolo 101/103 09:00AM.

NAACP Formal
2/10. Saturday. LaFortune Ballroom 09:00PM-01:30AM.

Pangborn Formal; Keough White Wedding; Carroll Dance; Siegfried Formal
2/10-2/11. Saturday. JACC 12:00PM-06:00PM.

Dillon Iron Classic
2/11. Sunday. JACC 12:00PM-06:00PM.

Spanish Mass
2/11. Sunday. Zahn Hall Chapel 01:30PM.

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ND Men's Tennis vs. Iowa
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French Film Festival: La Parinoire
2/11. Sunday. Annenburgh Aud. 02:00PM.

Goshen College Chamber Choir & Orchestra concert
2/11. Sunday. Basilica 08:00PM-10:00PM.

**02.12.01-02.19.01**

Student Body President/Vice-President Election (primary)
Gilda 2/12. Monday.

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Sophomore Literary Festival
2/12-2/14. Mon.-Wed. LaFortune Ballroom 08:00PM-10:00AM.

The Ginkgo Tree Bed-International Film Festival (Korea)
2/13. Tuesday. Montgomery Theater 07:00PM&09:00PM.

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Campus Interfaith Bible Study
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Student Body President/Vice-President Election (run-offs)
2/15. Thursday.

JPW

Acousticafe
2/15. Thursday. LaFortune Huddle 09:00PM-12:00AM.

Swedish Radio Orchestra; Verdi's Requiem
2/15. Thursday. O'Laughlin Aud. 08:00PM.

Girlfight and The Sixth Day
2/15-2/17. Thursday.-Saturday. DeBartolo 101/155 10:30PM/08:00PM&10:30PM

The Eyes of Tommy Faye Baker
2/16-2/17. Fri.-Sat. Snite 07:30PM&09:45PM.

SMC Presents: Dancers' Palette
2/16-2/17. Fri-.Sat. Little Theater 08:00PM.

Notre Dame Jazz Bands
2/17. Saturday. Washington Hall 02:30PM.

JPW Mass
2/17. Saturday. JACC 05:30PM.

Spanish Mass
2/18. Sunday. Zahn Hall Chapel 01:30PM.

Raging Bull

Open Swing Dance LaFortune Ballroom

**also in FEBRUARY**

Antonia Castenada Lecture: McKenna 112/114
*“Lullabies, History, and Memory” 04:15PM

Lecture by Prof. Michael Finnane of U of Chicago
*“Suffering and Salvation of God in Jewish Theology” McKenna Hall 08:00PM

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Bengal Bouts

Feb 23
Sorin Formal; Badin Dance; Howard Dance

Feb 24
Dillon Dance

Mar. 2
Knott Hall Dance

Mar. 3
Stanford, Lewis Dances

Mar. 24
Morrissey Dance

Mar. 31
Sophomore Class Ball

April 7
Alumni Wake, Lewis Crush

April 20
Sorin Dance

April 21
Walsh Formal

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Hassle-free campus driving and other little-known perks of the Campus Ministry internship

Not just a “fifth year” at ND

By Amy Seamon

When I began the Campus Ministry Internship last August I kept thinking of this chance as my “fifth year.” I still have friends who are Seniors, I have my connection at my favorite local pub having been the manager last year, and the fact that this isn’t a 9-5 job sounded great to someone who hasn’t been a morning person all of her life. When in reality, a couple of months after having been in the position, I realized very quickly how different this year was going to be for me. A number of my best friends are not here with me, I don’t always feel like it is appropriate as a member of the staff to visit my favorite local establishments, and this isn’t a 9-5 job, it’s a lifestyle I have chosen.

The University of Notre Dame has given me so much in the past four and a half years of my life. I am blessed with friends who will indeed last a lifetime, knowledge that will hopefully benefit me as a teacher in the classroom someday, but most importantly, this University provides me with a faith that is so strong, yet challenged everyday.

I have the unique opportunity to work in Campus Ministry for a year and hopefully give back to this community at least some of the love, generosity, and powerful witness of Christian living it has shown to me. I received my teaching certification the day I graduated. How easy it could have been for me to dig right into the responsibilities of an English teacher. I wasn’t ready for those responsibilities. I wanted this year to help me realize that it’s not simply a post-graduate year of service I want to accomplish, but rather, a life of service. This year is helping me to challenge, grow, and learn from my faith. I know I will teach someday, but I will be a better teacher, woman, friend, and Christian because of this year of service and the lifestyle it is helping me to live.

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As the application process proceeded, I began spending more time at Campus Ministry, meeting the people who worked there. The more I looked into the internship program, the more interested I became. I saw all the good works the people of Campus Ministry were doing on a daily basis, dedicating their lives to the moral and faith development of others. I realized that even though the internship isn’t an established service program, it afforded me the chance to give something back to the Notre Dame community while furthering my own faith and moral integrity. So when I was offered the position, I accepted, and I haven’t once regretted it.

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This year gives me the opportunity to help and encourage others to grow in their faith, develop a better understanding of what that means to them on a personal level, and learn more about what it is to be Catholic. I have a chance to play a direct role in bringing people into the Catholic faith through RCIA. I work directly with Emmaus to encourage students to share their faith with one another. Some of the greatest experiences of my undergraduate years were on retreats such as NDE and Senior Retreat, and now I get to work directly with them from the other side, hopefully making those experiences as enriching for others as they were for me.

Everyday my faith is strengthened and grows because of the work I do and the people I meet through Campus Ministry.

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without two injured starters — stay in the game with the most heralded team in women's basket-
ball in recent weeks.
"I think the only place Notre Dame hurt us in my opinion is on the boards," Waite said. "I thought we played pretty tough defense and we got great shots."
With all the attention the Irish have been getting as the No. 1 team as of late, it is becoming increasingly difficult to avoid overconfidence. Rather than display the anxiousness to go out on the court and dominate for 40 minutes as they did in early-season games against the likes of Arizona, North Carolina and Fordham, the Irish appear to be wading through the remaining games before hitting the postseason.
"We got up big, we just expect that teams are going to quit this season," McGraw said, observing how Pittsburgh never slacked off. "They're still fighting out there trying to make it close."
Following the press conference, parents and children seeking autographs and offering congratulatory words swarmed McGraw and the Irish players. While such behavior is to be appreciated, it lessens the impact of a game in which the Irish played like anything but a No. 1 team.
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The Faces Of Holy Cross

Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C

Awarded Congressional Gold Medal
July 13, 2000

"I want nothing else, have never wanted anything else, have never been anything else but a priest."

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GREG NORMAN HOLDEN INTERNATIONAL
Garcia takes lead midway in competition

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia Sergio Garcia shot a 9-under-par 64 on Thursday to take the lead midway through the first round of the Greg Norman Holden International. The 21-year-old Spanish star, winless since the 1999 German Masters, had nine birdies in the bogey-free round on The Lakes course. He shot a 5-under 32 on the front nine, his first nine holes, and closed with a 4-under 32 on the front nine.

"It was a great round. I felt great," Garcia said. "I started hitting the ball really good and started making some nice birdies at the beginning and it just kept on going for the whole round." He holed 15-foot birdie putts on Nos. 12 and 15, added a 20-footer on No. 5 and made a 25-footer on No. 8 to reach 9 under.

"It's important to start with a round like this, to be up there," Garcia said. "Hopefully, I'll have a couple more good rounds and I'll be on the top on Sunday."

Sweden's Pierre Fulke, the runner-up in the Match Play Championship last month in Melbourne, opened with a 65.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
at a WORLD-CLASS/GOVERNMENT RESEARCH FACILITY

The Environmental Research Institute, a joint activity of Notre Dame and Argonne National Laboratory, in collaboration with the Center for Environmental Science and Technology (CEST), will award up to 2 summer internships at Argonne National Laboratory for 2001 with a follow-up research appointment on campus in the Fall.

Stipend, room and board are provided for the 10-week program at Argonne.

Student applicants should have research interests in an environmentally-related discipline (any field of study) concerned with or likely to contribute to the understanding, assessment, or improvement of the environment.

Applications must be US citizens or permanent residents, enrolled at Notre Dame, have completed their Junior Year by May 2001, and be registered to return in the Fall of 2001.

For more details, contact Donna Fecher in the Center for Environmental Science and Technology: 152A Fitzpatrick Hall, 631-8376.

Applicants will be required to complete an application.

Deadline is February 23, 2001.
Carlos Campbell
Wide Receiver
6-1, 190
Hampton, Va.

“He’s a four-star play-
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Noteworthy: Two-way starter who earned all-state honors in Va. as defensive back in 2000 and as receiver in 1999... played quarterback as senior in 2000

Zachary Giles
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6-4, 285
Marshfield, Mass.

“He’d wind up probably playing offensive guard in college.
The No. 1 player in Massachusetts.”
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Noteworthy: Parade prep All-American... had 73 tackles, nine sacks, six tackles for loss, two caused fumbles and a fumble recovery as junior defensive lineman in 1999

Darin Mitchell
Offensive Line
6-4, 285
Jonesboro, Ga.

“Not recruited by a lot of the major schools around the Atlanta area but Notre Dame sees a lot of potential.”
Tom Lemming
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Noteworthy: First-team selection on Atlanta Journal-Constitution Georgia ClassAAAA all-state team... also played linebacker on defense... plays basketball as well

Owen O’Leary
Offensive Line
6-5, 300
Barrington, Ill.

“He was heavily recruited and was offered (a scholarship) by just about every school in the nation. He’ll wind up playing tackle or guard in college...”
Tom Lemming
Recruiting analyst

Noteworthy: Parade prep All-American... rated 95th on Chicago Sun-Times list of top 100 prospects nationally... father Mark played for Detroit Lions as center/guard in 1983.
Brian Beidatsch  
Defensive Line  
6-4, 265  
Milwaukee, Wis.  
"He played defensive end but they're probably looking at him as a defensive tackle. He's got good quickness."

Tom Lemming  
Recruiting Analyst

Notes: Made more than 100 tackles and 15 sacks as a senior. Wisconsin all-state pick who was a two-year, two-way starter at defensive end and offensive guard.

Lionel Bolen  
Cornerback  
6-1, 185  
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Notes: Two-way starter at cornerback and as option quarterback as senior. Made 50 tackles and intercepted four passes on defense.

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Corey Mays  
Linebacker  
6-1, 234  
Chicago, Illinois

Notes: A second-team USA TODAY high school All-American selection. The first Chicago Public League player to play for Notre Dame since Chris Zorich. Recorded 144 tackles and five sacks and rushed for 179 yards as a senior. Had a 4.2 grade-point average in high school. Ranked 54th on the Chicago Sun-Times list of national prospects. Went to Notre Dame's football camp last summer.

DETERMINED BALLPLAYER.

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DEFENSIVE PLAYER TO WATCH

DEADLY BALLPLAYER.

Rashon Powers-Neal  
Linebacker  
6-3, 215  
St. Paul, Minn.  
"He's a very determined ballplayer. Once he puts on more weight he could be a real good defensive player."

Tom Lemming  
Recruiting Analyst

Notes: Rushed for nearly 2000 yards as senior... brother Leon Neal played two years as tailback with Indianapolis Colts in 1996-1997.

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Notre Dame adds speed with class of 2005 recruits

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

After glancing over the 19 players who signed national letters of intent for the Irish last Wednesday, Notre Dame next year, one thing is clear. The Irish just got a lot faster.

Last year, the Irish landed four quartermbacks and numerous physical wide receivers. They recruited 10 position players on offense and exactly zero offensive linemen. Defensively, Notre Dame was very big and very physical, but nobody in the Class of 2004 was particularly fast.

Davie was looking to recruit a core group of offensive linemen and several speedy defensive backs and wide receivers, and that's exactly what he ended up doing.

"I don't think you look at just one recruiting class. It kind of goes in pairs," Davie said. "But the Irish coaches were excited because they had the combination of speed in the secondary and a talent-loaded group of offensive linemen. After not signing a single offensive lineman last year, the Irish pulled in five linemen, three of whom are ranked among the top 25 in the nation according to ESPN/USA Today's Tom Lemming.

"All the top defensive linemen are very athletic," Davie said. "Mark LeVoir heads the list of the talented linemen.

"He is a giant," Davie said of the 310-pound Minnesota native. "But he has some unique skills as well.

"LeVoir is a first team USA Today All-American selection and is ranked No. 46 on the CNN.com list of national prospects. The Irish coaching staff is looking at playing LeVoir at either tight end on the offensive line."

Massachusetts native Zachary Giles is just as good as LeVoir. Giles was named to the USA Today All-American second team and joined LeVoir on the Parade All-American team. The offensive lineman was also named the player of the year in Massachusetts.

In addition to LeVoir and Giles, Notre Dame also signed highly recruited linemen Jonathan Mitchell, Matt Root and Dan Stevenson.

Aldo De La Garza, who had verbally committed to the Irish in August, did not sign with the Irish on Wednesday as expected.

"He is still going to sign with Notre Dame, but he did not sign Wednesday," De La Garza's high school coach Dick Rhoades told Rivals.com. "There are some academic things he still needs to clear up with the coaching staff. Getting into Notre Dame isn't easy, according to the criteria, he will sign.

"Thanks to recruiting in talented offensive line recruits, the Irish coaching staff's focus was clearly on getting faster, and this is reflected in the quick players Notre Dame landed.

"I think the thing that jumps out at you is the speed," Davie said. "After the Fiesta Bowl, the big question was 'Do we have enough speed?' It's clear that the strength of this class is the linebackers."

Brandon Hoyte, Corey Mays, Bashon Powers-Neal and Justin Tuck all committed to Notre Dame on Wednesday.

"I doubt that we've had a better group of linebackers than we've got in this class," Davie said. "In particular, he needs the linebackers, because of its strong academic reputation.

"The Georgia native had nine interceptions his senior year of high school and runs a 4.49-yard dash.

"Although Davie didn't want to sign many defensive players, he was satisfied with Jeff Thompson and Brandon Weigel at the cornerback position. A Granger, Ind. native, was the second verbally to verbally commit to Notre Dame in June. Beldutsch actually committed to Illinois, but the Irish coaches were impressed by his performance at the camp that they managed to woo him to Notre Dame."

"I think it meshes well together."

At a press conference Wednesday afternoon, Davie formally announced the 19 players who signed national letters of intent. The Irish landed a combination of speed in the secondary and a talent-loaded group of offensive linemen. After not signing a single offensive lineman last year, the Irish pulled in five linemen, three of whom are ranked among the top 25 in the nation according to ESPN/USA Today's Tom Lemming.

"The biggest addition to the Irish roster are the three defensive backs, headed by Lionel Barten, Recruiting analysts across the nation expected Barten to commit to Virginia Tech. But the black choice Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision. Barten is from the same New Jersey high school as current Notre Dame in a last-minute decision.

"Yesterday is an important day, but not nearly as important as in a year when we see how productive these players are," he said. "Only time will tell how good this class is."
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**State of the Union**

- Allergens: dust mites, cat and dog dander, mold, cockroaches, grass, peanut, tree pollen
- Unpleasant: gassy food, raging舸, morning breath, bad breath, bad breath, bad breath
- History: people have been sick for ages;
- Gently: for some people, this can be a serious health issue.

**Fox Trot**

**What Are You Doing?**

- The Lord of the Rings: movie trailer frame by frame, MD Pixel by Pixel
- Fox Trot
- Photo
- Wine order

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- I’m Going to Be Ill...

**Things Could Be Worse**

- Happy Birthday: This is a year of change. The more laid-back and easygoing, the better the results. Adaptability will be the key to your success. This is a year not to worry but to take a chance and follow your instincts. It’s up to you to be flexible and to accept opportunities when they come your way. You won’t need to be left behind. Your number will be 23, 17, 29, 31, 43, 45.

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**Gemini**

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**Virgo**

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Football

Irish rank among top 15 in recruiting, not during season

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Great Debate continues.
In the past few years, conversation on signing day has centered on why the Irish always rank among the top 15 schools in recruiting but then rarely crack the same ranking in the Associated Press and USA TODAY/ESPN polls. There are three basic schools of thought: either Notre Dame’s coaches have struggled in maximizing their talent, the supposedly top talent is overrated or a combination of the aforementioned reasons.

The argument arose once again after the Fiesta Bowl, when Oregon State, a team that has never ranked high in the recruiting rankings, dominated Notre Dame. You tell me how Oregon State can beat you (Notre Dame) by 40 (actually 31) points in a bowl game?, recruiting analyst Max Emfinger said on Tuesday. I can’t understand it. They (Oregon State) don’t have anybody that I’ve ever heard of. Oregon State has nobody. And Notre Dame has All-Americans at every position. It’s hard to understand.

Although he did not intend it, Emfinger’s statement proves the unreliability of the experts’ rankings. Obviously, the Beavers had some talent. But because their roster was not full of high school All-Americans, many believed they overachieved.

On the other hand, Notre Dame’s coaching staff has been constantly criticized for not correctly utilizing and developing their superior recruiting classes. The Irish signed 19 high school seniors on Wednesday, all of whom have impressive resumes and good reputations. But Max, like all the players (tight end Mark LeVoir, offensive lineman Zach Giles, offensive lineman Dan Stevenson, and linebacker Corey Mays) were named to either the Parade or USA TODAY All-American squads.

And LeVoir, Giles and receiver Carlos Campbell ranked among recruiting analysts Tom Lemming’s top 100 national prospects.

But even Irish coach Bob Davie admitted that the current predictions have little significance. "We’ve all been through this before," Davie said. "None of us know exactly what we have, if we’re honest. I always refer to it like having that Christmas present. You’ve got that thing wrapped and you think it’s pretty good. But we won’t know until August and it’ll probably be a long time after that until we know for sure. There’s just so many things that have to happen for a player to be productive.”

During his four years as head coach, Davie has seen certain players surpass their high school reputations while observing others who have struggled adjusting to the faster, more physical college game.

The 1998 recruiting class included a trio of disappointments: Clifford Jefferson was considered one of the nation’s best centerbacks and was named a first-team USA TODAY All-American. Three years later, Jefferson is arguably the best player on the Irish defense.

Laine Selwyn ran circles around the Irish defense, finishing with 32 points, 13 points above his season average. Offensively, the Irish struggled to find a rhythm the entire night. After setting a school record for fewest turnovers in a game at Boston College on Saturday, the Irish handed Pittsburgh the ball 18 times.

Point guard Neil benignly suffered a floor burn early in the game, and sustained a deep thigh bruise in the second half. I thought that mentally she had a lot of breakdowns out there," McGraw said.

The couple that successfully ran across the court held together or only by the apple that was in each of their mouths proved to have a better grasp than the Irish offense.

After turning the ball over an all-time low nine times against Boston College on Saturday, the Irish matched that total in the first half. Power forward Kelley Siemon committed three of those first-half miscues.

Siemon expects more of a home court advantage than the Irish have displayed since upsetting No. 1 Connecticut.

"I think we should have the kind of edge where the players should come in here and not even be able to score 50," Siemon said. "I think if we played tomorrow we’d kill a team by 70. That’s how mad I feel.

Pitt coach Traci Winters observed her team — playing

Women’s Basketball

Fired up Panthers hang with Irish

By LIA GARCIA MILHOAN
Sports Writer

The Pittsburgh Panthers lived up to their motto 40 minutes of fire on Wednesday night, refusing to give up as the No. 1 Irish prevailed 72-58.

When Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw was asked how her team was handling their first-half performance before falling 62-46 to Hope.

"Overall I’m just really disappointed — we have to fix it," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw, showing obvious disappointment. "We’re just waiting for somebody to come beat us, the way that we’re playing right now.

The Catholic middle school cheerleaders that helped out on Saturday showed more interest in the game than the players wearing the gold uniforms.

If think that we played with a little bit of a lack of interest at times — especially defensively," said McGraw. Time and time again Pittsburgh point guard

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Track and Field at Cannon IV Indianapolis Friday, 5:30 p.m.

vs. Bowling Green Friday, 7:05 p.m.

at West Virginia Sunday, 2 p.m.

vs. Virginia Tech Friday, 4 p.m.

vs. Duke Saturday, noon

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Wednesday afternoon, four junior girls sat in LaFortune at a table near Burger King. They had pens in hand; notebooks and papers scattered all around, and were working on a group project for their Air Force ROTC class. Just upstairs, on the second floor, the student government office was also busy. The secretary was on the phone. The student government office is often ineffective because of the University's administration. "Their personality doesn't seem to matter because they can't do much," Malloy said. "They have to follow what the administration is telling them to do. Their jobs seem to have minimal impact, they could be chimp and it wouldn't matter."

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Junior Marc Nuno said he isn't concentrating on issues such as parietals, food or football tickets, but the dedication of the candidates. "I don't want some who will start strong and end up squeaking through at the end," Nuno said. "I'd rather have someone with a few good ideas who will do everything in their power to get those things done."

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Nearly every student interviewed said they want a student body president who is easily approachable and will listen to concerns. "They have to be open to what students want," Senior Emmett Malloy said despite the personality traits of a student body president or vice president, student government is often ineffective because of the University's administration. "Their personality doesn't seem to matter because they can't do much," Malloy said. "They have to follow what the administration is telling them to do. Their jobs seem to have minimal impact, they could be chimp and it wouldn't matter."

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Demetra Smith  
President

Yesgeld Andre  
Vice President

In Their Words

- **Top Priority:** Calling for a new and increased financial aid plan, the ticket’s “Investing in Minds” program aims to offer scholarships to students based on demonstrated leadership and service activity. By granting funds to these students, the ticket hopes to allow them to focus on social action and leadership development.
- **What They Can Accomplish First:** Smith and Andre are confident that they can turn the pilot “Dinner With Seven Strangers” program into a popular campus-wide event quickly after taking office. The MSPS-sponsored program brings seven diverse people together to cook dinner and discuss issues. The ticket plans to promote the event and convince students it is a worthwhile experience.

In Our Words

- **Best Idea:** To ensure a living wage for University employees. An ambitious goal, the ticket plans to work with the C.L.C. administration and outside social groups to determine what a living wage is for South Bend and how the University can meet that wage for all employees.
- **Worst Idea:** The ticket has no bad ideas, as all plans aim to improve social justice causes in and around campus. Lack of feasibility and idealism will prove to make many ideas unsuccessful in the time period provided.
- **Most Feasible Idea:** Monthly Community Hot Topics Forums designed to create organized dialogues about current campus issues should be fairly easy to get up and running.
- **Least Feasible Idea:** It is unlikely that efforts to reduce text book prices and revise the current book buy back policy by negotiating with multi-million-dollar Follett will be successful.
- **Fun Fact:** Both juniors, Smith and Andre met last year while studying abroad in Angers, France.
- **Notable Quote:** if we tell the administration we’re only capable of handling a certain type of issue, that’s all we’re going to get,” said Smith.

The Bottom Line

The Smith/Andre ticket should be commended for tackling many lofty social justice issues, but its limited time in office might preclude them from accomplishing many goals on their platform. The ticket has failed to demonstrate a focus on issues of broader appeal to students, such as football ticket distribution.

Brooke Norton  
President

In Their Words

- **Top priority:** Based upon door-to-door surveys, Norton and Moscona set cable in dorm rooms as their primary long-term initiative. They say cable would provide students with a plethora of entertainment options and eventually educational opportunities through student produced television shows.
- **What they can accomplish first:** The ticket believes their first initiative will be the creation of a Student Services Center on campus to organize life skills seminars, which they term Life 101: Seminars for the Real World. The seminars would address topics like self defense, car maintenance, communication in relationships and cooking.

In Our Words

- **Best Idea:** Taking baby steps toward most students’ dream come true, the Norton/Moscona ticket offers further research into 1 a.m. parietals. Although alterations of duLac seem unlikely, the effort is worthwhile.
- **Worst Idea:** Surrounding the campus lakes, would be simple to implement and could yield immediate results.
- **Least Feasible Idea:** Diversity events has good intentions, but finding a qualified artist, the necessary funds and University approval for the controversial concert could prove too difficult a task.
- **Fun Fact:** The two met when Norton served as freshman class council liaison, a position Moscona now holds.
- **Notable Quote:** “My personality is strong behind the scenes,” said Norton. “I’ve been a grounding force in the current administration and... I’m ready for the challenge.”

The Bottom Line

Norton and Moscona have an ambitious agenda, but seem unable to prioritize their initiatives. While Norton has the experience and skills for the Office of the President, both Norton and Moscona have difficulty articulating their goals.

Brian Moscona  
Vice President

In Their Words

- **Top priority:** With a concern about the bureaucratic nature of the current configuration of student government, Zimmerman/Nelson want to eliminate the Student Senate and make Hall Presidents’ Council the central governing body on campus.
- **What they can accomplish first:** By increasing the number of all-campus Masses from one to four during the academic year, the ticket aims to “foster a spirit of religion at Notre Dame.”

In Our Words

- **Best Idea:** Increasing the number of all-campus Masses from one to four, including one at the beginning and end of each semester, is a politically popular and attainable goal.
- **Worst Idea:** The Campus Life Council is at a critical juncture in its existence, and a responsible administration should be able to effectively tap the power that this body wields. Instead, Zimmerman/Nelson want to scrap the current configuration of student government all together. Streamlining the government is a great idea, but any such efforts should seek to streamline to where the greatest power lies.
- **Most Feasible Idea:** Increasing all-campus Masses might not be ambitious, but it’s a nice community-building exercise. Because Notre Dame prides itself on its faith community, this idea should meet with little opposition from administrators or students.
- **Least Feasible Idea:** Lobbying for the same average GPA among all colleges is not only implausible, but ill-informed. Asking colleges to adjust academic requirements and standards to level GPAs compromises the academic integrity of the University and students’ degrees.
- **Fun Fact:** The two are roommates in Fisher Hall, where Zimmerman serves as a section representative.
- **Notable Quote:** “They basically have to vote to eliminate themselves,” said Nelson about the Senate’s role in the ticket’s restructuring plan.

The Bottom Line

The pair says they have spoken to five or six senators regarding their plans to restructure student government and reports that senators are open to discussion. Let’s get real — few people are going to vote to put themselves out of a job. These guys need to learn to work within the system.

Chris Zimmerman  
President

Andy Nelson  
Vice President
Thursday, February 8, 2001
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In Their Words

* Top Priority: The ticket wants to enhance the overall student experience at Notre Dame by bringing an off-campus atmosphere to campus. They propose to do this by adding an eight-lane bowling alley and sports bar to the Alumni-Senior Club.

* What They Can Accomplish First: Zeidler and Henisey believe that making student government more student run and establishing a Career Center would be feasible.

In Our Words

* Best Idea: Phones in campus parking lots will increase the safety of both students and faculty, and can likely be installed with minimal time and expense. This will increase communication between students and campus security.

* Worst Idea: While social space is a valid concern at the University, many students would rather be knocking down drinks than pins. Bowling facilities may diminish the Alumni-Senior Club’s appeal as a bar, and problems with state liquor laws may make implementation tricky.

* Least Feasible Idea: Supposing that even half of the University’s 8,000 undergraduates turn out, Zeidler and Henisey will have trouble finding a place to put them all. No on-campus venue can accommodate such a large dance, and South Bend offers few options.

* Fun Fact: In addition to being friends, Zeidler and Henisey are both engineering majors.

* Notable Quote: Zeidler says being student body president is nothing he can’t handle. According to the Kegs Hall president, “It’s like being the head of one big dorm.”

The Bottom Line

While this ticket has good intentions, the platform’s feasibility is questionable at best. When it comes to being insistent with administrators about platform goals, Henisey claims the ticket is willing to be the squeaky wheel, but don’t expect them to get the ball rolling until they’ve done their homework on the issues.

In Their Words

* Top Priority: Becker and McCord have done research on cutting bookstore prices, making this impossible goal look plausible. Their ideas include a 3 to 5 percent student discount on text books, talking to faculty and administrators to encourage communication and, if those fail, working with ND Today.com to expand the online book swap.

* What They Can Accomplish First: The ticket will implement a department to plan non-alcoholic events the first day they take office. Combining several campus groups, they hope to plan events students will enjoy and provide different options for entertainment on and off campus.

In Our Words

* Best Idea: SafeRide has failed for the past two years, but the Becker/McCord ticket has a fresh idea: send vans to popular student hang-outs to pick up students instead of waiting for calls. It makes you wonder, “Why hasn’t anyone thought of this before?”

* Worst Idea: Of course students, especially those on North Quad, would love for Beeker to deliver. But if Beeker can’t get a pizza to someone in the restaurant in a short time, how will he send a golf cart across campus to deliver the pizza while it’s still edible?

* Most Feasible Idea: Becker and McCord want the Campus Life Council to be more in touch with students. They will add more students by dividing the campus into equal sections and electing representatives from each.

* Least Feasible Idea: It seems like a reasonable idea to give students more football tickets for away games, but the administration is determined to give them to alumni.

* Fun Fact: Becker was the co-chair of the Senate Residence Life committee that brought cereal to Grab ‘n’ Go and a mailbox to LaFortune.

* Notable Quote: “We’re here now. Let’s take advantage of it,” said Becker.

The Bottom Line

The Becker/McCord platform addresses issues that concern students and plans to solve them in a realistic manner. The ticket is experienced, enthusiastic and determined, but they may be overly ambitious and unable to complete their goals.

In Their Words

* Top Priority: Gottlieb and Fetterman are intent on making Notre Dame a more welcoming campus by providing universal access to residence halls. Their plan would allow any student with a valid University identification card to access all dorms.

* What They Can Accomplish First: The ticket expresses a concern for on-campus safety and say they can address this issue quickly by installing better lighting and more call boxes around campus.

In Our Words

* Best Idea: The proposed lighting and call boxes highlight a real concern at Notre Dame. While some may label this attention to safety as a women’s issue, this idea goes a long way in improving on-campus life for all University students and guests, male or female.

* Worst Idea: Someone should have yelled “Fore!” at Gottlieb and Fetterman before they came up with this idea. Golf cart shuttles from the parking lot to campus? Students are going to class, not downtown South Bend.

* Most Feasible Idea: In addition to universal access to dorms, the ticket is also pushing their idea of consistent security rules among dorms. This especially applies to 24-hour space discrepancies in male and female dorms. A securing party is feasible, especially since the Student Senate has already targeted this concern.

* Least Feasible Idea: Grab ‘N’ Go in DeBartolo looks good on paper, especially to students with a full day of classes and little time for lunch. But can students expect Gottlieb and Fetterman to deliver? Administrators don’t want anyone bringing food into DeBartolo, much less serving it there.

* Fun Fact: The seniors are not only friends, but have been debate partners for over a year.

* Notable Quote: Although Gottlieb and Fetterman make up the only all-female ticket, they are shying away from a campaign that focuses on their gender and women’s issues. “(Our) gender is not the issue. We would much rather have our qualifications acknowledged,” Gottlieb said.

The Bottom Line

Gottlieb and Fetterman don’t have the experience necessary lead student government. While they have made a point not to campaign on their gender, the two have impressive ideas that may fall under the purview of women’s issues. They would do well to acknowledge that and to work with whoever is elected to these concerns.
### Candidates on the Issues: Cheers, Jeers and Polite Applause

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### Choice

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"I want to see a leader with energy," said freshman Mike Bott. "I need someone who's articulate and can speak well in public," added Roodhouse.

**Who will get the vote?**

Every student interviewed said the candidates’ race and gender would not determine how they cast their ballot.

"If the two girls have what I’m looking for, I’d vote for them," said Skluzacek. "Gender and race are definitely not issues."

However, all agreed campaigning is important. “I don’t have time to go to the debates,” said Renaud. "I do read the posters, and think the taller, more professional ones are effective.”

Nuno said having a broad platform that addresses several issues will be the determining factor on where he places his vote.

"I don’t want the platform designed simply to get votes. I want a candidate that listens to what people say and represent the student body," Nuno said.

Sosa, Bott and Roodhouse said because they are freshmen, they aren’t sure about all the issues, but look to the posters to see the different ideas.

"I will base my vote on their ideas and platforms," said Bott. Ryan agreed, saying the posters are helpful, but added the Web sites are also a good place to find information.

"The emails can be annoying, but at least you can go back and read them later," Ryan said.

Malloy said having a balanced ticket is important to represent the needs of the entire student body.

"I think you should have one guy and one girl, because then you have the two sides of the coin," Malloy said.

**The Bottom Line**

By Wednesday night, the four girls had left the table by Burger King and were busy in other activities. Simultaneously, all of the candidates for student body president and vice president were explaining their platform and ideas during a debate in the Library Auditorium.

Each ticket said they want to represent the student body and address the students’ concerns. Each said they would listen to what the students want and need. And each said they would work with the administration to make their promises a reality instead of far-fetched vows.

Nuno said he hopes the new administration will follow through with their commitment to the student body once elected.

"The president and vice president are there to represent the student body," he said. "We can’t go and argue for what we want, but if they are approachable and listen to our ideas, they can tell the administration and supervisors what we are looking for, and hopefully do something for the students.”

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